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MISD: In-district charter schools could be part of reform

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD could delve into discussions about its first in-district charter school, maybe as early as the end of the 2017-18 school year.

MISD board President Rick Davis made the recommendation during last weekend's board/staff workshop that "the district will explore in-district charter school opportunities and, no later than the end of the 2017-18 school year, identify at least one opportunity to implement a charter school within the district and the potential for implementing others within the district."

It was an eye-opening moment for those who have followed the school district for a while — because of the concept and the proposed timeline. It also could be seen as a sign of how serious Davis and the rest of the board view the job in front of them: reforming a district and using any tool they can to accomplish that task.

Davis told the Reporter-Telegram this week that his recommendation of an in-district charter school is not controversial, but is part of a transition MISD must undertake as it pursues a "system of great schools" theory of action. According to the Texas Education Agency's Lone Star Governance report, this is when "central administration devolves autonomy to schools, empowers parents to make choices, creates performance contracts with campuses, annually evaluated performance of and demand for schools, and makes strategic decisions regarding growing access to high performing schools and addressing low performers."

Davis said it took longer for some trustees to get on board with in-district charters, but he is confident charter schools will be incorporated into the district's final draft of goals, board constraints and theories of action.

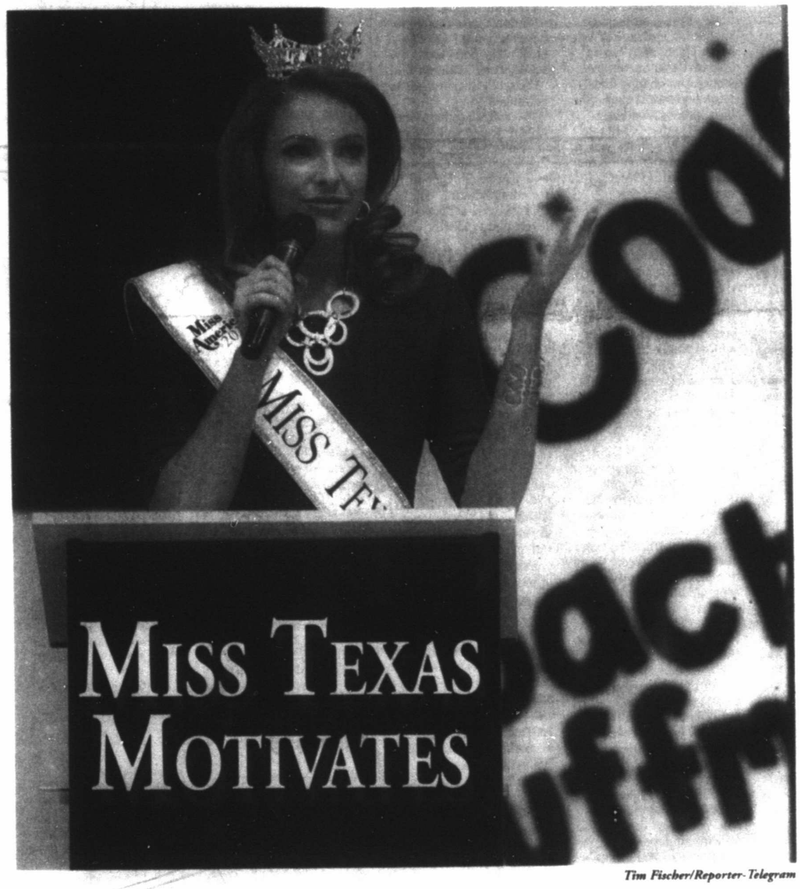
Davis said he expects three types of charters will be part of the conversation: an elementary school to help deal with performance issues, a junior high with a STEM focus and a secondary school with a particular focus that is not currently in place.

The first in-district charter school, he said, likely will be an elementary school, but that conversation will begin as MISD leaders see which lower-performing schools made strides this year. Of the district's nine campuses rated "improvement required" in August by the Texas Education Agency, eight were elementary schools. Milam and South elementaries made the IR list for the fourth-straight year. Crockett Elementary is on the list for the sixth-straight year — one of at least the five longest streaks in the state, according to the TEA.

The creation of an in-district charter school or other moves to be considered (such as the identification of the most effective educators and ensuring that educator placement is a function of student needs rather than adult preferences) are part of a transition that district leaders expect will lead to more autonomy for campuses.

Interim Superintendent Rod Schroder,

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2016 Miss Texas Caroline Carothers, speaks Thursday to Trinity School students. The pageant winner encouraged students to find opportunities that align with their passions, rather than donating time to meet school requirements. Read the story on **Page 2A.**

Saudi Arabia: another OPEC cut possible in 2017

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — OPEC countries could cut oil production again this year, Saudi Arabia's energy minister said Thursday.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum at the Swiss ski resort of Davos, Khalid Al-Falih said he "would not exclude" another cut to follow last year's agreement if higher prices don't stick because of variables outside producers' control, such as a potential collapse in demand.

"I think Plan B is to be resilient and to be flexible and to deal with the circumstances," he said.

"There have been times in the past where OPEC has taken one action and then a few months later found out that that action was not sufficient and followed up with another action," he said. "We will not exclude that and that's why we're meeting up again in May."

Asked if that could involve further cuts, the minister said "if needed, absolutely."

However, he said his baseline expectation is that it "will not be necessary."

OPEC agreed in late November to cut its production by 1.2 million barrels a day to 32.5 million barrels, the first reduction agreed to by the cartel since 2008. Nearly a dozen other countries, including Russia, pledged in December to cut an additional 558,000 barrels a day.

Those cuts are due to expire in June and Al-Falih said an extension is also

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Ag committee chair wants to help SNAP participants

■ Mike Conaway wants to help SNAP participants from 'falling off the cliff'

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of stories about what U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway of Midland foresees for the nation, issues it faces and solutions that could be implemented.

By Trevor Hawes
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Republican lawmakers in the nation's capital are ready to rumble as today marks Day 1 in office for President Donald Trump. But while the Republican-controlled House and Senate have offered a bevy of insights into what will happen, there's one piece of legislation they seek that likely won't hit the president's desk.

Rep. Mike Conaway of Midland talked Monday with the Reporter-Telegram about many of the issues facing the nation over the next four years, but with all of the promise of an easier road for Republicans. He said the much-sought-after balanced budget amendment to the Constitution likely will not be accomplished.

"There's no constitutional amendment more important than that one," the lawmaker said. "We're not going to get to a point where we have a balanced budget without it, I don't think. We just lack the fiscal discipline to say no to good stuff."

Conaway, who is chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, said that he, too, would struggle with cutting programs that do good in the world just so the U.S. can balance its books.

He spoke about his visit to Ethiopia to evaluate how a U.S. food aid program was working. He went to a school with a lunch program, where a porridge of split yellow peas is served daily. Thinking of his own grandkids' boredom with food, he asked the students if they, too, get tired of eating the same porridge every day.

"They looked up as if I asked if they were tired of eating," Conaway said.

He also went to an emergency food program in a mountainous area where rice, wheat, split yellow peas and oil are provided. He was moved by how important the U.S.-branded bags of food where to the people. But the good deeds come at a cost.

"This is good stuff; we're feeding them. But we're broke," Conaway said. "One of these days, there's a harsh reality to this program where I'm going to have to decide if I should continue mortgaging my grandkids' future to feed these people today. At some point, there may very well be an answer where I say no, we just can't do it. And I'm looking at a program

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WTB Posted	$43.30	▲ $0.25
Natural Gas	$3.368	▲ $0.066
Gasoline	$2.181	▲ $0.003

The big number
Trump chose **two Bibles** for taking the oath of office.
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Word of the Day: alpinist
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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alpinist
[al-puh-nist]
noun
1. a mountain climber, especially in the Alps.
2. a downhill skier, especially one engaging in competitive slalom and downhill events.

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Miss Texas encourages Trinity students to serve

By Simone Jasper
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
2016 Miss Texas Caroline Carothers, speaks Thursday to Trinity School students.

Away from the pageant stage, Miss Texas 2016 learned how to serve others out of love instead of self-fulfillment. The lesson came when title winner Caroline Carothers volunteered at a homeless shelter in Dallas.

"They said, 'you have to wash the feet of homeless people,'" Carothers said. "I was appalled. I was shocked until I knew the meaning of it."

Carothers said Scripture helped her realize the importance of serving all people. She shared that message Thursday at a school-wide worship service at Trinity School.

The pageant winner encouraged students to find opportunities that align with their passions, rather than donating time to meet school requirements.

"Whenever you start to volunteer, you're not just there to get your hours done," Carothers said. "Set an example to friends or classmates or anyone else. It can change the course you want to go on in life. You gain more than hours in a service log; you gain perspective for your life."

The visit to Trinity School was part of a "year of service," when Carothers is scheduled to share the value of volunteering with 150 audiences across the state.

For Carothers, the speech at Trinity School had special meaning. She's a role model for fourth-grader Baryn Brown.

"It's my second time coming back to Midland," Carothers said. "I love coming to Midland and sharing with Baryn."

Baryn formed a relationship with Carothers as a participant in the Lone Star Princess Program, which introduces girls to the Miss America Organization. Baryn said she was paired with Carothers after she won Miss Plano and later traveled to New Jersey to see her place in the top seven of the Miss America competition.

Baryn was thankful others at her school could hear Carothers' advice.

"She definitely helped me learn about how to embrace learning and not judge someone by the outside but the inside," the Midland girl said.

As a Miss America competitor, Carothers shared the message of With Math I Can, an Amazon initiative that encourages students to change their attitudes toward math. She also spreads awareness about Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, which has a partnership with the Miss America Organization.

Carothers said it's important for middle and high school students to be genuine about service as they prepare to record volunteer hours on college applications.

"Whenever you're volunteering, you have to be willing to give it your all," Carothers said. "You may want to do something else. You may want to go out with friends or watch TV."

The message stood out to ninth-grader Vivienne Dragun. She took note when Carothers advised students to put personal sentiments aside and focus on helping others.

"I don't have many hours because I've been busy with sports and schoolwork," Dragun said. "She really inspired me to volunteer."

Overall, Carothers' message reflected values taught at Trinity School, according to Adrianne Clifton, assistant head of schools for administration. She said students at all grade levels participate in service projects.

"Having Caroline and others coming to campus to share messages with our kids is great," Clifton said. "They serve as role models. Sometimes kids think they're being servants by having a bake sale and donating the money for a cause. We want them to think about identifying a need in the community."

SNAP

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where we're literally saving people from starving. But we're broke. We can't just keep doing what we're doing."

Having a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution will force him and others to make a decision, the representative said.

"At some point in time, saying no to something that valuable is going to be required under the Constitution. I don't know that we can do it on our own or that there's enough of us who would say I owe it to American children to not put them into this circumstance because their government failed because the world kept lending us money because we were irresponsible. That's where we're headed."

When asked if he would have been a good fit as secretary of agriculture, Conaway said he would not.

"I don't want to do that because the Farm Bill expires Sept. 30, 2018, and I have built a following based on the fact that I want to get that done, and I think (the Farm Bill) is more important for me than being in the Cabinet," he said.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — known as SNAP or, by older terminology, food stamps — is a major part of the Farm Bill. There has been a push in recent years to make SNAP its own separate bill. Conaway told the Reporter-Telegram on Election Day that together or not, SNAP and the Farm Bill are going to stay.

On Monday, the lawmaker talked more about SNAP, calling it an important program that's essential for those who are on it. He broke down participants into three broad categories: people such as the frail elderly, those with disabilities and others; able-bodied adults under 50 without dependents; and a transitional group in the middle, such as single parents.

He said Congress is not going to abandon the first group — "the folks who are always going to need our help."

The others should participate in SNAP only temporarily and be given work requirements. "This fits in with Trump's job creation: When you create jobs, you have to have people to fill those jobs."

The work requirement, however, won't come without a significant reworking of income rules to prevent people from "falling off the cliff."

"The biggest issue across all of our welfare programs is the means-testing impact," he said. "For food stamps, as an example, if you make a certain amount of money, you qualify for the program. If you make just a little bit more, you lose 100 percent of your benefits. That works as a trapping mechanism because a lot of folks can't make the leap to get a raise that will replace all of their tax-free benefits to get them enough when they're in a taxable place."

Conaway said he wants to figure out a way to help people continue to grow in responsibility and get raises while feathering off their benefits in a way that's in their best interest to keep going and growing to someday get off the program completely.

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Man sentenced to 25 years for sexual assault of a child conviction

From staff reports

A 56-year-old Midland man was sentenced to 25 years in prison Thursday after being found guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf.

A Midland County jury in the 238th District Court heard evidence Tuesday and Wednesday and found Alan Kim Otwell guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Otwell then reached an agreement with the District Attorney's Office that he would serve 25 years in prison and waive his right to appeal, according to the DA's office press release. The court sentenced the defendant late Thursday morning; he will begin serving his sentence immediately.

The evidence presented in the trial, according to a press release, showed that Otwell sexually abused a female relative at a residence on County Road 1129 in Greenwood.

Over a several year period, up until the victim turned 12, the defendant committed numerous acts of sexual abuse against her and threatened her in order to keep her from talking about the abuse. After spending time with other relatives in San Antonio in the summer of 2014, the girl finally came forward and told about the abuse that she suffered. Following an investigation by the Midland County Sheriff's Office and authorities in Bexar County, the defendant was charged with the crimes.

The two 25-year sentences will run concurrently, and Otwell will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least half of his time.

The case was prosecuted by Midland County First Assistant District Attorney Tim Flathers and Assistant District Attorney Kara Latiolais.

Study: Texas abortions declined as clinics got farther away

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The number of abortions performed throughout Texas dropped after a 2013 law forced the closure of clinics in all but the largest cities, and the decline was steeper the farther a woman lived from one of the remaining clinics, a study found.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down Texas' tougher abortion regulations — known as HB2 — but not before more than 20 clinics closed, including nearly all that served rural and midsized cities. None have reopened since.

A study published Thursday in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that the law affected Texas' abortion numbers before it was overturned. Researchers say the steepest declines in abortions occurred among residents of the Rio Grande Valley along the U.S.-Mexico border and in a wide swath of West Texas, where the closest clinics were more than 100 miles farther away after nearby facilities shuttered.

The study found that abortions among women from those areas in 2014 plummeted by 50 percent — from 4,589 in 2012 to 2,279 in 2014 — compared to the year before HB2 went into effect. The numbers in the study reflected both medical and surgical abortions performed by a doctor.

No explicit connection is made in the study between increased travel times to clinics and fewer abortions, which are in decline nationwide. Abortions also significantly fell nearly 16 percent in the six Texas counties that still have abortion clinics and where longer drives weren't an issue. The study acknowledged that factors other than distance could have played a role.

"Distance matters, and at some point the geographic barriers become insurmountable and constitute an undue burden," said Daniel Grossman, a study co-author and a member of a University of Texas research team that studies the impacts of the state's anti-abortion laws.

The study examined data from the Texas Department of State Health Services and was partly funded by the Susan T. Buffett Foundation, a major supporter of Planned Parenthood and other abortion-rights groups. Grossman was also an expert witness for the plaintiffs in the HB2 trial.

Before HB2 was struck down, Texas had argued that nearly 9 in 10 women would still live within 150 miles of an abortion provider under the law and that some women could be served by clinics in neighboring states. Texas Republicans say the regulations were needed to protect women's health.

Texas had 41 abortion

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the architect of an academic reform effort at Amarillo ISD, said the creation of in-district charters is a trend nationally. He said they weren't used in Amarillo because they were "not on the radar" 15 years ago. He also said the conversation about in-district charters shouldn't impact the caliber of superintendent candidates.

Last weekend's workshop provided the board with an outline of goals and expectations for the upcoming superintendent search. The Texas Education Agency official presiding over the workshop made it clear that if reform is truly the goal, then they didn't need to venture from that outline.

"They need to hire someone with that type of experience, if that is the way they want to go," Schroder said.

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This date in Midland

On Jan. 20, 2009, former President George W. and Laura Bush returned to Midland immediately after leaving Washington, following the inauguration of Barack Obama. An estimated 30,000 people were on hand at Centennial Plaza to welcome back George and Laura to Texas.

Things to do

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

■ Pajama Storytime and Movie: "The Secret life of Pets," 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N. Popcorn will be provided. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

■ 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.

■ Dirty Glass, 5 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ MOSC: Backstage Brews and Beethoven, 6 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Symphony Young Professionals host a backstage party and sneak peek of the upcoming Beethoven concert. MOSC.org.

■ Weatherstone, 6:30 p.m., The Wine Rack, 4810 N. Garfield St.

■ Empty Bowls 2017 benefiting the West Texas Food Bank. 7 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa.

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

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

■ Mark McKinney, 8 p.m., The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ "Unplugged" at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

Meetings

Midland ISD
2:30 p.m.
Administration Building Room 101
615 W. Missouri Ave.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone," "Silence," "Split," "xXx: The Return of Xander Cage."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "Split," "xXx: The Return of Xander Cage."

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $2.00 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Tradewinds)

Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.02 (H-E-B, Wadley Avenue/Midkiff Road; Texaco, Briarwood/Northcrest Drive; Murphy USA, Briarwood/Midland Drive; H-E-B, Loop 250/Andrews Highway)

Most expensive: $2.19 (multiple stores across Midland)

Most common prices: $2.09, $2.19

Cheapest prices across West Texas: Lubbock $1.96, Odessa $1.98, Midland $2.00, Abilene $2.03, San Angelo $2.04

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.151	$2.138
Last week	$2.162	$2.155
Last month	$2.074	$2.044
Last year	$1.704	$1.666

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Prices down in Texas

COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and nationwide have declined this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the statewide average price at the pump slipped a penny to settle at $2.15 per gallon. Gasoline prices across the U.S. declined 3 cents to reach an average $2.33 per gallon.

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

Association experts say the slight decrease in gasoline prices can be attributed adequate supply and less demand in January, with colder weather and fewer road trips following the holidays.

Source: Associated Press

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Today in history

Today is Friday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2017. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 20, 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

Former president's breathing tube indicates severe pneumonia

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Former President George H.W. Bush is being treated for pneumonia in intensive care at a Houston hospital where doctors are evaluating him before removing a breathing tube.

His underlying health problems include vascular parkinsonism, a rare syndrome that mimics Parkinson's disease. The 92-year-old Bush also broke a vertebra in 2015 and has used a motorized scooter or a wheelchair in recent years. Some answers to common questions about his health:

Q: When does a pneumonia patient need a breathing tube?

A: When a patient is not getting enough oxygen in the blood, doctors will insert a soft plastic breathing tube into the windpipe and connect the patient to a breathing machine called a ventilator. The patient is usually sedated because inserting the tube is uncomfortable.

"It means it's a really bad pneumonia and is certainly life-threatening," said Dr. Michael D. Schwartz, a pulmonologist and critical care doctor at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado. Doctors at the patient's bedside "believe this person is likely to perish without this type of life support."

Q: When can the breathing tube come out?

A: The longer a patient has a breathing tube, the higher the risk of a secondary infection. So when an improving patient can follow simple commands and has a strong enough cough, doctors will remove the tube and let the sedation wear off.

Coming off sedation can bring on delirium, especially for elderly patients, so doctors will monitor whether the patient is agitated and disoriented, Schwartz said.

Q: What are the risks of pneumonia?

A: Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that can be mild or severe. Elderly patients are at risk of deadly complications.

The former president wrote to President-elect Donald Trump on Jan. 10, saying that he would be unable to attend Friday's inauguration because of doctor's orders: "My doctor says if I sit outside in January, it will likely put me six feet under. Same for Barbara. So I guess we're stuck in Texas."

Q: What is vascular parkinsonism?

A: People diagnosed with the condition walk with shuffling steps, and brain scans suggest they have suffered small strokes. However, they do not have the characteristic tremors of Parkinson's disease, and they do not respond to drugs for Parkinson's.

"They look like Parkinson's from the waist down. From the waist up, they look very expressive," said Dr. Alberto Espay of the University of Cincinnati's Gardner Neuroscience Institute.

Q: Is it different from parkinson's disease?

A: Yes. It does not get steadily worse in the same way Parkinson's does. Classic Parkinson's disease develops when cells that produce one of the brain's chemical messengers, called dopamine, begin to deteriorate and die. Dopamine transports signals to parts of the brain that control movement. Parkinson's symptoms appear after enough dopamine-producing cells die that there's too little of this neurotransmitter in the brain.

Vascular parkinsonism can closely mimic a number of other disorders, including classic Parkinson's, progressive supranuclear palsy and excessive fluid on the brain.

Q: What has president bush said about the condition?

A: In a 2012 interview with Parade magazine, Bush said: "It just affects the legs. It's not painful. You tell your legs to move and they don't move. It's strange, but if you have to have some bad-sounding disease, this is a good one to get."

Bush said the symptoms have been difficult for him, "because I love being active, (playing) sports, being in the game. But you just face the reality and make the best of it."

Q: Who gets it?

A: People in their 70s and older are most likely be diagnosed, said Dr. Tanya Simuni who conducts research on Parkinson's and other movement disorders at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago. She calls it a "difficult diagnosis" because of the lack of accurate diagnostic tests.

The risk factors are the same as for stroke and heart disease: history of smoking, lack of exercise and poor diet. It's rarer than Parkinson's disease, which affects about 1 million Americans. In contrast, roughly 20,000 people have been told they have vascular parkinsonism.

Q: How is it treated?

A: Since the condition does not respond well to drugs used to treat Parkinson's disease, treatment relies on lowering the risk factors for stroke. That means quitting smoking, exercising, eating a healthy diet and perhaps taking a daily aspirin. Preventing falls is important, so a patient may receive physical therapy to improve balance.

Q: What causes the disease?

A: This is where answers get tricky. Conventional thinking says the disease is caused by strokes. But without a perfect test, lots of problems get lumped under the umbrella. Espay has written a paper questioning whether most parkinsonism is related to vascular disease.

Q: Is there a cure?

A: Physical therapy can help with balance and walking, but the damage cannot be reversed, said Dr. Corneliu Luca, assistant professor of neurology at University of Miami. "If you do not control risk factors for stroke, they can have another stroke, and the walking can get even worse," Luca said.

Q: What complications are most worrisome?

A: Falls are the biggest concern because they can lead to fractures, Simuni said. Bush took a spill in 2015 and fractured his C2 vertebra, the second one below the skull. It's not known whether that fall was directly related to parkinsonism.



AP file photo

Former President George H.W. Bush acknowledges the crowd at his presidential library before his son former President George W. Bush discusses his new book "41: A Portrait of My Father" on Nov. 11, 2014 in College Station. Former President George H.W. Bush, who has been admitted to a Houston hospital with pneumonia, has used a motorized scooter or a wheelchair in recent years because of vascular parkinsonism, a rare syndrome that mimics Parkinson's disease. The condition is undergoing a reappraisal as some experts challenge conventional thinking about its causes.

Lawmaker proposes $10,000 pay raises for Oklahoma teachers

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma teachers would receive a $10,000 pay raise by 2021 under a bill filed by Republican state Sen. David Holt.

The bill calls for a $1,000 raise for 2017-18, followed by $3,000 raises for each of the following three years, at an estimated cost of about $550 million, according to a statement from Holt on Thursday.

"We cannot have the future we want for our state without a solid education system, which we cannot have without great teachers, which we cannot have without competitive pay," said Holt.

The state faces a nearly $870 million budget shortfall, but Holt also introduced bills, including eliminating the sales tax exemption and a tax credit for wind energy, that he said would generate at least about $744 million to pay for the raises.

Other bills would end sales tax exemptions for state and local governments, reduce the amount of money spent on county road repairs and end sales tax exemptions on the repair, maintenance, delivery and installation of taxable goods such as oil field services, utilities, automotive services, pet grooming and carpet cleaning.

Holt also proposes that the first $200 million in any new revenue be dedicated to teacher pay raises.

Another bill would exempt teachers from the state income tax and he proposes a commission that would spend three years developing a new school district map that decreases the number of school districts from more than 500 to no more than 200, without closing any school buildings.

"Next to teacher pay, the staggering number of superintendents in our state is probably the issue I hear about from constituents the most," Holt said. "And it's not just a rural issue. There are 24 school districts in the city limits of Oklahoma City."

Feds sue police over man's HIV discrimination claim

By Colleen Long
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Police Department violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by denying an HIV-positive man a position as an emergency dispatcher, federal prosecutors said.

Raymond Parker applied for a position as a police department technician in 2013 and was given a conditional offer of employment, prosecutors said. He underwent a background check and medical tests, which disclosed he had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The police department, the largest in the nation, requested further blood tests. Parker received a notice of medical disqualification for the position because of his "HIV low CD4 count," according to papers filed with the lawsuit. The CD4 cell count is a measure of health in people with the virus. The higher the count, the healthier the person is.

The lawsuit said Parker, 60, was qualified for the job, which includes serving as emergency call dispatcher and performing clerical and administrative work, according to the job posting filed with it.

OPEC

From 1A

possible.

He warned that extending the cuts "could create a shortage too early which we don't want to."

"But if we find out ... that it's not enough, we will do what is necessary."

Oil prices are trading over $50 a barrel, nearly double the level they were a year ago, largely because of the production cuts.

For higher oil prices to stick, producers will have to show they are complying with their agreements.

Earlier Thursday, the Paris-based International Energy Agency said global oil output is dropping for the first time in months, as Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing countries follow through on the pledged cuts.

The IEA's monthly report on Thursday showed OPEC production dropped to 33.09 million barrels a day in December from 34.2 million the previous month.

The IEA's executive director, Fatih Birol, cautioned that the higher oil prices prompted by the production cuts could see a rise in output from U.S. shale gas producers.

And that newly increased supply could weigh on oil prices.

"Don't underestimate the shale gas reaction," he said.

Oil prices shot up to more than $100 a barrel in mid-2014 before a long slide sent them crashing below $30 in early 2016.

A number of factors hit prices, including worries over the scale of the economic slowdown in China and high supply from OPEC countries, notably Saudi Arabia, as they seemingly strove to drive U.S. shale gas producers out of business.

Now the higher prices may entice those shale gas producers to ramp up production again.

CLINICS

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clinics in 17 counties the year before the law took effect and 21 clinics in 6 counties the year after — making Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, San Antonio and El Paso the only cities with abortion providers. Most of the more than 53,000 abortions in Texas in 2014 were among women living in those big cities.

HB2 had required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional in a 5-3 ruling last summer.

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President-elect Donald Trump stands with his family during the "Make America Great Again Welcome Concert" at the Lincoln Memorial on Thursday in Washington.

After oath, Trump faces ambitious Day 1 to-do list

By Ken Thomas and Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump campaigned on a detailed and extensive to-do list for his first day in office. A day before his swearing-in, his team was being coy about when and how he plans to cross items off it.

As he's assembled his new government, Trump has backed off some of his promised speed, downplaying the importance of a rapid-fire approach to complex issues that may involve negotiations with Congress or foreign leaders. On others issues, he's affirmed his plan, indicating significant policy announcements may be teed up in the first hours and days of the Trump administration.

On Thursday, transition spokesman Sean Spicer said Trump would issue two executive orders on trade soon. On his Day One list, Trump said he would formally declare the United States' intention to withdraw from the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which he vigorously opposed during his campaign as detrimental to U.S. businesses and workers. He also promised to declare his intention to renegotiate the 23-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement or withdraw from the deal.

"I think you will see those happen very shortly," Spicer said.

Other issues likely to see early action include energy, where he's likely to undo regulations on oil drilling and coal, and cybersecurity, where he has already said he will ask for a report on the strength of the nation's cyber defenses within 90 days of taking office.

He's also made broad promises to upend immediately President Barack Obama's immigration policies, although some of those vows may be difficult to keep.

The president-elect has said he sees Monday as the first big work day of his administration, his effective Day One. Trump said at his first post-election news conference last week that people would "have a very good time at the inauguration" but his team planned "some pretty good signings on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday, and then also the next week."

The real estate mogul is expected to sign some paperwork today. He must formally nominate members of his Cabinet, in order to allow some of them to be voted on by the Senate. The transition team has also said he may sign executive orders — some logistical, others focused on his agenda — that will kick off his administration.

"Specifically, we've focused in the president-elect's direction on a Day One, Day 100 and Day 200 action plan for keeping our word to the American people and putting the president-elect's promises into practice," Vice President-elect Mike Pence said during a briefing with reporters on Thursday. Pence, who chaired Trump's transition team, added: "We are all ready to go to work. We can't wait to get to work for the American people."

Trump's Day One plan was an ambitious and specific list. It includes proposing a constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of Congress, imposing a hiring freeze for federal workers, and beginning to remove immigrants who are criminals and living in the country unlawfully.

The list includes "cancel every unconstitutional executive action, memorandum and order issued by President Obama." Given Trump's objections to many of Obama's policies, that category could involve some dramatic changes.

Among those would be cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which has protected about 750,000 young immigrants from deportation. The program also offered those immigrants work permits.

If he makes good on his promise to terminate the program, Trump could chose to immediately cancel the deportation protection and revoke the work permits, or he could opt to block new enrollment and allow those already approved to keep their work permits until they expire.

Trump has said he plans to focus immigration enforcement efforts first on criminals, a group he said could including 2 million to 3 million people.

Trump also pledged to "move criminal aliens out day one" in operations with state, local and federal authorities. That promise will be harder to keep on his first few days in office. Jurisdictions around the country objected to helping enforce federal immigration laws. He will also face a shortage of jail space. The government has enough money to keep 34,000 people in immigration jails at a time and has recently detained more than 40,000 people because of a surge of immigrants arrested at the Mexican border last year.

Also on Trump's list was labeling China a currency manipulator. But Trump said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal last week that he no longer planned to do that on the first day. "I would talk to them first," he said.

If Trump opts for a slower pace, it may be because he is still setting up his administration. He is awaiting confirmation of Cabinet choices and staffing federal agencies and has left vital spots such as the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers unfilled so far. Instead of unveiling an updated series of policies, Trump devoted part of his transition to meeting with prominent CEOs and touting jobs announcements by their companies. His team has also spent weeks reviewing Obama's executive actions to determine which ones can be eliminated quickly.

Trump's team also faces the daunting process of naming a Supreme Court justice to fill the vacancy left by the late Justice Antonin Scalia. Trump has said he will announce a nominee in about two weeks.

Trump's promises of swift changes have been cheered on by congressional Republicans, who have seen their agenda blocked by Obama for the past eight years. Pence and Trump aides have shared some details for the first few days with House leadership and told lawmakers to expect the incoming president to move quickly to undo Obama's legacy.

"There is a call of history and that calls us to put America back on the rails again and we've now been delivered the tools to do this by the voters," said Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa.

How to watch inauguration events, with or without TV

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The lack of a TV set shouldn't prevent you from following today's presidential inauguration ceremony, the pomp and circumstance surrounding it, and the many protests and marches planned around the country.

Television channels carrying the inauguration live include ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, PBS, C-SPAN and Fox News, as well as Telemundo in Spanish. Without a TV, you can check their websites, apps or YouTube channels to watch the events and commentary.

Switch among them to compare and contrast coverage.

You can go beyond traditional television networks, too.



John Minchillo/Associated Press

Vendors sell their President-elect Donald Trump wares Thursday in Washington as preparations continue for today's presidential inauguration.

The newspaper route

The Washington Post is offering free access to its website until Saturday as it covers President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration beginning at 8 a.m. today.

The event will be streamed live on the newspaper's website, its phone app and its Facebook and YouTube pages.

The Post also plans live coverage of tonight's balls with its fashion critic Robin Givhan, style writers and others.

At The New York Times, reporters around the country will cover the events in Washington and reactions from across the country.

The Times plans live video and real-time analysis from its political reporters, not just on its website and app, but also on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Digital media

Digital media darling BuzzFeed will host a Facebook Live event called "BuzzFeed News Live At Trump's Inauguration: This Is Happening." BuzzFeed will report on events in real time from several locations throughout Washington. The coverage starts around 9 a.m. today on the BuzzFeed News Facebook page and will switch to a feed of the inauguration at noon.

