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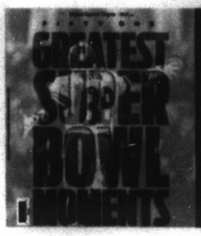

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Coming this weekend

Rick Perry can bring energy savvy to Washington

Fossil-fuel lover made Texas greener, so why not try the same in Energy Department?

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

If President-elect Donald Trump gets serious about ramping up infrastructure spending, Rick Perry would be a good wingman.

Last week, Trump nominated Perry for energy secretary, a Cabinet post that sounds ideal for the former governor of the top oil and gas state. Then critics pointed out that the Energy Department's primary mission is to manage nuclear projects and the agency's two previous leaders were nuclear physicists.

Perry's academic record can't match those scientists' credentials. As one writer noted, Perry took four college chemistry courses and earned two C's, a D and an F.

What Perry brings is over a decade of experience managing large, complex bureaucracies. Sometimes, that produced commendable results that benefited consumers and the environment.

In 2005, Perry backed a giant infrastructure project to install utility poles and wires to carry wind power from West Texas to Dallas and beyond. Known as the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones Program, the CREZ lines eventually spanned over 3,500 miles and cost nearly $7 billion.

The program created thousands of jobs, helped lower electricity rates and reduced emissions. Texas is easily the No. 1 wind producer in the nation with almost three times the capacity of runner-up Iowa.

Through October, wind power had accounted for almost 15 percent of this year's electricity generation on ERCOT, the grid that serves North Texas and most of the state. At one point in late November, wind represented about 45 percent of demand for electric power, ERCOT reported.

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BALANCE TO THE BADGE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College Police Chief Richard McKee pins the badge on graduate Tiere Strambler on Monday following the graduation ceremony.

Police academy graduate balances family, school

By Simone Jasper
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As a single mother of three, the path toward becoming a police officer wasn't easy for Tiere Strambler. After months of pursuing a law enforcement badge while taking college courses, she graduated from the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy on Monday.

Strambler, 32, anticipates serving local people as an officer with the Midland College Police Department.

"I'm prior military," Strambler said. "I have that protective instinct. I protected the nation and now the community. I will be a good role model for my kids and women in general."

Strambler, who was raised in Midland, previously served in the Texas Army National Guard. She also worked at the Midland County Sheriff's Office Central Detention Center and took reports for the Midland Police Department.

"It was very helpful in the academy having experience, and that knowledge helped me in a lot of classes," Strambler said. "Now I will use it in the streets — the more you know, the better you are. It will be beneficial to me when I'm on my own or in field training."

Strambler was first drawn to criminal justice when she attended Prairie View A&M University. She's now working to complete a bachelor's degree in the field through online classes at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Though the classes added to Strambler's workload, she didn't let them get in the way of spending time with her children. She waited until evenings to study and prepare for the academy.

"From the time I picked them up to bedtime at 8:30, that was their time," Strambler said. "Anything I had to do for the next day, I did after that."

Strambler has always tried to overcome circumstances to pursue her goals, according to her father, Jerry Strambler.

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Producing energy is a business

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Count on politicians to be political.

President Barack Obama banned oil drilling along the Arctic coast and in the Atlantic from Virginia to Maine on Tuesday. Citing questionable authority under an obscure 1953 law, he means to keep any oil found in either of these coastal areas in the ground.

Environmentalists cheered and oil lobbyists jeered. Both will certainly waste a lot of time and electrons writing long tracts of praising and condemning Obama. And then they'll waste donor funds fighting it out in court.

President-elect Donald Trump, meanwhile, has found allies in Congress for keeping the coal industry alive by granting tax credits for so-called clean-coal technology. He wants the government to pay to companies to capture carbon dioxide and trap it underground. That way, we can doom another generation of Americans in Appalachia to premature death in the mines.

This time, the coal companies cheered and the environmentalists suddenly got queasy about using tax credits for energy projects.

Obama and Trump are both pandering to their supporters, because the economics make both of these efforts nonsense.

No oil company committed to generating a return for shareholders has any plan to drill in the Arctic or along the mid-Atlantic coast. Shell tried to prove a point in the Arctic only to come up with no oil and a $7 billion write-off.

Exxon Mobil could technically begin drilling in the Arctic once former CEO Rex Tillerson becomes secretary of state and lifts the current economic sanctions on Russia. But don't expect any major action as long as oil prices are below $150 a barrel.

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Green energy producers are hopeful despite Trump's coal promise.

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Gasoline	$2.143	▲	$0.023

The big number

Geologists say a
3.2 magnitude earthquake
was recorded east-northeast of Edmond, Oklahoma. Page 3A

Word of the Day: whigmaleerie

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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Trump: US must 'greatly strengthen' nuclear capability

By Julie Pace
Associated press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday abruptly called for the United States to "greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability" until the rest of the world "comes to its senses" regarding nuclear weapons.

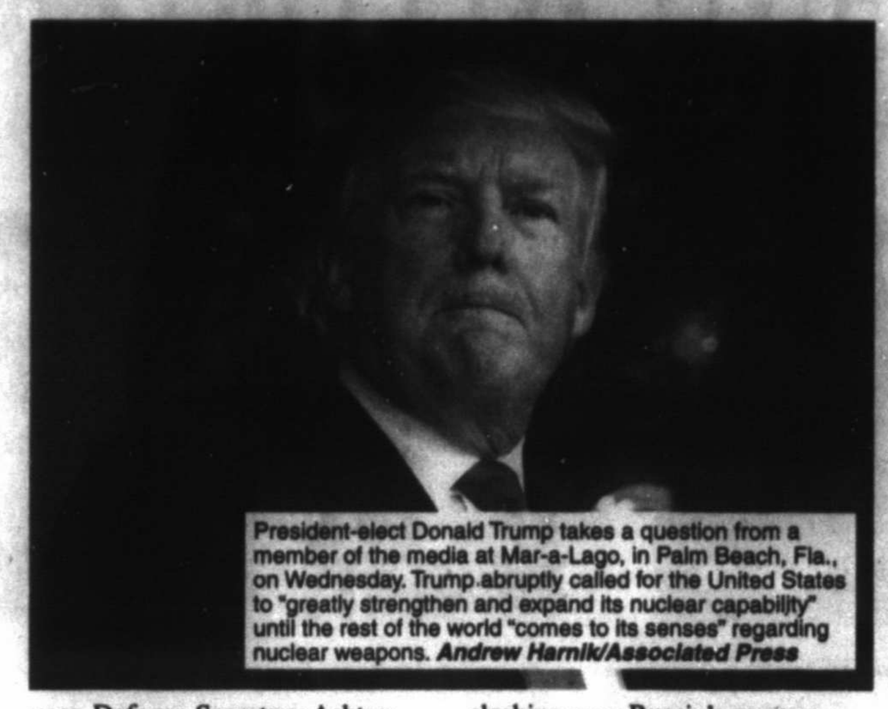
His comments on Twitter came hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin said strengthening his country's nuclear capabilities should be a chief military objective in the coming year. The president-elect's statement also followed his meetings a day earlier with top Pentagon officials and defense contractors.

Trump, who is spending the holidays at his palatial private club in Florida, did not expand on the actions he wants the U.S. to take or say why he raised the issue Thursday.

Spokesman Jason Miller said the president-elect was referring to the threat of nuclear proliferation "particularly to and among terrorist organizations and unstable and rogue regimes." Miller said Trump sees modernizing the nation's deterrent capability "as a vital way to pursue peace through strength."

If Trump were to seek an expansion of the nuclear stockpiles, it would mark a sharp shift in U.S. national security policy. President Barack Obama has made nuclear non-proliferation a centerpiece of his agenda, calling in 2009 for the U.S. to lead efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons — a goal he acknowledged would not be accomplished quickly or easily.

Still, the U.S. has been moving forward on plans to upgrade its aging nuclear arsenal. Earlier this year, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said the Pentagon planned to spend $108 billion over the next five years to sustain and improve its nuclear force.


President-elect Donald Trump takes a question from a member of the media at Mar-a-Lago, in Palm Beach, Fla., on Wednesday. Trump abruptly called for the United States to "greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability" until the rest of the world "comes to its senses" regarding nuclear weapons. *Andrew Harnik/Associated Press*

The U.S. and Russia hold the vast majority of the world's nuclear weapons. In 2010, the two countries signed the New START treaty capping the number of nuclear warheads and missile launchers each country can possess. The agreement is in effect until 2021 and can be extended for another five years.

Thomas Karako, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the last comprehensive review of the U.S. nuclear force — which was conducted during Obama's first term — occurred against the backdrop of efforts to reset relations between Washington and Moscow. The relationship has since deteriorated, with Obama and Putin clashing over Russia's provocations in Ukraine and support for Syrian President Bashar Assad.

"We need to candidly asses what the environment is and what the prospects are for Russian compliance with current treaties," Karako said.

Trump has repeatedly called for closer relations with Russia and has spoken favorably about Putin. Democrats have questioned his ties to the Kremlin, particularly after U.S. intelligence officials assessed that Russia had interfered in the U.S. election on Trump's behalf.

Putin addressed his country's nuclear capabilities during an annual year-end meeting of the Russian defense ministry. He said Russia should enhance missile complexes that can "penetrate existing and future missile defense systems."

A U.S.-backed missile shield in Eastern Europe has been another source of tension between Washington and Moscow. Russia argues the system is a threat, while U.S. and NATO officials say it's meant to deter Iran from targeting Europe.

The state of the U.S. nuclear arsenal was rarely addressed during the presidential campaign. To the extent it was, Trump showed faint understanding of its details. During a Republican primary debate, he appeared unfamiliar with the concept of a nuclear triad, the Cold War-era combination of submarines, land-based missiles and strategic bombers for launching nuclear attacks.

Trump's vanquished campaign rival Hillary Clinton repeatedly cast the Republican as too erratic and unpredictable to have control of the nation's nuclear arsenal.

The president-elect's transition website says he "recognizes the uniquely catastrophic threats posed by nuclear weapons and cyberattacks," adding that he will modernize the nuclear arsenal "to ensure it continues to be an effective deterrent."

