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The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries announces grants for ravaged Texas libraries.

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Tyler Frick, a 25-year-old minister at Envoy Church, desires to teach. It is this desire that led to the book "Prevailing Soul."

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Rig count not accurate metric, analyst says

Shale drilling has allowed production to explode even as the number of rigs drop

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

For U.S. shale drillers who have seen prices climb almost 50 percent in six months, it's been largely a rig-less recovery, a conundrum for traders seeking to forecast the future.

Normally, you'd expect the rigs to return to the field in significant numbers as producers flush with added cash looked to boost output. But the weekly Baker Hughes tally has stayed remarkably still.

The reason: Explorers are doing more with less, forcing traders to use a bigger toolbox of stats, metrics and gauges to track U.S. production that's expected to top 10 million barrels a day as the year progresses. That includes everything from producer spending surveys to oilfield hiring reports, and even demand for the tiny grains of sand that prop open oil-bearing cracks.

"A well that comes online in U.S. onshore today is dramatically different than one that came on five or 10 years ago," Leo Mariani, an analyst who covers explorers and producers at NatAlliance Securities, said in a phone interview. "It's just a different animal."

For the market, that means the country that's become the world's swing producer and a thorn in OPEC's side is becoming a whole lot harder to read.

The number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. — from the Gulf of Mexico to the Permian Basin in Texas to the Bakken shale in North Dakota — is less than half the count in the middle of 2014, when the crude market crash began. And yet, America is set to rival Saudi Arabia and Russia, with production expected to top 10 million barrels as early as next month and to reach 11 million toward the end of next year.

How? The combination of faster horizontal drilling and more intense fracturing has allowed production to explode even as the number of rigs drop. Up until about four years ago, it was safe enough to use the rig count to track activity because the industry was more reliant on single vertical wells.

"You've got different levers to pull to

Please see **RIG COUNT**/2A

CADETS AT CLAYDESTA

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Texas A&M University's Singing Cadets performed on Thursday at ClayDesta Center.

MISD welcomes feedback before Houston vote

By Simone Jasper
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Ahead of the Midland ISD board's scheduled vote about a turnaround plan for Houston Elementary, the district is continuing to accept community comments. District leaders addressed some questions Thursday night when about 50 parents and staff members gathered to hear a presentation about the future of the campus.

A plan that calls for Houston to become a college preparatory elementary will be submitted to the board for approval Tuesday. In the days before the meeting, people can submit comments via email or an online survey accessible through the Houston webpage.

Elise Kail, executive director of accountability for the district, said input has been in favor of the change.

"(Today) I will be gathering all those results together and putting them in the board packet; however, we can walk in information from the survey… into the board meeting to make sure it's available," Kail said.

The turnaround plan indicates the strategy will create an environment of higher expectations at the campus. It states Houston has "consistently scored below state standard in Closing the Achievement Gap and over the last two years for Overall Student Achievement."

Also, "due to 68 percent of teachers having two or less years of experience in the current grade and/or content, the rigor level of STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) was not implemented on a daily basis," according to the plan.

At Thursday's meeting in the Houston gym, district officials explained details about the turnaround, which would involve new school leadership for 2018-19 and the implementation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) programming.

Current campus leaders and staff would have to reapply for their positions, and the plan's timeline includes training for this summer.

The plan also calls for an application process this spring for students to attend the pre-K through fifth-grade school. The school's spots would be filled through a lottery, and current Houston students would have more weight in the application.

Current Houston students who don't attend the college preparatory elementary could enroll at other MISD campuses. District leaders said students accepted in the Houston school would be able to attend with siblings.

The district aims to post frequently asked questions online, according to Superintendent Orlando Riddick.

Questions at the meeting centered around the lottery system as well as the trajectory of students after the elementary level. Plans call for AVID to go to the secondary level, starting with sixth-graders at San Jacinto Junior High School, district leaders said.

Liz Prichard, Houston parent and fourth-grade writing and science teacher, hopes to apply to be a teacher at the campus and wants her daughter to attend as well.

"I was really impressed with the whole plan overall," she said after Thursday's meeting. "It seems like it's very thought-out and very deliberate. I think that all the students that are going to be able to attend here will really benefit from this type of organizational program from now all the way up until college."

Midland streak for high-priced gas reaches six weeks

From staff reports

The streak continues.

For the sixth straight week, the most expensive gas in the state can be found in Midland.

AAA Texas reports Midlanders are paying an average of $2.48 a gallon for regular unleaded, the most in any larger city in the state. The $2.48 price is 22 cents more than the state average, but 3 cents less than the average across the country.

TexasGasPrices.com paints an equally grim picture about the price hike taking place in Midland. Of the 15 lowest prices in Midland and Odessa, only one can be found in Midland (at Sam's Club on State Highway 191 and Tradewinds Boulevard). The website also shows the lowest price in Midland ($2.35) is 30 cents higher than San Angelo and also higher than Lubbock ($2.10), Abilene ($2.14) and Odessa ($2.32).

The most common prices in Midland on Thursday, according to TexasGasPrices.com, were $2.44 and $2.49. For the second straight week, Sam's Club was the only store in Midland with gas lower than $2.40 per gallon.

The AAA Texas survey found San Antonio again has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.18 per gallon. AAA Texas also reports Texas and nationwide retail gasoline prices rose an average 2 cents per gallon this week, moving to $2.26 per gallon statewide and $2.51 per gallon across the country. Midland's average per gallon was 2 cents less than last week, according to the organization.

AAA officials say most metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas had gasoline price averages slightly higher than last week.

Gas Prices in Midland

Cheapest gas in Midland: $2.35 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Tradewinds)
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.41 (Texaco, SH 158/FM 1788; Murphy USA, Belmont/Longview)
Most expensive gas: $2.55 (Stripes, Front/Garfield)
Most common prices: $2.44, $2.55
Cheapest prices around West Texas: San Angelo $2.05, Lubbock $2.10, Abilene $2.14, Odessa $2.32, Midland $2.35

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

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Price of oil

$63.80 ▲ $0.23

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Did you know

For years, Texas violated federal law by denying students with disabilities access to proper public education. Page 2A

Word of the Day: truncate

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a dinner hosted by the Washington Policy Center on Oct. 13 in Bellevue, Wash. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights says inequality and segregation persist in American schools. A study by the commission finds that low-income, black and Latino students too often end up in schools with crumbling walls, old textbooks and unqualified teachers. The commission is calling for a boost in federal education spending, changing school funding models and investing in housing.

Feds say Texas failed to properly educate disabled students

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN— The U.S. Department of Education announced Thursday that Texas violated federal law for more than a decade by denying thousands of students with disabilities access to special education services.

Authorities found that the Texas Education Agency failed to ensure an "appropriate public education was made available to all children with disabilities" in the nation's second largest state, by not fully identifying and evaluating disabled students nor meeting "general supervisory and monitoring responsibilities."

"Far too many students in Texas had been precluded from receiving supports and services" under the Disabilities Education Act, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said in a statement.

That conclusion comes after the department dispatched officials to Texas to meet with parents, students, school administrators and state officials following a series of 2016 stories in the Houston Chronicle. The newspaper's investigation revealed that in 2004, Texas quietly instituted an arbitrary 8.5 percent enrollment cap on the number of students eligible to get special education instruction.

In a report Thursday, the Department of Education said that 14 years ago, Texas "implemented a special education representation indicator of 8.5 percent to measure the percentage of students enrolled in special education and related services." It said the number of students identified as disabled subsequently fell by 32,000 from the 2003-2004 school year through the 2016-2017 one.

Texas' education agency has denied using a cap on the number of students eligible for special education services. Still, a law approved by the Legislature last year is designed to prevent future limits. The federal report called for implementing more changes, but it didn't give a timeline.

"While there is still more work to be done, leaders in the state have assured me they are committed to ensuring all students with disabilities can achieve their full potential," DeVos said.

That wasn't enough, however, for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who demanded an immediate overhaul of special education policies. He gave TEA a week to produce "an initial corrective action plan draft" and sought an outline of longer term changes that state lawmakers can consider when the Legislature next convenes in 2019.

"The past dereliction of duty on the part of many school districts to serve our students, and the failure of TEA to hold districts accountable, are worthy of criticism," Abbott said in a statement Thursday. "Our parents and students demand significant actions be taken now to improve special education in Texas."

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath responded a short time later by saying he shares Abbott's "urgency to quickly address the issues identified."

"The corrective action plan called for by the governor will outline the specific steps TEA will take to address all the identified issues," Morath said in a statement. "My top priority has and continues to be to improve outcomes for all students in Texas."

Last victim, 6, in Texas church shootings leaves hospital

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A 6-year-old boy who was shot several times and was the last victim still hospitalized following the Nov. 5 church massacre in South Texas left the hospital for home Thursday, riding home in a firetruck.

Ryland Ward rode in the firetruck from University Medical Center in San Antonio 30 miles to his home in Sutherland Springs, passing by the scene of the shooting that left more than two dozen worshippers at the First Baptist Church dead and about 20 others wounded. The attacker, Devin Patrick Kelley, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Ryland was shot five times. His stepmother, Joann Ward, and his two sisters, 5-year-old Brooke Ward and 7-year-old Emily Garza, were killed in the shooting. The gunman killed 25 people at the church. Authorities have put the official toll at 26 because one of the victims was pregnant.

"Many of us at University Health System who have been touched by Ryland and the other Sutherland Springs patients celebrate this milestone with them and their families," said hospital spokeswoman Elizabeth Allen.

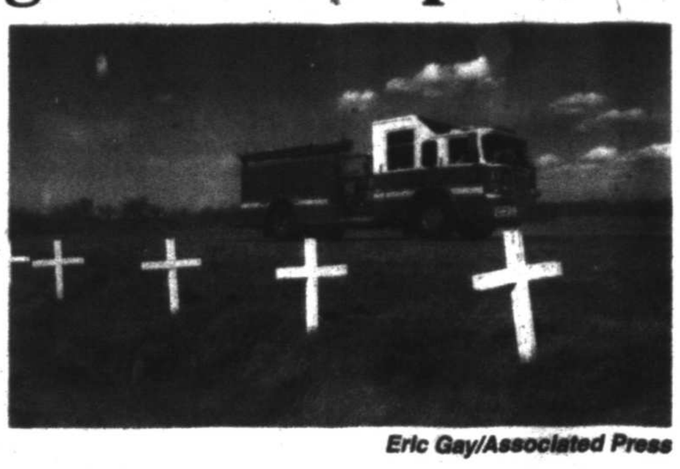
Patrol cars and other firetrucks formed a procession that escorted Ryland back to the community of about 420 residents. Motorists pulled to the side of the road into town, and some stepped from their vehicles and waved at the child.

The truck then carried the child past a sheriff's barricade to his house, which was kept off-limits to the public.

UHS officials Thursday declined to provide details on Ryland's current medical condition. However, he has been through a lot, his great uncle said last month.

Earl McMahan told KSAT-TV before the holidays that the boy has had several surgeries and that doctors were still treating his arm, leg and internal organs.

Other victims hospitalized at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio or Connally Memorial Medical Center in Floresville were previously discharged.



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Ryland Ward, 6, who was shot Nov. 5 during the Sutherland Springs church shootings, rides home in a fire truck after being released from the hospital on Thursday. The crosses memorialize the 26 victims.

Shipt to launch H-E-B delivery next week

From staff reports

For those looking to shop at H-E-B while entirely avoiding the hustle and bustle of the store, a new delivery service is launching soon to bring groceries to you.

Shipt will launch its service Thursday in Midland and Odessa, offering deliveries to much of the area.

Similar to Instacart, which debuted here last summer, users download the Shipt app, sign up for either a monthly or yearly subscription, and place their orders through the app and schedule a delivery time. Shipt then sends a personal shopper to H-E-B to pick up the order and deliver the groceries.

Subscriptions start at $14 per month or $99 per year. Users who sign up before launch will get $50 off an annual membership.

Shipt began its partnership with H-E-B in May 2016 in the San Antonio area and has since expanded its service to 14 markets in Texas, a company press release said.

"In the past year, we've seen tremendous growth with H-E-B, an incredible partner and beloved retailer in the state of Texas. Together, our latest expansion brings the simplicity and convenience of grocery delivery to more families across the state," said Bill Smith, founder and CEO of Shipt. "Moving into the new year, we are as committed as ever to serving our retail partners, including H-E-B. We plan to continue expanding rapidly across the country to bring the magic of Shipt to as many families as possible."

Like other grocers, H-E-B in recent years has expanded the ways its customers can shop. In addition to third-party personal shoppers, the company has added curbside pickup. Customers shop online and pick up their groceries in a designated area. The H-E-B location on Loop 250 and Andrews Highway already has the option; the store on Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road will debut the feature soon.

As for the newest delivery service coming to Midland-Odessa, "We continue to expand services with Shipt to reach even more H-E-B customers throughout Texas, providing them with a new way to access the quality produce and products H-E-B is known for," said Paul Tepfenhart, group vice president of Omnichannel Retail for H-E-B in a statement. "This expansion marks our continued commitment to serving communities across our great state."

Shipt will serve the following zip codes:

- In Midland: 79701, 79703, 79705, 79706 and 79707.
- In Odessa: 79761, 79762, 79763, 79764, 79765 and 79766.

For more information, visit the Shipt app.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Police: Student wrote note about school shooting

FARMINGTON — A northwestern New Mexico high school student is facing charges after writing a threatening message about a school shooting.

Police say a 16-year-old Piedra Vista High School student was arrested this week after staff found the handwritten message in a boys' bathroom. The student was detained following a review of security footage outside the bathroom.

Farmington police spokeswoman Georgette Allen says officers found no evidence the suspect was planning a school shooting.

The student is being charged with four counts of criminal damage to property and one count of "disrupting the educational process."

The arrest came a month after a 21-year-old man secretly came on to the campus of Aztec High School in nearby Aztec, New Mexico, and fatally shot two students before shooting himself.

OKLAHOMA

Jury: Woman guilty in daughter's crucifix death

OKLAHOMA CITY — A jury in Oklahoma has convicted a woman of killing her 33-year-old daughter by forcing a crucifix and medallion down her throat because she believed the woman was possessed by the devil. Fifty-one-year-old Juanita Gomez was found guilty of first-degree murder Thursday in the 2016 death of Geneva Gomez. Jurors recommended a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Police found Geneva Gomez lying on the ground inside her mother's Oklahoma City home with her arms spread out as if she had been crucified. A large crucifix had been placed on her chest.

Court documents indicate Juanita Gomez told police she forced a crucifix down her daughter's throat and watched her die.

A psychologist found her competent to stand trial and said she was feigning memory problems to appear incompetent.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF and WIRE REPORTS

U.S. Senate confirms Counts as Western District judge

The U.S. Senate has confirmed Walter David Counts III as district judge for the Western District of Texas, according to a press release posted Thursday on the websites for U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz.

The Senate Judiciary Committee in October approved Counts to replace U.S. District Judge Robert Junell, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

Cornyn and Cruz recommended Counts to President Donald Trump after the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee underwent a review and interview process, according to the release.

Counts is a U.S. magistrate judge for the Western District of Texas and a judge advocate in the Texas National Guard, in which he is a colonel, according to the release. He was previously an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas, an assistant district attorney in Travis County and an associate in private practice

AUSTIN

Texas governor has record $43M for re-election bid

Gov. Greg Abbott raised more than $9 million through the end of last year and now has a record war chest of $43.3 million to fund a November re-election bid that's not expected to be competitive.

Abbott's campaign announced Thursday that its cash on hand totals now exceed any statewide candidate in Texas history, around double what Abbott had when launching his first gubernatorial run in 2013.

FORT WORTH,

Police fatally shoot man during search for drugs at residence

Police in Fort Worth have shot and killed a man who they say pointed a handgun at them as the officers conducted a search of a home.

Authorities say tactical officers were serving a search warrant for drugs early Thursday morning at the home, where they say narcotics were found in plain view.

RIG COUNT

From 1A

get increasingly efficient," James Wicklund, an analyst at Credit Suisse in Dallas, said in a phone interview. "There is not one clear acknowledged reporting source for the metrics that we use. It makes it a little bit murkier."

Brad Handler and other analysts at Jefferies cobbled together a chart of nine other metrics besides the rig count in a note to investors this month. For example, the number of frack stages in a well are expected to increase 14 percent this year to an average of 28.5, more than double what explorers were able to do in 2014. And the total amount of sand crammed into wells this year is expected to grow 20 percent to more than 100 million tons.

Chesapeake Energy Corp. heralded in the arrival of the monster frack a little more than a year ago, declaring what it called "propageddon" on one gas well in Louisiana with more than 25,000 tons of sand pumped into it.

After switching from the old standby rig count to closely watching the well count a few years back, the latest shift about a year and a half ago is to track how long the wells are drilled sideways underground and how many frack stages are in each of those wells, Wicklund said.

At 7,500 feet, the average lateral length of a well is 50 percent longer compared to three years ago. And a rig can drill 25 wells a year, compared to 15 just two years ago, he said. But those are stats mainly gathered from third-party data providers such as Drillinginfo Inc. and IHS Markit Inc.

On the free side, the U.S. Energy Information Administration reports monthly the backlog of wells that have been drilled but not completed. As of November, the latest month available, that's 7,354 drilled but uncompleted wells, or DUCs.

And the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that service providers are back to hiring again, with jobs up 21 percent since oilfield employment hit rock bottom in October 2016. But Mariani said it's also important to know the specific workforce constraints to get a better picture.

"You started to re-hire aggressively, but we've seen multiple reports of just not having enough truck drivers, guys not able to get enough frack crews and the quality of those frack crews that are coming in there," Mariani said. "That stuff makes it difficult, adds another wrinkle to any kind of prediction people want to make for the next couple of years in terms of rate of oil growth."

TODAY INMIDLAND

Things to do

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

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more, 6-10 p.m., 4309 N. County Road 1140. Oldminersmaze.com.

■ Bingo Nights hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

■ Jay Statham and the Tokie Show, 8 p.m., the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ Sandhills Stock and Rodeo Show: Rodeo dance with performance by Jake Hooker, 8 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $16-$20. sandhillsstockshow.com.

■ Runnin' Blind, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

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

■ Brian Wilson, 10 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. $10 advance, $15 door. Dosamigos.com

Fire marshal retires after 30 years

David M. Hickman, fire marshal for the Midland Fire Department, is retiring today after 30 years of service with the department.

Hickman began his career with the Big Lake and Reagan County Volunteer Fire Department before moving to Midland as a career firefighter in 1988. He was promoted to driver in 1991, fire inspector in 1999 and fire marshal in 2013.

Hickman was known to many young Midlanders as "Fireman Dave," for his dedication to fire safety and prevention programs in schools.

A retirement party is planned for 2 p.m. today in the Engine Bay of Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St. The public is invited to attend.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to $500. The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service. City of Midland

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Today in history

Today is Friday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2018. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 12, 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

On this date:

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped.

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 1998, Linda Tripp provided Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between herself and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Today's birthdays: Political commentator Rush Limbaugh is 67.

Courtesy photo

The city of Midland tested water pressure at 15 fire hydrants across the city on Wednesday. Pressure testing was conducted to ensure fire hydrants are receiving the correct amount of water pressure and to identify any needed adjustments, according to the city's spokeswoman. Pressure results met or exceeded what was expected — a minimum of 35 psi (pounds per square inch), she said via email. The fire hydrants that were tested included the one at the corner of Mariana Avenue and Truman Street.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-8-9
Pick 3 day: 2-9-5
Pick 3 evening: 5-2-3
Pick 3 night: 2-5-9
Daily 4 morning: 1-3-1-1
Daily 4 day: 2-6-9-0
Daily 4 evening: 0-8-1-5
Daily 4 night: 7-2-5-1
Cash Five: 5-20-28-31-35
Triple Chance: 4-5-10-11-17-19-34-42-50-55

Two Step: 4-15-18-29 **BB:** 33
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-7-8-10-11-14-15-16-20-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-4-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-17-18-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-10-12-13-14-17-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-5-7-9-11-18-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures

High	56
Low	45
Normal high	57
Normal low	30

Jan. 11's records

Previous record high: 83, set in 2017
Record low: minus 8, set in 1962

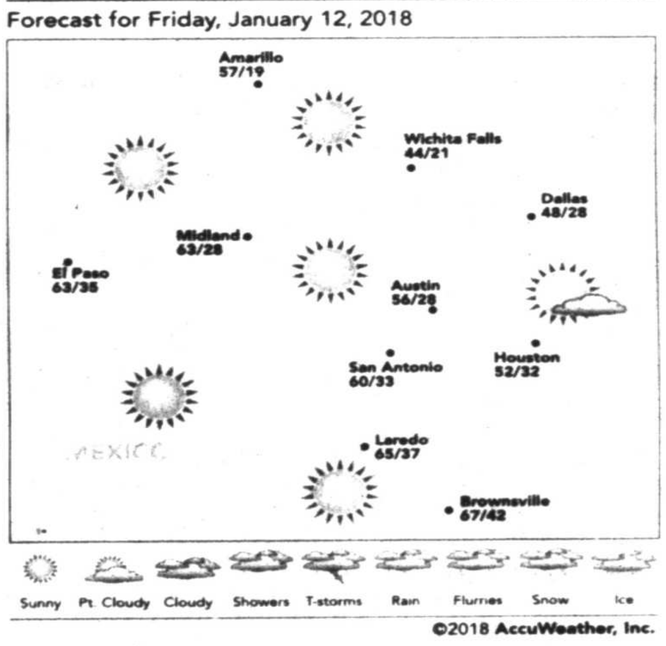
Precipitation

Thursday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.16 in.

Winds

Highest sustained wind speed: 32 mph
Highest gust speed: 39 mph
Today's forecast

Forecast for Friday, January 12, 2018



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High: 62
Low: 26
Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: South 5-15 mph today/southwest 5-15 mph
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:05 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Capricorn and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 2:04 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Friday, Jan. 12, 2018:**

This year brings forward many opportunities that you will want to jump on. You'll quickly recognize that you can't pursue them all. Your ability to discern the implications of different choices, both negative and positive, is likely to emerge. If you are single, you could get into dating, enjoying the activity as much as the person. You might not want to commit until you are absolutely sure you're ready. If you are attached, the two of you work on pursuing a mutual interest together. Your actions often reflect your perspective about your relationship. SAGITTARIUS understands you almost too well for your comfort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have a lively, energetic personality, and you don't like to play it safe. Get down to the basics, and allow a close friend or loved one to have more say on an important decision. Be careful about how you choose to react and/or respond. **Tonight:** Choose a favorite stress-buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You sense that others need more control than they have right now. Allow those around you to express their desires. What might have been an easy choice for you could be difficult for someone else. Remember, you carry a lot of responsibility. **Tonight:** Say "yes" to a request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to others. You might not be able to see a loved one taking a stand, so you will instead. As a result, you'll take off and start handling a problem. Others seem grateful that you take charge with the style and endurance that you do. **Tonight:** Go off and join friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have your hands full and a lot of ground to cover. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a friend who could be too adventurous for his or her own good. Rather than verbalize a judgement, let this person make his or her own discovery. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You seem to be heading into a creative, dynamic period. Others gravitate toward you, as they seek out your feedback and suggestions. Do not be surprised by the many invitations that head your way. Embrace an opportunity to get to know someone better. **Tonight:** All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be careful when dealing with a family member who seems to be all over the place. Your friends and loved ones want to make plans with you. Think in terms of whether you want to get together. Check out a financial matter with care. Talk to an expert. **Tonight:** Stay centered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be exhausted by life's demands. Others seek you out to join them. Consider spending only a few minutes out and about, and support yourself in saying "no." Make it OK to honor a different set of plans, even if it is just heading home. **Tonight:** Screen your calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to make choices that are less costly, or come up with plans that don't make you so uptight about the costs of what you are doing. Remember, the company is what counts, not how much you spend. **Tonight:** Even if you feel lucky, make reasonable choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers. Others seem to open up more around you. You seem to embody a new sense of adventure, and might want to head in a new direction. Others love that you encourage them to be more spontaneous. **Tonight:** Look at what spontaneity leads to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Know when to take a backseat and head in a new direction. Your sense of humor comes out with a certain amount of detachment. Take a step back and distance yourself in order to gain some perspective. **Tonight:** Head home and lock the door; make the weekend yours.