Vox reporter Liz Plank, meanwhile, will live stream from the Women's March on Washington on Saturday, a protest expected to draw large crowds of people concerned about a Trump presidency. Plank's coverage will be on Vox's Facebook page. Refinery29 plans to be at three of the largest women's march protests over the weekend — in Washington, New York and Park City, Utah, home of the Sundance Film Festival.

Virtual reality

USA Today is offering virtual reality and 360-degree coverage of the events, with cameras at the Capitol, the National Mall and along the inaugural parade route. USA Today says the livestream will be available on VR headsets on the USA Today channel in the YouTube app.

Stay social

Beyond news outlets' individual social media pages, you can also follow along on Twitter. In partnership with PBS NewsHour, Twitter will stream a special coverage at http://inauguration.twitter.com .

If you have friends attending the inauguration, the marches, or both, look for their live video streams on Facebook or Twitter, or Instagram Stories on the photo-sharing app.

The official word

The Presidential Inauguration Committee will also stream the inauguration on its website .

Back to television

For traditionalists with TVs, expect a full day of coverage on today:

■ ABC: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting with "Good Morning America," and

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Inaugural Things to Watch: the speech, the dress and more

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From a morning stop at church through the swearing-in to the last dance of the evening, it's going to be an inaugural marathon today. Donald Trump will take Washington by storm, no matter what the weather. (Which, by the way, looks like rain.)

Some things to watch for on Inauguration Day:

35 or 39?

Trump's oath of office is the only essential today; all the rest is window dressing. The Constitution sets out a 35-word oath for the new president. Some presidents make it 39 by tacking on "so help me God." There are conflicting stories about when the ad lib started. Some say George Washington added the words when he took the oath at his 1789 inaugural. Others say the first eyewitness account of a president using those words came at Chester Arthur's inauguration in 1881. Historian Jim Bendat says Washington's use of the phrase is a myth, but every president since 1933 has done it.

The speech

Trump's inaugural address will set the tone for the launch of his presidency.

Will he go the traditional route and offer a message of unity to a divided nation, play the role of disrupter of the established order, or blend a little of both?

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Inaugural Things to Watch (continued)

This won't be his usual off-the-cuff address. Aides say Trump has taken a big role in writing the speech and has been practicing at Trump Tower. Expect him to keep it short, around 20 minutes or so.

AWKWARD

When Trump is sworn in, Hillary Clinton will be sitting on the inaugural platform alongside husband Bill Clinton. She'll be intent on keeping a poker face, but that's got to be tough. All eyes will be watching to see whether Trump has any interaction with his vanquished rival, or mentions her in his address.

IT'S (NOT) JUST LUNCH

Washington ate alone after his 1789 inauguration. Trump will go straight from his swearing-in to a lavish luncheon of Maine lobster and Angus beef for 200 in the Capitol's Statuary Hall. It's not just about lunch, though. Good relations between the new president and the Republican-led Congress will be key to the success of the Trump presidency. Early maneuvering has shown Trump and GOP legislators to be on different pages at times about important issues such as taxes and health care. So amid the toast-making and the gift-giving of the day, the legislators and new president will be feeling one another out.

POWER MARCH

Start your stopwatch. More than 8,000 people will march in the 1.5-mile inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, from the Capitol to the White House. That's actually a relatively restrained dose of inaugural pomp. Trump's team wants to keep the parade to 90 minutes so the new president has time to do some work. The longest parade, with 73 bands and 59 floats, lasted more than four and half hours at Dwight Eisenhower's first inauguration in 1953.

FIRST STEPS

Trump aims to squeeze in a little work on his first day in office, perhaps in between the parade and the evening balls. What to watch for: His aides mention possible executive actions and perhaps the swearing-in of some members of his Cabinet.

BIG LEAGUE?

Trump has tweeted that "record numbers" of people are pouring into Washington for his inauguration. That's doubtful. There are still hotel rooms for rent. And, contrary to Trump's claims, stores still have plenty of ball gowns to sell. No one believes this inaugural will come close to the estimated 1.8 million people who attended Barack Obama's first inaugural. But with no official arbiter of crowd counts, expect a post-inaugural tussle over how many people really showed up.

DISSENTERS AND BIKERS

Protesters turn out for any inauguration. This year, one of the biggest pushbacks against Trump will be the Saturday women's march, which could draw 200,000 or more people. There will be plenty of action on Friday, though, with some demonstrators aiming to shut down or cause delays at security checkpoints going in to the swearing-in ceremony. And then there are the Bikers for Trump, promising to come in throngs and serve as "a wall of meat" if needed to protect Trump's supporters.

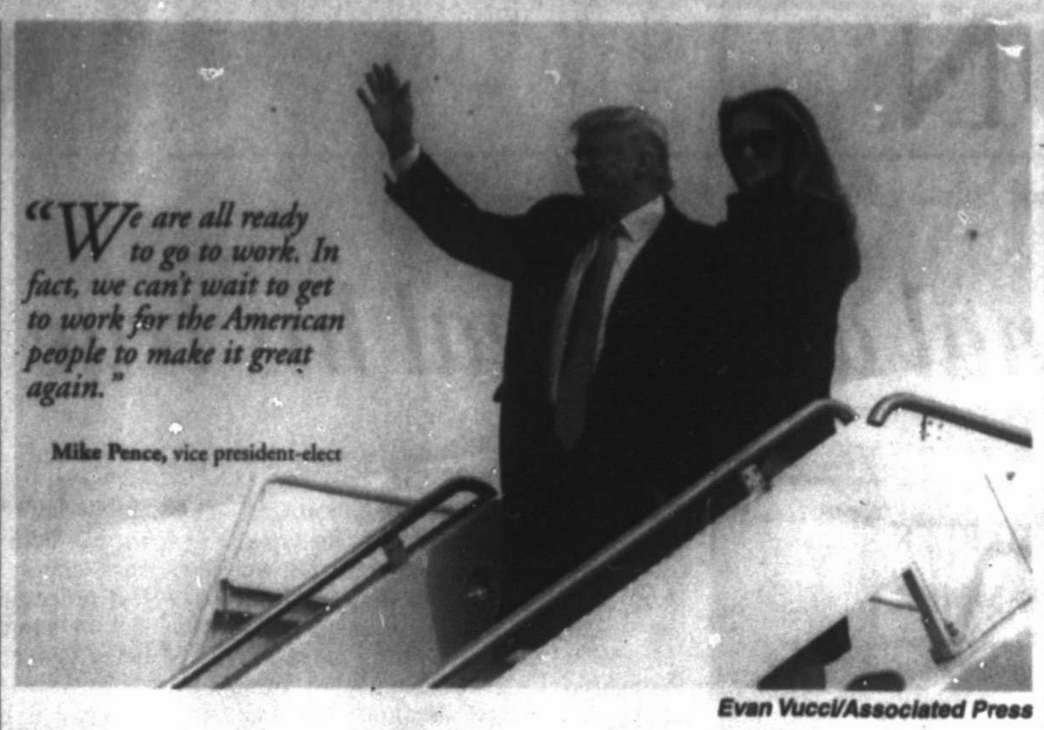
CELEB WATCH

Trump says he's got the "biggest celebrities in the world" coming to town for his inauguration. Yes, there are A-list celebrities in town — but you may need to check out non-inaugural venues to find them.

Trump will have singer Jackie Evancho singing the national anthem at his swearing-in. Performers at his inaugural balls include the Radio City Rockettes, The Piano Guys, 72-year-old Tony Orlando and 81-year-old Sam Moore, from the soul duo Sam and Dave. Over at the nonpartisan Creative Coalition bash, the headliner is Grammy-winning Blues Traveler, and hosts will include Tim Allen and John Leguizamo.

FASHION POLITICS

There's always intense interest in what the new first lady will wear, both for the swearing-in and to the inaugural balls. This year, it's not simply a matter of fashion. It's political. A number of designers have said they don't want to dress Melania Trump because they disagree with her husbands' policies. The president-elect has shrugged off such talk and suggested his wife wouldn't even want to be dressed by some of those who are demurring. Musicians who have agreed to play the inaugural have faced a backlash from Trump critics. Watch to see if the first lady's designer does, too.



Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President-elect Donald Trump, accompanied by his wife Melania Trump, waves as they arrive at Andrews Air Force Base on Thursday in Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Cheers and ceremony: Trump sweeps in for his big day

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ready for his big moment, Donald Trump swept into Washington on a military jet Thursday for three days of inaugural festivities and quickly set about building better ties to the Republican Congress. Washington braced for an onslaught of crowds and demonstrators — with all the attendant hoopla and hand-wringing.

Trump began taking on more trappings of the presidency, giving a salute to the Air Force officer who welcomed him as he stepped off a U.S. jet with wife Melania at Joint Base Andrews just outside Washington. Later, he placed a ceremonial wreath at Arlington National Cemetery.

His first stop was a luncheon in a ballroom at his own hotel, where he gave a shout-out to GOP congressional leaders, declaring: "I just want to let the world know we're doing very well together." House Speaker Paul Ryan, he said, will finally have someone to sign legislation into law. Then Trump veered into the territory of the unknowable to boast his Cabinet selections had "by far the highest IQ of any Cabinet ever."

Just blocks away, the White House was quickly emptying out. President Barack Obama had his final weekly lunch with Vice President Joe Biden and got in a few final official acts, cutting the sentences of 330 inmates and placing a call to German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence, in a tweet, called Inauguration Eve "a momentous day before a historic day," as security barricades and blockades went up around Washington in preparation for today's swearing-in at the Capitol.

"We are all ready to go to work," Pence said. "In fact, we can't wait to get to work for the American people to make it great again."

Outgoing Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said he'd be putting on his "favorite DHS jacket" and taking to the streets to inspect security preparations for the inaugural festivities.

He told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that areas where inaugural crowds will congregate will be "extra fortified this year with dump trucks, heavily armored vehicles to prevent anybody who's not authorized from being in the area from driving something in there." He said there was "no specific credible threat" related to the inauguration.

Trump's public schedule for the inaugural celebration began at Arlington, where he and Pence stood at attention as a bugler played taps at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Trump's wife, children and grandchildren silently looked on.

With that solemn moment, "the rhetoric of a campaign moves aside," Tom Barrack, the head of Trump's inaugural committee, told CNN. "I think you're going to see a shift from candidate to world leader. I think he's feeling the weight of it."

From there, Trump shuttled to a celebratory welcome concert on the steps of Lincoln Memorial that was to end with fireworks.

The two-hour concert, open to the public, promised headliners including country star Toby Keith, soul's Sam Moore and The Piano Guys. But not singer Jennifer Holliday: She backed out after an outcry from Trump critics.

"This is some day, dear friends," actor Jon Voight told the crowd, casting Trump's impending inauguration as evidence of divine intervention after "a parade of propaganda that left us all breathless with anticipation, not knowing if God could reverse all the negative lies against Mr. Trump."

Trump spokesman Sean Spicer said the president-elect was still making "edits and additions" to the inaugural address he'll deliver at today's swearing-in.

Never mind about Trump's gilded private plane: He made his Washington entrance on a Boeing 757 that is part of the fleet of military planes that become Air Force One whenever the president is aboard. The president-elect, who came to Washington without any press on his plane, was joined on the trip by a gaggle of children, grandchildren and other members of his extended family. Also spotted: bags of dresses and formalwear for the coming days' festivities.

At the luncheon, Trump invited his future first lady to speak, and Melania Trump told the crowd, "Tomorrow we're starting the work," adding that "there's "a lot of possibility and a lot to take care of."

Donald Trump made sure to work in a plug for his hotel, saying, "This is a gorgeous room. A total genius must have built this place." Reporters covering Trump's remark were removed from the room before the president-elect finished speaking.

Ebullient Trump fans were ready for a three-day party.

"We're hoping for good weather and hoping for some unity," said Jon-Paul Oldham, a firefighter who came from Thomaston, Connecticut. He said everyone should want Trump to succeed.

"Wanting him to fail is like wanting the plane to crash but you're on the plane," Oldham said.

New York Republicans kicked off their inauguration festivities with a breakfast Thursday morning at a downtown hotel.

Trump steps into security bubble; will he bring his phone?

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A few hours after President-elect Donald Trump was briefed by intelligence officials about Russian meddling in the election, an Associated Press reporter called his cellphone seeking an interview.

The call went to voicemail and the reporter did not leave a message. About an hour later, Trump called back.

It's hard to imagine many politicians — particularly one about to become president of the United States — calling back an unknown number on their cellphone.

With Trump, it's simply how business gets done, whether he's fielding calls from real estate partners and longtime friends or foreign leaders and congressional lawmakers in the weeks after the election.

But as Trump prepares to take the oath of office today, the future of his ever-present Android smartphone is now a matter of national security. President Barack Obama, the nation's first cellphone-toting president, gave up both his number and device when he took office in exchange for a Blackberry heavily modified for security purposes. Security agencies want Trump to do the same.

But the president-elect has bristled at the prospect of trading in his lifeline to the world — and to Twitter — and has suggested to friends that he plans to keep it.

"He's told me call me anytime on the cellphone," said Christopher Ruddy, the CEO of Newsmax and a friend who has been in touch with Trump during the transition. "He said that again recently."

Spokeswoman Hope Hicks wouldn't say whether Trump plans to keep his phone after the inauguration.

The presidency has long been a lonely, isolating office, with security concerns keeping the commander in chief at a distance from the public. Under Obama, worries about cyber intrusions — particularly by foreign governments — pulled the president's technology deeper into the security bubble as well. Many of the functions on Obama's Blackberry were blocked and only a handful of people had his phone number or email address.

Trump doesn't email, but he uses his phone to tweet — something he's made clear he plans to continue in office. He's known to make calls early in the morning and late at night, often seeking input from multiple sources when making a decision. Sometimes he leaves a voicemail.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., called Trump "amazingly accessible," saying the president-elect picks up his phone even when he doesn't know who is calling.

"My phone says, No Caller ID, so I'm not saying that it has anything to do with me," Corker said. "Nobody knows who it is that's calling when I'm calling."

Foreign leaders and diplomats took advantage of Trump's accessibility in the days after his election as they scrambled to find ways to reach him. Some called into Trump Tower hoping to be transferred to the president-elect's office. Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnball got Trump's cellphone number from the golfer Greg Norman.

Trump's accessibility can create headaches for his aides, who can't always control who he's speaking to or what he's saying. After actress Meryl Streep blasted Trump during a Golden Globes speech earlier this month, a New York Times reporter called the president-elect at midnight to get a response. Trump's criticism of Streep dominated the news the following day, overshadowing his team's planned agenda.

For Obama, getting to use a Blackberry in office was considered a victory. He later switched to an iPhone that allowed him to send and receive email from a limited group of people, surf websites and read the news.

But Obama wasn't known to use his cellphone to make or receive telephone calls, according to individuals familiar with his technology use. Even senior government officials didn't have the number and instead reached the president through the White House switchboard.

The president also used the switchboard to place his calls, said the individuals, who weren't authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

Obama had a phone in his control that he used to tweet, one of the only devices with access to the official presidential Twitter feed due to hacking concerns. But Obama rarely hit "send" on a tweet himself, and never without coordinating it with his staff, the individuals said.

If Trump does get rid of his cellphone, it could end up with a home not far from the White House.

Curators at the Newseum, which chronicles the First Amendment and the evolution of electronic communication, reached out to Trump's campaign in November about the prospect of acquiring his Android phone. They haven't heard back, said Carrie Christofferfersen, the museum's curator of collections.

WATCH

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continuing with anchors George Stephanopoulos, David Muir and Robin Roberts. Prime-time specials Thursday and today at 9 p.m.

■ CBS: 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting with "CBS This Morning" and continuing with anchor Scott Pelley. Prime-time special at 7 p.m. today.

■ CNN: 4 a.m. to conclusion, starting with "New Day." Wolf Blitzer, Jake Tapper, Anderson Cooper and Dana Bash cover the oath of office, with Cooper, Chris Cuomo, Alisyn Camerota and Brooke Baldwin covering the parade. Prime-time inaugural ball coverage will feature performers such as the Radio City Rockettes and 81-year-old Sam Moore, from the soul duo Sam and Dave.

■ C-SPAN: 6 a.m. to conclusion, live coverage of oath of office, parade and inaugural balls.

■ Fox Business Network: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., anchored by Neil Cavuto.

■ Fox News Channel: 4 a.m. to conclusion, starting with "Fox & Friends." Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum cover the oath of office and parade. Regular Fox prime-time personalities anchor their shows from Washington, including inaugural ball coverage.

■ MSNBC: 5 a.m. to conclusion, starting with "Morning Joe." Brian Williams, Rachel Maddow and Chris Matthews anchor the inaugural. Prime-time inaugural ball coverage.

■ NBC: 6 a.m. to conclusion, starting with "Today" show. Lester Holt covers the ceremony and parade.

■ Telemundo: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., coverage anchored by Jose Diaz-Balart and Maria Celeste. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., special on inauguration as seen through eyes of the Latino community.

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President's final acts reveal his true colors

■ Commuting the sentence of traitor Chelsea Manning and abandoning Israel to curry favor with the international left shows us who Obama really is



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Barack Obama did not go out quietly. His unquiet final acts were, in part, overshadowed by a successor who refused to come in quietly and, in part, by Obama's own endless, sentimental farewell tour. But there was nothing nostalgic or sentimental about Obama's last acts. Two of them were simply shocking.

Perhaps we should have known. At the 2015 White House correspondents dinner, he joked about whether he had a bucket list: "Well, I have something that rhymes with bucket list."

Turns out, he wasn't kidding. Commuting the sentence of Chelsea Manning, one of the great traitors of our time, is finger-in-the-eye willfulness. Obama took 28 years off the sentence of a soldier who stole and then released through WikiLeaks almost half a million military reports, plus another quarter-million State Department documents.

The cables were embarrassing; the military secrets were almost certainly deadly. They jeopardized the lives not just of American soldiers on two active fronts — Iraq and Afghanistan — but of locals who were, at great peril, secretly aiding and abetting us. After Manning's documents release, the Taliban "went on a killing spree" (according to intelligence sources quoted by Fox News) of those who fit the description of individuals working with the United States.

Moreover, we will be involved in many shadowy conflicts throughout the world. Locals will have to choose between us or our enemies. Would you choose a side that is so forgiving of a leaker who betrays her country — and you?

Even the word "leaker" is misleading. Leak makes it sound like a piece of information a whistleblower gives Woodward and Bernstein to expose misdeeds in high office. This was nothing of the sort. It was the indiscriminate dumping of a mountain of national security secrets certain to bring harm to American troops, allies and interests.

Obama considered Manning's 35-year sentence excessive. On the contrary. It was lenient. Manning could have been — and in previous ages, might well have been — hanged for such treason. Now she walks after seven years.

What makes this commutation so spectacularly in-your-face is its hypocrisy. Here is a president who spent weeks banging the drums over the harm inflicted by WikiLeaks with its release of stolen materials and emails during the election campaign. He demanded a report immediately. He imposed sanctions on Russia. He preened about the sanctity of the American political process.

Over what? What exactly was released? A campaign chairman's private emails and Democratic National Committee chatter, i.e. campaign gossip, backbiting, indiscretions and cynicism. The usual stuff, embarrassing but not dangerous. No national security secrets, no classified material, no exposure of anyone to harm, just to ridicule and opprobrium.

The other last-minute Obama bombshell occurred four weeks earlier when, for the first time in nearly a half-century, the United States abandoned Israel on a crucial Security Council resolution, allowing the passage of a condemnation that will plague both Israel and its citizens for years to come. After eight years of reassurance, Obama seized the chance — free of political accountability for himself and his potential Democratic successor — to do permanent damage to Israel. (The U.S. has no power to reverse the Security Council resolution.)

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. who went on to be a great Democratic senator, once argued passionately that in the anti-American, anti-democratic swamp of the U.N., America should act unwaveringly in opposition and never give in to the jackals. Obama joined the jackals.

Why? To curry favor with the international left? After all, Obama leaves office as a relatively young man of 55. His next chapter could very well be as a leader on the international stage, perhaps at the U.N. (secretary-general?) or some transnational (ostensibly) human rights organization. What better demonstration of bona fides than a gratuitous attack on Israel? Or the about-face on Manning and WikiLeaks? Or the freeing of a still unrepentant Puerto Rican terrorist, Oscar Lopez Rivera, also pulled off with three days remaining in his presidency.

A more likely explanation, however, is that these are acts not of calculation but of authenticity. This is Obama being Obama. He leaves office as he came in: a man of the left, but possessing the intelligence and discipline to suppress his more radical instincts. As of Nov. 9, 2016, suppression was no longer necessary.

We've just gotten a glimpse of his real self. From now on, we shall see much more of it.

OUR VIEW

Democrats' boycott of inauguration is more of the same from DC

Is anyone really surprised that Democrats are using the "illegitimate" card as Donald Trump takes the oath of office today? The decision by more than 50 Democratic members of Congress not to attend the inauguration is a reason we and many other Americans hate the politics of Washington. Those lawmakers think they know more than the rest of the nation and don't have to do what is right when it comes to the peaceful transfer of power in our country.

The boat for this illegitimate protest sailed years ago as the divide between the two parties became wider and more personal. We don't know who started this pettiness, but we are tired of it.

Equally revolting was the Republican congressman who shouted "you lie" during President Obama's State of the Union speech in 2009. A president shouldn't use the pulpit of the State of the Union address to admonish the Supreme Court over a political issue as Obama did over the Citizens United decision. So indeed, Republicans and Democrats and multiple branches of government have been guilty of the offense, and sadly, you don't have to look far for an example.

For whatever it's worth, Donald Trump's inauguration speech will be one of the more anticipated speeches in recent memory. It will be his first public comments since actually becoming president of the United States. After he takes the oath, no one can say, "let's see what happens after he becomes president."

We expect Trump will be an effective president when it comes to making deals and advancing legislation. We expect his administration will be more focused on economic and domestic issues.

We believe the foundation has been laid for a Republican revival that advances a mostly conservative agenda, even though barriers are still in place to prevent the type of overreach that will negatively impact Republicans in the future.

We have to admit it will be hard seeing the words "President Donald Trump," and we suspect that even the most conservative West Texan will agree. But Republicans have rolled the dice with this most unconventional figure to lead our nation. We are rooting for his success. Rooting for the president, in our view, is the right thing to do, no matter if you are Republican, Democrat or independent. If a president does right by all Americans, the country should be in better shape.

And we should all be able to root for a better America.

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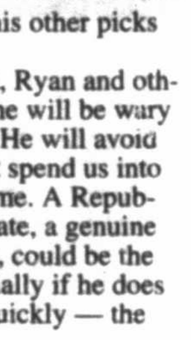
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Here comes Trump to our rescue

■ Making America great again may be no more impossible than Trump as president



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It is here, it is upon us, it is the utterly, totally, completely impossible presidency of Donald Trump, and he has opportunities galore to rejuvenate the best in this country. Some of his ideas could get us there as he is also reversing the worst of President Barack Obama. Will it happen? Will he make America great again?

No. That, at least, is the judgment of maybe half the country, and some of those who fear him most outline a different trajectory if he is not stopped. What they talk about is economic ruin, a collapse of the Western alliance, trade wars, perhaps hot wars, civil rights catastrophe, media mangling and internal disruption, perhaps foreshadowing the crippling of America.

All of that and more is at least possible, not least of all the disruption, but right now it is mainly coming from the critics. Some seem willing to lower any standards they dubiously may have had to strike out at him.

We're talking about hysterical, unruly protestors. About endless, hyper-efforts to delegitimize Trump's constitutionally valid election. About Democratic members of Congress not so democratically boycotting the inauguration and thereby America's tradition of transferring power peacefully. About the anti-Trump equivalent of the Obama birther story getting energetic circulation after a governmental boost. About bias ruling too much of the news.

To be fair, a sidekick in all of this is Trump and a wagging tongue way out ahead of thoughtful consideration. Especially disturbing — his tweets. These one-sentence kerpows do not bring us together. They are simplistic, they are arguments in the same way a nasty finger gesture is an argument and they indicate something scary. It is immaturity out of control, although this kind of direct communication with the people does have its pluses. What Trump needs is a tweet editor.

He also needs to heed what President Barack Obama did not, namely constitutional constraints. He needs to work with Congress, not least of all with House Speaker Paul Ryan, as exceptional a lawmaker as you will find in Washington these days. Trump's Cabinet picks are mostly excellent, often counter-balancing him on issues where he goes most amiss, even if some of his other picks do not.

He needs to listen to his Cabinet, Ryan and others, not try dictating. Maybe then he will be wary of Russia. He will support NATO. He will avoid disastrous trade tariffs. He will not spend us into more debt that could spell crisis time. A Republican House and a Republican Senate, a genuine effort to negotiate with Democrats, could be the way to grand achievements, especially if he does not buy into doing too much too quickly — the "First 100 Days" trap.

One thing he can do in a hurry is get a tow truck to haul away the Obama executive orders evading the rule of law through unilateral action the Constitution does not allow. He should move quickly on repatriation of corporate money overseas that could do enormous good on these shores. Corporate tax reform? You bet. Nothing could do more to produce more jobs. Tackling Obamacare should be carefully, judiciously approached. Nothing could do more to liberate and energize the country than to get rid of the overload of regulations that, to the extent they are decipherable, sometimes conflict with each other and often maagle common sense.

He could help us whip the current crime rise and save lives all over the country. His Supreme Court appointments could well be supreme, saving us from a nine-person oligarchy.

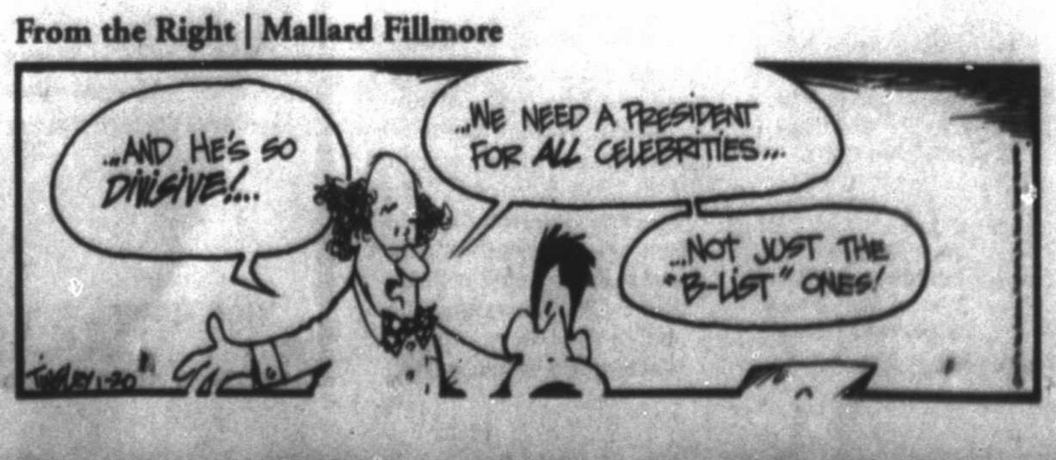
The big, big thing is to trash the worst of the Obama legacy. It was about political incompetence in league with worship of the state and what it tried to do was carry us further to an America out of touch with its founding principles. Obama thought he would transform America. He got a start in all the wrong directions, and now we need a Trump rescue.

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From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





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Energy Secretary-designate Rick Perry, accompanied by his wife Anita, straightens his tie prior testifying at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Energy pick vows to boost agency he had pledged to eliminate

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Gov. Rick Perry, tapped by President-elect Donald Trump to head the Energy Department, vowed to be an advocate for an agency he once pledged to eliminate and promised to rely on federal scientists, including those who work on climate change.

Perry told a Senate committee on Thursday that he regrets his infamous statement about abolishing the department and insisted it performs critical functions, particularly in protecting and modernizing the nation's nuclear stockpile.

"My past statements made over five years ago about abolishing the Department of Energy do not reflect my current thinking," Perry said. "In fact, after being briefed on so many of the vital functions of the Department of Energy, I regret recommending its elimination."

In 2011, at a Republican presidential primary debate, Perry became a punchline who famously forgot the department was one of the agencies he wanted to eliminate.

At his confirmation hearing, Perry also pledged to promote and develop American energy in all forms, advance the department's science and technology mission and carefully dispose of nuclear waste.

And he acknowledged that climate change is real.

"I believe some of it is naturally occurring, but some of it is also caused by man-made activity," Perry told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "The question is how do we address it in a thoughtful way that doesn't compromise economic growth, the affordability of energy or American jobs."

Perry, who served 14 years at Texas governor, said he was for "all of the above" on energy production — oil and gas to renewable sources like wind and solar power — before President Barack Obama embraced the strategy.

"We truly advocated an all-of-the-above strategy, reducing carbon emissions not just through development of cleaner fossil fuels, but through the development of renewable sources too," Perry said.

During Perry's tenure as governor, Texas maintained its traditional role as a top driller for oil and natural gas, while also emerging as the leading producer of wind power in the United States and a top 10 provider of solar power.

Democrats repeatedly reminded Perry of his pledge to abolish the department. Several expressed concern about news reports indicating that the Trump administration plans major cuts to the department's budget, including eliminating the offices of electricity, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, asked Perry if he agreed with those advocating such cuts.

"Maybe they'll have the same experience I had and forget that they said that," Perry said, drawing knowing laughter from the committee.

Perry also elicited laughs when he told Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., that he enjoyed meeting him at Franken's Senate office, adding: "I hope you are as much fun on the dais as you were on the couch."

Franken, a former comedian, paused for effect as Perry asked to rephrase. "Please," Franken said, "Please, oh lord."

"I think we found our 'Saturday Night Live' soundbite," Perry joked. Franken was a writer and actor on the show in the 1970s and 1980s.

Under questioning from Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., Perry vowed to protect Energy Department scientists from political or budgetary attacks.

"I'm going to protect all of the science, whether it's related to the climate or to the other aspects of what we're going to be doing," Perry said.

Perry criticized a Trump transition team questionnaire that sought names of those who worked on Obama administration climate policy efforts, saying it went out before Trump picked him to oversee the department.

"I didn't approve it. I don't approve of it. I don't need that information. I don't want that information," Perry said.

Some Energy Department officials viewed the questionnaire as a bid to intimidate top scientists. Democrats called it a political witch hunt that could have a chilling effect on federal workers.

Democrats and environmental groups have derided Perry's nomination, calling him a steep drop-off from the two renowned physicists who preceded him as energy chief, Steven Chu and Ernest Moniz. Perry earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M University, where he was also a member of the Corps of Cadets and a Yell Leader.

Moniz said last week that he and Perry had discussed the "special role" of the Energy Department's 17 national laboratories and said he trusts that the labs — and scientists generally — will have Perry's "strong support."

Bruce Springsteen gives farewell concert for Obama staffers

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's farewell gift to some of his longtime staffers was a private concert from "The Boss."

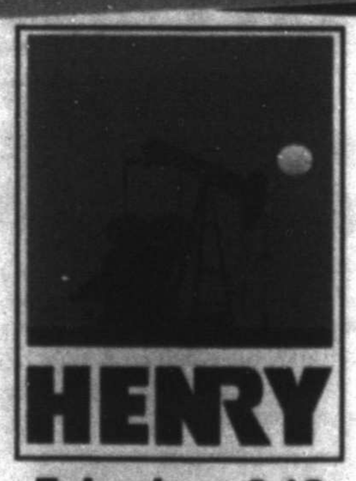
A senior White House official says Bruce Springsteen performed a roughly two-hour acoustic concert Jan. 12 for members of Obama's staff, mostly people who had served for all eight years of his presidency. There were no cameras present for the event.

The official wasn't authorized to discuss a private event and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Obama presented Springsteen with the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House in November.

