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Mayor lays out vision for tax extension

Parks transformation, road improvements part of sunsetted 4B proposal

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland Mayor Jerry Morales on Thursday showed off his vision for an improved community where people can enjoy the West Texas skies with quality facilities.

The mayor unveiled the first particulars of a plan that in a 15-year span could transform Midland's tournament field facilities, take care of the annual deficit associated with the maintenance and operations of the Scharbauer Sports Complex and will create or expand critical arterial roads across the city.

The price tag is potentially $150 million over 15 years, but the mayor said Midlanders will benefit through increased tourism and a quality-of-life upgrade. The mayor wants Midlanders to give approval to continue a quarter-cent sales tax, which was put in place in 1999 to pay for construction of the $46 million Scharbauer Sports Complex. The election, if approved by the Midland City Council at a future meeting, would take place May 6.

Morales provided his vision and gave some particulars of the campaign that will help educate Midlanders on the type-B sales tax and the project. He used the mantra "Imagine it. Live it. Pass it on. Vote yes 4B" — something Midlanders are guaranteed to hear often between now an early May. He also introduced campaign chair Mike Marshall.

The campaign appears to be centered around the potential $77 million in improvements to tournament facilities and park amenities at Hogan Park ($22.4 million), Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park ($25.3 million) and Beal ($29.7 million). Sports tourism is big business and a potential boost to tourism, he said. Campaign officials believe 35-40 percent of the revenue generated by events at the Scharbauer Sports Complex is generated by those living outside of Midland County.

Morales said more tournaments — including softball, baseball and soccer — should be played in Midland, not in other regional locations such as Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo and Hobbs, New Mexico. He said even Pecos is investing in tournament fields.

The spending will be "pay-as-you-go," according to Morales, and will start with the improvements at Hogan Park, which

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Temperatures take a dive

It's cold out there

The National Weather Service is calling for low temperatures with wind chill values falling to 1 degree today. The NWS also expects occasional flurries and a high temperature around 27 degrees.

The low tonight should fall to around 13 degrees, some 17 degrees below normal for this time of year.

Reversal of fortunes

This cold spell reverses a trend of high temperatures. In fact, the NWS reports 2016 was the warmest year on record in Midland with an average monthly temperature of 67.3 degrees, breaking the record of 67 degrees set in 2012.

What about the weekend

Starts off with more chilly temperatures, including wind chills around 5 degrees on Saturday. Warms up to around 48 Sunday.

Another reversal

While today's high temperature could be 23 degrees below normal for this time of year, the NWS expects high temperatures as much as 15 degrees above normal by the middle of next week.

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Workers bundled up from the cold weather load equipment at a job site Thursday southeast of Midland.

Scratch-off seller not upset she didn't get $1 million prize

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A lucky $1 million scratch-off lottery ticket sold in Midland was claimed recently, with winnings going to a Crane-based company, according to a press release from the Texas Lottery Commission.

Roy Hodges of Hodges Consulting purchased the scratch-off at Erin's Liquor, 3310 W. Illinois Ave., according to the release. Erin's is eligible for a $10,000 retailer bonus, which employee Erin Cheung, who sold the winning ticket, told the Reporter-Telegram would likely be used to buy more inventory or to put toward the store's tax bills.

The scratch-off game is $500,000,000 Cash, where that sum of money is the total offered in cash prizes, according to a description on the Texas Lottery Commission's website. Players win by matching numbers.

The release said it's a second-tier prize, and Hodges won the 10th of 40 available $1 million prizes. There are also 10 $2.5 million prizes; three have been claimed so far.

The overall odds of winning any prize in the game are 1 in 2.76. Top prize odds are 1 in 3,348,000.

Cheung said she isn't disappointed she didn't win the prize herself, though she was tempted to put down the $20 required to buy a ticket. She isn't a gambler herself, and though she sells lottery tickets, she warns customers to not go overboard because the odds are always in the house's favor.

The Texas Lottery Commission sold its first ticket in 1992 and has generated $25 billion in revenue for the state and distributed $50 billion in prizes to lottery players, the press release said. Lotto revenues benefit public education and other state funds, such as for veterans' programs.

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New Texas bathroom bill may spark North Carolina-like uproar

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Top Texas Republicans are eager to bring a fight that sparked upheaval and business boycotts in North Carolina to the country's largest conservative state, unveiling Thursday a bill that would ban transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice.

The "Texas Privacy Act" requires all Texas residents to use the bathroom or locker room according to the gender on their birth certificates and prohibits local governments from passing ordinances designed to protect gay rights in public restrooms and other "intimate settings."

"It's the right thing to do," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who oversees the state Senate and quoted Martin Luther King Jr. while promoting the proposal at the Texas Capitol. "The people of Texas elected us to stand up for common sense, common decency and public safety."

Bill sponsor Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, a Republican from rural Brenham, said her "thoughtful and unique" bill won't create a "bathroom police" and will allow anyone to lodge complaints upon seeing something in public restrooms that makes them uncomfortable. She added the bill was written "not to start a controversy but to end one."

But the news conference itself caused

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Energy prices

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WTS Posted	$48.80	▲	$0.50
Natural Gas	$3.273	▲	$0.008
Gasoline	$2.201	▲	$0.011

The big number
According to CES' chief economist, more than
1,500 companies
have products integrated with Amazon's Alexa digital assistant. Get more tech, Page 4A.

Word of the Day: assailant
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John Yearwood kneels near a cave entrance on his property where Bone Cave harvestmen may live Dec. 21 in Georgetown. Yearwood wants the federal government to remove the species from the endangered list because it makes it hard to do some activities on the 865-acre property that has been in his family since the 19th century. Since the spider-like creatures are only found in Travis and Williamson Counties, Yearwood and others argue it shouldn't come under federal protection.

Central Texas rancher challenges some habitat protections

By Asher Price
Austin American-Statesman

GEORGETOWN — Walk quickly by and you might miss the coffin-sized fissure on John Yearwood's sprawling Williamson County ranch, now ground zero in the newest effort to gut the Endangered Species Act.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the small limestone cave is home, maybe, to a seldom-seen, spider-like creature with a scary-movie name: the Bone Cave harvestman.

The harvestman is known to live only in Travis and Williamson counties, and that fact is key to Yearwood and his allies' revival of a legal strategy that has been rebuffed by courts in the past — including a case a little over a decade ago involving the same species.

But with the ascendance of Donald Trump to the White House, and buoyed by what they say are developments in case law, the plaintiffs are hoping the case ultimately will be decided by a sympathetic U.S. Supreme Court.

Joining forces with Williamson County officials, and represented by a conservative Austin think tank that has long fought to ease endangered species rules, Yearwood aims to attack the federal government's authority to require habitat protections for such single-state species as the Bone Cave harvestman.

Nearly 70 percent of endangered species are found in only one state. If Yearwood and his allies get their way, special federal protections will disappear for all of them.

"This isn't just about a cave bug," said Yearwood, whose property has been in his family's hands since the 1870s and has three of the crevices where the harvestman has been found. "It's about the private property rights, about overreach from the government."

In December, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton indicated his support of the lawsuit, which was filed a year earlier.

"Whether or not a desire to protect the (Bone Cave harvestman) is sound policy is not at issue," says the Paxton brief. "Rather, this dispute centers on whether the Constitution affords defendants the authority to regulate a species that is found only in Texas. Plainly, it does not."

But environmentalists plan to argue the law has long been settled on these issues.

"That this is an attempt to create confusion within the circuits and get it up to the Supreme Court — that's pretty clear," said Jared Margolis, an Oregon-based attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity.

At 71, Yearwood is the picture of a gentleman rancher: He wears blue jeans, a Carhartt jacket and an Army ball cap — he served in the 82nd Airborne Division, fighting in Vietnam and retiring as a lieutenant colonel. His days now are spent tending to his 865-acre spread, which includes a limestone quarry and recycling business he owns.

Yearwood has long been involved in endangered species issues, participating in a group called People First in response to then-Gov. Ann Richards endorsing federal endangered species protections in the early 1990s.

"I have no desire to do away with that bug," Yearwood said of the harvestman. "I just don't want my government — the government I fought for — bullying me or anyone else."

The Bone Cave harvestman is a pitiful creature: Eyeless, pale orange, sensitive to changes in humidity, it spends its entire life scuttling about in the dark. When it was designated as endangered in 1988, researchers feared the caves it called home were in danger of being paved over.

Indeed, that's how Yearwood learned his property included harvestman habitat.

Rattlesnake Road, parallel to Texas 195, runs by his property, and when the Texas Department of Transportation was considering expanding the road roughly 20 years ago, officials approached him about surveying his land.

They soon reported that his property included endangered species habitat.

Partnering with a property rights group, American Stewards of Liberty, and other Williamson County property owners, Yearwood petitioned in June 2014 to get the species removed from the endangered species list.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rebuffed the effort. Agency spokeswoman Lesli Gray told the American-Statesman in 2015 that agency decisions are "made on the best available science" and that the agency is committed to "making species preservation work."

Now Yearwood and Williamson County — which, in court documents, says maintenance of the 11 county-owned Bone Cave harvestman preserves, which total more than 800 acres, is "expensive and time consuming" — is suing the U.S. Department of Interior on broader grounds.

When Congress passed the Endangered Species Act, it relied on the Constitution's grant of powers to Congress to regulate interstate commerce, according to legal experts.

But Yearwood's coalition argues the government has no right to regulate single-state species such as the harvestman.

"The Obama administration is abusing its power under the Endangered Species Act by unlawfully listing a species on the endangered list that only lives in the state of Texas and has no impact on interstate commerce whatsoever," Paxton said in December as he filed his brief in support of Yearwood and Williamson County.

In 2003, in another commerce clause challenge to the harvestman's listing, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that protection of the harvestman was warranted because real estate development could, as a lower court had put it, "easily be classified" as involving interstate commerce.

But Robert Henneke of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, which has taken on Yearwood and Williamson County as clients and has long fought against endangered species listings, says a new challenge is ripe.

Citing what he calls an "evolution of the case law," Henneke said a series of cases suggests federal courts are favoring a narrower approach to the powers available under the interstate commerce clause.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation gets major contributions from oil and gas and real estate interests that stand to benefit from a loosening of endangered species protections.

The harvestman suit is part of a broader attack by property rights groups on the commerce clause backbone of the Endangered Species Act.

In 2014, a federal judge decided in favor of People for the Ethical Treatment of Property Owners in the group's challenge to the protections for a Utah prairie dog. The case was the first from any court to invalidate federal regulation of a species that lives in only one state on federalism grounds, giving hope to the harvestman plaintiffs.

The case is under appeal.

Margolis, the attorney for the biological diversity group, said the commerce clause challenge "has it backwards."

The law regulates whether activities associated with harming endangered species — road-building, say — involves interstate commerce, not whether the species themselves are found across state lines, he said.

"We'll see more of these challenges, and property rights groups will feel empowered," he said. "But we're hopeful existing state law will allow for the continued regulation of these species."

STATEBRIEFS

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HOUSTON

MD Anderson Cancer Center cutting 1,000 jobs

One of the nation's top cancer hospitals, Houston's MD Anderson Cancer Center, is cutting about 1,000 employees to address millions of dollars in operating losses.

Officials say the reductions, through layoffs and retirements, account for about 5 percent of the hospital's workforce and will not include doctors and nurses.

During the September-November quarter of 2016, the hospital reported losses of $110 million. Officials say factors include higher insurance deductibles for patients and a shrinking number of insurance companies willing to pay for expensive treatments.

The cuts have been announced the same day the Houston Chronicle reported the University of Texas System, which operates the hospital, gave the cancer center's president, Dr. Ronald DePinho, a $208,000 performance bonus for fiscal 2016.

HOUSTON

School in Houston target of spray-painted racist graffiti

Investigators are reviewing security video to try to determine who used spray paint to scrawl racist words and draw offensive images on a school in Houston.

Students at Memorial High School in the Spring Branch Independent School District saw the unwelcome images when returning Wednesday from their holiday break.

Administrators say the vandalism included drawings of swastikas, the words "white power" and sexually explicit phrases. The graffiti was on some walls, windows and floors.

District officials say the images were cleaned up by the end of the school day.

Principal Lisa Weir expressed anger and shock at the vandalism, saying Memorial High School stands against hate.

BAYTOWN

Husband charged in wife's 2002 slaying near Houston

A 55-year-old Mississippi man is jailed awaiting extradition to Texas on a murder indictment in the fatal shooting of his common-law wife almost 15 years ago.

Stanley Coring Jr. is in the Rankin County Jail in Brandon, Mississippi, awaiting return to Houston, where he's charged in the May 2002 death of Debra Covalt. Her body was found in a dilapidated horse barn on her farm 26 miles east of Houston.

Coring had long denied killing Covalt. However, a Harris County Sheriff's Office statement Thursday says new witnesses came forward with new, incriminating evidence. A Harris County grand jury returned a murder indictment against Coring last month, and he turned himself in to the Rankin County Jail on Thursday.

AUSTIN

Documents: Witness tampering in case of plot to kill judge

An updated federal indictment accuses the man accused of hatching a plot to assassinate a Texas judge has tried to silence witnesses from his jail cell.

The amended indictment, which was returned last month by a federal grand jury in Austin, says Chimeme Onyeri passed notes to a fellow Travis County Jail inmate to call six witnesses and tell them to say nothing to investigators.

The indictment adds six counts of witness tampering against Onyeri. Also charged in the November 2015 shooting are Marcellus Burgin and Rasul Scott.

The three are accused of shooting state District Judge Julie Kocurek, who recovered from her wounds and has since returned to work.

TAX

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will include renovations or improvements to baseball, soccer, softball and dog park facilities. The pay-as-you-go philosophy could ease concerns of those worried about taking out debt for projects and having to spend money on interest on that debt.

Morales also said residents could expect a splash pad and hike and bike trails at Hogan Park.

Should voters pass the extension of the sales tax addition, the leftover funding from money in the current 4B account — which could be as much as $25 million by May — will be kept in the 4B account and give city officials seed money to start improvements immediately.

The tax should raise between $8 million and $11 million annually, based on previous years' collections.

Morales said Midlanders and city officials will see the results of Hogan's 21st century facelift and then make decisions on future parks improvements.

Improvements to Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms will center around baseball, BMX and hike-bike trails, Morales said. Beal improvements will focus around soccer but Beal also could be the home to a $17.2 million indoor volleyball/basketball center. City officials also might seek to place an indoor facility elsewhere.

A tax extension would allow Midlanders to use a 4B account to pay for maintenance and operations at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. City officials have long dreaded the idea of seeing the tax go away because of the annual sports complex deficit and the repair/improvements that can run in the seven-figure range. Based on the spending of $1.5 million over 15 years, that could mean as much as $22.5 million over the life of the sunsetted tax.

Morales also described the 4B as an opportunity to invest in roads, specifically the extension or expansion of Fairgrounds Road, Wadley Avenue, Tradewinds Boulevard, Briarwood Avenue and Mockingbird Lane. Morales said there wasn't a number set for roads at this time. Councilman J.Ross Lacy expects that number to be $50 million.

Morales also said the arts community, which he stated needs an injection of investments, should also benefit from 4B tax extension.

BATHROOM

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a stir. Organizers had to close the door of a packed room after about a dozen protesters — some carrying handmade signs reading "Flush SB6" (Senate Bill 6) — launched a chorus of loud boos.

Texas' largest business lobbying group says approving the measure and other popular anti-gay rights proposals could cost the state up to $8.5 billion and 100,000-plus jobs.

Yet, many conservatives in the GOP-controlled Legislature, which convenes Tuesday, are expected to embrace the "bathroom bill."

It could have problems clearing the state House, though, where Republican Speaker Joe Straus says suggested it won't be the highest priority.

North Carolina's law, which went into effect last year, caused corporations, entertainers and NCAA sporting events to back out to avoid being seen as endorsing discrimination — potentially costing the state billions in lost revenue. Despite that fallout, a Virginia lawmaker has introduced a similar bill this week.

Patrick was defiant regarding possible economic ramifications, noting that Houston voters in 2015 — an election that saw low turnout — defeated an equal rights ordinance designed to protect gay and transgender residents and no problems came of it.

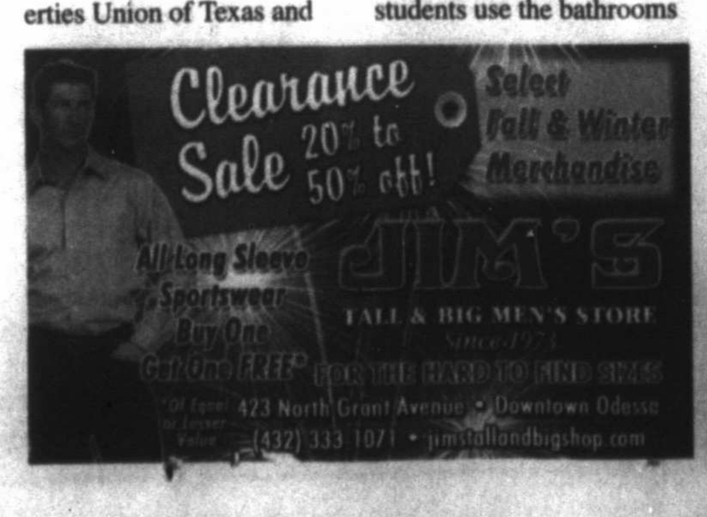
The city is even hosting this year's Super Bowl.

"The economic doom?" Patrick asked. "The Super Bowl is teed up for 5:30 p.m. on February 7."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas and other rights groups sounded alarm.

"It's unnecessary, discriminatory and inconsistent with the constitutional value of equal protection for all," the ACLU's legal and policy director, Rebecca L. Robertson, said in a statement. "Make no mistake — the invidious intent of SB6 is to deny transgender Texans the ability to participate in public life."

Texas already led a 13-state coalition that successfully sued to block an Obama administration order from last year requiring public schools nationwide to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice. Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement Thursday that that effort meant "states are now free to enact legislation of their choosing to protect privacy."



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'My Pillow' flunks out of BBB

Better Business Bureau

The list of problems keeps growing for My Pillow, the popular Minnesota-based pillow maker known for its late-night TV informercials and celebrity endorsements.

Just months after settling a class action lawsuit alleging false and deceptive advertising, My Pillow has taken a hit over a different set of consumer complaints.

On Tuesday, the Better Business Bureau announced that it had revoked My Pillow's accreditation and lowered its rating from an A-plus to an F, saying the company's longstanding "buy one, get one free" offer was unfair and confusing to customers.

The BBB said the offer violated the organization's code of advertising by marketing pillows in a two-for-one "deal" that was in fact the regular price. Consumers might have thought they were getting a special deal, the BBB found, but they were really paying the full cost of the product, as the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

"Continuous BOGO offers, which can then be construed as an item's regular, everyday price, violate not only BBB's Code of Advertising, which all BBB Accredited Businesses agree to abide by, but also other state and national organizations' rules," said Dana Badgerow, president of BBB in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Losing BBB accreditation doesn't carry any legal or financial penalties, but it does strip My Pillow of a widely-used industry certification designed to help establish consumer trust in a company. The F rating is the lowest mark a company can receive in the BBB's rating system based on a company's complaint history. A company's rating can be lowered when the bureau "determines that the business is not being transparent about its marketplace conduct," among other reasons, according to the BBB website.

Founded in 2005, My Pillow touts its product as the "most comfortable pillow you'll ever own." The infomercials, a staple of late-night television, have claimed the pillow can prevent sleep loss associated with a range of ailments. The company has sold some 18 million pillows in the past decade at about $50 each, pulling in $100 million annually, as the Star Tribune has reported.

The BBB said they received a "pattern of complaints" about My Pillow's buy one, get one offer. Bureau officials said they began urging My Pillow founder and spokesman Michael J. Lindell to discontinue the marketing ploy, and were left with no choice but to dock the company's rating when he didn't respond, the Star Tribune reported.

Barb Grieman, senior vice president for the BBB in Minnesota, said the bureau seldom gives out F ratings because companies tend to comply.

"We can't understand why he's not making the changes," Grieman told the Star Tribune. "We're not saying he can't offer a BOGO, just not continuously all year long."

According to the BBB, My Pillow should have ended the offer after 30 days.

"It's unfair to businesses in the same industry," Grieman said. "We want advertising to be clear."

Lindell said Tuesday he was disappointed in the BBB's decision. He told KARE that he wouldn't be able to stop the sale at the moment but would make unspecified changes later this year. In a tweet Tuesday, he said he was "sorry about the new rating as my customer service is the most important thing to me."

The BBB said it has received 232 complaints about My Pillow in the past three years. Most have related to the buy one, get one offer, the BBB said, but the organization said consumers raised other issues as well. Among them were complaints that the pillow advertised on TV was not the same as the one they received and that a "full warranty" required purchasers to pay a fee to return the product, according to KANE.

The bureau's announcement comes just a few months after My Pillow agreed to pay $1 million to settle a consumer lawsuit alleging the company overstated the benefits of its products. The company had claimed its pillows could prevent sleep loss from insomnia, restless leg syndrome, neck pain, fibromyalgia, sleep apnea and migraines, raising alarms at the consumer watchdog Truth in Advertising.org, as The Washington Post reported. The organization also objected to Lindell's claim that he was a "sleep expert," when he had no such training. Lindell said he chose to settle the case rather than pay the legal fees to fight it. The company did not admit fault.

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US delays cleanup rule at uranium mines amid GOP criticism

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Federal officials withdrew a proposed requirement for companies to clean up groundwater at uranium mines across the U.S. and will reconsider a rule that congressional Republicans criticized as too harsh on industry.

The plan that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency put on hold Wednesday involves in-situ mining, in which water containing chemicals is used to dissolve uranium out of underground sandstone deposits. Water laden with uranium, a toxic element used for nuclear power and weapons, is then pumped to the surface. No digging or tunneling takes place.

The metal occurs in the rock naturally but the process contaminates groundwater with uranium in concentrations much higher than natural levels. Mining companies take several measures to prevent tainted water from seeping out of the immediate mining area.

Even so, underground leaks sometimes occur, though most of the mines are not near population centers. No in-situ uranium mine has contaminated a source of drinking water, the industry and its supporters assert.

Along with setting new cleanup standards, the rule would have required companies to monitor their former mines potentially for decades. The requirement was set for implementation but now will be opened up for a six-month public comment period, with several changes.

Those include allowing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or states to determine certain cleanup standards on a site-specific basis. The EPA decided to resubmit the rule and seek additional public input after reviewing earlier comments, agency spokeswoman Monica Lee said.

Wyoming's Republican U.S. senators, John Barrasso and Mike Enzi, praised the EPA's decision to reconsider, saying the rule was unnecessarily burdensome for the uranium industry.

Wyoming has five active in-situ uranium mines and is the top uranium-producing state. Other mines are active in Nebraska and Texas.

"In-situ uranium recovery has been used in the United States for decades, providing valuable jobs to Wyoming and clean energy to the nation," Enzi said in a news release. "I rarely say this about the EPA, but the agency made the right decision."

Environmentalists and others say uranium-mining companies have yet to show they can fully clean up groundwater at a former in-situ mine. Clean groundwater should not be taken for granted, they say, especially in the arid and increasingly populated U.S. West.

"We are, of course, disappointed that this final rule didn't make it to a final stage," said Shannon Anderson with the Powder River Basin Resource Council. "It was designed to address a very real and pressing problem regarding water protection at uranium mines."

The EPA rule is scheduled for further consideration in President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

In-situ uranium mining surged on record prices that preceded the 2011 Japanese tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster. Prices lately have sunk to decade lows, prompting layoffs.

Crime

From 4A

Chicago assault — itself live-streamed on Facebook — Chicago Police Cmdr. Kevin Duffin noted, "I can't understand why anyone puts anything on Facebook."

Facebook says it does not allow people to "to celebrate or glorify crimes" on its site. It has already removed the original video of the Chicago incident for that reason.

But the social network does allow crime video when people share it "to condemn violence or raise awareness about it," the company said in an emailed statement.

That can lead to tricky assessments of intent. Facebook, for instance, wrote in a blog post that it would allow a violent video posted by someone who used it to help find the shooter, but would remove it when posted by another person who mocked the victim or celebrated violence.

Facebook generally tries to avoid making such judgments, preferring to rely on algorithms that automatically filter out banned content such as pornography. When it makes exceptions, it often wades into difficult territory — such as the time it was forced to restore the Pulitzer Prize-winning "napalm girl" photo after removing it because it features a naked child, blind to the photo's historical context and significance.

"We understand the unique challenges of live video," Facebook wrote in its July blog post after footage of a dying Philando Castile, bleeding inside a car after he was shot by police, went viral. The social network says it keeps a team on-call 24 hours a day to respond to reports of inappropriate video — though its reactive approach means that some material could easily go unreported.

Facebook Live is an important product for Facebook, and in recent months the company has gone to great lengths to promote it with notifications, sidewalk ad displays and TV commercials. The vast majority of live streams don't involve crime, and Facebook is unlikely to rein back the product just because of a few difficult situations.

Online crime footage has been around much longer than live streams. While live broadcast gives them a sense of immediacy, many live videos only go viral well after the fact. So it may not really matter whether a video is live or not, just that it's a concrete record of a crime that happened, visible to all who dare to click.

Even then, video evidence doesn't necessarily lead to criminal convictions. In South Carolina, a white police officer was charged with the 2015 shooting of an unarmed black man after a traffic stop. A video shot by a bystander clearly shows Keith Scott being shot eight times in the back. But the jury was unable to reach a verdict and forced a mistrial.

In another case in Ohio, the two sides in the trial clashed over a video from a police officer's body-worn camera that showed him shooting an unarmed man following a traffic stop. That case also ended in mistrial. The officer, Ray Tensing, will be retried.

As for users, a quick trip down memory lane confirms that some people will do almost anything in front of a camera to get online attention. Before Twitter gutted its quirky video-sharing app Vine, a popular phrase among users was "do it for the Vine," the idea that people will do anything — usually weird, comical things — just for the sake of a six-second Vine video.

But it wasn't just fun and games. Fights and violence also found a home on Vine under the hashtag #SmackCam — a 2013 "internet trend" that had people recording and posting videos of themselves hitting people in the face.

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Things to do

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

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

■ Andrew Pudewa Writing Workshops for students and teachers at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman St. $25-$89. iew.com.

■ Hogg Maulies, 5 p.m. at The Bar, 608 W. Missouri Ave.

■ First Friday featuring works by Katie Pack, 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

■ Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. 6 p.m. at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. (in Haley Park behind the building). Free. musiumsw.org.

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

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

■ Whiskey Myers, 7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $10 advance, $12 door. dosamigos.com.

■ Michael Carbonaro Live!, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$47. wagnernoel.com.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "Hidden Figures," "A Monster Calls."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "Hidden Figures," "Underworld: Blood Wars."

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $2.07 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)

Cheapest gas (non-membership store): numerous locations across Midland

Most expensive gas: $2.25 (Pilot, Rankin Highway/Dayton)

Most common price: $2.19

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.99, Odessa $2.06, San Angelo $2.06, Midland $2.07, Abilene $2.09

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.200	$2.164
Last week	$2.182	$2.123
Last month	$1.998	$1.961
Last year	$1.803	$1.747

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Texas gas prices up to start 2017

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and nationwide have started 2017 on a higher note.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump statewide rose a nickel this week to reach an average $2.16 per gallon. The average gasoline price across the U.S. increased 6 cents to reach $2.36 per gallon.

The association survey found El Paso has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.08 per gallon. Drivers in Dallas face the highest retail gasoline prices statewide at an average $2.21 per gallon.

AAA experts say drivers across the nation this year were paying the highest gas prices on a New Year's Day since 2014.

Source: Associated Press

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How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

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

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

Recycling Container Locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Security Bank Ballpark west side – 5514 Champions Drive – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave. – No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado – 2208 N. Big Spring St. – Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

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Daily 4 day: 7-4-6-5
Daily 4 evening: 5-1-4-0
Daily 4 night: 4-6-6-8
Cash Five: 11-13-22-32-34
Triple Chance: 6-14-22-23-25-26-35-41-43-54
Texas Two Step: 10-11-28-31 BB: 26
All or Nothing morning: 1-8-10-12-14-16-17-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-6-7-9-10-12-14-15-17-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 4-6-7-8-10-11-15-17-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-7-8-9-15-16-17-20-21-24

Shhh, your washing machine might overhear you

By Bree Fowler and Mae Anderson
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Alexa, are you spying on me?

It's a fair question in light of attempts by authorities investigating the slaying of an Arkansas man to obtain voice recordings collected by an Amazon Echo speaker and its Alexa digital assistant.

Yet the popularity and capabilities of voice-enabled products such as the Echo continue to grow. At the CES gadget show in Las Vegas, which opened Thursday, Whirlpool, Samsung and other manufacturers are unveiling new ways to use voice services to control laundry machines, refrigerators and other home systems.

Consumers are apparently willing to trade a certain amount of privacy for convenience.

So what exactly is being collected, stored or shared?

To work, the Echo is always listening. Once it hears someone utter a keyword, such as "Alexa," it shares what it hears with Amazon's servers to process a response. Those conversations are then stored indefinitely. Google's Home speaker works in a similar fashion.

The Echo "has to listen to everything. That's kind of disturbing," said Ryan O'Leary, vice president of WhiteHat Security's threat research center. "It doesn't capture voice until it hears the keyword, but it could. You're trusting the devices to not do that, but it's entirely possible."

In the Arkansas case, authorities investigating the death of a man found floating face-up in a hot tub at a friend's home requested the contents of the home's Echo and Amazon's stored recordings in hopes they might contain evidence. The friend is charged with murder.

A judge has signed off on the search, but Amazon has balked. Amazon has declined to comment specifically on the case but said the company objects to "overbroad or otherwise inappropriate demands as a matter of course."

Some experts worry that allowing such a search would erode people's privacy.

"It's not necessarily a direct threat for the average person, but the same thing can be said with any kind of privacy concern," O'Leary said. "People say you shouldn't be concerned if you're not doing anything wrong, but that's a dangerous precedent to set."

Meanwhile, companies keep asking consumers to invite them into their homes.

Whirlpool is adding Alexa voice control to its smart-home appliances, including a washing machine, a stove and a refrigerator. Someone can instruct the oven to pre-heat to 400 degrees by speaking a command to an Alexa-enabled device, such as the Echo.