Trump has spent the week at Mar-a-Lago, his South Florida estate, meeting advisers and interviewing candidates for a handful of Cabinet positions that remain unfilled. On Wednesday, he met with Pentagon officials and the CEOs of Boeing and Lockheed Martin, companies with lucrative government contracts.

Since winning the election, Trump has complained about the cost of Boeing's work on two new Air Force One plans and Lockheed's contract for F-35 fighter jets. Following the meetings, both CEOs said they had discussed lowering costs of the projects with the president-elect.

Senate Dems press Trump's wealthy picks for financial data

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top Senate Democrats are trying to put the brakes on President-elect Donald Trump's Cabinet picks, insisting on extensive financial information on some of the wealthiest Americans before moving forward on nominations.

Frustrated by the slow response of billionaires and multimillionaires to their request, 16 Democrats delivered an ultimatum Thursday, saying no committee should vote on a nominee until the individual has cleared an FBI background check, provided a financial report and an ethics agreement with the Office of Government Ethics, and responded to "reasonable requests for additional information" such as tax returns.

"The United States Senate has a rich, bipartisan tradition of vetting nominees to the president's Cabinet," said New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, the incoming Democratic leader. "We hope to continue that tradition with our colleagues in the Republican majority because the American people are entitled to a fair and open consideration process for all executive nominations."

Republicans controlling the Senate, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, want to make quick work of Cabinet confirmations once Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

Democrats have limited options to block nominees outright because they changed filibuster rules when they controlled the Senate in 2013, and Cabinet nominees can win approval on a simple majority vote. Republicans will hold a 52-48 advantage next year. However, Democrats could drag out the process in committee or force longer Senate debates than usual.

"President-elect Trump refused to release his tax returns and will start his presidency consumed by questions about how he could be using his position to enrich himself and his family, but that doesn't mean that his nominees should be held to the same low standards," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

Transition officials did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Trump's choice of Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson for secretary of state touched off an escalating fight Thursday between the top Republican and Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, the panel that will vote on the multimillionaire's nomination.

Sen. Bob Corker, the committee chairman, complained that Democrats are asking for disclosures not demanded of previous nominees, including wealthy people like Secretary of State John Kerry.

"This is being driven by the election," Corker, R-Tenn., told The Associated Press. "The fact that Donald Trump did not provide tax returns is driving all that is being done."

In fact, Kerry, a former Massachusetts senator, had to file an annual financial disclosure report, and he released 20 years of tax returns when he ran for president in 2004.

In a letter to colleagues, Sen. Ben Cardin, the panel's top Democrat, said he asked the Trump transition team for three years' worth of tax returns because Tillerson was "actively engaged with many foreign governments" at Exxon Mobil. Cardin said Tillerson "promised to provide" the tax information in response to a question on a standard questionnaire that all nominees submit prior to appearing before the committee.

"Senator Corker and I have a disagreement about the need to review the nominee's tax returns," Cardin said. "I think it is an important part of vetting this candidate because he has never made public disclosures of this type, as he has worked at Exxon Mobil for his entire career and has never been in public service."

Corker quickly responded with a statement saying the GOP-controlled committee never officially asked for the tax returns and insisted that Tillerson was ahead of schedule in providing information to the committee.

The issue has the potential to produce a major political battle in the opening days of Trump's administration. In addition to Tillerson, Trump has tapped Steve Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs executive, for treasury secretary, and Betsy DeVos, daughter of the Amway co-founder, for education secretary.

Corker said it is not the practice of his committee to request tax information.

"We're going to operate exactly the same way that we've been operating the 10 years that I've been on the committee," Corker added. "We've never asked for tax returns. It's not what we do on our committee."

Corker said the committee's own financial disclosure forms "are very expansive. They actually provide more information than a tax return does."

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Obama scraps registry for some immigrant men, mostly Muslims

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Thursday officially scrapped the last vestiges of a U.S. registration system for Muslim immigrants. If President-elect Donald Trump now wants to introduce an expanded version of the program, he will have to start from scratch.

The post-9/11 registration program for immigrant men arriving mainly from the Islamic world hasn't been enforced since 2011. Although it never prohibited travel for men and boys from the more than 20 affected countries, including Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, Trump's suggestions about banning Muslim immigrants from the United States have led to fears that it could be reinstated.

The decision to erase it from the books entirely marks one of President Barack Obama's last administrative actions on immigration and will at least slow any Trump effort to introduce even tougher requirements, as has been suggested by a top adviser.

The registration program is "not only obsolete," said Neema Hakim, spokesman for the Homeland Security Department, "its use would divert limited personnel and resources from more effective measures."

The registration system started about a year after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, requiring men and boys from a variety of mostly Middle Eastern countries to register with the federal government upon their arrival in the United States. Such people already in the country had to register with immigration authorities inside the U.S.

Registration, which also applied to immigrants from North Korea, included fingerprints and photographs. People also were required to notify the government if they changed addresses.

Trump has never publicly spoken about the program, but has made clear his desire to take a far tougher approach toward immigration than Obama.

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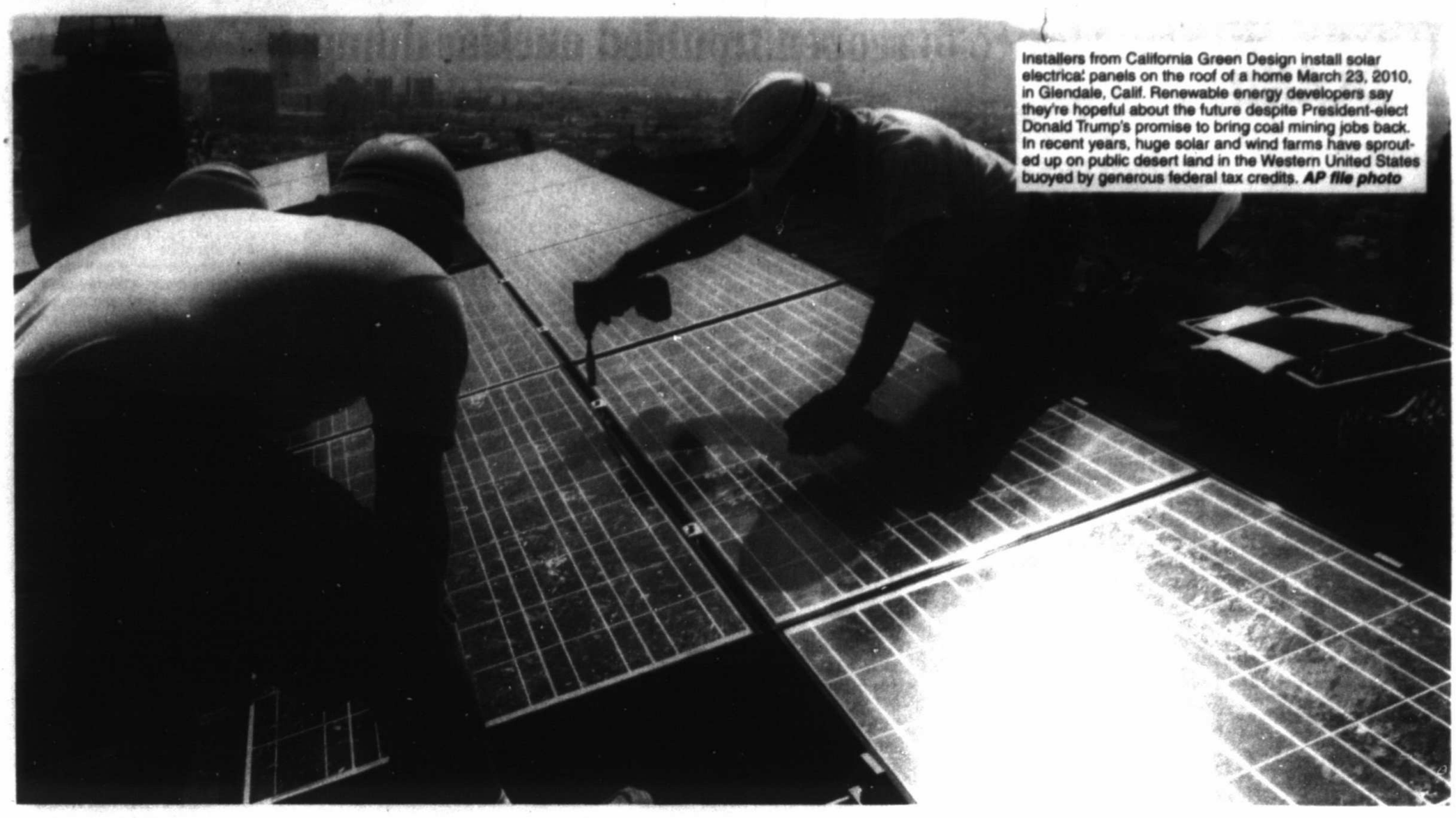

Installers from California Green Design install solar electrical panels on the roof of a home March 23, 2010, in Glendale, Calif. Renewable energy developers say they're hopeful about the future despite President-elect Donald Trump's promise to bring coal mining jobs back. In recent years, huge solar and wind farms have sprouted up on public desert land in the Western United States buoyed by generous federal tax credits. *AP file photo*

Green energy producers hopeful despite Trump's coal promise

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Swaths of virgin desert in the U.S. West in recent years have transformed into solar farms, a trend green energy supporters predict will persist even with the election of a president who is making fossil fuel-friendly Cabinet appointments and promises to bring back coal.

With the support of Congress, the renewable energy industry has enjoyed a tax credit-buoyed building boom under President Barack Obama, who has aggressively pushed to slash greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of coal and other fossil fuels.

Electricity generated by solar panels and windmills has played a bigger role in the energy mix in recent years as the federal government and states seek to reduce heat-trapping gases through ambitious climate goals. And, despite President-elect Donald Trump's campaign pledge to revitalize the coal industry and "put our miners back to work," renewable developers are hopeful about their future.

"We're looking forward to competing with other energy sources as a low-cost option," said Tom Kimbis, interim president of the Solar Energy Industries Association, a trade group.

There's the economic reality: Coal plants have shuttered in recent years as utilities favor cheaper, natural gas extracted from shale-rich places such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia using the controversial drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing. The plummeting cost of solar panels and wind turbines also has added to coal's woes.