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Ethel "Granny E" Mapp, a foster grandparent with Senior Link, reads Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech for first graders in Christy Lange's class at Henderson Elementary. Another event to honor the late civil rights leader is "I've Been to the Mountaintop," planned for noon Saturday at Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana Ave. It includes a panel discussion featuring local teenagers and community leaders, including: Billy G. Johnson, justice of the peace for Precinct 3; Mike Mills, program director for Educate Midland; Mayor Jerry Morales; Laura A. Nodolf, Midland County district attorney; and Rachel L. Stone, president and CEO of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Missouri governor admits having affair but denies blackmail

By Summer Ballentine and Jim Salter
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — When Eric Greitens sought Missouri's highest office in 2016, his resume seemed hard to top: former Navy SEAL, former Rhodes scholar and founder of a veterans' charity. Most important, he said during the campaign, was his role as "a proud husband and father."

On Thursday, the square-jawed Republican governor fought allegations that he photographed his hairdresser naked while having an affair with her and threatened to publicize the image if she spoke about their relationship. The top prosecutor in St. Louis quickly launched an investigation. A bipartisan group of state lawmakers asked the attorney general to investigate as well.

Greitens acknowledged being "unfaithful" in his marriage but denied taking any naked photos and blackmailing the woman to stay quiet.

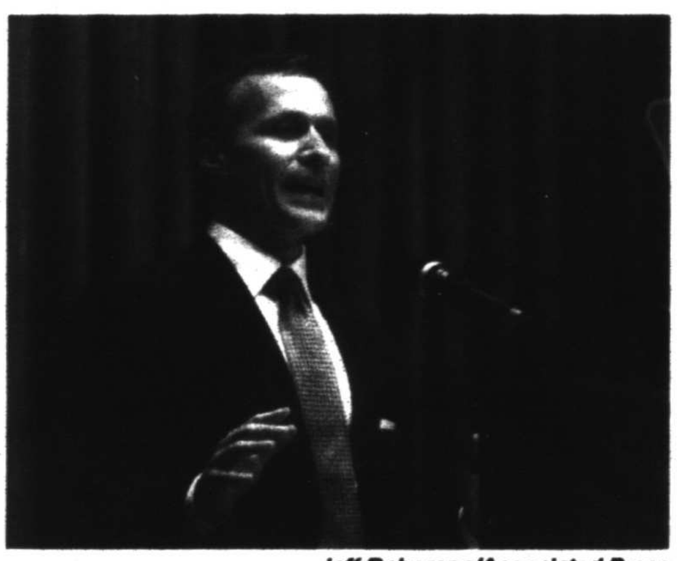
The governor and his wife released a statement late Wednesday after St. Louis television station KMOV aired a bombshell report that he had a sexual relationship with the hairdresser in 2015. The report included allegations from the woman's ex-husband, who secretly recorded a conversation with his ex-wife discussing the affair.

The affair was "a deeply personal mistake," the Greitens' statement said. "Eric took responsibility, and we dealt with this together honestly and privately."

Grietens, 43, has been seen as a rising star in GOP political circles. During the campaign, he cast himself as an outsider going up against a career politician, the state's Democratic attorney general. He barely hid his higher ambitions and reserved the web address ericgreitensforpresident.com years ago.

Through his attorney, the governor also denied an allegation from the ex-husband that Greitens slapped the woman, saying any accusation of violence is "completely false."

The woman involved did not comment on the record to the TV station, which did not name her. But her ex-husband, who also was not named, provided the audio recording to KMOV. On the recording, the woman gave details about a sexual encounter she says she had with Greitens in March 2015 at his St. Louis home. The woman did not know her then-husband was recording their conversation.



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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens delivers the annual State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate Wednesday in Jefferson City, Mo. Responding to a news report that overshadowed his annual address, Greitens acknowledged he's been "unfaithful" in his marriage but denied allegations that he blackmailed the woman to stay quiet. The Republican governor and his wife released a statement late Wednesday, after a report that he had a sexual relationship with his former hairdresser in 2015.

The Associated Press learned her identity Thursday, but chose not to identify the woman because she could not be reached for comment. She did not return a call to the salon where she works, and an AP reporter who went there was told the hairdresser was not working.

The alleged encounter came after Greitens created a committee to explore a bid for governor but before he officially announced his candidacy. She said on the tape that he invited her downstairs at his home because he wanted to show her "how to do a proper pull-up."

She said: "I knew he was being sexual, and I still let him. And he used some sort of tape, I don't know what it was, and taped my hands to these rings and then put a blindfold on me."

She said she later realized he took a photo of her.

"I saw a flash through the blindfold and he said, 'You're never going to mention my name.'"

A bipartisan group of state senators signed a letter asking the attorney general to investigate. Attorney General Josh Hawley's office said it would defer to local prosecutors, as required by state law.

The letter signed by both Democrats and Republicans called the allegations "deeply disturbing" and said a swift investigation was necessary to avoid having the matter "overpower" the 2018 legislative session.

GOP leaders in the Missouri Senate released a joint statement urging Greitens to be "honest and forthright." At least two Democratic state lawmakers called on the governor to resign.

The Legislature adjourned Thursday for the long Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Lawmakers were not scheduled to return until Tuesday.

Months after the affair, the hairdresser sent Greitens an email asking him to stop booking appointments at the salon.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the email was sent Oct. 20, 2015, three weeks after Greitens filed papers formally starting his 2016 gubernatorial campaign. It was sent to the same account that Greitens listed on a website he used in the campaign.

The newspaper did not say how it obtained the email.

She asked Greitens, whom she called by his first name, to "please consider all who are involved and the circumstances around us." She said returning to the salon "isn't fair to me, nor anyone close to us" and that she needed to "move forward."

The lawyer for the ex-husband said the FBI has contacted him several times since October 2016 about the affair. Attorney Al Watkins said the agency has spoken to him about the affair and the blackmail allegations. He did not say if the ex-husband has also heard from the FBI.

A spokeswoman for the FBI's St. Louis office said the agency could not confirm or deny that it was investigating.

St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, a Democrat, initially said that no criminal complaint had been filed against Greitens and no evidence of a crime presented to her office. But after further consideration, she said, she concluded that an investigation is necessary.

Greitens' attorney, Jim Bennett, said the governor was "very confident he will be cleared in any investigation. This is a three-year-old personal matter that presents no matters of public or legal interest. The facts will prove that fully."

Bennett also alleged that reporting about the affair is being driven by former Missouri Democratic Party chairman Roy Temple and that it is clear "this is a political hit piece." Temple told The Associated Press that he met with the woman's ex-husband several times in September 2016. But when the man ultimately decided he didn't want to go public, Temple said he agreed not to publicize the affair. He said he has not spoken to the ex-husband since then.

Sheena Greitens is an assistant professor in the political science department at the University of Missouri and co-director of the university's Institute for Korean Studies. Much of her research focuses on China and North Korea.

The Greitens married in 2011 and have two young sons. The governor was married once before and divorced in 2003.

Watkins said his client and the woman who had the affair tried to reconcile but that the relationship with Greitens continued for several months and caused their breakup.

The ex-husband told KMOV that he believed the story would eventually be made public and he wanted to protect his family.

House OKs spy program after Trump tweets spark confusion

By Deb Riechmann and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's puzzling tweets about a key U.S. spying law threw the House into temporary disarray Thursday, but lawmakers ended up renewing the law — with a new restriction on when the FBI can dig into the communications of Americans swept up in foreign surveillance.

During a hectic morning of House votes and presidential tweets, Trump's national intelligence director also issued new guidance for how officials can find out the names of Americans whose identities are blacked out in classified intelligence reports.

Trump has said previous rules were far too lax and led to damaging leaks about top aides, a claim fiercely contested by Democrats.

The new guidelines on "unmasking" Americans, however, were a side show to the House showdown over the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, reauthorizing a collection program set to expire on Jan. 19. The bill passed 256-164 and is now headed to the Senate. It would extend for six years the program, which includes massive monitoring of international communications.

Trump has said he'll sign the renewal, but his first tweets Thursday suggested he had suddenly turned against the program, alarming intelligence officials.

In one tweet, Trump linked the program to a dossier that alleges his presidential campaign had ties to Russia.

"'House votes on controversial FISA ACT today,'" Trump wrote, citing a Fox News headline. "This is the act that may have been used, with the help of the discredited and phony Dossier, to so badly surveil and abuse the Trump Campaign by the previous administration and others?"

Trump then spoke by telephone with House Speaker Paul Ryan, according to a Republican familiar with the call but not allowed to publicly discuss private conversations.

And a short time later, Trump changed his tune. "This vote is about foreign surveillance of foreign bad guys on foreign land," he tweeted. "We need it! Get smart!"

Democrats pounced on his earlier criticism.

"This is irresponsible, untrue, and frankly it endangers our national security," Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the Senate intelligence committee's top Democrat, tweeted. "FISA is something the President should have known about long before he turned on Fox this morning."

National Intelligence Director Dan Coats applauded the House action, saying it was a critical step in protecting Americans and U.S. allies and "I have faith that my former colleagues in the Senate will follow the House's lead."

"Our security is not a partisan issue," said Coats, a former senator from Indiana.

Lawmakers had begun the day readying for two votes related to the program that intelligence officials call the "holy grail" because it provides insight into the thinking and actions of U.S. adversaries.

While the program focuses on foreign targets, Americans' emails, phone calls and other communications get vacuumed up in the process. Privacy advocates and lawmakers from both parties have argued for years that government agencies should have to get warrants if they want to look at Americans' communications in the database.

The bill approved by the House allows the FBI to continue scanning the database, using search terms, for information on Americans. But it would require investigators to get probable cause warrants to view the actual content in cases unrelated to national security.

Exceptions would apply, such as for murder, kidnapping and other crimes specified in the bill. The House rejected an alternative proposal that would have imposed stiffer restrictions on the FBI, requiring warrants to query the database at all.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the House intelligence committee's top Democrat, warned that stiffer restrictions would "cripple" the intelligence program. He described the bill that passed as reaching a "very sensible balance."

Famed conductor faces 6 new sex claims, including 1 rape

By Jocelyn Gecker and Janie Har
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Six more women have stepped forward to accuse prominent conductor Charles Dutoit of sexually assaulting them in the United States, France and Canada, including a musician who says the maestro raped her in 1988.

The women said they were compelled to speak out after The Associated Press published a story Dec. 21 detailing accusations from three singers and a musician who said Dutoit forcibly restrained them, groped them and kissed them without permission.

The 81-year-old Grammy-winning conductor emphatically denied the accusations, but eight major orchestras immediately distanced themselves from him and two launched their own investigations.

The new accusers said they were angered by his initial denial and wanted to show the scope of Dutoit's sexual misconduct during his globe-trotting career. They said the Swiss-born conductor attacked them in Paris, Montreal and the United States over a four-decade period, starting in the late 1970s.

Dutoit had been principal conductor and artistic director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London. Hours after the AP sent Dutoit and the Royal Philharmonic detailed summaries of the fresh allegations, the orchestra announced Wednesday that he was leaving those posts.

Dutoit issued a statement saying he was "sickened" to be accused "of the heinous crime of rape." "I am shaken to the core by this bewildering and baseless charge. To this, I submit my categorical and complete denial," he said.

During a career leading the world's top orchestras, Dutoit has held such notable positions as music director of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and chief conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The woman who accused the conductor of raping her said the assault occurred when she was working with him at an orchestra on the East Coast of the U.S in early 1988. The AP does not publish the names of people who say they are victims of sexual assault without their permission so, to protect her identity, the AP also is not disclosing the instrument she plays, her orchestra or the city where she said she was attacked.

The musician said she was 28 and auditioning for an orchestra where Dutoit was guest-conducting. One night, she rode the elevator up with him to their shared hotel floor, the woman said.

"As soon as I got to my room, the phone rang. It was Maestro Dutoit," she said, adding that he told her his luggage was broken and asked for a tool used to fix musical instruments. She brought it to his room, where he quickly forced herself on her, she said.

"He came closer to me and tried to kiss me, and held my head so strongly it ripped my earring out," said the musician, now in her 50s. "He pinned my wrists to the wall and pushed me to the bed."

"His pants were down in a split second and he was inside me before I could blink," she said. She said she started crying, told him to stop and that she was married, but that it made no difference.

When she blurted out that she was not on birth control, he quickly pushed her out the door, she said. "'I'll get some condoms and I'll get you back,'" she quoted him as telling her.

AP spoke with three male musicians who said she confided in them after the encounter. One of them recalled she was afraid to be alone and said he served as her chaperone at subsequent concerts. Another said he urged her to report Dutoit to police but that she never did.

French soprano Anne-Sophie Schmidt told the AP that Dutoit pushed her against a wall, groped her and forcibly kissed her in 1995 at the Theatre des Champs-Elysees in Paris. Shortly after the opera's run ended, she said Dutoit dropped her from upcoming performances he had scheduled with her.

Canadian soprano Pauline Vaillancourt told the AP that Dutoit asked her to dinner to discuss work issues after a performance with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in March 1981. She said he then drove her home, stopping the car to grope her breasts and other parts of her body.

Canadian musician Mary Lou Basaraba said she was in her early 20s when she was asked to interview Dutoit for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in the late 1970s. The interview took place in Dutoit's apartment, where he put his hands on her breasts and crotch and tried to kiss her as she sat on his sofa, she said.

Fiona Allan, now 50, told the AP that Dutoit pushed her against the wall and put his hand on her breast when she delivered documents to his dressing room in 1997 while interning at the Tanglewood festival, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Allan said the Boston Symphony was aware of the conductor's behavior and did nothing.

The symphony said it had received no complaints against Dutoit, a regular guest conductor since 1981, prior to Allan's.

Pianist Jenny Chai said she was attacked when she attended a Philadelphia Orchestra concert in the early 2000s in which Martha Argerich, an ex-wife of Dutoit's, was playing. Chai went backstage to meet Argerich but instead spoke with Dutoit, who she said hugged her, put his hands on her waist and back and tried to stick his tongue in her mouth.

The AP cross-checked all the accusers' accounts with friends or colleagues they talked to about their experiences.

States tackling shortcomings in sexual misconduct policies

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — After a tumultuous few months that saw numerous lawmakers accused of sexual misconduct, a majority of state legislatures across the country are considering strengthening sexual harassment policies that have gone unheeded or unchanged for years.

A 50-state review by The Associated Press found that almost all legislative chambers now have at least some type of written sexual harassment policy, though they vary widely, and many are placing a greater emphasis on preventing and punishing sexual misconduct as they convene for their 2018 sessions.

This week alone, lawmakers in Arizona, Idaho, Tennessee and Rhode Island underwent detailed training about sexual harassment, some for the first time. And a Florida Senate panel voted to mandate an hour-long course.

Yet about a third of all legislative chambers do not require lawmakers to receive training about what constitutes sexual harassment, how to report it and what consequences it carries, the AP's review found.

The AP also found that only a minority of legislative bodies conduct external investigations into complaints, with most others entrusting lawmakers or staff to look into allegations against colleagues. That has contributed to a culture in some capitols in which the targets of sexual harassment have been reluctant to come forward with complaints — until recently.

Lawmakers around the country have said it's now time to take concrete steps to change that culture.

"Let's treat all women — regardless of their background, their age, their political affiliation, their role in the process — as ladies, as we would like anybody to treat our wives, our daughters, mothers, sisters," said J.D. Mesnard, the Republican who heads the Arizona state House, where lawmakers took part in mandated sexual harassment training this week.

A wave of sexual misconduct claims against prominent figures in entertainment, media and politics gained momentum last fall after a multitude of women made allegations against movie producer Harvey Weinstein.

In the past year, at least 14 legislators in 10 states have resigned from office following accusations of sexual harassment or misconduct, according to the AP's review. At least 16 others in more than a dozen states have faced other repercussions, such as the voluntary or forced removal from legislative leadership positions. Some others remain defiant in the face of ongoing investigations into sexual harassment complaints.

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From right, Pamela Powers-Hannley, D-Tucson, Isela Blanc, D-Tempe, Sally Ann Gonzales, D-Tucson, and Richard Andrade, D-Glendale, participate with other Arizona House members receiving mandatory sexual harassment and other ethics issues training on the House floor at the Capitol, on Tuesday in Phoenix.

The AP found that more than three-fourths of the states have at least one legislative chamber that has updated its sexual harassment policy during the past several months, developed specific proposals to do so or undertaken a review of whether changes are needed.

The Arizona House had no written sexual harassment policy until November, when Mesnard issued one after a female lawmaker accused a male colleague of sexually harassing her. In the weeks that followed, several other women came forward with stories of crude behavior by state Rep. Don Shooter.

On Tuesday, at the start of mandatory sexual harassment training, Shooter stood before colleagues and apologized for conduct he called "jarring, insensitive and demeaning." But he denied the most serious complaint — that he tried to pressure Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita into a sexual relationship.

Ugenti-Rita was sitting just three rows in front of Shooter and appeared shaken at times as he spoke.

Shooter, a Republican, has been removed as head of the appropriations committee as an investigation into his conduct continues.

In Kentucky, the acting House speaker has appointed a committee to devise a formal system to address workplace complaints. That comes after former Speaker Jeff Hoover resigned his leadership post following revelations that he had paid to keep a sexual harassment settlement secret. Three other lawmakers who signed the secret settlement were removed as chairmen of various committees.

"If people felt like they had to be accountable and responsible for their behavior and there were strict guidelines for what they had to follow, sometimes that's all people need is a list of duties or a list of dos and don'ts," said Kentucky Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, who has been pushing for a formal House policy.

Legislative chambers in Alaska, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada and Ohio are among the states considering improved policies on sexual harassment — in each case as sexual harassment claims were brought to light.

In Washington state, more than 40 lawmakers joined scores of other women in a letter last November calling for a change in the capitol culture. They wrote it has "too often functioned to serve and support harassers' power and privilege over protection of those who work for them."

A Senate panel subsequently approved annual training for senators and staff, and both chambers now are reviewing their policies.

Among states that require sexual harassment training for lawmakers, the frequency varies greatly. Some offer it annually or every other year, while others require it only once, when a lawmaker is first elected.

The New Mexico House and Senate last provided sexual harassment training to lawmakers in 2004, but will hold mandatory training next week.

Experts say more frequent training is best, but they emphasize that its effectiveness also depends on how it is conducted.

Providing only generic definitions of sexual harassment or relying solely on online and video training can be unproductive, said Jennifer Drobac, a law professor at Indiana University who focuses on sexual harassment law. A better approach uses in-person training with real-life scenarios about what constitutes harassment and what to do about it, she said.

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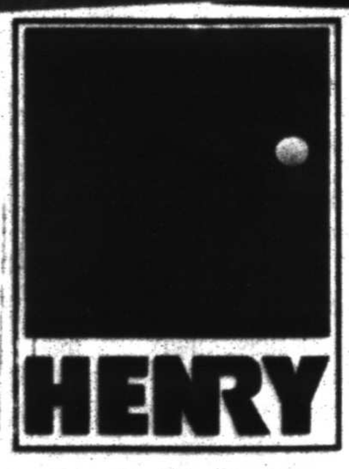

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OPINION

Nuclear-button tweet is stroke of 'stable genius'

■ Trump, unlike his predecessors, is willing to use force to stop North Korea from threatening U.S. cities

MARC THIESSEN
Special to The Washington Post

When the president suggested that he could envision a limited nuclear war with our communist adversary, critics were "horrified" and "appalled" while the regime called his remarks "dangerous madness."

The president in question was not Donald Trump. It was Ronald Reagan, who in his first year in office raised the possibility that the United States and the Soviet Union could survive an exchange of tactical nuclear weapons. That same year Richard Pipes, Reagan's director of East European and Soviet affairs on the National Security Council, told The Post he thought the probability of nuclear war was about 40 percent. These remarks sent a signal to Moscow that Reagan was not like those who came before him. He did not want war, but he would not shy from one if provoked.

That message was received. In 1981, then-KGB chief and future Soviet leader Yuri Andropov declared at a major KGB conference that Reagan "was actively preparing for war and that a nuclear first strike was possible." Two years later, Margaret Thatcher shared intelligence from KGB Colonel Oleg Gordievsky (who was working for the British) that Russian officials were increasingly convinced Reagan was getting ready for a nuclear first strike and was running drills to prepare for it. Indeed, NATO did carry out an exercise for a nuclear exchange — "Able Archer 83" — which included planes taxiing onto runways with realistic dummy nuclear warheads. Again, Reagan did not disabuse the Soviets of the notion. Quite the opposite: The next year he joked when testing his microphone before his weekly radio address "We begin bombing in five minutes." The belief of Soviet leaders that Reagan might just be crazy enough to push the nuclear button constrained Soviet behavior and helped make possible a peaceful end to the Cold War.

Now Trump is trying to send a similar message to the North Korean regime. His recent tweet telling Pyongyang that his nuclear button is "much bigger & more powerful" than Kim Jong Un's was neither unstable nor stupid. To the contrary, it was part of an intentional campaign designed to get North Korea to understand that Trump, unlike his predecessors, is willing to use force to stop Pyongyang from threatening American cities.

For decades, the North Koreans have believed that they are untouchable because they can incinerate Seoul with conventional weapons. Now, they are on a crash course to develop and deploy the capability to incinerate U.S. cities with nuclear weapons. They think the pursuit of these weapons is making them even safer. Trump is trying to convince them that the opposite is true. The best chance to prevent such a use of force is if North Korea receives and believes this message. So we'd all better hope that Trump succeeds.

On "Fox News Sunday," CIA Director Mike Pompeo underscored Trump's message, declaring that "We want the regime to understand that, unlike before, we are intent on resolving this and it is our firm conviction that resolving this diplomatically is the correct answer but that this administration is prepared to do what it takes to assure that people in Los Angeles, in Denver, in New York are not held at risk from Kim Jong Un having a nuclear weapon."

All those in the perpetual outrage machine who are calling Trump a "madman" for his tweet are also inadvertently helping him send that message to Pyongyang — just as Reagan's critics helped convince Moscow that he was a madman.

Are Trump's threats of military action a bluff? No. As national security adviser H.R. McMaster recently explained, Trump is "not going to allow this murderous, rogue regime to threaten the United States with the most destructive weapons on the planet." Trump tweeted in August that "Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely. Hopefully Kim Jong Un will find another path!"

This does not mean nuclear war. If North Korea persists in testing, it could involve a targeted military strike taking out Pyongyang's ballistic missile and nuclear facilities. Furthermore, as my American Enterprise Institute colleague Oriana Skylar Mastro recently pointed out, "Kim understands that a second Korean War would end with his demise, and therefore he has incentives to avoid such escalation. Assuming Kim is rational then, it is possible that the United States could conduct a limited surgical strike and North Korea's response would be minimal."

Trump's tweets are intended to prevent us from getting to that point. They are not only entirely rational but also strategically smart. Let's hope his critics keep questioning his sanity, because it can only help convince Kim that Trump is serious.

OUR VIEW

MCRW, League of Women Voters' efforts appreciated

Laurels

■ For contractors who do their jobs. We were in the Midland City Council meeting this week when we heard about a person who had to come before the council because he built something on his property without getting the proper permits. Things ended up working out for both the property owner and the city, but what we learned is if you are doing work, it is best to make sure your general contractor knows the city code and when permits are needed. This is not a little thing. We hope we don't hear of residents spending money on projects only to later find out that the project wasn't properly permitted or was against the code currently in place. That person could be forced to tear down the project and would have only their contractor to blame.