Simplehuman has a voice-activated trash can, and GE Lighting has a table lamp using Alexa voice control.

For now, voice control is mainly an add-on feature rather than a core component of gadgets. It's there for those who want to use it, but it's not essential for the product to function.

Many manufacturers are opting to use Amazon's Alexa service for now, though some are embracing voice systems from Google, Apple or Samsung.

Nvidia's Shield TV streaming device, for instance, employs Google's Assistant service so viewers can control video playback or find out the weather with just a voice command.

Meanwhile, Samsung's new Family Hub lets people use their voice to add items to shopping lists and order groceries online.

CES chief economist Shawn DuBravac said as many as 700 companies could announce Alexa-integrated products during the gadget show, on top of more than 1,500 existing ones.

As the smart home becomes more entrenched, DuBravac said, voice control could change the way we interact with technology in much the way the mouse did in the 1980s.

"Connected microphones are starting to appear in everything from cars to children's toys," said James Piouffe, lead solutions architect at mobile-security company MobileIron. "Consumers should think carefully about how comfortable they are with the prospect of a live mic in common household items."

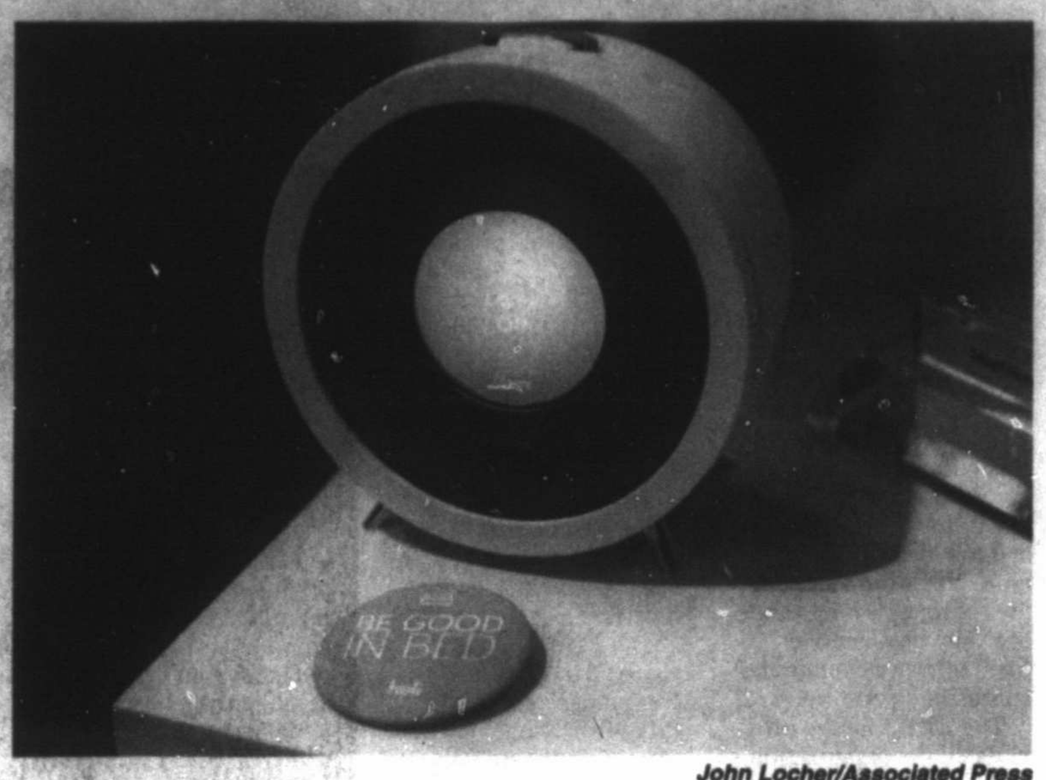
Because Amazon says it uses information gathered by the Echo to improve its voice technology, that information has the potential to "live forever" online, Piouffe said.

The issue first grabbed headlines a couple of years ago, after Samsung said sensitive conversations could be captured by its voice-controlled smart TVs.

Based on the flood of new voice-controlled gadgets headed to market, tech companies are betting that consumers will get over their fears.

Derrick Dicol, executive director of Comcast's Xfinity home, which uses voice controls in its home automation products, noted that people had to get used to sharing their banking information online.

"This is less invasive than that," he said. "It's just a different thing people have to feel comfortable with."



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The Bonjour voice-controlled alarm and personal assistant is on display at the Holi booth during CES Unveiled before CES International on Tuesday in Las Vegas.

Fox News: Tucker Carlson to take Kelly time slot

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel is giving Megyn Kelly's time slot to veteran pundit Tucker Carlson, doubling down on conservative opinion leaders in its prime-time lineup at the dawn of the Trump administration.

The network also said on Thursday that Martha MacCallum will move into Carson's 7 p.m. time slot, at least temporarily.

She will host a show called "The First 100 Days" to coincide with the beginning of Donald Trump's presidency.

Carlson, who has hosted shows on CNN, MSNBC and PBS, replaced Greta Van Susteren, who left Fox in late summer.

Since his start on Nov. 14, the average audience of 2.8 million viewers for "Tucker Carlson Tonight" is up 23 percent compared to Van Susteren a year ago, the Nielsen company said.

"In less than two months, Tucker has taken cable news by storm with his spirited interviews and consistently strong performance," said Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman of Fox News and its parent company 21st Century Fox.

Fox can argue that Carlson gives the network its best chance to maintain, or even build upon, Kelly's ratings.

Kelly turned down a multi-million dollar offer to stay at Fox and announced this week she will leave for NBC News, where she will host a daytime weekday show and a once-a-week newsmagazine on Sunday nights.

Although the most recent campaign made her a star, her sharp questioning of Donald Trump during debates upset the candidate, his supporters, and many Fox viewers.

Carlson's selection sends a political signal, said Jane Hall, a journalism professor at American University in Washington and a former panelist on a Fox media watch program.

"Their prime-time hosts are going to be aggressively conservative in the way that Donald Trump and his supporters have been," Hall said.

Carlson, 47, will be sandwiched between Bill O'Reilly, who has long been the top-rated host in cable news, and Sean Hannity, who has been outspoken in his advocacy for Trump.

He's no stranger to the pundit wars. He began his TV career at CNN, where his role as a "Crossfire" host memorably imploded in 2004 when comedian Jon Stewart questioned the show's value and the segment sunk into name-calling.

Three months later, CNN got rid of "Crossfire" and Carlson.

He surfaced at MSNBC for an early evening show.

He joined Fox as a contributor in 2009 and founded the conservative web site The Daily Caller, where his involvement ended when he began the daily show at Fox.

Perhaps the most memorable segment on "Tucker Carlson Tonight" came when the host went toe-to-toe with Lauren Duca, a Teen Vogue writer brought on to discuss an incident where Ivanka Trump was approached by someone who objected to her dad's politics on a plane flight with her family.

The segment spread widely online and Duca later said she received rape threats on Christmas Day.

"Tucker Carlson's brand is a toxic mix of blowhard condescension, partisan hackery and unbridled sexism," Duca said on Thursday. "It only makes sense that he would excel at Fox."

Television executive Rick Kaplan, who hired Carlson at both CNN and MSNBC, said he found Carlson easy to talk and listen to even when he disagreed with him politically.

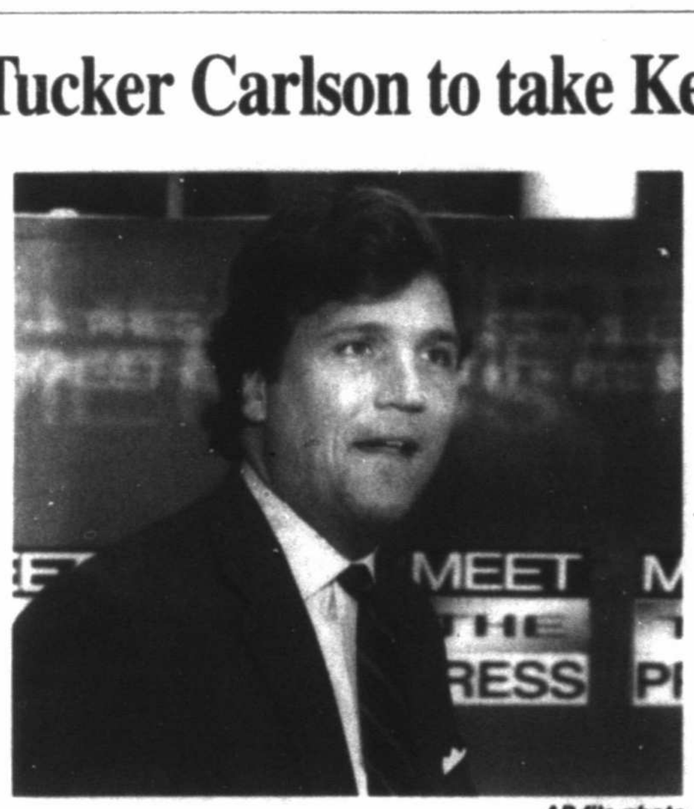
"He's an exceptional, exceptional communicator," Kaplan said. "He clearly has a partisan stripe, but he's kind of gentle reader. He's an honest broker, he's a fair guy. He's not a mean guy, so I find him extremely pleasing to watch."

Carlson begins on Monday. MacCallum starts at 7 p.m. the following week, after Bret Baier fills in for a week.

A former anchor at CNBC, the 52-year-old MacCallum has been with Fox since 2004 and currently co-hosts a two-hour news block with Bill Hemmer on weekday mornings.

She will co-anchor Fox's inauguration coverage with Baier later this month, taking over a role that Kelly would have been expected to fill.

Her evening show keyed to the beginning of the Trump administration is something of a tryout, though. Fox is not committing to what goes into the time slot after the first 100 days.



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Political commentator Tucker Carlson arrives for the 60th anniversary celebration of NBC's Meet the Press on Nov. 17, 2007 at the Newseum in Washington. Fox News Channel says that veteran pundit Carlson will replace Megyn Kelly in the network's coveted 9 p.m. time slot sandwiched between Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity. Kelly announced Tuesday that she is leaving Fox to go to NBC News.

MSNBC hires Greta Van Susteren for evening show

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Greta Van Susteren's absence from cable news proved short. MSNBC said Thursday that it has hired the former Fox News Channel anchor for a daily, Washington-based news program at the dinner hour.

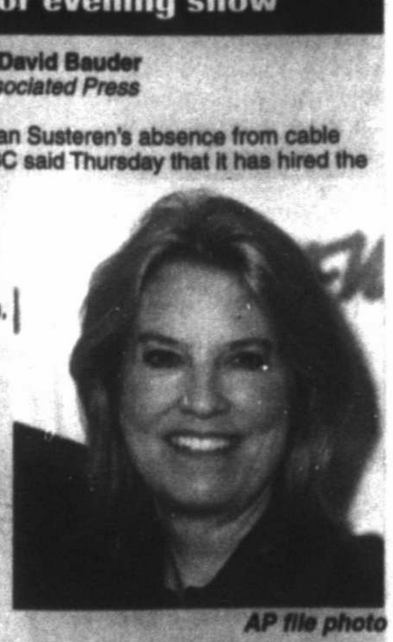
Just like Tucker Carlson, who Fox named as Megyn Kelly's prime-time replacement on Thursday, Van Susteren completes the cable news hat trick: hosting shows on CNN, Fox and MSNBC. Her new show will air at 5 p.m. starting Monday.

A lawyer, Van Susteren got her start in television for CNN analyzing O.J. Simpson's trial, and that evolved into a regular role. After more than a decade at Fox, she left abruptly in late summer following a financial disagreement, saying Fox no longer felt like home.

MSNBC had an open time slot following the end of Mark Halperin and John Hellemann's political show. "Greta is a true pro with a proven record of tough journalism," said MSNBC President Phil Griffin. "Her broad range of experience and sharp news judgment will be of great value to MSNBC as we build on our momentum going into a new year and a new administration."

Her program will air between another Washington show, Chuck Todd's "MTP Daily" and Chris Matthews' political program, "Hardball."

Judging by the titles, her new hour shouldn't shock anyone who watched her old one. Her Fox show was titled, "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren," and her MSNBC show is "For the Record with Greta."



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Greta Van Susteren arrives at the 29th American Cinematheque Awards honoring Reese Witherspoon on Oct. 30, 2015 in Los Angeles. MSNBC says it has hired former Fox News host Greta Van Susteren to host a daily, Washington-based news program at the dinner hour.

How mobile video is changing the way we witness crime

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mobile video is changing the way we witness crime, from live footage of a mentally disabled man tortured by four assailants, to a recording that led to the manslaughter conviction of an Israeli soldier, to the body cameras designed to keep police accountable.

We're all still wrestling with the implications.

In theory, such videos should make it easier to hold criminals, including police officers who violate the law, accountable. In practice, that hasn't always worked out the way proponents had hoped, although smartphone video played a big role in elevating public awareness of police violence.

And sometimes the presence of a camera might actually encourage criminal activity, or at least deter bystanders from helping victims.

It's not clear how any of that might have played out in an incident on this week, when attackers used Facebook Live to stream the beating and torture of a man with mental health problems. They threatened him with a knife, cut off his clothing and forced him to drink from a toilet.

The assault went on for up to two days, according to police, though it's unclear how much of it was streamed on Facebook Live. Police have arrested four people in connection with the crime.

Last year, an Ohio woman plead not guilty to charges of rape, kidnapping and other crimes for live-streaming the rape of a friend on Periscope, Twitter's live-streaming app. Prosecutors said Marina Lonina continued to film the assault despite the victim's cries for help, caught up in the attention the livestream was getting. Lonina's attorney said she was recording the attack as evidence.

During a Thursday press conference about the

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Attorney general pick Sessions has dueling images

By Bill Barrow, Kim Chandler and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

CAMDEN, Alabama — Upperclassmen on the Wilcox County High School football team sometimes harassed the freshmen of 1964. But linebacker Jeff Sessions, a senior who was barely bigger than his younger schoolmates, didn't join in.

"One of my friends was a football manager and they were picking on him. Jeff stood up and said, 'Leave him alone,'" recalled fellow student George Alford, laughing as he remembered the 140-pound player who went on to represent Alabama in the U.S. senate and is now President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for attorney general.

"It's not like he had any physical presence," Alford said, "but he stood up."

That's the man Sessions' backers want the nation to see on Tuesday when the 70-year-old Republican appears before his colleagues for a confirmation hearing: a polite but tenacious little guy fighting for other little guys.

Yet critics question whether Sessions, whose confirmation would mark a profound change from the Obama administration's Justice Department, can universally apply that sense of fairness to the divisive policy matters that buffet the agency each day. Opponents have already signaled concern over his hard-line views on immigration and national security, and they are likely to use statements he's made as a prosecutor and senator to cast doubt on his commitment to civil rights, an enforcement priority of the two most recent attorneys general, Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch.

Such questions of fairness first dogged Sessions three decades ago as a young U.S. attorney up for a federal judgeship. The Judiciary Committee rejected his nomination amid accusations at his 1986 confirmation hearing that he had called a black attorney "boy" — which he denied — and the NAACP "un-American" and "communist inspired." His positions since then have repeatedly raised alarm among civil liberties advocates.

"When we look at Mr. Sessions' record as a whole, there are some gaping holes and some grave questions ... about his commitment to fair and even enforcement of the law," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a legal advocacy group.

Sessions has said the 1986 proceedings and allegations of racism were hurtful. His principal accuser is dead, and longtime friends from Alabama insist it's an unfair caricature of a devoutly religious man who came of age in the segregated Jim Crow South.

"The man I know is an upright individual, who is honest, who is forthright," said Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson, who first met the senator as a fellow United Methodist Church parishioner before either held elected office.

Greg Griffin, a black Alabama judge who worked as a state attorney when Sessions was Alabama attorney general, said Sessions "always treated me with respect" and called him "one of the best bosses I ever had."

Confirmation hearings that open Tuesday will pull back the curtain on a 45-year career that saw Sessions go from Republican Party foot soldier to prosecutor to politician and ultimately one of Trump's leading champions — and architect of some of his policies.

Democratic senators are promising a thorough vetting, with Patrick Leahy of Vermont — who voted against Sessions' confirmation 30 years ago — saying "the American people deserve to learn" about his record. But he's almost certain to get support from his Republican peers, who hold the majority and who say the fierce critic of President Barack Obama has unquestioned conservative credentials.

Sessions was a leading opponent of the Senate's 2013 immigration overhaul, which he called too permissive, and has advocated broad presidential powers to curtail immigration — an issue that drew him to Trump before any of his colleagues.

He connects terrorism to lax border enforcement and has questioned whether terrorism suspects captured abroad deserve the protections of the civilian criminal justice system. He opposed efforts to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has supported expanded government surveillance and may endorse more aggressive scrutiny of Muslims.

Sessions has alarmed civil liberties advocates with his criticism of the Voting Rights Act, which he has said placed an un-

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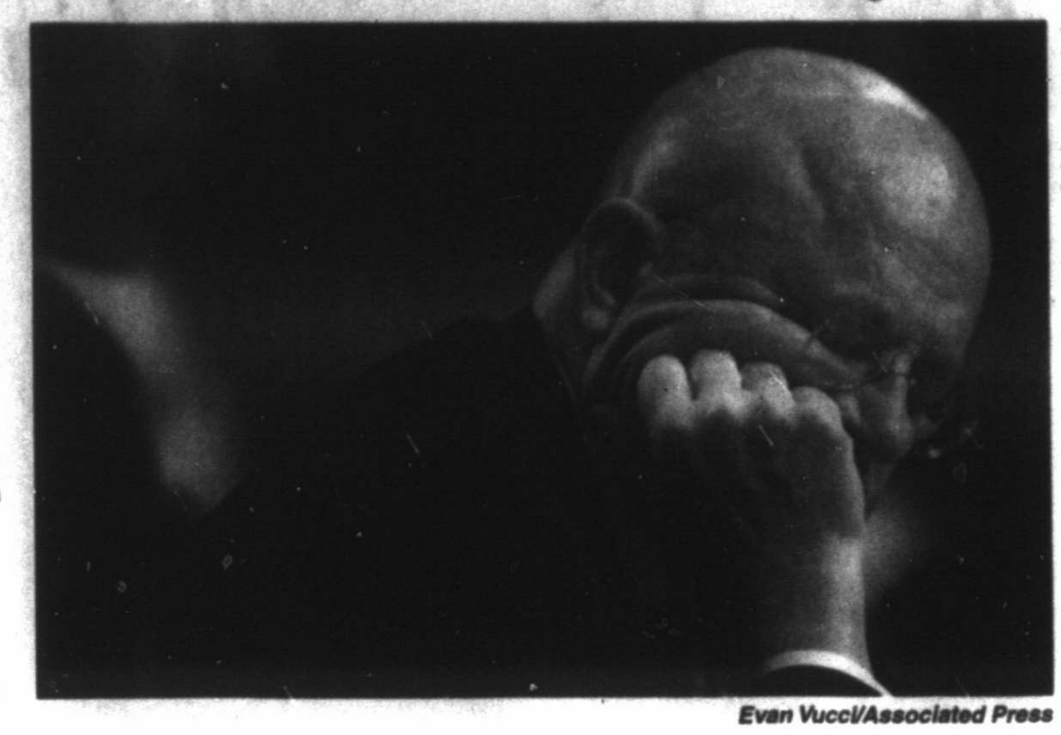
No doubt Russia interfered in election, US intel chief says

By Eileen Sullivan and Richard Lardner
Associated Press



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Director of National Intelligence James Clapper listens to questions Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington while testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing: "Foreign Cyber Threats to the United States."

WASHINGTON — Brushing aside Donald Trump's dismissiveness, the nation's intelligence chief insisted Thursday that U.S. agencies are more confident than ever that Russia interfered in America's recent presidential election. And he called the former Cold War foe an "existential threat" to the nation.

Did Russian hacking sway the results? There's no way for U.S. agencies to know, said James Clapper, the director of national intelligence.

Asked about the possible effect of the disclosure of private information stolen by hackers, Clapper said, "The intelligence community can't gauge the impact it had on the choices the electorate made." But he did say Russian hacking "did not change any vote tallies."

Clapper's testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee was short on concrete evidence of Russian activities, but it raised the stakes in the intelligence community's standoff with Trump. Clapper indicated the agencies he leads would not back down in their assessment, even if that threatens a prolonged crisis of confidence with their next commander in chief.

That puts the pressure back on Trump, who has raised the possibility of more positive relations with Russia and has repeatedly disparaged the U.S. intelligence agencies. He will be briefed today on the classified evidence concerning Russian interference.

Shortly after Thursday's hearing, news leaked that Trump would soon name former Republican Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana to replace Clapper after the new president takes office.

The intelligence agencies' classified report, which was shared with President Barack Obama on Thursday, identifies multiple motives for Russia's interference, Clapper said, but he did not provide details.

In a joint report that roiled the presidential campaign last fall, the Homeland Security Department and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said the U.S. was confident about foreign meddling, including Russian government hacking of Democratic emails.

"We stand actually more resolutely on the strength of that statement," Clapper said Thursday. He declined to discuss whether Russia's interference was aimed at helping Trump win.

An unclassified version of the report will be released next week, Clapper said. That version, expected to be a fraction of the length of the classified one, is not likely to answer all the questions about Russia's actions. Exactly how the U.S. monitors its adversaries in cyberspace is a closely guarded secret, since revealing such details could help foreign governments further obscure their activities.

"I think the public should know as much about this as possible," Clapper told the senators. "And so we'll be as forthcoming as we can, but there are some sensitive and fragile sources and methods here."

Clapper was less shy about declaring Russia "an existential threat to the United States." That's strong rhetoric that harkens back to the Cold War between the U.S. and Soviet Union, language Obama has avoided. For his part, Trump has embraced the possibility of warmer U.S.-Russian ties.

Republican John McCain of Arizona, chairman of the Senate panel, pressed Clapper as to whether Russia's actions constituted an "act of war." The intelligence director said that was "a very heavy policy call," more appropriate for others in the government to decide.

Obama announced sanctions against Russia late last year, a move Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said was akin to throwing a pebble.

"I'm ready to throw a rock," Graham said.

The GOP is divided over how to deal with Russia. Once Trump takes office, he is certain to face opposition from Democrats as well as some in his own party regarding his posture toward Russia.

Trump has criticized U.S. intelligence findings, even citing WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's contention that Russia did not provide him with hacked Democratic emails.

But in new tweets early Thursday, he backed away and blamed the "dishonest media" for portraying him as agreeing with Assange, whose organization has been under criminal investigation for its role in classified information leaks. "The media lies to make it look like I am against 'Intelligence' when in fact I am a big fan!" Trump wrote.

In fact, Trump has been skeptical to the point of dismissive about the certainty of the assessment of Russian hacking, bringing up past failures, specifically intelligence reporting the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in the lead-up to the war there.

Trump has derided the intelligence community on Twitter, his comments widely reported by The Associated Press and other news organizations.

Clapper said Thursday, "I think there is an important distinction here between healthy skepticism, which policymakers — to include policymaker No. 1 — should always have for intelligence, but I think there's a difference between skepticism and disparagement."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama is confident that the intelligence assessment on Russia is "unvarnished."

"The president has insisted that the intelligence community should not hesitate to present to the president what could be considered bad news, because a whitewashed assessment doesn't serve anybody well," Earnest said. He added that anyone who consumes intelligence "using rose-colored reading glasses is not going to be able to make good decisions."

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Radical steps needed in dealing with N. Korea

■ U.S. can put strategic, economic pressure on China

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You can kick the can down the road, but when Kim Jong Un announces, as he did last Sunday, that "we have reached the final stage in preparations to test-launch an intercontinental ballistic rocket," you are reaching the end of that road.

Since the early 1990s, we have offered every kind of inducement to get North Korea to give up its nuclear program. All failed miserably. Pyongyang managed to extort money, food, oil and commercial nuclear reactors in exchange. But it was all a swindle. North Korea was never going to give up its nukes because it sees them as the ultimate guarantee of regime survival.

The North Koreans believe that nukes confer inviolability. Saddam Hussein was invaded and deposed before he could acquire them. Kim won't let that happen to him. That's why Thae Yong Ho, a recent high-level defector, insisted that "As long as Kim Jong Un is in power, North Korea will never give up its nuclear weapons, even if it's offered $1 trillion or $10 trillion in rewards."

Meanwhile, they have advanced. They've already exploded a handful of nuclear bombs. And they've twice successfully launched satellites, which means they have the ICBM essentials. If they can miniaturize their weapons to fit on top of the rocket and control re-entry, they'll be able to push a button in Pyongyang and wipe out an American city.

What to do? The options are stark:

■ Pre-emptive attack on its missile-launching facilities.

Doable but reckless. It is the option most likely to trigger an actual war. The North Koreans enjoy both conventional superiority and proximity: a vast army poised at the Demilitarized Zone only 30 miles from Seoul. Americans are not going to fight another land war in Asia.

■ Shoot down the test ICBM, as advocated by The Wall Street Journal.

Assuming we can. Democrats have done their best to abort or slow down anti-missile defenses since Ronald Reagan proposed them in the early 1980s. Even so, we should be able to intercept a single, relatively primitive ICBM of the sort North Korea might be capable of.

Though such a shoot-down would occur nowhere near North Korean soil, it could still very well provoke a military response. Which is why the new administration should issue a clear warning that if such a test missile is launched, we will bring it down. Barack Obama is gone. Such a red line could be a powerful deterrent.

■ Return tactical U.S. nuclear weapons to South Korea.

They were withdrawn in 1991 by George H.W. Bush in the waning days of the Cold War. Gorbachev's Soviet Union responded in kind. A good idea in general, but not on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang had railed constantly against their presence, but they did act as a deterrent to any contemplated North Korean aggression — which might make them a useful bargaining chip.

■ Economic leverage on China, upon which Pyongyang depends for its survival.

Donald Trump seems to suggest using trade to pressure China to get North Korea to desist. The problem is that China has shown no evidence of being willing to yield a priceless strategic asset — a wholly dependent client state that acts as a permanent thorn and distraction to U.S. power in the Pacific Rim — because of mere economic pressure.

■ Strategic leverage on China.

We've been begging China for decades to halt the North Korean nuclear program. Beijing plays along with sanctions and offers occasional expressions of dismay. Nothing more.

There's one way guaranteed to get its attention. Declare that we would no longer oppose Japan acquiring a nuclear deterrent.

This is a radical step that goes against our general policy of nonproliferation. But the point is to halt proliferation to the infinitely more dangerous regime in North Korea. China is the key. The Chinese have many nightmares, none worse than a nuclear-armed Japan.

The principal strategic challenge facing the United States is the rise of revisionist powers — Russia, China and Iran — striving to expel American influence from their regions. In comparison, the Korean problem is minor, an idiosyncratic relic of the Cold War. North Korea should be a strategic afterthought, like Cuba. And it would be if not for its nukes.

That's a big if. A wholly unpredictable, highly erratic and often irrational regime is acquiring the capacity to destroy an American city by missile. That's an urgent problem.

North Korea may be just an unexploded ordnance of a long-concluded Cold War. But we cannot keep assuming it will never go off.

OPINION EXTRA

Police can't do a thing as hundreds die on Chicago streets

The city of Chicago is conducting a long, bloody experiment in what happens to a gang-ridden municipality in the absence of effective policing.

It is keeping the morgue depressingly busy. Seven hundred sixty-two people were murdered in the city in 2016, a nearly unheard of 50 percent increase over the year before. This is more than New York and Los Angeles — both larger cities — combined, and the worst figure in 20 years.

While everyone on the left pays obeisance to the slogan Black Lives Matter, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel runs a jurisdiction where black lives have been getting cheaper almost by the day, especially in its poorest areas.

The lion's share of Chicago's spike of violence has occurred in five of Chicago's 22 police districts. Eighty percent of the victims were rated by the police department as likely to be involved in gun violence, which means that the city is adept at identifying people as potential victims — just not at keeping them from getting shot.

Holiday weekends in Chicago reliably provide fodder for cable TV in the astonishing tallies of shootings and murders (a dozen people killed and 27 shootings over the Christmas weekend). Overall, more than 4,300 people were shot in the city last year. A woman told CNN she told her kids from a very young age what to do when they hear gunshots, a grim maternal duty in a city where gunplay is so routine.

The equation that accounts for the rising body count is simple: As the Chicago police have become less aggressive, the gangs have become more aggressive and more people have been killed. Chicago demonstrates that in swathes of inner-city America, you can have a chastened, passive police department, or a modicum of public order, but not both.

Chicago's authorities courted the anti-police agitation of the past few years with their desperate mishandling of the controversial shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, killed by an officer in 2014. The city avoided releasing the dashcam video of the incident for a year, until after Rahm Emanuel's re-election. When it finally did, the police representations about the threat represented by McDonald looked to be false (the cop who shot him is now awaiting trial on murder charges).

With the police on their back heels, the city further hamstrung them. It discouraged minor drug arrests. It required the police to fill out two-page contact cards (with 70 different fields) whenever stopping anyone. These forms are then forwarded on to the American Civil Liberties Union.

The city would have been much better served by forthrightness in the McDonald case from the beginning, coupled with vigorous support of tough-minded, forward-leaning policing. Instead, it got the worst of both worlds.