Springsteen appeared on the campaign trail for Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in the fall.

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European nationalists find common ground — for now

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press



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Head of the nationalist party Alternative for Germany, AfD, Frauke Petry and her husband Marcus Pretzell are pictured Dec. 16 in Berlin, Germany. On Saturday — a day after the inauguration of the 45th president of the United States — nationalist leaders from Germany, France, the Netherlands and Italy plan to spell out a vision for Europe at a meeting in Koblenz, Germany, that will echo many of Donald Trump's talking points on immigration, Islam and relations with Russia.

BERLIN — They are the would-be Donald Trumps of Europe and they are coming together in a bid to gain influence in some of the continent's most powerful nations.

A day after the inauguration of the 45th president of the United States, nationalist leaders from Germany, France, the Netherlands and Italy plan to spell out a vision for Europe that will echo many of Trump's talking points on immigration, Islam and relations with Russia.

The meeting Saturday in Koblenz, Germany, brings together politicians who are hoping to score Trump-style political upsets in their respective countries this year with policies that are far to the right of the continent's established parties.

It also marks the first official appearance of Frauke Petry — the figurehead of Alternative for Germany — alongside Marine Le Pen of France's National Front, an alliance that would have been toxic to any mainstream German politician's ambition just a few years ago, breaking the post-Nazi-era taboo of showing any support for the far right.

But Le Pen, who inherited the party's leadership from her father Jean-Marie in 2011, has ditched the National Front's long-standing anti-Semitism to focus on economic protectionism and fears of Islam, boosting its fortunes among French voters before the spring presidential election.

For her part, Petry has turned the four-year-old Alternative for Germany, or AfD, into a formidable force. Pollsters predict the party will enter the German parliament for the first time this fall, seizing a double-digit share of the vote amid widespread dissatisfaction over Chancellor Angela Merkel's refugee policy.

They will be joined in Koblenz by Matteo Salvini, the leader of Italy's Northern League, and Dutch anti-Islam politician Geert Wilders, whose Party for Freedom is tipped to gain the largest percentage of votes in the Netherlands' March 15 parliamentary election. The party is shunned by its rivals, though, and unlikely to gain sufficient support for a coalition government.

While Le Pen, Wilders and Salvini have met in the past, Petry's appearance has raised eyebrows in Germany.

Senior members of AfD had previously dismissed the idea of working with Le Pen's National Front, and some still do.

Officially, the meeting is being organized by Petry's husband Marcus Pretzell, a European AfD lawmaker. Pretzell is part of the Europe of Nations and Freedom group in the European parliament, which is dominated by deputies from the National Front.

According to the official program, Le Pen, Wilders and Salvini will speak in the morning, after which the event will be "crowned by Frauke Petry."

Emmanuelle Reungoat, a political scientist at the University of Montpellier, France, said that although the parties have very different origins, a brief, media-friendly appearance would offer the participants an opportunity to present themselves as leaders with international stature.

"What interests them is to profit from the popularity each may have," Reungoat said.

Petry's decision to share a platform with Le Pen may reflect the party's stated tactic of "carefully planned provocation" that has served to keep AfD in the headlines for months, according to David Bebnowski, a political scientist at the University of Goettingen. Shortly after announcing the meeting, organizers banned a number of prominent German media outlets from attending, ensuring even greater attention for the event.

Bebnowski said that the embrace of Le Pen, Wilders and Salvini also shows AfD's continued shift to the right, a direction that doesn't seem to have harmed the party, even when some of its own members questioned the direction it was heading in.

Claudia Martin, who was elected as an AfD member of the Baden-Wuerttemberg state assembly last year, said that she joined the party in 2013 because it offered an opportunity to become involved in politics that didn't seem possible in established parties.

Last month, following a lengthy dispute over anti-Semitism in her regional party chapter, she quit AfD. "The party had an opportunity to draw a clear line and failed to do so," Martin told The Associated Press.

Trump, meanwhile, has become a "hero" to some in the party who believe in overturning the old order, she said.

Herfried Muenkler, a professor at Berlin's Humboldt university, said that the parties meeting on Saturday reflect a growing desire in their countries — also seen in the U.S. — to withdraw from politics at the global level and bring it back to the nation state.

"If they were ever in a position to see those policies through, though, they will find themselves confronting each other," Muenkler said.

Left-wing groups have announced plans to protest the meeting, which will be held in a large congress center by the banks of the River Rhine. Behind it lies what remains of the historic center of Koblenz, a city that was all but flattened by the Allies in their advance against Nazi Germany toward the end of World War II.

Desalination plant brings relief to Gaza

By Fares Akram
Associated Press

DEIR EL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — International aid workers on Thursday opened a new desalination plant in the Gaza Strip, bringing some relief to a territory where 97 percent of the water is undrinkable.

It is the Hamas-ruled territory's second and largest desalination plant. While it will not solve Gaza's water woes, officials said the project marked an important step.

"Despite the small production, this gives symbolism to Gaza residents that the train of water solution is now on track," said Monzer Shublaq, director of Coastal Municipalities Water Utility in Gaza.

The plant will initially produce 6,000 cubic meters of water a day, a small fraction of Gaza's needs. In all, the population uses 150,000 cubic meters a day, most of it from a depleted coastal aquifer.

The European Union said it invested 10 million euros, or $10.6 million, in building the plant with UNICEF. It has pledged a similar amount for a second phase meant to double capacity by 2019.

Robert Piper, the United Nations' local coordinator for humanitarian and development activities, said that large-scale water and energy projects are urgently needed for Gaza.

"We are falling far behind the demand for clean drinking water for Gazans. The situation today is really very serious. This is one step forward on a very big journey, and we need to have a lot more projects like this," he said.

Conditions have greatly deteriorated over the past decade since Hamas, a militant group sworn to Israel's destruction, took power. Hamas and Israel have fought three wars since the 2007 takeover, resulting in heavy damage to Gaza's infrastructure, and an Israeli-Egyptian blockade has slowed reconstruction efforts.

Hamas, an Islamic militant group boycotted by most of the international community, did not participate in the project, and it was not represented at Thursday's ceremony.

A Hamas military training site sits on part of the land allocated for the plant's second phase. Mazen Ghunaim, head of the Palestinian Water Authority, said Hamas promised the site will be moved away in the coming days. The authority is one of the few bodies run by the rival West Bank-based Palestinian Authority that Hamas allows to operate in Gaza.

Other obstacles have included chronic electricity shortages and concerns that the plant could be hit if there is new fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Vegemite goes home: Oreo maker sells to Australia's Bega

By Rod McGuirk
Associated Press



Hiroshi Otabe/Associated Press

A Vegemite jar purchased in Australia is seen at a breakfast table Aug. 11, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan. Vegemite, the salty spread beloved in Australia, is being sold by the maker of Oreo cookies to an Australian dairy company. The spread and other grocery products are being sold by Mondelez to Bega Cheese in a deal worth about $345.3 million. Mondelez International Inc. said Wednesday it is selling most of its grocery business in Australia and New Zealand to focus on snacks like Oreo cookies and chocolate like Cadbury.

CANBERRA, Australia — Vegemite, the salty, brown spread beloved in Australia, is going home, purchased by an Australian dairy company from the maker of Oreos.

Mondelez International Inc. said Wednesday it was selling Vegemite and other Australian and New Zealand grocery products to Bega Cheese in a deal worth about $345.3 million (460 Australian dollars).

Deerfield, Illinois-based Mondelez said it plans to focus on other products like Oreo cookies and Cadbury chocolate.

The sale was welcomed by many Australians who complain that iconic Down Under brands, including Foster's beer and Speedo swimwear, have been sold to foreign companies.

"This is the best news I've heard for a long time," Australian entrepreneur Dick Smith, who developed an Australian-owned yeast extract alternative called OzEmite, told Australian Broadcasting Corp on Thursday. "To bring Vegemite back into Australian hands after over 60 years of it being in American hands, it's great because it means the profit will stay in Australia."

A byproduct of brewing beer, Vegemite was introduced in the 1920s and is an Australian household staple.

Those who haven't been brought up on the spread, long marketed as a rich source of Vitamin B and ideal for healthy children, often find it a difficult taste to acquire.

President Barack Obama once said: "It's horrible."

Australians abroad commonly bemoan how hard Vegemite is to find outside their country.

Vegemite created a diplomatic hiccup with authorities at a New York airport in 2011.

"Only problem traveling to NY is that they tried to confiscate our Vegemite at the airport. Needed Foreign Ministerial intervention," Kevin Rudd, a former prime minister, Tweeted.

"Airport staff were surprised when I said it is good for you and I ate it for breakfast. They then waved me through," he said.

Although it remains by far the country's most popular yeast-based spread, its market share and sales have slipped in recent years, according to Euromonitor International. Last year, Vegemite's sales in Australia were $78.5 million, down from $86.9 million in 2011.

Barry Irvin, Bega Cheese's executive chairman, attributed the recent declines to changing breakfast habits.

Uganda confirms hundreds of Congolese M23 rebels missing

By Rodney Muhumuza
Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda — Hundreds of members of a Congolese rebel group have fled a military camp where they had been awaiting amnesty since the signing of a peace deal with Congo's government in 2013, Uganda's government said Thursday.

Some members of M23, a Tutsi-led rebel group that once controlled vast territory in eastern Congo, "have been quietly escaping into the general public," government spokesman Ofwono Opondo said in a statement.

Opondo said Ugandan authorities have arrested 101 M23 members, disguised as ordinary passengers, who were being ferried in four vehicles destined for Congo.

"Uganda will not and does not support any armed activities to destabilize the Democratic Republic of Congo," he said.

At least 270 M23 members are still detained in western Uganda, Opondo said.

It was not clear if M23 leader Sultani Makenga remained in the custody of Ugandan authorities. Makenga is the subject of U.S. sanctions, including a travel ban and assets freeze for "serious violations of international law invoiving the targeting of women and children" in armed conflict.

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SATURDAY

STRETCH IT OUT

Universalist Unitarian Church offers free weekly yoga classes. 9 a.m.

SUNDAY

GODS WAY ONLINE

Check out this Christian music revue with local hip-hop artist Big Perk at Music City Mall. 4 p.m.



TUESDAY

INDIE LENS POP UP

Basin PBS will host a free screening of "The Bad Kids" at Ector County Public Library. The film focuses on a group of students from an improverished school. A panel discussion of area educational directors will follow the screening. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

ON DISPLAY

Midland Shared Spaces is hosting its Winter Art Exhibit with works by area arts groups and member agencies. Daily.

SAVE THE DATE

The Aphasia Center of West Texas' annual Chocolate Decadence will be on Feb. 2 at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion. For tickets, visit aphasiawtx.org.

See more calendar items on **Page 6B**.

IN NEED

RETAIL SKILLS

Habitat Restore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Learn about opportunities to help at thte I-20 Wildlife Preserve at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

BE A MENTOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is expanding its school-based program and is short of volunteers. The agency needs help since adding Houston Elementary to its program, which already serves Milam and Crockett elementaries. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and to be a positive role model. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

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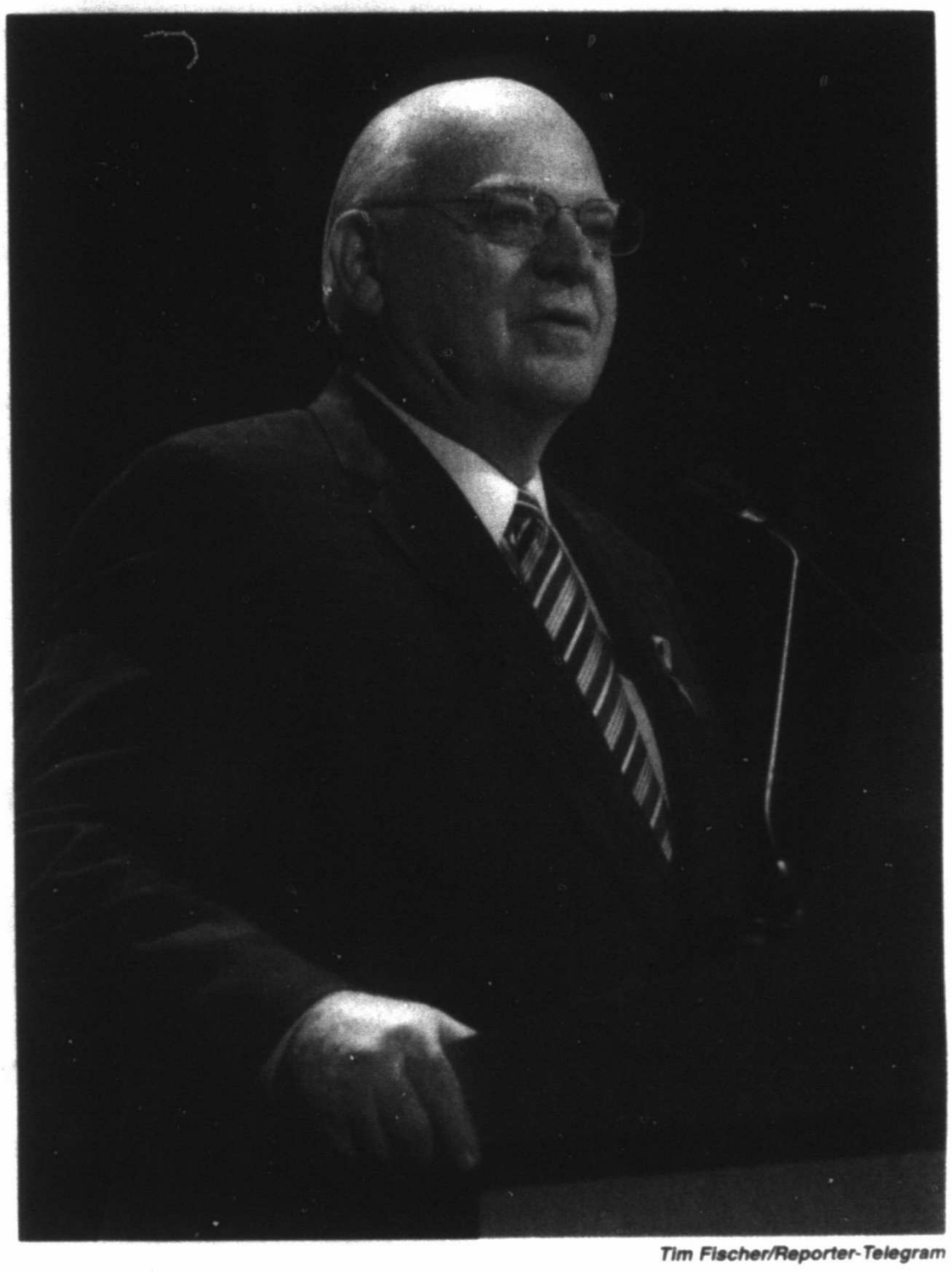
The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Midland community leader visits Vatican for screening of 'Silence'

Editor's note: This article originally was published in the West Texas Angelus, the newspaper of the Diocese of San Angelo.

By Jimmy Patterson
MRT correspondent



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dale Brown is honored Nov. 11, 2014, at the Executive Oil Conference for his work in starting the program 20 years ago. Brown visited the Vatican for a screening of "Silence."

While he didn't have the opportunity to meet Pope Francis, Midlander Dale Brown was no less impressed on his fifth visit to Rome — this time as an executive producer of "Silence," the recently released film by Martin Scorsese. Based on the 1969 novel by Shusaku Endo, "Silence" tells the story of the violent religious persecution of Christians, specifically Jesuit priests, in 17th century Japan. Liam Neeson and Andrew Garfield, who recently appeared as Private Desmond Doss in Mel Gibson's "Hacksaw Ridge," star in the Scorsese film.

Brown and other like-minded Christians were encouraged by Mark Rogers, who is with the group Wedgewood Circle, to help fund the movie. With the help of investors, patrons, artists and others, Westwood's purpose is to invest in art and entertainment that is "good, true and beautiful for the common good."

"Historically, my world has been the church," said Brown, a longtime member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ. "And more recently, I had some involvement in the public policy arena, but the statement was made to me that culture is upstream of the political process, and it is really the culture that will determine what public policy ends up being."

Christian faith, Brown said, is important to a positive culture, and "Silence" was presented as a film that could engage the broader culture in a discussion of faith. Brown believes it is a project that will do just that.

"Silence" has met with positive reviews from Christianity Today, Catholic News Service and USA Today. Even Rolling Stone magazine called the movie one of Scorsese's "most spiritually moving films to date," and Rotten Tomates gave "Silence" a 95 out of 100.

But can it play a role in the altering of conventional secular thought?

"It seems we could be more effective if, instead of getting people to just listen to our answers, we could encourage them to ask the right questions. If we can do that, then we have the opportunity to give answers," Brown said.

Please see **TRIP**/6B

Trump chooses two Bibles for taking oath of office

■ The 45th president to use Bible his mother gave him, one used by Lincoln

By Katie Mettler
The Washington Post



This is the Bible that Abraham Lincoln used to take his oath of office. President-elect Donald Trump has selected it for his swearing-in ceremony. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress

When George Washington took the oath of office as the country's first president in 1789, he placed his hand upon the Bible while speaking those solemn 35 words required by the Constitution, beginning a tradition that has come to define the pomp and circumstance of Inauguration Day.

And though the act of swearing upon a Bible held significance at the time, the particular book he chose did not.

It was, historians say, an afterthought. Organizers had simply forgotten to bring one, so they grabbed the closest Holy book they could find — a nearby Masonic lodge's altar Bible — and Washington made his promise.

But in the two centuries since then, the act of choosing an inaugural Bible — or Bibles — has become far more symbolic.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt used his family's Bible, written in Dutch and printed in 1686. John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic elected to the White House, chose a Douay Bible. And when his second inauguration fell on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President Barack Obama chose to lay his hand upon a book of Holy Scripture that belonged to the civil rights leader.

The story behind the Bible adds gravitas — and gives media commentators something to talk about.

On Wednesday, President-elect Donald Trump announced his choices: a Bible his mother gifted him in 1955 when he graduated from Presbyterian Sunday school and the one President Abraham Lincoln used at his inauguration.

In a statement, Presidential Inauguration Committee Chairman Tom Barrack explained the selections.

"In his first inaugural address, President Lincoln appealed to the 'better angels of our nature,'" Barrack said. "As he takes the same oath of office 156 years later, President-elect Trump is humbled to place his hand on Bibles that hold special meaning both to his family and to our country."

Please see **BIBLES/6B**

F&P Roundup: Flotek donates $36,000 to food bank

From staff reports

Flotek, an oil and gas chemical solutions provider, is donating $36,000 to the West Texas Food Bank.

The donation is part of Flotek's "Make a Difference" commitment. The company vowed to donate 1 percent of sales revenues from September sales to local food banks.

With the donation presented to the food bank on Thursday, up to 396,000 meals can be provided to children in the Midland-Odessa area.

Encana donates to $37,500 to local firefighters

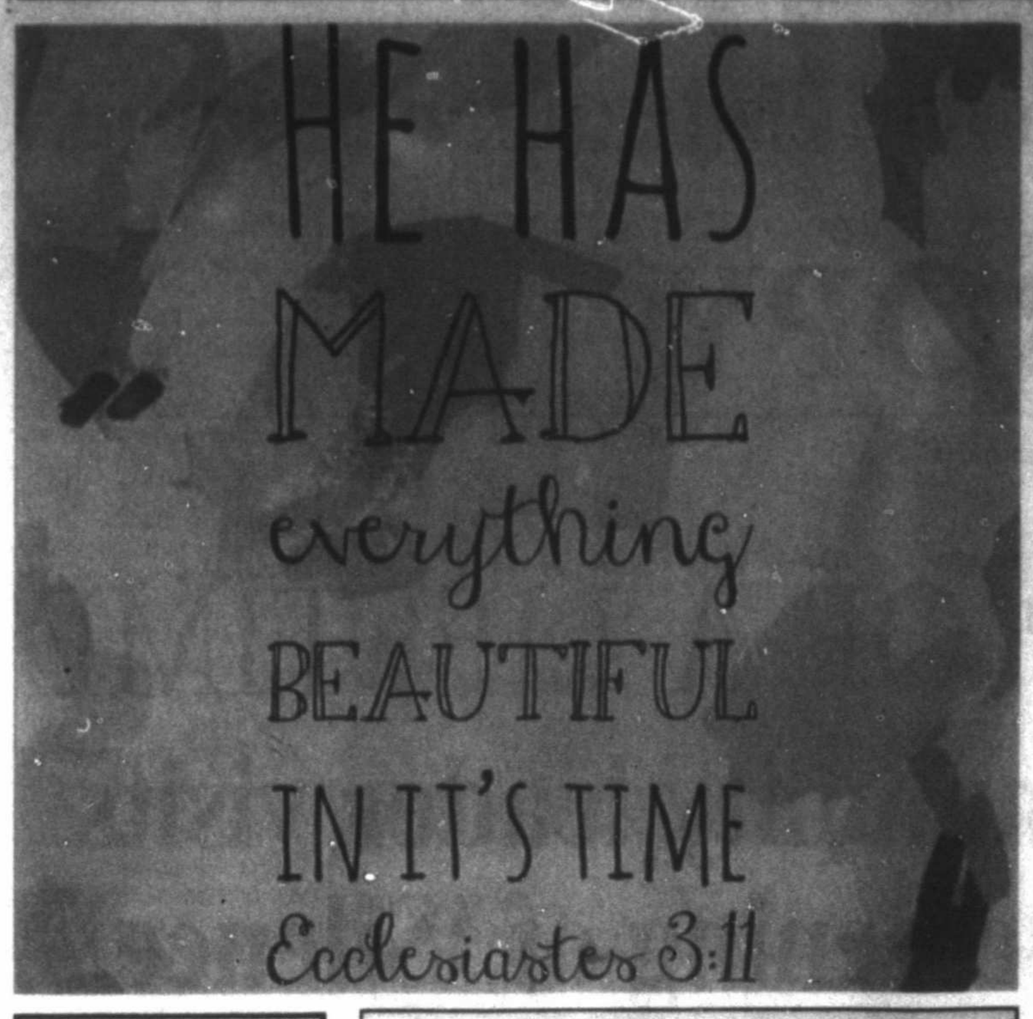
Encana Oil & Gas (USA) donated $37,500 to various volunteer fire departments in the Midland area last year.

Contributions were made to departments in Martin, Howard, Upton, Midland and Glasscock counties. In addition, the company contributed to the Permian Basin Fireman's Fund, a local foundation that provides training for volunteer fire departments in fighting wildfires, according to a press release from the company.

First Presbyterian announces free guitar concert

Acclaimed guitarist Doyle Dykes will perform a free concert at First Presbyterian Church. The national recording artist performs a mix of music that includes, jazz, inspirational and county. Dykes'

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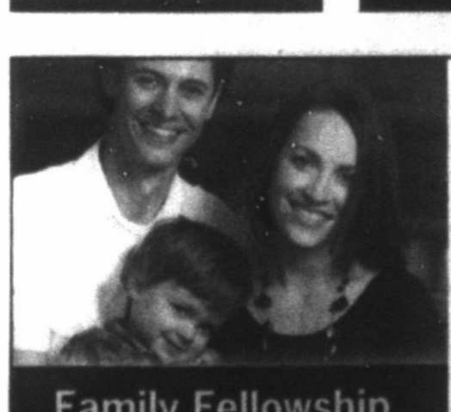
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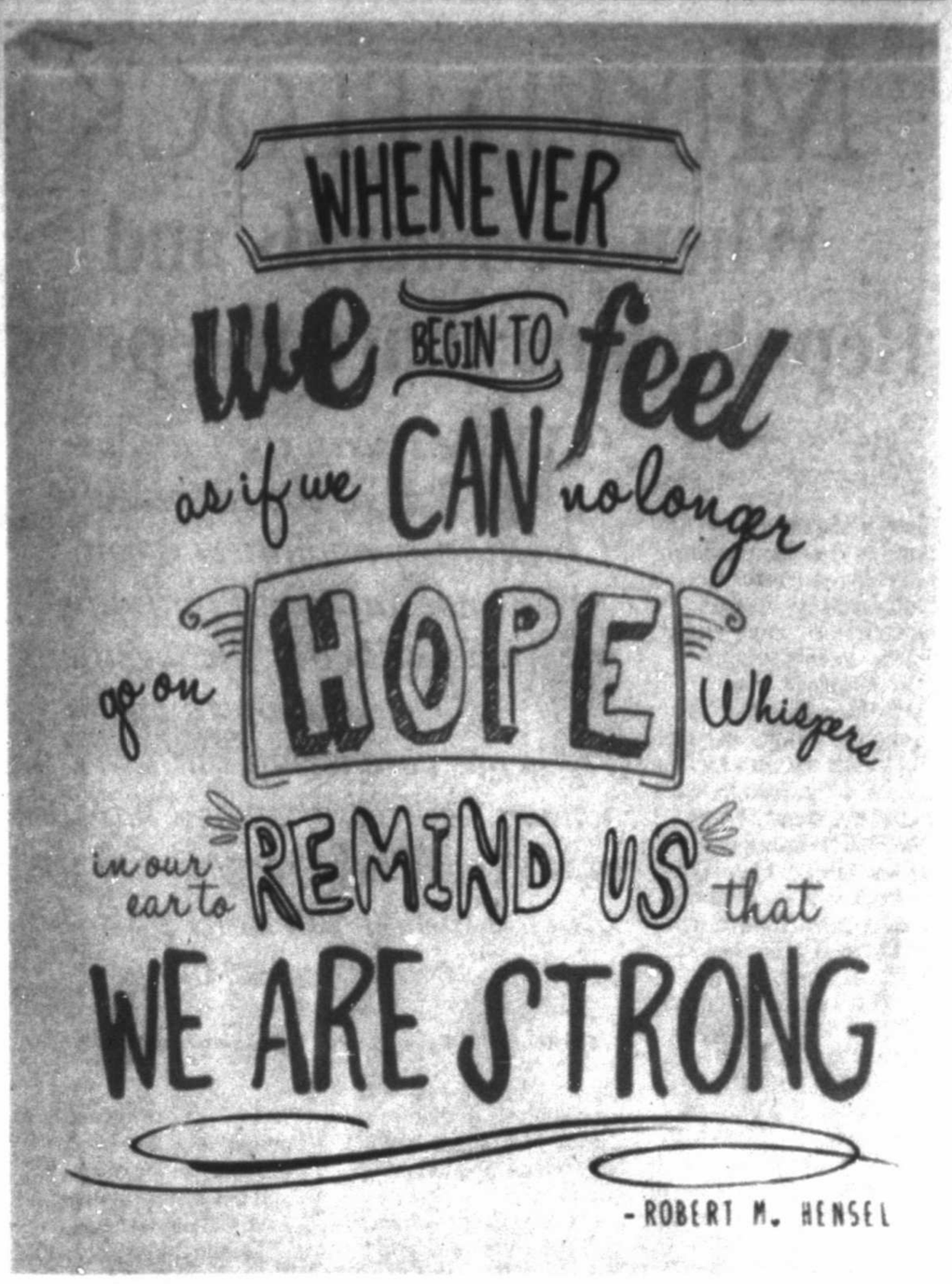
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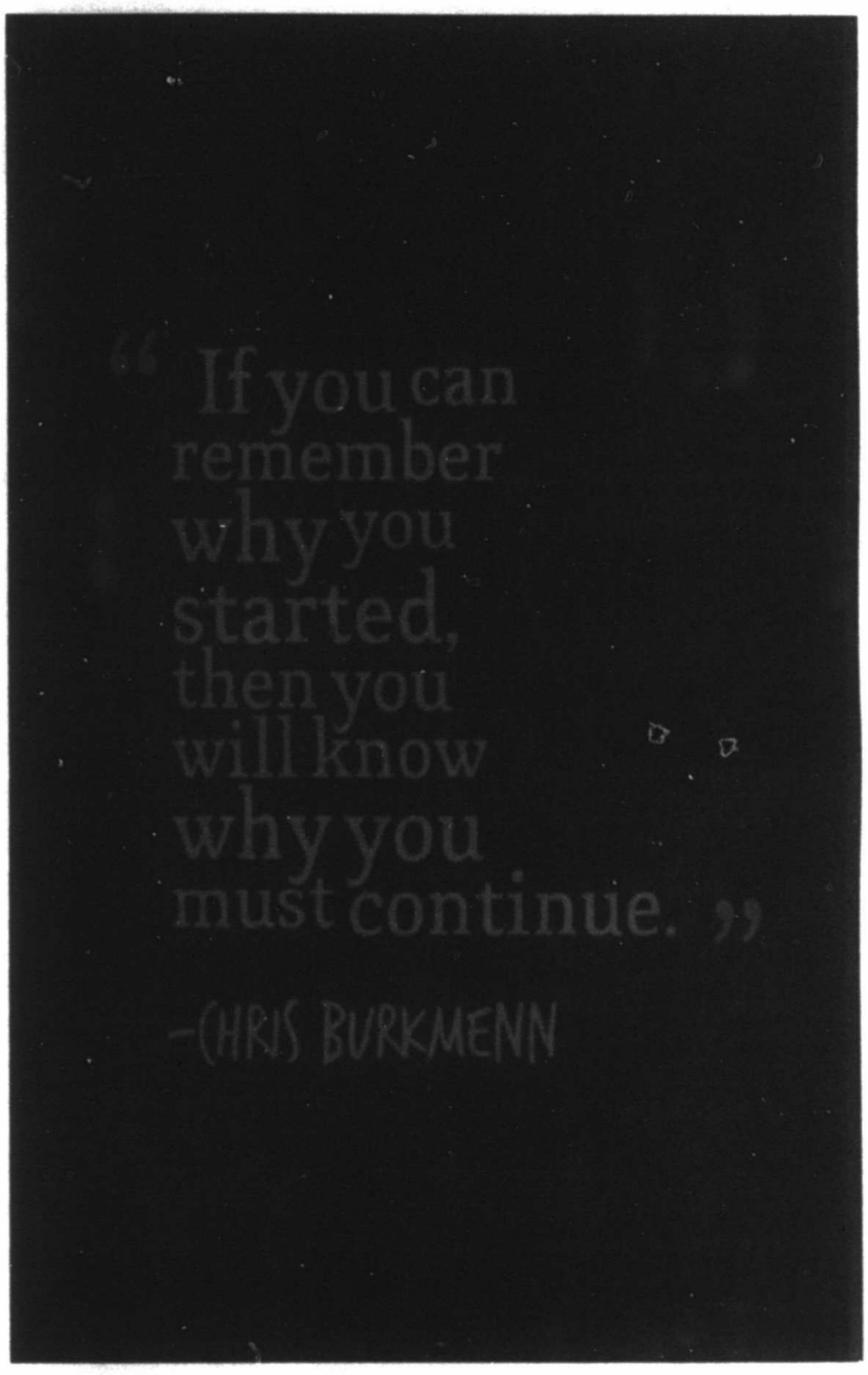
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MIXED FLOCK

When Democrats and Republicans share the pews

By Peter Smith
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

"We live in the polis, we live in the community. Christianity absolutely is concerned not only with individuals' spirituality but life together. ... If you run out ahead out of righteous conviction but leave the wagon behind, then you haven't really moved the wagon. On the other hand, if you don't pull the wagon, it also doesn't move."

The Rev. Jim Gilchrist, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church

PITTSBURGH — The Sunday after the presidential election, Pastor Rock Dillaman kept his ears tuned to the conversations among members at the church he leads.

He knew both from his own observations and general trends that in a racially diverse congregation, there would be plenty of both Donald Trump supporters and Hillary Clinton backers, and he could only wonder at the fallout after the bitterest campaign in recent memory.

"What I found that first Sunday was people loving one another, laughing with one another," said Dillaman, pastor of Allegheny Center Alliance Church, a North Side congregation with large numbers of both white and black worshipers.

Many religious congregations may be almost entirely red or blue in their politics, depending on their racial, theological, geographic and economic makeup.