■ For the Midland County Republican Women. The group hosted a District 31 state Senate forum this week that served as the kickoff to campaigning for the March 6 primary. We thank groups such as the MCRW and League of Women Voters for helping to bring more candidates before the community. Signs, mailers and TV commercials don't come close to telling us what we need to know about candidates. We need to see them in front of us, answering questions and responding to their opponents. The Reporter-Telegram hopes more groups will get involved this campaign season or next, and we will assist groups in any way we can.

■ For the winners in the Tall City Ultimate New Year's Junior Calf Roping competition. Earning first-place honors were Radyn Clinton, 9 & under breakaway; Creed Busby, 12 & under breakaway; Tryce Johnson, 12 & under tiedown; Devon Eakin, 9 & under double mugging; Laney Harger, girls 15 & under breakway; and Trevor Hale, boys 15 & under tiedown and breakaway.

We offer our congratulations to these outstanding youths.

This annual event, in which youth compete for saddles, buckles and cash, is directed by E.P. Birkhead and Shorty Shaw.

Arrows

■ For recycling material dumping: We were surprised to see dumping of recyclable material at sites across Midland. We get that people likely were disappointed to drive to a location and found bins that were full. But leaving items on the ground near the bins only makes matters worse.

We also hope the city — and those involved in citywide recycling — do more to help people looking to make a difference. Pick certain areas of town and add extra containers at those locations, especially during busy times of year. Around Christmas, make sure there's an extra cardboard bin for people to use and that people are informed that they can go to those locations to take advantage of the extra bins. There is nothing worse than thinking you are doing something good (in this case recycling) only to have to spend more effort than it may be worth.

This is not a call for curbside recycling pickup. Our community has measures in place for residents who want to recycle. There are just times of year when we all can do better.

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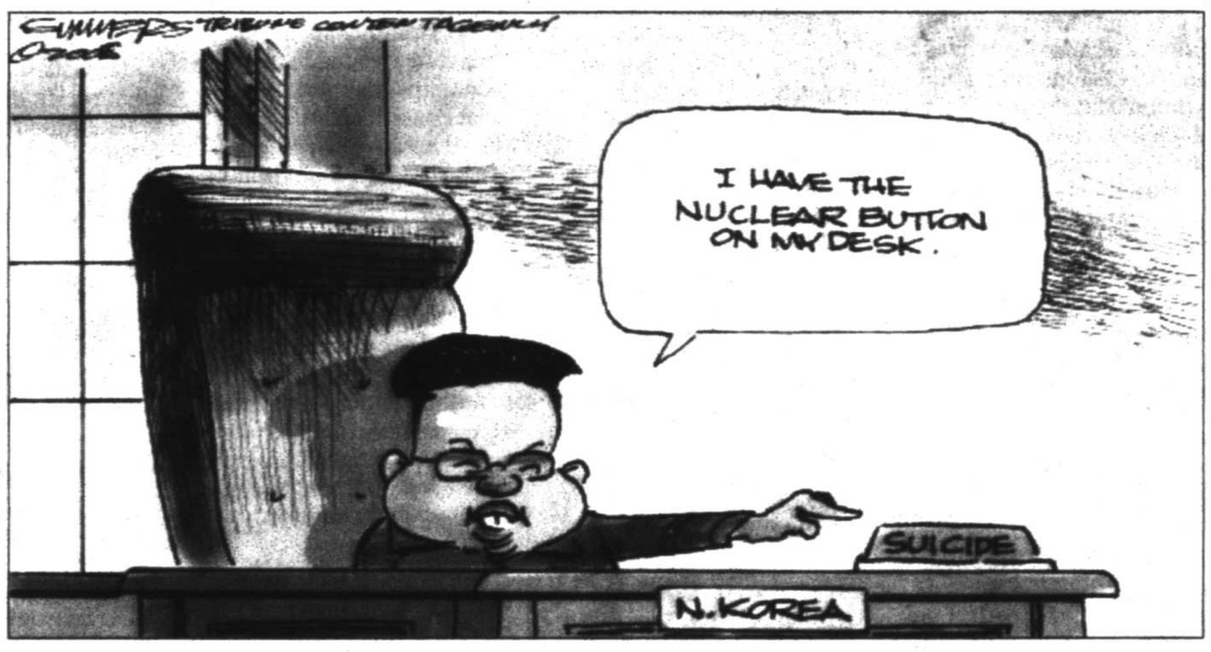

Will Trump's dealing help immigration?

■ Judicial ruling, Democrats' advantage in Senate are complicating factors

JAY AMBROSE
Tribue News Service

We saw the art of the deal, or did we?

To start with, it was puzzling when President Donald Trump had an hour's worth of televised negotiating with members of Congress on rescuing the 800,000 or so "dreamers" the other day. He seemed to say that, with no conditions attached, he would support a bill legalizing these young immigrants brought into the United States illegally by their parents. Then he made it clear he also wanted more border security. Later, after TV cameras left, he listed other wishes, such as different rules for legal migration and getting rid of a diversity immigration program.

Consider other complicating factors. A federal judge decided a presidential fiat coming from President Barack Obama on the dreamers was OK, but not one coming from Trump. The issue of legalizing the dreamers is also part of a budget bill that could cause a government shutdown if it is not passed or if Trump offers up a veto. And Democrats in the Senate have an advantage because there are four Republicans who could join 49 Democrats to pass what the Democrats want and is contrary to what the House passes.

All of this started, of course, with Obama. He set a record of deporting 2.2 million illegal immigrants, focusing on law-breakers who included lots of people stopped for traffic violations. He then decided to legalize the dreamers. He had wanted Congress to pass a law and said publicly a dozen and more times that it would be unconstitutional for him to act unilaterally. He was right, but he did, and now we have this judge saying it was within executive parameters to bypass Congress. There are technical issues here, but it makes you wonder if someone will someday say it is OK to bypass activist courts.

Trump took action that would end the program by March, but, as he confirmed in his talks with Democrats and Republicans, wanted other measures, such as improved border security. He is right if E-Verify extensions are included because any legalizing provision is likely to encourage more illegal immigrants to come our way. But an $18 billion wall? No. It would be impractical and there are technological answers that would be more effective and cheaper. On the subject of money, however, the Democrats have Trump beat. Some of them want to extend federal benefits to the dreamers at a $26 billion cost.

Our president also seems to me right in wanting to change the chief criterion for legal entry: that you are the relative of immigrants already here. Instead, how about taking a close look at the 2 million or so people who apply every year and figure out which ones have the skills, education and other qualities that would promise quick assimilation and a boon to the economy? We can make this land sparkle even more by choosing those we most need, including some unskilled.

Another Trump hope is to end a kind craziness that says, look, let's have a lottery each year to choose some immigrants out of countries from which we don't get many immigrants. Why exactly? Why is that better than choosing people we most need, who are just as human and worthy of our sympathy as those less likely to confer benefits or who come from other places? I have nothing against accepting immigrants from those countries, but why a special outreach and why a lottery?

The judicial ruling could upend all of this. And some Democrats and Republicans in Congress still seem mightily at odds, while there is also disagreement even within the parties. And yet there is also reported momentum in arriving at something most can live with. In the end, it just could be that, even in the confusion we call Washington, Trump's dealing was artful enough to carry the day.

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49 Pace often rapid
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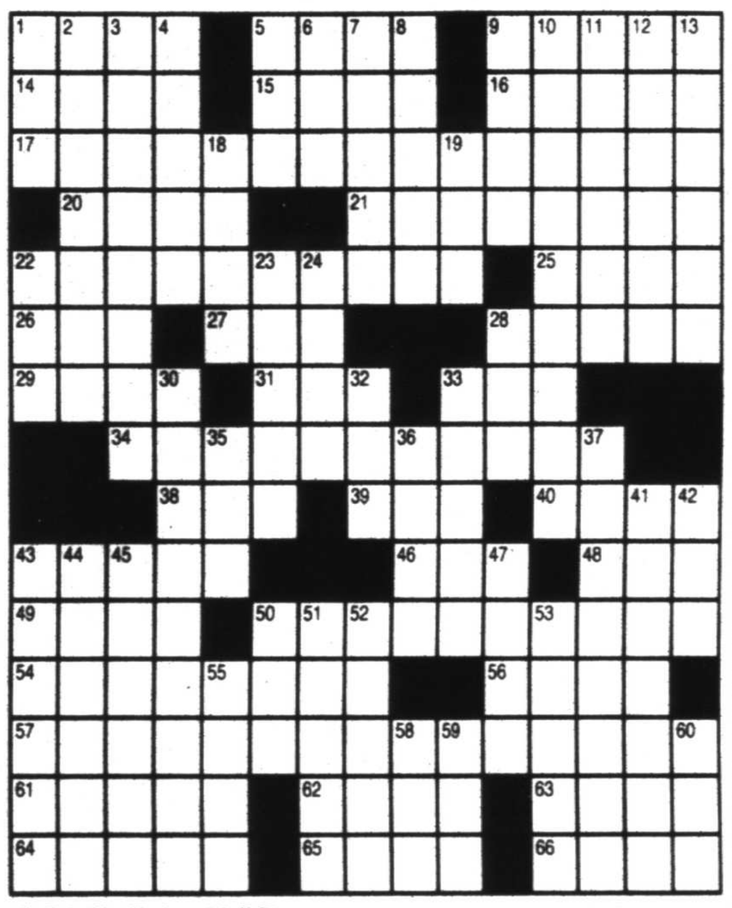

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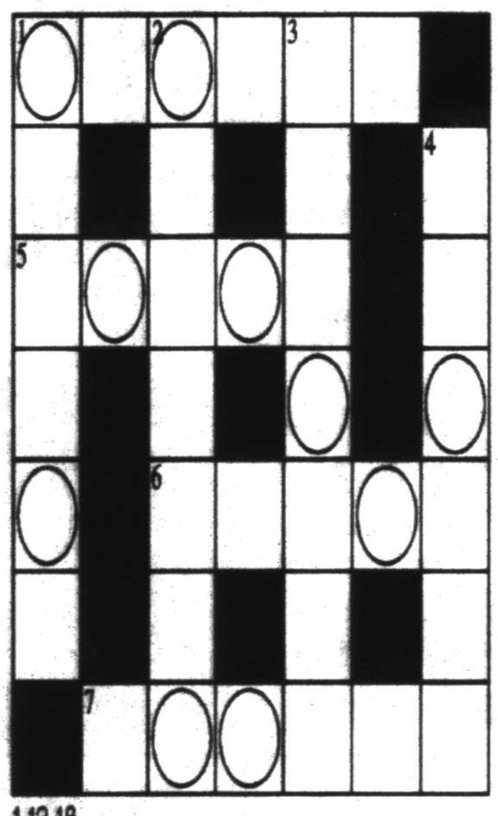

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump: Why allow immigrants from 's---hole countries'

By Alan Fram and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In bluntly vulgar language, President Donald Trump questioned Thursday why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "s---hole countries" in Africa rather than places like Norway, as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to people briefed on the extraordinary Oval Office conversation.

Trump's contemptuous description of an entire continent startled lawmakers in the meeting and immediately revived charges that the president is racist. The White House did not deny his remark but issued a statement saying Trump supports immigration policies that welcome "those who can contribute to our society."

Trump's comments came as two senators presented details of a bipartisan compromise that would extend protections against deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants — and also strengthen border protections as Trump has insisted.

The lawmakers had hoped Trump would back their accord, an agreement among six senators evenly split among Republicans and Democrats, ending a months-long, bitter dispute over protecting the "Dreamers." But the White House later rejected it, plunging the issue back into uncertainty just eight days before a deadline that threatens a government shutdown.

Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate' s No. 2 Democrat, explained that as part of that deal, a lottery for visas that has benefited people from Africa and other nations would be ended, the sources said, though there could be another way for them to apply. Durbin said people would be allowed to stay in the U.S. who fled here after disasters hit their homes in places including El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti.

Trump specifically questioned why the U.S. would want to admit more people from Haiti. As for Africa, he asked why more people from "s---hole countries" should be allowed into the U.S., the sources said.

The president suggested that instead, the U.S. should allow more entrants from countries like Norway. Trump met this week with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

Asked about the remarks, White House spokesman Raj Shah did not deny them.

"Certain Washington politicians choose to fight for foreign countries, but President Trump will always fight for the American people," he said.

Trump's remarks were remarkable even by the standards of a president who has been accused by his foes of racist attitudes and has routinely smashed through public decorum that his modern predecessors have generally embraced.

Trump has claimed without evidence that Barack Obama, the nation's first black president, wasn't born in the United States, has said Mexican immigrants were "bringing crime" and were "rapists" and said there were "very fine people on both sides" after violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, left one counter-protester dead.

"Racist," tweeted Rep. Kathleen Rice, D-N.Y., after Thursday's story broke. But it wasn't just Democrats objecting.

Republican Rep. Mia Love of Utah, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, said Trump's comments were "unkind, divisive, elitist and fly in the face of our nation's values." She said, "This behavior is unacceptable from the leader of our nation" and Trump must apologize to the American people "and the nations he so wantonly maligned."

Trump has called himself the "least racist person that you've ever met."

Critics also have questioned his mental fitness to serve as president, citing his inability to muster some policy details and his tweets asserting his "nuclear button" is bigger than North Korea's. He responded to such criticism with a recent tweet calling himself "a very stable genius" who is "like, really smart."

The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly describe the conversation. One said lawmakers in the room were taken aback by Trump's remarks.

The Trump administration announced late last year that it would end a temporary residency permit program that allowed nearly 60,000 citizens from Haiti to live and work in the United States following a devastating 2010 earthquake.

Trump has spoken positively about Haitians in public. During a 2016 campaign event in Miami, he said "the Haitian people deserve better" and told the audience of Haitian-Americans he wanted to "be your greatest champion, and I will be your champion."

The agreement that Durbin and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., described to Trump also includes his $1.6 billion request for a first installment on his long-sought border wall, aides familiar with the agreement said. They required anonymity because the agreement is not yet public.

Trump's request covers 74 miles of border wall as part of a 10-year, $18 billion proposal.

Democrats had long vowed they wouldn't fund the wall but are accepting the opening request as part of a broader plan that protects from deportation about 800,000 younger immigrants brought to the country as children and now here illegally.

The deal also would include restrictions on a program allowing immigrants to bring some relatives to the U.S.

In an afternoon of drama and confusing developments, four other GOP lawmakers — including hardliners on immigration — were also in Trump's office for Thursday's meeting, a development sources said Durbin and Graham did not expect. It was unclear why the four Republicans were there, and the session did not produce the results the two senators were hoping for.

"There has not been a deal reached yet," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. But she added, "We feel like we're close."

Underscoring the hurdles facing the effort, other Republicans also undercut the significance of the deal the half-dozen senators hoped to sell to Trump.

"How do six people bind the other 94 in the Senate? I don't get that," said No. 2 Senate Republican John Cornyn of Texas.

Cornyn said the six lawmakers were hoping for a deal and "everyone would fall in line. The president made it clear to me on the phone less than an hour ago that he wasn't going to do that."

The six senators have been meeting for months to find a way to revive protections for young immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children and are here illegally. Trump ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program last year but has given Congress until March 5 to find a way to keep it alive.

Federal agencies will run out of money and have to shut down if lawmakers don't pass legislation extending their financing by Jan. 19. Some Democrats are threatening to withhold their votes — which Republicans will need to push that legislation through Congress — unless an immigration accord is reached.

Cornyn said the real work for a bipartisan immigration deal will be achieved by a group of four leading lawmakers — the No. 2 Republicans and Democrats in both the House and Senate. That group met for the first time this week.

The immigration effort seemed to receive a boost Tuesday when Trump met with two dozen lawmakers and agreed to seek a bipartisan way to resuscitate the program. The group agreed to also include provisions strengthening security — which for Trump means building parts of a wall along the border with Mexico — curbing immigrants' relatives from coming here and restricting the visa lottery.

Also in Thursday's Oval Office meeting were House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and GOP Sens. Tom Cotton of Arkansas and David Perdue of Georgia. Aides to lawmakers who attended declined to provide comment on Trump's remarks.

Any immigration deal would face hurdles winning congressional approval.

Many Democrats would oppose providing substantial sums for Trump's campaign promise to build a wall along the border with Mexico. Many Hispanic and liberal members of the party oppose steps toward curtailing immigration such as ending the visa lottery and restricting the relatives that legal immigrants could bring to the U.S.

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Proceeds from "Little Shop of Horrors" at Cole Theater benefit the non-profit tiny house initiative The Field's Edge. 7:30 p.m. through Jan. 20.

SATURDAY

STRETCH IT OUT
Unitarian Universalist Church offers free yoga classes weekly at 9 a.m.

FURRY FUN
Shake paws at the Meet and Greet with Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals and learn more about the organization at Dillard's at Midland Park Mall. 11 a.m.

KING CELEBRATION
"I've Been to the Mountaintop" honoring Martin Luther King Jr. will feature a speaker panel with Mayor Jerry Morales, District Attorney Laura Nodolf and Mike Mills of Educate Midland at Southeast Senior Center. Noon.

TUESDAY

PEER TO PEER
The Peer Support Group by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus) at Sleep Inn and Suites offers a safe space for fellowship and discussion.7 p.m.

THURSDAY

BOOK TIME
Children can enjoy a reading of "Imogene's Last Stand" at the Bush Childhood Home. Space is limited so reservations encouraged. 4:30 p.m.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

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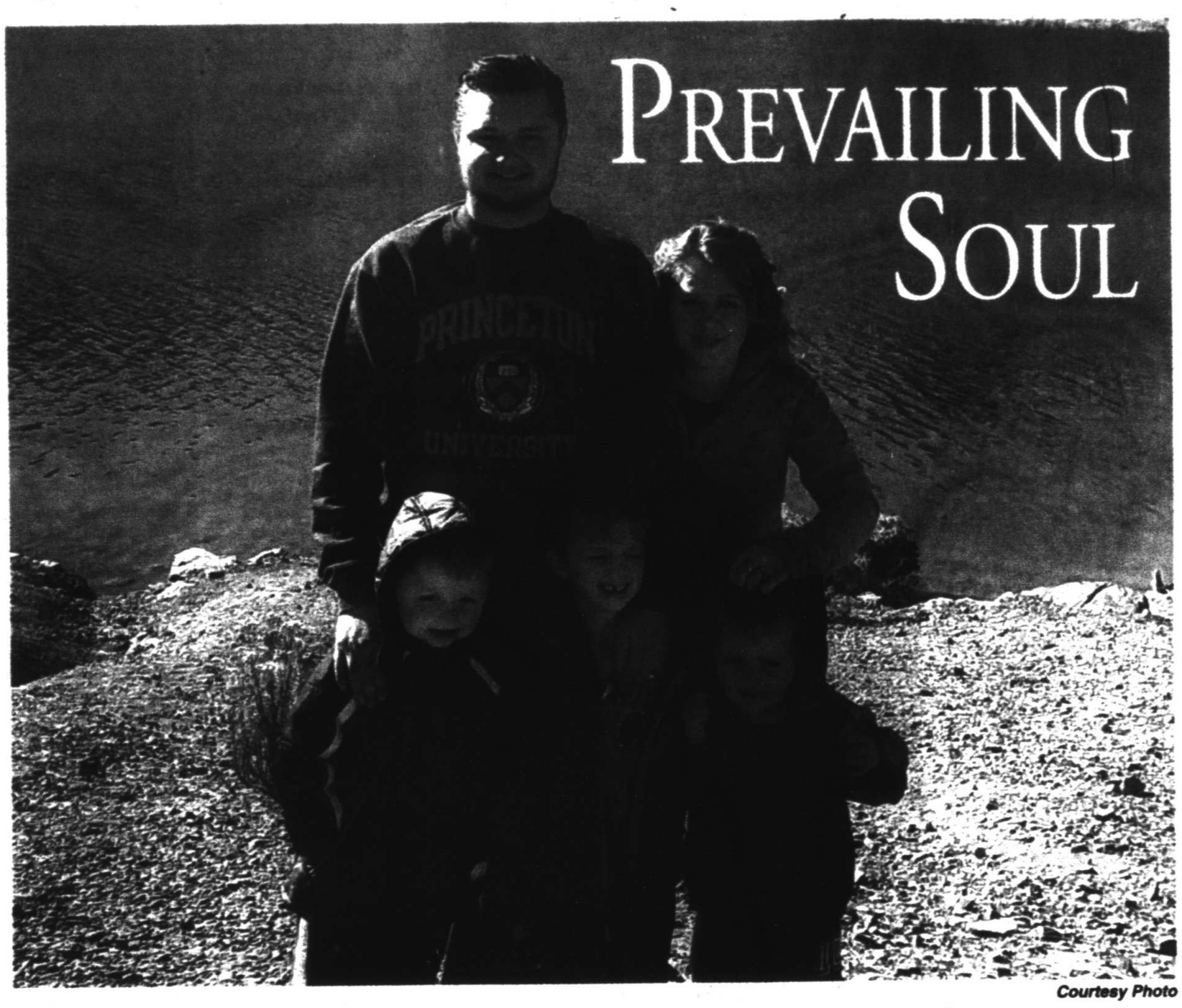
BE A MENTOR for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and serve as positive role models. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

VOLUNTEER READERS The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with recording shifts. Call 682-2731.



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Tyler Frick poses with his wife, Bry, and their three sons.

Pastor uses first book as opportunity to teach

By Rich Lopez
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Tyler Frick, a minister at Envoy Church, desires to teach. It is this desire that led to the book "Prevailing Soul."

"I've always had a desire to understand the truth about God's word, and have always been a teacher in every area of life, so writing this book gave me a way to do both at the same time," he said. "I believe it is incredibly important that we come to know and pursue a constant increase in knowledge and love for God.

"Prevailing Soul" was released in paperback in November and as an eBook Jan. 4. Since the release, the 25-year-old has received responses from readers throughout the country. Enthusiastic readers have motivated him to push forward, Frick said.

"Feedback like that has definitely given me confidence, as well as confirmation, for why I felt led to take the time to write it. Not only has this helped me realize the power for transformation that 'Prevailing Soul' has led others to step into, but it has also added fuel to my own," he said.

He described his goal as taking the reader into a fuller understanding of God, while at the same time preparing them for service.

"I believe far too many Christians live without an accurate consideration of their new identities, as well as their potential to influence others through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit," he said. "This book explains where that power and influence comes from, and how it can be used to change the world around us in extraordinary ways."

Frick said the process of working as an author has been one of his most challenging experiences. What made writing it enjoyable for him was his ability to learn along the way. Fine-tuning the details before submitting it to publishers was meticulous but he's happy with the finished product.

"I believe we came out with a beautiful book, inside and out. Of course, I am still anxious to hear how the book will continue impacting believers and church leaders around the world," he said.

In the meantime, he's already in the editing process of his second book "Heart of Conviction."

He's discovered that writing is something he wants to continue.

"I hope to release the second book sometime before the end of this year. Some of my editors have called it a 'sequel' to the first," he said.

"I just know that it will be enjoyable to see what all the Lord places on my heart to write about."

More information

"Prevailing Soul" by Tyler Frick is available at Barnes & Noble, through Amazon and on iTunes, Kobo, Nook and Kindle.

For more information about Envoy Church, visit envoy.church.

Odessa girl raises $7,000 for K9 program

Courtesy photo

A 10-year-old Odessa girl has donated $7,000 to the Odessa Police Department's K9 program.

Randi Spenser raised money for the OPD K9 program by selling hot cocoa over the last few weeks, according to a press release from the department.

Randi presented a $7,000 check to OPD Chief Michael Gerke on Tuesday during the Odessa City Council meeting, according to the release.

Ministerial Alliance elects new president

From staff reports

The Rev. Jorge Romero, senior pastor of The Gathering, a Church of the Nazarene congregation, is assuming the presidency of the Midland Ministerial Alliance. He is replacing the Rev. Larry Long, senior pastor of Fellowship Community Church.