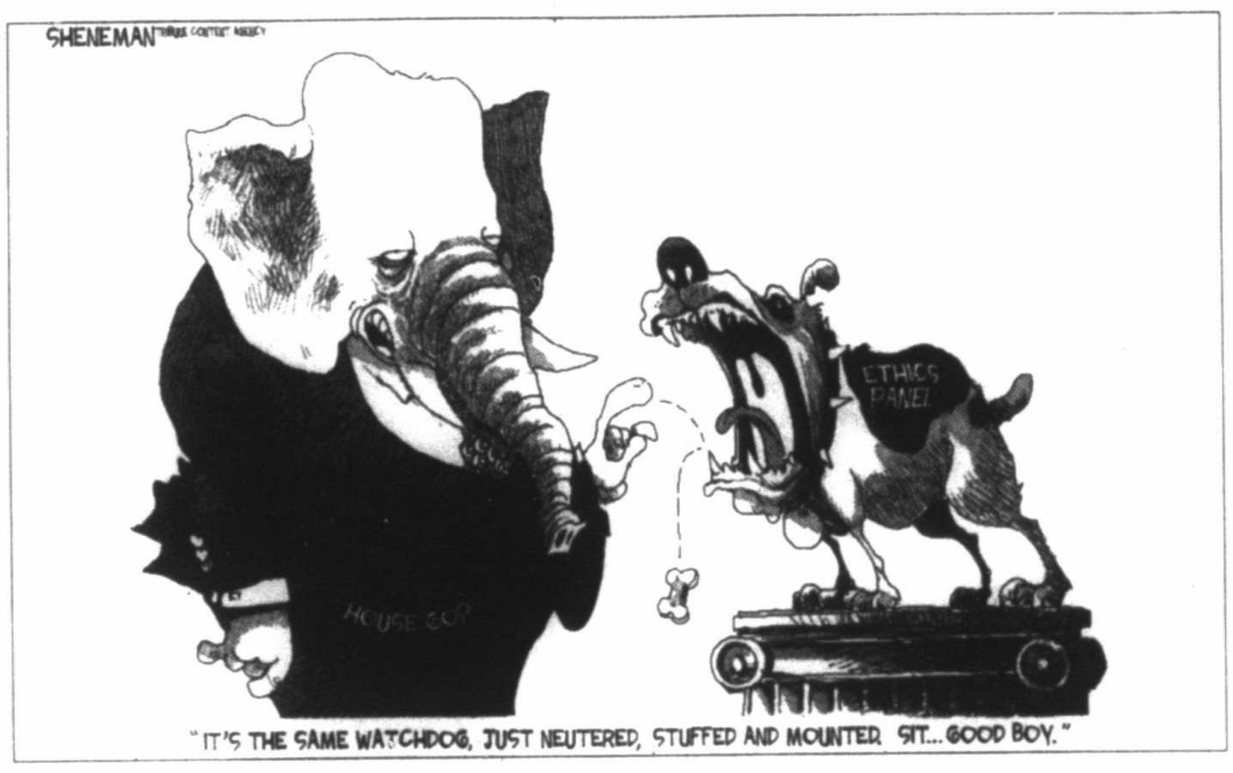
Fearful of becoming the next "viral video," harassed and mocked when out doing their job in tough neighborhoods, beleaguered by paperwork, the police have suffered a crisis in morale and clearly pulled back. Documents obtained by "60 Minutes" show an 80 percent drop in stops from almost 50,000 in August 2015 to under 9,000 a year later, and arrests dropping from roughly 10,000 to 7,000.

This reduced police presence on the streets has been a boon only to anti-police ideologues (the ACLU welcomes it) and the city's myriad gangs. Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson says that the surge in violence has been driven by "emboldened offenders who acted without a fear of penalty from the criminal-justice system."

There is much about Chicago that can't be readily fixed, but it is fully within the city's power to make its criminal offenders feel less emboldened. Chicago simply needs to stop, arrest and jail more dangerous people. The only alternative is the continuation of the city's current experiment in chaos that is making the city unlivable for the people unfortunate enough to inhabit its most violent precincts.

It goes without saying that their lives matter. Chicago should begin to act like it.

— Rich Lowry, King Features Syndicate



Roof deals with loner-loser syndrome

■ Charleston shooter doesn't deserve the glory he seeks

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CHARLESTON, S.C. —

As convicted murderer Dylann Roof prepares to defend himself in the sentencing phase of his trial, a clearer understanding of his motives in gunning down nine African-Americans during Bible study prayer has begun to emerge.

In a word, he's a loser — as random and ordinary as the proverbial tree falling in a forest bereft of listeners.

Oh, sure, he hated blacks, Jews and anyone else who didn't fit the white-supremacist profile he adopted relatively recently. A living cliche of white rage, he posed in selfies with Nazi symbols and the Confederate battle flag and said he wanted to start a race war.

But even a cursory review of his short resume suggests that what Roof really wanted was attention. He wanted to be the somebody he never was. Despite our insistence that there must be some explanation — a "broken brain," as a forensic psychiatrist proposed — there may be little more to Roof's story than a sad young man who marinated in one existential crisis after another until deciding that killing people was a certain route to self-possession.

What goes on inside Roof's mind is anyone's guess, but his actions during the first part of his trial — and now his insistence on representing himself during the sentencing phase — suggest that he is pursuing a plan of some sort, despite his passivity and seeming lack of interest in the proceedings.

When offered a chance — possibly his only chance — to save himself from execution by allowing testimony this week related to his mental state, Roof declined. He will call no witnesses, he has said, and is otherwise contemptuous of psychological evaluations.

In a journal found in his car after the night of the shootings in June 2015, Roof wrote: "Also I want [sic] state that I am morally opposed to psychology. It is a Jewish invention, and does nothing but invent diseases and tell people they have problems when they don't."

Thus, one infers, Roof wants people to think he is neither insane nor emotionally damaged and that he committed a crime that was, in fact, premeditated. The jury of nine whites and three blacks apparently agreed and found him guilty on 33 federal charges last month.

Those same jurors this week will begin hearing prosecution witnesses, including survivors from that night, as they consider whether to condemn Roof to life in prison or to death. Roof seems to prefer the latter.

Even though he has one of the nation's best anti-death penalty lawyers, David Bruck, Roof is declining legal assistance other than advice. A hearing Monday convinced federal Judge Richard Gergel that Roof is competent enough to represent himself.

His being competent, meaning that he understands the charges against him, doesn't necessarily mean that he's sane. Psychologists make a distinction between the two, even if the legal system does not.

Roof's history would seem to leave little doubt that his mental health was compromised throughout his young life. A child of divorce who attended at least seven schools in nine years, he dropped out after a repeat of the ninth grade. In interviews, his childhood friends and teachers described him as a loner, quiet, timid, physically underdeveloped, not popular but not disliked, smart and bored with school.

In other words, he was just the type to feel himself an outsider for whom life was unfair. So Roof turned to drugs, worked odd jobs and scoured the internet in search of belonging.

He found company among white supremacists, neo-Nazis and others feeling similarly dispossessed who had created an alternate universe of blame and revenge. In their deranged mindset, their miserable lives were the fault of other races and ethnicities, especially blacks and Jews. To a lonely Roof, who may have felt in that most narcissistic of self-delusional laments that no one really "knew" him, white supremacy provided both a salve and a solution.

The losing-est loser gravitated toward the extreme of killing the "enemy." Finally, he would be respected by a group that he admired and that, to his mind, accepted him as an equal. But Roof wanted more than acceptance. He wanted to be a legend.

Now in the final act in his one-man play, Roof dares jurors to execute him.

Tempting. But far better would be to deny him the false glory he seeks and make him live out his days in the knowledge of his insignificance.

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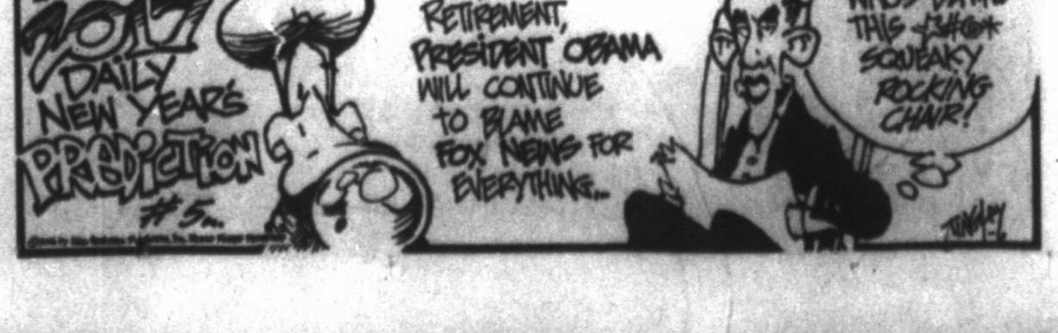

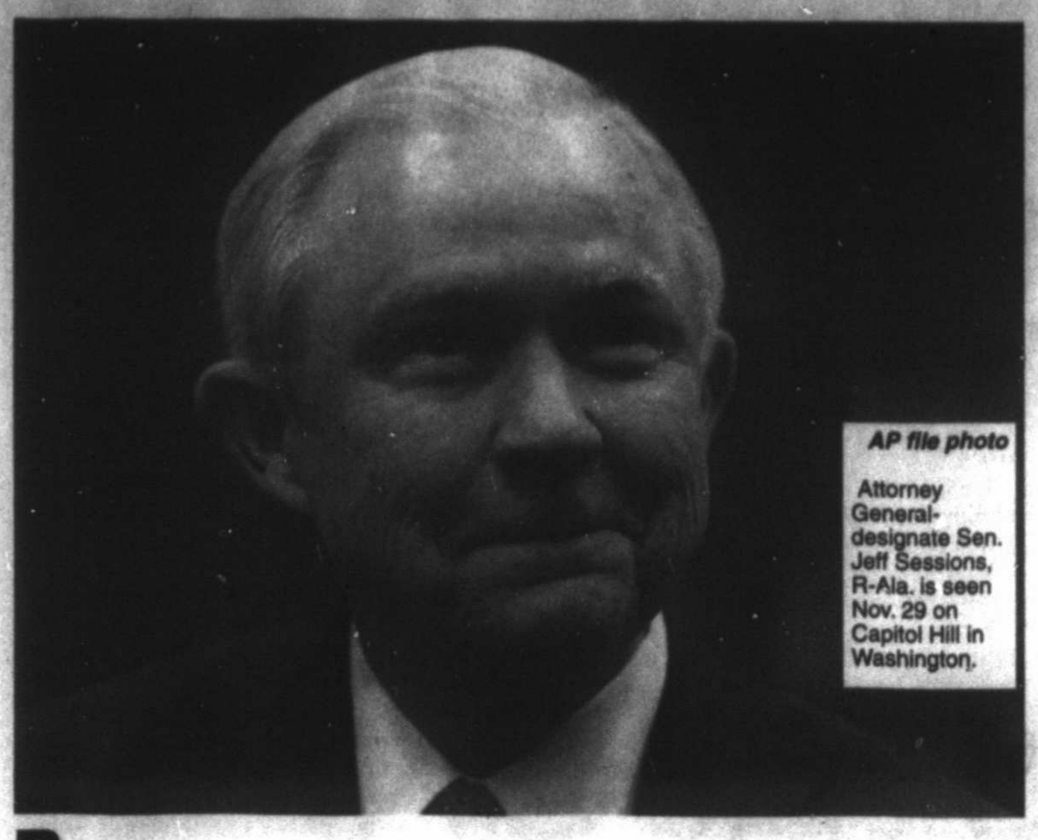

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Attorney General-designate Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. is seen Nov. 29 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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fair burden on states such as Alabama. He's raised concerns about voting fraud, which experts and current Justice Department leaders say is rare in U.S. elections. He pushed controversial cases himself as a prosecutor, including one against black civil rights activists that ended in a swift acquittal. His emphasis on that issue also could make him less inclined than the Obama administration to contest strict state voter identification laws.

He'd also inherit a Justice Department grappling with a surge in hate crimes, particularly against Muslims. But he's suggested local authorities can adequately investigate those offenses and, in 2009, opposed expanding the federal definition of a hate crime to encompass violence based on a victim's sexual orientation or gender identity when those same protections were not afforded to the elderly or members of the military.

Sessions' supporters, bracing for renewed scrutiny of his record, point to bipartisan legislative efforts that they say show he is not an ideologue. They note that some Democrats critical of his nomination have previously spoken favorably of him. William Smith, who was chief counsel to Sessions in the Senate, called him a man "of the highest character."

"Jeff Sessions has dedicated his career to upholding the rule of law, ensuring public safety and prosecuting government corruption," spokeswoman Sarah Flores said in a statement. "Many African-American leaders who've known him for decades attest to this and have welcomed his nomination to be the next Attorney General."

Though he opposed Lynch's confirmation, Sessions voted to confirm Holder, Obama's first attorney general and the first black man to lead the Justice Department.

He and the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, who had castigated him at the 1986 hearing, later sponsored a law to combat rape in prison.

And Sessions joined a bipartisan push to reduce federal sentencing disparities that treated crack cocaine offenses much more harshly than crimes related to powder cocaine. That disproportionately affected those in minority communities where crack was the common form of the drug.

"I think we are at a point now where this 100-to-1 disparity that does fall heavier on the African-American community simply because that is where crack is most often used has got to be fixed," Sessions said.

Still, he opposed the most recent criminal justice overhaul effort in the Senate, warning it could lead to the early release of violent offenders, and as attorney general could undo a 2013 policy known as Smart on Crime that discouraged prosecutors from seeking harsh mandatory minimum prison sentences for low-level drug offenders.

The tough-on-crime Republican who has said "good people don't smoke marijuana" seems likely to be less enthusiastic about the court-enforceable improvement plans favored by Holder and Lynch for police agencies accused of racial bias.

There's little question Session' record on civil rights will dominate the Judiciary Committee's attention. It's already been heavily scrutinized by civil liberties advocates, who've seized on his voting record and his appearances before groups that espouse harsh views on Muslims and immigrants. NAACP protesters staged a sit-in at a Sessions office in Alabama on Monday, and more than 1,100 law professors signed a statement opposing his nomination.

Hank Sanders, a Democratic state senator who represents the area where Sessions grew up, points specifically to cases Sessions pursued against Alabama civil rights activists in the 1980s. In one, Sessions accused Albert Turner, a former adviser to Martin Luther King Jr., and two other civil rights activists of tampering with absentee ballots. The three defendants were acquitted within hours.

"They called them voter fraud cases," said Sanders, who represented the defendants. "I called them voter persecution cases."

Sessions' spokeswoman noted Wednesday that Sessions has been endorsed by Turner's son, Albert Turner Jr.

Yet it was also during Sessions' tenure as a federal prosecutor that his office investigated and helped secure convictions in the 1981 murder of Michael Donald, a black teenager found hanging from a tree with his throat slashed. Two Ku Klux Klan members, Henry Hays and James Knowles, were arrested and convicted, Knowles in federal court, Hays in state court. Hays eventually died in Alabama's electric chair.

Barry Kowalski, a retired Justice Department civil rights attorney in Washington, worked with Sessions during that investigation. "He couldn't have been more helpful, more cooperative," Kowalski said, crediting Sessions with helping secure an agreement for Knowles to testify against Hays.

Sessions' work on the Donald case produced the most direct allegations of racism.

An assistant U.S. attorney, Thomas Figures, contended that Sessions referred to him as "boy," among other racially charged comments. Kowalski said he worked alongside Sessions and Figures, who died in 2015, and never heard anything to corroborate Figures' account. Flores, his spokeswoman, said many of the allegations against Sessions "have been thoroughly rebuked and discredited."

For his part, Sessions appears girded for another round of inquiry. The questionnaire he submitted to the Judiciary Committee noted his work on the Donald case and efforts to ensure minority representation on a county school board. It devoted more space to the Turner voting fraud prosecution, suggesting he sees the case as potential ammunition for his opponents.

Alford, Sessions' family friend from his high school days, said the scrutiny is understandable given Sessions' biography, right down to his Southern accent and given name: Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III.

"That sounds like a Confederate general," Alford said. "And any fella from Wilcox County in our generation, with that accent? Of course you're going to get those questions."

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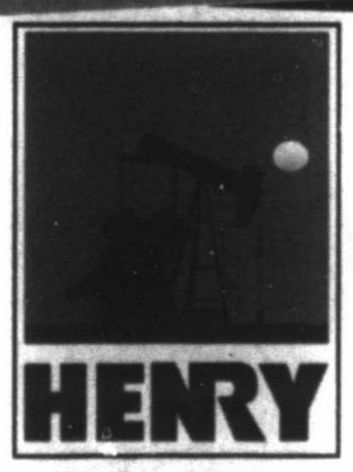

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

DRESSES FOR A CAUSE

2017 Winter Bridal and Quince Expo will feature more than 50 local busineses that provide event services such as catering, fashion and more at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Proceeds from the event will benefit Safe Place of the Permian Basin. Tickets are available at the door or by visiting basinbridal.org. 1 p.m.

FAITH AND FOOTBALL

Fathom Events presents a screening of "The Bowden Dynasty" about Coach Bobby Bowden of the Florida State Seminoles. The film is a special presentation at Tall City Stadium with an introduction and Q & A with Bowden. 5 p.m.

MONDAY

READ AND WRITE

Midland Need to Read Adult Literacy Program kicks off its Student Supplies Drive week though Thursday. School supplies are needed for the organizations literacy classes and can be dropped off at 1709 W. Wall St.

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THROUGH THE GAUNTLETS

Golden Globe nominee Andrew Garfield dove into physical, spiritual challenges of two roles

By Colin Covert
Star Tribune

It takes a trouper to star in two emotionally draining major films opening just weeks apart in parallel award season runs. That level of professional commitment is multiplied when both productions demand grueling physical preparation. For Andrew Garfield, who played a hero in Mel Gibson's high-powered World War II epic "Hacksaw Ridge," representing a physically abused and spiritually embattled priest in Martin Scorsese's "Silence" added a further demand.

Garfield, who has no faith of choice, dug deeply into the very different theological beliefs of the films' Seventh-day Adventist and Catholic characters.

He was widely praised for his portrayal of Desmond Doss, a devout pacifist who served as a combat medic in the battle of Okinawa, the first conscientious objector to armed combat in U.S. history to receive the Medal of Honor. He received a nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama for Sunday's Golden Globes. But no approval has equaled what he received for playing a Jesuit missionary in feudal Japan. After Scorsese premiered "Silence" at the Vatican, he said Pope Francis had jokingly recommended that Garfield be ordained as a priest.

"It just so happened that I'd been very interested in these themes," he said in a philosophical tone during a recent phone conversation. "It was a real kind of double-hitter in that way. Both of these just landed in my lap, and I thought, 'This is God-given and I get to go and explore these things with these great filmmakers.'"

Each is the sort of thoughtful, spiritually focused, adult film that for business reasons is not often made anymore. Garfield said that after a two-film run as the Amazing Spider-Man, the value of these stories and the opportunity to work with filmmakers of unusual skill was unavoidable.

"The opportunity to work with Martin Scorsese doesn't come along, well, ever. When that happens you stop and you say, 'I'll do whatever you want me to do.' Let's see what comes of it," he said, an attitude he shared with co-stars Adam Driver and Liam Neeson. He found the story irresistibly "enticing and extreme." He was intrigued from the start by the nature of his character, Sebastiao Rodrigues, a Portuguese Jesuit priest whose total certainty of belief is challenged in 17th-century Japan.

"The question is what is it to live a life of faith, what is it to serve your fellow man, and what is it that God actually wants of you? Not what the church tells you, not what the doctrine tells you, but when you're really in the thick of the anarchy and messiness of life. When the doors of perception drop away, what is it you're meant to do? How are you meant to act? Of course, these questions are unanswerable," as the priest's assurances are attacked through physical and psychological abuse.

Garfield's decision to work in two similarly themed films arrived at a time when he "wanted to disassemble, to work in a deeper way," an exploration that he termed "frightening." Likening it to South American hallucinogenic ceremonies to create a sense of transformation in the person undergoing them, he said, "I think there was something in me that was longing for that.

"It is hard to get a film like this made in the current climate, a film with deep and weighty themes. You knew that everyone who signed on did so for the right reasons. We weren't there for the money," he said. "To try to create something that was profound."

Exploring those issues through a pair of metaphysical films was a journey Garfield undertook to understand himself better on multiple levels. "The hope is that you're talking about your true self every single moment, whether you're talking about personal relationships or professional ones."

Midland Reporter Telegram's Rich Lopez contributed to this article.

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Grande Cares reaches $3M milestone in donations to community

From staff reports

Grande Communications' employee philanthropy group Grande Cares recently announced that the it has reached a significant milestone of giving back a total of $3 million dollars to the communities it serves.

Grande Cares and its offshoot Grande Employee Memorial Scholarship fund (GEMS) has provided grants to such agencies as Casa de Amigos, Big Brothers Big Sisters, MARC, Habitat for Humanity and the Midland College Foundation among many others.

The Grande Cares Club is governed by Grande employees and funded by employee donations.

"Grande Cares was created to make a difference and to help those in need. It is so rewarding to see the powerful impact this program has made in our local communities — a true testament to employee commitment and generosity," Grande Cares board President James Jordan said.

Midland College was recently awarded $3,100 for Idea Factory, a makerspace area at the MC Advanced Technology Center. The donation from Grande will be used to purchase vinyl cutter to enhance their 3D printing creations.

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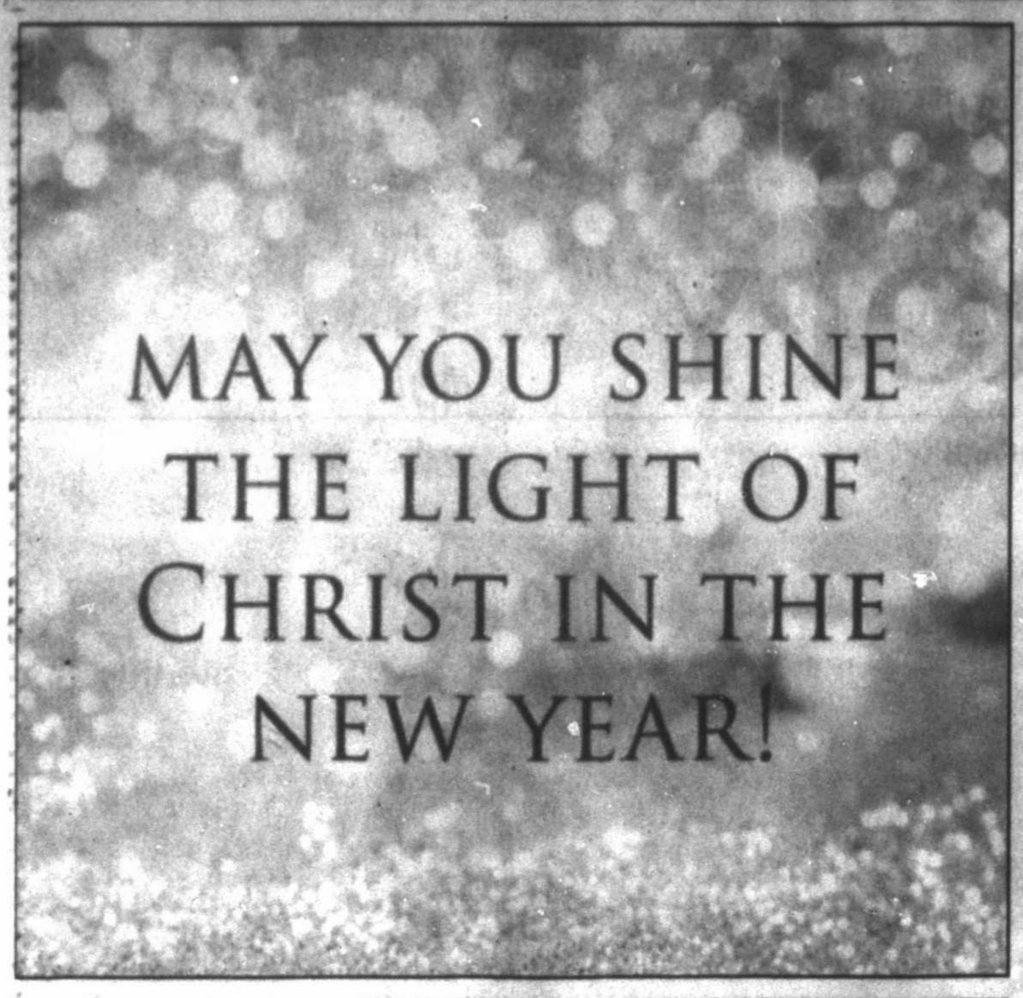

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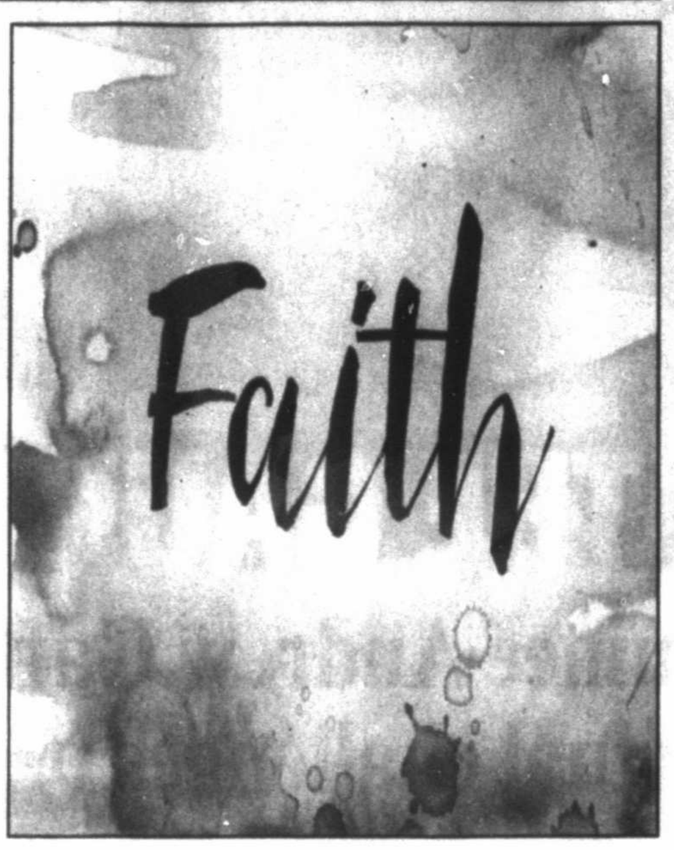

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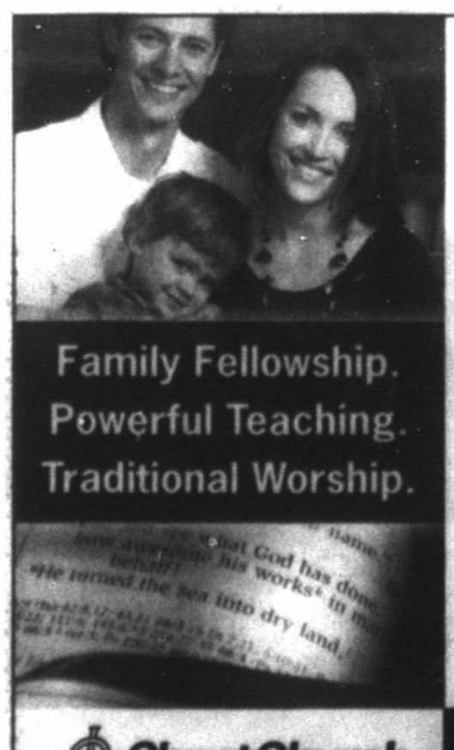

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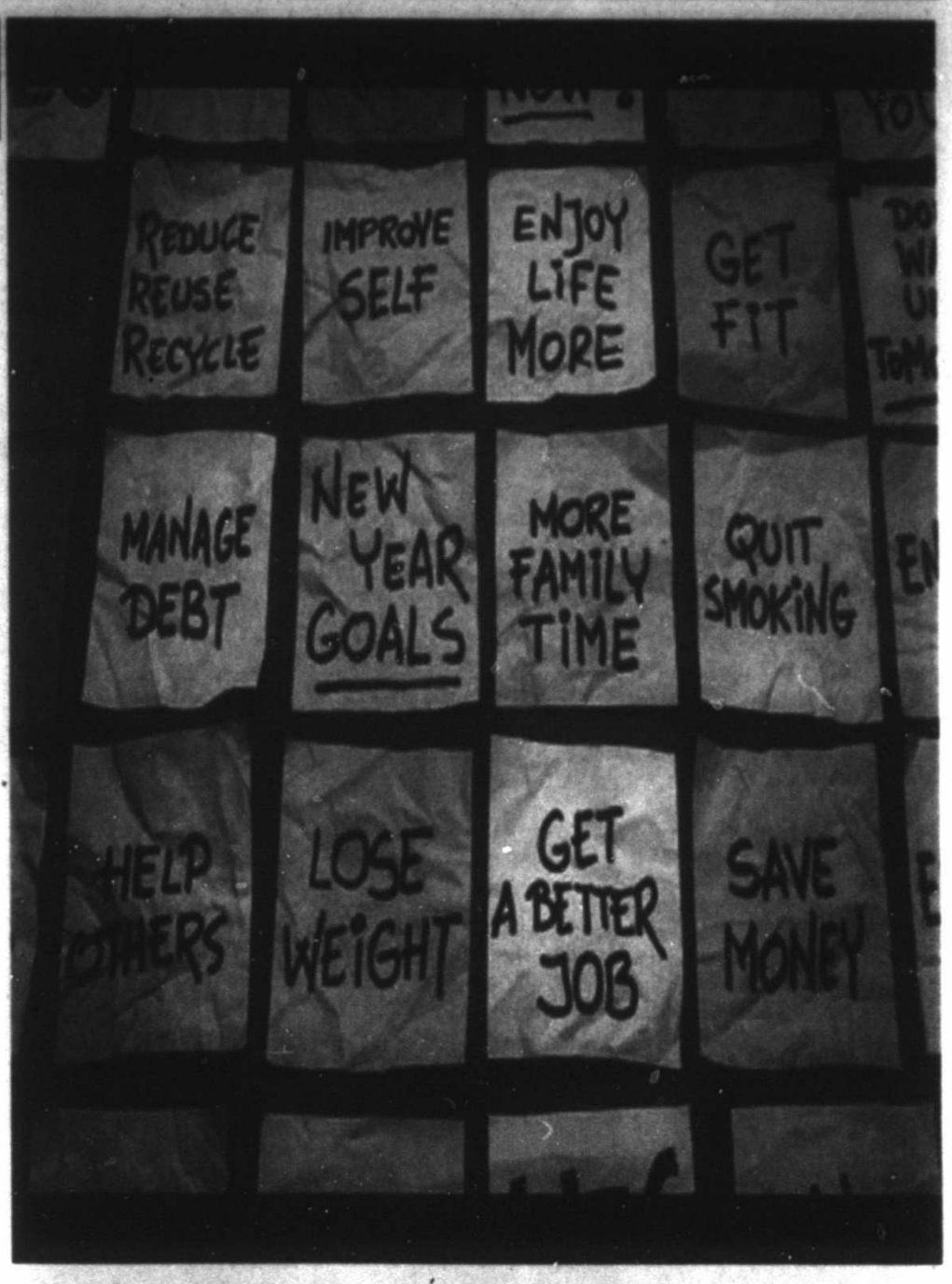

Welcoming the New Year With Prayer

As this New Year commences, let us remember the past year and truly repent of all that has hindered us from abiding in You.