But in houses of worship have flocks made up of a fairly even mix of donkeys and elephants. Preachers there find themselves "struggling to say something that's both unifying and prophetic," wrote Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, in a recent edition of the journal Christian Century.

"It's easy to gloss over the divisive issues of a congregation with a declaration about spiritual unity, and it's easy to make a congregation afraid of the 'them' who are to blame for our problems," he wrote. "But it's very difficult to preach to a divided 'us.'" Yet at times pastors can't keep silent, he said, calling on them to oppose such things as Trump's harsh rhetoric toward immigrants, Muslims and others.

Exit polls found that large majorities of white Protestants and Catholics supported Trump, many of them citing hopes for a Supreme Court that would restrict abortion and protect religious liberty. Many racial and religious minorities supported Clinton, citing such things as her support for immigrant and civil rights.

While the 2016 election was especially fierce, previous presidential campaigns were also deeply divisive, and Dillaman said he used to breathe a sigh of relief when Election Day came and went. This time, however, the acrimony is continuing right through Inauguration Day, particularly on social media, where he said he's seen where some people "in the course of three paragraphs violated seven of the Ten Commandments."

"The teams have left the field and the fans up in the stands are still fighting," he said. Any church that wasn't prepared to deal with its division before Nov. 8, he said, was unequipped to do so afterward.

At Allegheny Alliance, he said: "We've learned too much from one another about one another and spent too much time together to let something as temporary and hollow as American politics divide us. We know elections have profound implications, but they are temporary in the grand scheme of things."

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, leader of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, noted that her denomination has an extensive set of official social principles, and she encourages pastors to preach on those themes rather than on candidates or parties.

Those principles, for example, include a call for humane policies on immigration and health care.

But pastors can't just make the correct points; they also have to care about their people, she said.

If folks aren't able to hear us, it doesn't matter if we're speaking prophetically," she said. "Oftentimes people will let you push them harder if they know you have been there for them in those moments of crisis, of death in the family. They'll take up the challenge more."

The Rev. Eric Park, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Butler, said that while he assumes most congregants voted Republican, they had diverse views and many wished for options that weren't on the ballot.

He said it's important to emphasize the "core conviction that God's vision of justice and mercy is grounded in something more beautiful and grander than a particular party's rhetoric."

He said he does speak to particular issues — that "if women are objectified or mistreated, ... the church has an obligation of speaking to the truth that Jesus has given men and women a different way of relating to one another." Or that immigrants can't be discussed without losing "sight of the fact that we're speaking of people in whom the face of Jesus can be observed and not simply statistics." And that any discussion of health-care policy must recognize that "God has a vision of the health and wholeness of the people."

He's heard many Clinton and Trump supporters say they've felt demonized by each other, but he's been encouraged by their efforts to move "to a more comprehensive, reasoned and respectful way of talking to one another."

The Rev. Jim Gilchrist, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, said that even though there are obvious reasons to avoid preaching on partisan politics — it divides congregants and would violate the conditions for religious organizations' tax-exempt status — it's impossible to avoid matters of "public well-being and justice."

"We live in the polis, we live in the community," he said. "Christianity absolutely is concerned not only with individuals' spirituality but life together."

He preaches "middle axioms" — between things like "love thy neighbor, which is true but not very specific," and tactical instructions, such as "vote this way on Bill 2436."

A middle axiom, he said, would say that "if you would want to have access to health care, we should make sure others have access to health care," or "if you would not like to be discriminated against, we have a Christian responsibility to remove discrimination."

He cited an old preacher's expression that one must stay "hitched to the wagon you're pulling" — staying connected with the congregants one is trying to influence.

"If you run out ahead out of righteous conviction but leave the wagon behind, then you haven't really moved the wagon," he said. "On the other hand, if you don't pull the wagon, it also doesn't move."

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Obituaries



Clarence L. Dunson

Clarence L. Dunson of Midland, Texas entered eternal rest Friday, January 13, 2017. He was born October 23, 1933 in Franklin, Texas to Violet Watson and Estes Dunson Sr., and moved to Midland in 1951.

He was the longtime sole owner and operator of Dunson's Café, well known and patronized for the best homemade, family cooking in the area. Cooking was his passionate labor of love; gifted to family, friends and his community.

Those preceding him in death include parents; siblings, Mildred Allen and Estes Dunson Jr.; and sons, Henry Robertson, Melvin and Edwin Dunson.

He leaves behind in Midland his remaining children, Gloria Burton, Sandra, Marsha and Joseph Dunson, and Edward Dunson of Dallas, TX.; their mother, Janie Roberts; siblings, Ralph Dunson Sr. of Midland, TX, Emma Aycox and Dinah Hendrix of Bremond, TX; a host of grandchildren, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

The Home-Going service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017 at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 2400 E. New York Ave., Midland, TX. 79701.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Jackie Warren Funeral Home at 702 S. Terrell St., Midland, TX. 79701.



Diane Dixon Boling

Diane Dixon Boling, 55, passed away on January 16, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

Diane was born on July 6, 1961 in Odessa, Texas to Jack and Carolyn Dixon. She grew up in Midland and received her degree in Accounting from UTPB. Diane was a long time member of a 12-step fellowship where she held many service positions and made many, many friends.

She loved listening to music and attending live concerts and was passionate about football - especially the Lee High Rebels and Texas Longhorns!

Diane is preceded in death by her father, Jack.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Boling; mother, Carolyn; son, Michael Welch; grandsons, Mason and Colton; sister, Dayna McElreath and her husband Calvin; niece, Paige; brother, David; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2017 at The Seed/Hub, 4201 West Illinois in Midland where Diane was an active member serving in the outreach ministry.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to The Seed Outreach, 4201 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79703, or you may give via website: *www.theseedoutreach.com* .

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

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

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J Michael Cobb

J Michael Cobb, precious husband and beloved brother, suddenly left this life Sept. 12, 2016 at his home in Gary, Texas . He was born March 12, 1952 in Midland, Texas to Lodeva Lands and Lanis Girvin Cobb, both of whom have proceeded him in death.

He was a journeyman pipefitter, honorable withdrawal Local Union 823, Harlingen, Texas.

He is survived by his best friend and wife, Laurie McCormick Cobb of Gary, Texas; eldest sister, Sue Duncan of Kaufman, Texas; along with many affectionate nieces and nephews, cousins and aunts and uncles; Papa Mike to his adopted grandchildren; and many dear friends near and far.

Preceded in death by siblings Bill David Cobb, Melinda Cobb Kitterman and Lanis Ray Cobb.

The world will miss this brilliant voracious reader, - a tender hearted, loving soul, ponderer of life. Memorial donations to ACLU, The Texas Observer, Public Television in his honor would be greatly appreciated.



John (JR) Johnson

66 Well known at the Tom Cat and A-1 Mobile home as a mechanical operator and driver, died January 17, 2017 in a local hospital. He was born in Abilene, Texas on August 30, 1950 but grew up in Midland, Texas where he attended Carver High School.

Survivors include his children, Broderick Maeberry and wife Cecily of Midland, TX, Marcus Maeberry and wife LaDondra of Midland, TX, Ayanna Johnson of Midland, TX; three sisters, Gloria Strambler and husband Moe of Midland, TX, Shirley A. Tezano of Houston, Texas, Opal Gary and husband Gary of Abilene, TX; one brother, Ricky Green of Midland, TX; three grandsons; three granddaughters; and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, John Johnson, Rosa and Floyd Green.

Memorial Services will rake place on Saturday January 21, 2017 at Jackie Warren Funeral Home with Reverend Walter Hunter officiating.



Marjory M. Murray McNeal

Marjory M. Murray McNeal passed away January 15th. She was born in Electra, Texas to Ruby and Paul Murray, February 10th 1930. She graduated from Midland High School where she met James Clifton McNeal (Jake) whom she married in 1948. Together they raised three children and loved and supported many nieces and nephews.

Marty was the family prayer warrior. Her favorite verse was 3 John1:4,"*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*" She was happiest at family gatherings. She enjoyed Bible studies and participated in BSF for several years, Naomi class, and a women's study in Tulsa.

She moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to be close to her daughter due to her failing health. Her faith and strength were evidenced by her determination to make new friends and enjoy her remaining years in Tulsa.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jake; her son Eddy; and her nephew, Larry Hiller. She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Sanders (Paula), and Mrs. Lamar Seale (Terry); five grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2017 at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Midland.

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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On Philanthropy: 7 trends in philanthropy to expect in 2017

By Bruce DeBoskey
Tribune News Service

2016 was a great year for philanthropy. It included record levels of giving and impact investing and more strategic approaches to charitable efforts. This year will likely launch its own unique trends. I'll be watching for these highlights:

■ **Reduced tax incentives for giving**

Many knowledgeable observers predict that Congress will reduce income tax rates for the wealthy — thereby decreasing the tax savings from charitable deductions. Many also expect the estate tax will be eliminated — reducing the tax incentive to make final charitable contributions.

Some predict the new administration will seek to limit or even eliminate charitable deductions. Others expect that changes will be made to donor-advised funds — implementing payout requirements similar to those required of private foundations.

These changes could significantly affect the U.S. nonprofit sector and should be closely watched. They could also exacerbate income inequality — leading to increased demands on safety net nonprofit organizations at the same time that tax incentives for giving are reduced.

■ **Increased impact investing**

The value of assets currently under management using environmental, social and governance factors has grown to $8.72 trillion in the U.S., according to the US SIF Foundation, which advocates sustainable, responsible and impact investing.

The nearly $1 trillion sitting in foundations and donor-advised funds represents an enormous new resource of capital to be invested for the double bottom line of both financial return and social impact. Expect that more foundations will follow the lead of The F.B Heron Foundation (and others) to ensure that all of their capital is invested to help achieve their missions.

■ **More contributions from fewer, wealthier donors**

Charities are increasingly relying on larger and larger donations from smaller numbers of high-income, high-wealth donors, while receiving shrinking amounts of revenue from the vast population of donors at lower and middle income levels, according to a new report, "Gilded Giving — Top-Heavy Giving in an Age of Extreme Inequality."

The report also says a growing inequity in charitable giving may hold risks not only for nonprofits themselves, but for the nation as a whole.

■ **Support of constitutional principles**

Many organizations that protect constitutional rights have seen a recent surge of donations. That pattern should continue as Americans of all political stripes invest to fortify bedrock democratic principles — including free speech, a free press, the separation of church and state, equality, privacy rights, the right to assemble and protest, and more.

■ **Increasing impact of women**

Today, women control more than half of U.S. private wealth and continue to demonstrate innovation and leadership in the field of philanthropy — with major impact. Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg, for example, recently committed $100 million to fund LeanIn.org, focused on women's empowerment, and other organizations.

Over the next 40 years, women are expected to inherit 70 percent of $41 trillion in intergenerational wealth transfer. By 2025, they will comprise 60 percent of U.S. billionaires.

■ **More donors of color**

By 2050, the U.S. population is predicted to reach a non-white majority. Philanthropy will shift in a similar pattern. The new Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture, for example, received nearly three-quarters of its individual gifts from African-Americans. The Denver Foundation and others are working hard to recognize and grow philanthropy in communities of color.

■ **Mainstreaming of philanthropic strategy**

Leaders in families, foundations and businesses increasingly understand that philanthropy consists of more than the transactional act of writing checks. Today, philanthropy is seen as a strategic investment that transforms both society and the donor.

Truly transformational philanthropy requires careful strategic planning, which has fueled the growth of philanthropic consulting in financial and professional services firms. It has also fueled the rise of philanthropic strategists as key advisers to philanthropists.

With these trends in mind, best wishes for a happy, healthy — and philanthropic — new year!

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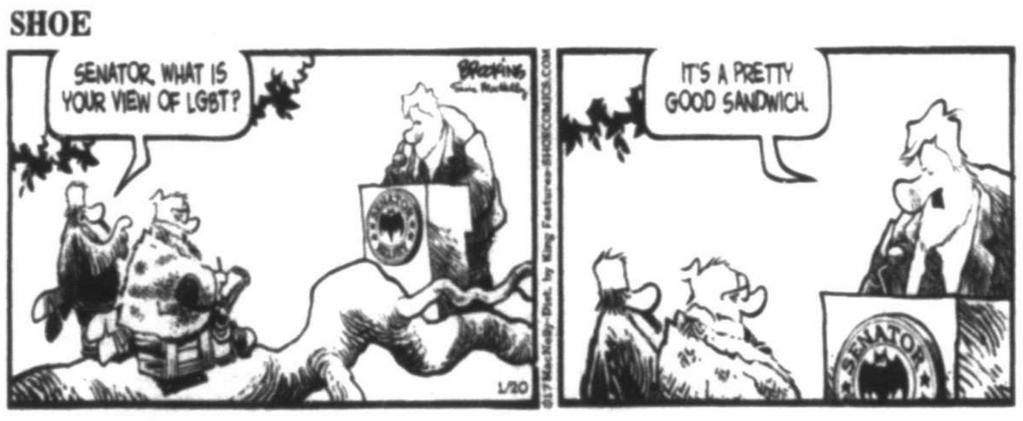
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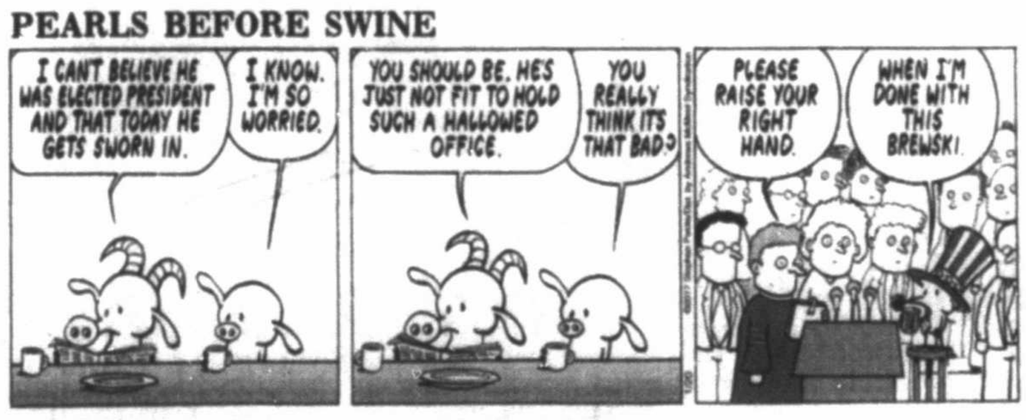
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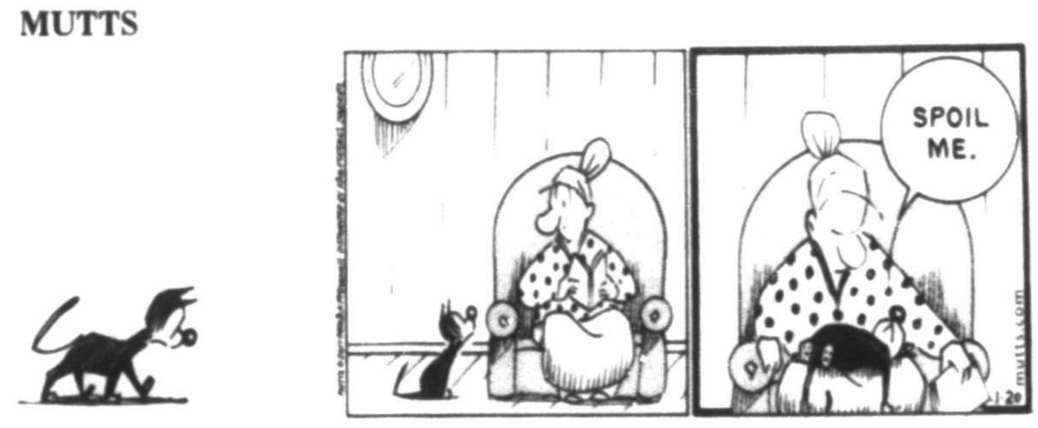
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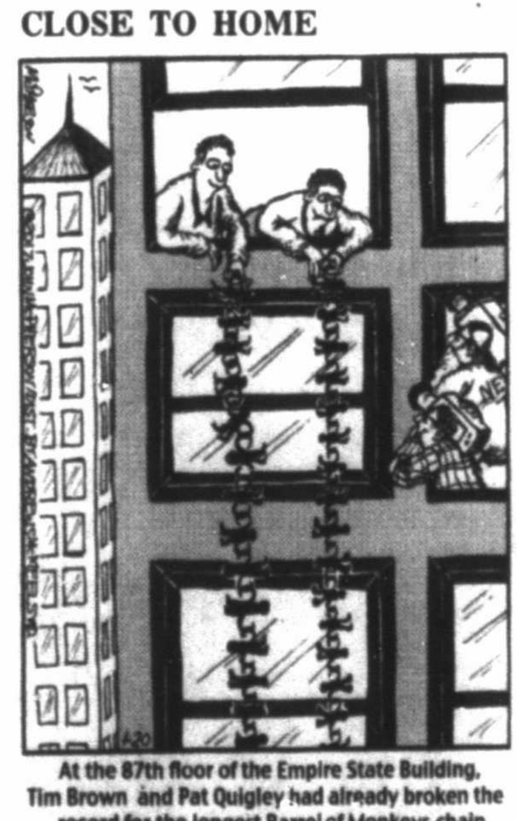
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"Mommy, are you ready to wake up or should I go back to playin' quietly?"

'Resurrection of Gavin Stone' a new take on Christian-themed movies

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service



Photo courtesy of Walden Media

Brett Dalton in the film "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone."

Here are three descriptors for a movie that you thought you'd never see placed together: "faith-based," "comedy" and "produced by WWE Studios." Somehow, "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" fits all three. It's the story of a washed-up, hard-partying former child star, Gavin Stone (Brett Dalton), who finds redemption at a church in his small hometown. He initially shows up to perform some court-mandated community service hours, and sticks around to participate in a church play, playing Jesus Christ himself. Turns out that all that getting into character can't help but rub off on him.

Christian-themed cinema has been evolving as of late, with higher quality, more mainstream projects like the Easter period epic "Risen," and the medical melodrama "Miracles From Heaven," starring Jennifer Garner. But many have stayed in the lane of remarkable true stories or biblical adaptations. That's why "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone," directed by Dallas Jenkins, will be a breath of fresh air for Christian audiences. It represents what modern Christian life actually looks like, with a sense of irreverence and a knowing point of view.

Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, a stand-up comic who appeared on sketch comedy show "MADtv," plays the pastor's daughter, the director of the play. She's kept on a short leash as the uptight Kelly, an immovable force on whom Gavin attempts to use his charm. Though Johnson-Reyes sports comedy bona fides on her resume, her character is overly tame, anchoring the dramatic side and bringing the tone way down.

The WWE connection comes in the presence of Hall of Famer Shawn Michaels, aka The Heartbreak Kid, a practicing Christian, who turns in a supporting performance as churchgoing tough guy Doug. Michaels will no doubt draw some die-hard wrestling fans to the film.

As for the comic element: Technically it's a comedy, but laugh-out-loud this is not. Written by Andrea Gyertson Nasfell, it's an achievement for this genre, as it's much lighter than most faith-based films, and it isn't afraid to poke some fun at cultural stereotypes, including its own. Gavin's LA lifestyle, including predilections for yoga or anything organic, is played for laughs, scoffed at by his no-nonsense father (Neil Flynn). Much of the humor comes from the culture clash, and Gavin's fish-out-of-water experiences faking it as a Christian, offering up too-eager exclamations of "blessings!" at Sunday services.

Like the Christian characters in the film, "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" isn't pushy with its message. The characters espouse an ethos of leading by example, offering the space and their own grace, letting Gavin discover his faith himself. There's a specific agenda, but it's framed as a personal, individual journey that the audience is privy to.

What makes "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" singular is its fresh and thoroughly modern approach to evangelical Christianity. It's a sunny, positive portrayal that skirts any of the negative issues that could be associated with the religion, positioning it as a welcoming, forgiving community for anyone and everyone. It's certainly a portrayal we haven't often seen before, and marks a new direction for films targeted at that audience. It may even draw a new believer or two, but there's still a long way to go to totally nail the faith-based comedy genre.

'The Resurrection of Gavin Stone'

- 2 out of 4 stars
- Cast: Brett Dalton, Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, Shawn Michaels, Neil Flynn
- Directed by Dallas Jenkins
- Rated PG for thematic elements including a crucifixion image.
- Running time: 1 hour, 32 minutes

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Today

Empty Bowls 2017 benefiting the West Texas Food Bank. 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa.

Saturday

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Universalist Unitarian Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Sunday

Gods Way Online Christian Music Revue with Big Perk. 4 pm. Jan. 22 at Music City Mall, 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. Free.

Monday

Grief Support six-week session. 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly Dancing Class. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Tuesday

Indie Lens: "The Bad Kids" screening about at-risk students by Basin PBS. 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at Ector County Public Library, 321 W. Fifth St., Odessa. basinpbs.org.

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group. noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Thursday

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

Book of Hebrews Bible Study in 12 sessions. 9:15 a.m. every Thursday through March 30 at First Baptist Church,2104 W. Louisiana Ave. $20. Fbc-midland.org.

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

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The film studies the question of why God often remains silent amid suffering, long one of the most impenetrable walls that keep people from exploring faith or becoming faithful.

"I do believe that ultimately we'll have to deal with that question," Brown said. "If there is that God that we talk about from Scripture, how do you explain the existence of evil and pain? You see God as creator and more easily as a benevolent, good God that we believe from Scripture, yet we are trying to come to grips with that personal barrier of faith. Even those who accept the existence of God ask the questions does he love me or does he care. This movie brings that into pretty vivid focus."

The screening of the movie at the Vatican also was attended by Scorsese. It is not known if Pope Francis, a Jesuit, has viewed the film.

Brown, who is also a financial supporter of The Way Retreat Center, currently being constructed in Midland, is one of the film's two top funders. The other is Gaston Pavlovich, a film producer from Mexico.

While the film most certainly has a Catholic backdrop, it is not specifically or solely for a Catholic audience, Brown said. The time frame of the book and movie is only about 100 years after the Protestant reformation.



Shown is an image from the movie "Silence," directed by Martin Scorsese. Midlander Dale Brown visited the Vatican for a screening of the film. *Courtesy photo*

Several of the characters in Endo's novel are composites of real Jesuit priests who encountered similar tortures in Japan in the 1600s while attempting to spread the Gospel.

"One of my hopes would be that the folks in the Christian community will be prepared to meaningfully engage in a conversation around the whole idea of how can you reconcile the existence of a good and powerful God with the existence of evil and pain," Brown said. "Why do bad things happen to good people? Why does God not step in to stop it?

"Having a theologically sound position, where can the Christian community best serve — and indeed what can we do for ourselves — to answers those questions and have those discussions knowing there isn't going to be an easy answer that will satisfy everyone?" he said.

Brown said not everyone has the sense that some seem to have that God is speaking to them in ways that are clear.

"I have to accept his message in indirect ways rather than direct ways," he said.

Brown currently is CEO of The Moriah Group, a Midland real estate/oil and gas investment firm. A CPA by trade, Brown moved his family to Midland in 1972. He and wife, Rita, have been married since 1963 and have six adult children.

"Silence" is now showing in theaters.

Jimmy Patterson is editor of the West Texas Angelus.

BIBLES

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Trump's choices seem to make a nod to themes that deeply defined his controversial campaign for the presidency and the direction of his administration since emerging victorious — religion and race, and his complicated relationship with both.

The last, and only other president since Lincoln, to use the Lincoln Bible was Obama, both in 2009 and 2013, a choice the 44th president said was meant to emphasize Lincoln's call for "national unity" during his first inaugural address. Others speculated that Obama's selection evoked even deeper symbolism — the first black president taking the oath on the Bible of the Great Emancipator.

But the connection to Lincoln's Bible is less obvious for Trump. Lincoln was, after all, a man credited with keeping America from permanently fracturing during the Civil War. Trump won the presidency on a campaign fraught with division.

And the president-elect's relationship with the African American community has thus far been strained — especially this week after Trump fired off an insulting and erroneous tweet about Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., the civil rights giant who said he believes that reports of Russian influence in the election made Trump "illegitimate" and pledged to boycott the inauguration. Since then, nearly 60 other House Democrats have joined him.

Trump has spoken about Lincoln before.

In an interview with The Washington Post, reporter Bob Woodward asked Trump, then a candidate, what made Lincoln successful. His response:

"Well, I think Lincoln succeeded for numerous reasons. He was a man who was of great intelligence, which most presidents would be. But he was a man of great intelligence, but he was also a man that did something that was a very vital thing to do at that time. Ten years before or 20 years before, what he was doing would never have even been thought possible. So he did something that was a very important thing to do, and especially at that time."

Trump spoke of Lincoln during a debate last October, when Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton tried to explain away some of her closed-door comments to the business community revealed through WikiLeaks with a reference to Steven Spielberg's movie "Lincoln."

"Now she's blaming the lie on the late, great Abraham Lincoln. That's one that I haven't ..." Trump said during the debate. "OK, Honest Abe, Honest Abe never lied. That's the good thing. That's the big difference between Abraham Lincoln and you. That's a big, big difference."

And, perhaps coincidentally, the very passage from Lincoln's first inaugural address, appealing to the "better angels of our nature," that Trump's team cited in its Bible announcement was actually tweeted at the president-elect earlier this month — by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Trump had tweeted negatively at the former California governor and current "Apprentice" host about his ratings on the reality TV show, saying Schwarzenegger got "'swamped' (or destroyed) by comparison to the ratings machine, DJT."

Schwarzenegger responded with a video of himself reading aloud that noteworthy passage from Lincoln's address and asked Trump to "please study" it.

The president-elect's second Bible selection references his Presbyterian upbringing in Jamaica, Queens, in New York City. His mother gave it to him on June 12, 1955, upon his graduation from Sunday Church Primary School at First Presbyterian Church on Children's Day.

"The Bible is a revised standard version published by Thomas Nelson and Sons in New York in 1953 and is embossed with his name on the lower portion of the front cover," Barrack said in a statement. "The inside cover is signed by church officials and is inscribed with his name and the details of when it was presented."

Trump's faith history was an early point of contention with evangelicals during the campaign, but come election day, they turned out in droves to vote for the Republican candidate. The selection of Vice President-elect Mike Pence — a devout Christian — may have helped boost support among that cohort, and Trump's team worked hard to appeal to the party's religiously conservative base.

In one such attempt, Trump thanked evangelical Christians for their support, said all the polls showed he was in their favor, then held up the Bible his mother gave him more than 50 years ago.

But since his election, some in the faith community have sought to distance themselves from the president-elect, particularly during traditionally religious elements of the inauguration, including an interfaith prayer service at Washington National Cathedral on Jan. 21, and it is unknown if any churches are planning to bus in congregants for the swearing-in ceremony, a road trip made by many during the Obama years, The Post's Julie Zauzmer wrote last week.

Trump has called the Bible his favorite book — and 'The Art of the Deal' his second favorite — and told CBN News in 2011 that he hosts a Bible collection in "a very nice place" because so many people mail him copies of it.

"There's no way I would ever throw anything, to do anything negative to a Bible, so what we do is we keep all of the Bibles," Trump said at the time. "I would have a fear of doing something other than very positive so actually I store them and keep them and sometimes give them away to other people but I do get sent a lot of Bibles and I like that. I think that's great."

Being religious, or using a Bible to swear the oath of office, isn't required of American presidents. Most do, but some haven't, including John Quincy Adams, who took the oath on a law book.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. will administer the oath to Trump, who did not say in his statement whether either of the Bibles will be open to a particular passage, as is often done during the swearing in ceremony.

ROUNDUP

From 1B

music has also been heard on NPR at the Grand Ole Opry and he was awarded the International Country Gospel Music Association's Instrumentalist of the Year in 2006 and 2014.

The concert will be held in the chapel at FBC at 6 p.m. Jan. 29. For more information, email Gregory Pysh at gpysh@fpcmid.org.

Downtown Mardi Gras event to benefit MAAS

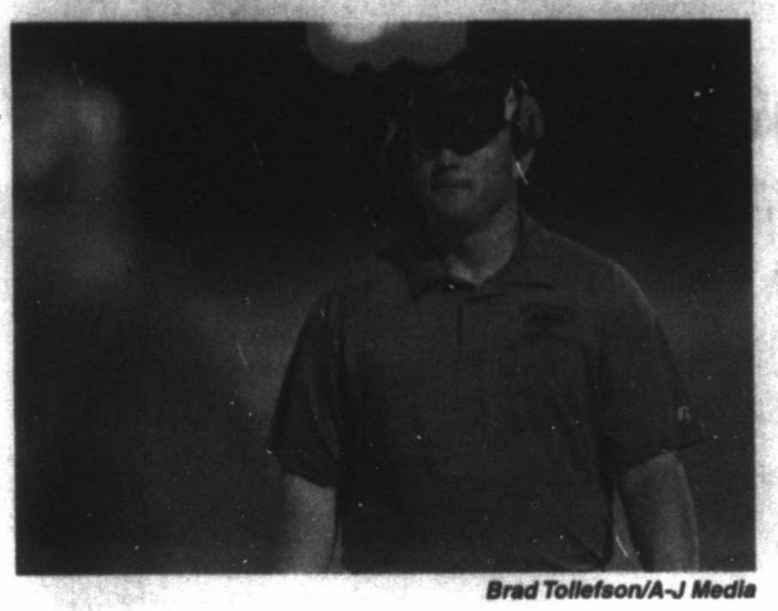
Midland City Council approved a permit on Jan. 10 for a four-day Mardi Gras event Feb. 25-28 by Mode Communications. The event will be held at the First Capital Bank and One Wall Plaza parking lots in downtown.

The event will also be a benefit for Midland Area AIDS Services.

Mardi Gras will feature dining events, a parade and a king and queen. Proceeds from the celebration will go toward MAAS' operations.

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 1. For more information about the event, visit doyourcity.us/mardigras.

Greenwood hires Sanderson as AD/football HC



Brad Tollefson/A-J Media

Levelland coach Jared Sanderson looks down the field during the Mustangs' game against Levelland on Sept. 2, 2016, at Todd Field in Shallowater.

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood ISD has hired Jared Sanderson from Levelland to be its next athletic director/head football coach, Greenwood superintendent Ariel Elliott confirmed on Thursday morning.

Sanderson comes to Greenwood after a successful season with the Lobos, in which prolific quarterback Nick Gerber helped to lead Levelland to a 10-4 record and a trip to the Class 4A Division I state quarterfinals.

In his four years as head coach, Sanderson led the Lobos to a 27-21-1 record.

Sanderson said ever since he's been at Levelland, he's been intrigued by Greenwood and applied for the job in December, shortly after it was posted.

"I've always felt that they ... I guess it's we now ... have always had great kids, great character kids, athletic kids and they play hard," Sanderson said. "They've always had expectations to succeed and that's something that triggered my interest."

Sanderson added that the school district being in a remote part of Midland County also appealed to him.

"People are there for the school," Sanderson said. "It's a close-knit community and that atmosphere brings pride to the school. People there are to going to get excited about athletics."

Sanderson, 36, is originally from Breckenridge and had been an assistant at Levelland four years prior to becoming a head coach for the first time with the Lobos. He had also been an assistant coach at Seguin, Del Valle in the Austin area, Hawley and Hardin-Simmons University.

Sanderson admitted it's tough leaving Levelland. While Gerber, who broke the single-season Texas high school football records for passing yards (5,617) and passing touchdowns (77), is graduating, the Lobos have a good core of players returning.

"I've been here eight years and we've developed a great relationship, not only with the kids but with community members," Sanderson said. "Levelland is a great place to raise a family and I have a ton of respect for Levelland. People there worked hard to try to change the culture of the program."

In a tweet, Gerber wrote,

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IRON WILL PAYS OFF

Diver overcomes health scares to excel

By Christopher Hadorn
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Overcoming hardships is nothing new for Midland High senior diver Garrett Martin.