On the campaign trail, Trump vowed to reverse the coal industry's declining fortunes and supported opening up offshore drilling in the Atlantic. Obama this week moved to permanently ban future oil and gas leasing in parts of the Arctic and Atlantic.

The day after Trump won, the American Wind Energy Association released a statement touting its contributions to the economy including the fees developers pay to farmers who agree to host wind turbines on their land and the jobs the industry creates. The trade group also noted that many wind farms are churning out power in traditional red states such as Wyoming, Oklahoma and Texas.

"An unstoppable shift to a cleaner energy economy is underway," said Tom Kiernan, chief executive of the American Wind Energy Association, calling wind a "mainstream energy source."

The sentiment was echoed recently by the outgoing head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Gina McCarthy, who credited the Obama administration with helping to create thousands of renewable energy jobs.

"The train to a global clean-energy future has already left the station," McCarthy said last month. "We can choose to get on board — to lead — or we can choose to be left behind, to stand stubbornly."

While wind and solar power have grown in recent years, renewable sources accounted for just 10 percent of total U.S. energy consumption and about 13 percent of electricity generation in 2015.

During his campaign, Trump called solar energy an "unproven technology" and wind power a "very, very poor source of energy." He also said tax credits and other subsidies for the renewable industry "distort" the market, but at the same time said the country should "encourage all facets of the energy industry," including wind and solar.

Environmentalists have raised concerns about his Cabinet picks for energy and interior secretaries — ex-Gov. Rick Perry and Montana Rep. Ryan Zinke, strong supporters of the fossil fuel industry.

Messages to Trump's transition team were not immediately returned.

While the renewable industry has gained momentum in recent years, "the battle certainly got tougher" with the election of Trump, said Dan Kammen, an energy expert at the University of California, Berkeley and science envoy for the U.S. State Department.

Before 2009, there were no solar farms and only a handful of wind and geothermal plants on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Today, there are 13 solar plants, four wind farms and six geothermal plants online, generating about 3,500 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 573,000 homes. The number of renewable projects approved but not yet online is higher.

Last year, Congress in a show of bipartisan support agreed to extend the federal subsidies responsible for the renewable energy boom through the end of the decade. The Obama administration set a goal of approving 20,000 megawatts of renewable power on public lands by 2020 — enough for more than 3 million homes.

States will continue to be major drivers of renewable development. Many have adopted strict clean-energy goals that call for reduction of emissions through a diverse energy supply. New York set a goal to generate half of its power from renewable sources by 2030.

California is on track to meet the 2020 climate target to cut emissions to 1990 levels. The state recently vowed to further slash carbon pollution by reducing emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

"To ignore market trends by impeding progress toward a cleaner energy future, on the basis of ignorance or ideology, makes no sense," Nathanael Greene, director of renewable policy at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement.

3.2 magnitude earthquake rattles parts of central Oklahoma

EDMOND, Okla. — The U.S. Geological Survey says an earthquake has rattled part of central Oklahoma.

Geologists say the 3.2 magnitude earthquake was recorded at 8:21 a.m. Thursday about 4 miles east-northeast of Edmond. It was recorded at a depth of less than 4 miles.

No damage or injuries were immediately reported. Geologists say damage is unlikely in earthquakes below magnitude 4.0.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded across Oklahoma in recent years, and many have been linked to the underground disposal of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations. Some scientists say that the high-pressure injection of massive amounts of chemical-laced wastewater deep in the earth induces the quakes.

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(does not represent all restaurants in Midland)
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- Furr's: 1116 N. Midkiff Road, 520-9629, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Christmas Day
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- IHOP: 301 E. I-20, close 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, 7-3 a.m. Christmas Day, 686-0537; 2507 W. Loop 250 N., close 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, 6-3 a.m. Christmas Day, 684-5759;
- Saltgrass, 4511 Loop 250 Frontage Road, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with seating stopped at 3:45 p.m.
- Starbucks, 2410 Rankin Highway; 3203 N. Midkiff Road; 4706 N. Midkiff Road, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Note: Those restaurants wishing to have their Christmas Day hours listed in Saturday's and/or Sunday's edition, can email news@mrt.com.

Holiday events

- The Twelve Night Flights of Christmas, High Sky Wing, 9600 Wright Drive. $75-$145. Fly in vintage aircraft while seeing the Christmas lights of Midland and Odessa from the sky. Flights are every 30 minutes. To book a flight, email rides@highskywing.org or call 432-703-3142. Highskywing.org.
- Very Merry Midland: Walking in a Winter Wonderland in downtown Midland will feature a walking tour of holiday window displays, hot chocolate, a giant snow globe and more. goyourcity.us/wonderland.

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On Dec. 23, 1991, fire destroyed a house in Corsicana, killing three young children; their father, Cameron Todd Willingham, was convicted of starting the blaze and was executed in 2004, although some experts raised questions about whether the fire had been deliberately set.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zamogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Air & Space Port so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet her or him.

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Today in history

Today is Friday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 2016. There are eight days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about 2/3 of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published in the Troy (New York) Sentinel; the verse, more popularly known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," was later attributed to Clement C. Moore.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed in Weimar, Germany.

In 1913, the Federal Reserve System was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

New Mexico to reopen troubled nuclear dump

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico regulators have approved restarting normal operations at the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository, a major step for U.S. officials aiming to reopen the facility nearly three years after a radiation leak shut it down indefinitely.

Two letters obtained Thursday by The Associated Press outline the state Environment Department's findings from a recent inspection of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Regulators found two minor permit violations that were addressed immediately, but watchdog groups questioned whether the state's decision was predetermined given the push by the U.S. Energy Department to reopen the site before year's end.

The repository has been closed since a radiation release in February 2014 contaminated much of the underground disposal area and brought to light gaps in management and oversight.

The leak stemmed from a chemical reaction inside a container of waste that was inappropriately packed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Investigators determined it could have been avoided had existing policies not been ignored.

With shipments on hold, tons of Cold War-era nuclear waste — from gloves and tools to clothing and other material — have been piling up at national laboratories and other defense installations across the country.

The backup has compromised the government's multibillion-dollar cleanup campaign and led to an overhaul of procedures across the nuclear complex.

Mitigating the contamination at the site in southeastern New Mexico is expected to cost more than a half-billion dollars, which does not include costs stemming from a multimillion-dollar settlement with the state for numerous permit violations.

New Mexico officials have said repeatedly that their review was thorough and that the state had a responsibility to ensure the Energy Department and the contractor that runs the repository addressed the numerous violations and deficiencies revealed by the radiation release.

"We value our federal facilities and appreciate the hard work and cooperation of the workforce, leadership and the broader Carlsbad community as the WIPP facility approaches full readiness to safely reopen," state Environment Secretary Butch Tongate said in a statement.

All provisions of the settlement with the state will remain in effect until they are fulfilled, Kathryn Roberts, director of New Mexico's Resource Protection Division, wrote in one of the letters sent last week to federal officials.

The state also noted that the repository must monitor for volatile compounds when they begin moving waste into underground disposal rooms.

While state approval is key to restarting work at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, federal officials still need to address numerous issues identified as part of a separate readiness review done by Energy Department experts from around the country.

Work at the facility will not resume until corrective actions are completed and validated by the department, agency spokeswoman Bridget Bartol said Thursday. Officials say progress is being made but could not provide a date.

Don Hancock, director of the nuclear waste safety program at the Southwest Research and Information Center in Albuquerque, said the state should have looked closer at the implications of inadequate ventilation and the accuracy of air monitoring underground to ensure worker safety.

He also pointed to a recent federal report that found vulnerabilities in the facility's radiological protection program and separate deficiencies recorded by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Rushing to reopen could increase the potential for future problems, Hancock said.

"There is no crisis that requires it to be reopened by the end of the year, as they keep talking about, and workers are working seven days a week," he said. "Typically what happens when people are being overworked is they get tired, they get careless and they're more prone to accidents."

Energy officials acknowledged during a town hall last week that employees were working around the clock to address the issues needed to reopen but said that doing it safely was a priority.

More region news

City planning visitor center along Route 66

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Albuquerque has purchased land for the construction of a visitor center along Route 66.

The $3.4 million project to build a visitor center atop Nine Mile Hill has been funded by the city, Bernalillo County and state Legislature.

City officials say the center is meant to celebrate Albuquerque's history along the historic route and offer motorists a place to take in the views of the Rio Grande valley and the Sandia Mountains.

Officials plan to hold community meetings to discuss design plans for the new building.

Weather system delivering snow, sleet, rain to New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A weather system carrying tropical moisture is combining with a cold front to set the stage for snow, sleet and freezing rain across northeastern New Mexico and heavy snow in northern New Mexico's highest mountains.

Forecasters say most of the state will get rain but a winter storm warning for northern New Mexico mountains about 9,000 feet until noon today predicts snow accumulations of between 10 and 20 inches.

Forecasters say travel impacts are expected only in the higher mountain passes and roads near ski resorts.

Lighter snow is expected in northern New Mexico's lower elevations, with the snow turning to rain by late Thursday and moving out of the state by today.

A second storm system is expected Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Associated Press

GRADUATE

From 1A

"She grew up with two brothers, and she had to outshine them…," said Strambler. "The same determination is still with her."

Tiere Strambler will begin field training with the Midland College Police Department in January. She said next year is a unique time to become a police officer.

"I would say that anyone considering law enforcement, the academy definitely made (you) realize if it's the job for you," Strambler said. "You have to have passion to do it, especially during this time when police are ambushed every day."

Strambler was visiting Dallas in July during the fatal shootings of law enforcement officials. Afterward, Strambler and a friend gave snacks to officers who guarded the perimeter of the scene as a way to show their appreciation, she said.

The experience in Dallas encouraged Strambler to make a difference locally at Buckner Family Pathways, a program that provides transitional housing for single mothers and their children.

Strambler invited various local law enforcement agencies to Buckner in August. She said the event helped build relationships between officials and community members.

"Some of the kids at Buckner come from abuse," Strambler said. "They remember a police officer taking them away from their family. They have a negative view of police officers. They got a chance to play and see officers in a positive light. One of the officers talked to single mothers about safety."

Strambler, a resident at Buckner, first entered the Family Pathways program in 2010. When she was accepted into the police academy this year, she sought the services again.