Forgive us, for the promises and resolutions we made and never fulfilled. Forgive us, for the times we neglected prayer and Your word as our focus.

Let us recall the things that hindered us from getting closer to You and keeping Your word. Help us Lord, to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

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Obituaries

Blake Tairen Cole

Blake Tairen Cole, 22, of Austin, Texas, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2017. He was born in Lomita, California on April 24, 1994 to Brian Cole and Tasha (Jobe) Golden. Blake graduated from Midland High School.

Blake "Curly" Cole took great pride in cooking for others and aspired to become an accomplished chef. He was a proud Pittsburgh Steelers fan and a skilled drummer who loved all things music.

As a child, he enjoyed Pokémon, drawing, and tap dancing. At age 9, while living in California, Blake was awarded 3rd place state champion in full contact Karate. After moving to Texas at age 10, he joined the Boy Scouts and achieved "Life for Life" status. Blake loved his friends, his animals, and most of all his family.

Blake is survived by his three sets of grandparents, Jerry and Sue Jobe, Nicholas and Judy Gomez, and Jack and Vicki Howard; his parents, Brian Cole and Tasha (Jobe) Golden; his brothers, Brian Cole III and Ryan Golden; and sisters, Marissa (Golden) Gerdes and Bailey Golden.

He is also survived by his aunts and uncles, John and Dawn Jobe, Mike and Becky Nelson, Robby Alan and Margaret Cole, Grant and Shelly Day, and Charlie and Kelly Miller. Blake's many cousins include James, Christie, Coy, Harleigh, Denton, Grant, Garrett, Meghan, and Chase. Blake adored his nieces, Hayleigh and Naomi, and nephews, Julian and Jackson.

His wonderful spirit and life will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Funeral services will take place at 1:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home, located at 4100 North FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.

Online condolences may be posted at *www.thehealingstartshere.com*.

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Carol Ann Travis Crain

Carol Ann Travis Crain, 77, of Midland, Texas, passed away January 1, 2017.

Visitation will take place at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church.

Carol was born June 23, 1939 to Nell King Travis and Joe Johnson Travis. Carol moved to Midland in 1948 from Corpus Christi, Texas. She was a 1957 graduate of Midland High School and was a Fine Arts Major at the University of Arizona, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She made her debut with The Minuet Club of Midland in 1958.

She married M.G. Pete Crain in 1961. She served on the Junior League and Midland-Odessa Symphony boards, and she was a past president of the Recording Library for the Blind. She served on the Board of Trustees for the Ginger Rogers Estate. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Pete; her daughter, Mrs. Julie Crain Miller and husband, John Crow Miller, of Dallas; and her three grandchildren, Wilson, Kaki, and Mary Crow Miller.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

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

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Debra "Debby" Sue Griffin Marquez

Debra "Debby" Sue Griffin Marquez of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 19, 2016 at the age of 64.

Debby was born in Lubbock, Texas on November 9, 1952. She lived much of her life in Carthage, Texas where she worked as an on-air radio personality at KGAS radio station and as a graphic compositionist at the Panola Watchman. She enjoyed working on her family genealogy, cooking, and being with her friends and family.

Debby dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her much-loved grandchildren, Lennon Guthrie and Jude Guthrie; children, Sarah Guthrie, Douglas Marquez, and Charley Marquez; brothers, Dicky Bob Griffin and Ronny Griffin; and mother, Betty White Griffin.

Debby is preceded in death by her father, Edmond Griffin.

No formal service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Local services by Thomas Funeral Home.

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James Dozier McLaughlin

James Dozier McLaughlin, 92, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 2, 2017.

Jim was born September 30, 1924, in Norphlet, Arkansas to John Ray and Ruth Echols McLaughlin. He graduated from Monument High School in New Mexico and attended New Mexico Military Institute (Junior College Division) before joining the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator in World War II where he served three years.

After the war, Jim attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering and was a member of Delta Tau Delta men's fraternity.

He married Anne Tucker McLaughlin on October 20, 1951, recently celebrating 65 years of marriage. Jim worked as an engineer /manager for the Cardinal Companies during his career.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Juana Ray McLaughlin.

He is survived by his wife, Anne McLaughlin of Midland; son, John, and his wife, Kathy McLaughlin of Rowlett, Texas; son, Steve, and his wife, Linda, of Midland; son, David, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Houston, Texas; and son, Tom, of Houston.

In addition, he is survived by grandchildren, Robert McLaughlin of Rowlett, Michael and his wife, Jenna McLaughlin of Dallas, Texas, William McLaughlin of Dallas, Daniel and his wife, Claire McLaughlin of Fairfield, California, Stephanie McLaughlin of Paris, France, Rachel McLaughlin of Midland, and Greg McLaughlin, Joe McLaughlin, and Patrick McLaughlin, all of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 N Loraine, Suite 500, Midland, TX 79701 or Manor Park, Inc. 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707, or to a charitable organization of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

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Jefferson D. Cox, M.D.

Jefferson D. Cox, M.D. passed away on December 29, 2016 at his family's ranch near Buffalo Gap, Texas. A private service was held at the family ranch.

A family visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Odessa Country Club, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Jefferson was born in North Bend, Oregon to Leslie and Doris Cox on March 23, 1948. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Marshfield High School in 1966. He graduated from The University of Oregon Honors College in 1970 and Washington University Medical School in St. Louis in 1980, both with honors.

He married Kathleen Reeves in 1968 in North Bend. After completing his residency at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Jefferson Cox worked as a physician specializing in radiology in Odessa, Texas for 32 years. He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Air Force from 1970-1974, rising to the rank of Captain during that time.

Jefferson is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his son, Cary Michael Cox and wife Robbie Shan Cox and grandchildren Jackson, Wyatt John, Anson and Caroline; and by his son, Jefferson Randall Cox and wife Ashley Dawn Cox and grandchildren Jefferson Noah and Charlotte Dawn.

He also leaves behind many dear friends he loved as part of his family.

Donations in Jefferson's honor should be made to the Boy Scouts of America or the West Texas Food Bank.

Arrangements were by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at *www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com*.

Norman Maurice Fraley

Mr. Norman Maurice Fraley, 83 of Hermleigh, Texas, died on Monday, January 2, 2017 in Big Spring, Texas.

Graveside service for Mr. Fraley will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at Snyder Cemetery with Reverend Nicky Johnson officiating. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Fraley was born on May 23, 1933 in Briggs, Texas to Clyde and Laura (Shell) Fraley. He married Margaret Leath. She preceded him in death on March 26, 2006 and married Joy (Coleman) Duff on July 28, 1976. She preceded him in death on January 13, 2012.

Mr. Fraley lived and worked in Midland, Texas for Chevron as a welder. He moved to Hermleigh and worked as an inspector for Chevron until his retirement.

He is survived by four sons, Daniel Fraley and Donald Fraley and wife Jody, all of Midland, Dennis Duff and wife Cindy, of Oregon, and Wayne Duff of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Melloine Fraley of Stanton, Texas and Peggy McBride of Oklahoma; one sister, Gayle Burleson and husband Carl of Snyder, Texas; five brothers, Mackey Fraley and wife Melinda of Breckenridge, Texas; Morris Fraley and wife Bonnie of Big Spring, Harold Fraley of Texas, Neil Fraley of Snyder, and Dean Fraley of Hobbs, New Mexico; six grandchildren, Brittany Fraley and husband Paul of Midland, Jeffrey Fraley and wife Amber of Spring, Texas, Nicole Rickart of Oregon, Lauren Fraley of Dallas, April Fraley of Texas, and Lonnie Duff of Oklahoma; and by eight great-grandchildren, Kiley, Briauna, Danika, Jace, Aric, Alli, Jensen, and Lilly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Margaret Leath Fraley and Joy Fay Duff Fraley; daughter, Norma Kay Fraley; brother, David Fraley; and grandson, John Taylor Fraley.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be posted at *www.bellcypertseale.com*. Bell-Cypert-Seale, 3101 College Avenue Snyder, TX 79549 Phone: 325 573 5454.

Quentina Brininstool

Quentina Brininstool passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 3, 2017.

Quentina was born on April 6, 1935 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She graduated from Catholic High, now Bishop McGuinness High School, in 1953. After high school, she worked briefly for Mid Continent Life Insurance Company in Oklahoma City. Quentina married Joe Brininstool at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral on August 28, 1954.

Joe and Quentina moved to Cisco, Texas in June 1955. Joe joined the United States Air Force in September, 1955. He and Quentina lived in San Antonio, Houston, Sacramento, California, Roswell, New Mexico, and finally in Portsmouth, New Hampshire during his service. In November 1959, they returned to Houston, Texas where Joe rejoined Humble Pipeline.

Joe and Quentina were founding members in 1962 of St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Houston, where Quentina served in the parish women's organization for more than 20 years. Upon moving to Midland in 1983, Joe and Quentina were founding members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and in recent years, active members of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Quentina was a member of the St. Ann's Altar Society.

In addition to her career raising children, she made time for the occasional bridge game and was a member of many bridge clubs through the years. She enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels and found great satisfaction in serving as a volunteer for Home Hospice.

Quentina found joy in gardening and taking care of a yard full of turtles. She rescued many and knew them all by name. Quentina shared her home with many special dogs in her lifetime; however, the most memorable would be her constant companion for the past few years, Bailey.

Anyone who knew Quentina knew that sitting at a slot machine was her favorite place to be. She enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas, Laughlin, Wendover, and Hobbs with friends and family.

Quentina was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Elizabeth (Kolar) and Robert Steinke; her brother, Robert Steinke; her sisters, Dolorosa (DeeDee) Spooner and Carmelita (Cookie) Kitzelman; and husband of 58 years, Joe.

She is survived by her six children: Joe Brininstool and wife Jill Holt of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Sandy and husband Steve Houser of San Marcos, Texas; Teri McQueen and husband Tim of San Angelo, Texas; Kat Carter and husband Clark of Round Rock, Texas; Betsy Brininstool and husband Curtis Nethery of Midland, Texas, and Brooks Brininstool and wife Kristen Brininstool of Boerne, Texas; 17 grandchildren: Tanner and Cutter Holt; Case, Dylan, and Cassidy Houser; Jackson and Reagan McQueen; Rachel Brazell and Joey Carter; Quentin, Gracie, Brinin, William, and Zane Nethery; Brooklyn, Cora Jane, and Liam Brininstool.

Pallbearers are her grandsons, Tanner Holt, Cutter Holt, Case Houser, Dylan Houser, Jackson McQueen, Reagan McQueen, Joey Carter, Quentin Nethery, and Brinin Nethery.

Visitation with the family will be Friday, January 6, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, preceded by the Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

The funeral mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Graveside service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Dr. P.K. Patel, and Home Hospice for their compassionate care.

Donations may be made to Home Hospice at 200 W. Illinois, Suite 190, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

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Rex Rowland

Rex Rowland, 91, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Flowers may be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Ronald Carter Ray

Ronald Carter Ray, 78, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 3, 2017.

Ron was born in Ada, Oklahoma to the late William Carter and Naomi Waters Ray on September 21, 1938. He graduated from Odessa High School and joined the Navy in September 1954.

After completing eight years in the Navy and Air Force as an electrician, he started his life-long career as a Computer Field Service Engineer with GE /Honeywell, Digital Equipment, Arco Permian Basin, and Northrup Grumman.

Ron was a jack-of-all-trades and loved to work with his hands. He restored automobiles, enjoyed woodworking, and excelled at auto mechanics. He believed in doing everything himself and was always found busy fixing and improving his homes and the homes of his children.

Ron is survived by wife, Dian; children, Tammy Ray of Austin, Rebecca Ray of New Braunfels, Kelly Ray Hunker and husband Jeff of Albuquerque, and Adam Ray of Austin; grandchildren, Martin Cerecedes and wife Kianna, Eric Hardee, Hannah Padilla, Candelaria, Danielle and Adeline Ray, and Hayden Hunker; great-grandchildren, Jonas, Cade, Jayde, Lillee, Kaila, Liam, Arabella, and Abram; sister, Marsha Chesnut Williams of Odessa; brother, Rocky Ray of Crane; and by many beloved nephews and nieces.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Terry Ray of Lafayette.

The memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Christ Church Anglican, the American Heart Association, or the charity of your choice.

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

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Walter Kline Boyd IV

It is with heavy hearts that the Boyd family informs you that Walter Kline Boyd IV tragically passed away on the morning of January 2, 2017 in Mason, Texas. Kline was 37 years old and lived in Austin with his wife and five month old son. Those who knew Kline gravitated toward his witty charm and contagious laughter.

Kline will be deeply missed by his surviving family: wife, Maegan Cunningham of Austin, Texas and their son, Walter Kline Boyd V; son, Dylan Brush (16) of Dallas, Texas; mother, Kathleen Boyd of Overland Park, Kansas; father, Walter Kline Boyd III of Austin; brother, Toby (Megan) Boyd of Austin; brother, Alex Blumfelder of Boulder, Colorado; and sister, Cara High of Denver, Colorado.

Kline is preceded in death by his grandparents and his brother, Brady Boyd.

A celebration of his life will be held at One 2 One music venue in Austin on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, we respectfully request that donations in Kline's honor be made to the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians. We can all take comfort in knowing in the afterlife, Kline's light continues to shine.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress, Austin, TX 512/442-1446. You may view memorials at *www.wcfish.com*.

Death Notices

James Raymond Herman

James Raymond Herman, 81, of Odessa, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2016.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Open Door Church, 3102 E. University Blvd. in Odessa.

Lee Reese

Lee Reese, 91, of Midland, Texas, passed away January 4, 2017.

Celebration of life services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Comanche, Texas.

Lee is survived by daughters, Donna Swanger and Judy Newton of Midland.

Winona "Nona" Olive (Fritts) Armstrong

Winona "Nona" Olive (Fritts) Armstrong, 86, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016.

Open visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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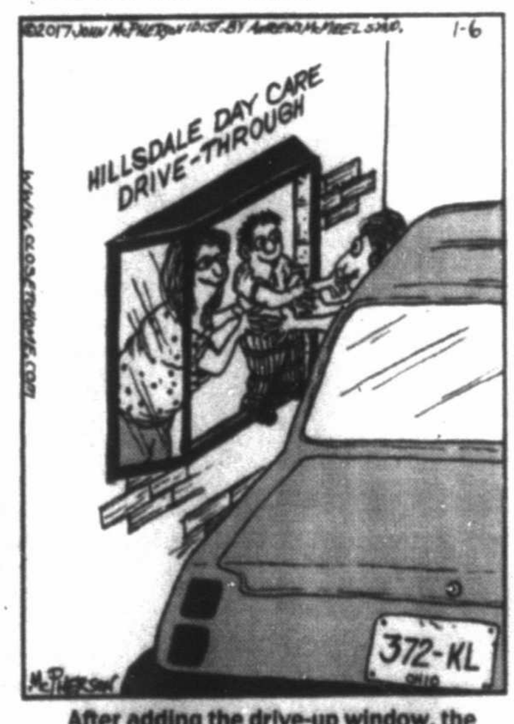

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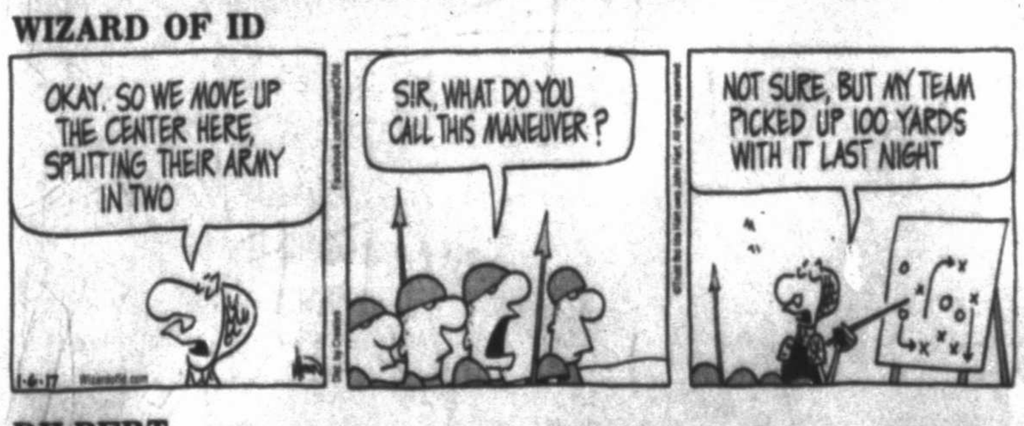

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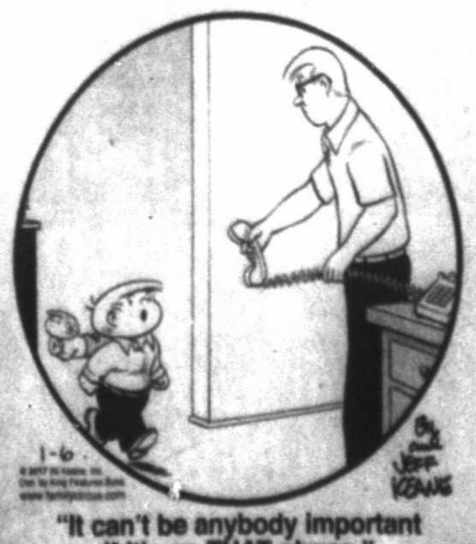

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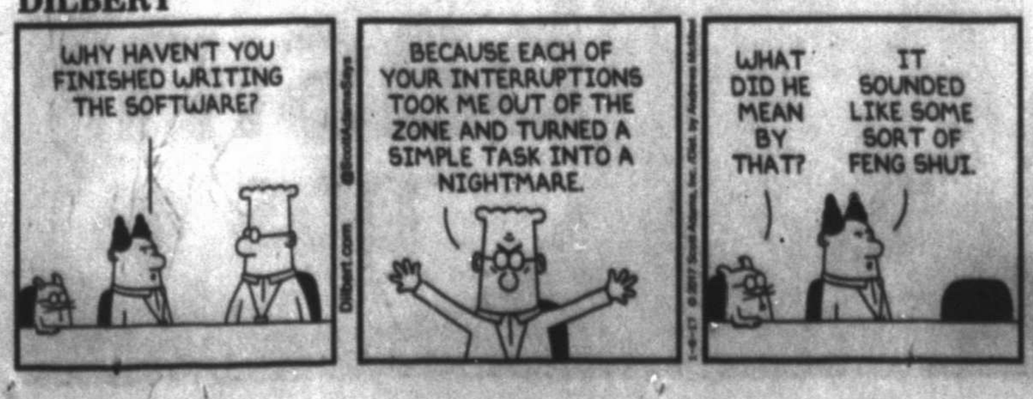

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MC routs Trinidad St. behind defense, rebounding

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones believes as long as the Lady Chaparrals hustle and do the little things on the court, it will take care of any offensive woes.

The No. 12-ranked Lady Chaps shot only 37 percent from the floor but crashed the boards and played great defense in a 66-38 non-conference rout of Trinidad State Junior College on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

This game seemed to be much different than the previous meeting between the two teams back on Nov. 11 in Trinidad, Colorado, in which MC escaped with a 68-56 overtime victory.

After MC only led 29-21 at the half, the Trojans were held to just 17 points in the second half and shot 24.6 percent for the game.

"We were working on kind of different defense and our biggest Achilles heel all year has been that our energy doesn't stay up," MC coach Ron Jones. "I know it's not intentional but it's the biggest thing we have to get corrected because it makes up for so many things if you just compete.

"Shooting is something I don't think a lot about. I think about the kind of shot we're getting and defense and rebounding and taking care of the ball. That's what I think about. Shooting is going to come and go, but if you get to where you're doing those other things well, that's about the most you can hope to accomplish."

The Lady Chaps out-rebounded the Trojans 50-33 and all but one Lady Chap that played scored.

Kayla Bretherton and Matangiroa Flavell each led MC with 10 points, while Teneshia Dixon had nine points and 11 rebounds off the bench.

"We started off the game in the new defense we're trying. In the past we've struggled with keeping our energy up on defense and I felt our (new) defense helped us bring our energy up," said Dixon, a sophomore post. "That got us going on defense, and if your defense is good, your offense will follow.

"When you have a good game with good energy and everything's going the way you want, everybody's going to be feeling positive and everything is going to go the

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Midland College's Teneshia Dixon (4) looks to make a shot against Trinidad College's Clarissa Chavez (20) on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

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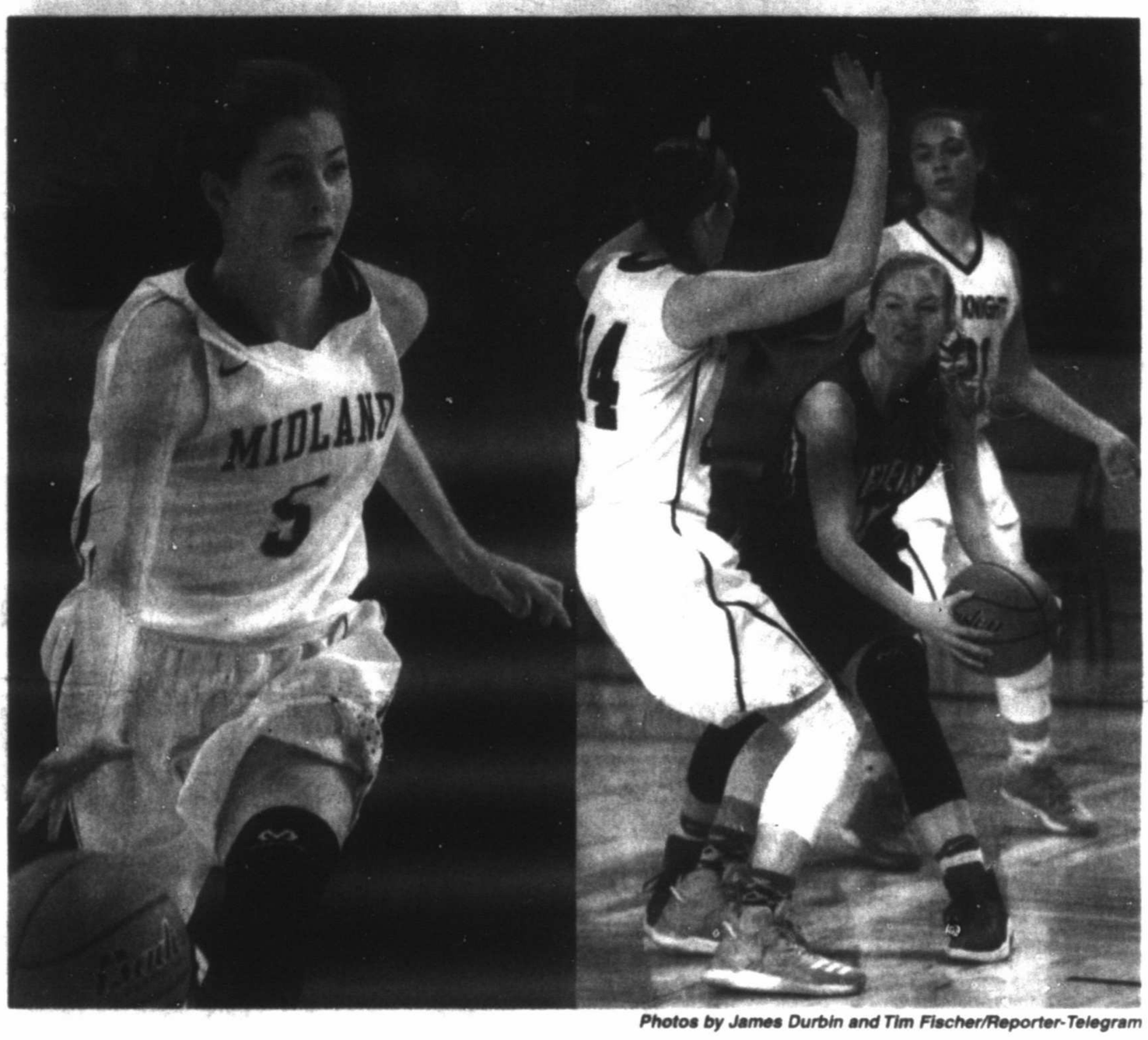

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LEFT: Midland High's Jayci Streun (5) takes the ball down the court against Plainview during the second day of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic on Dec. 29 at Chaparral Center. **RIGHT:** Lee's Mackenzie Ross looks to pass inside around MCA's Elleri Haest during the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic.

Lee, MHS look forward to start of 2-6A play

By Christopher Hadorn
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For two years running, the Lee and Midland High girls basketball teams have occupied the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in district play.

Their quest to stay in those top two spots could be tougher this year in the new look District 2-6A.

As the result of realignment, the Midland ISD's district lost 2015-16 playoff qualifier San Angelo Central, but added Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship, both of which are playoff teams from last season.

Tascosa has spent part of the season in the TABC Class 6A top 25 poll, while Frenship has gotten off to an impressive 16-7 start in its non-district slate.

The Ector County teams both look to be competitive too, as Odessa High went 17-4 in its pre-district schedule and Odessa Permian is coming off a playoff berth in 2015-16.

"I think there's more parody in this district than we've had since I have been here," said Wes Torres, entering fourth season as head coach of MHS. "I mean parody as in everybody is capable of beating anybody. Even though it's an old cliche used by coaches a lot of times, I really believe it."

Lee hosts Permian in today's 6 p.m. District 2-6A opener at Chaparral Center, and the Lady Bulldogs travel to Wolfforth to face the Lady Tigers at the same tip-off time.

Here are five things to watch in District 2-6A:

1. LEE HAS THE TOOLS FOR ANOTHER FINE SEASON

The Lady Rebels enjoyed a banner season in 2015-16 with a 27-5 record, an undefeated district campaign at 10-0 and a rare trip to the regional tournament.

Despite losing three key seniors from that team, Lee (12-4) still has a strong core of contributors that are back, which includes guards Karysa Edwards, Braydyn Hill, Zion Niblett and post Madison Leavitt.

Defense has been the staple of the Lady Rebels, who head into district with some steam after winning the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic last week with a 34-31 victory over Class 5A No. 11 Plainview in the championship game.

"I kind of preached early on that's what was going to be our identity."

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Herman defends hiring Ohio State's Beck as Texas OC

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — New Texas coach Tom Herman vigorously defended hiring former Ohio State assistant Tim Beck to be his offensive coordinator on Thursday, saying he was "surprised" by some of the social media criticism from Longhorns and Ohio State fans.

Herman

Herman said Beck was his primary target as offensive coordinator. The hire was announced this week after Ohio State lost 31-0 to Clemson in the College Football Playoff.

"I was really surprised because it was very well known that Tim Beck didn't call plays at Ohio State," Herman said. "I think the negativity was misplaced on him."

Beck was co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Buckeyes the past two seasons. Herman was offensive coordinator at Ohio State before becoming head coach at Houston, and he hired Beck after talking to Ohio State coach Urban Meyer and two of his former Buckeyes players, quarterbacks J.T. Barrett and Cardale Jones.

"They think the world of him," Herman said. "Tim Beck was extremely successful when he was a play caller at Nebraska ... so chalk that one up to a lot of misinformation on social media. I will never by any of that because we're privy to a lot more information than what 'Joe Fan' is."

Beck will call plays for the Longhorns, Herman said.

Herman takes over a program coming off three losing seasons. He was hired in a 24-hour whirlwind after Texas lost its final game of the season on Nov. 25 and fired Charlie Strong.

The offensive coordinator job is of particular interest and scrutiny for Texas fans. Strong struggled to find the right play-caller, using a combination over three seasons.

Herman has been busy, building his staff and recruiting. He noted the struggles of signing a quality class in a short time. National signing day is Feb. 1.

"We're going to swing for the fences, there's no doubt," Herman said. "As much as we have to sell here ... what we don't have is relationships with a lot of these guys. That makes it very difficult

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Mack, Clowney take center stage when Raiders face Texans

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — For as many similarities as there are between Jadeveon Clowney and Khalil Mack as the two dominant pass rushers taken in the top five of the 2014 draft, there are the stark differences as well.

Clowney

Mack

Clowney burst onto the scene as the No. 1 overall high school recruit who went on to dominate the high-powered SEC and become the top pick in the draft. Mack's ascension was far slower as the overlooked two-star high school player who was forced to go to low-profile Buffalo, where he developed into an NFL prospect who seems to get better by the week.

While Clowney entered the NFL with far more hype as the No. 1 overall pick in Houston, Mack has been the far more productive pro ever since being drafted fifth by the Oakland Raiders.

He was a first-team All-Pro last year at both linebacker and defensive end, leads the NFL with 26 sacks the past two years and is a leading contender for Defensive Player of the Year.

"The guy's a walking Hall of Famer, the best in the business," teammate Bruce Irvin said. "I'm blessed to be able to suit up with him week in and week out."

Clowney and Mack will share the big stage Saturday in Houston in the wild-card opener between the Raiders (12-4) and Texans (9-7). With both teams dealing with injuries at quarterback that have forced Oakland rookie Connor Cook into his first career start and previously benched Brock Osweiler back for his first playoff start, the defenses could well decide this game.

Clowney has taken more time to develop into a star with the Texans as injuries limited him to four games as a rookie, his season was cut short last year by another injury that kept him out of the Texans' playoff game and he has delivered only 10 1/2 sacks in 31 career games — fewer than Mack has had in each of the past two seasons.

But Clowney has developed into one of the top run defenders in the league and Oakland coach Jack Del Rio singled him out as the primary reason the Raiders ran for a season-low 30 yards in 20 carries in the first meeting between the two teams.

"You can say he's grown, but you could tell he has that kind of capability," Mack said. "Just watching him last year, he was amazing against the run and came up just shy of all those sacks and all those different things. With time, you can tell that he's been blossoming and he's a hell of a player."