Prior to this school year, Martin was already an inspiration to many for the way he fought back from four heart surgeries to repair a defective valve, to become a two-time UIL state meet qualifier in the boys 1-meter.

At the beginning of this school year, Martin faced another scary predicament when a doctor diagnosed him with a degenerative disc disease in his spine and advised him to never dive again.

After a second opinion in late November, Martin's back condition was re-diagnosed as scoliosis and kyphosis, less serious than the original news.

Martin says scoliosis and kyphosis can be dealt with through improved posture and chiropractic treatment, but both conditions make it difficult for him to pursue future opportunities in platform diving.

Through all the ordeals, Martin is grateful to be participating in today's District 2-6A Swimming and Diving Championships at COM Aquatics.

"Once I got the degenerative disc disease (diagnosis), you know how you get things taken away from you and you realize what you really want all along," Martin said. "I wasn't ready to quit yet. I was upset. Then to hear that I didn't have degenerative disc was relieving."

Martin is poised to have a great postseason in his pursuit of a third-consecutive trip to the UIL Class 6A State Swimming and

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Garrett Martin dives Monday at COM Aquatics.

Jackpot! Vegas looks to score big win by landing Raiders

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — First the NHL's Vegas Golden Knights. Soon, maybe, the Las Vegas Raiders.

Once looked on with disdain by major sports leagues, this gambling city is now just 24 votes away from cashing in on one of the biggest sports jackpots ever.

The Raiders made it official Thursday by filing for relocation from Oakland to Las Vegas, the culmination of a whirlwind romance to bring an NFL team to a city that the league had previously gone out of its way to shun because of sports betting fears.

League owners are expected to vote on the move in March, and it's hard to find anyone betting it won't happen.

"I don't know how you can put a price on this," said Steve Sisolak, a county commissioner who has been involved in the efforts to land the team. "There are only 32 cities that can say they have an NFL team and we will be one of them."

Actually, there is a price on it. Tourists will pay increased room taxes to fund $750 million of the cost of a new $1.9 billion stadium as part of a deal rammed through a special session of the Nevada Legislature by powerful casino owner Sheldon Adelson's family.

The stadium will be just off the glittering Las Vegas Strip, where the Golden Knights will begin play this fall in a new arena of their own. The expansion hockey team is the first major sports franchise to call the city home.

"Without the Golden Knights I don't know if the Raiders would have thought this was a viable market," Sisolak said. "They kind of broke the glass ceiling."

If approved, the move would be the third announced by an NFL team in a year as the league undergoes a geographic shift unlike any in recent history. The Rams returned to Los Angeles from St. Louis this season, while the San Diego Chargers will begin play in LA next season.

"(Raiders owner) Mark Davis is a man of his word and the filing of the Raiders' application for relocation of the franchise with the NFL is a significant step in bringing the team to Las Vegas," Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval said.

The NFL has long been opposed to any association with Las Vegas, to the point where just a few years ago it refused to allow the city to advertise on the Super Bowl telecast because it offered legal betting. But the league's opposition has softened, and so has the stance of Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"I think there are some real strengths to the Las Vegas market," Goodell said at an owners' meeting last month. "It's clear the Las Vegas market has become a more diversified market, more broadly involved with entertainment, hosting big events. And there's a growth to the market."

Las Vegas, which has about 2.5 million people in the metropolitan area, would be a smaller market than the Bay Area. But fans from other cities are expected to fill a third of the proposed 65,000-seat stadium, and the team will also be able to draw on Raiders fans from throughout California.

Influential owners like Jerry Jones of

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HS BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

Lee stays focused after big district win over MHS

By Will Korn
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There was a fresh air of excitement and belief surrounding the Lee boys basketball team Wednesday at the Rebels' gym.

Following Tuesday night's emotional 71-52 district win against rival Midland High at Chaparral Center, the Lee players seemed to have an extra bounce in their steps warming up before Wednesday's practice.

The Rebels' (8-15, 1-1 in District 2-6A) win was indeed energizing for the program and was the first district victory in almost two years. But as head coach Justin Boswell and his players know, there is still much work to be done over the next eight games to win the battle for a playoff spot.

Lee will next host Wolfforth Frenship (14-8, 1-1) at 7:30 p.m. today at Chap Center. The upstart Tigers are coming off a 68-60 overtime home win against No. 16 Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday. Four days earlier, Frenship was held to 28 points in an ugly loss to Odessa Permian.

Those results further reinforce the reality that anything can happen in district play. Boswell has been cautioning his players as much.

"That was the message (Wednesday) morning and a little bit (Wednesday) afternoon, especially with where we're at in our program," Boswell said. "(The win against MHS) is exciting and I want them to be excited. That was a great win for us. But we can't dwell on defeats and we can't get full of ourselves after a win. You enjoy it for a period of time but now it's time to move on.

"The boys need to understand, and I feel that they will, that it's time to get back to work and move on."

Added Lee senior guard Taye Britt, who scored 13 points for the Rebels in the win: "It feels really good to have beaten Midland High, our rival team. But we're just trying to take it to the next game. Frenship is next."

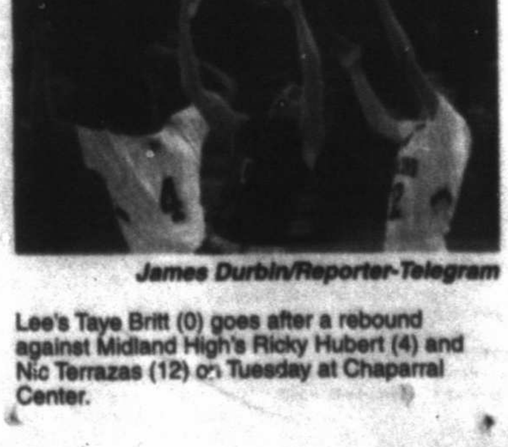
Bulldogs aiming to bounce back

Bulldogs head coach Shan Hooker said his players were focused and on the same page for a productive Wednesday morning practice that centered on defensive fundamentals.

He added that a lengthy lecture after Tuesday's loss to Lee wasn't necessary. Rather, just like the Rebels, he wanted his players to get straight back to work in preparation for the Bulldogs' (9-13, 0-2) game at Odessa High (10-14, 1-1) at 7:30 p.m. today.

"It was important for us to briefly talk about a few things in the locker room (Tuesday) night and get them out of (Chaparral Center)," Hooker said. "No reason to beat a dead horse. Get here (to Wednesday morning practice), regroup and go back to some fundamentals. We

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Taye Britt (0) goes after a rebound against Midland High's Ricky Hubert (4) and Nic Terrazas (12) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS
Arkansas at Georgia, 6 p.m., SEC
Alabama at Missouri, 7:30 p.m., SEC
Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

COLLEGE WRESTLING
Penn State at Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN
North Carolina at Arizona State, 8 p.m., P12, P12 AZ

CRICKET
Big Bash: Hobart vs. Perth, 11 p.m., NBCSN

FIGURE SKATING
US Championships: Ladies Short Dance, 5 p.m., NBCSN
US Championships: Men's Short Skate, 8 p.m., UHD

GOLF
PGA: Career Builder Challenge, 2nd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
Asian Tour: SMBC Singapore Open, 3rd Round, 11:30 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, 3rd Round, 2:30 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Eastern Michigan at Akron, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Michigan State at Michigan, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Minnesota at Wisconsin, 7 p.m., FCSC
Minnesota-Duluth at North Dakota, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER
Africa Cup of Nations: Ivory Coast vs. DR Congo, 9:55 a.m., beIN
Africa Cup of Nations: Morocco vs. Togo, 12:55 p.m., beIN
Bundesliga: Sport-Club Freiburg vs. Bayern Munich, 1:30 p.m., FS1, GolTV
La Liga: Las Palmas vs. Deportivo, 1:40 p.m., beIN2
Copa Centroamericano: Honduras vs. Costa Rica, 5:30 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Club Atlas, 8:40 p.m., AZTECA
Ascenso MX: Coras vs. Tampico, 9:30 p.m., GolTV

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Legacy Fighting Alliance 2: Richman vs. Stojadinovic, 8 p.m., AXS

NBA
Golden State at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Indiana at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NBA D-LEAGUE
Salt Lake City vs. Iowa, 11:30 a.m., ESPNU
Delaware vs. Greensboro, 2 p.m., ESPNU
Austin vs. Northern Arizona, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Raptors 905 vs. Long Island, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

NHL
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., NHL

TENNIS
Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Providence at Seton Hall, 6 p.m., FS2
Georgetown at Xavier, 7 p.m., FS1
Colorado at Oregon, 8 p.m., P12 MTN, P12 OR
Arizona State at Cal, 10 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 Bay
Utah at Oregon State, 10 p.m., P12 MTN, P12 OR

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Minnesota State at St. Cloud State, 3 p.m., FCSC

ON RADIO

NAHL HOCKEY
Odessa at Topeka, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

NBA
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Wolforth Frenship vs. Lee, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center
MHS at Odessa High, 6 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest, 6 p.m.
Amarillo San Jacinto at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Winters at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
Sands at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Wolforth Frenship at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Chaparral Center
MHS at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest, 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo San Jacinto at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Andrews at Greenwood, 8 p.m.
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Sands at Grady, 8 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 8 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
El Paso Del Valle vs. Midland High, 4 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

BOYS SOCCER
El Paso Del Valle vs. Midland High, 6 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium
Lee at Richardson Tournament

SWIMMING AND DIVING
2-6A District Championships, Mabee Aquatic Center

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Fiers on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tyson Ross on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Eric Wedge field coordinator; Ben Freasley Jr. mental performance coach; Pat Chasse Rehab Coordinator; Devon White hitting coach with Buffalo (IL); Luis Hurtado manager of the Gulf Coast Blue Jays; Chris Schaeffer position coach at Lansing (MWL); Ronnie Ortegon hitting coach at New Hampshire (EL); Michel Abreu position coach at Dunedin (FSL); and John Tamargo Jr. manager, the DSL Blue Jays. Promoted Mike Mordecai to assistant field coordinator; Jeff Ware to pitching coordinator; Ken Huckaby to catching coordinator; and Danny Solano to infield coordinator and Jeremy Trach to minor league strength and conditioning coordinator.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with OF Gregor Blanco on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Designated OF Steve Selsky for assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Acquired RHP Dan Straily from Cincinnati for RHPs Luis Castillo and Austin Brice and OF Isaiah White.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Neftali Feliz on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Michael Saunders on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Severino Gonzalez for assignment.
American Association
LAREDO LEMURS — Released RHP Carlos Leon.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed INF Ivan Marin.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released C Ralph Henriquez and signed 1B Joe DePoche-Duffin.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released OF Cameron Monger.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Caleb Kellogg and 1B Kellen Mamuffo.
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Traded RHP Jordan Wellander to Rockland (Can-Am) for C-1B Elvin Soto.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed OF Kyle Ruchim and INF Will Soto.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed SS Lucas Hunter.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Traded RHP Andrew Woeck to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named. Signed OF Quinnton Mack.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Traded RHP Ryan Leach to the Trois-Rivieres (Can-Am) for RHP Scott Kuzminsky.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Named Joe D'Alessandris offensive line coach.
BUFFALO BILLS — Named Rick Dennison offensive coordinator.
CHICAGO BEARS — Named Jeremiah Washburn offensive line coach; Curtis Modkins running backs coach and Roy Anderson assistant defensive backs coach. Announced the contract of outside linebackers coach Clint Hurtt was not renewed.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Jerod Kruse assistant defensive backs coach; Clyde Simmons defensive line coach; DeWayne Walker defensive backs coach; Steve Williams linebackers coach and Bob Wylie offensive line coach.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Named Wade Phillips defensive coordinator.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Named Frank Bush assistant head coach and linebackers coach. Promoted Darren Rizzi associate head coach while retaining special teams coordinator and Chris Kuper to assistant offensive line coach.
Canadian Football League
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Signed C Luc Brodeur-Jourdain to a two-year contract extension.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Anthony Duclair to Tucson (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled G Michael Leighton from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned G Alex Nedeljkovic to Charlotte.
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Announced G Jason Kasdorf was recalled by Worcester (AHL).
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced G Sam Brittain was recalled by Springfield (AHL). Announced F Jordan LaVallee-Smotherman has left the team to pursue an opportunity with MODO Hockey (Sweden).
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Signed D Steve Weinstein to a professional tryout contract.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Signed M Joao Pedro.
North American Soccer League
NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed D Carlos Mendes.
National Women's Soccer League
SKY BLUE FC — Signed M Daphne Corboz.
COLLEGE
COLORADO — Named D.J. Eliot defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.
EVANGEL — Named Sara Underwood administrative assistant to the director of athletics.
LOYOLA (MD.) — Named Eric Arriaga assistant volleyball coach.
LSU — Dismissed sophomore football NG Travonte Valentine for violating team rules.
SAN DIEGO STATE — Agreed to terms with football coach Rocky Long on a five-year contract extension through 2021.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Promoted Jeff Crane to executive athletics director.
TCU — Announced women's freshman basketball G Jayde Woods has transferred from Oregon.
WEBER STATE — Signed football coach Jay Hill to a contract extension through the 2021 season.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
Houston 27, Oakland 14
Seattle 26, Detroit 6
Sunday, Jan. 8
Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12
Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 13
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
Atlanta 36, Seattle 20
New England 34, Houston 16
Sunday, Jan. 15
Green Bay 34, Dallas 31
Pittsburgh 18, Kansas City 16

Conference Championships
Sunday
NFC
Green Bay at Atlanta, 2:05 p.m.
AFC
Pittsburgh at New England, 5:40 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Houston
TBD, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Tue 5:45 am packed powder machine groomed 33 - 33 base 64 of 78 trails 82% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Thu 6:45 am powder machine groomed 36 - 48 base 58 of 44 trails 73% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;
Red River — Mon 11:00 am powder machine groomed 40 - 49 base 56 of 58 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Reopen 01/20 21 - 21 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;
Sipapu — Thu 6:24 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 35 base 41 of 42 trails. 98% open 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Lee gets win over Arlington Lamar

From staff reports

CEDAR PARK — The Lee boys soccer team defeated Arlington Lamar, 2-1, to open play in the Leander Winter Soccer Tournament on Thursday.

Tristan Pacheco gave Lee a 1-0 lead in the 28th minute on an assist by Jaime Dominguez. Eight minutes later, the Rebels went up 2-0 when Esteban Ballinas scored on another assist from Dominguez.

It was the first goal of the season for both Pacheco and Ballinas.

Lee co-head coach Dusty Payne said he was pleased with his team's showing despite playing severely short-handed.

"We're missing quite a few starters," Payne said. "For a lot of guys who don't have a whole lot of (playing) time, we played really well."

The Rebels (3-3-1) will take on Cedar Park Vista Ridge at noon today in tournament play.

Tavares, Greiss give Weight win in Islanders debut

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press



Associated Press

Dallas Stars center Radek Faksa, top, fights with New York Islanders defenseman Thomas Hickey (14) during the second period of a game, Thursday in New York.

NEW YORK — John Tavares narrowly missed out on his second hat trick in a week, Thomas Greiss got his second straight shutout and the New York Islanders beat the Dallas Stars 3-0 on Thursday night in their first game since firing longtime coach Jack Capuano.

New York canned Capuano in the middle of his seventh season Tuesday, replacing him on an interim basis with Doug Weight.

Tavares has seven goals in four games after scoring twice and then having an empty-net shot just deflected wide late in the third period. He had three goals last Friday at Florida.

Greiss stopped 23 shots after making 32 saves in a 4-0 win over Boston on Monday.

Calvin de Haan added an empty-net goal on a coast-to-coast shot with four seconds left.

Kari Lehtonen made 33 saves for Dallas, including breakaway denials on Tavares and Shane Prince. The Stars were coming off a wild 7-6 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night, but dropped to 3-12-4 in games following a victory this season.

Tavares got his 17th goal with 6:29 left in the first period. After taking a pass from Anders Lee, the All-Star slid the puck behind John Klingberg while cutting in front of the Dallas defenseman, met the puck on the other side of Klingberg and smacked it past Lehtonen for a 1-0 lead.

Tavares also scored on a short-handed breakaway with 3:06 left in the game, going to the forehand to beat Lehtonen with a low shot. Dallas entered trailing Philadelphia by one for the league lead in short-handed goals allowed.

Weight was an assistant GM and coach with New York before his promotion this week. The last-place Islanders entered Thursday eight points shy of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, though they have games in hand on nearly the entire league.

Weight said Wednesday that he doesn't plan to "reinvent the wheel" as interim coach, but said New York was "going to tweak some things in certain systems."

The power play is one obvious area that needs improvement, with New York entering Thursday ranked 28th in the league. The Isles had a dangerous first man-advantage Thursday, getting four shots on Lehtonen during Adam Cracknell's hooking minor in the first period.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	46	27	13	6	60	139	117
Ottawa	43	24	15	4	52	113	111
Boston	48	23	19	6	52	122	123
Toronto	43	21	14	8	50	134	128
Florida	47	20	18	9	49	111	131
Tampa Bay	46	21	20	5	47	128	138
Detroit	45	20	19	6	46	119	132
Buffalo	44	17	18	9	43	104	124
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	45	30	9	6	66	145	97
Columbus	44	30	10	4	64	145	98
Pittsburgh	44	28	11	5	61	157	132
N.Y. Rangers	46	29	16	1	59	163	125
Philadelphia	46	22	18	6	50	132	148
Carolina	44	21	16	7	49	122	121
New Jersey	46	19	18	9	47	105	132
N.Y. Islanders	43	18	17	8	44	129	128

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	43	28	10	5	61	141	96
Chicago	47	28	14	5	61	132	120
St. Louis	46	23	18	5	51	131	142
Nashville	44	20	17	7	47	119	115
Dallas	47	19	20	8	46	126	147
Winnipeg	48	21	23	4	46	135	148
Colorado	42	13	26	1	27	96	143
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	47	25	13	9	59	125	117
Edmonton	47	25	18	7	57	135	125
San Jose	45	27	16	2	56	120	104
Calgary	47	24	20	3	51	124	127
Los Angeles	45	22	19	4	48	113	113
Vancouver	46	21	19	6	48	112	130
Arizona	44	13	25	6	32	94	143

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

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Scores
Ottawa 2, Columbus 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Dallas 0
N.Y. Rangers 5, Toronto 2
Washington 7, St. Louis 3
Arizona at Minnesota, late
Nashville at Calgary, late
Colorado at Anaheim, late
Tampa Bay at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Florida at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 119
NUGGETS 104

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points, rookie Dejounte Murray added a season-high 24 and the San Antonio Spurs overcame a pregame injury to Pau Gasol in beating the Denver Nuggets 118-104 on Thursday night.

Denver's three-game winning streak was snapped despite a career-high 35 points from Nikola Jokic.

Leonard had his fifth straight 30-point performance, right after learning he will start for the Western Conference in the All-Star Game for the second consecutive season.

The Spurs were unexpectedly without Gasol, Tony Parker and then coach Gregg Popovich. Gasol and Parker were both late scratches due to injury, and Popovich was ejected for the first time this season.

HEAT 99
MAVERICKS 95

MIAMI — Goran Dragic had 32 points, Tyler Johnson scored 10 of his 23 in the fourth quarter and the Miami Heat topped the Dallas Mavericks 99-95 on Thursday night.

Dragic shot 11 for 15 from the field and 4 of 4 from 3-point range. He also got a big offensive rebound in the final minute to extend a possession, and Johnson made a pair of free throws with 29.9 seconds left to give Miami an eight-point lead.

Hassan Whiteside scored 13 and Dion Waiters added 12 for the Heat.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points for Dallas, which had its season-best three-game winning streak snapped. The Mavericks went 1 for 8 from the field during a late stretch of the fourth quarter and never got the lead again.

Wesley Matthews scored 18 for the Mavericks, who got 15 apiece from Harrison Barnes and Seth Curry.

Nowitzki made two of three free throws with 18.5 seconds left to get the Mavs within 95-92. The Heat needed to burn two timeouts before even getting the ball inbounded on the ensuing possession, and Johnson hit two from the line five seconds later to help seal the win.

CAVALIERS 118
SUNS 103

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored 26 points, All-Star teammate LeBron James had 21 points and 15 assists, and the Cleveland Cavaliers looked more like themselves at home in a 118-103 win over the Phoenix Suns on Thursday night.

The Cavs were back in Quicken Loans Arena following a six-game road trip (their longest of the season) that concluded with an embarrassing 35-point loss at Golden State. But on their home floor, they had better offensive balance and ball movement while improving to 30-11 — the same record Cleveland had at the halfway point of its 2016 NBA championship season.

Channing Frye scored 18, Iman Shumpert 17 and James Jones 14 while filling in for star forward Kevin Love, still bothered by back spasms.

Tyson Chandler had 22 points and 16 rebounds, but the Suns lost for the fourth time in five games.

WIZARDS 113
KNICKS 110

NEW YORK — John Wall had 29 points and 13 assists, scoring Washington's final four points in the last 32 seconds as the surging Wizards beat the New York Knicks 113-110 on Thursday night.

Otto Porter Jr. made six 3-pointers for the second straight night and added 23 points, but the Wizards needed big plays from Wall down the stretch to win their fourth in a row.

He made two free throws to put Washington back on top after New York had rallied to take a 110-109 lead, then rebounded Carmelo Anthony's miss and left all the Knicks in his dust as he raced down the floor for a dunk with 13.7 seconds to play.

Anthony finished with 34 points but Wall stole the ball from Brandon Jennings to prevent the Knicks from attempting a 3-pointer that could have tied it.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	14	.667	—
Boston	26	16	.619	2
New York	19	25	.432	10
Philadelphia	14	26	.350	13
Brooklyn	8	33	.195	19½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	24	18	.571	—
Washington	23	19	.548	1
Charlotte	21	21	.500	3
Orlando	17	27	.386	8
Miami	13	30	.302	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	11	.732	—
Indiana	22	19	.537	8
Milwaukee	20	21	.488	10
Chicago	21	22	.488	10
Detroit	20	24	.455	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	9	.786	—
Houston	33	12	.733	1½
Memphis	25	19	.568	9
New Orleans	17	26	.395	16½
Dallas	14	28	.333	19
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	16	.628	—
Oklahoma City	25	19	.568	2½
Denver	17	23	.425	8½
Portland	18	26	.409	9½
Minnesota	14	28	.333	12½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	36	6	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	29	14	.674	7½
Sacramento	16	25	.390	19½
L.A. Lakers	15	31	.326	23
Phoenix	13	29	.310	23

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Scores
Cleveland 118, Phoenix 103
Miami 99, Dallas 95
Washington 113, New York 110
San Antonio 118, Denver 104
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Portland at Boston, 4 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8 p.m.

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Cardenas, Chaps grind out win vs. FPC

From staff reports

BORGER — The Midland College men's basketball team had to grind out a much-needed 60-53 win at Frank Phillips College on Thursday night at the Borger Community Activity Center.

Both teams struggled from 3-point range as Midland College (12-7, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) was just 4 of 15, while Frank Phillips (11-8, 0-5) was just 4 of 20 from long range.

However, the Chaparrals were able to hit 20 of 25 free throws.

Juan Cardenas was the only Chap to score in double figures with 10 points, to go with seven rebounds. Jordan Jackson and Daven Joseph each added eight points.

FPC was led by Isaiah Palmer with 18, Aaron Curry had 13 and Anthony Stove added 11.

MC returns to Chaparral Center at 7:45 p.m. Monday to host New Mexico Junior College.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 60, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 53

Midland College (12-7, 3-0) — Jachel Simmons 1-6 0-0 7, Grant Weatherford 1-5 3-4 5, Daven Joseph 4-5 0-0 8, Juan Cardenas 4-8 2-2 10, Anthony Pratt 1-3 2-2 4, Sean Obodai 2-2 0-0 4, Adhiem Jones 2-4 1-2 7, Devin Campbell 0-3 3-4 3, Anthony McCoy 0-2 0-0 0, Roland Griffin 1-3 1-2 4, Jordan Jackson 2-3 3-4 8. Totals 18-44 20-25 60

Frank Phillips (11-8, 0-5) — Quarius Truesdale 0-2 0-0 0, Levarris Britt 0-2 0-0 0, Aris-ony Stove 5-13 0-0 11, Isaiah Palmer 4-15 10-12 18, Aaron Curry 5-9 3-8 13, TC Brown 2-8 0-0 6, Isaiah Rose 1-1 0-0 2, Tyree Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Millija Cosic 0-1 0-0 0, Ray Anderson 1-1 0-0 3, Marko Dangubic 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-60 13-20 53

Halftime— MC 24, FPC 20. 3-point goals — MC MC 4-15 (Jones 2-4, Griffin 1-2, Jackson 1-1, Simmons 0-2, Pratt 0-2, Campbell 0-2, Weatherford 0-1, McCoy 0-1), FPC 4-20 (Brown 2-7, Stove 1-5, Anderson 1-1, Palmer 0-6, Britt 0-1) Total fouls — MC 17, FPC 17. Fouled out — Cosic. Rebounds — MC 29 (Joseph 7, Cardenas 7), FPC 26 (Curry 8). Assists — MC 12 (Weatherford 4), FPC 9 (Truesdale 3). Turnovers — MC 16, FPC 11 Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Men's WJCAC standings

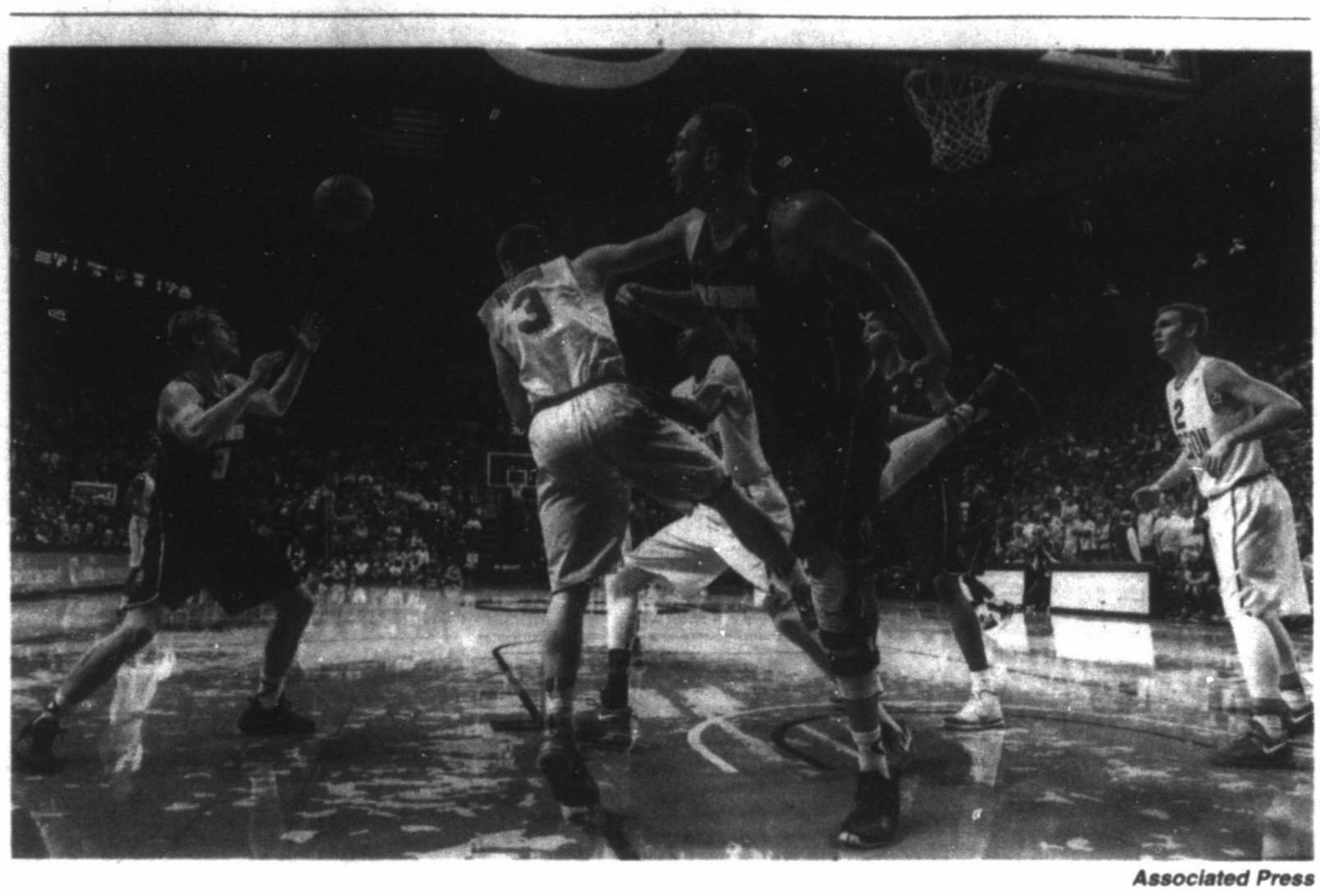
Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	6	0	18	0
Odessa College	4	1	15	3
Midland College	3	2	12	7
Western Texas	3	2	11	7
New Mexico JC	P	3	14	5
Howard College	2	3	13	6
Clarendon College	2	4	11	9
New Mexico Military	2	4	6	13
Frank Phillips	0	5	11	8

Thursday's Games

Midland College 60, Frank Phillips College 53; Odessa College 75, Western Texas College 73; South Plains College 93, Howard College 72; New Mexico Military Institute 75, Clarendon College 64; New Mexico JC was open

Monday's Games

New Mexico JC at Midland College; Howard College at Odessa College; South Plains College at Clarendon College; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College; New Mexico Military Institute is open



Associated Press

California guard Grant Mullins (3) reaches for a rebound against Oregon in a game Thursday in Eugene, Ore.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 11 OREGON 86 CALIFORNIA 63

EUGENE, Ore. — Jordan Bell scored a career-high 26 points, Casey Benson had 15 on five 3-pointers and No. 11 Oregon rolled to an 86-63 victory over California on Thursday night.

The Ducks (17-2, 6-0 Pac-12) matched a 104-year-old school record with their 15th consecutive win, but they lost preseason All-America Dillon Brooks to a lower leg injury late in the first half.

Brooks, who had offseason surgery on his left foot, limped off the court as Oregon was building a 44-30 halftime lead. Oregon officials tweeted that Brooks had injured his lower left leg after he did not appear with his teammates for the second half.

Bell took up the scoring slack by shooting 11 of 12 from the field to go with six rebounds and four blocked shots.

Jabari Bird had 21 points to lead the Golden Bears (13-6, 4-3), who had won three straight and eight of their last 10 meetings with the Ducks.

After two quick fouls on starter Payton Pritchard, Benson came off the bench to hit four straight 3-pointers as Oregon connected on 9 of 15 beyond the arc in the first half.

NO. 12 LOUISVILLE 92 CLEMSON 60

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Deng Adel scored 18 points to match a career high, Donovan Mitchell scored 18 in the first half and No. 12 Louisville closed on a 10-0 run to pull away from Clemson 92-60 on Thursday night.

Playing their first game without injured point guard Quentin Snider (strained hip), the Cardinals (16-3, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) initially struggled to find a rhythm with numerous combinations. Mitchell scored their first six points to settle them down before adding eight during the pivotal spurt with consecutive 3-pointers, the last of which beat the buzzer and earned a 41-31 halftime lead.

Adel opened the second half with consecutive 3s for a 16-point lead that Louisville steadily widened in winning its fourth straight. Freshman V.J. King added 14 points while starting in Snider's place.

Marcquise Reed had 13 points and Donte Grantham added 11 for the Tigers (11-7, 1-5), who lost their fifth straight.

Women

NO. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 65 NO. 4 MISS STATE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mississippi coach Matt Insell took a bit of comfort in his team's latest loss to No. 5 South Carolina — that he'll never have to face senior powerhouse Alaina Coates again.