Long, who has been senior pastor of FCC for 17 years, is vice president of the alliance. Also continuing to serve as officers are the Rev. Walter Thompson of First Presbyterian Church (treasurer), and the Rev. Jon Wymore, pastor of Living Way Foursquare Church (secretary).

The alliance meets 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month at The Gathering Church. Pastors who are planning to attend, may contact Romero at jorge@thegatheringmidland.org.

Romero and his wife, Norma, are to be keynote speakers at "Love Rekindled Marriage Enrichment Retreat and Seminar," which is Feb. 2-4 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Other speakers will include Rev. Roy and Carla Smith, Pastor Lonnie and Candy Phillips, and K.C. Blackketter, interim clinical director of Agape Christian Counseling.

For information about the retreat, visit loverekindled.org.

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SATURDAY

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

Meet and Greet with Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. Meet some of the animals from the sanctuary. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Dillard's at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

"I've Been to the Mountaintop" honors Martin Luther King Jr. with **a youth art and essay contest, the speaker panel** "Where are you on the mountain?" Refreshments will be available. Noon at Southeast Senior Center, 1803 Indiana St. Free. seniorlinkmidland.org.

MONDAY

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly dancing class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

TUESDAY

Intro to Buddhism features basic mediation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: "The Permian Basin: Critical Infrastructure and the FBI" with intelligence analyst Kate Menaul. Lunch is encouraged. Beverages and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 N. I-20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

Peer Support Group by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus), 7 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. pblgbtq.org.

WEDNESDAY

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. 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.

Brown Bag: Chihuahuan Desert Treasures with Thomas Janke from Borderlands Research Institute. Lunch is encouraged. Tea and cookies provided. Noon-1 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "Imogene's Last Stand" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

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

Kristin Murphy/Deseret News via AP

People leave the the LDS Conference Center after a public viewing of Thomas S. Monson, President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Thursday in Salt Lake City. Monson spent more than five decades serving in top church leadership councils, making him a well-known face and personality to multiple generations of Mormons. He died on Jan. 2 at the age of 90.

Thousands mourn Mormon president

By Brady McCombs
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Danielle Cahoon brought her entire family to the public viewing Thursday for the Mormon church's deceased president to pay their respects and recapture a warm feeling she experienced at a previous viewing for another prophet of the faith.

"It was such a special spirit. We remembered that spirit, and I wanted all of my children to experience that and get a chance to say goodbye," said Cahoon, 39, of Saratoga Springs, Utah. "Even though we are sad that he is gone, we know and believe in eternal families, so it's more about paying our respects and saying, 'Until we meet again.'"

The Cahoons were among 10,000 people who had come to Salt Lake City by mid-afternoon to pay tribute to Thomas S. Monson, who died Jan. 2 at age 90 after nearly 10 years leading The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As head of the nearly 16 million-member faith, Monson was considered a prophet who led the church through revelation from God.

Boys and their fathers wearing suits and ties and girls and their mothers wearing their Sunday-best dresses solemnly stood in line inside the church conference center in a hallway lined with paintings of church leaders, waiting their turn to say goodbye.

They walked by slowly in single-file lines on each side of a large wooden casket adorned with elaborate floral bouquets. In front of the casket was an American flag in a shadow box, a nod to Monson's naval service.

The viewing, open until Thursday night, is a key component of how the religion mourns deceased presidents. In 2008, an estimated 58,000 people came to a two-day viewing for President Gordon B. Hinckley.

A funeral is scheduled Friday at the 21,000-seat arena in the same conference center. Top church leaders are expected to honor Monson's life.

The next president has not been named yet, but the job is expected to go to the next longest-tenured member of the church's governing Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Russell M. Nelson, per church protocol.

No date has been set for the special meeting of the Quorum in which Nelson will be anointed.

Monson spent more than five decades serving in top church leadership councils — making him a well-known face and personality to multiple generations of Mormons.

He served as a counselor for three church presidents before assuming the role of top Mormon leader in 2008. He guided the church through growth and a period of increased scrutiny about its history and doctrine.

Melanie McFarlane said she learned important lessons from Monson as she went through high school.

"I admired that he was so service-orientated, and I want to be like that in my life," said McFarlan, who came with her young son and a friend. "So I thought respecting him in this way was the least I could do."

Amanda Wilcoxen attended with her sisters and children to experience what she called an important day. She lamented that some people are fixated on the controversial elements of Monson's presidency, including his role leading the faith's involvement in the passage of a gay marriage ban in California in 2008.

"He should be known for all the good things that he did," Wilcoxen said. "He led a huge church nationwide and all the service our church does; he's just a great man."

Fifth-grader William "Liam" Richens took the day off from home-school to come with his whole family.

"It was sad; it was amazing; it was beautiful," he said.

Pot churches proliferate as states ease access to marijuana

By Barbara Feder Ostrov
Kaiser Health News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Services at the Coachella Valley Church begin and end with the Lord's Prayer.

In between, there is the sacrament.

"Breathe deep and blow harder," intoned Pastor Grant Atwell after distributing small marijuana joints to 20 worshippers on a recent Sunday afternoon. "Nail the insight down, whether you get it from marijuana or prayer. Consider what in your own life you are thankful for."

A middle-aged man wearing a "Jesus Loves You" baseball cap piped up. "Thank you, God, for the weed," he called out. "I'm thankful for the spirit of cannabis," a woman echoed from the back. "I am grateful to be alive," said another young woman, adding that she had recently overdosed — on what, she did not say — for the third time.

The small room, painted black and gold and decorated with crosses and Rastafarian symbols, filled with pungent smoke after an hourlong service of Christian prayers, self-help slogans and inspirational quotes led by Atwell, a Campbell, Calif., massage therapist and photographer.

Despite its mainstream Christian trappings, the Coachella Valley Church describes itself as a Rastafarian church, something that's tough to define. Rastafari is a political and religious movement that originated in Jamaica. Combining elements of Christianity, pan-Africanism and mysticism, the movement has no central authority. Adherents use marijuana in their rituals.

The church's leaders say they believe that religious freedom laws give them the right to offer marijuana to visitors without a doctor's recommendation — and without having to abide by any other regulations. Some courts and local authorities beg to differ.

As more states ease access to marijuana, churches that offer pot as a sacrament are proliferating, competing with medical marijuana dispensaries and even pot shops in the few states that have legalized recreational weed. While some of them claim Rastafari affiliation, others link themselves to Native American religious traditions.

The churches are vexing local officials, who say that they're simply dispensaries in disguise, skirting the rules that govern other marijuana providers, such as requirements to pay taxes.

In California, which legalized medical marijuana in 1996 and, as of New Year's Day, now allows sales of recreational marijuana, churches tied to marijuana use have recently popped up in Oakland, Roseville, Modesto, San Diego County, Orange County, Los Angeles County and the Southern California desert city of Coachella (no connection to the San Jose church). A few have been shut down by law enforcement.

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Obituaries

Bonnie Nell Tryon Ray

Bonnie Nell Tryon Ray, 67, of Midland, passed away January 8, 2018. A memorial service will be held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on January 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

She is survived by her daughter, Melodye Tryon; granddaughter, Ma'Kayla Makhanu; grandson, Jaylen Tryon; 3 great granddaughters; and sister, Earlean Parker.

Carolyn Jane Taylor Winkler

Carolyn Jane Taylor Winkler departed from this life Monday, January 8, 2018. She was born on a Sunday, January 13, 1929 in Fort Worth, TX. She was devoted to loving parents, Gladys Daly Taylor and William Wintford Taylor and adored her 'wonderful' older brother Bill Taylor.

Carolyn attended schools in Fort Worth from elementary school through high school graduating from Arlington Heights High School in 1945. During that time she forged some of her deepest friendships in the 'Big Ten' that would carry her through a lifetime. She spent her freshman year at Fairfax Hall Girls Academy in Waynesboro, VA because they accepted her grades and helped her achieve a long time dream of attending a girl's school and spending time exploring the Big Apple of NYC.

After much teasing from brother Bill, she turned her academic sights to the University of Texas where she received a degree in Music in 1948. During that time she met the love of her life, Clemens Robert Winker, Jr. (Wink). They married June 16, 1951 and began their life together in Clovis, New Mexico.

Wink's geology profession took them to Amarillo, where son Robert was born, and finally brought them to their final destination, Midland, where son Clay and daughter Diane were born.

Carolyn and Wink adapted quickly to their new home and became active members of First Presbyterian Church.

Carolyn was a longtime member of the choir, served on the Cradle Cross committee delivering crosses to mothers of newborns, was a Deacon and a Stephen Minister. Her love for the Lord shined brightly through her service. Her favorite way to start the day was reading "Jesus Calling" and making notes in the margin about life.

Carolyn loved children and cherished her memories of teaching at De Zavala. As a member of the Junior League she was part of the 'Puppet Committee' making and performing shows for children as well as 'Story time' for children in the Library (in the basement of the old courthouse back then) As usual, Carolyn forged friendships in the Junior League that lasted a lifetime.

Community was very important to Carolyn and she made the most of her passion through her theatrical endeavors as Mother Theresa in the Midland Community Theater's performance of the 'Sound of Music', through her teaching skills in Midland's Need to Read program, and through her sewing skills mending Doctor's uniforms at Midland Memorial Hospital. As mentioned in a beautiful Junior League article, "It is evident that Carolyn Winkler has made service to others a priority in her life. Because of her tireless work and dedication, she has made our community a better place to live".

Carolyn's best friend, Betty Jo Moberly, recently shared that they both loved God, family and country in that order. Carolyn was a proud founding member of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution serving 2 terms as Regent and attending many Washington DC Continental Congress Conventions.

Carolyn and Wink spent many wonderful years in their beautiful home in Colorado hosting friends and family as often as possible. After Wink's passing she found a new family of like minded souls who called themselves 'the orphans'.

One of Carolyn's greatest blessings was Dorothy, a constant friend, companion and loving caretaker for over 30 yrs. Carolyn's greatest joy was her family where she was affectionately known as "Omi" to her grandkids and great grandkids. She loved planning trips to get us all together which has given her family a lifetime of memories that we will forever cherish. Her grand finale was hosting 4 generations of her loved ones on a trip at Thanksgiving that we will carry with us always. We love you Omi.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her mother and father, Gladys and Bill Taylor, son, Clay Winkler, husband Wink and brother Bill Taylor.

Carolyn is survived by her son Robert Winkler and wife Karen; daughter Diane Campbell and husband John; and grandchildren, Ashlee Winkler Brown and husband Josh, Clayton Winkler and wife Heidi, Caroline, Annie and Bobby Campbell; and great grandchildren, Graeen and John Brown and Elliott Winkler.

Special thanks to Dr. McKenna, Dr. Ganta and all the staff at Midland Memorial for taking such good care of mom.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the following organizations of your choice: Clayton Taylor Winkler Memorial Guitar Scholarship Endowment, Texas Tech University School of Music (donate.give2tech.com), High Sky Children's Ranch (highsky.org), Daughters of the American Revolution (dar.org), First Presbyterian Church (fpcmid.org), or a charity of your choosing.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5500

Death Notices

Lillie Garcia Lujan

Lillie Garcia Lujan, 90, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Viewing will be Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday night.

Funeral mass is set for Monday, January 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her sons, John F. Lujan, Condrado Lujan, Alvino Lujan, Cristobal (Chris) Lujan, Jose Lujan, and Carmel Lujan; her daughters, Rosita Lujan and Virginia Wimple; and by one brother and one sister.

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Lee falls to Eastwood in President's Cup

By Will Korn
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After reeling off 26 goals in five matches last weekend in the Wolfforth Frenship Tournament, the Lee boys soccer team took a more defensive approach in their President's Cup opener Thursday.

But the Rebels also ran into a formidable defensive wall put up by visiting El Paso Eastwood. The Troopers stymied Lee throughout the first half, before Chris Valenzuela scored on a low cross from Omar Estrada in the 38th minute to lift Eastwood to a 1-0 regulation victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee (4-2) head coach Scott Hicks said overall he was pleased with the performance against what he believes to be a playoff club out of District 1-6A. The Rebels played a much stronger second half and generated a trio of quality chances that narrowly missed the back of the net.

Hicks said playing sound defense was Lee's priority in its PC opener. Another objective, especially early in tournament play, was to season some of the Rebels' younger players with legitimate game action.

"We were playing pretty defensive, because we understood the level of competition here," Hicks said.

"I just felt like with us still having some young guys that hadn't played a lot of varsity, and with playing these El Paso teams, this week and next week we need to play defense. We did and we did a good job of it. We got everybody in the game

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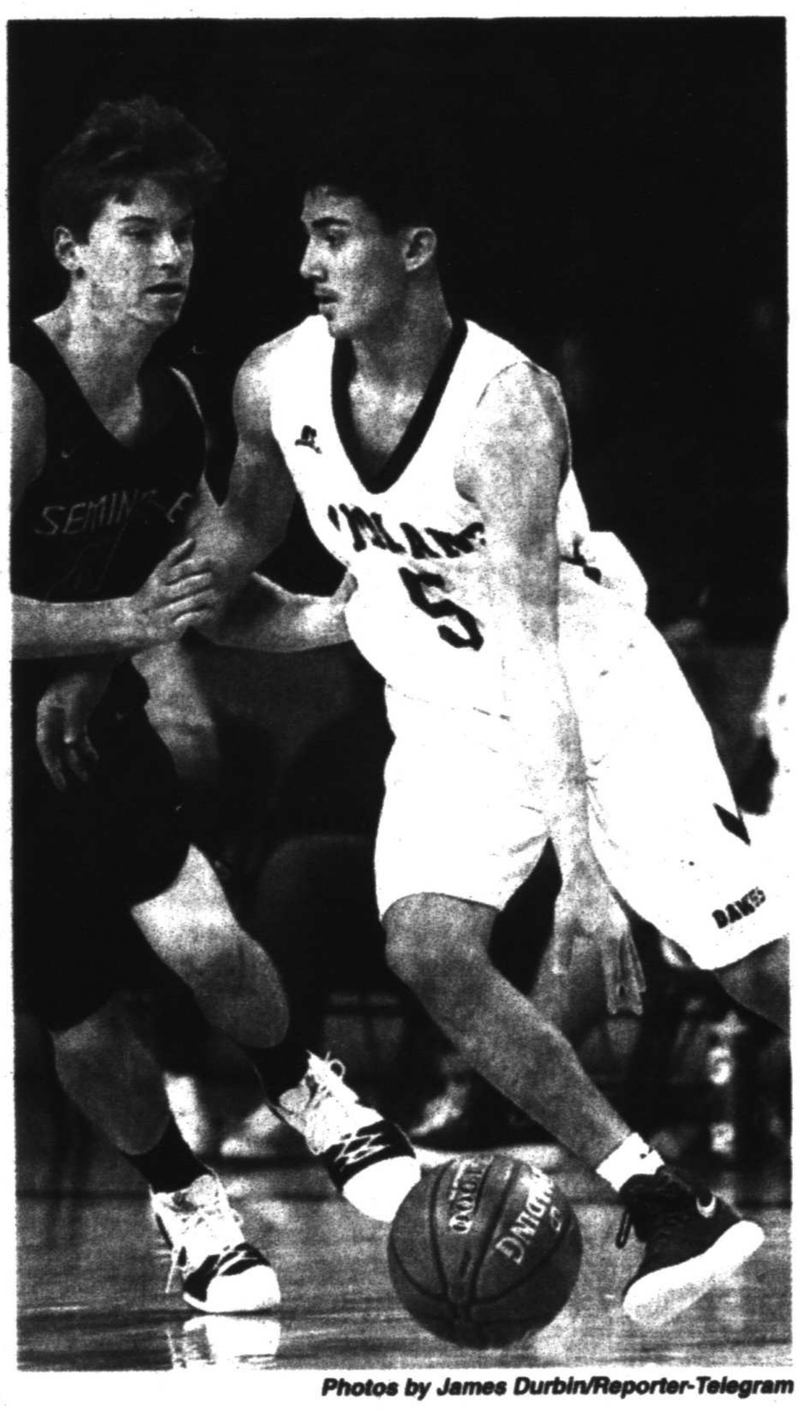
Lee's Esau Soto (9) goes after the ball against an unidentified El Paso Eastwood player (4) on Thursday at Grande Communications Stadium. ***James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram***

Capturing glory



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Left: Lee's Cevonte Eaden (4) dribbles against San Angelo Lake View's Henry Nicklas (32) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center. **Right:** Midland High's Nathaniel Rodriguez (5) dribbles against Seminole's Drew Dendey (41) on Jan. 2 at Chaparral Center.

MHS, Lee look to improve in competitive 2-6A

By Will Korn
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From 2002-2011, the Lee and Midland High boys basketball teams had a stranglehold on their district.

In nine of those 10 seasons, either the Bulldogs or Rebels won the district title.

As the District 2-6A schedule opens today, Lee and MHS will be looking to capture some of their past glory after finishing fifth and fourth, respectively, in last year's standings.

The Rebels (7-15) travel to Odessa High (13-5), while the Bulldogs (9-12) host Amarillo Tascosa (14-7) at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center.

The six-team district is expected to be competitive with the return of defending champion Tascosa, as well as the rise of both Odessa Permian and OHS.

"I think the district has a lot of really good teams," said Lee head coach Justin Boswell. "It's going to be tough. There is a lot of really good guard play, especially OHS and they've got some bigs to go with it. I think there will be a lot of teams beating up on each other."

Here are five things to watch as district play gets underway.

1. Permian the favorite?

The always high-flying Panthers are on a tear, riding a nine-game winning streak and carrying a No. 19 TABC ranking into their 2-6A opener today at Frenship.

Head coach Tim Thomas' group has always prioritized aggressive defense that leads to transition offense. Permian (18-3), led by the explosive senior guard Brother Miller, has limited its opponents to an average of 49.2 points per contest through 21 games — the lowest average in the district by nearly 6 1/2 points.

2. MHS finding some rhythm

The Bulldogs limped to a 2-7 start to the season, but have since recovered to

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Shooting woes plague Lady Chaps in loss to OC

By Oscar LeRoy
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ODESSA — It was another frustrating night for the Midland College women's basketball team.

Even when the Lady Chaparrals got the stops they wanted, they couldn't buy a bucket inside or from long range.

No. 17-Odessa College was more than willing to take advantage of the Lady Chaparrals' shooting woes as the Lady Wranglers got enough shots to fall in a grinding 49-43 victory at the OC Sports Center on Thursday night.

Meetings between these teams haven't been pretty as made buckets have been hard to come by and the scores have been in the 40s, especially over the last two seasons. OC defeated MC, 42-39, in a similar game in November's WNIT Classic at Chaparral Center.

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"I think these are two teams that know each other awfully well and know what each one wants to do," OC coach Ara Baten said. "It was a tough game to score, it was physical on both ends. I just thought we had a couple of nice runs in the first quarter and in the second half, and I thought that was the difference in the game."

The Lady Chaps (9-8, 2-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) shot just 32.7 percent from the field and hit just 2 of 10 shots from 3-point range. It also didn't help that MC turned the ball over 23 times.

Jones

"Take nothing away from Odessa but I hate the fact that we're in a fun game, a competitive game and a rivalry game and we don't even give ourselves a chance to win," said

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Wranglers withstand Chaps' late rally

By Oscar LeRoy
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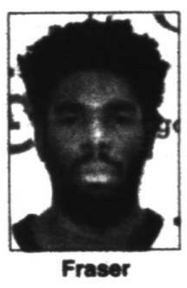
ODESSA — The fact that the Midland College men's basketball team had overcome an ugly first half to cut it and make it a two possession game against No. 12 Odessa College only frustrated Chaparrals head coach Pat Rafferty even more.



Fraser

The Chaps dug themselves in a deep hole early before they finally made that late-game push against the Wranglers on Thursday night at the OC Sports Center.

Rafferty

But Odessa College was able to withstand that late surge and then pulled away for a 71-61 win in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

MC (5-13, 1-3 in the WJCAC) shooting 22 percent in the first half contributed to OC (14-2, 3-0) getting out to as much as 24-7 advantage in the first half.

OC led 34-20 at the half before MC's late run cut it to 61-55 with 4:53 remaining as the Chaps started to make shots and get stops.

That late run by the Chaps is what frustrates Rafferty, who said if his team played hard for 30 minutes instead of just 15, the outcome may have been different.

"I hate having to coach effort," Rafferty said. "That's the worst part of my job. I feel like I'm having to do it too often. Here we are with four minutes to go and it's a two possession game. And we lost by 10. It should have been 12 or 15. We can sugarcoat this, but you should play to win every time you go down the floor. And we don't. That's on me, that's my problem, that's my issue that I've got to deal with because I won't accept it."

Rafferty said that lack of intensity was evident when the Chaps first hit the floor.

"We were living on contested perimeter jump shots because we wouldn't get to the basket," Rafferty said. "To me, this means more because it's Odessa. To them, it's another game. To them every game should matter. That's the biggest part of changing this culture. I'm going to continue coaching these kids hard and hopefully it will stick. Hopefully we have some guys that will buy in and believe in it and form a solid nucleus to come back."

OC coach Tra Arnold said he was frustrated that his team couldn't have put away the Chaps sooner as his team either turned the ball over or broke down defensively a few times.

"You've got to give (the Chaps) credit, they kept battling and stuck to their game plan," Arnold said. "When you play like we do, we deserved to be a in a dogfight. Luckily we figured out to win the game. But there's a lot of room for growth and room to get better. That's what we'll concentrate on."

A big part of that late comeback was Marquell Fraser, who had 17 of his game-high 19 points in the

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV
Boxing
Claressa Shields vs. Tori Nelson, 9 p.m., SHO
Golf
Champions: Diamond Resort Invitational, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Sony Open in Hawaii, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Eurasia Cup, 2nd Round, 10 p.m., GOLF
High School Basketball
Tournament of Champions, Semifinals, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Hockey
AHL: Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Men's College Basketball
Marquette at Butler, 5:30 p.m., FS1
VCU at Dayton, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Nebraska at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN
Ohio at Kent State, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Providence at DePaul, 7:30 p.m., FS1
Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs. FC Bayern Munich, 1:30 p.m., FS1
National Basketball Association
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., ESPN
Houston at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Skiing
USSA Freestyle Moguls, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN
USSA Freestyle Halfpipe, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
ATP: Auckland Doubles Final, 5 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Sydney International, Semifinals, 10:30 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: ASB Classic, Doubles and Singles Finals, 2 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Basketball
Xavier at DePaul, 4:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW)
RADIO
NAHL Hockey
Odessa at Amarillo, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Chaparral Center
Lee at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock All Saints at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Andrews at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 8 p.m.
MCA at Lubbock Christian, 8 p.m.
Clyde at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Jim Ned, 8 p.m.
Blackwell at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Grady at Dawson, 8 p.m.