Clowney's lack of pass-rush production, especially compared to Mack, led some skeptics to question whether the Texans erred in which pass rusher they took first overall even though his 16 tackles for losses on run plays are one off the league lead this season.

For Clowney, it's only served as motivation.

"All the criticism kind of built me up," he said. "It really helped me off the field with pushing and getting better. Just to come back and prove to them that what they were saying was wrong. It kind of helped me."

Mack followed up last year's

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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COLLEGE WRESTLING
Iowa at Michigan, 6 p.m., BTN

GOLF
PGA: SBS Tournament of Champions, 2nd Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
IMG Academy-FL vs. Westlake-GA, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU
Men's College Basketball
Western Michigan at Akron, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN
Rhode Island at Dayton, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Iona at Monmouth, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Oakland at Valparaiso, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Kent State at Ohio, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Michigan Tech at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Michigan State at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

MEN'S SOCCER
FA Cup: West Ham United vs. Manchester City FC ,1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
La Liga: Espanyol vs. Deportivo de la Coruna, 1:40 p.m., belN2
French Cup: AS Monaco vs. AC Ajaccio, 1:50 p.m., belN
Ascenso MX: Venados vs. Loros, 8:30 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Queretaro FC, 8:40 p.m., AZTECA

NBA
New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NBA D-LEAGUE
Austin at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m., FSSW
Grand Rapids at Santa Cruz, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NHL
Carolina at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NHL

RUGBY
Premiership: Newcastle Falcons vs. Bath, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS
ATP: Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Semifinal 1, 7:30 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Semifinal 2, 9:30 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Qatar Exxon Mobil Open, Doubles Final, 11:30 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Brisbane International, Quarterfinals, 7 p.m., TENNIS
WTA: ASB Classic, Final, 8 p.m., belN
WTA: Brisbane International, Semifinal 2, 10 p.m., belN
Hopman Cup: Switzerland vs. France, 1 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS
Georgia at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC
Alabama at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

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Odessa at Amarillo, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS BASKETBALL
Andrews at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Imperial Buena Vista at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Grape Creek at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Iraan, 6:30 p.m.
Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
MHS at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Irion County, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Odessa Permian vs. Lee, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center
MHS at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Pecos, 6 p.m.
FW Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Snyder at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Stanton at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
Clyde at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Irion County, 6:30 p.m.
Loop at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Midland High at Coppell Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER
Lee vs. Gregory Portland, 3 p.m., College Station
Midland High at Dr. Pink Tournament, Frisco

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated LHP Edwin Escobar for assignment. Agreed to terms with OH Edwin Encarnacion on a three-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with C Steve Lerud and RHP Jaye Chapman on minor league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Gavin Floyd on a minor league contract.
New York-Penn League
BROOKLYN CYCLONES — Named Edgardo Alfonzo manager, Royce Ring pitching coach and Giovanni D'Ortiz trainer.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned G Wade Baldwin IV and F Troy Williams to Iowa (NBADL).
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled F Richaun Holmes from Delaware (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Dallas DE Randy Gregory for one year for a third violation of the league's substance-abuse policy this season.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed WR Aaron Dobson and P Richie Leone to reserve/future contracts.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed CB Makinton Dorleant on injured reserve. Signed CB Herb Waters from the practice squad and CB Keith Baxter to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed LS Zach Triner to a reserve/future contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with WR Deret Walker. Signed G Jarvis Harrison to a reserve/future contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Promoted general manager Jon Robinson to executive vice president/general manager.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Fired defensive coordinator Joe Barry, defensive line coach Robb Akey, defensive backs coach Perry Fewell and strength and conditioning coach Mike Clark. Signed S Earl Wolff to a reserve/future contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Washington F Evgeny Kuznetsov $2,000 for diving/embellishment.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Marek Langhamer from Tucson (AHL) to Rapid City (ECHL).
BOSTON BRUINS — Assigned G Dan Vladar from Providence (AHL) to Atlanta (ECHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Activated F Marian Hossa from injured reserve.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned G Jeremy Smith to San Antonio (AHL) and D Mason Geertsen from San Antonio to Colorado (ECHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned G Zachary Fucale from St. John's (AHL) to Brampton (ECHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Adam Pelech from Bridgeport (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled F Gabriel Gagne from Wichita (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL).
American Hockey League
HERSHEY BEARS — Reassigned F Domenic Monardo to South Carolina (ECHL).
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Assigned D Jonathan Carlsson to Indy (ECHL).
ST. JOHN'S CEC\APS — Returned G Bryan Pitton to Brampton (ECHL).
ECHL
BRAMPTON BEAST — Released F Taylor Carnevale. Claimed F Stephon Thorne off waivers from Fort Wayne. Loaned D Reggie Traccitto to St. John's (AHL).
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Loaned F John McCarron to St. John's (AHL). Added G Clay Witt as emergency backup.
INDY FUEL — Signed D Nick Grasso.
TOLEDO WALLEYE — Loaned D Jacob MacDonald to Albany (AHL).
TULSA OILERS — Loaned F Alexandre Ranger to St. John's (AHL).
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Released G Justin Masterman as emergency backup.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Signed D Josh Williams.
MINNESOTA UNITED — Signed F Christian Ramirez and M Miguel Ibarra.
MONTREAL IMPACT — Agreed to terms with D Wandrille Lefevre on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA UNION — Signed D Giliano Wijnaldum.
National Women's Soccer League
CHICAGO RED STARS — Traded the eighth and 38th overall picks in this year's draft to Boston for the 12th, 16th and 21st overall picks.
COLLEGE
AUSTIN PEAY — Announced men's basketball coach Dave Loos is taking a leave of absence to continue chemotherapy. Named assistant coach Jay Bowen men's interim basketball coach.
CARSON-NEWMAN — Named Kevin Day offensive line coach.
DELAWARE — Named Chris Cosh defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach, Clint Sintim outside linebackers coach, Manny Rejas inside linebackers coach, Blaine McCorkle offensive line coach, Bill Polin tight ends coach, Fontel Mines wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator, Chris Stewart football strength and conditioning coach, Carl Kotz associate director of football operations and Tony Palmer video coordinator.
FLORIDA — CB Jaiten Tabor will enter the NFL draft.
OKLAHOMA CITY — Announced the resignation of volleyball coach Kyle Steele.
OREGON STATE — Named Jason Phillips passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach and John Rushing safeties coach.
RUTGERS — Named Lester Erb running backs coach.
SOUTH FLORIDA — Named Sterlin Gilbert offensive coordinator.
UCLA — Named Jedd Fisch offensive coordinator.
UTAH — OT Garett Bolles will enter the NFL draft.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Oakland at Houston, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN)
Detroit at Seattle, 8:15 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 8
Miami at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y Giants at Green Bay, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
Seattle, Green Bay or N.Y Giants at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m. (FOX)
Houston, Oakland or Miami at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 15
Pittsburgh, Houston or Oakland at Kansas City, 1:05 p.m. (NBC)
Green Bay, N.Y Giants or Detroit at Dallas, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
AFC
TBD
NFC
TBD
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Houston
TBD, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	39	24	9	6	54	119	90
Ottawa	37	20	13	4	44	94	98
Boston	41	20	17	4	44	98	101
Toronto	37	17	12	8	42	113	109
Tampa Bay	40	19	17	4	42	114	117
Florida	39	16	15	8	40	93	108
Detroit	38	16	17	5	37	93	109
Buffalo	37	14	15	8	36	82	102
Metropolitan Division							
Columbus	37	27	6	4	58	126	79
Pittsburgh	38	25	8	5	55	133	107
N.Y. Rangers	41	27	13	1	55	141	103
Washington	38	24	9	5	53	110	83
Philadelphia	40	20	15	5	45	118	125
Carolina	38	17	14	7	41	99	103
New Jersey	39	16	16	7	39	92	115
N.Y. Islanders	38	15	15	8	38	104	113

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	40	23	12	5	51	109	98
Minnesota	36	23	9	4	50	113	76
St. Louis	39	20	14	5	45	110	115
Nashville	38	17	14	7	41	109	103
Winnipeg	41	19	19	3	41	119	122
Dallas	39	16	15	8	40	100	117
Colorado	38	12	25	1	25	77	129
Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	38	23	13	2	48	95	82
Anaheim	40	20	12	8	48	109	109
Edmonton	40	20	13	7	47	115	107
Calgary	40	21	17	2	44	109	112
Los Angeles	38	19	15	4	42	94	92
Vancouver	40	19	18	3	41	100	118
Arizona	38	11	22	5	27	82	124

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

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Scores
Edmonton 4, Boston 3
Washington 5, Columbus 0
Nashville 6, Tampa Bay 1
Carolina 4, St. Louis 2
Buffalo at Chicago, late
Detroit at Los Angeles, late
Minnesota at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Nashville at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Walker enjoys the views and his game, takes lead at Kapalua

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — With a chance to take the lead at Kapalua, Jimmy Walker missed in the one spot he was trying to avoid.

The way he was hitting his wedges Thursday, it really didn't matter.

Walker hit a tough pitch to a tight pin on the elevated green to 3 feet for birdie on the par-5 15th, and he nearly holed a lob wedge from 78 yards on the final hole for an 8-under 65 that gave him a two-shot lead in the SBS Tournament of Champions.

He's still three days away from atoning for a playoff loss to Patrick Reed two years ago at Kapalua, though it was an ideal start for the PGA champion in ideal conditions on the west end of Maui, except for a short burst of pineapple showers.

Jim Herman got in one last round with his former employer — President-elect Donald Trump — a few days before Christmas, then came out to the Plantation course where he once got in a round of golf in tennis shoes and rental clubs while on his honeymoon.

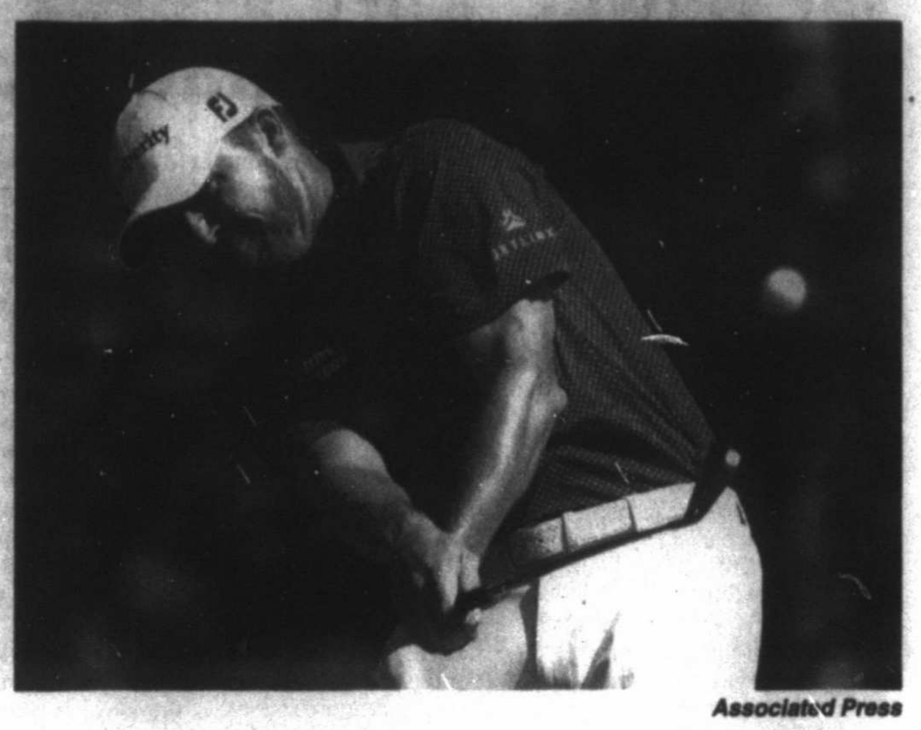
Herman, a former assistant at Trump National, was 6 under through 13 holes when his round stalled. Even with four wedges in hand over the final five holes, he had to settle for pars and a 67.

Justin Thomas and Ryan Moore also were at 67.

In his first competition in three months, Jason Day had a pair of three-putts but still managed a 70. Defending champion Jordan Spieth wasn't so fortunate. He never got his putter going, turned a birdie into bogey on the 15th and had to birdie the final hole for a 72.

Walker had the Tournament of Champions in hand two years ago until Reed holed out from a fairway to start an unlikely rally and won in a playoff. Walker won the following week on Oahu at the Sony Open for the second straight time.

"I love the scenery. I'm a very visual person, so I enjoy looking out and watching the whales when I'm walking around. Just a pretty place," Walker said. "Everybody's in a good mood. I love stepping off the plane and the air is just awesome. Something does it for me here."



Associated Press

Jimmy Walker hits from the second tee during the first round of the Tournament of Champions golf event, Thursday at Kapalua Plantation Course in Kapalua, Hawaii.

Walker was curious about a short club in his bad when he came to Kapalua, though it wasn't any of his wedges or his putter.

He was so determined to be more accurate off the tee that Walker cut 2 inches off his driver while at home at Texas during the offseason. He liked the way it felt and had Titleist make him one without the duct tape. Hitting fairways is not a big issue on the expansive Plantation Course, though it showed his willingness to go old school to fix a longtime problem. This driver is 42 inches, just an inch shorter that a typical driver a generation ago.

He was in the middle of the fairway on the 15th with caddie Andy Sanders reminding him to hit it hard, that through the green was better that leaving it at the bottom of a deep swale to the right. But with the ball below his feet, and the wind coming out of the left, he wound up bailing out.

"That was probably my favorite wedge shot," Walker said.

Daniel Berger made bogey on the par-5 18th and was at 68, along with Jason Dufner. The group at 69 included Dustin Johnson and Hideki Matsuyama, who is going after his fourth consecutive victory worldwide.

Herman qualified by winning the Shell Houston Open and brought back strong memories.

He abandoned the mini-tours, took a job at Trump's course in Bedminster, New Jersey and got married. The honeymoon was a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands, and he had seen enough of Kapalua that when the ship stopped on Maui, Herman headed for the Plantation course.

"I see the pictures on our computer all the time," he said.

SBS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCORES

Thursday
At Plantation Course at Kapalua
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: $6.1 million
Yardage: 7,452; Par 73 (36-37)

First Round	
Jimmy Walker	31-34—65
Jim Herman	32-35—67
Justin Thomas	34-33—67
Ryan Moore	31-36—67
Daniel Berger	31-37—68
Jason Dufner	34-34—68
Cody Gribble	33-36—69
Rod Pampling	35-34—69
Pat Perez	34-35—69
Hideki Matsuyama	34-35—69
Dustin Johnson	34-35—69
Aaron Baddeley	34-36—70
Tony Finau	36-34—70
Fabian Gomez	34-36—70
William McGirt	35-35—70
Brandt Snedeker	34-36—70
Patrick Reed	35-35—70
Jason Day	34-36—70
Greg Chalmers	35-36—71
Charley Hoffman	34-37—71
Russell Knox	34-37—71
Vaughn Taylor	35-37—72
Brendan Steele	34-38—72
Brian Stuard	38-34—72
Jhonattan Vegas	37-35—72
Bubba Watson	35-37—72
Jordan Spieth	34-38—72
Mackenzie Hughes	36-37—73
Brandon Grace	35-38—73
Billy Hurley III	36-38—74
James Hahn	36-38—74
Si Woo Kim	36-39—75

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

NO. 2 MCA 36
NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 32

GARDEN CITY — Leia Beattie scored 17 points to lead TAPPS 3A No. 2-ranked Midland Classical to a hard-fought non-district win against 1A No. 5 Garden City on Thursday.

Delanie Griffin added 10 points for the Lady Knights (15-6), who led, 17-11 at halftime. Kortney Halfmann poured in a game-high 18 points for the Lady Bearkats (15-4, 4-0), while Madison Hastings added six.

NO. 2 MCA 36, NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 32
MCA (15-6) — Kori Kirk 2, Leia Beattie 17, Delanie Griffin 10, Elleri Hiestand 4, Jenny Coco 2, Makenna Beattie 1
Garden City — Kortney Halfmann 18, Madison Hastings 6, Ally Burnett 3, Allison Halfmann 2, Lyndee Walker 3

MCA	10	7	12	7—36
Garden City	8	3	15	6—32

Free throws — MCA 13-18; Garden City 5-12
3-point goals — MCA 3 (Beattie); Garden City 3 (K. Halmann, Walker). Total fouls — MCA 13; Garden City 14. Fouled out — Hiestand.
Next: MCA at Kermit, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Sterling City at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Boys

NO. 20 GARDEN CITY 59
MCA 40

GARDEN CITY — Ethan Goodwin led all scorers with 28 points to lead No. 20-ranked Garden City past Midland Classical in non-district action Thursday.

Cole Miller scored 22 points to lead MCA.

Correy Echols added 12 points for the Knights, who led 27-25 at halftime before being outscored 24-4 in the fourth quarter.

NO. 20 GARDEN CITY 59, MCA 40
MCA — Cole Miller 22, Correy Echols 12, Jared Adkins 6
Garden City (6-6) — Ethan Goodwin 28, Scott Miller 9, Riley Eggemeyer 7, Jose Gallegos 6, Michael Wulff 5, Alfred Leos 2, Hagan Halfmann 2

MCA	12	15	9	4—40
Garden City	12	13	10	24—59

Free throws — MCA 2-2, Garden City 6-10.
3-point goals — MCA 6 (Echols 2, Adkins 2, Miller 2); Garden City 5 (Goodwin 3, Wulff, Miller)
Total fouls — MCA 16, Garden City 7. Fouled out — None
Next: Lubbock Christian at MCA, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13; Sterling City at Garden City, 8 p.m. Tuesday

HSSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

BULLDOGS DROP OPENER

COPPELL — The Midland High boys fell 2-0 to Grand Prairie in their season opening match on Thursday at the Coppell Showcase.

Grand Prairie took a 1-0 lead on an unassisted goal two minutes and 30 seconds into the contest and then added its second tally in the 73rd minute.

The Bulldogs (0-1) were outshot 16-4 in the loss.

MHS will resume tournament play today.

LEE FALLS TO TIVY

NEW BRAUNFELS — The Lee boys soccer team dropped its season opening match, 3-1 against Kerrville Tivy on Thursday in the New Braunfels Unicorn Tournament.

Junior forward Luis Aranda scored the Rebels' (0-1) only goal of the match on an assist by Jose Gutierrez in the 60th minute.

Lee resumes tournament play at 10 a.m. today against Austin High.

Girls

LEE DRAWS IN OPENER

COLLEGE STATION — The Lee girls battled to a 0-0 draw against Tomball Memorial on a windy Thursday afternoon at the College Station Tournament.

Lee head coach Mark Hinshaw was impressed with his new team's debut against a formidable defensive Memorial squad. The Lady Rebels were out shot 4-3 in the match.

"I'm really pleased," Hinshaw said. "Tomball is a talented team with a well disciplined defense. We had (the ball) in their third for most of the second half but their defense is incredibly disciplined."

The Lady Rebels resume tournament play at 4 p.m. today against Del Valle.

MHS RUNS AWAY WITH VICTORY

FRISCO — The Midland High girls scored three unanswered goals in the second half to beat Denton Ryan, 5-2 in their season opening match in the Dr. Pink Tournament, Thursday at The Star.

Lexi Tindle and Ashlynn Dominguez each registered a pair of goals to lead the Lady Bulldogs (1-0). Kylie VonHoille also tallied a goal for MHS, which led 2-1 at halftime.

MHS head coach Cooper Barham told the Reporter-Telegram that all outdoor tournament games today have been canceled due to inclement weather in the Metroplex.

The Lady Bulldogs will wrap up tournament play at 9 a.m. Saturday against Plano Senior High.

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AP source: Cavs working on deal for Hawks' Korver

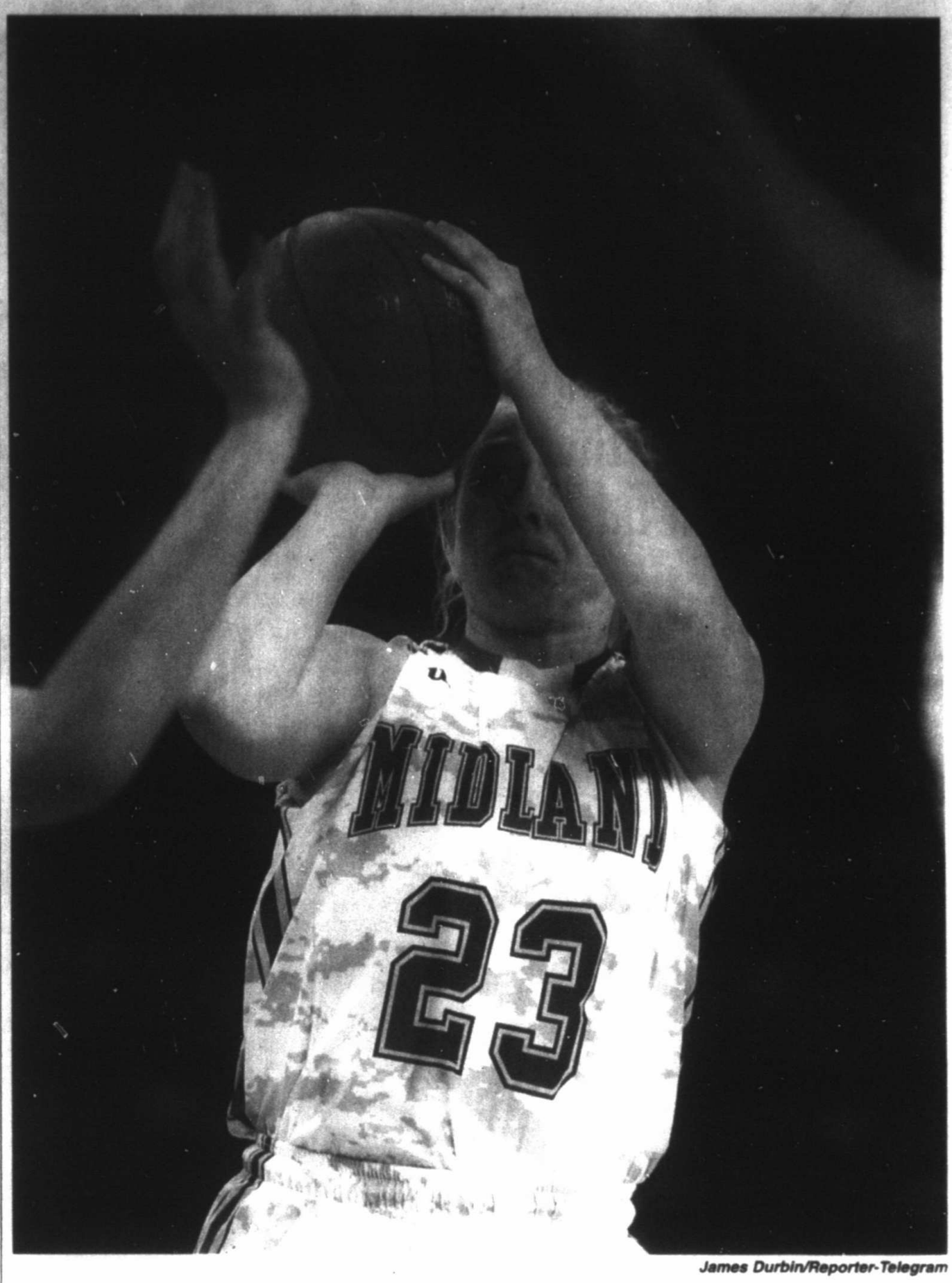
By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A person familiar with the negotiations says the Cleveland Cavaliers are working on a deal to acquire shooting guard Kyle Korver in a trade from the Atlanta Hawks.

The defending NBA champions want to add another outside shooter after losing J.R. Smith for three months with a broken thumb and have zeroed in on Korver, said the person who spoke Thursday night to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been finalized.

The 35-year-old Korver has been one of the league's most accurate 3-point shooters for years, making 43 percent of his shots behind the arc. Korver has spent the last five seasons with the Hawks, who were swept by the Cavs in last season's Eastern Conference finals.

Cleveland has been looking to add to its roster after losing Smith and center Chris Andersen to a season-ending knee injury. The Cavs also have interest in acquiring a backup point guard.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Caley Barnard (23) shoots against Trinidad College on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SUNS 102 MAVERICKS 95

DALLAS — Eric Bledsoe scored 26 points, including five straight to break a tie in the final two minutes, and the Phoenix Suns beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-95 on Thursday night.

Devin Booker added 22 points as the Suns (12-25) won consecutive games for just the second time this season and denied the Mavericks (11-25) their third two-game winning streak in a matchup of Western Conference also-rans.

Deron Williams led the Mavericks with 20 points, including consecutive baskets for a 93-all tie before Bledsoe's tiebreaking 3-pointer started a 9-2 run to finish the game.

Former Dallas center Tyson Chandler had 18 rebounds for Phoenix, and Brandon Knight scored 17 points after missing a game with a sprained right wrist.

HAWKS 99 PELICANS 94

NEW ORLEANS — Dennis Schroder scored 23 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat the New Orleans Pelicans 99-94 on Thursday night to win their fifth straight, even as shooting guard Kyle Korver spent the entire game on the bench amid reports he could be traded.

Paul Millsap had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, who trailed by three after Anthony Davis' dunk with 3:51 left before outscoring New Orleans 14-6 the rest of the way. Dwight Howard added 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 14.

Davis had 20 points and 19 rebounds for New Orleans, which has lost its last two. Jrue Holiday added 18 points and Buddy Hield scored 15 for the Pelicans, who shot only 36.6 percent (34 of 93) for the game.

Atlanta matched its biggest lead at 83-76 on Kris Humphries' layup with 7:50 to go in regulation. The Pelicans began to close the gap when Davis converted a two-handed reverse layup of Holiday's alley-oop lob. That started a 12-2 run that included 3s by Holiday and Hield, along with Davis' emphatic dunk and his two free throws.

ROCKETS 118 THUNDER 116

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 26 points and Nene made two free throws with 0.7 seconds remaining to lift the Houston Rockets to their sixth straight win, 118-116 over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night.

Houston overcame Russell Westbrook's 49 points, though the star guard struggled down the stretch.

Nene was fouled by Jerami Grant as he attempted a shot right under the basket, setting up the winning free throws. Nene had a season-high 18 points for his 12th double-digit game this season.

PISTONS 115 HORNETS 114

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Marco Belinelli nearly pulled off one of the craftiest buzzer beaters in memory, but his bank shot was disallowed because it came too late, and the Detroit Pistons held on for a 115-114 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday night.

Belinelli was inbounding from the sideline with 0.5 seconds remaining and the Hornets down by one. Detroit's Marcus Morris was guarding the inbounder but had his back turned, and Belinelli bounced the ball off him and caught the carom. He then took a shot that banked in, but it was waved off — and a video review confirmed the basket came just after time expired.

Kemba Walker scored 20 of his 32 points in the final period, helping Charlotte rally from a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	24	11	.686	—
Boston	21	14	.600	3
New York	16	19	.457	8
Philadelphia	9	24	.273	14
Brooklyn	8	26	.235	15½
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	20	16	.556	—
Charlotte	20	17	.541	½
Washington	16	18	.471	3
Orlando	16	21	.432	4½
Miami	11	26	.297	9½
Central Division				
Cleveland	26	8	.765	—
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	8
Indiana	19	18	.514	8½
Chicago	18	18	.500	9
Detroit	17	21	.447	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	28	7	.800	—
Houston	28	9	.757	1
Memphis	22	16	.579	7½
New Orleans	14	23	.378	15
Dallas	11	25	.306	17½
Northwest Division				
Utah	22	15	.595	—
Oklahoma City	21	16	.568	1
Portland	15	22	.405	7
Denver	14	21	.400	7
Minnesota	11	24	.314	10
Pacific Division				
Golden State	31	5	.861	—
L.A. Clippers	24	14	.632	6
Sacramento	15	20	.429	15½
L.A. Lakers	13	25	.342	19
Phoenix	12	25	.324	19½

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Scores

Indiana 121, Brooklyn 109
Detroit 115, Charlotte 114
Toronto 101, Utah 93
Atlanta 99, New Orleans 94
Houston 118, Oklahoma City 116
Phoenix 102, Dallas 95
San Antonio at Denver, late
L.A. Lakers at Portland, late

Today's Games

Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MC

From 1C

way it should go."

The Lady Chaps will next head to Temple College for another non-conference game at 4 p.m. Saturday before getting back to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play against rival Howard College next Thursday.

Jones said because his team had four game cancellations in the first semester and his team is working its way back to game shape, these non-conference games are big for his team.

"I liked this game because we kept our energy up but we haven't gotten into a rhythm as I would like to this year, so these games are very valuable to us," he said.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

NO. 12 MIDLAND COLLEGE 66
TRINIDAD STATE JC 38

Trinidad State (5-10) — Alayna Latimore 0-1 0-0 0; Tammarriah Gothard 1-7 3-0 2; Kaila Gabriel 2-9 0-0 5; Clarissa Chavez 3-7 0-0 4; Hannah Faulks 2-7 0-2 4; Shahennessey Bradford 2-6 0-0 5; Niece Smith 0-1 0-0 0; Mandie Perea 5-12 0-0 14; Gabby Enloe 1-2 0-0 2; Brittney Doherty 0-3 0-0 0; Jenny Hughes 0-1 0-0 0; Jordar Wyatt 0-1 0-0 0; Annette Warner 0-2 0-0 0. Total 16-65 0-2 38.

Midland College (12-3) — James Burnett 1-3 1-1 3; Taylor Hodge 1-4 0-0 3; Kayla Brethertor 4-11 4-7 12; Matangrica Flavell 4-6 0-0 10; Lisa Kaempf 3-5 1-2 8; Tachina Coleman 1-4 1-2 3; Tenesha Dixon 1-4 1-2 3; Alexis Washington 1-3 1-4 3; Venta Salasiera 1-2 0-0 2; Caley Barnard 1-2 2-4 4; A'Nyar Whittington 2-2 0-0 6; Lowendie Laporte 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-61 12-22 66.