Coates had 15 points and 15 rebounds — her 54th career double-double and fifth in as many games against the Rebels — to lead the Gamecocks to a 65-46 victory Thursday night.

South Carolina (16-1, 6-0) remained perfect in Southeastern Conference play ahead of Monday's showdown for first place with No. 4 Mississippi State.

Insell said he told Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley he is glad Coates' college career will soon be over.

NO. 7 FLORIDA STATE 77 SYRACUSE 58

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State was done in by 3-point shooting and turnovers the last time it faced Syracuse. On Thursday night the seventh-ranked Seminoles flipped it around.

Florida State was 8 of 14 from beyond the arc and forced 21 turnovers en route to a 77-58 victory over Syracuse for its fifth straight win. The Seminoles (18-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) matched the best 20-game start in program history.

"We were taking great shots, sharing the basketball, in rhythm and we did a great job on the defensive end so they couldn't get into their pressure early," Florida State coach Sue Semrau said.

Lee, MHS aim to finish 1st half of district on high note

From staff reports

The Lee and Midland High girls basketball teams will complete the first half of their District 2-6A schedule today.

The fourth-place Lady Rebels (14-6, 2-2), currently on a two-game winning streak, host first-place Wolfforth Frenship (20-7, 4-0) at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Lee is coming off a 42-36 victory over rival MHS Tuesday, but it faces a tough test today as the Lady Tigers have won each of their four district games by a margin of 11 points or more.

Meanwhile, the Lady Bulldogs (9-15, 0-4) visit Odessa High (17-8, 0-4), in a matchup of District 2-6A's only remaining winless teams, at 6 p.m.

Just like MHS, the Lady Bronchos are coming off a tough loss to their rival as they fell 32-31 to Odessa Permian on Tuesday.

District 2-6A girls basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	4	0	20	7
Amarillo Tascosa	3	1	14	9
Odessa Permian	3	1	12	10
Lee	2	2	14	6
Odessa High	0	4	17	8
Midland High	0	4	9	19

All games tip-off at 6 p.m. unless noted

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 42, Midland High 36; Odessa Permian 32, Odessa High 31; Wolfforth Frenship 54, Amarillo Tascosa 43

Today's games

Wolfforth Frenship vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Midland High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Amarillo Tascosa

Fast start carries Lady Chaps past FPC

From staff reports

BORGER — A strong start for Midland College propelled the No. 22-ranked Lady Chaparrals to a 76-56 Western Junior College Athletic Conference road win over Frank Phillips College on Thursday night.

MC (12-5, 3-2) took a 40-17 lead at the half at Borger Community Activity Center thanks in part to an 18-6 run in the first quarter.

The Lady Chaps overcame 12 made 3-pointers from the undersized Lady Plainsmen (13-3) and a 13-for-30 shooting night from the free-throw line.

Janea Bunn had a game-high 20 points to lead Midland College. Alexandrea Washington had 15 and Matangiroa Flavell had 12 for the Lady Chaps.

Zoey High had 11 points to lead FPC.

MC returns home at 5:45 p.m. Monday to host New Mexico Junior College.

NO. 22 MIDLAND COLLEGE 76,

Women's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	4	0	18	0
New Mexico JC	3	1	14	4
South Plains	3	2	18	3
Midland College	3	2	12	5
Howard College	3	2	7	12
Frank Phillips	2	2	13	3
Western Texas	0	4	7	8
Clarendon College	0	5	11	10

Thursday's Games

Midland College 76, Frank Phillips College 56; Odessa College 80, Western Texas College 56; South Plains College 60, Howard College 56; Clarendon College and New Mexico JC were open

Monday's Games

New Mexico JC at Midland College; Howard College at Odessa College; South Plains College at Clarendon College; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 56

Midland College (12-5, 3-2) — Janea Bunn 4-7 2-2 20, Taelor Hodge 2-2 2-2 7, Tichina Coleman 2-4 1-6, Alexandrea Washington 6-24 1-5, Matangiroa Flavell 5-8 0-3 12, Kayla Brotherton 1-2 0-0 2, Teneshia Dixon 2-2 0-0 5, Alexis Washington 3-6 0-0 7, Jenna Saldana 1-3 0-0 3, Caleb Barnard 1-1 2-2 4, Nyah Whittington 0-0 0-0 0, Lidia Kaempf 0-0 1-4 1, Gwendel Laporal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-73 5-30 76

Frank Phillips (13-3 2-2) — Dominique Machuca 1-3 0-0 3, Chantel Hill 2-3 0-0 4, Perrine Manoury 2-12 2-7, Kinsley Choate, Mandy Costa 0-0 0-0, Kiara Shoals 3-12 2-8, Sarah Samarron 2-3 0-0 4, Brianna Stewart 2-12 4-5, Zoey High 4-10 2-2 11, Hannah Leavitt 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 19-81 10-34 56

Midland College	18	22	22	14 —76
Frank Phillips	6	11	15	24 —56

3-point goals — MC 3 (Hodge, Alexandrea Washington, Barnard), FPC 12 (Choate 3, Hill 2, Manoury 2, Samarron 2, Machuca, Stewart, Leavitt) Total fouls — MC 15, FPC 23. Fouled out — Shoals

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

REPORT

From 1C

had everybody show up and that was positive."

Courtney McMaryion, who led MHS with 15 points against Lee, said his team was encouraged by interspersed periods of quality play Tuesday.

"You saw we had little spurts of what we should be doing in a game (Tuesday)," McMaryion said. "As long as we can get it all together in one game, we should be good to get it going. We've just got to keep fighting."

Said Bulldogs' senior guard Camran Rock: "We just need to bounce back (today) and we just need to come out stronger and try to get a win for us."

District 2-6A boys basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	5	0	19	3
Amarillo Tascosa	4	1	13	5
Wolfforth Frenship	1	1	14	8
Odessa High	1	1	10	14
Lee	1	1	9	16
Midland High	0	2	9	13

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 71, Midland High 52; Odessa Permian 57, Odessa High 30; Wolfforth Frenship 68, Amarillo Tascosa 60, OT

Today's games

Midland High at Odessa High; Wolfforth Frenship at Lee; Odessa Permian at Amarillo Tascosa. All games at 7:30 p.m.

No. 6 Mustangs look to continue roll

No. 6-ranked Midland Christian has been the hottest team in town and is currently riding a nine-game winning streak dating back to Dec. 29.

MCS (23-6) has already beaten its three TAPPS 1-5A opponents and is aiming for 10 wins in a row when it travels to No. 10 Fort Worth Southwest Christian at 7:30 p.m. today.

Head coach Chris Ryburn said it's important that his team is playing its best basketball near the end of the season. With three district games remaining, the Mustangs have hit their stride.

"It definitely takes time, especially when you had some guys coming out of football, it just takes time for everyone to gel," Ryburn said. "We're starting to peak, but that's what you want. You want to peak at the right time."

Mustangs sophomore forward Peyton Powell said the success has started with a high intensity level in practice all season long.

"In practice, everyone is focused and coach (Ryburn) is making sure that every day we come out and try our hardest, just get ready for the next game," said Powell, who led MCS with 18 points in the team's 65-39 win at Midland Classical on Tuesday.

"(We need to) just give max effort and we know we can come out with the win if we do that."

State tournament returning to San Antonio

The University Interscholastic League announced Thursday that the boys and girls state basketball tournaments will be returning to San Antonio's Alamodome in 2018 and 2019.

The Alamodome, also the site of the 2018 NCAA Men's Final Four, has hosted the state tournaments since 2015.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

F Jaylen Short, Sr., Grady — Short poured in a game-high 37 points — 14 in the third quarter — to help the No. 15-ranked Wildcats to a 68-45 District 11-A Region II win at Klondike on Tuesday.

HONOR ROLL

G Camran Rock, Sr., MHS — Rock led the Bulldogs with a game-high 26 points in an 87-53 District 2-6A loss at No. 16 Amarillo Tascosa last Friday. He followed up with 13 points in MHS' 71-52 loss against Lee on Tuesday.

F James Lydia, Sr., Lee — Lydia powered his way to 22 points in the Rebels' 78-74 home loss to Odessa High last Friday. On Tuesday versus MHS, he produced 16 gritty points.

G/F Peyton Powell, So., MCS — Powell's 18 points fueled the Mustangs' 65-39 rout of MCA.

F Cole Miller, So., MCA — Miller led the Knights with 16 points in the loss against MCS.

G Tristan Graves, Sr., Stanton — The Buffaloes' star guard netted 17 points to lead all scorers in Stanton's last second home loss to Tuscola Jim Ned on Tuesday.

G Brett Leach, Fr., Andrews — The Mustangs' youngster tallied 15 points to lead his team to a 63-57 home win over Fort Stockton Tuesday.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

SOUTHWEST

SMU 69, UConn 49
Sam Houston St. 87, Lamar 65
Stephen F. Austin 57, Texas A&M-CC 56

SOUTH

Barton 87, Limestone 66
Belmont 77, Jacksonville St. 60
Charleston Southern 73, Presbyterian 52
Elon 93, Drexel 73
Freed-Hardeman 77, Harris-Stowe 62
Furman 75, ETSU 62
Georgetown (Ky.) 73, Lindsey Wilson 62
High Point 83, Campbell 78
Liberty 65, Gardner-Webb 62
Lipscomb 112, Jacksonville 95
Louisiana Tech 74, Rice 64
Middle Tennessee 65, FIU 52
Morehead St. 89, Austin Peay 82
Murray St. 88, E. Kentucky 79
New Orleans 72, Houston Baptist 64
North Florida 86, Kennesaw St. 84
Radford 72, Longwood 60
SC-Upstate 82, Florida Gulf Coast 60
Southern Miss. 75, North Texas 65
Stetson 82, NJIT 78
UNC Greensboro 87, Mercer 66
UNC Wilmington 85, Col. of Charleston 59
W. Carolina 100, The Citadel 89
William & Mary 73, James Madison 72
Wofford 88, VMI 70

FAR WEST

Hawaii 80, CS Northridge 77

MIDWEST

Dayton 75, Richmond 59
Maryland 84, Iowa 76
N. Dakota St. 89, Fort Wayne 83
North Dakota 83, Weber St. 77
SE Missouri 79, SIU-Edwardsville 76

EAST

Albany (NY) 84, Binghamton 65
Delaware 69, Northeastern 62
Fairleigh Dickinson 87, St. Francis Brooklyn 40
Goldey Beacom 89, Chestnut Hill 72
LIU Brooklyn 76, Wagner 69
La Salle 91, Davidson 83
Mount St. Mary's 86, Sacred Heart 75
New Hampshire 74, Maine 63
Robert Morris 74, CCSU 67
St. Francis (Pa.) 75, Bryant 61
St. Peter's 77, Siena 65
Stony Brook 80, Hartford 64
Towson 86, Hofstra 80
Vermont 81, Mass.-Lowell 67

Top 25 fared Thursday

1. Villanova (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.
2. Kansas (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
3. UCLA (18-1) vs. Arizona State. Next: vs. No. 14 Arizona, Saturday.
4. Gonzaga (17-0) at Santa Clara. Next: vs. Portland, Saturday.
5. Kentucky (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 South Carolina, Saturday.
6. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
7. Creighton (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Saturday.
7. West Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
9. North Carolina (17-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
10. Florida State (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Louisville, Saturday.
11. Oregon (17-2) beat California 86-63. Next: vs. Stanford, Saturday.
12. Louisville (16-3) beat Clemson 92-60. Next: at No. 10 Florida State, Saturday.
13. Butler (16-3) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.
14. Arizona (17-2) beat Southern Cal 73-66. Next: at No. 3 UCLA, Saturday.
15. Notre Dame (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
16. Virginia (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
17. Wisconsin (15-3) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
18. Duke (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
19. Florida (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
20. Cincinnati (16-2) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Saturday.
21. Purdue (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
22. Xavier (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Sunday.
23. Saint Mary's (15-2) vs. Pacific. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Saturday.
24. South Carolina (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Kentucky, Saturday.
25. Maryland (17-2) beat Iowa 84-76. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.

Women

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 59, Vanderbilt 56
Arkansas St. 86, South Alabama 83
E. New Mexico 63, Texas A&M-Kingsville 52
Howard Payne 71, Mary Hardin-Baylor 69
Incarnate Word 96, SE Louisiana 56
Louisiana Tech 70, Rice 67
New Orleans 73, Houston Baptist 63
North Texas 75, Southern Miss. 62
St. Edward's 58, Lubbock Christian 50
Texas A&M Commerce 74, Texas Permian Basin 67
Texas St. 63, Louisiana-Monroe 50
Texas-Arlington 79, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
UALR 77, Troy 74
Wayland Baptist 70, Texas Wesleyan 65

SOUTH

Alderson-Broaddus 80, Trevecca Nazarene 72
Appalachian St. 67, Georgia St. 63
Auburn 79, Tennessee 61
Chattanooga 67, W. Carolina 46
Davis & Elkins 79, Kentucky Wesleyan 69
Duke 84, Virginia Tech 59
ETSU 60, UNC-Greensboro 52
Florida St. 77, Syracuse 58
Freed-Hardeman 77, Harris-Stowe 62
Georgia Southern 78, Coastal Carolina 70
Kentucky 55, LSU 49
Lewis 69, Bellarmine 57
Limestone 92, Barton 63
Lindsey Wilson 85, Georgetown (Ky.) 58
Maryland 83, Michigan 70
Middle Tennessee 85, FIU 43
Mississippi St. 65, Alabama 54
Samford 57, Wofford 54
South Carolina 65, Mississippi 46
UAB 66, Furman 59
Virginia 68, Clemson 37
Wake Forest 80, North Carolina 77

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 91, Santa Clara 39
Idaho 85, S. Utah 68
Montana St. 84, Sacramento St. 80
St. Arizona 56, E. Washington 47
N. Colorado 77, Idaho St. 62
North Dakota 70, Weber St. 65
Portland St. 84, Montana 44
San Diego St. , Loyola Marymount 58

MIDWEST

Columbia (Mo.) 86, Central Baptist 46
Grand Valley St. 66, Wayne (Mich.) 37
IUPUI 53, Oral Roberts 41
Indiana 74, Purdue 60
Michigan Tech 72, Northwood (Mich.) 62
N. Michigan 80, Lake Superior St. 44
Ohio St. 70, Wisconsin 61
Saginaw Valley St. 70, Ferris St. 68
Missouri 78, Texas A&M 76
Walsh 68, Hillsdale 60

EAST

Albany (NY) 67, Binghamton 61
Hartford 65, Stony Brook 52
Monmouth (NJ) 61, Quinnipiac 58
New Hampshire 50, Maine 44
Notre Dame 80, Boston College 69
Penn St. 85, Nebraska 69
Rider 58, St. Peter's 43
St. Bonaventure 55, UMass 38
Vermont 61, Mass.-Lowell 48

Top 25 fared Thursday

1. UConn (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Sunday.
2. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 West Virginia, Saturday.
3. Maryland (18-1) beat Michigan 83-70. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
4. Mississippi State (20-0) beat Alabama 67-54. Next: at No. 5 South Carolina, Monday.
5. South Carolina (16-1) beat Mississippi 65-46. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
6. Notre Dame (17-3) beat Boston College 80-69. Next: vs. No. 15 Duke, Thursday.
7. Florida State (18-2) beat Syracuse 77-58. Next: at No. 17 Virginia Tech, Sunday.
8. Washington (18-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.
9. Louisville (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 23 South Florida, Sunday.
10. Stanford (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
11. Oregon State (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
12. Texas (13-4) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
13. UCLA (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday.
14. Miami (14-4) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Sunday.
15. Duke (16-3) beat No. 17 Virginia Tech 84-58. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.
16. Ohio State (16-5) beat Wisconsin 70-61. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.
17. Virginia Tech (16-2) lost to No. 15 Duke 84-58. Next: at No. 7 Florida State, Sunday.
18. Arizona State (13-4) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
19. DePaul (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Saturday.
20. Oklahoma (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Sunday.
21. N.C. State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
22. Kansas State (15-4) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
23. South Florida (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Louisville, Sunday.
24. West Virginia (10-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Saturday.
25. Texas A&M (14-4) at Missouri. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.

SANDERSON

From 1C

"Midland Greenwood got themselves a good one. Because I promise you won't find a a better man and better coach than Coach Sanderson!"

Elliott said the school district received close to 100 applications for the job opening. From there it was trimmed to seven for interviews, but Sanderson stood out because he seemed like a great fit.

"He's coming from a school with similar size and has had success," Elliott said. "I think his energy and enthusiasm will make the kids excited to follow him.

Elliott added: "He's a Christian man with great character. He's going to build on what we've already got. We're fortunate that he's coming to a system that's not broken. He's going to have quality kids and a quality coaching staff to work with."

Sanderson said the style of play will depend on personnel but the Rangers will run a shotgun offense.

The Greenwood school board has approved the hire and Elliott said he hopes to have Sanderson here relatively soon once he signs the contract and is released from his obligations at Levelland ISD.

Sanderson will be bringing his wife Sundi, an elementary school teacher, 9-year-old son Colt, and 4-year-old daughter Averi.

Sanderson replaces Shad Hanna , who mutually parted ways with the school district after seven years in December.

Greenwood is coming off a season in which it went 7-3 and made it to the bi-district round of the Class 4A Division II playoffs.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT



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Levelland head coach Jared Sanderson looks over his shoulder during the second quarter. Levelland High School played Wylie High School in the 4A Quarterfinals at San Angelo Stadium on Dec. 30, 2016, in San Angelo.

Different era, different drug question for Rodriguez, Raines

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press



Associated Press

Newly elected baseball Hall of Fame inductees Jeff Bagwell, left, Tim Raines, center, and Ivan Rodriguez, pose for a photo during a news conference New York on Thursday.

NEW YORK — Moments after Tim Raines spoke openly about overcoming cocaine abuse, Ivan Rodriguez tried to avoid discussing whether he had used steroids.

Different era. Different drug.

An unavoidable topic when discussing Hall of Famers.

Raines, Rodriguez and Jeff Bagwell sat together for a news conference Thursday, a day after they were elected to baseball's Hall.

Raines testified before a grand jury investigating drug distribution in 1985. Jose Canseco wrote in a 2005 book that he showed Rodriguez how to inject steroids. And Bagwell has endured speculation about whether he used performance-enhancing drugs, in part because he totaled 30 home runs in three minor league seasons and then hit 449 with Houston from 1991-2005.

Asked whether he used steroids, Rodriguez responded: "Basically what I did was work very, very hard physically and mentally to play 21 years, and I think that is the key to my career."

In a follow-up question, he was asked if he would address what happened and whether he did or didn't use.

"No, I didn't," he responded.

Pushed whether that meant he didn't use or he wouldn't respond, Rodriguez said: "I always played the game the right way."

With the rise of performance-enhancing drugs in the 1990s and the decline following the start of drug testing with penalties in 2004, Steroids Era players know the legitimacy of their accomplishments is questioned by certain fans and reporters, including the members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America who vote for the Hall.

"Whether you all think me or you think whoever, I mean, we played in the era that we played in and it was fun," Bagwell told a scrum of reporters after the news conference. "Obviously, things got a little out of control there for a little bit. But fortunately for me that's not my decision."

Mark McGwire, 11th on the career home run list with 583, was dropped from the Hall ballot after 10 tries and never got more than 24 percent — less than one-third of the 75 percent needed. Sammy Sosa, eighth with 609 homers, has peaked at 12.5 percent in five appearances.

Some attitudes are changing. Mike Piazza, suspected of using steroids by some, was elected last year. Support for Barry Bonds, the career leader with 762 home runs, has risen from 36.2 percent in 2013 to 53.8 percent this year. Roger Clemens, the most renowned pitcher implicated, has made a similar climb, getting a boost this year following the election of former Commissioner Bud Selig — who presided over the Steroids Era — by a veterans committee.

McGwire admitted using steroids while Clemens denied taking them and Bonds said he never knowingly used. Sosa was linked to PEDs in a New York Times report.

"We are a museum. We do preserve the history of the game," Hall Chairman Jane Forbes Clark said. "We are telling the story of the Steroid Era just the way we tell the story of any era in baseball, and we tell the story in its simple truth, and that's how the museum is going to deal with it."

Only the questions cause discomfort.

"I don't envy any of this," Bagwell said. "This ain't fun, and that's the problem — is because it becomes not fun. We're trying to celebrate what guys did."

Raines reached the major leagues with Montreal in 1979 and two years later had the first of six straight seasons of 70 or more stolen bases. He admitted using $40,000 of cocaine in the first nine months of 1982 and that he slid headfirst so as not to break a cocaine vial tucked into his uniform pants. He entered a rehabilitation program.

"All of a sudden, people, all kind of people are coming at you in so many different ways. I was a young kid, and a lot of times you're not ready to handle that," he said. "Once I realized what I was doing, and I knew that it was wrong, I took care of it. I had guys on my team to help me a lot: Andre Dawson, Gary Carter, Ellis Valentine."

GOLF SCORES

PGA-CareerBuilder

Thursday
I-TPC Stadium Course at PGA West: 7,113 yards; Par: 72
J-Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West: 7,159 yards; Par: 72
Q-La Quinta CC: 7,060 yards; Par: 72
La Quinta, Calif.
Purse: $5.8 million
First Round

Dominic Bozzelli	32-32—64t
Patton Kizzire	33-33—65j
Hudson Swafford	31-34—65q
Jhonattan Vegas	33-32—65j
Harold Varner III	31-34—65q
Chad Campbell	**35-31—66j**
Michael Kim	33-33—66q
Boo Weekley	34-32—66j
Ryan Blaum	32-34—66q
J.J. Spaun	33-33—66j
Greg Owen	33-34—67q
Paul Casey	34-33—67q
Scott Stallings	33-34—67j
Luke List	33-34—67j
Scott Brown	32-35—67q
Zac Blair	33-34—67j
Geoff Ogilvy	35-32—67j
Charles Howell III	34-33—67j
Brian Harman	33-35—67j
Nick Watney	32-35—67j
Danny Lee	34-33—67j
Sean O'Hair	33-34—67j
Seamus Power	32-35—67j
Miguel Angel Carballo	34-33—67j
Vaughn Taylor	34-34—68j
Aaron Wise	34-34—68q
Brendan Steele	35-33—68q
Grayson Murray	33-35—68j
Robert Garrigus	34-34—68j
Martin Laird	36-32—68j
Chez Reavie	34-34—68j
Phil Mickelson	32-36—68q
Bill Haas	34-34—68q
Ryo Ishikawa	35-34—69q
William McGirt	35-34—69j
Scott Piercy	32-37—69j
Chris Kirk	33-36—69j
Steven Alker	35-34—69j
Brandon Hagy	36-33—69j
J.T. Poston	36-33—69j
Anirban Lahiri	34-35—69j
Michael Thompson	32-37—69q
Aaron Baddeley	34-35—69j
Sung Kang	33-36—69q
Rod Pampling	35-34—69j
Bryce Molder	33-36—69q
David Lingmerth	39-31—69j
Patrick Reed	36-33—69q
Francesco Molinari	34-35—69j
Bob Estes	32-37—69t
Richy Werenski	34-35—69j
Ken Duke	32-37—69q
Keegan Bradley	34-35—69j
Hunter Mahan	35-34—69q
Andres Gonzales	35-34—69j
Cheng-Tsung Pan	34-35—69q
Mark Hubbard	34-36—70t
Kevin Kisner	34-36—70j
Troy Merritt	36-34—70t
J.J. Henry	34-36—70q
Angel Cabrera	37-33—70j
Brian Stuard	36-34—70j
Brian Gay	34-36—70q
Charley Hoffman	36-34—70q
Tyrone Van Aswegen	34-36—70q
Henrik Norlander	36-34—70q
Roberto Castro	36-34—70q
Steven Bowditch	35-35—70j
Stewart Cink	34-36—70q
Ryan Palmer	35-35—70q
Fabian Gomez	33-37—70t
Ricky Barnes	34-36—70q
Whee Kim	35-35—70j
Blayne Barber	33-37—70t
Rory Sabbatini	35-35—70q
Bryson DeChambeau	34-36—70j
Sam Saunders	37-33—70q
Ryan Brehm	35-35—70t
Johnson Wagner	35-36—71q
Jason Dufner	36-35—71q
Trey Mullinax	35-36—71j
Brian Campbell	35-36—71t
David Hearn	35-36—71j
Tim Wilkinson	36-35—71t
D.J. Trahan	37-34—71t
Alex Cejka	34-37—71j
Peter Malnati	34-37—71q
Ben Martin	36-35—71t
Martin Flores	34-37—71q
Jon Rahm	35-36—71q
Kevin Na	35-36—71t
Smylie Kaufman	35-36—71t
Brett Stegmaier	37-34—71j
Jon Curran	35-36—71q
Soren Kjeldsen	35-36—71q
Cameron Smith	37-34—71q
Chris Evans	36-35—71t
Adam Hadwin	36-35—71t

Abu Dhabi Championship

Thursday
At Abu Dhabi Golf Club
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.7 million
Yardage: 7,583; Par: 72
First Round

Henrik Stenson, Sweden	64
Martin Kaymer, Germany	66
Oliver Fisher, England	66
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	66
Marc Warren, Scotland	66
Julien Quesne, France	67
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	67
Tommy Fleetwood, England	67
Tyrrell Hatton, England	67
S.S.P Chawrasia, India	68
Lee Westwood, England	68
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	68
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	68
Jeunghun Wang, South Korea	68
Mikko Korhonen, Finland	68
David Lipsky, United States	68
Peter Hanson, Sweden	68
Lee Slattery, England	68
Paul Dunne, Ireland	69
Branden Grace, South Africa	69
Gregory Havret, France	69
Jordan L Smith, England	69
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	69
Bradley Dredge, Wales	69
Callum Shinkwin, England	69
Jevon Schreiner, Australia	69
Also	
Daniel Im, United States	70
Peter Uihlein, United States	70
Paul Peterson, United States	71
Rickie Fowler, United States	72
Dustin Johnson, United States	72

MARTIN

From 1C

Diving Championships, Feb. 17-18 in Austin.

Midland ISD diving coach Jennifer Mangum said that Martin recently didn't miss a dive during the North Zone TISCA Swimming and Diving Invitational in late 2016, and believes he's capable of posting a score of 500 points at state, which has never been done by a Midland ISD boys diver.

One of the reasons why Martin is diving at such a high level is that he decided when he was originally diagnosed with degenerative disc disease that he was going to complete his senior year on his terms.

"I decided, all right, I'm going to go through state and I'm going to be done," Martin said. "I'm going to go through state, I'm going to finish and I'm going to end with a bang. (I just want to) go to state and see how well I can do, which was about six months away. I figured I have been diving about 11 years, my back hasn't broken yet. What's six more months?"

Martin has handled his trials in stride. The Midland High honors student talks about his challenges with a sense of humor and comes across as a strong-minded, confident teenager.

"Even with all of the bad things that happened, he never wanted to quit," Mangum said. "He always had the focus that, I am going to come back, I'm going to try to doing all my dives again. He did it when he had his last heart surgery. He did it this last time, I'm going to come back and I'm going to come back better.

"That's pretty rare for a kid, especially a kid this young. A lot of (kids) don't have that perspective. They think 'Oh, it's too big of a challenge and I will just give up.' He never did. He never gave up."

Martin says his heart condition prevents him from engaging in strenuous cardiovascular activity, which is one of the reasons why diving became an ideal sport for him.

Martin realized around 2005 that his dreams of playing football would never come to fruition because of his heart condition.

Martin has been through four surgeries, most recently in 2011.

"I was scared to death going in," Martin said. "It's not a comfortable thought knowing that you're about to go into a room where they are going to cut your chest open and they are going to lay on a cold metal table for a couple hours. It's kind of scary because what they do is they stop your heart from beating and they run your blood through some machines that acts as a heart."

Martin says down the road he will likely have to undergo another heart procedure, but in the meantime, he's upbeat and looking forward to the future. He is considering diving at the Division II level in college and plans to pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

For now, Martin would like to end his high school career by improving on his fifth-place score that he registered at the 2016 state meet.

"As far as results go, I'd like to come home with a medal," Martin said. "I would like to make top three, but ultimately at the end of the day, if I just do a personal best, that is just absolutely great. I am fine with that. The number one thing I want is a personal best. To say that I made that at state, is definitely something I can brag about."

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DISTRICT 2-6A SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
At COM Aquatics
Today's schedule

9:30 a.m. — Girls and boys 1-meter diving at Abell Natatorium

12:30 p.m. — Swimming finals at FMH Foundation Natatorium

Order of swimming events: girls and boys 200 medley relay; girls and boys 200 freestyle; girls and boys 200 IM; girls and boys 50 freestyle; girls and boys 100 butterfly; girls and boys 100 freestyle; girls and boys 500 freestyle; girls and boys 200 freestyle relay; girls and boys 100 backstroke; girls and boys 100 breaststroke; girls and boys 400 freestyle relay

Teams competing: Lee, Midland High, Abilene High, Amarillo Tascosa, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central

What's at stake: Top 6 performers in each event qualify for the Region I-6A meet, Feb. 3-4 in Lubbock

Midland ISD swimmers and divers to watch

Charlye Campbell, Sr., Lee — The Texas A&M signee won a bronze medal with a third-place finish in the girls 1-meter at the 2016 state meet.

Brady Cawthon, Fr., Lee — The young Rebel holds the top seed time in the boys 100 butterfly.

Kile Carriger, Sr., Midland High — The Florida State signee was the District 3-6A swimmer of the meet in 2015 and 2016.

Marcos Dominguez, So., Lee — Lee coach Elliot Fruge says the boys swimmer has a bright future.

Nathan Keller, So., Midland High — Keller is a heavy favorite to win the boys 500 freestyle.

Garrett Martin, Sr., Midland High — The diver is hoping to build off a ninth-place showing at state in 2015 and fifth-place finish in 2016.

Braden Vines, Jr., Midland High — Vines, a two-time state qualifier, was the District 3-6A swimmer of the meet in 2015.

Mollie Wright, Jr., Midland High — The 2016 state meet qualifier has eye-popping times in the girls 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

RAIDERS

From 1C

the Dallas Cowboys and Robert Kraft of the New England Patriots have spoken favorably about the prospects of a move, and Raiders owner Mark Davis has been lobbying behind the scenes to secure the votes of three-fourths of the 32 owners needed for relocation.

The vote is expected to take place during league meetings March 26-29 in Phoenix.

Davis did not comment Thursday on the relocation application, but has made no secret of his commitment to Las Vegas. At a stadium meeting last year in the city he brought along a program from a 1964 American Football League exhibition game in the city where the Raiders beat the Houston Oilers.

Davis has said the team will continue to play in Oakland until the Las Vegas stadium is finished, likely by the 2020 season. There are two sites currently being looked at for the stadium, both adjacent to the Strip.

One possible hang-up could be Adelson's participation in the project. He's the one who initiated conversations with Davis last January, and was instrumental in getting a tax increase passed by the state legislature in October.

Adelson's family has offered $650 million toward the stadium, but has reached no deal with the Raiders yet. Team representatives say they have secured the funding to replace Adelson's investment in case a deal isn't reached. NFL rules prohibit casino operators from having ownership roles in teams.

Andy Abboud, the executive working on the project for Adelson, called the filing "one of those moments that makes it real" and vowed that necessary negotiations will be completed.

"The people of Las Vegas should be excited that the NFL is coming to town," Abboud told AP. "Business deals take time to work out, but everything will work out in the end."

The Raiders have two one-year options to play at the Oakland Coliseum in 2017 and 2018 and are already taking season ticket renewals for next season. But the Raiders have largely ignored a proposal by former player Ronnie Lott to build a new stadium in Oakland to keep the team permanently.

"We are in this game and we are playing to win," Lott's group said in a statement, vowing to push ahead.