HS Girls Basketball
Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 5:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Midland High, 6 p.m. Chaparral Center
Lee at Odessa High, 6 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Lubbock All Saints at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Monahans at Andrews, 6 p.m.
MCA at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Clyde at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Jim Ned, 6:30 p.m.
Blackwell at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

HS Boys Soccer
Lee vs. El Paso Pebble Hills, 5 p.m. Grande Communications Stadium
El Paso Eastwood vs. Midland High, 7 p.m. Grande Communications Stadium

HS Girls Soccer
Midland High at Lubbock Tournament
Lee at San Marcos Tournament

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Miguel Gonzalez on a one-year contract. Designated OF Jacob May.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zach McAllister on a one-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS — Claimed the contract of RHP Johnny Barbato from Pittsburgh (NL). Named Scott Fletcher minor league hitting coordinator, Jose Valentin minor league infield coordinator, Adam Daily analytics/trackman coordinator, Jim McKee minor league video coordinator, Kan Ikeda minor league assistant video coordinator and Manny Pena assistant medical coordinator-international, Doug Mientkiewicz manager for Toledo (IL), Andrew Graham manager, Mike Hessman hitting coach and Santiago Garrido coach for Erie (EL), Mike Rabelo manager and Francisco Contreras coach for Lakeland (FSL), Lance Parrish manager, Mariano Duncan hitting coach and John Vander Wal coach for West Michigan (MWL), Sean McFarland athletic trainer for Connecticut (NYP), Gary Cathcart manager, Bill Springman hitting coach and Cody Derby athletic trainer for the GCL Tigers West, Luis Lopez manager, Rafael Gil hitting coach and Erick Flores athletic trainer for the GCL Tigers East, Ramon Zapata manager and Francisco Martinez coach for the DSL Tigers1, Jesus Garces manager, Luis Marte pitching coach, Williams Moreno assistant pitching coach, Marco Yepez hitting coach and Carmelo Jaime coach for the DSL Tigers2.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with OF Jake Marisnick on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Blake Parker on a one-year contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Released 3B Adonis Garcia.
CHICAGO CUBS — Promoted Scott Harris to assistant general manager and Jeff Greenberg to director of baseball operations. Named Shiraz Rehman assistant general manager, strategic initiatives.
Appalachian League
AL — Announced the retirement of president Lee Landers following 2018 season.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Ricky Ali'ifua, LB Max Bullough, OL Joseph Cheek, DL Jeremy Faulk, RB Kelvin Taylor and DB Corey White to the reserve/futures contracts.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Eric Patterson.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Re-signed G Logan Ketterer and D Gaston Sauro.
FC DALLAS — Signed D Jordan Cano.
NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed D Cedric Hountondji.
COLLEGE
ALABAMA — Announced S Minkah Fitzpatrick, S Ronnie Harrison, TB Bo Scarbrough and DT Da'Ron Payne will entering the NFL draft.
FLORIDA — Named Ron English safeties coach.
NORTH CAROLINA — OL Tommy Hatton announced his retirement.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 14
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Minnesota, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
TBD, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
TBD, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
At Minneapolis
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	10	.773	—
Toronto	29	11	.725	3
Philadelphia	19	20	.487	12½
New York	19	22	.463	13½
Brooklyn	15	26	.366	17½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	17	.585	—
Washington	23	18	.561	1
Charlotte	15	24	.385	8
Orlando	12	30	.286	12½
Atlanta	11	30	.268	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	15	.634	—
Detroit	22	18	.550	3½
Milwaukee	22	18	.550	3½
Indiana	21	20	.512	5
Chicago	15	27	.357	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	11	.725	—
San Antonio	28	14	.667	2
New Orleans	20	20	.500	9
Dallas	15	28	.349	15½
Memphis	13	27	.325	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	27	16	.628	—
Portland	22	19	.537	4
Oklahoma City	22	20	.524	4½
Denver	21	20	.512	5
Utah	17	24	.415	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	9	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	19	21	.475	13
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17
Sacramento	13	27	.325	19
L.A. Lakers	13	27	.325	19

Thursday's Scores
Boston 114, Philadelphia 103
Toronto 133, Cleveland 99
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, late
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late
Today's Games
Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	44	31	10	3	65	161	112
Boston	40	23	10	7	53	131	102
Toronto	45	25	17	3	53	146	131
Florida	42	18	18	6	42	120	137
Detroit	41	17	17	7	41	112	127
Montreal	42	18	20	4	40	108	128
Ottawa	42	15	18	9	39	117	149
Buffalo	44	11	24	9	31	99	151

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	44	27	14	3	57	136	124
Columbus	45	26	17	3	53	122	124
New Jersey	41	22	11	8	52	130	125
N.Y. Rangers	42	22	15	5	49	128	117
Carolina	43	20	15	8	48	122	132
Pittsburgh	44	22	19	3	47	138	139
Philadelphia	42	19	15	8	46	123	122
N.Y. Islanders	43	21	18	4	46	146	158

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	44	28	11	7	59	151	121
Nashville	42	25	11	6	56	131	114
St. Louis	46	26	17	3	55	134	122
Dallas	43	24	16	3	51	132	118
Minnesota	44	23	17	4	50	127	127
Chicago	43	21	16	6	48	134	118
Colorado	41	22	16	3	47	135	124

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	41	29	10	2	60	143	113
Los Angeles	42	24	13	5	53	128	99
Calgary	43	23	16	4	50	123	122
San Jose	40	21	13	6	48	110	108
Anaheim	43	19	15	9	47	117	120
Edmonton	44	18	23	3	39	119	143
Vancouver	43	16	21	6	38	111	143
Arizona	43	10	27	6	26	88	150

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

Thursday's Scores
Carolina 3, Washington 1
Buffalo 3, Columbus 1
Calgary 5, Tampa Bay 1
Today's Games
Vancouver at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Monahans head coach, AD Owens announces retirement

By Oscar LeRoy
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Monahans athletics is losing a good one.

Loboes athletic director and head football coach Mickey Owens announced his retirement from the school district on Thursday.

Owens spent 13 seasons as head coach of the Loboes and behind their vaunted Wing-T offense, they went 121-41, including a 9-3 mark this past season and a trip to the area round of the Class 4A Division II playoffs under his leadership. In 2010 and 2011, he led the Loboes four rounds deep in the playoffs.

He spent 34 years in coaching, including 20 as a head coach. He started his career as an assistant at Monahans and also was an assistant at Lampasas High and Odessa High before serving as head coach at Rankin for three years and then was head coach at Ballinger for four years, before returning to Monahans. He went 173-69 as a head coach.

Owens

The 56-year-old will stay on with the school district as athletic director through the rest of the school year but Owens added that it was time to do something else.

Owens said he was eligible to retire five years ago but stayed on for another five years.

He said he and his wife, Laure, take a trip to watch a college bowl game every year and to get refreshed and energized for the next football season. This year, they went to the Rose Bowl and Owens said when they got back, he realized that it was time to move on.

"The stress kind of wears on you over the years," he said.

"The pressure is kind of self-inflicted, plus all the hours that you put in can be tough.

"There are portions of my job that I'll miss and there are portions of my job that I won't miss. I wouldn't have done this any different. This is exactly what I wanted to do when I got out of college."

He added that he will miss fellow coaches and the kids, but he will especially miss the games.

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MOFC names Rincon as new head coach

From staff reports

The Midland-Odessa Sockers FC named Ohio Valley University director of soccer/head coach Luis Rincon as its head coach for the 2018 season on Thursday.

Rincon takes over for Matt Barnes, who stepped down from his post as head coach in December after leading Midland-Odessa FC to three postseason berths and a National Premier Soccer League national championship game appearance in his four seasons.

At Division II Ohio Valley University, Rincon has been the head coach of the men's team since 2015 and began pulling double duty in 2017, as he took over as the head coach of the school's women's team.

Rincon

Rincon inherited a men's team that finished 0-17-0 in 2014 and in his three seasons thus far as the school's men's head coach, he has compiled an overall record of 37-17-6 including a 17-2-4 mark in 2017 to earn the program's first trip to the NCAA tournament. The Fighting Scots advanced to the third round and finished eighth in the final United Soccer Coaches Poll.

On the women's side, he took over a squad that went 1-15-1 in 2016 and went 16-1-3 overall in 2017, as Ohio Valley won both the regular season and tournament championships in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference to earn the program's first trip to the NCAA tournament.

"To be able to hire a coach with Luis' credentials speaks volumes for our club," Sockers FC general manager, soccer operations Jeff VonHolle said in a press release. "We're so excited to have him on board and look forward to having him bring in top quality players to continue our strong program."

Rincon, a native of Columbia, was a standout goalkeeper for Texas A&M International, as he earned All-Heartland Conference honors as a senior. He owns the record for most saves in a season for a goalkeeper in Dust Devils' history with 108 in 2008.

Prior to arriving at Ohio Valley University, Rincon also served as an assistant coach for the Texas A&M International men's and women's soccer programs.

It's halftime in the NBA: Things to watch from here

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — It's halftime in the NBA.

Officially, Thursday night's Cleveland at Toronto game was the 615th on the NBA schedule for this season — the exact midway point on the 1,230-game regular-season slate. Everyone tends to call what follows the All-Star Game as the second half, but it's more like two-thirds of the season that will be in the books before that showcase in Los Angeles next month.

Here's a look at storylines for the second half:

Trade deadline

Always a big deal, this seems even bigger this year.

The deadline is Feb. 8, 15 days earlier than a year ago and that means teams will have to choose to be a buyer or a seller before the All-Star break.

Watch the Los Angeles Lakers, who will be on a free-agent spending spree this summer and might want to deal now. DeAndre Jordan and Nikola Mirotic are known to be trade targets for several clubs, and New Orleans might decide to shop DeMarcus Cousins.

The guess? The market will move super slowly until about Feb. 6, when several NBA general managers will risk arm injuries by holding their phones to their ear for 66 consecutive hours.

Playoff watch

There will be races all the way to the end.

Golden State, Houston, San Antonio, Minnesota, Boston, Toronto and Cleveland can go ahead and start printing playoff tickets. Going into Thursday, seven teams were within five games of each other for the final five playoff spots in the East — and six teams within five games are in the mix for the final four spots out West.

That's why the trade deadline decisions will be so interesting this year. The NBA is like baseball with the second wild-card playoff berth now: More teams than usual will have a realistic mathematical shot of getting into the playoffs when the trade window closes.

The Warriors

Adversity has finally hit Golden State, with injuries to Stephen Curry and other key players.

And they're 33-9, still leading the NBA.

The Warriors have already lost more regular-season games at home (six) than they did in all of last season (five), but also are the only team that hasn't so much as lost two in a row this season.

Translation: Still the overwhelming favorites for a third title in four years.

Lebron James

Going into Thursday, he was 126 points shy of 30,000 for his career.

He's almost certain to finish among the top-five vote-getters in the MVP race for the 13th consecutive/season, and might even win the award for what would be a fifth time. How much energy will he need to reserve in the second half to have the best shot at reaching the NBA Finals for an eighth straight year?

3 Crazy

The leaguewide 3-point record is going to get shattered, again.

Houston is well on its way to breaking the record it set for most 3s by a team, done last season, and done in the previous season by Golden State.

There's no fewer than 15 franchises that are on pace to make more 3s this season than ever before.

Stephen Curry's record for 3s in a season — 402, done two seasons ago — isn't in jeopardy. But this could finally be the year where he makes more 3s than 2s: Right now, he's made 116 3-pointers, 130 2-pointers. (He was so close two years ago, making 403 2-pointers.)

Individual races

Houston's James Harden has a very comfortable lead over Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo in the scoring race, and Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook (who could average a triple-double again) has about a one-assist-per-game lead over Harden and Washington's John Wall in the battle for the assist title.

Watch the rebounding race: The Clippers' DeAndre Jordan (15.1) leads Detroit's Andre Drummond (15.0) by the slimmest of margins.

For MVP, the vote could be close: Harden, LeBron James, Stephen Curry and Antetokounmpo all clearly deserve consideration.

The process

No longer the league's No. 1 losers, the Philadelphia 76ers are right in the mix for an East playoff spot.

They're a very respectable 10-10 on the road, but need to figure things out at home. The Sixers are only 9-9 in Philadelphia this season.

Reason for concern: Philadelphia entered Thursday 1-5 in games decided by three points or less, and 1-7 in games where it doesn't score 100 points.

Reason for optimism: They're holding teams to 44 percent shooting this season, and the defense keeps looking better.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
FAU 73, UTEP 66
FIU 79, UTSA 76
Houston 104, Tulsa 71
Texas State 73, Arkansas St. 67
UALR 77, Texas-Arlington 65
SOUTH
Coll. of Charleston 82, Northeastern 66
E. Kentucky 78, UT Martin 70
ETSU 88, UNC-Greensboro 58
Florida Gulf Coast 75, SC-Upstate 58
Georgia Southern 77, Coastal Carolina 66.
Georgia St. 71, Appalachian St. 58
Jacksonville 65, Kennesaw St. 58
Jacksonville St. 76, Murray St. 71
Marshall 91, Charlotte 83
Middle Tennessee 72, Louisiana Tech 57
NC State 78, Clemson 77
North Florida 102, Lipscomb 96
Samford 107, The Citadel 91
Stetson 80, NJIT 67
Tennessee Tech 86, Austin Peay 74
UAB 86, Southern Miss. 75
UNC-Wilmington 80, Elon 78, OT
W. Kentucky 75, Old Dominion 68
Wichita St. 95, East Carolina 80
William & Mary 89, James Madison 82, OT
Wright St. 84, N. Kentucky 81
MIDWEST
Belmont 76, SIU-Edwardsville 61
Denver 67, N. Dakota St. 61
Iowa 104, Illinois 97, OT
Nebraska-Omaha 87, W. Illinois 66
North Dakota 81, Idaho St. 58
Ohio St. 91, Maryland 69
S. Dakota St. 78, Oral Roberts 75
SE Missouri 78, Morehead St. 75
South Dakota 68, Fort Wayne 58
Tennessee St. 69, E. Illinois 65
FAR WEST
Arizona 62, Oregon St. 53
BYU 83, Pepperdine 63
Gonzaga 103, Portland 57
Hawaii 57, Cal Poly 45
Montana 78, Sacramento St. 66
New Mexico St. 70, Grand Canyon 59
Stanford 79, Washington St. 70
Utah Valley 95, UMKC 59
Weber St. 78, N. Colorado 74

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (15-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Saturday.
2. West Virginia (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Texas Tech, Saturday.
3. Virginia (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
4. Michigan State (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
5. Purdue (16-2) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
6. Wichita State (14-2) beat East California 95-60. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.
7. Duke (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.
8. Texas Tech (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 West Virginia, Saturday.
9. Oklahoma (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 TCU, Saturday.
10. Xavier (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Creighton, Saturday.
11. Arizona State (13-2) vs. Oregon. Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
12. Kansas (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
13. Seton Hall (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
14. Cincinnati (14-2) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
15. Gonzaga (15-3) beat Portland 103-57. Next: at San Francisco, Saturday.
16. TCU (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Oklahoma, Saturday.
17. Arizona (13-4) beat Oregon State 62-53. Next: vs. Oregon, Saturday.
18. Miami (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Clemson, Saturday.
19. Clemson (14-2) lost to N.C. State 78-77. Next: vs. No. 18 Miami, Saturday.
20. North Carolina (13-4) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
21. Kentucky (13-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
22. Auburn (15-1) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
23. Florida State (12-4) did not play. NHext: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
24. Tennessee (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
25. Creighton (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Xavier, Saturday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Middle Tennessee 82, UTSA 47
North Texas 63, Old Dominion 46
Oral Roberts 71, N. Dakota St. 48
Texas A&M 79, Tennessee 76
Texas State 67, Arkansas St. 55
UALR 59, Texas-Arlington 57
UTEP 67, Charlotte 58
SOUTH
Alabama 65, LSU 51
Appalachian St. 77, Georgia St. 62
Coastal Carolina 54, Georgia Southern 51
Duke 80, Wake Forest 67
Florida St. 105, Miami 67
Furman 68, W. Carolina 59
Georgia 78, Arkansas 65
Jacksonville St. 97, Murray St. 65
Kentucky 56, Florida 53
Louisville 100, Notre Dame 67
Michigan St. 82, Maryland 68
Mississippi St. 76, Mississippi 45
Missouri 81, Vanderbilt 70
North Carolina 59, Clemson 52
Rice 67, FAU 53
South Carolina 71, Auburn 63
Southern Miss. 65, Louisiana Tech 50
Tennessee Tech 63, Austin Peay 59
UNC-Greensboro 86, Wofford 51
UT Martin 77, E. Kentucky 49
Virginia Tech 89, Pittsburgh 66
W. Kentucky 101, FIU 47
MIDWEST
CS Bakersfield 67, Rio Grande 64
E. Illinois 66, Tennessee St. 59
Green Bay 65, Youngstown St. 56
IUPUI 90, Detroit 62
Milwaukee 79, Cleveland St. 72
Morehead St. 59, SE Missouri 58
Northwestern 89, Wisconsin 60
Oakland 67, Ill.-Chicago 63
Seattle 63, Chicago St. 58
Utah Valley 66, UMKC 59
FAR WEST
BYU 73, Pepperdine 67
Gonzaga 70, Portland 56
Idaho St. 57, North Dakota 46
Montana 88, Sacramento St. 59
New Mexico St. 64, Grand Canyon 60
Pacific 81, San Diego 68
Portland St. 69, Montana St. 60
S. Dakota St. 69, Denver 58
Saint Mary's (Cal) 59, Santa Clara 46
San Francisco 78, Loyola Marymount 60
UC Davis 74, UC Riverside 63
UC Santa Barbara 74, CS Northridge 73
Weber St. 82, N. Colorado 73

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (14-0) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (15-2) lost to No. 3 Louisville 100-67. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
3. Louisville (19-0) beat No. 2 Notre Dame 100-67. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
4. Mississippi State (18-0) beat Mississippi 76-45. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
5. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Sunday.
6. Tennessee (15-1) lost to No. 17 Texas A&M 79-76, OT. Next: at No. 9 South Carolina, Sunday.
7. Texas (13-2) lost to TCU 79-77. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
8. Oregon (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
9. South Carolina (14-2) beat Auburn 71-63. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Sunday.
10. Ohio State (15-2) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
11. Maryland (15-3) lost to Michigan State 82-68. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
12. Missouri (15-2) beat Vanderbilt 81-70. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
13. Florida State (15-2) beat Miami 105-67. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
14. UCLA (11-4) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
15. West Virginia (15-2) beat Kansas 74-54. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
16. Duke (13-4) beat Wake Forest 80-67. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
17. Texas A&M (14-4) beat No. 6 Tennessee 79-76, OT. Next: vs. Georgia, Sunday.
18. Arizona State (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Oregon State, Friday.
19. Iowa (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
20. Oklahoma State (12-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
21. Rutgers (16-3) lost to Purdue 47-33. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
22. Oregon State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Arizona State, Friday.
23. Michigan (14-4) beat Indiana 84-79. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.
24. California (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
25. Green Bay (13-2) beat Youngstown State 65-56. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Saturday.

No. 17 Texas A&M women hand No. 6 Tennessee 1st loss, 79-76

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Danni Williams scored seven points in overtime and No. 17 Texas A&M toppled No. 6 Tennessee 79-76 on Thursday night, handing the Lady Vols their first defeat of the season.

The Aggies (14-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) missed 18 consecutive shots from the field late in the game before recovering in the extra period thanks to Williams' clutch free throw shooting. She made all five of her attempts from the line in overtime, including when she was fouled on a 3-point attempt with the Aggies trailing 76-74 and 7.8 seconds remaining.

Following a timeout, Tennessee then had the ball on its end of the court with a chance to win, but Evina Westbrook threw a pass along the left sideline that bounced out of bounds, resulting in a turnover. Williams was fouled with 0.4 seconds left and made both free throws.

Williams and Khaalia Hillsman each scored 22 points to lead Texas A&M, and Chennedy Carter added 21.

Mercedes Russell led the Lady Vols (15-1, 3-1) with 21.

Big picture

Tennessee: All is certainly not lost for the Lady Vols, despite their first setback of the season. Texas A&M won a national title under coach Gary Blair in 2011, so the Aggies are no pushovers in league play. Tennessee will no doubt learn from the tight loss and continue pushing on in trying to win its ninth national championship, and first since 2008.

Texas A&M: The Aggies needed this one to boost their confidence, considering their two previous victories in SEC play came against unranked opponents in Kentucky and Auburn.

Up next

Tennessee: The Lady Vols' challenging road schedule continues when they play at No. 9 South Carolina on Sunday.

Texas A&M: The Aggies play a second consecutive home game when Georgia visits Reed Arena on Sunday.

LEE

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and everybody got to play some."

Through the first 37 minutes of the first half, Eastwood (3-3) appeared to be the more collected side, as the Troopers created opportunities with four corner kicks and an assortment of solid runs into the Lee third that tested Rebel goalkeeper Pablo Muniz.

Then, after a long ball positioned the Troopers inside the 18-yard box, Estrada fielded the ball, drove in and lured Muniz out of the goal before firing a quick pass over to Valenzuela, who buried the shot.

Meanwhile defensively, the Troopers executed their game plan.

"We were trying to pressure the player with the ball as much as possible, so they couldn't get into the flow and connect a lot of passes up field," said Eastwood head coach David Alan. "We try to make the player turn his back, pass it back or pass it to the sides."

In the second half, Lee picked up momentum with promising attacks early. In the 47th minute, senior captain Luis Aranda crossed low to Daniel Santos Barron who tapped the ball off the far post.

Eight minutes later, Aranda threaded two defenders with an awe-inspiring through ball nearly 30 yards to John Thompson, who broke free but missed wide and low left from about 20 yards.

And in the 78th minute, a Rebel header and volley sailed just over the Eastwood crossbar, bringing another sigh of relief to the Troopers' bench.

Aranda said while his team's defense was up to par in the loss, the Rebels should have capitalized on their golden opportunities and take control of the match.

"I felt good," Aranda said. "Usually we've struggled against teams like El Paso (Eastwood) with defending and I felt like that's something we improved on today. Ultimately it comes down to finishing your chances and that's what we couldn't do."

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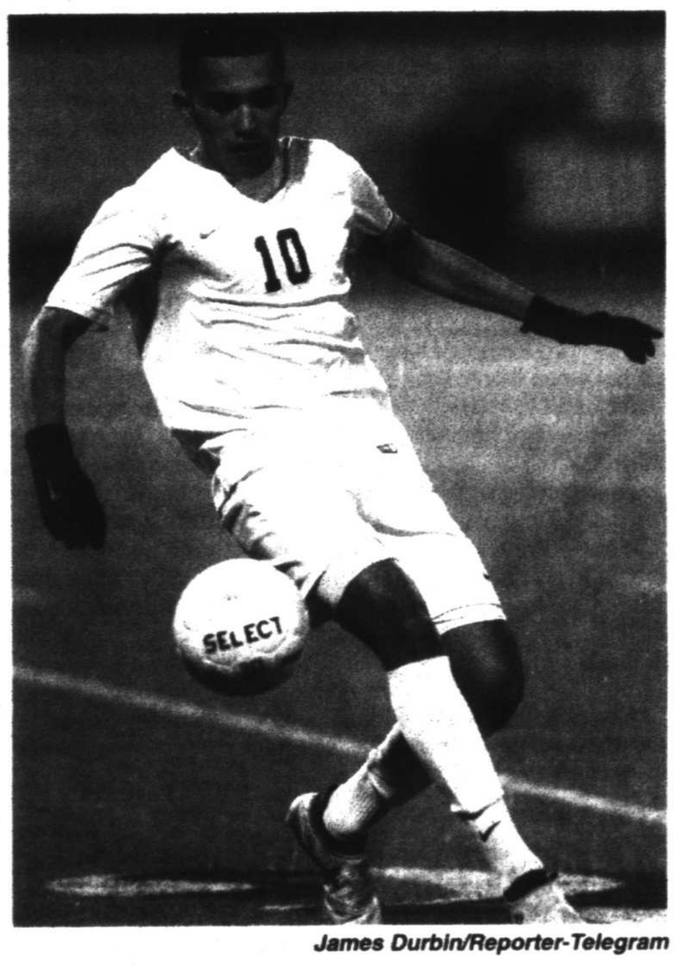

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Lee's Luis Aranda (10) goes after the ball against El Paso Eastwood on Thursday at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS DRAWS, LOSES ON OPENING DAY

The Midland High boys soccer finished their opening day of the President's Cup with a 1-1 draw against El Paso Jefferson and 3-2 regulation loss against Mansfield, both at Grande Communications Stadium.

Against Jefferson, MHS senior captain Roman Ramirez put the Bulldogs (2-2-1) ahead in the 48th minute on an assist by Brian Natividad. But the Silver Foxes (0-3-1) knotted the match in the 64th minute and held on for the draw.

Against Mansfield, the Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead on goals by Alan Rodriguez (4th minute) and a breakaway by Brian Natividad in the 10th minute.