Trinidad State	10	11	8	11	—38
Midland College	18	11	13	24	—66

3-point goals — TSJC 6-28 (Perea 4-10, Gabriel 1-3, Bradford 1-3, Latimore 0-4, Gothard 0-3, Smith 0-1, MC 8-26 (Flavell 2-3, Whittington 2-4, Hodge 1-3, Brethertor 1-3, Alexis Washington 1-2, Alexis Washington 0-4, Barnard 0-1). Total fouls — TSJC 17, MC 17. Technical fouls — None. Flagrant Fouls — None. Rebounds — TSJC 33 (Faulks 7), MC 50 (Dixon 11). Assists — TSJC 5 (Gothard 3), MC 11 (Burnett 3). Turnovers — TSJC 20, MC 17.

Next: Midland College at Temple College, 4 p.m. Saturday.

2-6A PLAY

From 1C

Lee first-year head coach Alfred Acosta said. "Everybody loves to score the basketball, but we basically said, 'hey if we get stops, we'll always have an opportunity at the end of games to get wins.' So the girls have really, really bought into it. They have really bought into the defensive end of the floor."

2. MHS HAS BEEN FINDING ITS WAY HEADING INTO DISTRICT

With only three returning lettermen from last year's second-place team, the Lady Bulldogs (9-11) have needed the pre-district slate to find chemistry on the floor.

At times, MHS has looked like a team that can compete for a high playoff seed, and on the flip side has shown its inexperience.

Torres, though, has been encouraged that a majority of the Lady Dawgs' defeats have been by five points or less.

In its Byron Johnston tournament finale, Midland High put on an impressive defensive display during a 44-37 overtime victory over No. 2 Midland Classical.

The Lady Dawgs dominated the glass with a deep group of rebounders that include Kaylyn Evans, Brittney Garza, Ariyanah Pleasant and Savanna Carter.

"I'm excited about the place where ...e are in," Torres said. "I thought we played really well against Midland Classical. We played great defense, which has been a staple of ours since I have been here. We are kind of finding our groove defensively."

District 2-6A girls basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa High	0	0	17	4
Lee	0	0	12	4
Frenship	-	J	16	7
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	11	8
Odessa Permian	0	0	9	9
Midland High	0	0	9	11

Today's Games (6 p.m. tip-offs)
Odessa Permian vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High

Tuesday's Games
Odessa Permian vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center; Lee at Amarillo Tascosa; Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa High

3. ODESSA HIGH WILL MAKE A BID FOR A PLAYOFF SPOT

The Lady Bronchos have raised eyebrows with their .810 winning percentage in pre-district, one year after going 1-9 in district play.

OHS is a defensive-oriented team that is tough to score on playing out of a 2-3 zone. Odessa High has an experienced, athletic team led by senior guards Ruthie Fox and Kai'Naja Walton, and sophomore forward Skylar Herrera.

4. TASCOSA IS TABC PRESEASON FAVORITE TO WIN 2-6A

Tascosa (11-8), the TABC preseason pick to win District 2-6A, has some impressive pre-district wins on its resume, which includes a 15-point victory over Lee and a 22-point win over Plainview.

Tascosa, a fundamentally sound team that can shoot, is led by 6-foot-1 center Ka'lia Smith and Monasia Pierson, who orchestrates the offense at guard.

5. FRENSHIP IS A DISTRICT TITLE CONTENDER TOO

The Lady Tigers carried a recent 11-game winning streak before falling 48-44 to Lubbock Monterey in last week's championship game of the Amarillo Caprock Tournament.

Frenship is a guard-driven team that can press and run the court quickly in transition.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 81, Abilene Christian 76
Middle Tennessee 80, Rice 77
Texas-Dallas 81, McMurry 61
UAB 84, North Texas 52

SOUTH
Belmont 83, UT Martin 67
Chattanooga 77, Wofford 66
Col. of Charleston 62, Towson 57
Cumberlands 73, Stillman 69
E. Kentucky 78, SIU-Edwardsville 61
ETSU 115, The Citadel 71
Furman 83, Samford 73
Georgetown (Ky.) 100, Ohio St.-Lima 52
Lipscomb 126, Fisk 43
Louisiana Tech 64, UTEP 44
Marshall 90, Old Dominion 86, OT
Memphis 70, UConn 61
Mercer 68, VMI 50
Milligan 80, Bryan 65
Morehead St. 65, E. Illinois 75
N. Kentucky 83, Youngstown St. 70
Prairie View 85, Simmons 51
Southern Miss. 77, UTSA 59
Union (Ky.) 85, Reinhardt 69
W. Kentucky 68, Charlotte 79
William & Mary 95, Elon 89

MIDWEST
Bowl. Green at Cincinnati-Clermont, ppd.
Missouri Baptist 99, St. Louis Pharmacy 65
N. Dakota St. 93, IUPUI 89
New Mexico St. 77, UMKC 64
North Dakota 68, N. Arizona 63
Purdue 75, Ohio St. 75
Texas Rio Grande Valley 83, Chicago St. 64
Wright St. 58, Cleveland St. 51

EAST
Boston U. 71, Navy 53
Bryant 72, Mount St. Mary's 71
Bucknell 68, American U. 60
Fairfield 97, Manhattan 79
George Washington 73, Davidson 69
Holy Cross 87, Colgate 81
James Madison 82, Hofstra 54
LIU Brooklyn 65, Robert Morris 54
Lafayette 79, Army 74
Loyola (Md.) 84, Lehigh 83
Mass.-Lowell 85, Albany (NY) 79
Northeastern 90, Delaware 54
Old Westbury 68, Mount St. Vincent 62
Sacred Heart 84, CCSU 62
St. Francis (Pa.) 81, St. Francis Brooklyn 56
Stony Brook 59, New Hampshire 56
UMBC 85, Binghamton 71
UNC Wilmington 90, Drexel 72
Utica 90, Hartwick 86
Vermont 90, Maine 77

Top 25 fared Thursday

1. Villanova (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Saturday.
2. Baylor (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
3. Kansas (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
4. UCLA (15-1) beat California 81-71. Next: vs. Stanford, Sunday.
5. Gonzaga (15-0) beat San Francisco 95-80. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
6. Kentucky (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
7. West Virginia (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
8. Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
9. Louisville (12-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
10. Creighton (14-1) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
11. Virginia (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
12. Florida State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Virginia Tech, Saturday.
13. Wisconsin (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Purdue, Sunday.
14. North Carolina (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
15. Oregon (14-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
16. Xavier (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.
17. Arizona (13-2) vs. Utah. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.
18. Butler (13-2) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Saturday.
19. Saint Mary's (12-1) vs. BYU. Next: at San Francisco, Saturday.
20. Purdue (13-3) beat Ohio State 76-75. Next: vs. No. 13 Wisconsin, Sunday.
21. Virginia Tech (12-2) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Florida State, Saturday.
22. Cincinnati (12-2) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
23. Notre Dame (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.
24. Florida (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.
25. Indiana (10-5) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
25. Southern Cal (14-1) vs. Stanford. Next: vs. California, Sunday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Lamar 73, New Orleans 42
Mississippi St. 59, Arkansas 51
Northwestern St. 76, Incarnate Word 74
SE Louisiana 87, Houston Baptist 71
Southern Miss. 69, UTSA 68
Texas A&M Commerce 78, Texas A&M-Kingsville 71
Texas-Dallas 79, McMurry 54
Texas-Tyler 79, Mary Hardin-Baylor 72
Wayland Baptist 89, Bacone 72

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 76, Arkansas St. 50
Austin Peay 87, Tennessee Tech 84
Bethaven 85, Howard Payne 62
Bellarmine 81, Rockhurst 75
Belmont 71, UT Martin 66
Berea at Cincinnati-Clermont, ppd
Bluefield 78, St. Andrews 49
Bryan 51, Milligan 50
Charlotte 69, W. Kentucky 85
Cleveland St. 58, N. Kentucky 54
Duke 75, Georgia Tech 68
E. Kentucky 75, SIU-Edwardsville 63
Fayetteville St. 62, Lincoln (Pa.) 53
Florida St. 90, North Carolina 77
Fort Valley St. 77, Spring Hill 60
Freed-Hardeman 67, Columbia (SC) 44
Furman 65, UNC-Greensboro 55
Ga. Southwestern 75, Augusta 66
Georgia St. Texas A&M 59
Johnson C. Smith 92, Chowan 71
Kentucky 64, Missouri 62
Louisiana College 66, Sul Ross St. 53
Louisville 86, Virginia 81
McNeese St. 79, Sam Houston St. 56
Mercer 72, ETSU 55
Miami 65, NC State 64
Middle Tennessee 71, Rice 61
Morehead St. 66, E. Illinois 62
Murray St. 71, Jacksonville St. 64
North Texas 59, UAB 58
Old Dominion 73, Marshall 69
SE Missouri 76, Tennessee St. 67
South Alabama 55, Georgia Southern 46
South Carolina 73, Auburn 47
Syracuse 88, Clemson 62
Troy 87, Georgia St. 69
ULM 74, Coastal Carolina 66
VCU 62, Richmond 55
Virginia Union 91, Shaw 64
Virginia-Wise 81, Shepherd 42
Wofford 68, W. Carolina 59

MIDWEST
Cardinal Stritch 65, Trinity International 35
Green Bay 75, Valparaiso 36
Milwaukee 86, UIC 65
Missouri Baptist 78, St. Louis Pharmacy 37
Northwood (Mich.) 71, Hillsdale 61
Notre Dame 92, Wake Forest 72
Omaha 64, IUPUI 44
Rio Grande 71, Chicago St. 43
S. Dakota St. 73, Fort Wayne 51
St. John's 82, Butler 41
Ursuline 92, Davis & Elkins 72
W. Illinois 67, Denver 62
Wright St. 71, Youngstown St. 58

EAST
Bucknell 73, American U. 67
Colgate 62, Holy Cross 54
Cornell 72, Dartmouth St. 51
Duquesne 76, La Salle 68
Hartwick 62, Utica 52
Iona 68, St. Peter's 58
Loyola (Md.) 62, Lehigh 58
Marist 85, Canisius 74
Marywood 68, Keystone 46
Pittsburgh 98, Boston College 43
Quinnipiac 71, Niagara 64
Rider 53, Manhattan 36
Valley Forge Christian 86, Piedmont International 27

Top 25 fared Thursday

1. UConn (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 South Florida, Tuesday.
2. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
3. Maryland (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.
4. Mississippi State (16-0) beat Arkansas 59-51. Next: at Tennessee, Sunday.
5. South Carolina (12-1) beat Auburn 73-47. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
6. Florida State (14-2) beat North Carolina 90-77. Next: vs. No. 15 Duke, Sunday.
7. Notre Dame (14-2) beat Wake Forest 92-72. Next: at No. 14 Miami, Sunday.
8. Louisville (14-3) beat Virginia 86-81, OT. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Sunday.
9. UCLA (11-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
10. Stanford (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
11. Ohio State (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
12. Washington (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
13. Duke (14-1) beat Georgia Tech 75-68. Next: at No. 6 Florida State, Sunday.
14. Miami (13-2) beat N.C. State 65-64. Next: vs. No. 7 Notre Dame, Sunday.
15. Texas (9-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
16. Oregon State (13-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 California, Friday.
17. West Virginia (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Oklahoma, Sunday.
18. Virginia Tech (14-0) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
19. Arizona State (10-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
20. Oklahoma (12-3) did not play. Next: at No. 12 West Virginia, Sunday.
20. California (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Oregon State, Friday.
22. South Florida (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Saturday.
23. DePaul (12-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Sunday.
24. Kentucky (10-5) beat Missouri 64-62. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.
25. Kansas State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

Cowboys' Randy Gregory gets 1-year ban for substance abuse

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas defensive end Randy Gregory has been suspended for at least a year for another violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

It's the third time this season Gregory has been suspended. The first was a four-game ban, followed by 10 games on top of that. The suspension announced Thursday makes him ineligible for the playoffs, which start Jan. 15 for Dallas, the top seed in the NFC.

The suspension is for one calendar year, meaning Gregory could be eligible for the playoffs without another violation if the Cowboys make it again next season.

Gregory played the final two games of his second regular season, recording the first sack of his career in the finale against Philadelphia.

The 24-year-old former Nebraska standout slid to the second round of the 2015 draft over off-field concerns that included a positive test for marijuana at the NFL combine.

'Bama's Foster leaving mark much bigger than that Auburn tat

By John Zenor
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Reuben Foster arrived at Alabama as a coveted prospect with an Auburn tattoo. He'll leave having made another kind of mark.

The top-ranked Crimson Tide middle linebacker worked his way up gradually from hard-hitting special teamer to starting inside linebacker and now to a unanimous All-American , Butkus Award winner and highly regarded NFL prospect.

It's not the easiest or quickest path to stardom for one of the nation's top recruits, who has become one of the Tide's biggest stars heading into Monday night's national championship game against No. 3 Clemson in Tampa, Florida.

Even his own teammates seem impressed by the hard-hitting Foster, whose 103 tackles is 27 more than anybody else on the nation's top defense.

"A true beast," said Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley, adding that he wouldn't want to get hit by him.

Foster had to battle his way to this point after arriving from Auburn High School, where he had once committed to Tide rival Auburn.

He had the Auburn tattoo on his right forearm changed to honor his cousin, former Auburn player Ladarious Phillips, who died after being shot at an off-campus apartment.

Predictably, the college switch drew some heat from folks in Auburn, especially when it took Foster two seasons to work his way into the starting lineup. Now, he's the primary play caller and joins defensive end Jonathan Allen as Alabama's biggest defensive stars.

Foster said he got serious about mastering the defense after joining the fraternity Omega Psi Phi in 2015.

The 6-foot-1, 225-pounder also dropped some 20 pounds during the offseason with the help of team nutritionist Amy Bragg. Bragg would send him daily text messages and gave him a list of things not to eat but she also took a more hands-on role during some mealtimes.

He has followed in a succession of star middle linebackers from Rolando McClain and Dont'a Hightower to C.J. Mosley and Reggie Ragland, three NFL first-round picks and a second-rounder.

Foster returned for his senior season with designs on graduating — he got his degree in December — along with improving on the field and becoming a first-round pick. Now, he's regarded as a likely high first-rounder who figures to go 3 for 3 in checking off those goals.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "I never knew that a middle linebacker can be in that conversation. (Top 5) that's outstanding. I'm blessed. It's crazy. I still think about it and I still don't believe it."

Foster played a big role in probably Alabama's biggest play in the 24-7 semifinal victory over Washington. He was closing in on Huskies quarterback Jake Browning, whose swiftly unloaded pass was picked off and returned for a touchdown by Ryan Anderson.

The oft-smiling Foster is also one of the team's more popular players, well-liked by teammates and defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt.

"Because he's real," Pruitt said. "What you see is what you get. He's my kind of guy. I like Reuben a lot. If he tells you he's going to do something, he's going to do it."

Co-coordinators make Clemson offense go

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Don't look for any drama to engulf Clemson's offense with co-coordinators Tony Elliott and Jeff Scott running the show.

These smooth operators have been together since they were Tiger teammates, and they have history. In a joint effort some 15 years ago they kept one of Jeff's dad's Jet Skis from sinking at a lake outing.

"I want to say we got a rope caught up in the intake valve and it almost sunk," Elliott said, smiling.

Elliott and Scott also have kept Clemson's offense afloat since taking over two years ago from the Tigers' frenetic coordinator Chad Morris , who brought in Clemson's quick-strike, fast-pace attack until becoming SMU's head coach after the 2014 season.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said he had about "1,000 texts" from people telling him who he should hire. Instead, Swinney picked his guys.

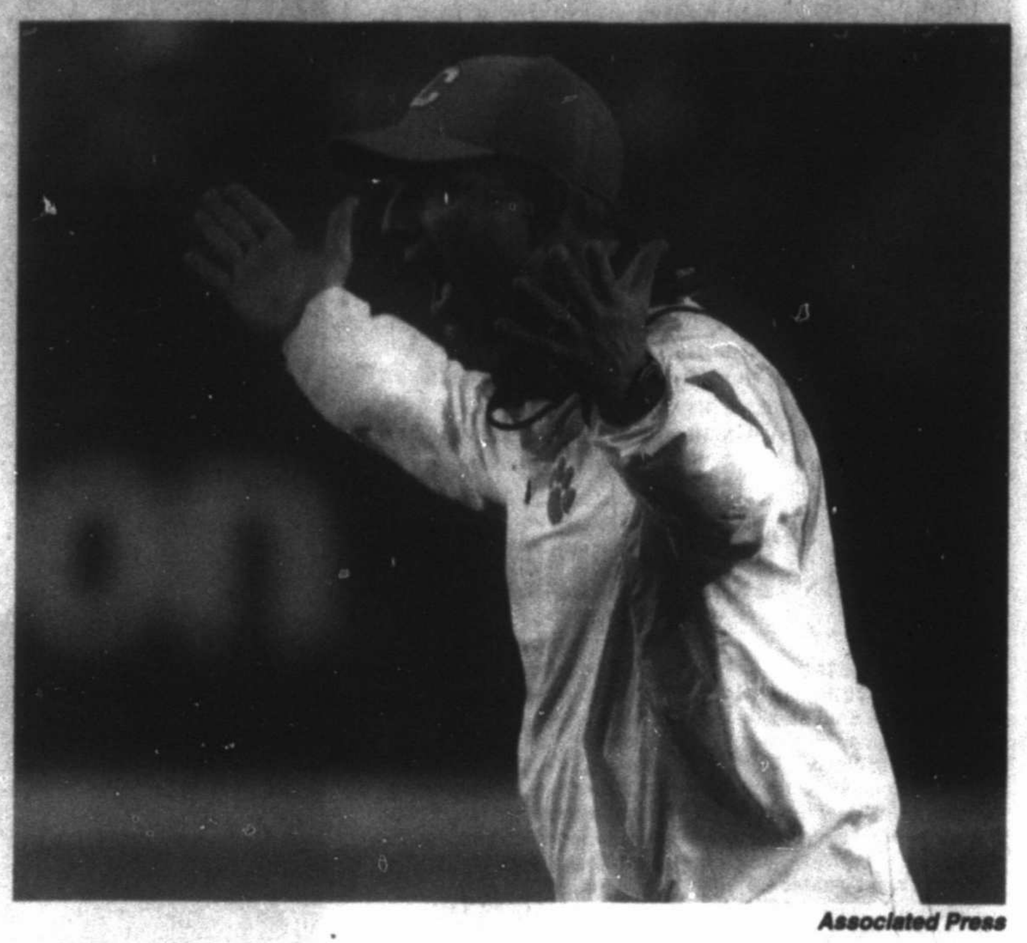
"After all, I raised them," Swinney quipped.

The partnership has worked extremely well these past two seasons considering Clemson is playing for the national championship for a second straight year. The third-ranked Tigers (13-1) get a rematch with defending champ No. 1 Alabama (14-0) on Monday night in Tampa, Florida.

Scott said he and Elliott work well together because neither one's worried about the spotlight or grabbing credit.

"We don't have one guy that's up there, trying to get all the attention and be in the national news," Scott said.

Alabama received lots of attention this week for its high-profile coordinator change on offense. Three-year Crimson Tide offensive guru Lane Kiffin left to start his new head coaching job at Florida Atlantic. Steve Sarkisian, like Kiffin a former Southern Cal head coach, will step in immediately instead of taking over coordinator duties next season.



Associated Press

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney yells during the Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State on Dec. 31, 2016, in Glendale, Ariz.

Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban has done his best to quash any drama, saying Sarkisian has complete knowledge of the offense.

"He knows the system inside and out," Saban said Wednesday.

Few know the Clemson culture like Elliott and Scott.

The two were walk-on receivers under Tommy Bowden starting in 2000. Elliott started four of 44 games in his career and rose to team captain in 2003. Scott spent his time largely on special teams as a holder who was occasionally called for fake kicks.

Elliott and Scott grew close as teammates because of their similar circumstances, although their paths diverted after graduation. While Elliott began an corporate track as an industrial engineer at Michelin North America, Scott took up the family business — father Brad Scott was South Carolina's head coach from 1994-98 and was an assistant for Bobby Bowden at Florida State and son Tommy at Clemson.

They reconnected with the Tigers when Elliott, whose last receivers coach at Clemson was Swinney, felt the coaching tug while at Michelin. Swinney counseled him to do what his heart told him and Elliott became an assistant coach at South Carolina State in 2006.

Elliott joined Clemson as running backs coach in 2011. He and Scott, at Clemson since 2008 as receivers coach at recruiting coordinator, soaked up as much as Morris gave them about playing-calling.

So once Morris left, Swinney quickly filled the void from within.

"There was an unknown," Scott acknowledged. "It's like whenever you get married, you love your spouse, but what's this going to look like."

The two have a game-week routine. They meet together and come up with plan, then share it with the rest of the staff. They meet soon after and share information from the rest of the offensive staff, then are in lock step the rest of the week.

On game day, Elliott is in the press box calling plays with input from all staffers. Scott is on the sidelines as a point of contact for players. So far, the Tigers are 27-2 with that system in place.

Of course, the timing for success coincides with Clemson having once-in-generation talent like quarterback Deshaun Watson, single-season rushing leader Wayne Gallman and Artavis Scott, the Tigers' all-time leader in pass receptions.

All three led the Tigers to a 31-0 victory over Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl last week.

"They are cutting edge. They're innovative," ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit said. "I thought the game they had against Ohio State is a classic example of what they've been able to do in attacking a team's weaknesses."

Elliott believes his comfort and friendship with Scott have kept Clemson on track for its goals. Players see the coaches working together and that makes them want to think team first instead of themselves, Elliott said.

"Everybody knows what the plan in because we've done it together," he said.

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to get in."

As for evaluating his current players, Herman said he hasn't watched a single snap of the 2016 season and doesn't plan to. Each player will have to earn his way on the field.

"There are no starters. This is a meritocracy," Herman said.

Texas hasn't won a Big 12 title since 2009 and has lost at least four games each year since. Herman said he's determined to improve the program across the board, from building an "army" of support staff to upgrading facilities.

"We're behind, but not by much: Nothing a multimillion-dollar face lift can't fix," he said. "If Alabama has it, Clemson has it, Ohio State, Michigan have it, we're gonna have it."

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breakthrough season when he had 15 sacks, including five in one game in Denver against Osweiler, with perhaps an even better year.

While his sacks were down with only 11, Mack led the NFL with 96 quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus, sealed a pair of victories over Carolina and Buffalo with strip sacks that he recovered and returned an interception against Cam Newton for a touchdown.

He did all that as well as developing into the emotional leader of the defense following Charles Woodson's retirement with his mantra of "By any means" becoming a team slogan.

"Khalil is never surprising," defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. said. "The kid is amazing. He's fast. He's strong. He's that basketball player that fills out the stat sheet. Everybody just sees the sacks, but he's in meetings early. He's a leader. He's a guy that the young guys can really lean on to teach. He's always improving. He practices hard. He's the player that everyone loves to coach."

And the player no offense wants to face.

"He's a stud," Osweiler said. "He's one of the best pass rushers this game has to offer, and there are a lot of good ones out there. He's right at the top of the list. What he's able to do is truly special. He's a very strong player, he's a very athletic player, he's fast, he can bull rush you, he can speed rush you, he has a very high motor, he never takes a single play off."

NOTES: Raiders LT Donald Penn, who has played 160 consecutive games, missed his second straight practice with a knee injury and might not be able to play. RT Menelik Watson would likely take Penn's spot and Austin Howard would replace Watson on the right side. ... S Nate Allen (concussion) also did not practice for Oakland but has not been ruled out of the game.

Gronk, Romo and a peek at my AP All-Pro team

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

The Associated Press All Pro team has long been what NFL careers are measured by. That won't change on Friday when this year's squad is announced.

What has changed is some of the positions. The AP doesn't let me vote, but here are my picks.

FULLBACK: Don't even bother; the position has been eliminated on the AP team as it has on the field. Mamas really don't want their sons to grow up to be fullbacks these days.

TIGHT END: With Rob Gronkowski down, the field narrows. Yes, there are other deserving tight ends, but let's be a bit creative here. LeBron James has the physique and the championship pedigree. Certainly the hapless Browns could use a tight end with his skills.

WIDE RECEIVER: Lots of star candidates here, but let's give this to Oakland's Amari Cooper so he at least has a consolation prize for a postseason that figures to end quickly now that he's relying on a third-string quarterback.

SUSPENDED PLAYER: This was pretty much a two-man race between Tom Brady and Le'Veon Bell, both of whom started the season on the sidelines. The pick is Brady because he's more likely to be in Houston on Feb. 5 than Bell or any other player in the league.

KICKER: This is a position in play once again, now that extra points are no longer automatic. They pretty much are for Atlanta's Matt Bryant, though, who has tried more extra points (57) and made more (56) than anyone. He's also 34-37 in field goals, and not the guy opposing teams want to see on the field in the playoffs.

BEST TEAMMATES: After beating the Washington Redskins to close out the regular season, Giants star Odell Beckham Jr. and a few of his teammates flew to Miami to hang out with Justin Bieber and party on a boat. Their next flight will be to Green Bay, where they're more likely to keep their shirts on.

BEST TEAMMATE: This would go to Tony Romo, who not only endured being replaced by rookie Dak Prescott but made a classy speech about it.

MOST SURPRISED BACKUP QB: Connor Cook had never even dressed for a regular season game before Sunday, when he put on the pads as a backup to Matt McGloin, who was a backup himself until Derek Carr got injured. After McGloin got injured, Cook now may become the first quarterback ever to make his first start in a playoff game. "I'm going to do what I've been doing all year," said Cook, who hopefully will remember to bring his uniform to the stadium.

BEST RETURN ON A RETURN GUY: Kansas City picked Tyreek Hill in the fifth round when no one else would, taking a chance on player who pleaded guilty to charges he punched his pregnant girlfriend in the stomach and choked her two years earlier. Hill just might be asked about that if the Chiefs make the Super Bowl.

LEFT TACKLE: The Browns are paying Joe Thomas nearly $10 million a year so he better be good. The Browns are so bad that it makes little difference and that could mean he's gone soon. Still, it was fun just watching the big guy's reaction to the only win this year. "I kept telling myself I shouldn't be this happy," Thomas said.

RIGHT TACKLE: This is a new category for the AP awards, mostly because left tackles always seem to dominate. They still do.

BEST ON A KNEE: Colin Kaepernick made a lot of people unhappy when he decided to take a knee during the national anthem to protest social inequality. He didn't make San Francisco fans much happier when he was standing up on the field.

FLEX: This is the position that wins a lot of fantasy contests, and now it's an AP pick. Le'Veon Bell has made a lot of fantasy owners happy this year, and he could make Steelers fans even happier in the postseason.

DESIGNATED GOON: Vontaze Burfict never tires of inflicting damage on other players — and his own career. The Bengals linebacker, who began the season under suspension for his hit on Antonio Brown last year, was fined $75,000 in October for stomping on Patriots back LeGarrette Blount while he was down. To show his versatility, Burfict was fined $12,154 a few weeks later for flipping off the home crowd in a loss to the Bills.

LEAST MISSED: Johnny Football parted ways with the NFL, and no one seemed to care. The Cleveland Browns gave up on Johnny Manziel after just two years, and unless the Raiders move to Las Vegas his days in the NFL are likely over.

There are more, of course, but they'll have to wait until all the votes are in. Meanwhile, we await a postseason full of tantalizing possibilities.

Will Brady win a fifth Super Bowl and obliterate the comparisons to Joe Montana? Will the Cowboys win one for Jerry Jones, or could Romo return to win one for himself?

Just a reminder that the postseason honor that matters the most will be decided on the field Feb. 5 in Houston.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Screwdriver" (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka'aelila" (N)		Blue Bloods "Genetics" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Eagles"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol. Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Traveling Treasure"		Twilight Zone
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FLIX	340	575			165	(5:15) ★ Detention		★★ Flyboys ('06, Act) Scott Hazell, James Franco.				★★★ Born on the Fourth of July Tom Cruise.					
HBO	300	550	14		14	Movie	Vica News	★★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall				★★★ I Love You, Man			(:45) ★★★ Friday Ice Cube.		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	★ Cop Car Hays Welford.			★ Criminal (16, Dra) Kevin Costner.				★ Joy (15, Com/Dra) Jennifer Lawrence.			
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:40) ★★★ Lady in the Water				★ Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road Tom Hardy.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ American P...		(:20) ★★ Vacation (15, Com) Ed Helms.				★★★ Jurassic World Chris Pratt.			(:45) ★ Executive ...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:40) ★ Victor Frankenstein Daniel Radcliffe.				★★ Furious 7 ('15, Act) Vin Diesel.					(:20) ★ The Last Witch Hunter Vin Diesel.		
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ Babe: Pig L...		★★ The Flintstones				★★ Teen Wolf Michael J. Fox.		(:05) ★ Career Opportunities			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour				NastyShowV2 (N)		(:15) ★ Cabin Fever ('16, Hor) Gaga Golightly.				★ The Hurt Locker	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:55) ★ Southpaw		★★ Blue Crush ('02, Adv) Kate Bosworth.				★★ Blue Crush 2 ('11, Dra) Sharni Vinson.				★★ Jersey Girl	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Ringside Seat"		Misfortune "Murder on Maiden Lane"		Live PD (N)						Live PD	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						★★★ The Dark Knight ('68, Act) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.					
BET	58	-		40		Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Up Sync	Martin	Martin	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Married to Medicine		Married Medicine (N)		★ A Madea Christmas Chad Michael Murray.				★ Madea's Witness Protection Tyler Perry.			
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Under Boss "UniFirst"		Undercover Boss		Boss "Twin Peaks"		Under Boss "Maaco"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		Anthony "Nashville"	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N)		Rush "Running Dirt"		Rush "Abandonment"		Rush "Running Dirt"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	★★★★ Big Hero 6			StuckMid	StuckMid	(:05) Jessie	Jessie	Call Style	LivMad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Milwaukee Bucks (L)				NBA Basketball Memphis vs Golden State (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Rhode Island at Dayton (L)				NCAA Basketball Oakland vs. Valparaiso (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners (N)	Food (N)	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	★★ A Walk to Remember ('02, Rom) Mandy Moore.					Shadowhunters		The 700 Club		Beyond "Pilot"	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Maverick (N)	TBA	NBDL Basketball Austin Spurs at Rio Grande Valley Vipers Site: State Farm Arena -- Hidalgo, Texas (L)					Game 365	H.S. Football Classics '16 UIL State Championship			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Oblivion		★★ Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.							★★ Battleship Taylor Kitsch.		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	DreamHom	DreamHom
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Oak Island "Bullseye"		Curse of Oak Island		Curse of Oak Island		Curse of Oak Island		Oak Island "Bullseye"		Curse of Oak Island	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★★★ Selena ('97, Bio) Jennifer Lopez.		★ Good Deeds (2012, Comedy/Drama) Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union, Tyler Perry.				Vivica's Black Magic "Finding Magic"		Little Women: Atlanta "Party Foul"		★ Good Deeds ('12, Com/Dra) Tyler Perry.	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball				All in With C. Hayes		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(1:30) To Be Announced										Drive	Power
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★★ Jumanji ('95, Fant) Robin Williams.			★★ Knowing ('09, Sci-Fi) Nicolas Cage.						Incorporated	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wallet"	Seinf. "The Watch" 2/2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	ELeague "Special" (N)		★★ The A-Team (2010, Action) Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel, Liam Neeson.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:45) ★★ Taxi		★★★ The Seven-Per-Cent Solution				★★★ Agatha Vanessa Redgrave.				★★★★ Julia	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paranormal Lockdown		Paranormal Lock. "Oliver House"		Paranormal L "St. Ignatius Hospital" (N)		Alaska Haunting "Buried Secrets" (N)		Paranormal Lock. "St. Ignatius Hospital"		Alaska Haunting "Buried Secrets"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Lives of Others"		★★ Godzilla Godzilla has awoken once again to regain the balance of nature offset by humanity.					★ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief A teenager must find & return Zeus's lightning bolt.				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	★★★ The Devil Wears Prada	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	★★★ Tremors (1990, Horror) Fred Ward, Michael Gross, Kevin Bacon.				★★★ Tremors (1990, Horror) Fred Ward, Michael Gross, Kevin Bacon.			