"She was struggling to go to school, and she had trouble paying rent," said Anna Rodriquez, former director of Buckner Family Pathways in Midland. "I hadn't heard from her in years. When she called, a space was opening up and she became a part of the program."

The program provides housing for single mothers who are pursuing an education. Strambler said the guidance helped her become self-sufficient.

"Buckner offers classes you might not have access to or the resources to be a better mother," Strambler said. "They help you deal with things that come up."

Support also came from other sources, including congregation leaders at True-Lite Christian Fellowship and family members.

Strambler turned to her parents for assistance to lighten her tight schedule. Jerry Strambler helped with child care when his daughter exercised to get in shape for the academy.

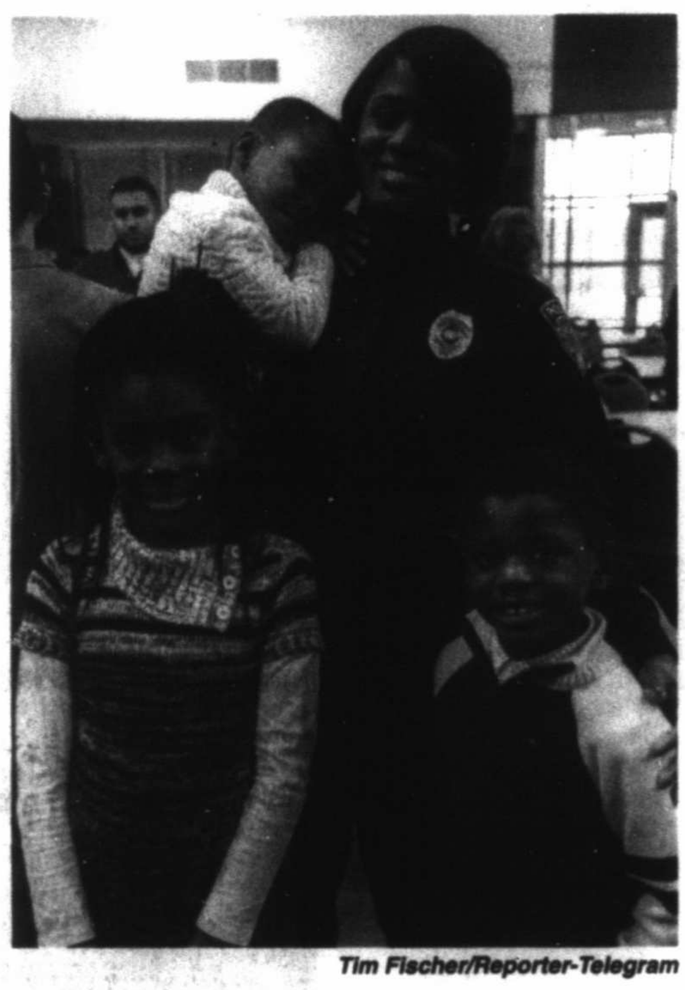
"She was bringing the kids over while she would be running or jogging," Strambler said. "She went to the gym to work out, and my wife and I both knew where her focus was."

Her focus came to fruition when she was pinned at the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy graduation. Strambler said her children — Kirstin Edmonds Jr., 4; Nehemiah Niblett, 7; and Semaiah Niblett, 9 — showed support throughout the process.

"I know they were proud of me, seeing the hard work I put in," Strambler said. "It was a blessing. Now, they are asking when I will get the (police) car."

As she prepares for field training, Strambler is thankful for the opportunity to keep people safe. She hopes all mothers will consider following their ambitions.

"If they have a goal, when they have kids they think they can't do it," Strambler said. "They shouldn't give up their dream. Their kids will appreciate it down the road."



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New graduate Tiere Strambler poses with her children, Semaiah Niblett, Nehemiah Niblett and holding Kirstin Edmonds Jr. on Monday following the graduation ceremony.

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PERRY

From 1A

"This Texas project is actually a model for the Trump administration," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen's office in Austin. "It put a lot of people to work — laying foundations, making towers, hanging wire and putting lines into service. It lowered the cost of power and reduced pollution. And the installations bring a lot of wealth to forgotten rural communities."

Public Citizen often pushes for improvements in clean energy and the environment, and Smith usually criticizes Perry. He opposed the governor in the mid-2000s, when Perry promoted over a dozen new coal-burning units for Texas.

Most of the coal plants never got built, largely because the hydraulic fraturing revolution made natural gas abundant and cheap. Hydraulic fracturing, a technique for getting more gas and oil out of rock, was developed in Texas and continually refined here.

Natural gas production grew 53 percent from 2001, Perry's first full year in office, to 2015, the year Perry left.

Hydraulic fracturing, along with horizontal drilling, also unlocked much more oil. During Perry's tenure, crude oil production in Texas tripled to almost 3.5 million barrels a day.

As with wind power, Texas easily ranks No. 1 in both oil and natural gas. The gains are the result of scientific breakthroughs and corporate investments, not political leadership, according to Smith and others.

"Perry was lucky," Smith said. "His regulators turned a blind eye to many environmental consequences and sped permits through. But there's not much more a Texas governor can do — other than to be a cheerleader."

In theory, Perry could have blocked the industry and demanded more regulations against air pollution at fracturing sites. He also could have increased the focus on preventing potential earthquakes from disposal wells. Or he could have gone further.

"Imagine if Andrew Cuomo was governor here," said Mark Jones, a political science professor at Rice University. "We wouldn't have seen nearly the same kind of technological advances."

New York has been restricting fracturing since the late 2000s, and in 2014, Gov. Cuomo banned the practice over health concerns. Since 2006, New York's natural gas production has fallen by over two-thirds while Texas' production took off — in gas, oil and wind.

"Perry helped maintain and improve the context in which all that energy development took place," Jones said.

Environmentalists are likely to have concerns, and those could dominate Perry's confirmation hearings. In Texas, the longtime governor opposed some early steps on climate change. The state also supported a radioactive waste site near Andrews in West Texas despite the agency's staff recommending rejection.

"Perry's a conundrum," said Michael Webber, deputy director of the Energy Institute at the University of Texas at Austin. "A fossil-fuel loving, climate-denying, oil and gas governor of Texas — and a pro-renewable energy governor who built out the infrastructure to clean up the grid and reduce emissions.

"He was doing both simultaneously," Webber said. "So the question becomes: Which version shows up in Washington?"

Perry will have to choose scientific experts to bolster his weakness on nuclear issues, Webber and Jones said. He'll also have to heed that expert advice, they added.

That would allow Perry to focus on larger projects. When people talk about investing in infrastructure, that usually means roads, bridges and airports. But utility lines require lots of workers and have the added benefit of helping consumers and the environment. New lines also are needed throughout the country.

"There's a lot of good news that we can hope for," Webber said. "Perry might not be a scientist, but he can move bureaucracies."

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TOMLINSON

From 1A

Drilling along the Atlantic is also prohibitively expensive and faces opposition from the most populous region of the country. Banning drilling there is again only symbolic. Oil prices will likely never get high enough to make drilling in the Atlantic economically feasible.

As for so-called clean coal, well, providing tax credits for projects that have already wasted hundreds of million of dollars won't change the economics of burning coal. Whether it is the Texas Clean Energy Project or Southern Co.'s Kemper County, Mississippi, power plant that cost $7 billion, clean coal technology simply doesn't make economic sense.

No one is planning any new coal-fired power plants, and no one is proposing to replicate those technologies anywhere else in the nation. Not to mention, if Trump follows through on rolling back Obama's Clean Power Plan, no existing coal plant will have any financial incentive to add carbon capture systems.

Trump, though, promised he'd do something for coal miners. So he'll push for these tax credits, which will be a windfall for a lucky few. When nothing happens, he'll blame cheap natural gas and renewable energy sources for the further demise of the coal industry.

And honestly, who wants their children to work in a coal mine anyway?

You can't really blame Obama and Trump for practicing politics, that's what do. But whatever you do, don't let their reindeer games get you worked up. Producing energy is a business and the economics always rule, the politics are secondary.

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Toy sellers and makers offer more options for autistic kids

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toy stores, with bright lights, loud sounds and crowded aisles, can be hard to manage for children with autism or other sensory issues. For parents, finding toys that match their kids' skill sets and will hold their attention can be a process of trial and error. Big toy sellers and specialists are both trying to provide some better options.

Hasbro, for instance, offers tips on how parents can teach autistic children to play with Mr. Potato Head or a My Little Pony set. Toy maker Melissa & Doug offers stores special catalogs.

A Toys R Us in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, turned off its music for three hours on a recent Saturday morning and turned its break room into a quiet zone as part of an event planned with the Greater Philadelphia Autism Society. The company's 100 stores in the U.K. have been offering sinilar hours for one day a year since 2014, and Toys R Us plans to bring similar events to more of its 900 U.S. stores. Chuck E. Cheese's, the chain with arcade games and rides, similarly plans to turn off the music and dim the lights at 40 Northeast restaurants for a couple of hours one Sunday a month starting in January, as part of a trial run.

In the meantime, small stores designed specifically for children with sensory issues are popping up, as well.

"The need for a store like this is even bigger than I thought it would be," said Bethany Mathis, who opened Time 4 Toys last month after having a hard time finding toys for her 8-year-old son with sensory processing issues. The walls at the store in Flowood, Mississippi, are painted in soft colors and kids can test out the toys.

An estimated one in 68 children have autism or a related disorder, according to a government study based on 2012 data. That's up from one in 150 a decade before. Symptoms of autism vary widely, and can range from mild social interaction problems to repetitive behaviors to difficulty speaking or even the inability to speak. This can make choosing toys even harder than it is for unaffected kids.

Jamilah Rahim opened Spectrum Toy Store in Chicago this year after she realized no toy stores were meeting that need. As an in-home behavioral therapist, she saw parents spend money buying toys online that their children ended up not being interested in. At her 700-square-foot store, kids can sit and play with any of the toys and parents can see if they like them before buying.

"It's more of an experience than just a one-stop shop for them to buy toys," said Rahim, who still works as a behavioral therapist part-time, which helps her discover new toys to stock.

Meghan Hetherton drove four hours to visit the store from her home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Two of Hetherton's four children are autistic, and when she takes them shopping at big stores, her 4-year-old son hums to cope with the crowds and noise. Hetherton often finds herself apologizing to store workers.