But the Tigers didn't back away.

Mansfield tallied in the 18th, tied the match in the 67th and then scored the match-winning goal two minutes later to complete the comeback.

MHS head coach JD Bales said his team played with too much complacence Thursday, but believes the Bulldogs will learn from the result.

"We had leads in both games and we got sloppy, we got complacent, we were content with where we were and that's on me," Bales said. "I've got to do a better job of getting them ready and keeping them engaged for 80 minutes. You re-focus, you re-engage and come with a new attitude, a new hunger and you move on."

MHS will next take on El Paso Eastwood — 1-0 winners over Lee Thursday — at 7 p.m. today at Grande.

2018 President's Cup
Thursday's scores
At Grande Communications Stadium
MHS 1, El Paso Jefferson 1
El Paso Pebble Hills 3, Amarillo High 1
El Paso Eastwood 1, Lee 0
Mansfield 3, Midland High 2
At Lee High School Field
El Paso Socorro 3, Odessa High 0
Today's matches
At Grande Communications Stadium
Noon — El Paso Socorro vs. Mansfield
2 p.m. — Amarillo High vs. El Paso Jefferson
5 p.m. — Lee vs. El Paso Pebble Hills
7 p.m. — El Paso Eastwood vs. Midland High
At Lee High School Field
7 p.m. — Odessa High vs. Mansfield
Saturday's matches
At Grande Communications Stadium
9 a.m. — El Paso Pebble Hills vs. Odessa High
11 a.m. — Midland High vs. El Paso Socorro
2 p.m. — El Paso Jefferson vs. Odessa High
At Lee High School Field
9 a.m. — El Paso Eastwood vs. Mansfield
11 a.m. — Amarillo High vs. Lee

CHAPS

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second half.

"We didn't have him in the first half because he picked up two quick fouls but (Fraser) give us a little ruggedness in that regard," Rafferty said. "He's got his limitations but he's growing on me because he tries to compete and plays hard."

Amari Hale and Kayo Goncalves each added 11 for the Chaps.

Keandre Cook led OC with 16 points and LJ Figueroa had 12.

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ODESSA COLLEGE 71, MIDLAND COLLEGE 61

Midland College (5-13, 1-3) — Amari Hale 3-14 5-6 11, Kevin Kangu 3-6 0-0 8, Marquell Fraser 5-8 9-11 19, Jordin van der Korput 3-7 0-0 8, Kayo Goncalves 3-12 1-1 11, Iseri Palacio 0-3 0-0 0, Erkam Kirik 2-3 0-0 4, Michael Hillbrand 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 18-21 61

Odessa College (14-2, 3-0) — Kejuan Johnson 2-7 0-0 6, Jermaine Haley 2-6 5-6 9, Keandre Cook 6-10 2-2 16, LJ Figueroa 4-5 3-4 12, Kelvin Jones 2-4 1-5 5, JJ Simpson 2-4 3-3 8, Braxton Shaw 4-5 0-0 9, Johnathan Maxwell 2-4 1-2 6. Totals 24-45 13-22 71

Halftime: OC 34, MC 20. 3-point goals — MC 5-18 (Kangu 2-3, van der Korput 2-4, Goncalves 1-6, Hale 0-4, Palacio 0-1), OC 6-17 (Johnson 2-4, Cook 2-4, Simpson 1-3, Shaw 1-1, Figueroa 1-1, Maxwell 1-3, Haley 0-1). Total fouls — MC 21, OC 16. Fouled out — van der Korput. Rebounds — MC 21 (Kangu 5), OC 36 (Jones 8). Assists — MC 14 (three with 3), OC 16 (Haley 8). Turnovers — MC 7, OC 19.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p.m. (CST) Monday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Odessa College	3	0	14	2
South Plains	3	1	11	5
Western Texas	2	0	13	2
Clarendon College	3	1	13	5
New Mexico JC	1	1	12	4
Howard College	1	3	13	5
New Mexico Military	1	3	10	7
Midland College	**1**	**3**	**5**	**13**
Frank Phillips	0	3	8	9

Thursday's Games
Odessa College 71, Midland College 61; Clarendon College 93, Howard College 78; New Mexico Junior College 76, Western Texas College 76; New Mexico Military Institute 79, South Plains College 73; Frank Phillips College was open

Monday's Games
Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute; Odessa College at Western Texas College; Frank Phillips College at Howard College; South Plains College at New Mexico Junior College; Clarendon College is open

HS GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

LEE GETS SHUTOUT WIN

SAN MARCOS — The Lee girls soccer team improved to 3-0 in the season after defeating host San Marcos, 3-0, in the San Marcos Tournament on Thursday morning.

Lee coach Mark Hinshaw said the morning start probably contributed to his team getting off to a slow start. But once the Lady Rebels got a goal from Audrey Sokolowski off an assist from Sarah Ramos in the first half, he said the team was "energized."

"In the second half we dominated the possession and our defensive backline was real solid. There were no real threats on us the entire game," Hinshaw said. "It was a solid team effort."

Lee added unassisted goals from Ana Duran and Kallie Watters in the second half.

The Lady Rebels next play Oak Ridge at 8:30 a.m. today and then Laredo Nixon at 3:30 p.m.

MHS ROLLS PAST AMARILLO HIGH

LUBBOCK — Kylie VonHolle scored the game-winning goal and added an assist to help the Midland High girls soccer team race past Amarillo High, 4-0 in regulation in the Lubbock Tournament Thursday.

VonHolle scored unassisted in the 19th minute, before Reagan Rivas tallied one minute later on an assist by Sally Simmons for a 2-0 MHS lead. Assisted by VonHolle, Samantha Hernandez scored in the 41st minute and Alexis Ramos made it 4-0 on a penalty kick in the 72nd minute.

MHS head coach Cooper Barham said he is pleased with his team's defensive effort, as the Lady Bulldogs posted their third shutout of the young season.

"I feel like my defense has really come together in the past two games," Barham said. "They're starting to get organized and develop that chemistry."

MHS resumes tournament play at 9 a.m. today against El Paso Socorro. MHS will then face Lubbock Cooper at 3 p.m.

BOYS

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win seven of their past 12 games.

Leaning on its depth and athleticism, MHS was able to string together wins against Class 4A opponents Lamesa and Big Spring in advance of today's matchup with Tascosa.

MHS third-year head coach Shan Hooker said he likes what he is seeing from his young group, particularly with an ability to respond to losses of late.

"I've seen improvement from the beginning of the season to now," Hooker said.

"We've had some real close losses and we're able to handle that and bounce back. That's what I've seen throughout this season — the resiliency, staying the course with what we're trying to accomplish."

3. Lee in search of a spark

The Rebels, now in their second year under head coach Justin Boswell, carry a five-game losing streak into today's opener at OHS.

Lee, which narrowly missed the playoffs a year ago, has a one of the hottest shooting squads in the district with a glut of athleticism. But success for the Rebels comes down to consistent focus and playing a controlled, intelligent game from start to finish.

Four of Lee's last five losses have come by seven points or less, including an 85-78 home defeat to San Angelo Lake View (4-16) on Tuesday.

Boswell said his players need to find a way to re-focus and keep playing hard.

"It's the only thing that you can do," Boswell said. "You've just got to emphasize the positive things and clean up the things we didn't do well."

4. OHS' stellar guard play, balance

After finishing last in the district a year ago with a 1-9 mark, OHS seems primed for a turnaround.

The Bronchos will trot out arguably the district's top backcourt, led by reigning Offensive Player of the Year and senior guard, Isaac Hernandez. He is joined by junior guard Kaleb Murry, also a capable scorer and creator.

In the post, 6-foot-6 senior posts Cole Bordner and Memo Anaya can wreak havoc with their length. On the wing, senior guard/forward Miguel Fonseca is one of the district's top marksmen.

5. Frenship, Tascosa could pose challenges

Both the Tigers and the Rebels graduated key pieces from last year's playoff teams, with Tascosa losing district MVP Shehada Wells and Frenship losing first team-all district guard Bradley Brooks and a pair of second-team starters.

But neither team has seemed to miss a beat this year.

Senior guard J'Sean Miller has helped lead Tascosa to five wins in its last six games, while Frenship 6-foot-6 senior post Jack Kirkpatrick is a returning second-team all-district selection and one of the circuit's most skilled bigs.

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District 2-6A Boys Basketball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Odessa Permian	0	0	17	4
Odessa High	0	0	13	4
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	14	7
Wolfforth Frenship	0	0	12	11
MHS	**0**	**0**	**9**	**12**
Lee	**0**	**0**	**7**	**15**

Today's games
Lee at Odessa High; Amarillo Tascosa at MHS; Odessa Permian at Wolfforth Frenship. All games at 7:30 p.m.

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a frustrated MC coach Ron Jones. "We can't miss layups and give them 22 points off turnovers. It's frustrating because they're good kids, they work hard, they want it, but they don't have enough attitude to go get it done. We've got to get that corrected."

Baten said a key for his team is the way its defense did not let MC's guards hit shots from outside.

"I think Midland is really good inside but I think they're underrated in how well they shoot the ball from the perimeter. I thought we did a good job of guarding the 3-point line," Baten said.

OC (13-4, 1-1) shot only slightly better as the Lady Wranglers were 37 percent from the floor, but a chilly 1 of 17 from 3.

"Outside for a few lazy possessions, I was not unhappy with our defense," Jones said. "I thought our defense was OK. But there are a lot of aspects to a game. They beat us to a lot of loose balls. There were a lot of 50-50 balls and I would guess that Odessa got to 90 percent of them."

The key for the Lady Wranglers is they jumped out to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter and out-scored MC 16-12 in the third quarter to get a little more separation.

OC had as much as a 41-26 lead early in the fourth quarter before MC finally started to hit some shots.

Unfortunately for the Lady Chaps, the closest they could get was six points.

Ella Tofaeono led MC with 14 points, while Paige Robinson added 10.

Tanaka Gapare led OC with 14 points.

MC will have the next week off before returning to action on Jan. 22 at Western Texas College.

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ODESSA COLLEGE 49, MIDLAND COLLEGE 43

Midland College (9-8, 2-2) – Bethany Theodore 0-3 0-0 0, Bianca Thacker 0-6 0-0 0, Paige Robinson 4-6 2-2 10, Mateagina Finwall 3-4 0-0 7, Lowandie Laporat 1-6 0-0 2, Ella Tofaeono 6-13 2-2 14, Alexandrea Washington 2-6 1-2 6, Ogechi Nwibdo 1-6 2-6 4, Alyssa Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Wiebke Schwartau 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-52 7-12 43

Odessa College (13-4, 1-1) – Danyeel Goodhope 3-8 0-0 6, Tanaka Gapare 7-15 0-0 14, Amanda Bodenpfeil 3-5 0-0 4, Chinna Fair 3-6 1-4 7, Laticia Soares 1-6 1-2 3, Kassie Ybarra 0-5 0-4 0, Aliyah Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Camaryn Wilson 1-4 0-2 2, Sydni Tears 1-3 0-0 2, Wytalia Motta 2-5 0-0 4, Shannon Dozier 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 23-62 2-12 49

Midland College	5	14	12	17—43
Odessa College	12	7	16	14—49

3-point goals – MC 2-10 (Finwall 1-1, Washington 1-4, Theodore 0-2, Thacker 0-3), OC 1-17 (Dozier 1-3, Goodhope 0-2, Bodenpfeil 0-2, Fair 0-2, Soares 0-1, Ybarra 0-3, Wilson 0-1, Tears 0-1, Motta 0-2). Total fouls – MC 13, OC 12. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – MC 49 (Finwall 9), OC 37 (Gapare 10). Assists – MC 12 (Theodore 5), OC 16 (Motta 6). Turnovers – MC 23, OC 13.

Next: Midland College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m., Jan. 22; Odessa College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Frank Phillips	3	0	13	1
New Mexico JC	2	0	18	0
Western Texas	2	1	10	6
Midland College	**2**	**2**	**9**	**8**
Odessa College	1	1	13	4
Clarendon College	1	2	17	2
Howard College	1	3	11	9
South Plains	0	3	13	6

Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 49, Midland College 43; Clarendon College 77, Howard College 58; New Mexico Junior College 86, Western Texas College 53; Frank Phillips College and South Plains College were open

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

Kirk takes lead, Spieth takes late tumble at Sony Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Chris Kirk finished strong at the Sony Open, making three birdies over his last four holes for a 7-under 63 and a one-shot lead.

Jordan Spieth wasn't quite so fortunate.

Spieth hit four trees with four shots on the par-4 eighth hole — his 17th of the round — an episode that began with his tee shot caroming off a trunk and into a ditch. He wound up with a quadruple-bogey 8, and even a pitch from the rough short of the ninth green that stopped inches away for birdie wasn't enough to appease him.

He made eight birdies and shot 69.

That was even more surprising than Thursday a year ago, when he had a 65 and was six shots behind Justin Thomas, who shot 59 in the same group.

Spieth declined media requests after he signed his card, instead taking 15 minutes to sign autographs.

Kirk played bogey-free on a gorgeous day along the shores just up the road from Waikiki Beach and had a one-shot lead over Vaughn Taylor, Kyle Stanley and Talor Gooch among the early starters at Waialae Country Club.

Thomas, the defending champion who broke the PGA Tour's scoring record last year, played in the afternoon.

Kirk had only one top 10 last year — his final even of the year in the RSM Classic at Sea Island — and nearly two months off didn't appear to half any momentum. He might have been rusty, but not when it comes to island life.

Because of the chilly weather in the South, Kirk brought his family out to Oahu a week ago Monday. He practiced a little in the morning at Ko Olina and hung out with his wife and children in the afternoon. He realized how little golf he had played during the short offseason when he reached into his bag and found golf balls that he had marked for the final round at Sea Island.

"I've probably been off long enough now that you never know what's going to happen," he said. "I really had no expectations whether I was going to play good or bad after having some time off. But this is a golf course that I've traditionally done pretty well on, and a place that I really love. So you always feel like it's possible."

He hit wedge to about 3 feet on the 15th and 16th, and that final birdie on the par-5 18th was a two-putt from 10 feet.

Spieth played well enough to be right there with Kirk except for a couple of long three-putt bogeys.

And one tee shot that led to plenty of calamity.

His drive on No. 8 was not terribly offline, and the trees to the left are a common spot. This one hit the trunk of a tree and tumbled down a wide (and dry) ditch about 8 feet below the fairway. He studied his options. He found none.

He could have dropped it with a penalty stroke, but there was nowhere to go. His plan was to hit out of the sandy base of the ditch toward the trees closer to the fairway. If it hit the trees and dropped out, he would have been closer than the drop and at least had an opening to the putting surface.

It hit one of the smaller branches and came back toward him, about a yard short of go back down into the ditch. For his third shot, he had a gap toward the front of the green (the pin was back left), but out of a fluffly lie, the ball came out high and hit more trees, bouncing left and settle near another tree.

Next, he had to go under the tree in front of him and over a tree guarding the green. He only got the first part right.

At his point, he was lying 4 and was only a few yards away from the second tee, waiting for another group to tee off. His only choice there was to dump it into the bunker, where the sand was thin. He hit that out to 30 feet and two putts later had a snowman (8).

In Hawaii, of all places.

Marco Garcia/Associated Press

Jordan Spieth drives off the seventh tee during the first round of the Sony Open golf tournament Thursday in Honolulu.

Brady bullish in focus on Titans after drama-filled week

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Maybe the Tennessee Titans are coming up for Tom Brady and the New England Patriots at the perfect time.

After a drama-filled week , the quarterback says his focus remains solely on football as his team prepares to host the Titans in Saturday's divisional round.

During Brady's tenure the Patriots are 6-1 against the Titans. He has 13 passing touchdowns and one interception in those games — his best touchdown to interception ratio against any opponent in his career.

He also is 6-0 against Mike Mularkey-coached teams.

But that hasn't changed the approach for Brady, who is preparing for his 35th playoff start in the aftermath of recent reports suggesting discord between himself, coach Bill Belichick and team owner Robert Kraft.

In a joint statement last week, all three men brushed aside any insinuation of strife at the top of one of the NFL's jewel franchises. Brady reiterated on Thursday that his mind remains on the field.

"We do what we always do. We show up to work and try to do the best we can do," he said. "We know there's a lot at stake and I think everyone's put a lot into it. It doesn't really matter what happened outside of this facility."

Patriots receiver Danny Amendola hasn't noticed any change in Brady.

"He's the ultimate professional and he (makes) his teammates better and he demands a lot," Amendola said. "We all want to win for him, and we all want to play hard for him."

Tennessee recognizes the challenge it faces against Brady. It opened the week as a 13-point underdog, and prior to last week hadn't won a playoff game since the 2003 season.

That doesn't mean the Titans fear the Patriots.

"It's a playoff game, so it's not like it's the preseason where I can go out there, 'Oh, it's Brady,' and I'm chillin,'" Tennessee All-Pro safety Kevin Byard said. "This is a playoff game. So I don't really care if it was Joe Montana. You know what I'm saying? I'm trying to go out there and win the game. I want to make him look like (Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback) Blake Bortles if I can to try to catch a couple picks.

"Tom Brady is a great quarterback, but it's a playoff game. I'm not really looking at it like that."

The contrast in quarterbacks will be stark.

At age 40, Brady is the oldest remaining quarterback in the playoffs. The Titans have the youngest in 24-year-old Marcus Mariota. The 16-year age gap between them is the largest between starting quarterbacks in a playoff game in NFL history.

Since 2001, quarterbacks making their first or second career playoff start are 0-7 against New England.

"I think it just comes down to how well you play," Brady said. "At the end of the day, it's not about old guys are going to win or young guys are going to win, the home team, the road team. It's really going to come down to execution. No one's going to be able to do it for you."

Keith Srakocic/Associated Press

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) plays against the Pittsburgh Steelers, in an NFL game Dec. 17, 2017, in Pittsburgh. If Brady's history against Tennessee is any indication, New England's prospects of making it back to the AFC title game look promising. Brady is 6-0 in his career against Mike Mularkey-coached teams. Including the playoffs, he's 6-1 against the Titans with 13 passing touchdowns and just one interception in those games. It is his best touchdown to interception ratio against any opponent in his career.

Jaguars' Ramsey relishes All-Pro matchup vs Steelers' Brown

By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Blake Bortles remembers the first time Jalen Ramsey got under his skin.

Bortles was trying to get through a two-minute drill during the 2016 season. It was a weekly walkthrough routine in which players were supposed to go half-speed while practicing plays. Normally, there's no contact and every pass is complete.

At least that had been the case until Ramsey arrived.

Bortles threw several passes in Ramsey's direction. The rookie intercepted or knocked down each one.

It happened week after week until Bortles finally stopped throwing Ramsey's way.

"It was so annoying," Bortles recalled Thursday.

It also set the tone for Ramsey's career. The trash-talking cornerback has a flair for frustrating quarterbacks and receivers and the ability to essentially shut down one side of the field. After 33 games, Ramsey's already considered among the best players in franchise history — a 23-year-old rising star who openly aspires to be as good as Hall of Famer Deion Sanders and often looks the part.

"The best I've ever seen in person," Bortles said. "He's freakish."

Ramsey is a major piece of Jacksonville's defensive turnaround, and he'll take center stage Sunday when the Jaguars (11-6) play in the divisional round of the AFC playoffs at Pittsburgh (13-3).

Ramsey will shadow Antonio Brown , widely considered the best receiver in the NFL.

All-Pro vs. All-Pro, undoubtedly the most intriguing matchup of the postseason game.

"It's not many receivers I'm going to come in here in front of y'all and say they're one of the best in the league," Ramsey said. "He is, though. That's the truth about him."

Brown caught 10 passes for 157 yards in the first meeting against Jacksonville, which won 30-9 in early October. Ben Roethlisberger targeted Brown a staggering 19 times, with three of those ending up as interceptions.

"He's an elite player," Ramsey said. "Highly regarded by everybody, honestly, around the nation or maybe internationally. So, yeah, it's going to be a challenge. We're going to have to be on our Ps and Qs and try to execute the game plan as best we can."

Roethlisberger's resurgence faces stiff test against Jaguars

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The words that threatened to define Ben Roethlisberger's season were uttered almost as an afterthought and with more than a hint of frustrated sarcasm.

It just didn't read that way as it made the rounds on social media, or sound that way during a three-second sound bite played endlessly on a loop.

"Maybe I don't have it anymore," the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback said in a somber locker room three months ago after throwing five interceptions in a 30-9 loss to Jacksonville .

Roethlisberger didn't mean it. Call it a visceral reaction to having two of his 55 passes returned the other way for game-deciding touchdowns. Three days later the 35-year-old was back to calling himself one of the "best in the world." It wasn't just idle talk. He followed it up by spending the better part of the next 10 weeks playing like it.

The quarterback who will stride onto the field Sunday for a rematch against the Jaguars in the divisional round of the playoffs has his swagger back. Wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey jokingly gave credit to the beard Roethlisberger began growing in the aftermath of one of the most forgettable performances of his career. Of course, that's not the reality. The guys who surround Roethlisberger in the huddle know the swagger never really left.

"Ben is the most talented guy I've ever been around," Heyward-Bey said. "I'm not talking quarterback. I'm talking about talent. He can do a lot of different things. He believes in his ability and he's going to show people on Sunday that he believes in himself."

The player who openly pondered retirement last spring, the one who quarterbacks coach Randy Fichtner said in November will occasionally uncork a flutter ball while looking very much his age, heads to his 21st career playoff game at the height of his powers. Roethlisberger is averaging 298 yards passing since that forgettable three hours against the NFL's top defense.

Roethlisberger's thrown multiple touchdown passes in seven straight games and the Steelers ended the season with a 9-1 sprint, the lone setback a loss to New England on Dec. 17 in which his only mistake came on a poorly executed fake spike that resulted in a game-ending pick.

What's working? Nearly everything.

Having two of the top skill position players in the league in wide receiver Antonio Brown and running back Le'Veon Bell helps. So does the continued evolution of rookie JuJu Smith-Schuster and Martavis Bryant's immersion into the offense following an ill-advised trade demand.

Yet Pittsburgh's offense will only go as far over the next month as Roethlisberger can take it. Though he downplayed looking for payback after the Jaguars shut him down in ways that few teams have in recent years, not everyone is buying it.

"I'm sure just as any competitor would, when you go and have a bad outing or a difficult, tough outing against a team, you want that revenge," Jacksonville quarterback Blake Bortles said. "You want to go prove that it was a fluke or whatever it might be. I'm sure that's probably what he's thinking."

Not that Roethlisberger would admit it even if he is. Never one to go into great detail about how he goes about his job, Roethlisberger insists he's focused simply on playing well. The fact it's against the Jaguars is coincidental. There is no looking ahead to a potential shot at New England in the AFC title game, or a third Super Bowl that would provide an exclamation point on a potential Hall of Fame career.

"I am not worried about what's going on up there (with the Patriots)," Roethlisberger said. "All I can think about and worry about is this defense that we are playing."