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California Chrome, Arrogate, Songbird up for Eclipse Awards

Associated Press

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. — California Chrome and Arrogate will meet once more on the track. Before that, an off-track race will be settled.

California Chrome and Arrogate were among the finalists announced Thursday for Horse of the Year, the top prize that will be awarded at the Eclipse Awards.

Those trophies will be presented on Jan. 21 — one week before California Chrome races for the final time, facing Arrogate again in the inaugural running of the $12 million Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park.

California Chrome won seven of his eight starts last year. The lone loss was to Arrogate in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

"He's obviously going to be missed," Alan Sherman, the son of California Chrome trainer Art Sherman, said this week. "You can't replace a horse like him. He's a once-in-a-lifetime horse. We're proud of everything he's done, but all good things come to an end, I guess. We're just going to enjoy it and have fun. I think he's going to put on a really good show at Gulfstream."

That show is scheduled to start Friday, when California Chrome is expected to ship in from California. His first workout at Gulfstream is scheduled for this weekend.

Songbird is the other finalist for Horse of the Year.

California Chrome is trying to become the eighth to win multiple Horse of the Year trophies since the Eclipse Awards were instituted in 1971. He also won as a 3-year-old in 2014, and is up for the Eclipse in the older dirt male division this year.

Arrogate never even ran against stakes company before he smashed the field — and a track record — on his way to winning the Travers at Saratoga in August. He followed that up with the half-length win in the Breeders' Cup Classic, and that also could be enough to get him 3-year-old male honors even after not running in any of the Triple Crown races.

Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist and Preakness winner Exaggerator are the other finalists in the 3-year-old male race.

Frei, Manneh, hoping for citizenship, on US training roster

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Seattle goalkeeper Stefan Frei and Vancouver midfielder Kekuta Manneh, both in the process of completing U.S. citizenship requirements, are among 32 players who will report to the first U.S. training camp since Bruce Arena replaced Jurgen Klinsmann as coach.

Frei

Manneh

Frei, 30, relocated from Switzerland with his family in the 1990s and played college soccer for California. He would give Arena another veteran option in addition to Colorado's Tim Howard, projected to be sidelined for four months following November surgery on his right leg, and Brad Guzan, who on Monday made his first appearance since August for Middlesbrough.

"In my view we have about eight goalkeepers we're going to be looking at throughout the year," Arena said Thursday during a Facebook Live session, mentioning the five invited to camp along with Ethan Horvath and William Yarbrough. "Certainly Tim Howard and Brad Guzan would have the edge at this point in time."

Veterans Michael Bradley, Jozy Altidore, Jermaine Jones, Alejandro Bedoya and Chris Wondolowski also are on the roster that will report to Carson, California, starting Jan. 10 ahead of exhibitions against Serbia on Jan. 29 at San Diego and versus Jamaica on Feb. 3 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Europe-based players will return when World Cup qualifying resumes March 24 against Honduras.

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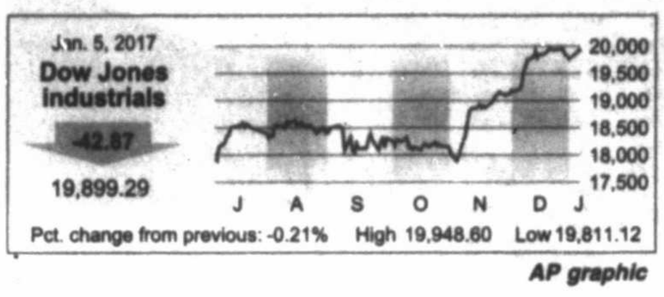

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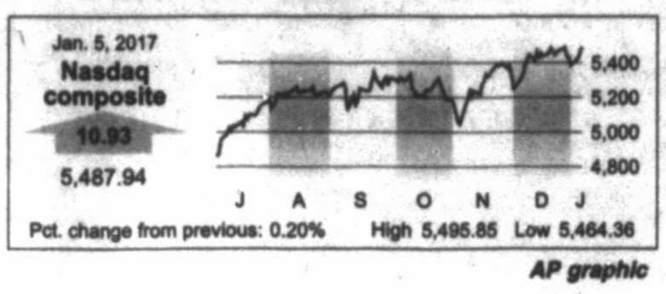

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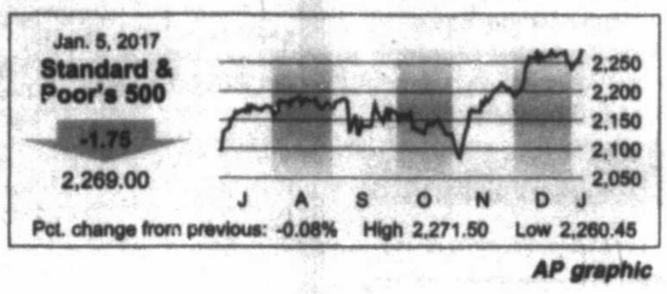

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Thursday: $53.76
Previous: $53.26

POSTED

Thursday: $50.25
Previous: $49.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $45.80
Previous: $45.30

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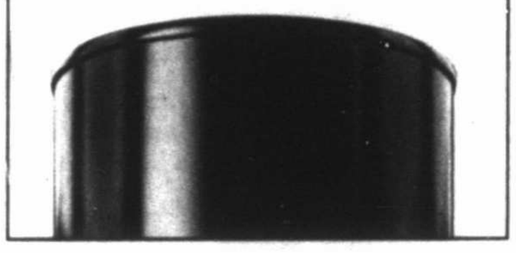
Thursday: $3.273
Previous: $3.267



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VanEGold	1198981	23.20	+1.28
DxGBull s	941539	10.32	+1.56
BkofAm	849401	22.68	-.27
FordM	751439	12.77	-.40
DrGMBl s	746225	8.74	+1.80

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CEB Inc	74.85	+12.95	+20.9
AlamosGld	8.56	+1.06	+14.1
Coeur	11.24	+1.32	+13.3
McEwenM	3.74	+.39	+11.6
EndvSilv g	4.32	+.45	+11.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ElKodk wtA	2.57	-1.07	-29.4
DxGMBr rs	20.22	-7.09	-26.0
Kohls	42.01	-9.87	-19.0
DrDGBr rs	34.31	-7.38	-17.7
CatoCp	26.73	-4.46	-14.3

Diary

Advanced	1,321
Declined	1,652
Unchanged	104
Total issues	3,077
New Highs	133
New Lows	9
Volume	3,662,759,622

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	104786	1.57	-.14
NwGold g	77410	3.99	+.35
B2gold g	69494	2.78	+.24
NDynMn g	41808	2.05	+.17
AbdAsPac	41263	4.63	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Hc2 Hldgs	6.70	+2.58	+62.6
eMagin	2.85	+.30	+11.8
Richmnt g	7.80	+.80	+11.4
ImunoCll rs	2.15	+.22	+11.4
GoldResrc	5.41	+.51	+10.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CentrusEn	7.60	-1.31	-14.7
NobleH n	2.35	-.25	-9.6
GabGoAn n	19.07	-1.96	-9.3
SnchzPP rs	11.00	-.91	-7.7
GeeGroup	4.11	-.27	-6.2

Diary

Advanced	211
Declined	134
Unchanged	21
Total issues	366
New Highs	9
New Lows	2
Volume	137,185,543

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	382457	3.73	+.06
SiriusXM	353496	4.64	+.11
Nvidia	239181	101.74	-2.65
Apple Inc	217656	116.61	+.59
Microsoft	213199	62.30	

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnteroM rs	3.97	+1.88	+90.0
PranBio rs	2.54	+.61	+31.6
GenVec rs	4.10	+.73	+21.7
ApollEnd rs	19.40	+3.29	+20.4
Halozyme	12.61	+1.92	+18.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Abeona wt	2.70	-.62	-18.7
AEterna g rs	3.00	-.65	-17.8
HebronTc n	5.00	-.93	-15.7
ResCon	17.20	-2.45	-12.5
Pavmed wt	5.12	-.72	-12.3

Diary

Advanced	1,164
Declined	1,701
Unchanged	169
Total issues	3,034
New Highs	115
New Lows	17
Volume	1,708,976,162

Stanley to buy Craftsman from Sears for about $900 million

Bloomberg

Sears Holdings Corp. agreed to sell its Craftsman tool brand to Stanley Black & Decker Inc. for about $900 million, marking Chief Executive Officer Edward Lampert's third move in the last two weeks to prop up the beleaguered retailer with fresh sources of funding.

Under terms of the deal, Stanley will pay $525 million at closing and $250 million after three years, the companies said in a statement Thursday. The buyer also will make annual payments on new Craftsman sales for 15 years. Separately, Sears announced plans to shutter 150 unprofitable stores in a bid to streamline the chain.

With Sears's department-store business continuing to bleed cash, Lampert has turned to selling and spinning off assets to keep the company operating. The hedge fund manager, who's also the retailer's chairman and largest investor, agreed earlier this week to lend the company $500 million and said last month that affiliates of his firm would offer it a $200 million line of credit. Sears also has been reviewing its DieHard batteries and Kenmore appliance brand for potential sales.

Investors cheered the move, sending Sears up as much as 8 percent to $11.19 in New York. The stock had slumped 55 percent last year as the company continued to post losses. Shares of New Britain, Connecticut-based Stanley advanced 2.4 percent to $119.22.

Craftsman has been part of Sears since 1927, when the retailer acquired the brand for $500. The tools debuted in the iconic Sears catalog two years later. By the 1940s, the brand benefited from a surge in power-tool sales. In 1981, President Jimmy Carter was given a Craftsmen woodworking set as his farewell gift when he left the White House.

Craftsman was eventually offered through other retailers, including Costco Wholesale Corp. and Ace Hardware, but Sears's decline has taken a toll on the brand. Only about 10 percent of Craftsman-branded products are currently sold outside of Sears, and the agreement allows Stanley to increase Craftsman sales in these untapped channels. Sears will continue to carry Craftsman products at its stores. The license will be royalty-free for 15 years, and then generate 3 percent afterward.

"To accommodate the future growth of Craftsman, we intend to expand our manufacturing footprint in the U.S.," Stanley CEO James M. Loree said in the statement. "This will add jobs in the U.S., where we have increased our manufacturing headcount by 40 percent in the past three years."

The pledge to support U.S. manufacturing comes at a time when President-elect Donald Trump has criticized companies for shifting jobs overseas. Ford canceled a $1.6 billion Mexican expansion earlier this week, saying it would add positions in Michigan instead.

The Craftsman deal comes about three months after Stanley agreed to buy Newell Brands Inc.'s tools business for $1.95 billion.

For Sears, the sale is the latest in a long string of moves designed to generate cash for the ailing retail business.

And more property sales may be coming. This week's $500 million loan was secured by the company's real estate in anticipation that a future sale of some properties could help pay back the debt.

It's also been closing poor-performing locations, an effort it continued with Thursday's announcement.

Barnes & Noble holiday sales sink as coloring-book fad fades

Bloomberg

Barnes & Noble Inc. posted its first decline in holiday sales in three years, hurt by a downturn in the coloring-book category, bringing another sign that the Christmas season wasn't kind to retailers.

Same-store sales sank 9.1 percent for the nine-week holiday period, the New York-based company said Thursday. Coloring books and other art supplies — products that had surged last year in part because adults were embracing them — were particularly weak. Still, Barnes & Noble expects to bolster its operating profit by keeping a tight lid on expenses.

The results add to a bleak outlook from two department-store chains, Macy's and Kohl's, which both cut their annual profit forecasts Wednesday. Barnes & Noble also has struggled with internal turmoil: The retailer ousted Chief Executive Officer Ron Boire in August, with founder Len Riggio stepping back into the role.

Riggio previously said that shopper traffic was hurt by the polarizing presidential campaign and that he expected business to pick up again after the election in early November. Instead, the entire retail industry was sluggish at year-end, he said in an interview Thursday.

"We were surprised — as all retailers in America were surprised — that the holiday season traffic remained as negative as it was in pre-holiday season," Riggio said. "I thought after the election, we would bounce back."

Stocks mostly slip

Stocks slipped Thursday as interest rates dropped and banks took sharp losses. Department stores tumbled as Macy's and Kohl's plunged following weak holiday-season reports that led the chains to cut their profit forecasts.

After a solid but uninspiring report on private hiring in December, bond prices jumped and yields fell, which sent banks down. The dollar declined. Other industries that have climbed since the election, including industrial and basic materials companies, also slipped. The Dow Jones industrial average was down as much as 131 points at midday, but the losses later eased as shares of companies that pay big dividends traded higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average gank 42.87 points, or 0.2 percent, to 19,899.29. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.75 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,269. The Nasdaq composite rose 10.93 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,487.94. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks surrendered 16.02 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,371.94.

Metal prices jump again

The price of gold jumped $16, or 1.4 percent, to $1,181.30 an ounce. Silver gained 9 cents to $16.64 an ounce. That sent mining companies higher. Newmont Mining gained $1.61, or 4.6 percent, to $36.57 and Hecla Mining rose 26 cents, or 4.7 percent, to $5.83.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $114.87 Down 5.54

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $135.14 Down 0.53

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.19 Up 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.67 Up 0.10

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.53 Up 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.83 Down 0.16

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.75 Down 0.30

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $46.11 Up 0.12

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.24 Down 0.30

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.43 Up 0.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		32	10.88	-.23	+6.6
AT&T Inc	1.96	17	42.65	-.12	+.3
Abraxas	...	...	2.84	-.04	+10.5
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.88	+.03	+1.3
AMD			11.24	-.19	-.9
Alibaba		43	94.37	+3.86	+7.5
AlonUSA	.60		12.80	+.24	+12.5
Amgen	**4.60f**	**14**	**152.98**	**+11**	**+4.6**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**71.61**	**+.80**	**+2.7**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**63.25**	**-.34**	**-.3**
Apple Inc	2.28	14	116.61	+.59	+.7
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**32.10**	**-.14**	**-.5**
ArcelorMit		28	7.78	+.13	+6.6
Archrock	.48f		14.35	-.20	+8.7
ATMOS	**1.68**	**22**	**74.60**	**-.37**	**+.6**
AutoData	2.28f	29	103.04	-.62	+.3
BP PLC	**2.40e**	...	**38.57**	**+.28**	**+3.2**
BakrHu	.68		64.35	-.40	-1.0
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.68	-.27	+2.6
B iPVxST rs			22.40	-.08	-12.2
BeringsCp s	1.20		15.21	-.44	-1.7
BarrickG	.08	39	17.37	+.97	+8.7
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	**...**	**162448**	**51.50-1748.48**		**+.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**22**	**60.81**	**...**	**-.9**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**42**	**60.13**	**+.99**	**+2.9**
BrownFA s	**...**	**29**	**46.81**	**-.11**	**+1.2**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**45.28**	**-.30**	**+.8**
CVS Health	1.70f	14	81.42	+1.67	+3.2
Caterpillar	3.08	25	93.00	-.57	+.3
Celestic g	...	10	12.16	-.04	+2.6
Cemex	.29t		7.96		-.9
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.50	+.02	+7.2
ChesEng	...	...	7.18	+.18	+2.3
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**117.31**	**-.51**	**-.3**
Chicos	.32	30	13.97	-.79	-2.9
Cimarex	.32	...	140.11	+1.61	+3.1
Cisco	1.04	14	30.17	+.07	-.2
Citigroup	.64	16	60.34	-1.07	+1.5
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**114.87**	**-5.54**	**-3.7**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.75**	**+.10**	**+.7**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**24**	**66.85**	**+.59**	**+2.2**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**38.95**	**-.14**	**-1.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**135.14**	**-.53**	**+1.9**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**50.93**	**-.15**	**+1.6**
CrackerB	4.60	21	161.90	-1.48	-3.0
CSVInvNG			4.10	-.21	+35.3
CSVelVST			52.99	+.13	+13.3
CSVLgNG rs			30.54	+1.48	-33.9
CrosTim	**1.06e**	**14**	**18.42**	**+.19**	**+2.5**
DCP Mid	3.12	17	36.88	-.04	-3.9
DTE	2.92	22	98.60	+.13	+.1
Dataram rs			1.66	-.14	-24.5
DevonE	**.24**	...	**49.01**	**+1.51**	**+7.3**
DxGMBr rs			20.22	-7.09	-42.4
DrGMBll s			8.74	+1.80	+56.6
DxGBull s			10.32	+1.56	+35.1
Disney	**1.56f**	**19**	**107.38**	**-.06**	**+3.0**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**57.80**	**-.26**	**+1.0**
DryShp rs		1	3.11	-.38	-15.7
EOG Resco	**.57**	...	**104.18**	**+.56**	**+3.0**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.09**	**...**	**...**
Energen	.08		59.37	+.13	+2.9
EngyTsfr	4.22		36.65	+.35	+2.3
EnPro	**.84**	**52**	**68.02**	**-.75**	**+1.0**
ENSCO	.04		10.98	+.52	+13.0
EnteroM rs			3.97	+1.88	+98.5
EntProdPt	1.64f	21	27.41	+.36	+1.4
Ericsson	.46e		5.87	-.02	+.7
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**35**	**86.55**	**-1.34**	**-1.9**
Facebook		33	120.67	+1.98	+4.9
Fitbit n		10	7.86	-.26	+7.4
FordM	.60a	6	12.77	-.40	+5.3
FrptMcM			14.62	-.21	+10.8
FrontierCm	.42		3.73	+.06	+10.4
GATX	**1.60**	**9**	**60.20**	**-2.10**	**-2.2**
GabMultT	**.84e**	**...**	**7.42**	**+.08**	**+2.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**31.29**	**-.17**	**+.4**
GenElec	**.96f**	**28**	**31.52**	**-.18**	**-.3**
GenMotors	1.52	6	36.39	-.70	+4.4
Goldcrp g	.24		14.94	+.68	+9.9
GlPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**27.73**	**+.09**	**+1.4**
Groupon	...	...	3.66	+.15	+10.2
HallibrTn	**.72**	**...**	**56.21**	**+.32**	**+3.9**
Halozyme	...	...	12.61	+1.92	+27.6
HelixEn	...	...	9.30	-.39	+5.4
HostHotls	.80a	14	18.50	-.84	-1.8
IAMGld g	...	16	4.68	+.47	+21.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	35.22	+.41	+5.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	36.02	+.51	+3.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.09	+.39	+3.1
iShI20 yrT	3.05	...	121.98	+1.86	+2.4
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.25	+.50	+2.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	136.19	-1.59	+1.0
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**36.35**	**-.06**	**+.2**
InterDig	1.20	15	89.45	-2.00	-2.1
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	11.14	+.30	+8.5
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	86.11	-.80	-.2
JohnJn	**3.20**	**18**	**116.86**	**+1.21**	**+1.4**
Keycorp	.34	17	18.28	-.23	+.1
KimbrCtk	**3.68**	**19**	**116.01**	**+.83**	**+1.7**
Kinross g	...	...	3.46	+.17	+11.3
Kohls	2.00	14	42.01	-9.87	-14.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.53	+.07	+19.3
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.19**	**-.05**	**-2.1**
Macys	1.51	12	30.86	-4.96	-13.8
McDnlds	3.78f	23	119.70	+.22	-1.7
Merck	1.88f	16	60.11	-.02	+2.1
MeritMed	**...**	**34**	**25.70**	**-.35**	**-3.0**
MexcoEn	...		4.92	-.07	-1.6
MicronT	...		22.11	-.25	+.9
Microsoft	1.56f	26	62.30	...	+.3
Nabors	.24	...	17.66	+.17	+7.7
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**58.45**	**+.85**	**+.2**
NOILVarco	.20	21	38.67	+.14	+3.3
NY REIT	.46	...	9.62	-.20	-4.9
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.21**	**...**	**+.3**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**13.91**	**+.05**	**+1.4**
Nvidia	.56f	62	101.74	-2.65	-4.7
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**...**	**70.62**	**-.56**	**-.9**
PerTech	**...**	**17**	**5.68**	**+.12**	**+1.8**
ParkHot n	...	...	28.40	-1.50	-5.0
ParkDri	**...**	**...**	**2.85**	**...**	**+9.6**
PattUTI	**.08**	**9**	**28.71**	**+.33**	**+6.6**
Penney	...	...	7.86	-.61	-5.4
PennaRE	**.84**	**81**	**19.54**	**-.32**	**+3.1**
Pmrian	.41e	22	8.06	+.02	+4.5
Petrobras	...	...	11.10	+.30	+9.8
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.61**	**+.32**	**+3.5**
PioNtrl	.08	...	185.70	+1.53	+3.1
PlainsAAP	**2.20m**	**30**	**33.05**	**+.35**	**+2.4**
PwhDB	...	...	15.85	+.08	+.1
PwShs QQQ1.52e		...	120.87	+.68	+2.0
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**115.67**	**-1.18**	**-1.3**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**54.00**	**...**	**...**
PUVisST rs			6.68	-.05	-23.7
ProctGam	**2.68**	**23**	**85.06**	**+.56**	**+1.2**
RangeRs	.06	...	34.20	+.65	-.5
RegionsFn	.28f	19	14.43	-.19	+.5
RiteAid	...	74	8.19	-.08	-.6
Rowan	.40	7	19.80	+.16	+4.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	85	56.27	+.49	+3.5
SodrDJIA	3.98e	...	198.75	-.40	+.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	226.40	-.18	+1.3
SpdrLeHY	2.30	...	36.73	-.06	+.8
SabrR	1.93e	17	36.25	+.10	+3.1
SanderFm	**.96f**	**12**	**98.16**	**+.49**	**+4.2**
Schlmbrg	2.00	56	85.30	-.13	+1.6
SiriusXM	.01p	39	4.64	+.11	+4.3
Smucker	3.00f	16	129.18	+.85	+.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	10.32	+.04	-4.6
Sprint	...	...	8.77	-.02	+4.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.46	-.24	+.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.68	+.05	+.2
SunocoLog	2.04f	52	24.55	+.14	+2.2
TeletSap	**1.03e**	**...**	**8.66**	**+.33**	**+5.0**
Tesoro	2.20	11	85.27	-.46	-2.5
3M Co	4.44	22	177.71	-.61	-.5
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**74.19**	**-.46**	**+.6**
Transocn	...	...	15.62	+.17	+6.0
TrContl	**.82e**	**...**	**22.29**	**-.01**	**+1.1**
Twitter	...	...	17.09	+.23	+4.8
TylerTech	**...**	**52**	**148.02**	**+1.41**	**+3.7**
UBSI	**1.32**	**23**	**45.55**	**-1.15**	**-1.5**
US NGas	...	...	8.26	+.12	-11.6
US OilFd	...	...	11.70	+.12	-.2
USSteel	.20	...	36.08	-1.25	+9.3
Vale SA	**.29e**	...	**8.30**	**+.25**	**+8.9**
ValeroE	2.40	14	67.68	-.21	-.9
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.20	+1.28	+10.9
VanE JrGld	...	...	37.10	+2.90	+17.6
VerizonCm	2.31f	15	54.64	+.12	-2.4
VulcanM	**.80**	**44**	**127.44**	**-.35**	**+1.8**
WEC Engy	2.08f	20	59.02	+.08	+.6
WalgBoots	1.50	19	83.03	+.05	+.3
WeathrInt	...	...	5.78	+.03	+15.8
WellsFargo	**1.52**	**14**	**55.18**	**-.87**	**+.1**
WstnRefin	1.52	25	36.87	-.26	-2.6
WhitingPet	...	...	12.86	-.12	+8.0
WmCos	.80	74	31.74	+.38	+1.9
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.80**	**...**	**+.2**
Xerox	**.31**	**9**	**7.12**	**-.08**	**+23.8**
Yamana g	.02m	...	3.22	+.20	+14.6
ZayoGrp	...	...	30.38	-2.07	-7.5

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19,987.63	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,899.29	-42.87	-.21	+.89	+20.50
9,490.29	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,051.76	-63.96	-.70	+.09	+29.40
723.83	569.12	Dow Jones Utilities	659.85	+.57	+.09	+.04	+14.26
11,688.45	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,247.70	+1.16	+.01	+1.73	+16.55
5,512.37	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,487.94	+10.93	+.20	+1.95	+17.03
2,277.53	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,269.00	-1.75	-.08	+1.35	+16.77
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,683.38	-12.45	-.73	+1.57	+26.90
23,820.42	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,748.62	-32.30	-.22	+1.38	+18.21
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,371.94	-16.01	-1.15	+1.09	+28.87

TODAY: Snow	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 27 Low: 23	High: 37 Low: 24	High: 48 Low: 33	High: 68 Low: 45	High: 72 Low: 40	High: 67 Low: 43

Local forecast

The National Weather Service expects occassional flurries and miserably cold conditions today. Wind chill values, according to the NWS, could fall as low as 1 degree.

A warming trend should following, according to the NWS, with temperatures reaching the upper 60s and lower 70s — some 10 to 15 degrees above normal for this time of year — next week.

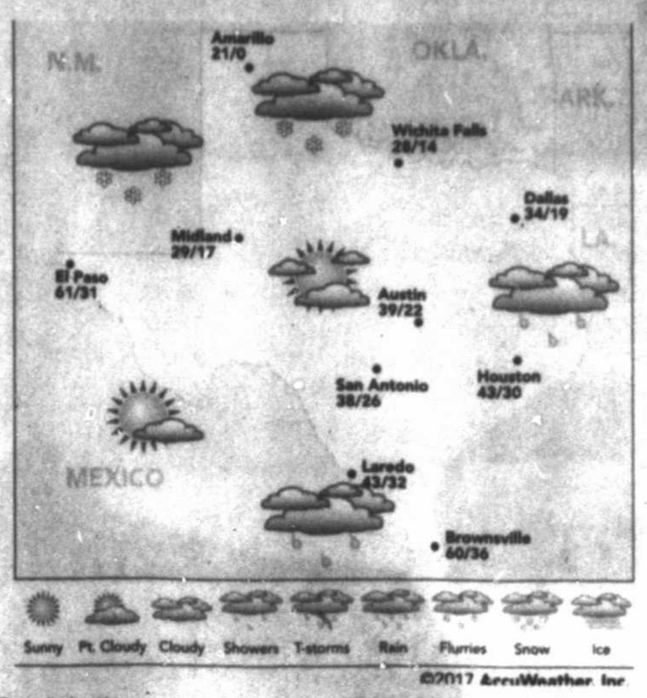
The record high for Jan. 5 is 80, set in 1994. The record low is 2, set in 1971. On Jan. 5 of last year, the high was 48 and the low was 34.

Weather brief

'Atmospheric rivers' take aim at California

LOS ANGELES — An "atmospheric river" has dumped rain and snow on California, and forecasters say another stronger plume of moisture from the Pacific Ocean would slam into the state during the weekend.

Heavy snow fell in the Sierra Nevada, where the Mammoth Mountain ski resort reported Thursday that accumulations ranged from 44 inches to 7 feet in 1 1/2 days.

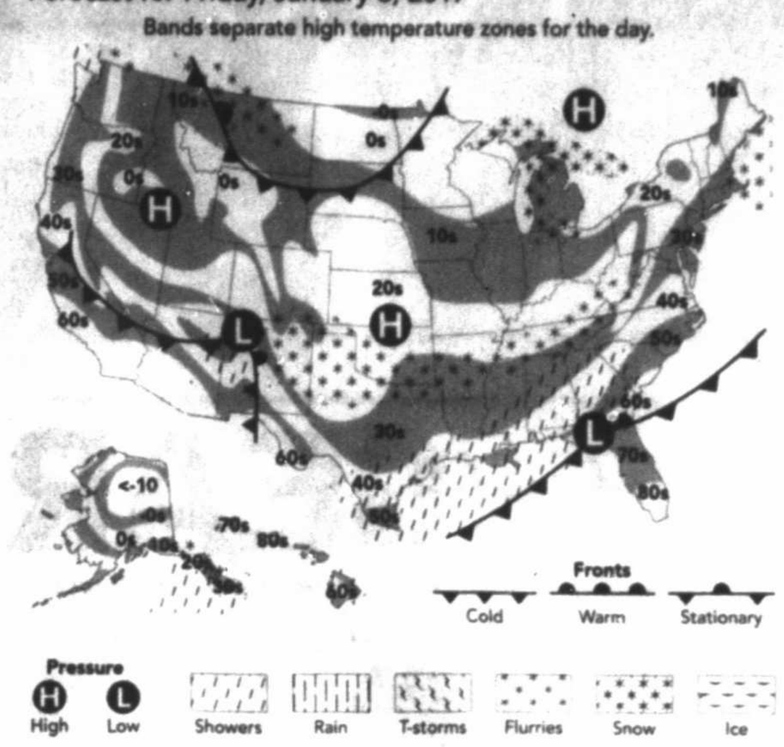


Precipitation		Thursday's temperatures	
Wednesday	0.00 in.	High	47
Thursday	0.00 in.	Low	32
Month total	0.08 in.	Normal high	57
Year total	0.08 in.	Normal low	30
Normal total (year to date)	0.07 in.	Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
		Sunset	6:00 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Friday, January 6, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Toddler's taste in clothes stirs up family tensions

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 brother and sister-in-law have been dressing my 2-year-old nephew, "Charlie," in dresses and pink clothes. They say these are what the boy has chosen. To me, a toddler will pick out whatever gets his attention at the moment, and children that age have only a rudimentary understanding of gender.