"I shouldn't have to," she said, but "store employees just don't understand." At Spectrum Toy Store, her kids pulled toys from the shelves, played with putty and tried on chewable silicone jewelry before she bought some. "They were able to be themselves," said Hetherton.

Dimming the lights and turning off the music can help some autistic kids, but others may still be affected by a big space, said Dr. Eileen Crehan, a postdoctoral fellow at the autism program at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She's noticed that movie theaters and ballparks are also offering sensory-friendly days. "It's sort of catching on," said Dr. Crehan.

After hearing from employees and customers, Hasbro Inc. teamed up with The Autism Project two years ago to teach parents and caregivers how autistic children can play with its toys. The company launched a site called Hasbro Toybox Tools with videos and downloadable instructions for some of its more popular toys, such as Baby Alive dolls and the Chutes and Ladders board game.

"Play doesn't always come natural with kids with autism," but it's important to their development and helps them learn to socialize with others, said Sandra Pierce-Jordan, the executive director of The Birchtree Center, a nonprofit in Newington, New Hampshire, that works with autistic children.

Emily Berman said she has had to teach her daughter how to pretend to eat plastic toy foods or how to move a toy train on its tracks. Her daughter is non-verbal, making it hard to pick out toys, said Berman, who is a life coach in Encinitas, California.

"I wish I knew what she wanted," she said. Berman has bought toys suggested by behavioral therapists and buys many items online. "A lot of it is trial and error," Berman said.

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OPINION

Obama's inaction in Aleppo was disgraceful

■ The president let Russia dictate the result of the Syrian conflict; now America is shut out

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Washington Post Writers Group

The fall of Aleppo just weeks before Barack Obama leaves office is a fitting stamp on his Middle East policy of retreat and withdrawal. The pitiable pictures from the devastated city showed the true cost of Obama's abdication — for which he seems to have few regrets, however. In his end-of-year news conference, Obama defended U.S. inaction with his familiar false choice: it was either stand aside or order a massive Iraq-style ground invasion.

This is a transparent fiction designed to stifle debate. Five years ago, the popular uprising was ascendant. What kept a rough equilibrium was regime control of the skies. At that point, the U.S., at little risk and cost, could have declared Syria a no-fly zone, much as it did Iraqi Kurdistan for a dozen years after the Gulf War of 1991.

The U.S. could easily have destroyed the regime's planes and helicopters on the ground and so cratered its airfields as to make them unusable. That would have altered the strategic equation for the rest of the war.

And it would have deterred the Russians from injecting their own air force — they would have had to challenge ours for air superiority. Facing no U.S. deterrent, Russia stepped in and decisively altered the balance, pounding the rebels in Aleppo to oblivion. The Russians were particularly adept at hitting hospitals and other civilian targets, leaving the rebels with the choice between annihilation and surrender.

They surrendered.

Obama has never appreciated that the role of a superpower in a local conflict is not necessarily to intervene on the ground, but to deter a rival global power from stepping in and altering the course of the war. That's what we did during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Moscow threatened to send troops to support Egypt, and President Nixon countered by raising America's nuclear alert status to Defcon 3. Russia stood down.

Less dramatically but just as effectively, American threats of retaliation are what kept West Germany, South Korea and Taiwan free and independent through half a century of Cold War.

It's called deterrence. Yet Obama never had the credibility to deter anything or anyone. In the end, the world's greatest power was reduced to bitter speeches at the U.N. "Are you truly incapable of shame?" thundered U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power at the butchers of Aleppo. As if we don't know the answer. Indeed the shame is on us for terminal naivete, sending our secretary of state chasing the Russians to negotiate one humiliating pretend cease-fire after another.

Even now, however, the Syria debate is not encouraging. The tone is anguished and emotional, portrayed exclusively in moral terms. Much less appreciated is the cold strategic cost.

Assad was never a friend. But today he's not even a free agent. He's been effectively restored to his throne, but as the puppet of Iran and Russia. Syria is now a platform, a forward base, from which both these revisionist regimes can project power in the region.

Iran will use Syria to advance its drive to dominate the Arab Middle East. Russia will use its naval and air bases to bully the Sunni Arab states, and to shut out American influence.

It's already happening. The foreign and defense ministers of Russia, Iran and Turkey convened in Moscow this week to begin settling the fate of Syria. Notice who wasn't there. For the first time in four decades, the United States, the once dominant power in the region, is an irrelevance.

With Aleppo gone and the rebels scattered, we have a long road ahead to rebuild the influence squandered over the last eight years. President-elect Donald Trump is talking about creating safe zones. He should tread carefully. It does no good to try to do now what we should have done five years ago. Conditions are much worse. Russia and Iran rule. Maintaining the safety of safe zones will be expensive and dangerous. It will require extensive ground deployments and it risks military confrontation with Russia.

And why? Guilty conscience is not a good reason. Interventions that are purely humanitarian — from Somalia to Libya — tend to end badly. We may proclaim a "responsibility to protect," but when no American interests are at stake, the engagement becomes impossible to sustain. At the first losses, we go home.

In Aleppo, the damage is done, the city destroyed, the inhabitants ethnically cleansed. For us, there is no post-facto option. If we are to regain the honor lost in Aleppo, it will have to be on a very different battlefield.

OUR VIEW

Give us a plan for the completion of the final 5 miles of Loop 250

The city of Midland and the Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization each recently approved the final report of the Northeast Midland Corridor Feasibility Study, which looked at projected changes to roadways as this part of the city prepares for growth.

What we found most interesting about the study doesn't have anything to do with the intricacies of the new ideas put forth by engineering firm Freese & Nichols, which was co-hired by the city and the MPO for $200,000.

Rather, it's the less-than-shocking wants Midland County residents revealed during several public comment events when sharing what they wanted most.

You see, the study initially focused on expanding Craddick Highway eastward to curve and connect to Interstate 20 somewhere in Midland or Martin County. The purpose? To alleviate truck traffic traveling between State Highway 349 and Interstate 20.

Midlanders resoundingly had a not-so-new idea: complete the eastern portion of Loop 250, which isn't interstate-grade highway like the western half. The Reporter-Telegram has reported extensively over the past half-decade about how dangerous this part of the loop is, and residents shared their own stories of frightful moments and personal tragedy when traveling the unfinished 5 miles.

The push from residents was so great that it forced Freese & Nichols to change the scope of the study. The predictable suggestions of widening thoroughfares like Elkins Road and Todd Drive were presented in the final results, but Loop 250 was deemed as the top project to address.

Our main issue with this study is that it doesn't mean much on its own. It and the Tall City Tomorrow plan present loose ideas of what might be needed in the future. We needed Loop 250 completed 10 years ago. Studies are nice — especially when they don't suggest the obvious — but we want plans. Real plans. Turn them into something practicable, something we can implement the moment funding becomes available.

The promise of $167 million dollars coming to the MPO over the next decade makes us feel a little bit better that the loop will be finished. As the MPO technical advisory committee and policy board get ready to reanalyze priority projects early next year, it's our plea to them and the Texas Department of Transportation to put finishing Loop 250 among the highest priorities.

We understand there are other needs and that MPO funding is split between Midland and Ector counties. We support that because we all do better when we think regionally, particularly in terms of transportation. But when you're thinking about Midland, put Loop 250 first.

Let's get the loop completed in contiguous fashion. Let's finish that last 5 miles.

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US prepares for pragmatic Trump

■ Trump could become the 'transformative' president Obama wanted to be

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It's one of the greatest examples of "careful what you wish for" in political history: President Obama is going to be replaced by the kind of Republican he's always said he wanted.

For the entirety of his presidency, Obama has insisted that he is a pragmatist, not an ideologue. Indeed, he seems to think that ideology is a dirty word. "What is required," Obama declared the day before his first inauguration, "is a new declaration of independence, not just in our nation, but in our own lives — from ideology and small thinking, prejudice and bigotry — an appeal not to our easy instincts but to our better angels."

As a confessed ideologue, I've always taken offense at the suggestion that ideology — i.e., a fixed set of principles — deserves to be listed alongside prejudice, bigotry and small thinking. Moreover, as a conservative, I've always found laughable the idea that Obama is not an ideologue.

But when Donald Trump says he's a pragmatist, it's no laughing matter. Not since Richard Nixon have we had a president (or president-elect) less committed, or beholden, to a fixed ideological program.

Going into the GOP primaries, the conventional wisdom held that the winner of the contest would be the candidate who displayed the most ideological purity. Instead the brass ring went to the contender with the least.

"No, it's not going to be the Trump doctrine," Trump said in April. "Because in life, you have to be flexible. You have to have flexibility. You have to change. You know, you may say one thing and then the following year you want to change it, because circumstances are different."

A few days later, he told his supporters in California, "Folks, I'm a conservative, but at this point, who cares? We got to straighten out the country."

His surrogates echoed the sentiment. Investor Carl Icahn assured voters that "Donald is a pragmatist. He's going to do what's needed for this economy."

Hedge fund mogul Anthony Scaramucci wrote in the Wall Street Journal: "What elitists misinterpret as uneven principles, entrepreneurs understand as adaptability. ... Mr. Trump would be the greatest pragmatist and deal maker Washington has ever seen."

The closest Trump comes to a rigid set of political principles is on the issue of trade. He has been making the same protectionist arguments about trade for more than 30 years. And despite the fact that the GOP has, at least rhetorically, been a party of free trade since Ronald Reagan, Trump seems to have won that argument in a rout. No doubt there are Republicans who disagree with Trump on trade, but for the most part they're keeping their opposition to themselves.

Obama came into office wanting to be a transformative president. He almost certainly failed — many of his prize accomplishments likely won't survive the next GOP Congress. And even as he argued against partisanship, and advanced the idea that a president can, nay must, decide every issue on a case-by-case basis, he always pushed a liberal agenda.

Trump, though, really might try the case-by-case approach, which we'll soon find is more disorienting than refreshing. His "flexibility" on numerous issues — infrastructure, entitlements, industrial policy, day care and who knows what else in the years to come — means we won't know what to expect.

For good or ill, then, Trump could be the "transformative" president Obama always wanted to be — the president who gets us past partisan ideology by doing away with principle.