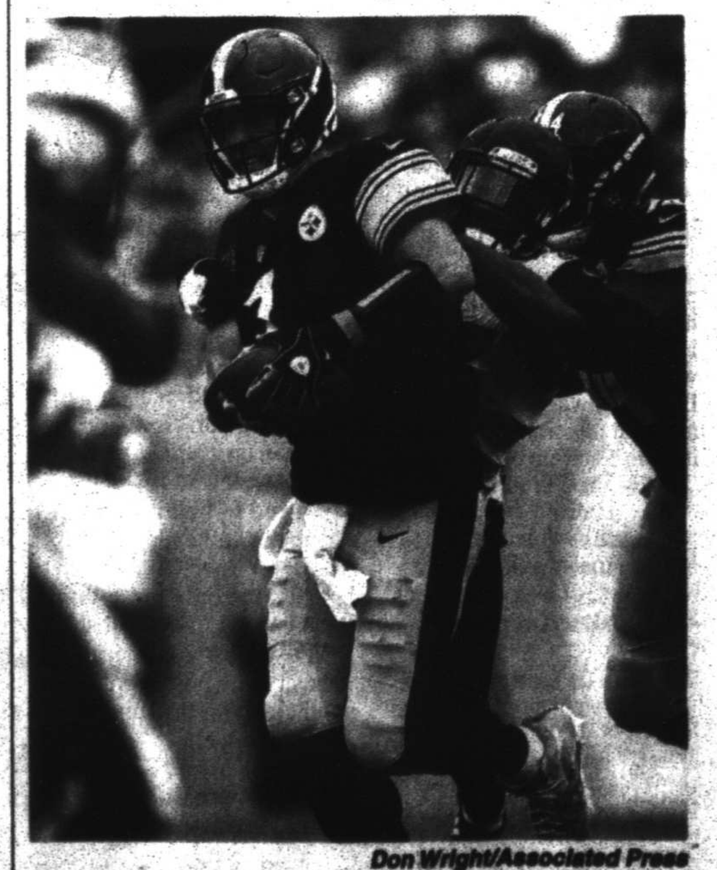
A defense that will likely need to find a way to replicate its October dominance to extend its season. The Steelers have been forced to revisit the loss this week, one that put their journey from that moment to this one in perspective.

"That game for our entire group was kind of a watershed moment," offensive coordinator Todd Haley said Thursday. "We stayed together, but there was a lot of pressure from the outside. A lot of outside factors that could have been divisive in some way for our group, but I take my hat off to the guys. They stuck together. They pulled together tighter. We knew that wasn't our best football and we knew it probably really wasn't as bad as it appeared."

Or, as Roethlisberger can attest, as bad as it sounded afterward. The sound bite was just that, a bite, one that in a way played a role in his resurgence. One that ended with his sixth Pro Bowl selection and a very real shot to become the fourth quarterback in NFL history with three Super Bowl titles.

"He's confident in his ability and he's confident in his receivers," Heyward-Bey said. "He knows that we're going to go out there and try and make plays for him. That's what a quarterback needs. He has to have confidence in his guys."

Roethlisberger's confidence in himself was never an issue.



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Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Dante Fowler (56) sacks Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) in an NFL game on Oct. 8, 2017, in Pittsburgh. Three months later, Roethlisberger doesn't want to talk about that five-interception meltdown against Jacksonville, a shot at redemption awaits Sunday in the playoffs.

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TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:15) ★ The Good E...		★★★ Man in the Wilderness				★★ Inferno Robert Ryan.			(:45) ★ Robinson Crusoe		
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TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Untold Stories of the E.R. "I Hate Doctors"		Untold Stories "Rear Ended"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!" (N)		Untold Stories "Perfect Storm" (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Perfect Storm"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" 4/4		★★ The Expendables 3 The Expendables' co-founder, a cold-blooded arms dealer, returns to destroy the team.							(:45) ★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Sylvester Stallone. A group of mercenaries travel to South America to overthrow a dictator.		
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "The Kiss"	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Single mom puts real effort into socializing with couples

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: I have an answer for a question from "Excluded in the East" you printed on Sept. 24: "Why do married couples exclude single people?"

As a single mother with three children for 15 years, I made the conscious decision to conduct myself as I always had when I was part of a couple. I hosted backyard parties and holiday dinners and invited my married friends. I initiated invitations for dinner and a movie.

At restaurants, I made sure to pick up my own tab. If a couple insisted on paying for my meal, I insisted on paying the tip and was prepared with cash. Why? Because I was mindful that some men felt uncomfortable about taking money from a single woman.

If I wanted company for the evening, I drove to their house. Sometimes I volunteered to be the designated safe driver. Most important, I never complained about my ex or vented about the difficulties of coping as a single mom.

Needless to say, there was no flirting or inappropriate comments. I also avoided lengthy side conversations with one spouse. In short, I worked hard to make sure my married friends enjoyed my company as much as I enjoyed theirs, and it worked! — LAURA IN NEW YORK

DEAR LAURA: I'm glad it worked for you. After I asked for readers' input on the topic, I received many interesting responses. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: I suspect that married couples are afraid divorce is contagious. It could have something to do with the fact that some married people are no longer happily married and they fear if they include a divorcee, it might trigger a divorce. — HAPPILY UNCOUPLED IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 10 years. A lot of couples exclude singles because they don't want them to feel like third wheels. I remember when I was single feeling that way in some groups, and it was depressing. Marrieds also have a different mindset than singles, which can lead to awkwardness. It can work, but it has to be the right group. — MARRIED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ABBY: We're a gay male married couple. We have many friends — singles and couples, gay and straight — with whom we socialize, usually at restaurants. We often dine with single friends one at a time, because splitting the tab is simply a matter of two credit cards. If we're with another couple, that's two credit cards. Three couples, it's three cards, etc. But with five or seven people at the table, paying for the meal turns into an exercise in high finance. — KEEPING IT SIMPLE IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 60s and still single. I actually PREFER to be left out of invitations to eat in restaurants, go on trips, etc. with my many coupled friends. It makes me somewhat depressed to be with those who have found their mates. "Excluded's" friends may be sensitive about this, too. I'm very comfortable at home with my menagerie, and I often invite people over — married couples included. — DOG LADY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR ABBY: Couples who tend to exclude their single friends, for whatever reason, need to remember that one day they, too, may be single and overlooked. My dear mom was left out a lot after her divorce, and I remember how sad it made her feel. — ANDREA IN DENVER

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

A sure thing?

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 6 3
♡ A J 8 5 2
◇ J 2
♣ A K 9 8

WEST
♠ 8 5 2
♡ Q 10
◇ A 10 9 8 7 6
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ A 10 9 7
♡ 9 7 4
◇ 5
♣ Q 10 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 4
♡ K 6 3
◇ K Q 4 3
♣ J 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2◇*	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

The final contract looks like a cinch. Indeed, declarer might take 11 tricks if the defense fails to find the diamond ruff. What could possibly go wrong?

Today's deal is from a youth match some years ago between teams from Australia and China-Hong Kong. The Australian declarer won the opening club lead in dummy and led a heart to his king. West, L. H. Chin, followed smoothly with the queen! Declarer was convinced that this was a singleton. He could have succeeded against a 4-1 trump split by leading spades twice toward his hand, but he was worried that spades and diamonds were both splitting poorly. The opening lead made it seem that West was short in clubs, and a singleton heart as well bode poorly for the splits in the other suits.

South decided to try for two club ruffs in his hand instead. He led a club to dummy's king and ruffed a club in his hand. West over-ruffed with the 10 and accurately led the ace and another diamond. East ruffed this and cashed the ace of spades for down one. South had a sorry tale to tell his teammates at the score-up.

Looking at the ace-jack of hearts sitting over him in dummy, West's play of the queen could hardly ever cost. He couldn't be sure it would gain anything, but why not give it a try? West was rewarded with a wonderful result here.

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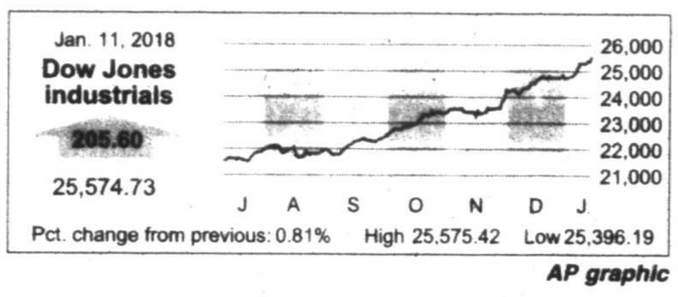
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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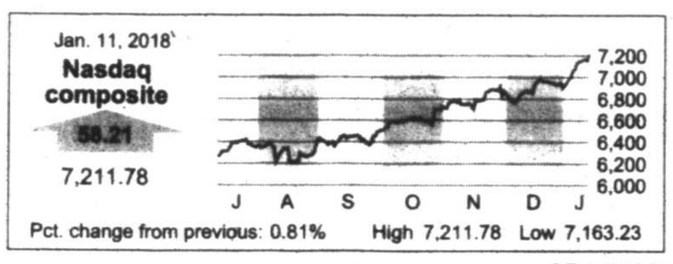

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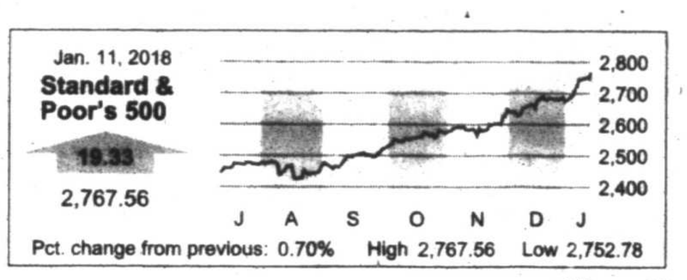

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday: $63.80
Previous: $63.57

POSTED

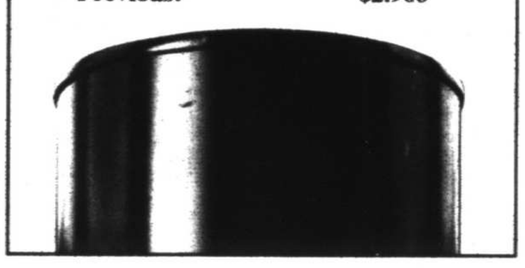
Thursday: $60.25
Previous: $60.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $57.90
Previous: $57.65

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $3.084
Previous: $2.906



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	937540	19.02	+.09
RiteAid	635014	2.34	+.20
BkofAm	578676	30.66	+.11
ChesEng	550360	4.19	+.19
S&P500ETF	547410	276.12	+2.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CmtyHlt	4.97	+.95	+23.6
RyersonH	12.00	+1.85	+18.2
PitnyBw	13.36	+1.73	+14.9
KB Home	38.58	+4.23	+12.3
CypressEn	7.40	+.75	+11.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodak	8.40	-2.30	-21.5
DnrRBkBr rs	25.97	-2.27	-8.0
YuMe	4.44	-.36	-7.5
Orchidsl	8.04	-.65	-7.5
DBCmdDL	3.25	-.25	-7.1

Diary

Advanced	2,268
Declined	668
Unchanged	98
Total issues	3,034
New Highs	299
New Lows	40
Volume	3,509,973,791

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DigitalPwr	70518	2.81	+.11
B2gold g	63623	2.94	-.04
BarcGSOil	50019	7.05	+.03
NwGold g	43580	3.23	+.05
NthnO&G	41555	2.89	+.36

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ShrsEn wt	6.15	+1.01	+19.6
RegHlt pfA	7.83	+1.24	+18.8
NthnO&G	2.89	+.36	+14.2
Cel-Sci rs	2.21	+.22	+11.1
AstenasBio	2.55	+.25	+10.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cohen n	9.21	-.70	-7.1
DocuSec rs	2.14	-.13	-5.7
Electmed	5.57	-.32	-5.4
Skyline	20.44	-.94	-4.4
FTE Net n	15.81	-.69	-4.2

Diary

Advanced	241
Declined	107
Unchanged	21
Total issues	369
New Highs	20
New Lows	2
Volume	144,650,888

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	370180	42.82	-.49
Comcast s	363624	42.60	+1.51
Intel	296752	43.41	+.91
Novavax	286139	1.98	-.14
SirusXM	245011	5.50	-.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaNt rs	6.38	+1.35	+26.8
ProteonTh	2.40	+.50	+26.3
NewAgeB n	3.17	+.62	+24.1
US Gld rs	2.84	+.51	+21.9
ChckPnt n	3.98	+.70	+21.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SmLEDS rs	4.81	-1.74	-26.6
NatlHld rs	3.90	-1.40	-26.4
AmerHld n	4.90	-.98	-16.7
AquaB Tc n	4.86	-.76	-13.5
HelMAn h	8.06	-1.11	-12.1

Diary

Advanced	2,235
Declined	719
Unchanged	157
Total issues	3,111
New Highs	303
New Lows	22
Volume	1,884,008,648

Wal-Mart closes multiple Sam's Club locations on the same day it hiked wages

Bloomberg

It's a bittersweet day for employees at Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

On the same day the company boosted its starting pay to $11 an hour, it said it was closing a series of Sam's Club warehouse locations. The move came after a review of the chain, reflecting that cost cutting will remain a key focus for the world's biggest retailer — even as it gives workers a raise.

"After a thorough review of our existing portfolio, we've decided to close a series of clubs and better align our locations with our strategy," Sam's Club said in a Twitter post, adding that it's working with impacted employees.

The Business Insider website reported that Sam's was closing 63 locations, citing an unnamed company official. A Sam's Club spokeswoman didn't respond to several calls and emails requesting details on the closures, which spanned from Seattle to Atlanta, according to local news reports and state WARN notices about displaced workers.

In Texas, a trio of Houston stores and one San Antonio were slated to close, according to Business Insider.

Founded in 1983, the chain had 660 locations as of October and employs about 100,000 in the U.S., according to its website. It accounts for about 13 percent of the company's total revenue.

Shares of rival Costco Wholesale Corp., whose locations tend to be in more affluent areas along the coasts, rose about 2 percent on the news.

Earlier Thursday, Wal-Mart announced boosting its starting hourly wage to $11 and delivering bonuses to employees, capitalizing on the U.S. tax overhaul to stay competitive in a tightening labor market.

The increase takes effect next month and will cost $300 million on top of annual wage hikes that were already planned, the world's largest retailer said Thursday. The one-time bonus of up to $1,000 is based on seniority and will amount to an additional $400 million. The company is also expanding its maternity and parental leave policy and adding an adoption benefit.

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest private employer, has fought in recent years to improve its image in the U.S., as it weathered criticism over its treatment of employees.

With the wage increase and bonus payment, the company seeks to even its pay gap with resurgent rival Target Corp., while simultaneously sending a high-profile thank you to the U.S. government for slashing the corporate tax rate.

"Tax reform gives us the opportunity to be more competitive globally and to accelerate plans for the U.S.," Chief Executive Officer Doug McMillon said in the statement.

The move comes three years after Wal-Mart last announced it was raising wages, spending $1 billion in 2015 to lift starting hourly pay to $9 and then to $10 the following year — for workers who complete a 90-day training course. The increase cut into profit and was criticized by some longer-tenured employees as unfair to them. Since then, many states have enacted minimum wage laws, meaning that a "sizable group" of its 4,700 U.S. stores already pay $11 an hour, according to spokesman Kory Lundberg.

"We think this is a prudent use of tax reform proceeds as it reinforces the company's commitment to improving in-store service levels and will pressure other retailers to invest more heavily into wages and prices," Ben Bienvenu, an analyst at Stephens, said in a note.

Investors didn't have a strong reaction to the pay hike. The shares werelittled changed on Thursday, trading at $99.65. The stock advanced 43 percent in 2017.

The nation's unemployment rate has also plummeted to 4.1 percent from 5.7 percent since Wal-Mart's first announcement of higher wages in 2015, creating a battle to recruit and retain cashiers and shelf stockers.

Even with the wage bump, many workers will struggle if they're the sole breadwinner. A rate of $11 an hour translates to $22,000 a year for a typical 40-hour week, without paid vacation time. The federal poverty level for a family of four is about $24,600, according to the Census Bureau.

The wage hike follows Target's October decision to increase its minimum hourly wage to $11, which it will further boost to $15 by the end of 2020. Costco Wholesale Corp. and other retail chains like TJ Cos. have also raised wages in recent years.

The moves by Wal-Mart and others could help move the needle on stubbornly stagnant wage growth during the current economic expansion — if an increasing number of companies follow with their own pay hikes. Average hourly earnings for production and non-supervisory workers were up 2.3 percent in December from a year earlier, according to Labor Department figures. In the previous economic uptick, wage growth peaked in December 2006 at 4.2 percent on a year-over-year basis.

Wal-Mart's decision makes it the latest corporate titan to plow expected tax savings into employee payouts. Boeing, AT&T and Wells Fargo have all made similar announcements in recent weeks. Wal-Mart said it's "early in the process of assessing potential additional investments" it could make.

Wal-Mart also is coming off a resurgence in same-store sales in recent years, giving it more of a cushion to boost pay. Last quarter, the Bentonville, Arkansas-based company posted its strongest U.S. sales gain in more than eight years.

The one-time bonuses will range from $200 to $1,000, depending on how long workers have been with Wal-Mart. The idea is to reward employees who won't benefit from the new starting wage.

The company also will provide full-time hourly workers with 10 weeks of paid maternity leave and six weeks of paternal leave. Parents who adopt kids will get the same benefit, along with $5,000 to help cover the costs.

US stocks brush off year's first wobble, return to records

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks brushed aside their first wobble of the year and got back to setting records on Thursday. Energy stocks led the way after the price of oil touched its highest level since 2014.

The gains for indexes marked a return to calm, after a whiff of nervousness wafted through markets a day earlier as interest rates rose. After rates held steady on Thursday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index marked its seventh gain in the last eight days.

The S&P 500 rose 19.33 points, or 0.7 percent, to a record 2,767.56. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 205.60 points, or 0.8 percent, to 25,574.73, the Nasdaq composite gained 58.21 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,211.78 and the Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks surged 26.99 points, or 1.7 percent, to 1,586.79.

Optimism about a strengthening global economy and growing corporate profits have helped propel markets even though stocks have become more expensive than they've historically been relative to earnings.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold gained $3.20 to settle at $1,322.50 per ounce, silver lost 7 cents to $16.97 per ounce and copper rose 2 cents to $3.23 per pound.

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Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $157.86 Up 3.35

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Closing Price $5.98 Up 0.36

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $129.90 Up 2.61

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.05 Up 0.16

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.56 Up 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.65 Up 0.70

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $21.55 Up 1.55

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.02 Up 1.28

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.31 Up 0.81

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.54 Up 0.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	18	6.43	-.01	+13.6
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	36.48	-.13	-6.2
Abraxas	**...**	**66**	**2.62**	**+.09**	**+6.5**
AdaDvsEq	**1.32e**	**...**	**15.57**	**+.10**	**+3.6**
AMD	...	...	12.14	+.18	+18.1
AkersBios	...	...	.18	+.01	+34.3
Alibaba	...	53	188.75	-1.04	+9.5
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.63	+.16	+7.8
Ambev	.05e	7	6.77	+.16	+4.6
AmAirlines	.40	9	56.42	+2.64	+8.4
Amgen	**5.28e**	**16**	**181.96**	**-.90**	**+4.6**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**58.50**	**+3.09**	**+9.1**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**46.00**	**+2.01**	**+9.0**
Apple Inc	2.52	21	175.28	+.99	+3.6
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**53.20**	**-.10**	**+4.1**
Archrock	.48	...	10.45	+.45	-.5
ATMOS	**1.80**	**23**	**80.00**	**-.80**	**-6.9**
AutoData	2.52f	31	117.18	-.47	...
BP PLC	**2.38**	**31**	**43.27**	**+.37**	**+3.0**
BkofAm	.48	18	30.66	+.11	+3.9
B iPvST rs	...	...	25.84	-.15	-7.4
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.32	-.16	+.4
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**2530990.03**	**+1600.00**	**+4.1**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**16**	**54.99**	**-.13**	**-8.5**
BlackBerry	...	16	13.45	-.22	+20.4
BritySq	**1.60f**	**22**	**62.47**	**+.46**	**+1.9**
BrownFA s	**.79**	**39**	**65.82**	**-1.44**	**-2.1**
BrownFB s	**.79**	**...**	**66.61**	**-1.28**	**-3.0**
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.02	+1.58	+9.0
CaesarsEnt	...	...	13.15	+.15	+4.0
CallonPet	**...**	**40**	**12.82**	**+.21**	**+5.5**
Caterpillar	3.12	44	169.20	+3.33	+7.4
Celestic g	...	8	11.03	+.05	+5.2
Cemex	.29t	...	7.94	+.19	+5.9
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.47	-.01	+4.7
ChesEng	...	7	4.19	+.19	+5.8
Chevron	**4.32**	**87**	**132.57**	**+3.91**	**+6.9**
Chicos	.33	13	9.26	+.47	+5.0
ChinaNt rs	**...**	**...**	**6.38**	**+1.35**	**+485.3**
Cimarex	**.32**	**34**	**127.65**	**+2.10**	**+4.6**
Cisco	1.16	21	40.10	+.19	+4.7
Citigroup	1.28	15	75.56	-.09	+1.5
ClevCliffs	**...**	**7**	**8.81**	**+.76**	**+22.2**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**46.04**	**-.03**	**+.3**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**74.55**	**-.27**	**-1.2**
Comcast s	.63	21	42.60	+1.51	+6.8
CmtyHlt	...	...	4.97	+.95	+16.7
ConAgra	**.85**	**20**	**36.76**	**-.07**	**-2.4**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**157.86**	**+3.35**	**+5.1**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**47**	**59.18**	**+1.53**	**+7.8**
CrackerB	4.80	31	174.79	+1.95	+10.0
CrosTim	**.93e**	**15**	**15.51**	**+.09**	**+5.6**
DCP Mid	3.12	59	41.56	+2.16	+14.4
DTE	3.30	20	103.93	-.71	-5.1
DeltaAir	1.22	12	58.52	+2.66	+4.5
DevonE	**.24**	**62**	**43.07**	**+.89**	**+4.0**
DrSCBear rs	...	...	11.12	-.61	-9.4
Disney	**1.68f**	**19**	**110.99**	**+1.52**	**+3.2**
eBay s	...	6	37.81	+.11	+.2
EOG Resc	**.67**	**...**	**115.14**	**+3.13**	**+8.7**
EKodak	...	14	8.40	-2.30	+171.0
EnCana g	.06	25	14.04	+.24	+5.3
Energen	.06	...	58.19	+.91	+1.1
EnPro	**.88**	**52**	**92.73**	**+.98**	**-.8**
ENSCO	.04	...	7.36	+.24	+24.5
EntProdPt	1.69f	23	28.61	+.26	+7.9
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.89	+.10	+3.1
ExxonMbl	**3.06**	**34**	**86.93**	**+.85**	**+3.9**
FiatChrys	...	...	23.42	+1.57	+31.3
FordM	.60a	12	13.16	+.13	+5.4
FrptMcM	...	...	19.88	+.37	+4.9
GATX	**1.68**	**14**	**65.06**	**+2.00**	**+4.7**
GabBiutT	**.94e**	**...**	**9.36**	**+.05**	**+1.7**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**35.31**	**+.14**	**+2.6**
GenElec	**.48**	**16**	**19.02**	**+.09**	**+9.8**
GenMotors	1.52	7	44.19	+1.19	+7.8
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.63	+.36	+24.5
GlPalmEn	**1.10**	**18**	**30.72**	**+.03**	**-4.7**
Groupon	...	...	5.25	+.16	+2.9
Halliblrtn	.72	...	53.33	+.86	+9.1
iShBrazil	.67e	...	43.10	+.79	+6.6
iShEMkts	.59e	...	49.04	+.30	+4.1
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	124.31	+.51	-2.0
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	72.77	+.50	+3.5
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	87.73	+.29	+.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	157.50	+2.66	+3.3
Infosys	.40e	18	17.27	+.28	+6.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InspMD rs	...	...	.17	-.03	+34.4
Intel	**1.09**	**19**	**43.41**	**+.91**	**-6.0**
InterDig	1.40	11	80.90	+1.40	+6.2
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	14.14	+.42	+8.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	17	110.82	+.57	+3.6
JohnJn	**3.36**	**21**	**144.79**	**+.82**	**+3.6**
KB Home	.10	21	38.58	+4.23	+20.8
KimbClk	**3.86**	**18**	**112.70**	**-2.26**	**-6.6**
KindMorg	.50	36	19.20	+.32	+6.3
Kinross g	...	...	4.16	+.03	-3.7
LegacyRes	...	...	2.05	+.16	+27.3
Lulys	**...**	**...**	**2.76**	**...**	**+4.5**
MaraPhrN	.20	...	1.98	-.14	+59.7
McDnlds	4.04f	30	173.39	-.12	+.7
Merck	1.92f	15	57.60	+.30	+2.4
MerMMed	**...**	**52**	**44.45**	**+.35**	**+2.9**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.56	+.24	+16.0
MicronT	...	9	42.82	-.49	+4.1
Microsoft	1.68	31	88.08	+.26	+3.0
MoneyGrm	...	15	12.18	+.06	-7.6
Nabors	.24	...	8.02	+.44	+17.4
NOVMaco	.20	...	38.84	+.91	+7.8
NobleCorp	.08	8	5.82	+.30	+24.3
Novavax	...	...	1.98	-.14	+59.7
NSTFR	**.55e**	**...**	**14.77**	**+.01**	**-2.8**
NTXQI	**.05**	**...**	**14.23**	**+.08**	**-7**
OasisPet	...	...	9.34	+.53	+11.1
OcciPet	**3.08**	**...**	**75.62**	**+1.57**	**+2.9**
Oracle	.76	21	48.95	+.15	+3.5
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**55.48**	**+1.69**	**+7.6**
ParTech	**...**	**21**	**8.79**	**+.05**	**-6.0**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.28**	**+.09**	**+33.0**
PatUTI	**.08**	**...**	**24.70**	**+.89**	**+7.3**
Penney	...	20	4.09	+.12	+20.4
PennaRE	**.84**	**13**	**11.86**	**-.03**	**-1.9**
Pmian	**.03e**	**26**	**9.30**	**+.40**	**+4.8**
Petrobras	...	...	11.38	+.33	+10.6
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**36.66**	**+.09**	**+.9**
PioNrl	**.06**	**...**	**184.17**	**+5.47**	**+6.5**
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**26**	**23.68**	**+.82**	**+14.2**
PwShs QQQ	**1.52e**	**...**	**163.29**	**+1.11**	**+4.6**
Praxair	**3.15**	**29**	**163.61**	**+1.19**	**+6.9**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.80**	**...**	**-6.8**
PUVrsST rs	**...**	**...**	**8.67**	**-.11**	**-15.1**
PrectGam	**2.76**	**23**	**90.15**	**-.32**	**-1.9**