Under Davis' father, Hall of Fame owner Al Davis, the Raiders moved from Oakland to Los Angeles in 1982 then returned to the East Bay in 1995.

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man Standing	Dr. Ken (N)	20/20 "The Inauguration of Donald J. Trump" (N)				Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Change and Challenge (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Laina Ma Ke One" (N)		Blue Bloods "The One That Got Away" (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 "GX-1"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood (N)		Sleepy Hollow "Heads of State" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden in Sight	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Shepherd's Heart		Dr. Brad Young
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Grimm "On Captain, My Captain" (N)		Emerald "Science and Magic" (N)		Dateline NBC		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13			13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	On Story	Great Performances (N)		Unity: The Latin Tri		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4			4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16			16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165		(4:55) Sicko		Things You Can Tell Just by Looking ...				★★ Happy Endings Lisa Kudrow.			(:15) ★★ Clerks II		
HBO	300	550	14	14			Movie	Vice News	Hail, Caesar! (16, Com/Dra) Josh Brolin.				Bill Maher (N)		The Young Pope		Bill Maher	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23		(:20) ★★★ The Wedding Singer				★★★ Deadpool ...				(:50) My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2		Movie	
HBO3	304	552	16	102			(:20) The Visit (15, Hor) Olivia DeJonge.				★★★ The Sixth Sense				(:50) ★★★ The Happening Mark Wahlberg.		Movie	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24		(5:30) The Fantas...		(:10) ★★ Dumb and Dumber Jim Carrey.				★★ American Pie Chris Klein.		(:35) Mistress America			
MAX2	382	558	18	122			(:15) ★★ Resident Evil Milla Jovovich.				★★ Shaft Samuel L. Jackson.				(:40) ★★★ Formula 51		(:15) On Deadly ...	
PLEX			96				(5:25) Larger Tha...		★★★ Pure Luck Martin Short.		(:25) ★★ EdTV Matthew McConaughey.				(:40) The Magic of Belle Isle			
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25		(5:30) Afraid		★★★ Cinderella Man ('05, Bio) Russell Crowe.				Boxing Shobox: The New Generation Card TBA (N)				Homeland	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26		(5:00) Why Did I ...		★★★ The Best Man ('99, Rom) Taye Diggs.				★★ Jane Wants a Boyfriend		(:45) ★★★ The DUFF			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47		The First 48		First 48 "Family Affair / The Hustler" (N)		Live PD						Live PD	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51		★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.						★★★ Saving Private Ryan ('98, War) Matt Damon, Tom Hanks.					
BET	58	-			40		(5:00) ★★ The Temptations ('98, Bio) DB Woodside, Terron Brooks.				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Fresh P.	Fresh P.		
BRAVO	65	76			41		Housewives Atlanta		Married Medicine (N)		★★ Little Fockers ('10, Com) Ben Stiller.				★★★ Delivery Man Vince Vaughn.			
CNBC	46	52		39	72		Rich	Super Rich	Rich	TrumpPre	Celebrity Apprentice		"Fire Up That Chopper"		Boss "Buffets, Inc."		Undercover Boss	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42		Rush "Abandonment"		Gold Rush: Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N)		The Wheel (N)		Rush "Parker vs. Rick"		The Wheel	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36		Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	A Cinderella Story: If the S...			StuckMid	StuckMid	Jessie	Jessie	Cali Style	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30		NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston (L)						NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's Third Round Site: Melbourne Park (L)							
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	Food (N)	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33		(5:00) Home Alone 2: Lost in ...		★★ Free Willy ('93, Fam) Jason James Richter.						The 700 Club		Alice in Wonder...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29		Rangers Insider	Mavericks Insider (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Maveric-ks Insider	WPT Poker Los Angeles Classic	
FX	31	56	59	64	69		(5:00) ★★ XXX: State ...		★★ The Equalizer ('14, Act) Chloë Grace Moretz, Denzel Washington.							★★ The Equalizer		
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		House	House	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	DreamHom	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	DreamHom	DreamHom
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43		Transition of Power: The Presidency				The Making of Trump "Recut" (N)				(:05) Transition of Power: The Presidency			
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48		The Rap Game		Bring It!		Bring It! "Diana Said Knock You Out!" (N)		The Rap Game "Like a Boss" (N)		The Rap Game "Like a Boss"		Bring It!	
MSNBC	47	53			49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
NICK	55	-	39	34	37		★ Rufus 2		Henry Danger		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		(4:55) ★★★ Shutter Island				★★★★ Faster ('10, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				★★ Doom ('05, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41		Sein. "The Raincoats"	Seinf. "The Opposite"	★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 Three working stiffs plan to kidnap and ransom the adult son of a slick investor.				★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 Three working stiffs plan to kidnap and ransom the adult son of a slick investor.					
TCM	41	75	24	63	66		(4:45) ★ A Face in t...		★★ The Saint in New York		★ The Saint Strike...		(:45) ★ The Saint in London			(:15) ★ The Saint's ...		
TELE	20	-	10	20			Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52		Paranormal Lock. "Monroe House"		Paranormal Lock. "Waverly Hills"		Paranormal Lock. "Bellaire House" (N)		A Haunting "Bewitched" (N)		(:05) Paranormal Lock. "Bellaire House"		(:05) A Haunting "Bewitched"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50		Castle "A Murder Is Forever"		★ Edge of Tomorrow A soldier in a war against an alien race becomes caught in a time loop after he is killed.				★ The Chronicles of Riddick An escaped convict searches for the secrets of his past while on an intergalactic crusade.					
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	Shooter "Primer Contact"	
WGN	19	85					Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	★★★ 12 Rounds (2009, Action) Aidan Gillen, Ashley Scott, John Cena.				★★ 12 Rounds (2009, Action) Aidan Gillen, Ashley Scott, John Cena.			

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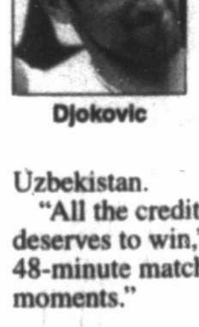
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Djokovic out in 2nd round, loses to Istomin

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It started badly for Novak Djokovic, who needed 24 serves, six break-point saves and 15 minutes just to hold his first game in the second round.


Djokovic

This was not the close-to-invincible Djokovic that fans were used to seeing at the Australian Open, where he has won a record-equaling six titles, including five in the previous six years.

In his earliest loss at a Grand Slam tournament since 2008, Djokovic lost 7-6 (8), 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 on Thursday to No. 117-ranked Denis Istomin, a 30-year-old wild-card entry from Uzbekistan.

"All the credit to Denis for playing amazing. He deserves to win," Djokovic said of their four-hour, 48-minute match. "He was the better player in the clutch moments."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $37.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Second Round
Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (32), Germany, def. Donald Young, United States, 7-5, 6-3, 6-0.
Pablo Carreno Busta (30), Spain, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon (25), France, def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.
Roberto Bautista Agut (13), Spain, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
Grigor Dimitrov (15), Bulgaria, def. Chung Hyeon, South Korea, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
David Ferrer (21), Spain, def. Ernesto Escobedo, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Milos Raonic (3), Canada, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
David Goffin (11), Belgium, def. Pablo Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.
Gael Monfils (8), France, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-0.
Ivo Karlovic (20), Croatia, def. Andrew Whittington, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, 7-6 (8), 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Alexander Zverev (24), Germany, def. Frances Tiafoe, United States, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (9), Spain, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.
Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-1, 6-7 (8), 6-4.
Women
Second Round
Johanna Konta (9), British, def. Hsieni Osaka, Japan, 6-4, 6-2.
Karolina Pliskova (5), Czech Republic, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-0, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova (20), Russia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-2, 3-2 (Ad-40), retired.
Caroline Garcia (21), France, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4.
Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Yulia Putintseva (31), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-1.
Caroline Wozniacki (17), Denmark, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-3.
Dominika Cibulkova (6), Slovakia, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Elena Vesnina (14), Russia, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-3.
Barbora Strycova (16), Czech Republic, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-0, 7-5.
Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 10-8.
Nicole Gibbs, United States, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-4, 6-1.
Daria Gavrilova (22), Australia, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Maria Sakkari, Greece, def. Alize Cornet (28), France, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Timea Bacsinszky (12), Switzerland, def. Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Serena Williams (2), United States, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (9), Poland, 6-3, 6-0.

Son reflects on BP's Hall of Fame NASCAR career

■ COMMENTARY

By Keith Parsons
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Benny Parsons made it to the NASCAR Hall of Fame because of his victories on the track and his work as a broadcaster after he retired. He is there also because of one other factor - the kindness of his competitors.

Don't misunderstand, he wasn't voted in simply because people liked my father. During his 19-year driving career, the man most everyone called "BP" won 21 races, including the 1975 Daytona 500, and the 1973 NASCAR championship. In fact, he was the only Hall of Fame-eligible driver who had accomplished those two feats who had yet to be selected.

He'll be inducted Friday night, along with Rick Hendrick, Richard Childress, Mark Martin and Raymond Parks, and he's included in that group on merit. Yet the way he treated others in the sport over the years ended up helping him as much as it did them.

His championship is a great example. The 1973 season ended with a race at Rockingham, about 10 miles from where BP's underfunded team was based. All he needed to do to clinch the title was to finish the race, thanks to the convoluted points system used at the time.

His crew had everything it needed to fix nearly anything that could go wrong during a race. As fate would have it, no one could have anticipated one item that would be needed: a replacement roll cage.

On the 13th lap, my dad hit a car which had spun in Turn 2, ripping the entire right side away from his car. The damage included the steel bars used to reinforce the driver's cockpit, which were peeled away from the chassis and laying on the track.

The car was towed back to the garage, where BP and his crew dejectedly pondered what they could do. Suddenly, Ralph Moody, a founder of the famed Holman & Moody organization that dominated NASCAR for much of the 1960s, had a solution. For some reason, the car of Bobby Musgrover still was sitting in the garage after failing to qualify. Moody had done some work for Musgrover, as he had for my dad's L.G. DeWitt Racing Team, so he told everyone to use the parts from the idle car.


AP file photo
Benny Parsons holds the trophy awarded him as the winner of the Los Angeles Times Ontario 500 NASCAR auto race at Ontario Motor Speedway in Ontario, Calif., in 1980.

Pit crew members from other teams pitched in, joining a large group of mechanics around the battered car. And 136 laps later, it rolled back on the track to complete enough laps to secure the title.

Something such as this would be unheard of now. Rival teams providing manpower to help someone else win the championship? Not a chance. But they did it for Benny Parsons, largely because they knew he would have done it for them.

The generosity of others also helped my dad to his greatest victory: the Daytona 500. He wasn't quite fast enough that day in 1975 to keep up with David Pearson, and as the race wound toward conclusion, he found himself about 5 seconds behind in second place.

But Richard Petty, laps behind after some troubles earlier in the race, jumped in front of BP and waved to him to join up in a draft. Soon enough, they began to track down Pearson, and with three laps remaining, the margin was only 2 seconds.

Perhaps it was the pressure Pearson felt from behind, or perhaps it was just racing circumstances. Whatever the reason, Pearson bumped into the lapped car of Cale Yarborough and spun on the backstretch, effectively ending his race.

My dad — still running in Petty's wake— motored past, and since there were no overtime rules at the time, he went on to win. Petty certainly didn't have to do that, and part of his motivation might have been to keep Pearson, his top rival at the time, from winning.

Regardless, it was another life-altering moment for BP, and it came about partly with the help of others.

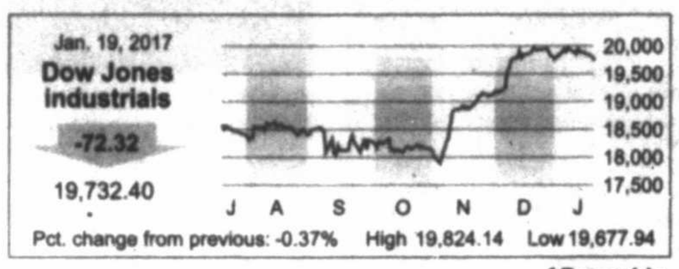
I've thought about that a lot in the past few months, since my dad's selection for the NASCAR Hall of Fame . For years, I thought maybe he had been too nice when he was a driver, that perhaps he could have had more success if he had been a little more selfish.

Yes, maybe he would have won a race or two more. But at what cost? He had the respect of everyone in the garage, people who readily jumped in to help him when he needed it most.

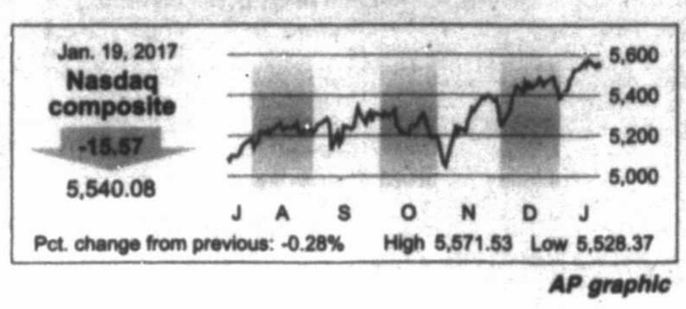
My dad, who died 10 years ago after complications from lung cancer, would say that was worth more than a couple more trophies and checkered flags, worth even more than an earlier induction to the Hall of Fame.

He would say it means everything.

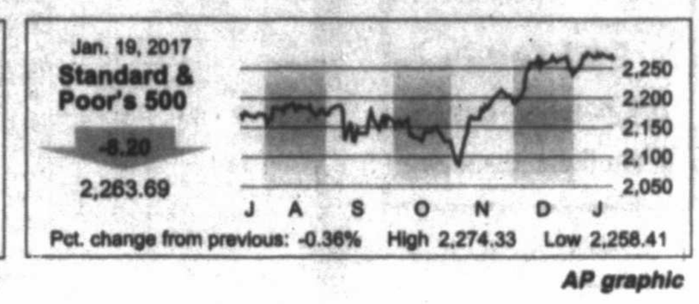
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Previous: $51.08

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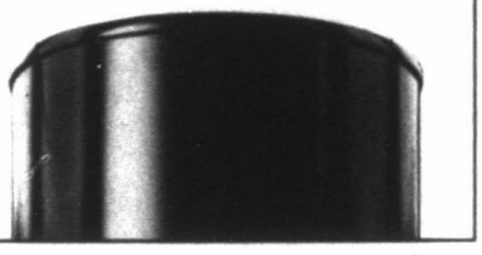
Thursday: $47.75
Previous: $47.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $43.30
Previous: $43.05

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $3.368
Previous: $3.302



Simply Mac closing at Midland Park Mall

From staff reports

Fans of Apple products are losing a specialty retailer in town as Simply Mac at Midland Park Mall is shutting doors Sunday.

Owned by GameStop Corp., Simply Mac is an "Apple Premier Partner" that sells all-things Apple, both used and new. It's also a place where products can be dropped off for repair.

GameStop manager of corporate communications told the Reporter-Telegram by email:

"As GameStop announced in its holiday sales release, the company continues to focus on the execution of our business transformation plan, which includes growing our non-gaming businesses and right-sizing our global store portfolio across all our retail brands. This involves evaluating and closing non-productive locations. The closure of this Simply Mac store is part of that strategy."

Midland's Simply Mac held its grand opening Aug. 2, 2013, according to previous a Reporter-Telegram report.

Employees told the Reporter-Telegram they were given the news of the closure this week. The store has six employees.

Smith said the company remains committed to meeting the service needs of customers impacted by this decision.

"If a customer has a question about their Apple products being serviced, they should contact Simply Mac at 1-877-5-SIMPLY."

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	743164	22.53	-.10
DrGMBll s	659280	8.28	-.07
ChaseEng	618595	6.62	-.36
S&P500ETF	594805	225.91	-.84
VanEGold	551381	22.88	-.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MesaRoyal	12.10	+1.95	+19.2
AresMgmt	19.90	+1.90	+10.6
EvenHldgs	2.72	+.25	+10.1
Cameco g	11.92	+1.07	+9.9
SJuanB	7.30	+.62	+9.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GNC	9.26	-1.89	-17.0
HalconRes wt	2.05	-.25	-10.9
TCF Fn wt	3.00	-.35	-10.4
Aarons	29.19	-3.12	-9.7
LSB Inds	7.14	-.60	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	763
Declined	2,201
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,069
New Highs	83
New Lows	28
Volume	3,091,466,811

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	82078	1.37	-.04
NDynMn g	73855	2.46	-.07
NwGold g	57089	4.16	+.05
B2gold g	49323	2.75	-.04
UraniumEn	43228	1.56	+.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonRbt	3.15	+.39	+14.1
PacGE pfH	26.81	+2.34	+9.6
EnnEn rs	3.60	+.25	+7.5
WTBrzReal	17.67	+1.00	+6.0
Netw1Tch	3.90	+.20	+5.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Can-Fite	2.07	-.18	-8.0
PhrmAth	3.15	-.25	-7.4
AMCON	105.60	-8.00	-7.0
VimetX	2.35	-.15	-6.0
StrPathCm	38.27	-2.43	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	120
Declined	209
Unchanged	31
Total issues	360
New Highs	7
New Lows	1
Volume	114,731,155

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSX	884748	45.51	+8.63
MicronT	293848	21.71	-.61
Oclaro	254946	9.48	+1.35
Apple Inc	240826	119.78	-.21
Netflix s	220451	138.41	+5.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ViewRay n	4.41	+1.27	+40.4
NakedBr n	2.12	+.49	+30.1
UranmRs rs	2.68	+.58	+27.6
CSX	45.51	+8.63	+23.4
Gravity rs	20.96	+3.94	+23.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SearsH wt	2.86	-.70	-20.0
SunshHrt rs	6.14	-1.51	-19.7
Zynerba n	18.11	-4.35	-19.4
RentACt	8.31	-1.88	-18.4
DiffusPh n	4.17	-.84	-16.8

DIARY

Advanced	801
Declined	2,021
Unchanged	204
Total issues	3,026
New Highs	90
New Lows	38
Volume	1,733,700,200

US ends probe of Tesla fatal crash without seeking recall

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tesla Motors Inc. won't face a recall or fine as a result of a fatal crash involving its Autopilot system, but U.S. safety regulators are warning auto manufacturers and drivers not to treat semi-autonomous cars as if they were fully self-driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday it found that the system had no safety defects at the time of the May 7 crash in Florida, and that it was primarily designed to prevent rear-end collisions rather than other crash scenarios.

Bryan Thomas, the agency's chief spokesman, said automated driving systems still require a driver's full attention. He warned that automakers need to keep tabs on how drivers use the technology and should design vehicles "with the inattentive driver in mind."

The probe began June 28, nearly two months after a driver using Autopilot in a 2015 Tesla Model S died when it failed to spot a tractor-trailer crossing the car's path on a highway in Williston, Florida, near Gainesville.

Tesla's Autopilot uses cameras, radar and computers to detect objects and automatically brake if the car is about to hit something. It also can steer the car to keep it centered in its lane. The company has said that before Autopilot can be used, drivers must acknowledge that it's an "assist feature" that requires both hands on the wheel at all times and that drivers must be ready to take control.

The agency's criticism is likely to influence how automakers market semi-autonomous systems. Just about every company has or is working on similar systems as they move rapidly toward self-driving cars.

The investigation "helps clarify that cars are still supposed to be driven by attentive people, and if people behind the wheel aren't attentive, it's not the technology's fault," said Karl Brauer, executive publisher of Kelley Blue Book. That will help avoid the stigma that the technology causes accidents, he said.

NHTSA released guidelines last year that attempt to ensure safety without slowing development of semiautonomous and self-driving cars.

In its probe, NHTSA evaluated how the system functions and looked into dozens of other crashes involving Teslas, including a July one on the Pennsylvania Turnpike that injured two people.

The Florida crash killed former Navy SEAL Joshua Brown, 40, of Canton, Ohio. Tesla said at the time that the cameras on Brown's Model S sedan failed to distinguish the white side of a turning tractor-trailer from a brightly lit sky and that neither the car nor Brown applied the brakes.

Thomas said Brown set the car's cruise control at 74 mph — 9 mph over the limit — less than two minutes before the crash. NHTSA's crash reconstruction showed the tractor-trailer should have been visible to Brown at least 7 seconds before impact, enough time to react.

Detecting vehicles that cross in its path were beyond the capabilities of the Autopilot system, Thomas said on a conference call.

Stocks fall, bond yields climb

The Dow Jones industrial average erased its gains for 2017 on Thursday as it fell for the fifth day in a row, part of a pullback for stock indexes as Treasury yields continued their upward march.

Losses were widespread, with three stocks falling on the New York Stock Exchange for every one that rose. Utilities, real-estate investment trusts and others that pay big dividends were among the hardest hit because their payouts look less attractive when bond yields are rising. Small company stocks took outsize losses.

The Dow fell 72.23 points, or 0.4 percent, to 19,732.40, slightly lower than where it finished 2016. Still, it's not far from its record closing high of 19,974.62.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 8.20 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,263.69. The Nasdaq composite gave up 15.57 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,540.08.

The Russell 2000, which tracks smaller companies, lost 12.81 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,345.74. The Russell, which surged after the presidential election and finished last year with a gain of almost 20 percent, also turned lower for the year.

Metal prices drop

Gold dropped $10.60 to settle at $1,201.50 an ounce, silver fell 27 cents to $17 an ounce and copper was virtually flat at $2.61 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $148.03 Up 1.48

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $134.48 Down 1.20

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.60 Down 0.35

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.26 Up 1.74

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.44 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.70 Down 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $29.55 Down 0.55

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.41 Up 0.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.23 Down 0.08

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.80 Down 0.92

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		28	9.52	-.55	-6.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.00	+.20	3.6
Abraxas		...	2.69	-.02	+4.7
AdaDvsEq	92e	...	12.94	-.05	+1.8
AMC		...	9.77	-.11	-13.8
AcruUSA	60		11.67	-.18	+2.5
Ambev	.06e		5.36	+.05	+9.2
Amgen	**4.60f**	**14**	**153.80**	**-1.97**	**+5.2**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**70.18**	**+.29**	**+.6**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**62.22**	**-.69**	**-2.0**
Apple Inc	2.28	14	119.78	-.21	+3.4
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**33.75**	**+.06**	**+4.6**
ArcelorMit		29	8.09	-.14	+10.8
Archrock	.48f		15.05		+14.0
AriadP			23.70	+.01	+90.5
ATMOS	**1.68**	**22**	**74.26**	**-.98**	**+.1**
AutoData	2.28	29	102.97	+.06	+.2
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**...**	**36.90**	**-.20**	**-1.3**
BakrHu	.68		61.96	+.22	-4.6
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.53	-.10	+1.9
BkNYMel	.68	14	44.84	-1.39	-5.4
B iPVxST rs			21.54	+.23	-15.6
BarringsCp s	1.20		15.46	-.17	-.1
BarrickG	.08	38	16.92	+.10	+5.9
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	**...**		**16239120.00**	**-1580.00**	**-2.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**22**	**61.56**	**-.65**	**+.4**
BrityGp	**1.56f**	**39**	**55.49**	**-.58**	**-5.0**
BrownFA s	**...**	**28**	**45.64**	**-.40**	**-1.3**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**44.81**	**-.16**	**-.7**
CSX	.72	25	45.51	+8.63	+26.7
CVS Health	1.70f	15	83.20	-.34	+5.4
Caterpillar	3.08	25	90.38	+.05	+.7
Celestic g	...	10	12.00	-.23	+1.3
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.50	+.03	+7.2
ChesEng	...	...	6.62	-.36	-5.7
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**115.58**	**-.36**	**-1.8**
Chicos	.32	28	13.04	-.41	-9.4
Cimarex	.32	...	138.54	+.20	+1.9
Cisco	1.04	14	29.98	-.05	-.8
Citigroup	.64	12	56.66	-.73	-4.7
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**148.03**	**+1.48**	**+34.1**
CliffsNRs	**...**	**20**	**9.01**	**-.42**	**+7.1**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.14**	**-.15**	**-.8**

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ColgPalm	**1.56**	**24**	**67.04**	**-.43**	**+2.4**
ConAgra	**.80**	**20**	**38.69**	**-.03**	**-2.2**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**134.48**	**-1.20**	**+1.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	**...**	**49.86**	**-.41**	**-.6**
CrackerB	4.60	21	156.76	-1.99	-6.1
CSVInvNG			3.83	-.01	+26.4
CSVelIVST			55.10	-.45	+17.9
CSVixSh rs			6.72	+.15	-29.4
CrosTim	**1.06e**	**14**	**18.47**	**-.25**	**+2.8**
DCP Mid	3.12	17	37.20	-.30	3.1
DTE	2.92	22	98.14	-.75	-.4
Dataram rs			1.43	-.14	-35.0
DeltaTch h			1.70	+.83	+132.3
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**46.09**	**-.27**	**+.9**
DxGlMBr rs			20.32	+.18	-42.1
DrGMBll s			8.28	-.07	+48.4
DxGBull s			9.81	-.20	+28.4
Disney	**1.56f**	**19**	**107.28**	**-.88**	**+2.0**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**57.09**	**-.82**	**-.2**
DryShp rs			1	1.01	-.58	-72.6
eBay s		18	30.72	+.33	+3.5
EOG Resces	**.67**	**...**	**105.19**	**-.21**	**+4.0**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.09**	**...**	**...**
Energen	.08	...	55.72	-.44	-3.4
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	35.65	+.10	-.4
EnPro	**.84**	**50**	**65.80**	**-.50**	**-2.3**
EntProdPt	1.64	21	27.67	-.01	+2.3
Ericsson	.46e		5.82	-.09	-.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**34**	**84.73**	**-1.55**	**-6.1**
Facebook		35	127.55	-.37	+10.9
FlatChrys			9.94	+.27	+9.0
FordM	.60a	6	12.43	+.02	+9.5
FrptMcM			15.26	+.02	+15.7
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.48	-.06	+3.0
GATX	**1.60**	**9**	**59.12**	**+1.91**	**-4.0**
GabtlsRT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.49**	**-.02**	**+3.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**31.90**	**-.06**	**+2.3**
GenElec	**.90f**	**28**	**31.21**	**-.02**	**-1.2**
GlPalmEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**27.05**	**-.36**	**-1.1**
HP Inc	.50	9	14.86	+.26	+.1
Halliburtn	**.72**	**...**	**56.94**	**+.21**	**+2.3**
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	7.77	-.16	+3.7
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	36.13	+.47	+6.4
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.43	-.15	+5.0

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iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.35	-.11	+3.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.05	-.15	+2.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	133.75	-1.10	-.8
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**36.57**	**-.19**	**+.8**
InterDig	1.20	15	69.00	-.30	-2.6
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	83.30	-.84	-3.5
JohnJn	**3.20**	**17**	**114.20**	**-.50**	**-.9**
Keycorp	.34	16	17.84	-.29	-2.4
KimbClk	**3.68**	**19**	**115.90**	**-.50**	**+1.6**
KindMorg	.50	72	22.47	+.03	+8.5
Kinross g			3.52	-.04	+13.2
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.44	...	+15.1
LloydBkg	.47a	...	3.22	-.03	+3.9
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.89**	**-.14**	**-9.1**
McDnlds	3.76f	23	122.18	-.53	+.4
Merck	1.88f	16	60.33	-.84	+2.5
MerltMed	**...**	**34**	**25.70**	**-.85**	**-3.0**
MexcoEn		...	4.70	-.03	-6.0
MicronT		...	21.71	-.61	-1.0
Microsoft	1.56f	26	62.30	-.20	+.3
MorgStan	.80	15	42.45	-.41	+.5
NRG Egy	12	19	15.56	+.30	+26.9
Nabors	.24	...	17.51	+.13	+6.8
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**57.83**	**-.47**	**-.9**
NOilVarco	.20	20	37.90	+.48	+1.2
Netflix s		...	138.41	+5.15	+11.8
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.29**	**-.07**	**+.8**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**13.86**	**-.05**	**+.9**
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**...**	**68.73**	**-.59**	**-3.5**
Oclaro		...	9.48	+1.35	+5.9
ParDrl	**...**	**64**	**105.16**	**+2.21**	**-1.5**
PatUTI	**.08**	**8**	**27.50**	**-.01**	**+2.2**
Penney		...	8.69	-.12	-19.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**75**	**17.95**	**-.26**	**-5.3**
Prmian	.41e	23	8.37	+.03	+8.6
Petrobras		...	11.14	+.05	+10.2
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**13**	**31.70**	**+.33**	**-2.4**
PioNtrl	**.60**	**...**	**163.95**	**+.84**	**+2.2**
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**28**	**30.61**	**+.80**	**-5.5**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	122.98	+.06	+3.6
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**116.10**	**-.50**	**-.9**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**56.80**	**-2.50**	**+4.6**

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PUVixST rs	...	...	30.81	+.62	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**23**	**84.70**	**-.23**	**+.7**
RangeRs	.08	...	34.47	+.12	+.3
RegionsFn	.28f	16	13.98	-.05	-2.6
ReynAm s	1.84f	27	58.58	+.58	+4.5
RiteAid	...	78	8.60	-.05	+4.4
Rowan	.40	6	18.91	-.25	+.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.52	-.32	+.3
SpdrDJIA	3.96e	...	197.28	-.67	-.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	225.91	-.84	+1.1
SabnR	1.86e	17	37.00	+.80	+5.3
SanderFm	**.96**	**11**	**91.37**	**-1.90**	**-3.0**
Schlmbrg	2.00	57	87.20	-.28	+3.9
SiriusXM	.01p	38	4.59	-.01	+3.1
Smucker	3.00f	17	132.86	-.14	+3.7
SwstnEngy	...	...	9.51	-.18	-12.1
Spher3D gh	...	...	.37	+.07	+21.7
Sprint	...	...	8.97	+.24	+8.5
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	52.24	-.19	+1.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.04	-.10	-.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.55	-.43	...
SunocoLog	2.04f	51	23.85	-.09	-.7
Target	2.40	11	65.39	-1.46	-9.5
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**9.61**	**-.04**	**+4.5**
Tesoro	2.20	10	80.56	-1.07	-7.9
3M Co	4.44	22	178.68	+.19	+.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**73.62**	**-.19**	**-.2**
Transocn	...	...	15.09	-.21	+2.4
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**22.30**	**.03**	**+1.1**
Twitter	...	...	16.79	-.32	+3.0
TylerTech	**...**	**53**	**149.15**	**-1.83**	**+4.5**
UBSI	**1.32**	**22**	**43.80**	**-.55**	**-5.7**
US OilFd	...	...	11.17	+.01	-4.7
USSteel	.20	...	33.21	-1.72	+.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.80	-.14	+28.6
ValeroE	2.40	14	66.07	-.68	-3.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.88	-.13	+9.4
VanE JrGld	...	...	36.65	-.04	+16.2
VangEmg	1.10e	...	36.96	-.10	+3.3
VerizonCm	2.31f	15	52.36	+.11	-1.9
VulcanM	**.80**	**43**	**126.30**	**-1.00**	**+.9**
WEC Engy	2.08f	20	58.56	-.82	-.2
WalgBoots	1.50	18	83.49	-.63	+.9
WealthFrst	...	...	5.37	+.04	+7.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	54.58	+.31	-1.0
WstnRefin	1.52	24	34.86	-.38	-7.9
WstnUnion	.64	13	21.13	-.72	-2.7
WhitingPet	...	...	11.86	-.18	-1.3
WmaCos	.80	66	28.45	+.11	-8.6
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.89**	**-.44**	**+.5**
Xerox	**.31**	**9**	**6.94**	**-.08**	**+20.7**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
19,999.63	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,732.40	-72.32	-.37	-.15	+24.24
9,490.29	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,163.96	+23.09	+.25	+1.53	+36.98
723.83	570.73	Dow Jones Utilities	657.89	-5.67	-.85	-.26	+13.69
11,688.45	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,148.86	-47.24	-.42	+.83	+20.83
5,584.26	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,540.07	-15.57	-.28	+2.92	+23.56
2,282.10	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,263.69	-8.20	-.36	+1.11	+21.12
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,667.44	-12.53	-.75	+.41	+32.67
23,875.45	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,693.72	-99.93	-.38	+1.02	+23.42
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,345.74	-12.81	-.94	-.84	+34.93

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 66 Low: 44
SATURDAY: Partly sunny — High: 63 Low: 40
SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 60 Low: 40
MONDAY: Sunny — High: 70 Low: 43
TUESDAY: Sunny — High: 60 Low: 34
WEDNESDAY: Sunny — High: 54 Low: 33

Local forecast

Strong winds should dominate the weather scene over the next couple days. The National Weather Service expects gusts as high as 40 mph today and as high as 50 mph Saturday. The NWS also has a 20 percent chance of storms in the forecast for Saturday.