It would be one thing if Charlie were old enough to understand and still insisted he felt more comfortable in girls' clothing. But at his age, I feel what they're doing will only confuse him. Keep in mind, I do not believe this is a transgender issue. I think people who are transgender should dress and act the way they feel. I just feel that age 2 is too young to determine this.

My parents (the boy's grandparents) are worried and angry. My sister-in-law knows this upsets my mother and yet it's like she's taunting her with texts and pictures of Charlie in pink and/or dresses.

Should we be worried about this or should it be none of our business? Are we overreacting? Would it be best to approach my brother to tell him our concerns? — TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND

DEAR TOO YOUNG: It is likely that Charlie is going through a phase and doing something he has seen other people do. But more important than what his mother buys for him is how others respond to it. A family's negative reaction sends a strong message. If Charlie is innocently testing out his/her authentic self, his grandparents' negative response will signal that they disapprove of who he IS, which could have lasting ramifications for him.

Counselors at PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) have told me that many parents say that, looking back, they realize that by disapproving, they had sent their child the message that they couldn't accept him/her. One child had suicidal thoughts at the age of 5 because of it. (And yes, sometimes children that young do act on the impulse.)

DEAR ABBY: I often read and enjoy the Pennies From Heaven stories that your readers send and decided to share mine. Although it doesn't involve a penny, it's very special to me.

My grandmother and I had a special bond, and part of it was sand dollars. She taught me their meaning and would mail me postcards with pictures of dollars on them. When she passed away, I inherited the gold sand dollar necklace she had often worn.

I moved into a new home several years ago, and during the home inspection, I found a sand dollar in the pantry! Everything had been emptied out of the house except for that lone sand dollar propped upright on a shelf. When I saw it, I knew immediately who it was from, and I felt so blessed. It's comforting to know we are being watched over by our loved ones. — SAND DOLLAR BLESSING

DEAR BLESSING: Your letter made me smile. I wish you had mentioned what your late grandmother explained to you about the meaning of sand dollars, because from what I have read, some people associate them with Christian beliefs, while others insist they are "coins" scattered by mermaids. Whichever meaning your grandmother ascribed to them, it's clear from what you have written that she was dearly loved. Thank you for sharing.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Famous hand

North-South vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ K J 8 3
♡ 7 5
◇ 9 7 4
♣ J 10 9 2

WEST
♠ 4
♡ 9 4
◇ A K J 10 8 5
♣ 8 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 10 9 2
♡ A K J 10 8 6 2
◇ 3
♣ 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 6 5
♡ Q 3
◇ Q 6 2
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3◇	Pass	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: ?

Today's deal was played at a tournament some 15 years ago. The auction above was duplicated at many tables. South's three no-trump bid was completely normal and virtually all good players would choose it in this position. The key was West's choice of lead. The queen of diamonds was certainly with South for his three-no-trump bid, so West was hoping to find his partner with an entry in order to lead a diamond back through declarer. There was nothing to go on, so it was a pure guess.

The West players who chose to lead a black suit saw South quickly claim nine black-suit winners to make his contract.

Two inspired West players hit on the winning heart lead. East took the time to cash seven heart winners before finally leading a diamond back so that West could take his six winners in that suit. Two different South players, in a voluntarily bid three no-trump contract, failed to take a single trick! One of them, sadly, was doubled, and suffered a loss of 2600 points!

We can just imagine the players comparing these results in a team game. Who do you think would feel worse — the declarer who went down 2600 points or the defenders who allowed three no-trump to make? Certainly it should be the defenders. Declarer did nothing wrong.

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 Friday, Jan. 6, 2017:

This year you alternate between giving a fast, witty response and offering quiet, thoughtful feedback. At times, no one knows which way you will go — not even you. If you are single, you attract quite a few people with your apparent magnetism. Make sure the attraction is mutual; otherwise, you are wasting your time. If you are attached, the two of you have a stubbornness that exists between you. Understand that you and your sweetie come from different backgrounds and viewpoints; respect those differences. TAURUS has a similar interest in money as you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You will note a tendency to take everything to extremes. Take a step back and detach in order to understand why you are engaging in such frivolous behavior. You simply might have pushed yourself too hard and just need a break. Tonight: Less analysis and more playing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could get a project off the ground, if you so choose. However, you probably won't. You are likely to be distracted and will want to be more social. Choose to be less controlling, and everything will fall into place. A powerful discussion marks the afternoon. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might be even more enthusiastic than usual right now. However, when the time comes to prove your mettle, you will opt to vanish. Others note how low-key you have been recently. Schedule some much-needed quiet time. Tonight: The night is yours to do whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You easily could go overboard in nearly any situation you find yourself in today. You'll appreciate your circle of friends more than you have in a while. Getting together for a late lunch or happy hour suits you perfectly. Tonight: Hang out with loved ones — the more, the merrier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be carrying too much responsibility and not even realize it. Learn to say "no" more often. You need the extra time for living life well. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want. Support your needs as you do others'. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out to an off-beat friend. This person's views on life are similar to yours, but he or she is more spontaneous. Your interactions with this individual help you to open doors and see life from a different perspective. Tonight: Try something new and adventurous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Even if you did not intend to relate closely to others on a one-on-one level, you keep doing it, and with different people. Whether you're at work or out socializing, you find this style to be much more effective. Be sure to tone down the flirting. Tonight: At a favorite place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You don't often defer to others, but for the sake of convenience, you might decide to do that now. You have a lot going on in your mind, which seems to be bouncing from one topic to the next. If someone wants to take the lead, make it your pleasure. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be more aware of what you expect from a situation that affects your day-to-day life. Communication flourishes, though there is a tendency toward overindulgence. Be careful about talking too much, as you might let the cat out of the bag. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You add a special touch to whatever you do. Keep conversations light and easy. If you are single, you might want to radio your interest to the other party. This person might be more responsive than what you're used to. Try to get used to a different style. Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Pace yourself, and you will get a lot done. Be more direct in how you handle a personal and/or domestic matter. You'll gain a greater understanding if you are less impulsive when dealing with this person. The results will please you. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who has a lot of ideas and is willing to run with them. You will have less pressure on you to get everything done by yourself, plus the other person is likely to be flattered. Be sure to thank him or her for pitching in and helping. Tonight: TGIF!

BORN TODAY

Artist Kahlil Gibran (1883), poet Carl Sandburg (1878), golfer Nancy Lopez (1957)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Carnival Cruise Line headquarters
6 Net gain?
10 One often taking a bow
14 How many crosswords are solved
15 Plot to plow
16 Creepy look
17 Bridge
20 Young Skywalker's nickname
21 "At Wit's End" columnist Bombeck
22 Like Cheerios
23 Bridge
27 Liked a lot, with "up"
28 Taqueria order
31 A3 or Q7
34 Leave
37 Whistle-blower
38 Way around the block?
40 Luau band
41 Meatball medium
43 Roll in the yard
44 Inn crowd option
47 Cause of some closings
48 HBO drama set in Baltimore
50 __ Friday's
52 Bridge
58 Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque prayer
60 Sci-fi navigator
61 Gen __
62 Bridge
66 Number of times a horse can enter the Kentucky Derby
67 "Dies __"
68 Copy, in a way
69 Essen's region
70 Celebrate an anniversary, say, with "out"
71 Secretly watch

DOWN

1 Hebrew prophet
2 Absurd
3 __ fool
4 Club __
5 Take in
6 Harmful ray type
7 More than 70% of Earth's surface
8 Lab greeting
9 "Ars gratia artis" is written in an arc around his head
10 Zoom along
11 "Time for me to split"
12 Smoke passage
13 Gull relative
18 Carrying, so to speak
19 Hen holders
24 Common street name
25 Strait-laced
26 __ ejemplo
29 Geometric art - style
30 Several
31 Start of a subordinate title: Abbr.
32 "You meant 8 p.m. not a.m.?"
33 Vacation spot with horseback riding
35 Toon often seen in a hunting hat
36 Shelled veggie
39 "Jeopardy!" staple
42 Flaws and all
45 Is for everyone?
46 Bikini in the Pacific, e.g.
49 It starts a bit before Christmas
51 Astronauts' gear
53 Channel with a "Congressional Chronicle" online archive
54 Kolkata cash
55 Slangy refusal
56 Wafer brand
57 Place to find a flag
58 Le Pew's defense
59 Dish list
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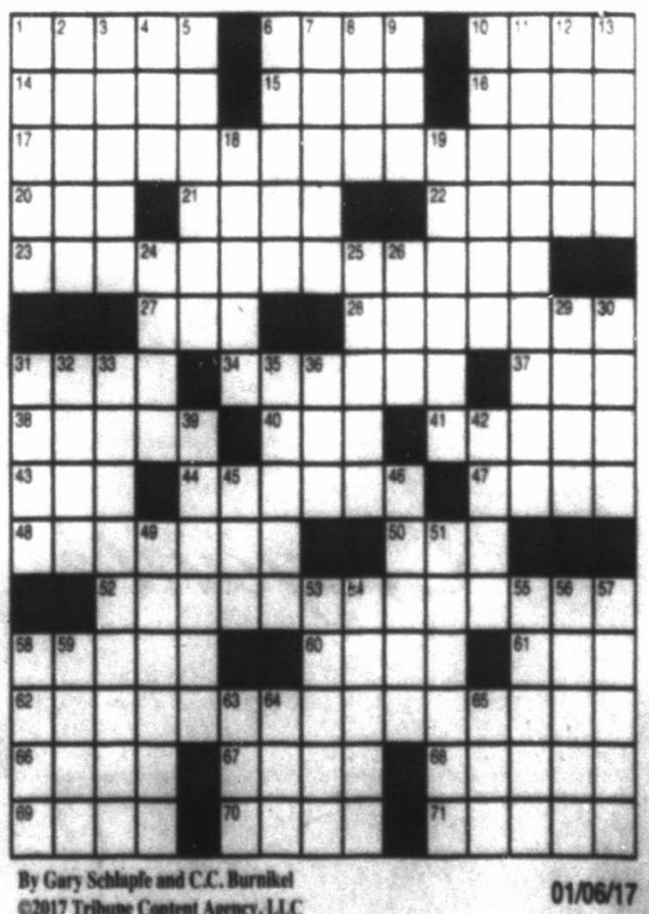

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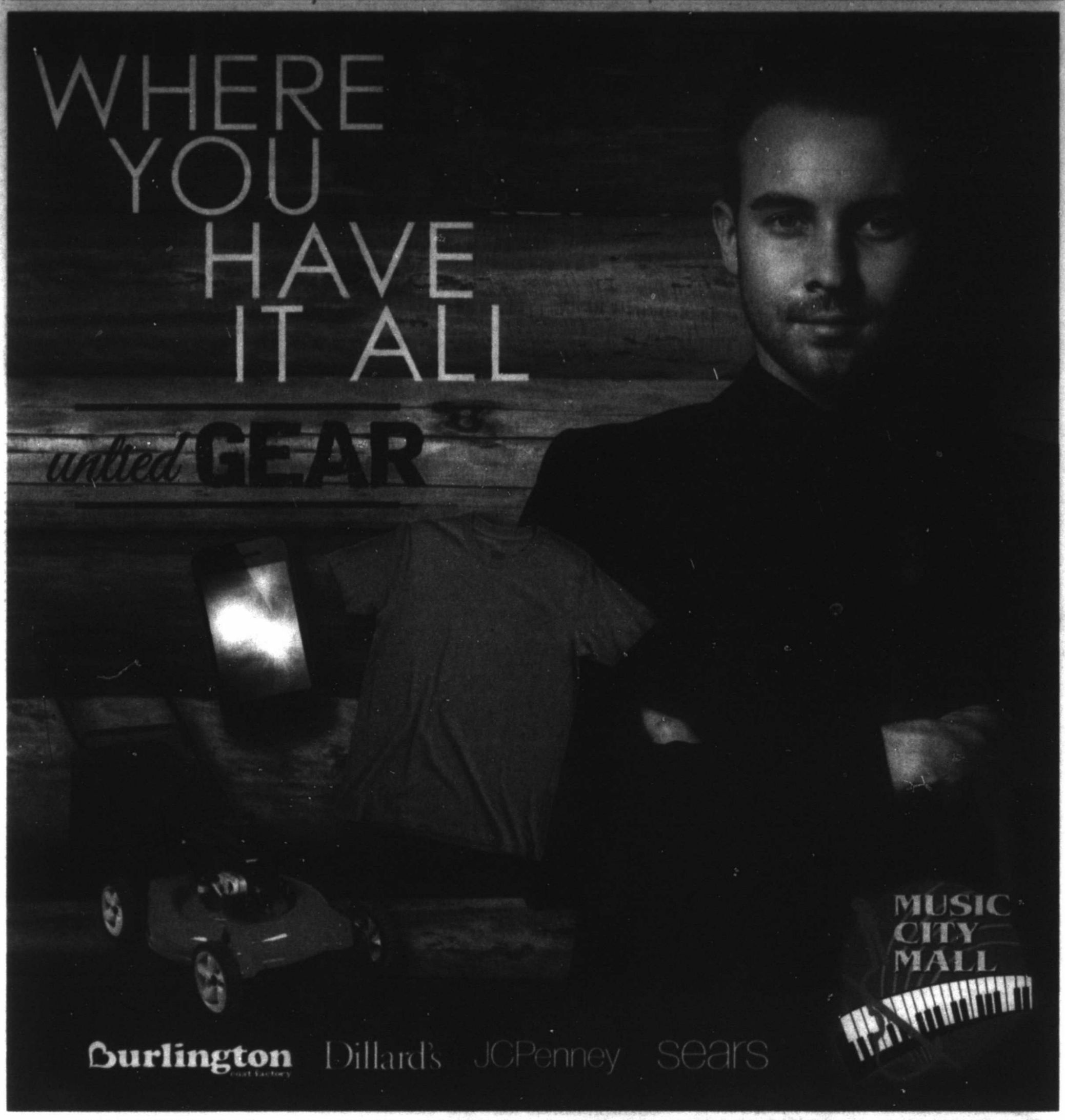

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22 Temp FT Construction Laborer Positions

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How to apply: Inquiries, applications, indications of availability and/or resumes may be sent to the nearest Workforce Solutions office in Martin County area or at the WF Solutions Permian-Midland Office at 3600 N Garfield, Midland Texas 79705; Job Order #: TX5197520

Electrician

Experienced electricianians needed for a commerical project in Odessa. Please call 817-360-1818.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Assembly Technicians

Natural Gas Services Group has immediate openings for Assembly Technicians. These individuals must have basic mechanical knowledge, familiarity with industry and equipment. NSGSI offers a competitive salary, comprehensive & flexible benefit package, Profit Sharing, Paid Holidays, Paid Leave, plus much more!
Send your resume to employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700.

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Tanklogix is hiring for the position of Senior Level Automation Technician. We are seeking qualified, committed professionals to join our team in the fast-growing automation industry. This position requires a minimum of 3 years oilfield experience and 2 years electrical experience. Journeyman electricians preferred. Competitive pay based upon qualifications. Great benefits and working environment. Applicants must pass a background check, drug screen, and electrical aptitude test. Applications must be picked up at 12200 W. Hwy 80 E., Odessa, TX. Applicants must provide a resume in person. Applications must be received by January 23rd, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

Compressor Mechanics

Natural Gas Services Group has openings for Compressor Mechanics in the Permian Basin Manufacturing Facility. The Compressor Mechanic is responsible for overhauls of NGSGI's compressors units. Must be highly skilled in compressor and engine maintenance and have excellent troubleshooting skills. NSGSI offers a competitive salary, comprehensive & flexible benefit package, Profit Sharing, Paid Holidays, Paid Leave, plus much more! Send your resume to employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700.

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1 year experience required in Natural Gas Compression. Must be able to read gauges, lift over 50 lbs., climb ladders. Must have valid DL and be able to work 12 hour shifts. Competitive wages and benefits. Fax resume to 432-458-3423 or email to vmccormack@wtggas.com.

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Immediate opening for RN, experience preferred. FT. Excellent benefit package. Send resume with references to: **jodyclinic@gmail.com or Midland Women's Clinic, Attn: Jody Bulla, 2500 W. Illinois Ave Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701.**

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DIRECTOR OF HR

Midland oil and gas service company is looking for a Director of Human Resources to fill an immediate position. Candidate must meet the following qualifications.

Qualifications:

- The successful candidate will have a minimum of eight (8) years of HR experience in the oil and gas industry. At least five (5) years in a Manager/Supervisory level position in HR is required.
- Understands business drivers for areas of responsibility; identifies and implements cost effective HR solutions to meet organization strategic goals.
- Has proven track record of working with executive leadership, as well as professionals at various levels in the organization.
- Has experience working with ADP payroll systems.
- Possess excellent verbal communication skills.
- Has a Bachelor Degree in Human Resources or related field.

Job Duties:

- Acts as a key advisor to senior management on the development of overall policy and long-run goals of the organization.
- Provides strategic direction to the organization regarding HR programs and practices.
- Ensures compliance with all applicable domestic employment laws and regulations.
- Designs and implements appropriate metrics to measure and monitor training, organization development, and performance management programs and initiatives.
- Produces results that have significant impact on costs and the achievement of function objectives or project-based goals.
- Regularly manages large-scale projects/activities which involve cross-functional teams.
- Drives employee benefits program and ensures that it is competitive with industry standards.
- Handles the payroll process.
- Maintains employee confidence and protects operations by keeping human resource information confidential.

Please email your resume to crudeoilmidstream@gmail.com

OTHER JOBS

Construction Positions

Johnson Bros now hiring Construction jobs position. Apply @ 5905 W I H 20 Big Springs, TX. 79720. Call Ryan 817-825-2403.

Gate Attendents needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-8992.

GATE GUARD SERVICES, L.P.

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LuRue Salon and Barbershop is looking for a licensed barber & nail tech to work in a high traffic area and with a great team! We are located in Midland at 1215 N. Midkiff Rd. Space A. All applicants please call owners Maria Pastert 432-352-7117 or Heather Villa 432-880-4965 with more questions.

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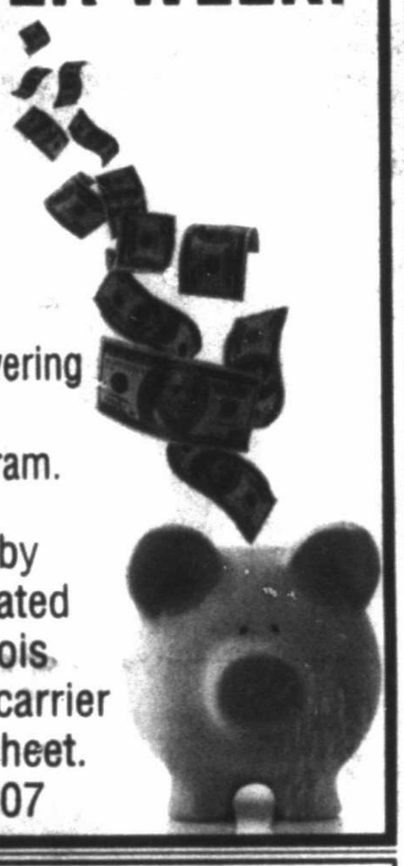

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Experienced Bench Jewelers needed

Anderson Bros Jewelers in Lubbock, Texas is seeking to fill a position for a bench jeweler.

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QUALIFICATIONS:
5+ years experience
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Salary and benefits - commensurate with experience.
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Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Furnish your own tools. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email toTodd@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX 79706

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NG RESOURCES CORPORATION

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned

- Coordinate with Shop Supervisor to accomplish general assignments
- Pass GMAW 1G plate or pipe 6G test
- Mechanical aptitude, knowledge of how to use hand and power tools, drill press, grinder, ect.
- Have a general understanding of shop drawings
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Abide by all policies and procedures, including those related to quality, safety, and environmental issues
- Identifies and segregates materials and/or products that may have potential nonconformances

ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- The ability to read and write English
- A basic understanding of the mechanical aspects of gas compressor packages
- Must be code certified on flat plate in the 1G position
- Thorough understanding of all company safety, environmental, and practices.
- Willing to attend training classes
- Be reliable, dependable, and able to work overtime when required
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong team player

EDUCATION

High School Diploma, GED, or formal vocational training is preferred
Formal training in welding is preferred

Please apply in person at NG Resources Corporation
5500 NCR 1150, Midland, Texas 79706

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers

Minimum of 2-3 years experience. Hazmat endorsement preferred but not necessary. Vacuum truck experience. Call 432-934-3829 or 432-561-8334

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Cigna Health & Life Insurance Company and Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, which provide medical care benefit services, will accept applications for participation in their networks of physicians, pharmacies, and other providers from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Applicants must meet all credentialing and other participatory criteria. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information, please write:

Cigna Companies
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1640 Dallas Parkway
Plano, TX 75093

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Notice to Physicians and Providers

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL & GAS DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

APACHE CORPORATION, 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000, Midland, Texas 79706 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Queens, Grayburg, and San Andres Formations, Driver, J. W.-14 Lease, Well Number: 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 22.6 miles Southeast from Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,400'- 4,900'.

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

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P O Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., January 18, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17000458R Ammunition

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT:

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: ST S-ST RR I 503LS (RRC DP #816369); and ST S-ST RR H 504LS (RRC DP #816371). Both wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for off-lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering with allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who do not receive written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingle Permit No. 6042: Dorcus Janey (SA) G 1961WA (RRC Lease No. 816199), Dorcus Janey (SA) N 1971WB (RRC 816201), Dorcus Janey (SA) O 1972WB (RRC Lease No. 816202), Dorcus Janey (SA) F 1960WA (RRC Lease No. 817536), Dorcus Janey (SA) M 1970WB (RRC Lease No. 817542), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. The wells and leases are located in Section 19, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland and Upton Counties, Texas and Section 18, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P O Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT (FORM W-14 NON-COMMERCIAL WELL)

Callon Petroleum Operating Company, P.O. Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Devonian, Fusselman, Simpson, and Ellenburger (formations), Casselman 8 (lease), Well Number 1D.

The proposed injection well is located 10.5 miles in a NW direction from Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12,480 to 14,500 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Aetna Life Insurance Co., and Aetna Dental Inc. and their affiliates will accept written applications for participation in the/r PPO, POS and DMO networks during the period of December 1, 2017 through December 21, 2017. Physicians and providers including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, who wish to contract with us, must apply during this period and applications must be received no later than December 21, 2017. Medical network applications should be submitted online at www.Aetna.com; please direct all credentialing questions to Aetna Credentialing and Application Management at 1-800-353-1232.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GERALD FRANKLIN HUBBARD, Deceased, were issued on January 4, 2017, in Cause No. P-18937, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Katherine Christine Hubbard, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2204 Regal Place, Midland, TX 79706.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 4th day of January, 2017.

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ATTORNEYS FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statement of Qualifications will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 10:00 A.M. Local Time, February 3, 2017. The SOQ's will be opened and acknowledged at 10:05 A.M., Local Time, February 3, 2017.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the SOQ acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFQ 17MCO519 – DESIGN BUILD SERVICES

A MANDATORY survey will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday January 19, 2017 at the Midland County Judicial CRTC.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the SOQ's, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFQ at any time.

The RFQ will be available on Friday January 6, 2017. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

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Notice Of Application
For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois , Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid, and gas into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Grayburg, San Andres Formations in the Means/ San Andres/ Unit Lease, well number: 7414A. It is located in Blk A35, Section 19, which is approximately 9.9 miles North East from the city of Andrews and is in the Means Field in Andrews, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 6000 feet.

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

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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"ANNOUNCEMENT: As of 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2016, The Estate of Jerry Lee Jones, Amy Jones Cuellar, Lee Ann Jones Barrows, and Melody Jones Crowl will have dissolved all their individual and corporate relationships with Paragon Investigative Services Inc."

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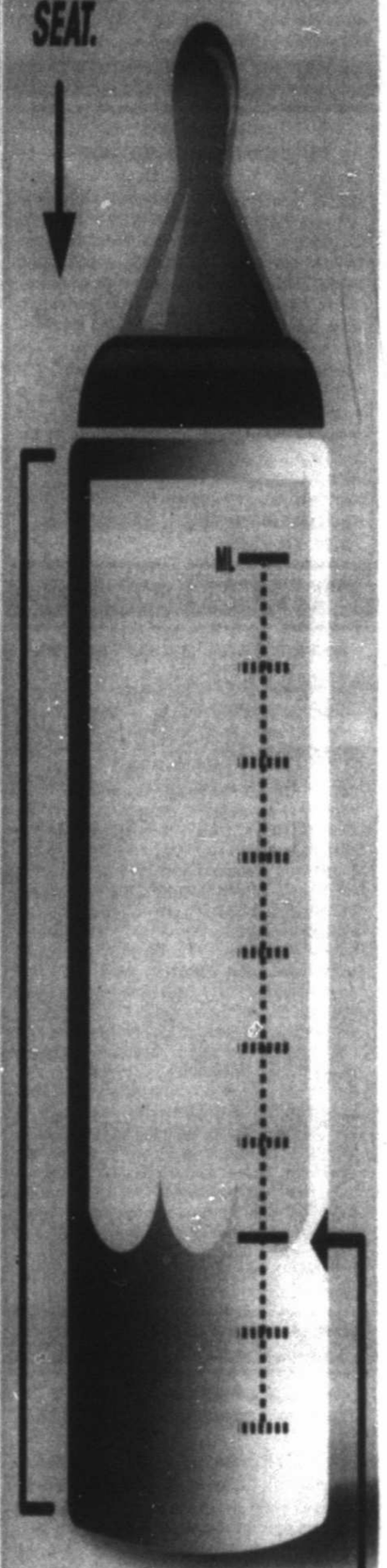

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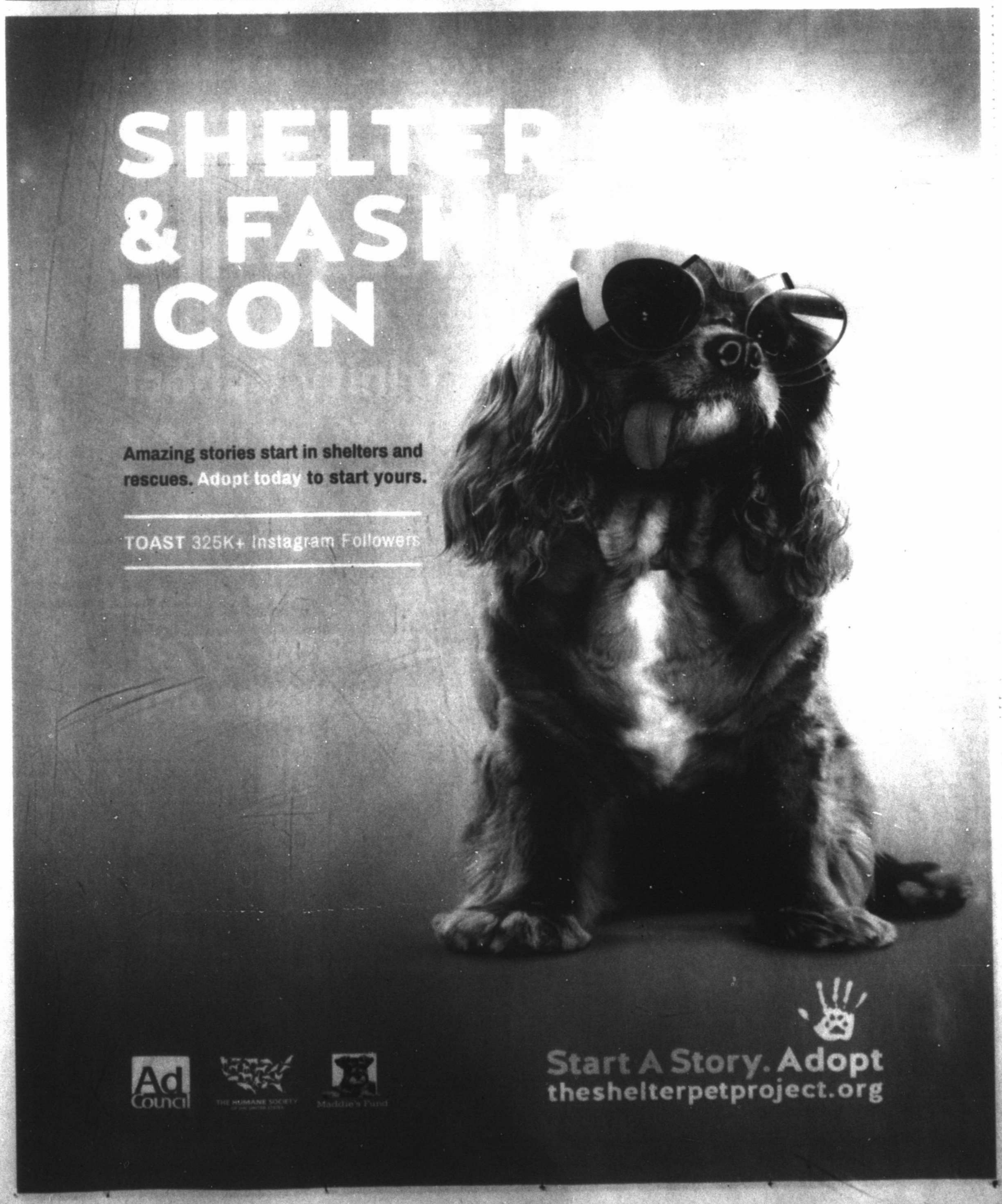

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