One can already hear the ideological supports of both parties groaning under the weight of Trump's pragmatism. If one party collapses as a result, both will likely topple over. What replaces them is anyone's guess, but no one will deny that a transformation took place.

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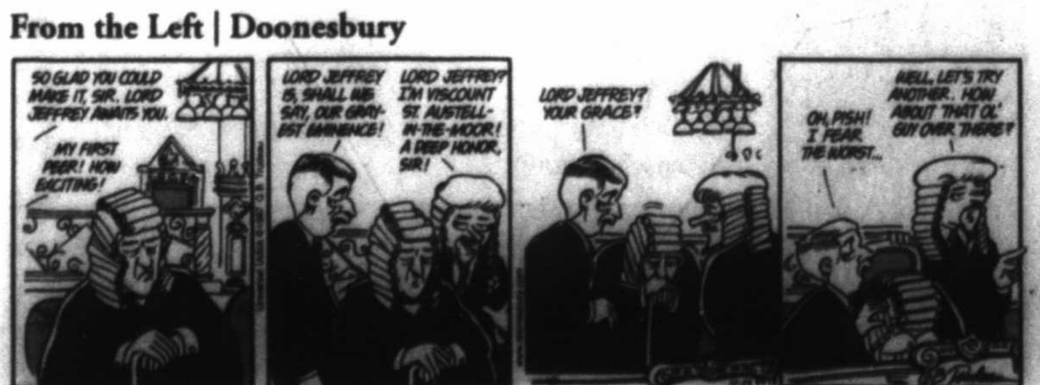
From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Validated UGC via AP video

In this image made from video and posted online by Validated UGC on April 28, a civil defense worker carries a child after airstrikes hit Aleppo, Syria. In 2016, repeated cease-fire negotiations failed to halt relentless warfare among multiple factions. With Russia's help, the government forces of President Bashar Assad finally seized rebel-held portions of the city of Aleppo, at a huge cost in terms of deaths and destruction.

5 things to know about Syria's Aleppo

By Philip Issa
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces and years of fighting have laid waste to much of the city of Aleppo, but he has won it back after nearly six years of war.

The president now looks more secure than ever since the 2011 uprising against his family's four-decade rule. But thousands of people have been killed, and hundreds of thousands have been displaced, since the opposition carved out a foothold in Aleppo in 2012. Many of those who left say they will never return.

Here are five things to know about the retaking of Aleppo.

Associated Press

Smoke rises Dec. 5 following an air strike that hit insurgents positioned in eastern neighborhoods of Aleppo, Syria.

The importance of Aleppo

Aleppo, said to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on earth, was once the commercial heart of Syria, its biggest city and one of its main tourism draws. It was famous for its Old City, citadel, winding bazaars, and historic mosques. Much of it now lies in ruin.

The city was initially spared from the worst of the unrest that convulsed the country in 2011. But after months of anti-government demonstrations and retaliatory crackdowns, rebels swept into Aleppo's eastern districts the next year and thrust the city into the furnace of war.

The government carried out near-daily air raids, dropping barrels filled with explosives from helicopters and destroying entire city blocks. The rebels shelled government-held areas and tunneled underground, both to evade airstrikes and to carry out sneak attacks.

Eastern Aleppo was the largest urban area under the opposition's control, and as they were driven out of other cities and towns, it came to be seen as the last bastion of the uprising against Assad.

How the government won

The Syrian opposition lost eastern Aleppo because it was outnumbered and outgunned by the forces of Assad and his allies and abandoned by the international community.

Militarily, the most important factor was Russia's powerful and relentless airstrikes. Also, fighters from Lebanon's Hezbollah group and Shiite militias from Iraq and elsewhere joined Assad's military on the front lines. Battered and overstretched by fighting around the country, Syrian government troops had long seemed unable to tip the battle in Aleppo.

But with its allies help, Assad's forces punched through an opposition corridor north of Aleppo in February, severing rebel supply lines to Turkey. By August, they completely surrounded the rebel-held east. Wave after wave of airstrikes in recent months destroyed virtually all the hospitals in the east, as well as schools and other civic institutions.

In late November, rebel defenses in the city collapsed.

The role of the international community

The United States, along with Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and others have provided aid to the Syrian rebels since 2011, but none were willing to intervene directly on their behalf in Aleppo. The United States was on the verge of intervening in 2013 after a chemical attack near Damascus blamed on Assad's forces, but at the last minute President Barack Obama stood down, accepting instead the surrender of Syria's chemical weapons program.

Russia used its veto to block any effective action at the United Nations and entered the war directly in September 2015.

The rebels' main sponsor, Turkey, sent its forces into northern Syria in August in an operation dubbed Euphrates Shield, but that intervention was designed to push back Kurdish rebels and Islamic State militants from its border. It ended up diverting rebel resources away from Aleppo.

The United States spent much of this year trying to secure a cease-fire in Aleppo that would allow for the delivery of aid. But truces were short-lived, and Washington and Moscow traded blame for their failure.

A pyrrhic victory

Assad now controls Syria's five largest cities and its Mediterranean coast. His government appears more secure than at any point since the conflict began.

But the victory has taken a horrifying toll.

An estimated 21,000 civilians have been killed in Aleppo and surrounding areas since 2011, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled, and many will never return, fearing government reprisals.

Much of the Old City has been destroyed, including the historic bazaar and the 11th century minaret of the Grand Mosque. Entire blocks resemble cities firebombed during World War II, with rows of bombed-out buildings and streets flooded with rubble. It could take years to rebuild eastern Aleppo and restore public services.

The war goes on

Syria's civil war is far from over. The opposition still controls the northwestern Idlib province and pockets of territory elsewhere in the country, and the Islamic State group rules a large swath of the northeast, including the ancient city of Palmyra, seized from government forces earlier this month while all eyes were on Aleppo.

Syrian Kurdish forces have carved out a largely autonomous enclave in northeastern Syria, and Turkish troops, along with allied Syrian opposition forces, crossed the border earlier this year to battle IS as well as the Kurds.

Assad, for his part, has vowed to "liberate" every corner of Syria.

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

CHRISTMAS MEAL Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry will host their Christmas meal that also provides gifts and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. To help with the event, call 686-7687

SATURDAY

HAPPY HANUKKAH

SUNDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ONLINE

ICYMI

See photos from the Midland Nativity Festival at mrt.com.

See more calendar items on Page 6B.

IN NEED

DONATIONS FOR GIRLS ATHLETICS Texas Leadership Charter Academy's new women's athletic program is seeking both monetary and equipment/uniform donations. Both can be mailed or dropped off to Linsey Rivas' attention at at TLCA, 3300 Thomas Ave. Building R, Midland, Texas 79703.

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

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

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

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS needed. Low-income seniors can earn a modest stipend while mentoring at-risk children. Visit seniorlinkmidland.org or call 432-689-6693.

ABUNDANCE OF WORSHIP

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Where to worship on your Christmas holiday

By Rich Lopez
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Church services for Christmas come in a variety with pageants, carols or traditional worship. With Christmas falling on a Sunday, many churches have kept their usual schedule while others have combined worship times into one service. Many Christmas Eve services will start early in the day and some begin today.

In turn, there are churches who have closed for the holiday as well.

Below is an abbreviated list of Christmas church services throughout Midland beginning today.

Alamo Heights Baptist Church
- 1305 N. Midland Drive. ahbcmidland.com.
- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Calvary Christian Fellowship
- 1024 Andrews Hwy. ccfmidland.com.
- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Christ Church Anglican
- 5501 N. Midkiff Road. ccanglican.com.
- Christmas Eve
- Family worship with children's live nativity, 4 p.m.
- Traditional worship with Christmas carols, 8 p.m.
- Christmas Day combined worship, 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
- 901 N. Midland Drive. cornerstonemidland.com.
- Christmas Eve bilingual service, 6:30 p.m.

Crestview Baptist Church
- 301 N. Loop 250 N. crestview.church.
- Friday, Christmas Bingo fellowship, 5 p.m.
- Christmas Eve services, 4 and 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day service, 11 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity
- 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holytrinity.org.
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Pageant and Nave, 5 p.m.
- Pre-worship music, 7:30 p.m.
- Service, 8 p.m.
- Service with soloists 11 p.m.
- Christmas Day:

RITE I service, 8 a.m.
RITE II service 10 a.m.

Fannin Baptist
- 2800 Mogford St. fanninbaptist.org
- Christmas Eve candlelight service, 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day service, 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Midland
- 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org
- Christmas Eve candlelight services, 4 and 6 p.m.
- Christmas Day worship services at 9 a.m and 10:30 a.m.

First Christian Church
- 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. fccmidland.org
- Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
- 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org
- Christmas Eve
- Family worship, 5:30 p.m.
- Bridge worship 7:30 p.m.
- Worship and communion, 9 p.m.
- Christmas Day worship service, 11 a.m.

Please see **SERVICES**/6B

A HOLIDAY JIG

Courtesy photos

The Dance Unlimited Company — a program of Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center — held its annual Christmas dance recital on Dec. 5. "For some of the kids it reinforces physical therapy, while for others it may be speech or fine motor skills," said Jessica Neves, director of therapeutic dance at MCRC. "For all of them, it is a chance to work in a group setting and to engage in an age- appropriate leisure activity." **LEFT:** Performers included Sara Marruffo, left, and L.J. Sellers. **RIGHT:** MCRC dancers included Tiara Doucett, from left, Amber Hopper, Kallea Aaron and Malia Jimenez. **NOT SHOWN:** Other children who participated in the recital were Aloura Sanches, Hannah Hernandez, Hallee Coulter, Katelyn McNew, Lily Orosco, Lucia Alsup, Samantha Cummins, Jonnifer Logsdon and Kaylina Jeffery.