The record high for Jan. 19 is 83 set in 2000. The record low is 8, set in 1963. On Jan. 19 of last year, the high was 71 and the low was 41.

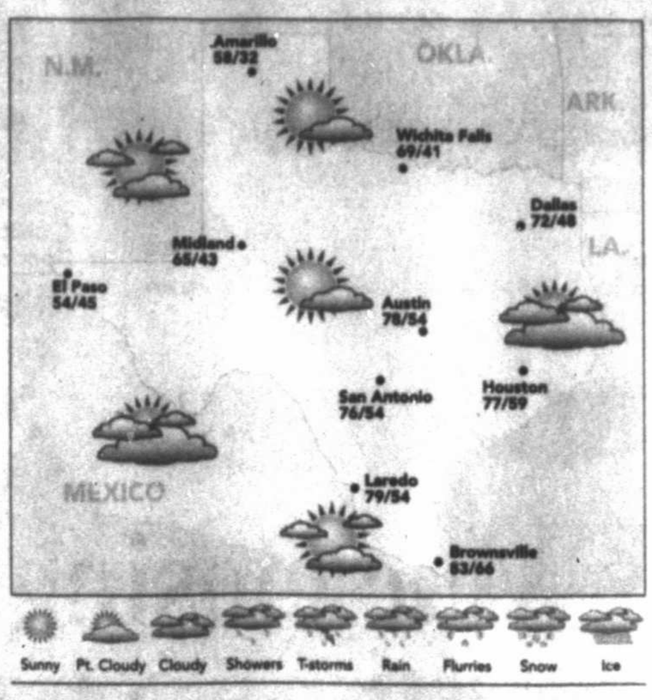
Weather brief

NWS: Severe storms possible in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The National Weather Service says strong storms and isolated tornadoes are possible across Alabama in coming days.

Forecasters say a wide part of the state could experience isolated tornadoes and winds up to 60 mph beginning Thursday afternoon. The storms could continue coming in waves through the weekend.

The weather service's Storm Prediction Center says Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery could all be affected.



Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.12 in.
Year total	1.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.39 in.

Thursday's temperatures

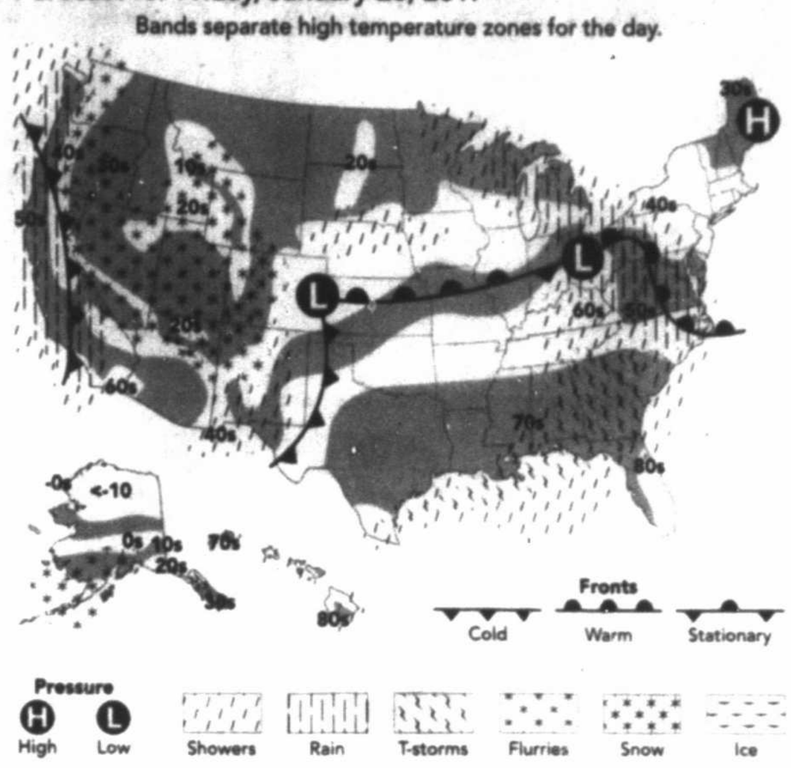
High	67
Low	43
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:12 p.m.

National weather

AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Friday, January 20, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Couple's long, joyful marriage is based upon three principles

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: Many of your published letters come from unhappy married women. Some of them seem unable to get objective advice that would make themselves and their marriages happier. I'm fortunate to be happily married (33 years) to a wonderful woman who has a clear perspective.

Three pearls of wisdom she could share:

1. Don't sulk because your husband can't read your mind. Trust him; he'd like to help. And listen to your tone as you point out how he can.

2. The way you talk about him to your friends is an expression of your fidelity. Talk about him honestly, but with respect. If you do, he'll admire and encourage your close friendships and take a sincere interest in your friends as people. If your MO is to grouse and complain about him, in his mind and heart he will feel you're abandoning him.

3. Be clear that while your husband might say he'd like to treat you like a queen, you're both better off being equals — partners, side-by-side. In our marriage, there is no "better half." There are two halves.

It's amazing how much joy we have experienced during our years together, based on this simple foundation. My esteem for my wife only grows each year — something that seems impossible, but then again, fantastic things usually do. — PETER, A GRATEFUL HUSBAND

DEAR PETER: Thank you for sharing those words of wisdom because they apply to husbands as well as wives. There's a saying: The higher the pedestal, the longer the fall. Partners who treat each other as equals and with respect — and the key word is "respect" — usually have long-lasting and happy unions. Those who complain behind a spouse's back, who denigrate rather than elevate, do not make themselves look better or their marriages healthier. I'm glad you wrote.

DEAR ABBY: How do you deal with adult "children" who ignore issues about their health? My 30-something son had a root canal a few days ago. His face is swollen, he has lost sleep and is in pain. His wife has tried everything to get him to get it checked out, and she just called me in desperation.

Why does he do this? It isn't the first time she and others have begged him to take care of himself. She's pregnant and they have two other small kids. He has insurance, so it's not about money. It's just so stressful for those of us who love him. He works for himself and is a high-energy guy and a great dad. — QUESTIONING MY SON'S SANITY

DEAR QUESTIONING: Some men feel that acknowledging pain is showing weakness. They think that if they just "gut it out" a while longer, things will get better. And while many of them do, many also don't.

Pick up the phone and tell your daughter-in-law to call the dentist who did the root canal and ask whether what her husband is experiencing is normal. And if the answer is that it's not, she should tell her husband that "the surgeon wants him to come in for a recheck" to be sure his wounds haven't become infected.

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. 20, 2017:

This year you feel an innate tension between who you are and your professional obligations. Sometimes this subconscious struggle adds a level of fatigue to your days. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance sometime after summer. Enjoy getting to know this person! If you are attached, so much goes on between you and your sweetie that people never seem to know whether you are coming or going. Come fall, you will become more visible as a couple. SCORPIO pushes you into the limelight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Deal with others directly for the best results. Others prefer the personal contact, even at work. A friend appreciates that you don't just buy someone else's version of a story without first asking him or her what happened. Your loyalty is evident. Tonight: Have a meaningful talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Others seek you out. You enjoy this position, where you can say "yes" or "no," even in professional circles. Be clear about your limits, though you still might want to detach. You could realize the path to reaching an important goal. Tonight: Join a fun yet flaky friend for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Pace yourself, and know how much you need to accomplish. You might want to reschedule an important meeting, especially if it has financial implications. A boss or higher-up is likely to be impressed by your approach, thinking and style. Tonight: Off to join friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ If you feel somewhat exhausted by recent arguing, just let the feeling go. Approach others with an open mind; the results will be better. Don't lose your sense of direction, which could be hard with all the ideas running through your head. Tonight: Out for TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be going over several issues in your head. You might want to seek out others who have been in similar situations. Don't be surprised if you learn something new because of these conversations. You will know the right way to proceed. Tonight: Make it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You can be annoying when you are on a quest to get information. Try a more subtle, less controversial route. When the topic opens up, ask a casual question or two. Ultimately, you will avoid putting someone on the defensive, and you will get the real facts. Tonight: Hang with pals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be sensitive to the costs of proceeding in a certain direction. Remember, there are always factors that you can't predict. Achieving a goal might be dependent on you brainstorming with trusted, different-minded individuals. Don't shy away from an odd idea. Tonight: Treat a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Encourage others to be more open. Your feedback might not be needed, as others seem willing to say what really is on their mind. Even if you make a judgment, try not to let anyone know. As a result, you'll get more information. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are all smiles, and are ready to move forward. Sometimes you don't realize how significant your presence can be. You don't have to say much; in fact, saying little could be more effective in allowing others to share more of themselves. Tonight: Opt for more privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Activity surrounds friends and a possible goal. You might be in weekend mode already. As a result, you probably will want to cut the workday short or schedule a long lunch with your peers. Others seem to be up for more gregarious interactions. Tonight: With your favorite people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Take charge of an important project. Your associates might decide to leave you alone to tend the shop. You'll discover that a lot could fall on your shoulders because you are present and accounted for. Tonight: A must appearance, but then go off and follow your whims.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Reach out to a loved one you care a lot about. If you have been considering getting together in the near future, set up a visit. Your intuition might not always have a clear explanation, but that's OK. You don't need to explain yourself. Tonight: Try something new.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Bill Maher (1956), film director David Lynch (1946), astronaut Buzz Aldrin (1930)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Freak hand

Neither vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ Q 8 5 4 3
♡ J
◇ A K 7 5 4 2
♣ 8

WEST
♠ J 10 7
♡ A K Q 8 7 6 5 3
◇ 3
♣ J

EAST
♠ K 9 6 2
♡ 10 9 4 2
◇ Q 9 6
♣ 9 7

SOUTH
♠ A
♡ Void
◇ J 10 8
♣ A K Q 10 6 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♡	4♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	6♡	7♣
All pass			

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

Freak hands are a lot of fun in bridge, and they are often accompanied by some wild bidding. North had a difficult bid over four hearts, and his decision to bid four spades would not please everyone. East passed the four-spade bid, thinking he had pretty good defense against that contract. South wasn't having it, of course, and he bid what he thought he could make. East changed his opinion about his defensive prospects and sacrificed in six hearts. This was a good decision against six clubs, but East hadn't counted on South continuing to seven clubs. This would be embarrassing to East if the grand slam came home.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and drew trumps in two rounds. He reasoned that he needed three diamond tricks to be successful, but with West probably holding an eight-card heart suit, East was likely to hold three or four diamonds to the queen. What could South do about it?

South decided to run every one of his trumps, coming down to the singleton ace of spades and three diamonds in his hand and the queen doubleton of spades and ace-king of diamonds in dummy. Poor East had to come down to four cards, so he couldn't keep both spades and diamonds guarded. East kept all three of his diamonds and the singleton king of spades. South read the position perfectly and cashed the ace of spades. The fall of the king made dummy look very good. Had East discarded a diamond instead, South would have cashed the top diamonds and returned to his hand with a spade. A beautiful crisscross ending.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Quick
6 Zurich-based sports org.
10 Dis
13 Metaphorical title word in a McCartney-Wonder hit
14 Major composition
15 Dr Pepper Museum city
16 Played hooky from the office?
18 Journalist/author Larson
19 Telegram period
20 Long in the tooth
21 Texas-Louisiana border river
23 "Without further __"
25 Taco toppings
26 Was sorry to have set the alarm?
31 Random selection
32 Give a halfhearted effort
33 Gratified and then some
36 Pizzeria staples
38 Romantic dining spot
40 Bush advisor
41 You can skip it
43 Piaggio transport
45 X or Y preceder
46 Made it through the Civil War?
49 Lunchbox container
51 "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!" airer
52 Small creek
53 Meet at the poker table
55 Hound sound
59 Downwind
60 Reached the 2016 Olympics the hard way?
63 Joker, for one
64 Continental divide
65 "Buffy" spin-off
66 Superhero symbol
67 They're fixed shortly after being intentionally broken
68 Crystalline stone

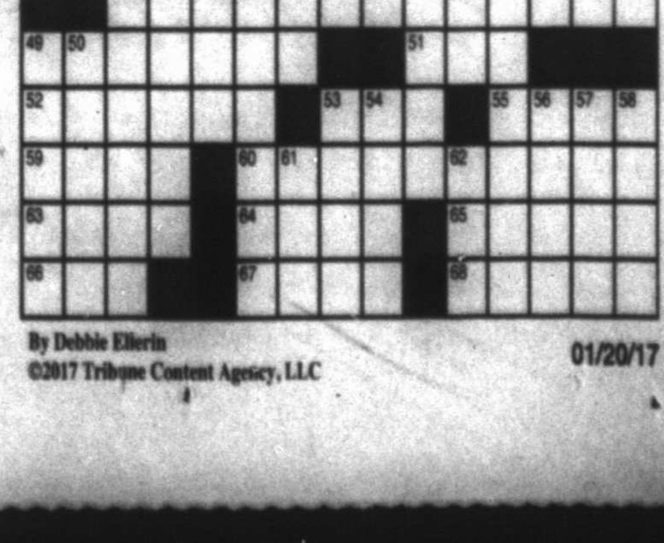
DOWN

1 Bench mates?
2 Bump up against
3 Little, to Luis
4 Rubber stamp partner
5 Highlight provider
6 Barnyard regular
7 2001 Apple debut
8 Lab coat
9 Welcomes warmly, as a visitor
10 Ready in a big way
11 Cupcake cover
12 Uses a fireplace tool
15 Online workshop
17 The Platters' genre
22 x or y follower
24 Senior, to Junior
25 Amulet
26 Emulates Eminem
27 Meter or liter
28 Revelations
29 Plants used to make tequila
30 Cashed, as a forged check
34 "... happily __ after"
35 Say no to
37 Tangled
39 Put in one's two cents
42 Mrs. Cullen in Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight"
44 Venomous snake
47 "I know, right?"
48 Sign next to free samples
49 Hint
50 Luau entertainment
53 Gala giveaways
54 "Electric" swimmers
56 "For that reason"
57 Told a fantastic story, perhaps
58 North __
61 URL ending
62 Identify on Facebook

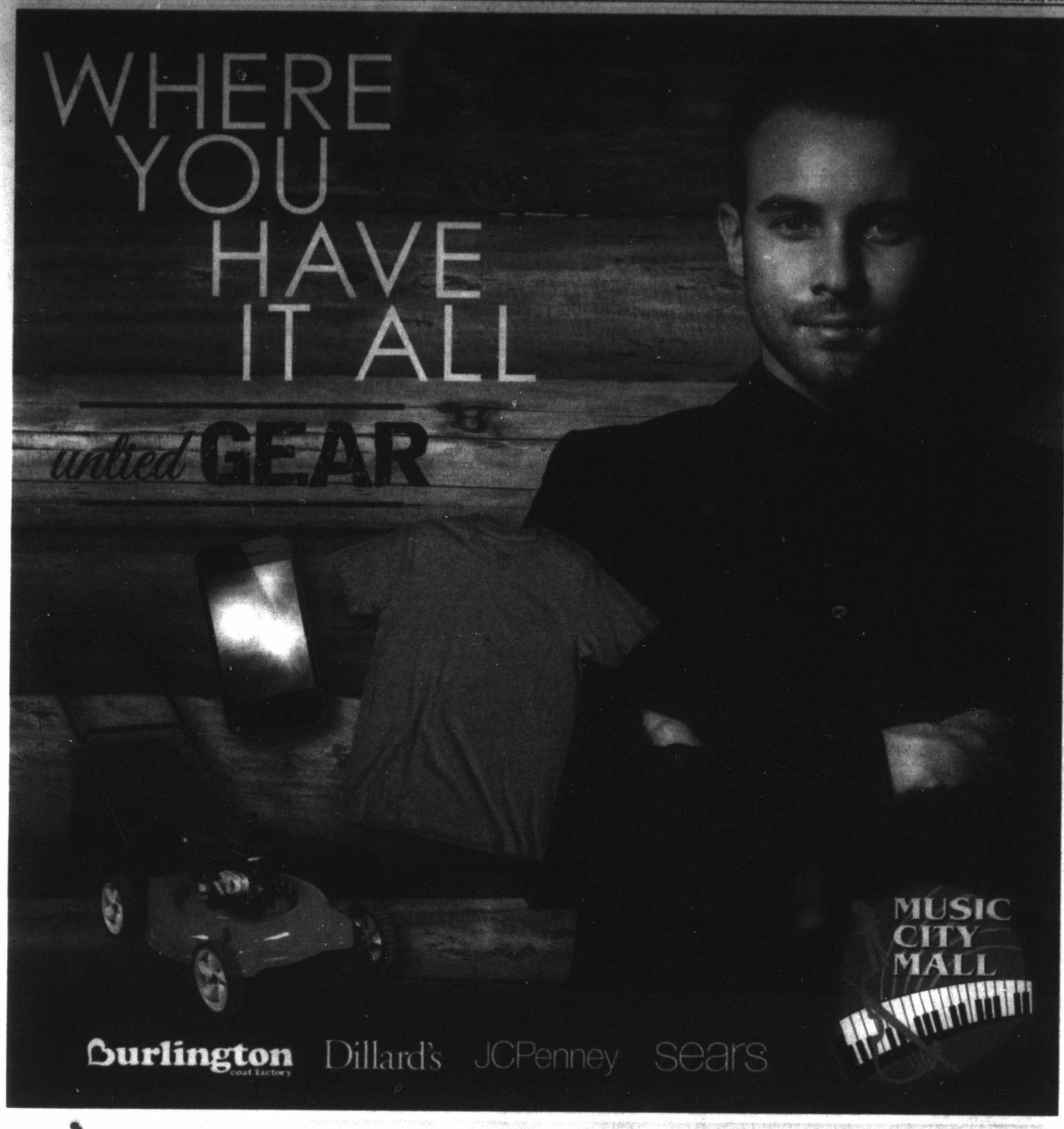
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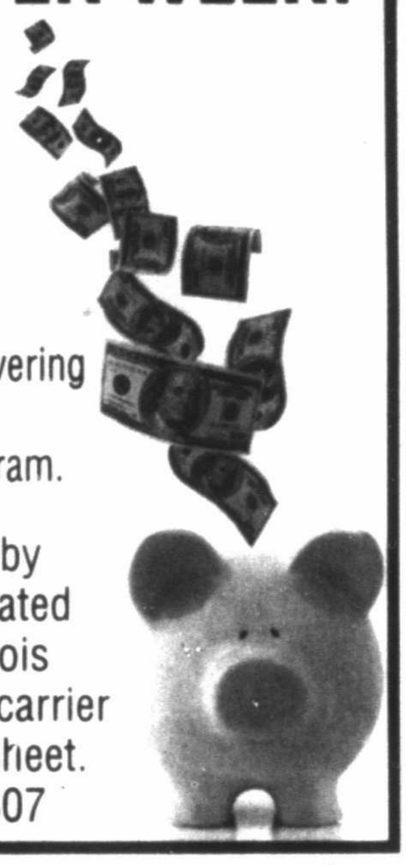
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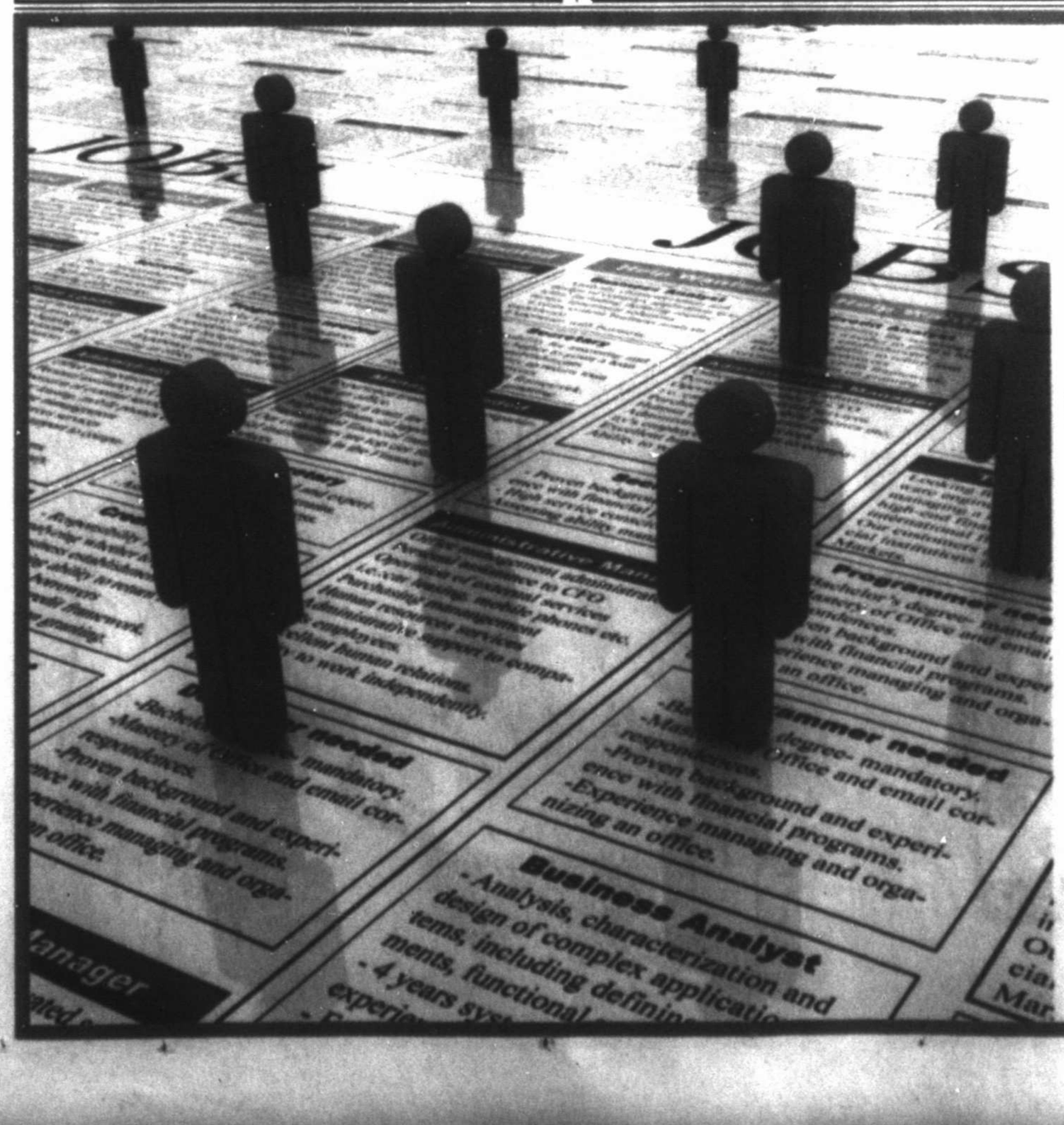
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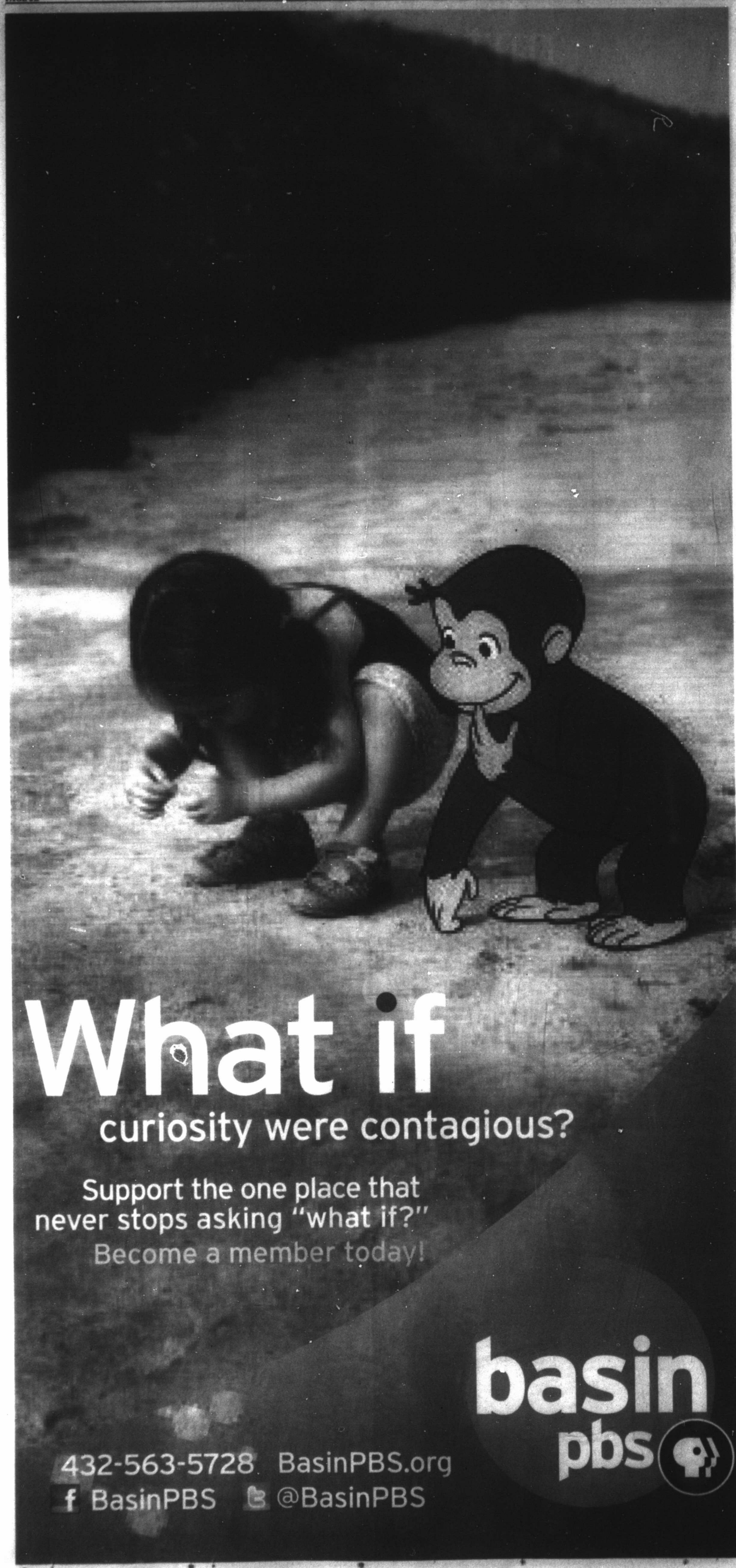


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RFP 01-17: Section 15, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.
RFP 02-17: Section 14, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.
RFP 03-17: Section 22, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.
RFP 04-17: Section 23, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.
RFP 05-17: Section 26, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

To receive a copy of the RFP(s), please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 02/28/17 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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DEBTOR/SHIPPER: Jamex Marketing, LLC as successor in interest to Bridger Trading, LLC (the "Shipper").

DAY, DATE, & TIME: Mon., Jan. 30, 2017, 10:00 A.M. Central Standard Time.

PLACE: Office of Centurion Pipeline L.P., 5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110, Houston, TX 77046.

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FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michael T. Morgan, General Manager, Centurion Pipeline L.P., 5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110, Houston, TX 77046, Tel 713-350-4980.

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RFP 17000582: Request for Proposals for Cellular Services for the City of Midland.

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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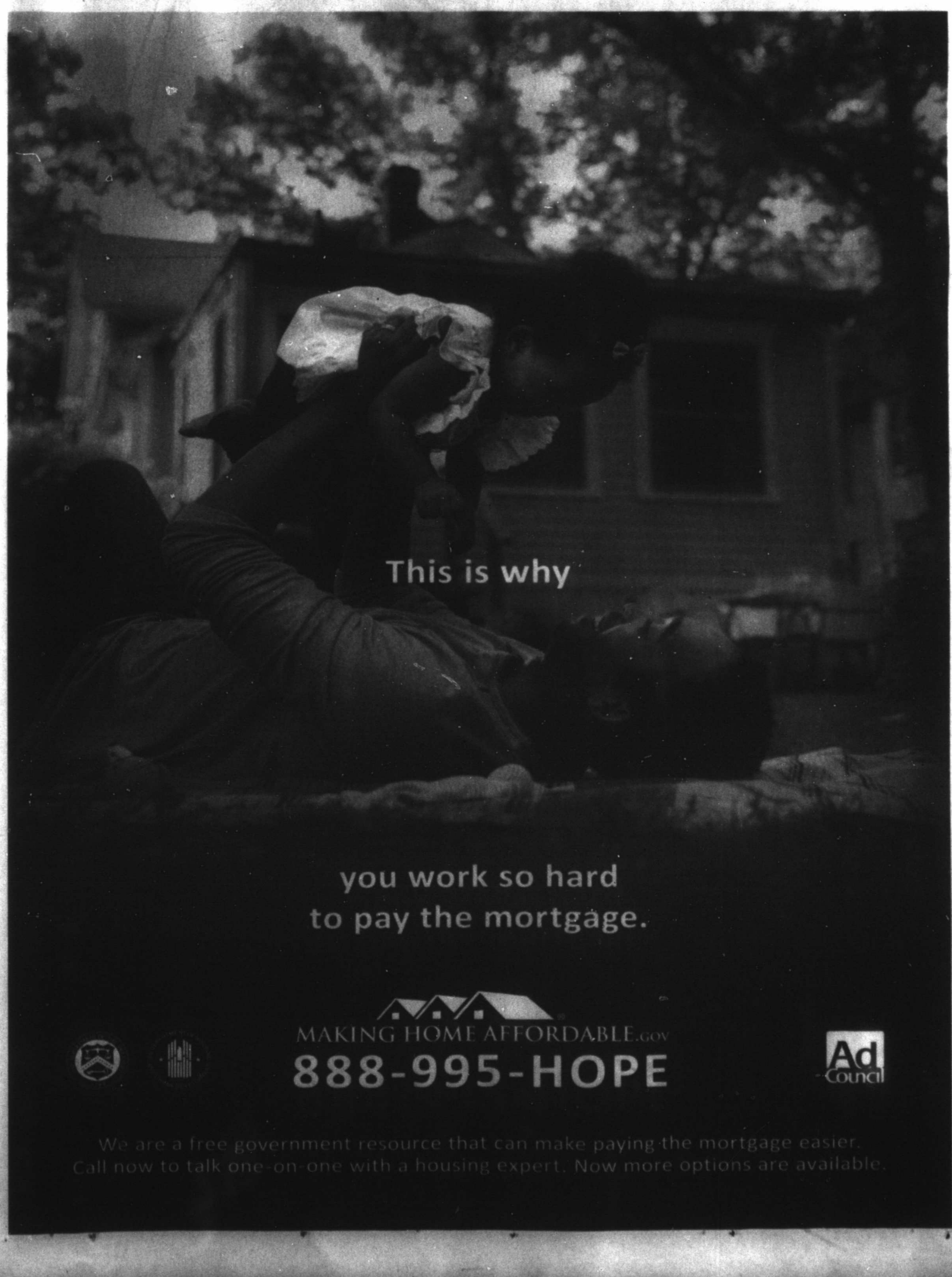
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