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RMG Net rs	...	...	1.59	+.59	+93.9
RangeRs	.08	19	17.27	+.49	+1.2
RiteAid	...	...	2.34	+.20	+18.8
Rowan	.40	10	17.10	+.63	+9.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	...	69.84	+.80	+4.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	255.61	+1.99	+3.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	276.12	+2.03	+3.5
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.92	+.09	+.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	39.40	+.92	+6.0
SabnR	2.31e	23	48.15	+.40	+8.0
SanderFm	**1.20f**	**10**	**130.66**	**-.96**	**-6.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	60	77.05	+1.45	+14.3
SiriusXM	.04f	31	5.50	-.06	+2.6
Smucker	3.12f	16	123.15	-1.01	-.9
Snapinc A n	...	...	14.60	-.05	-.1
SwstnEngy	...	39	5.52	+.11	-1.1
Sprint	...	...	5.69	+.07	-3.4
Square n	...	...	42.30	+1.46	+22.0
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	56.63	-.08	-.5
SP Engy	2.04e	...	76.68	+1.54	+6.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.97	+.14	+3.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	50.55	-.19	-4.0
Target	2.48	16	74.00	+3.27	+13.4
TeleEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**9.81**	**-.02**	**+1.3**
TevaPhrm	.73e	7.	21.74	+1.70	+14.7
TheGLtd	...	...	1.11	+.26	+73.4

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3M Co	4.70	28	242.31	+1.17	+2.9
Torchmark	**.80**	**20**	**92.86**	**+.10**	**+2.4**
Transocn	...	11	12.12	+.29	+13.5
TrfContl	**1.00e**	**...**	**27.59**	**+.26**	**+2.4**
Twitter	...	...	24.35	+.10	+1.4
TylerTech	**...**	**59**	**167.89**	**+1.78**	**+5.1**
UBSI	**1.36f**	**19**	**36.85**	**+1.06**	**+6.0**
US NGas rs	...	...	24.40	+1.41	...
US OilFd	...	...	12.70	+.02	+5.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.45	+.30	+10.0
ValeantPh	...	6	23.81	+.38	+14.6
ValeroE	2.80	25	94.55	+.40	+2.9
VanEGold	.06e	...	23.38	+.13	+.8
VEckOilSvc	.47e	...	28.99	+.71	+11.3
VerizonCm	2.36	11	52.11	+.42	-1.5
Vipshop	...	28	13.62	+.53	+16.2
Vulcanm	**1.00**	**42**	**135.19**	**+2.76**	**+5.3**
WEC Engy	2.21f	21	63.58	-.09	-4.3
WalgBoots	1.60	15	75.36	+1.30	+3.8
WeatherInt	**...**	**...**	**4.17**	**+.08**	**...**
WellsFargo	**1.56f**	**15**	**63.00**	**-.12**	**+3.6**
WmsCos	**1.20**	**57**	**33.10**	**+.35**	**+8.6**
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**19**	**45.82**	**-.81**	**-5.4**
Xerox rs	1.00	11	31.85	+1.51	+9.3
Yamana g	.02	...	3.34	+.16	+7.1

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11,093.54	8,744.39	Dow Jones Transportation	11,284.32	+234.22	+2.80	+6.88	+23.40
778.80	646.34	Dow Jones Utilities	660.57	-2.57	-.37	+4.53	+4.89
13,156.68	11,118.47	NYSE Composite	13,210.77	+104.17	+.79	+3.14	+17.91
7,181.14	5,496.82	Nasdaq Composite	7,211.78	+58.21	+.81	+4.47	+30.00
2,759.14	2,254.25	S&P 500	2,767.56	+19.33	+.70	+3.51	+21.99
1,950.82	1,561.83	S&P Midcap	1,960.68	+27.42	+1.42	+3.16	+16.63
29,622.05	23,564.41	Wilshire 5000	29,749.10	+262.02	+.89	+3.44	+21.11
1,595.58	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,586.79	+26.99	+1.73	+3.34	+16.69

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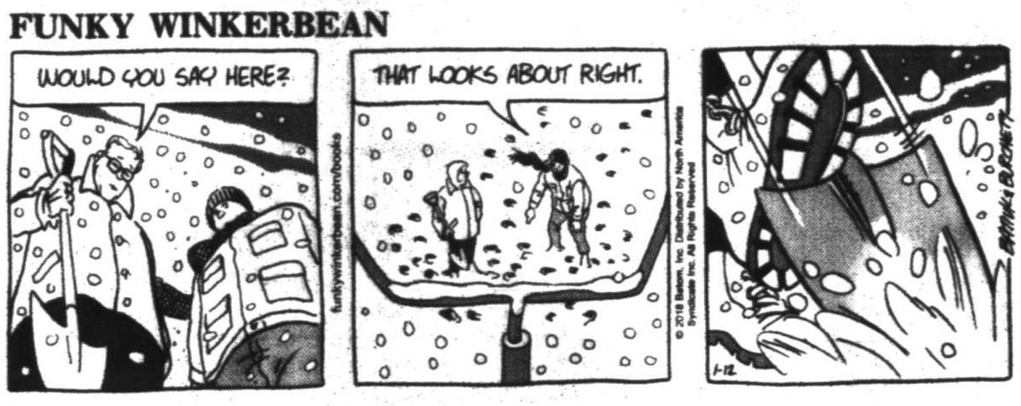

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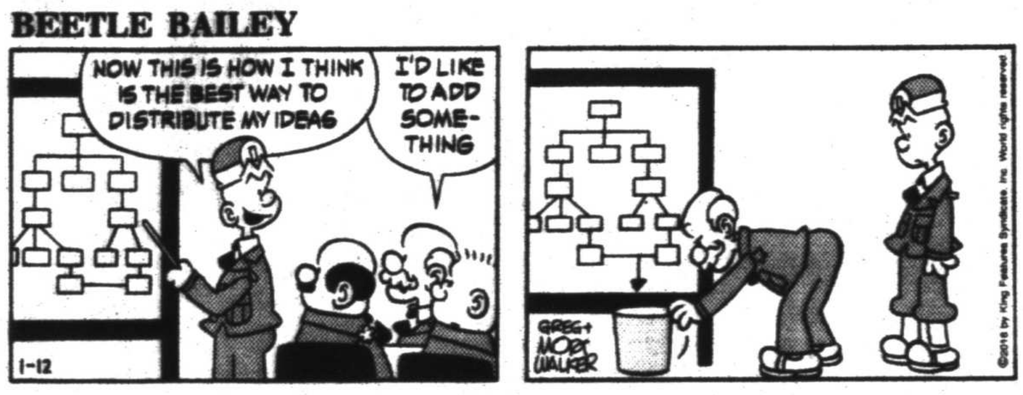

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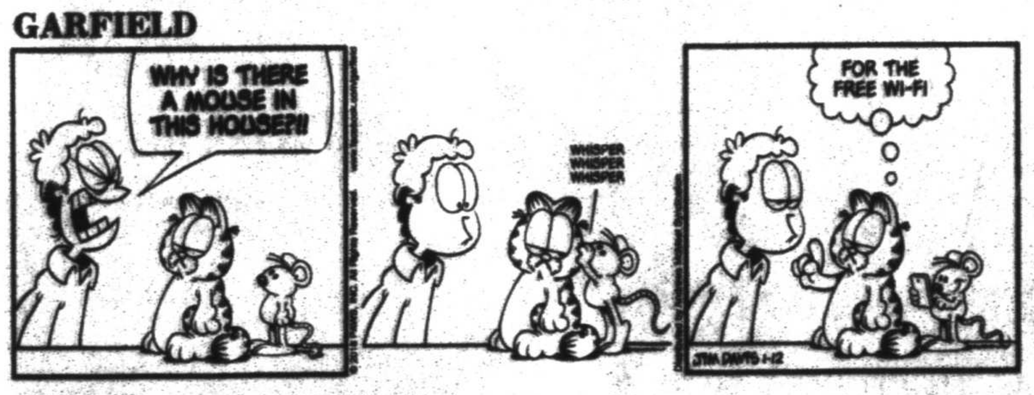

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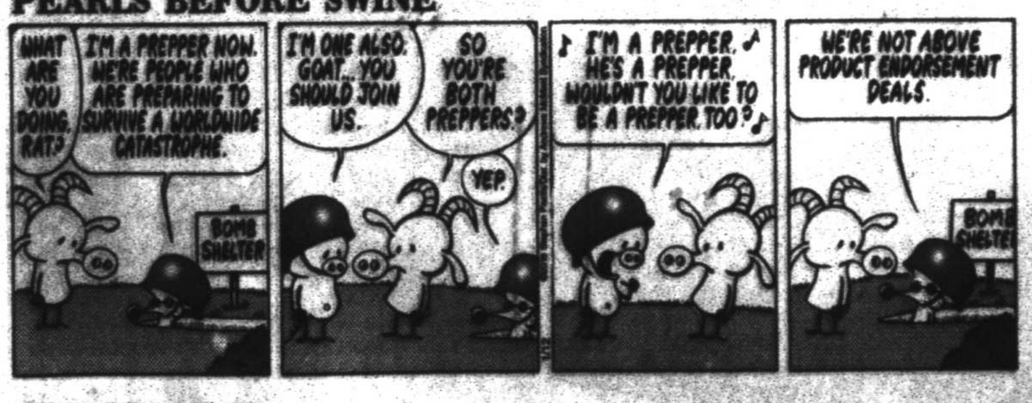

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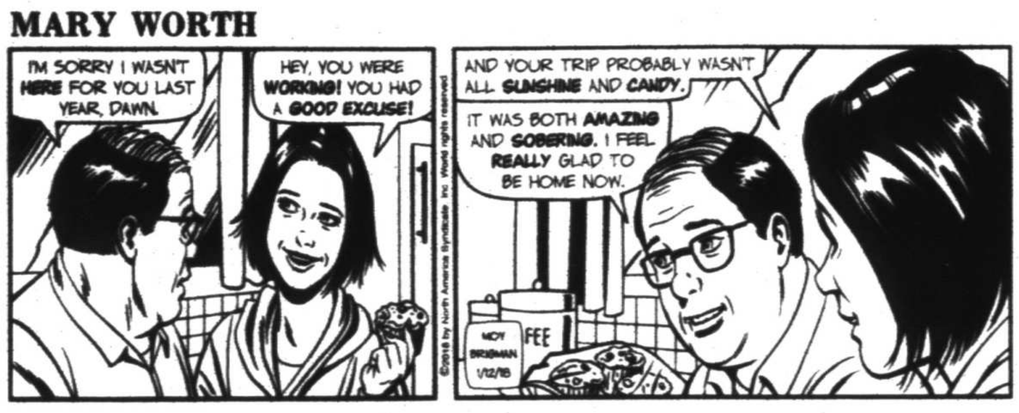

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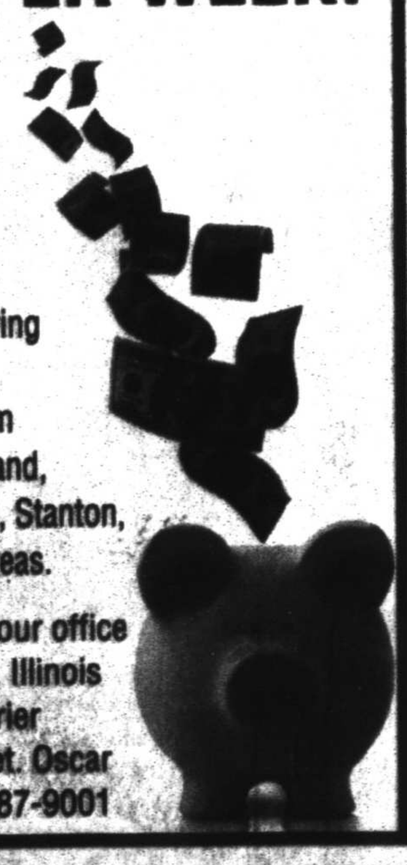

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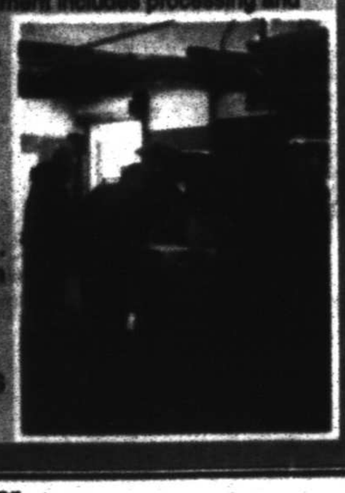

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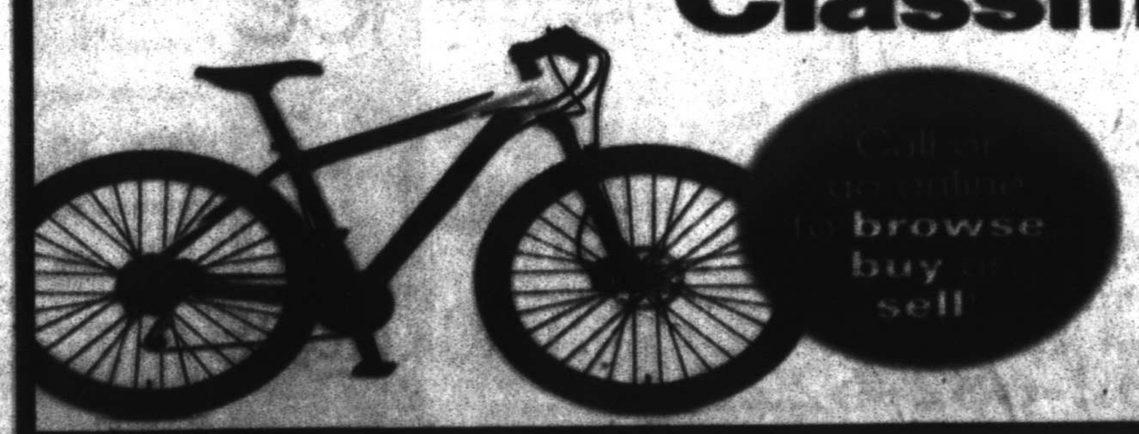

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N O T I C E O F A P P L I C A T I O N

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO., LLC, [RRC Operator No. 655805] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 12, Bk. 39 T2S, GARDNER, J E Survey, A-662, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 2.4 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST **MUST BE RECEIVED** IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY **Jan 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	BULLDOG	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	H140UX	
Lease/Unit Acres :	180.7	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	30.0	
Lease Lines :	590.0 F NW L,	2380.0 F NE L
Survey Lines :	590.0 F NW L,	2380.0 F NE L
Wellbore Profile(s) :	Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines:	10.0 F SE L	
	430.0 F NE L	
Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND		
Section: 36	Block: 39 T1S	Abstract: 1
Survey: T&P RR CO/MOODY, JM		
Lease Lines:	100.0 F NW L	
	215.0 F NE L	
Survey Lines:	1393.0 F NW L	
	2413.0 F NE L	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Debbie Whiting, at (432)6826685, x357.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Oxy USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, E.L. Powell "B" lease, well number 1615WD. The proposed injection well is located 11.2 miles Northwest of Garden City in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3400 to 5200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Notice to Physicians and Providers
(per TAC § 11.1402)

SHA, L.L.C. dba FirstCare, 12940 N. Hwy 183, Austin, TX 78750, a basic health service, individual practice model health maintenance organization, will accept written applications during the period of February 1, 2018, through February 20, 2018, from physicians and providers who wish to participate in the FirstCare network. FirstCare offers services for the following products: STAR Medicaid and CHIP, Commercial and Federal Marketplace. Marketplace applicants must FirstCare's practice standards and qualifications for acceptance. Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance or non-acceptance within 90 days after FirstCare receives an application for participation. Applications should be sent to the attention of the Provider Relations Department.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

OXY USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp formation, Powell 9A lease, well number 23D. The proposed injection well is located 13 miles Northwest from Garden City in the Blaiock Lake, S. (Wolfcamp) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 8076 – 8372 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Applications for participation in DentiCare, Inc.'s network of general and specialty dental commercial providers will be accepted March 1, 2018 through March 20, 2018. The networks included in the DentiCare, Inc. Health Maintenance Organization are: DentiCare Commercial HMO and Advantage Commercial HMO. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information please write: Humana, Attention: Specialty Networks-Den, N19 W24133 Riverwood Drive, Suite 100, Waukesha, WI 53188, or email your request to dentalrecruitment@humana.com.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE S. CULPEPPER

Administration of the estate of Charlene S. Culpepper, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Terry Lynn Foster on January 9, 2018, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. p19279, styled In the Estate of Charlene S. Culpepper, Deceased, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in which Court the matter is pending. All persons having claims against the estate are notified to present them to Joe Drennan, attorney for the Independent Executrix, at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this the 12th day of January, 2018.

Joe Drennan, Attorney for Terry Lynn Foster, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Charlene S. Culpepper

Remit claims to:
Drennan Langdon & Fidel, LLP
Attn: Joe Drennan
1001 Main Street, Suite 706
Lubbock, Texas 79401

Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (Blue Essentials℠ and Blue Advantage HMO℠) administers individual practice association health maintenance organizations that arrange for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to their members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in the Blue Essentials and/or Blue Advantage HMO networks, at BCBSTX, 3300 N. A Street, Bldg. 8, Ste. 120, Midland, TX. 79705 or Fax: 432-620-1428 from January 12, 2018, until January 31, 2018.

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Humana Behavioral Health, Inc., a Health Maintenance Organization, located at 802 N. Carancahua, Suite 300, Corpus Christi, TX, 78401, will accept applications for the period beginning March 1, 2018, and ending March 20, 2018, from physicians and other health care providers who wish to become participating physicians or providers in their commercial provider networks. The networks included in the Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. Health Maintenance Organization are: Austin HMOx, Corpus Christi HMOx, Houston HMOx, San Antonio HMOx, Waco HMOx, and Texas Premier HMO. Applicants should go to the following website: https://www.humanabehavioralhealth.com/providers/join-our-network/provider-interest-forms/ and complete the applicable interest form. Applicants must meet the credentialing criteria of Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. for acceptance into their respective networks. Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance or non-acceptance within 90 days after Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. receives an application(s) for participation.

ORDINANCE NO. 9721

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4A, BLOCK 28, PLANTATION HILLS, SECTION 21, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 505 FEET WEST OF NORTH GARFIELD STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9722

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 2.943-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 162, WILSHIRE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 9, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SEAL PARKWAY AND LEISURE DRIVE) ; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 9723

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 6.161-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCKS 162 AND 163, WILSHIRE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 9, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEAL PARKWAY, APPROXIMATELY 395 FEET SOUTH OF THOMASON DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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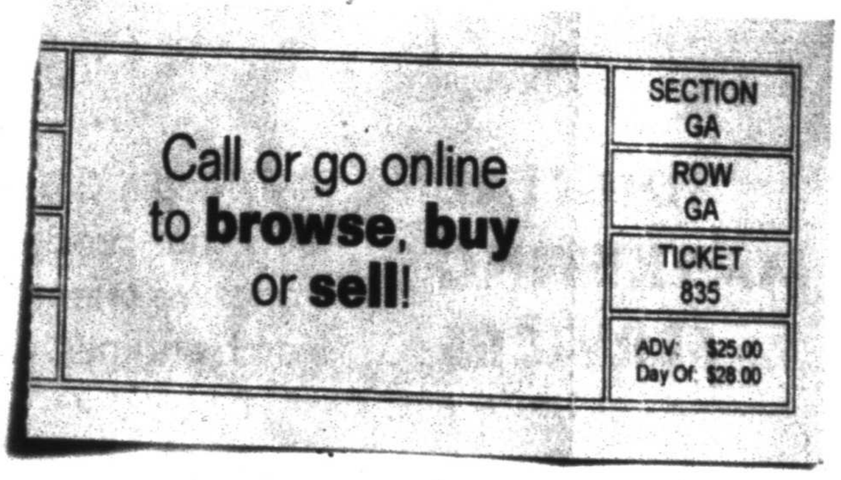

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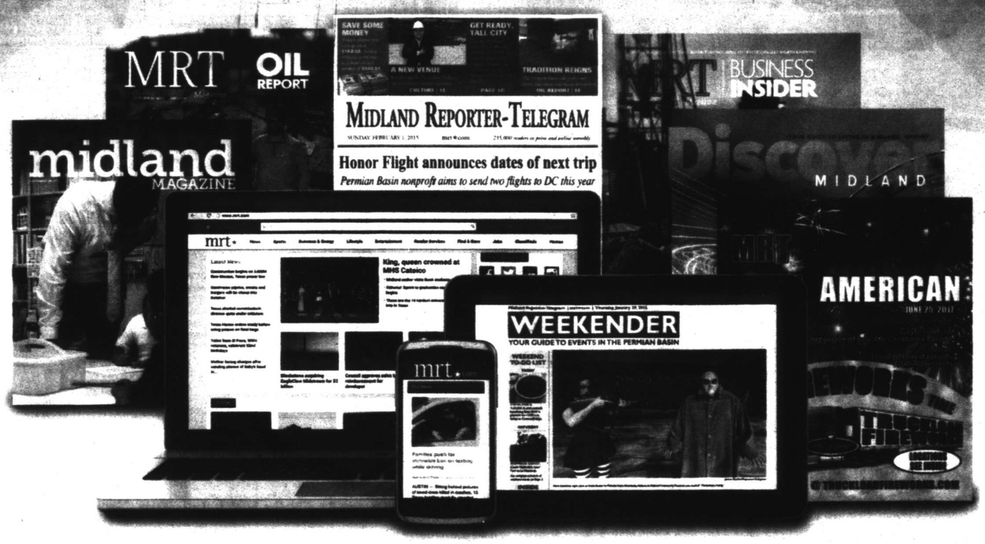

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