Please join us this Saturday, December 24th
for our Christmas Eve Services

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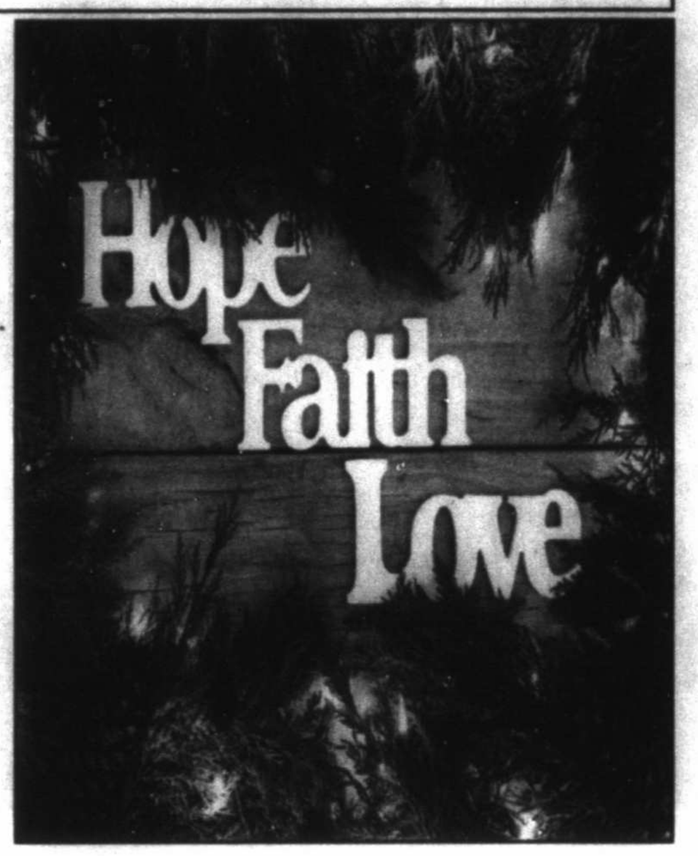

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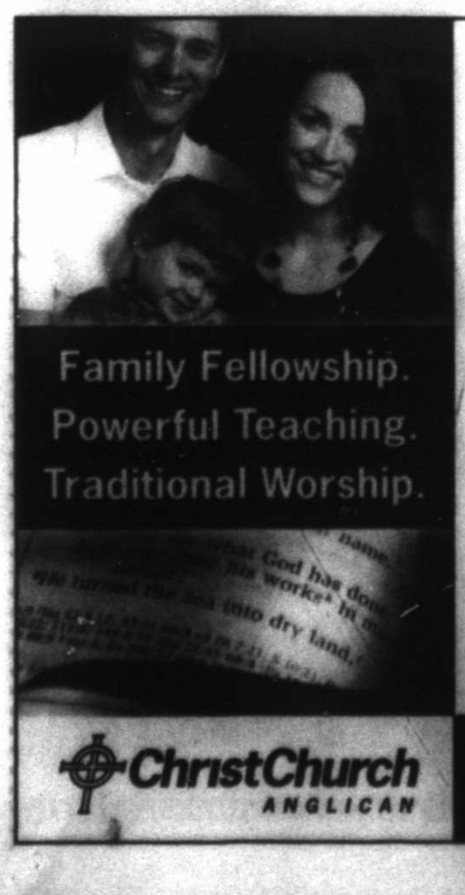

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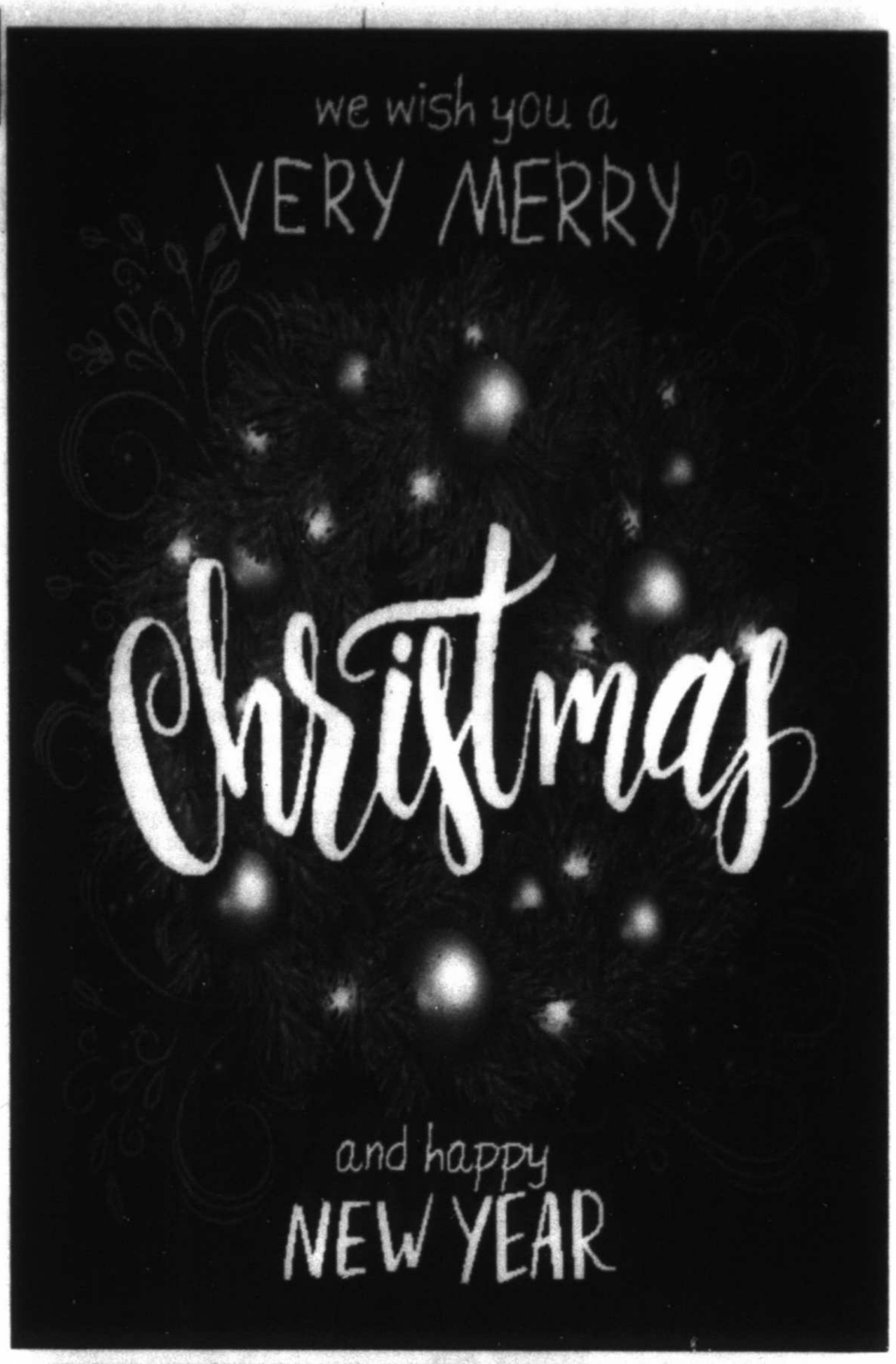

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Obituaries

Bettie Jean Hooper

Bettie Jean Hooper, 85, of Midland, passed away December 20, 2016 surrounded by her family in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Herman Lester Hooper. They were married on August 2, 1968 in Odessa, Texas in the home of family friends.

Her burial service will be held at the Crane Memorial Cemetery on December 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements.

Bettie was born in Hargill, Texas to Joseph Edgar Reeves and Flo Dell Keyes Reeves on April 25, 1931. She worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for twenty years and retired from AT&T. She spent the next twenty years quietly improving the lives of many single women in Midland and Odessa, Texas by providing financial guidance and support including housing for single women with children and lower income single women with elderly parents.

Bettie was energetically active in Square Dancing and Clogging exhibitions in Texas, Nevada, and many places around the world, participating with her husband, Herman. Bettie was known to be a friend to all and always had time to inspire and encourage others in the art of Square Dancing and Clogging.

Bettie is preceded in death by her daughter, Fran Hooper; parents, Joseph Edgar Reeves and Flo Dell Keyes; three sisters, Nora Reeves Williams of Odessa, Judie Reeves Parsley of Conway Arkansas, and Lovella Reeves Dawhaniuk of Portland, Oregon; and brother, Joseph M. Reeves of Goldendale, Washington.

Bettie is survived by her husband of 48 years, Herman Lester Hooper; sister, Maureen Reeves Burnett of Alamagordo, New Mexico; one brother, Raymond Reeves of Nampa, Idaho; daughter, Pamela Hopper King and son-in-law, Johnny King; son, Douglas Hastey and daughter-in-law, Janis R. Hastey; grandchildren, Shane King, Michelle King, Matthew Hastey, and Jeremiah White; three great-grandchildren; and a very large number of nieces and nephews.

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

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Death Notices

Walter Roy Hunter III

Walter Roy Hunter III, 35, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Philanthropy supports democracy and democracy supports us all

Bruce DeBoskey
Tribune Content Agency

Results of the recent election have spotlighted the tremendous divisiveness in our nation —— divisiveness that colors our approach to our country, our government and each other.

As this year comes to a close, I want to remind readers — of every political point of view — about the critical role that philanthropy can play in advocating not only for our communities, but also for the fundamental principles that have enabled the success of our democracy for nearly 230 years.

The principles in the Declaration of Independence and enshrined in the Constitution have made our experiment in governance and civil society the most successful in history.

These include the bedrock concept that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The Constitution created the government and established the rule of law, separation of powers, representative democracy, checks and balances, federalism and civilian military control.

The Bill of Rights set limits on the government's power and grants citizens protection from abuse of that power. It was Thomas Jefferson who said, "Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny."

It makes no difference if you are liberal or conservative — or somewhere in between. It makes no difference how you feel about the results of the recent elections. The value of the American concept of self-government lies in trans-partisan democratic principles that protect us all. These must be protected, preserved and enhanced by individuals of all parties and diverse social perspectives.

To read some of these writings of our Founding Fathers that explore the meaning of these principles, see Founders Online, an online resource (supported by a number of foundations) to make our nation's historical documents available to all.

Historically, nonprofit organizations have played an important role in helping to shape the meaning and application of citizens' rights. Through advocacy, education, and litigation, nonprofits have helped to define and defend our democratic values when they have come under attack.

There are many opportunities to support — financially and with one's time — organizations that advocate for the essential precepts embodied in our founding documents. Among these are local, regional and national nonprofit organizations that work tirelessly to promote and ensure:

- The ability to follow the faith of one's choice, including no faith at all.
- The restriction on government promotion of any particular faith.
- The separation of church and state.
- Equal treatment under the law.
- A free press.
- Freedom of speech.
- The right to assemble and peacefully protest.
- The right to privacy.
- The right to vote.
- The right to bear arms.
- Protection against cruel and unusual punishment.
- The right to due process and the assistance of counsel.

These rights and others recognize and codify both our independence and fundamental interdependence as a civil society. Jefferson also said, "It behooves our citizens to be on their guard, to be firm in their principles, and full of confidence in themselves." Moreover, he cautioned that "lethargy is the forerunner of death to the public liberty."

As you contemplate year-end giving and make plans for 2017, think not only about where you can meet the immediate needs of your community, but also where you also can invest to ensure the endurance of our democracy. Philanthropy can be a deeply optimistic act — reflecting the belief that we can have a positive impact on our own lives, on the lives of others, and on vital societal issues.

To quote Jefferson once more: "The people of every country are the only safe guardians of their own rights, and are the only instruments which can be used for their destruction."

Bruce DeBoskey is a philanthropic strategist working with The DeBoskey Group (www.deboskeygroup.com) to help businesses, families and foundations design and implement thoughtful philanthropic strategies and actionable plans. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops on philanthropy. Readers may send him email at bruce@deboskeygroup.com.

Hanukkah menorah lightings in cities around the world

Associated Press

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah begins the night of Dec. 24 and lasts for eight days. If you're traveling or vacationing during the holiday, there may be a menorah lighting near you. Chabad-Lubavitch plans to hold public menorah lightings and Hanukkah events in hundreds of cities and more than 90 countries.

Among noteworthy events in the U.S., there will be menorah lightings at NBA and NHL games, including the Brooklyn Nets, New York Islanders, Orlando Magic and Golden State Warriors. In New York City, a massive menorah will be lit nightly near the Plaza Hotel and the entrance to Central Park. Nightly lightings will also take place in San Francisco's Union Square.

In front of the White House, a menorah will be lit nightly. Miami's Gulfstream Park will host a menorah lighting Tuesday. And in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a Hanukkah celebration on Saturday night will include lining up hot air balloons in the shape of a menorah.

There will be menorah lightings at ski resorts in Vail, Colorado, and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and a public menorah lighting on Main Street in Park City, Utah. Those heading to the Caribbean for the holiday week will find menorah lightings in Cancun, Mexico, on the island of Aruba and in other destinations.

Russell Contreras/Associated Press

Santa Fe Archbishop John C. Wester speaks out against a proposed food tax in New Mexico at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in Albuquerque, N.M., on Tuesday. A proposal to reinstate a food tax in New Mexico is drawing strong opposition from the Roman Catholic church and anti-poverty groups over concerns such a plan would raise grocery prices largely on the state's poor.

Roman Catholic church denounces New Mexico 'food tax' idea

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A proposal to reinstate a food tax in New Mexico is drawing strong opposition from the Roman Catholic church and anti-poverty groups over concerns the plan would raise grocery prices largely on the state's poor.

Speaking to a group of anti-poverty activists in Albuquerque, Santa Fe Archbishop John C. Wester announced Tuesday he will oppose any effort to restore a food tax in New Mexico, especially since the state with the largest percentage of Hispanics in the country remains one of the nation's poorest.

"This 'Tortilla Tax,' as many have labeled it, only shifts the burden onto the poor and working families," said Wester. "What makes this idea even more obscene is that New Mexico ranks second highest in the nation for children living in hunger and the first highest for children living in poverty."

Rep. Jason Harper, R-Rio Rancho, said his proposed restoration of the food tax would be offset by exemptions for the poor and reductions to gross receipts taxes on sales and services. Those are components of an ambitious bill — still being drafted — to overhaul the state's tax structure with an eye toward invigorating New Mexico's lagging economy and employment.

"If you look holistically at the entire package then you understand that folks that are struggling will still not be paying tax on food and the tax rate on everything else you buy is going down from the average of 8 percent down to 4 percent, as part of a larger comprehensive reform," said Harper, the outgoing Republican chairman of a major tax policy committee.

He said his plan would not apply to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, who account for more 20 percent of the state population.

The proposal, which has not been formally submitted, comes as state lawmakers prepare to tackle a budget that is expected to be tens of millions of dollars below expected revenues because of an oil downturn. Some lawmakers have said they would propose all sorts of new tax plans to offset the state's declining revenues.

Wester said such tax reform still would burden low-income families.

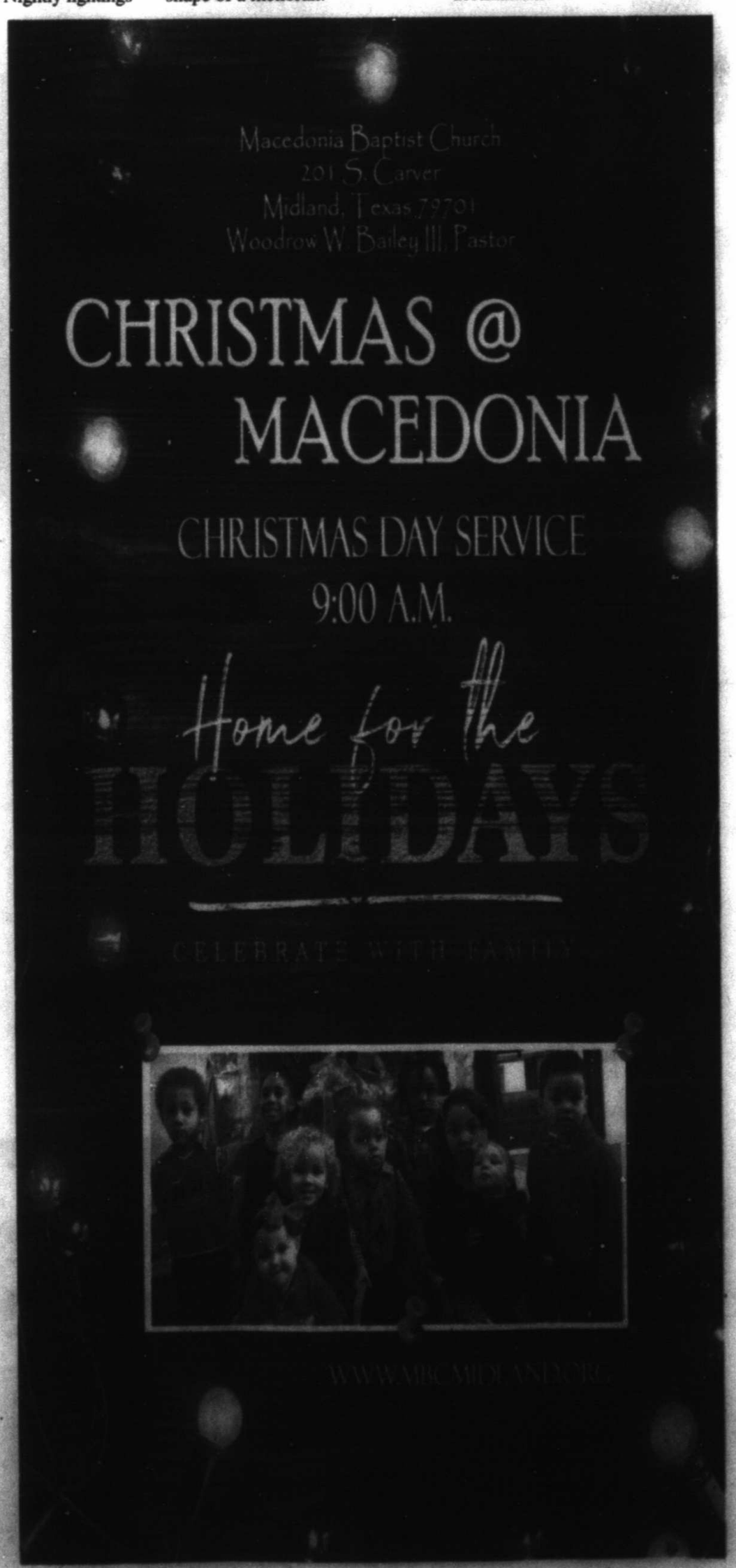
"To me, it seem like the upper class will be paying less for computers and tablets," Wester said. "But low-income families will be paying more for food. That's unacceptable."

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, a Republican, has previously said she would veto any plan aimed at raising taxes on families.

"The governor has never supported raising taxes — especially on food and gas," Martinez spokesman Michael Lonergan said.

In 2010, former Gov. Bill Richardson vetoed a proposed food tax passed by a Democratic-controlled Legislature. That proposal would have reinstated the tax on groceries and food staples at rates levied by cities and counties.

Opposition to the food tax then drew protesters who brought tortillas to the statehouse to demonstrate the rising cost of food under the tax plan.



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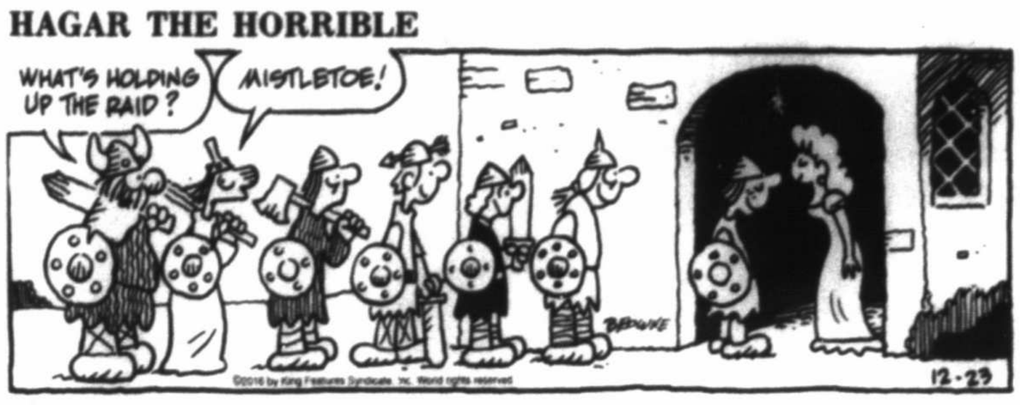

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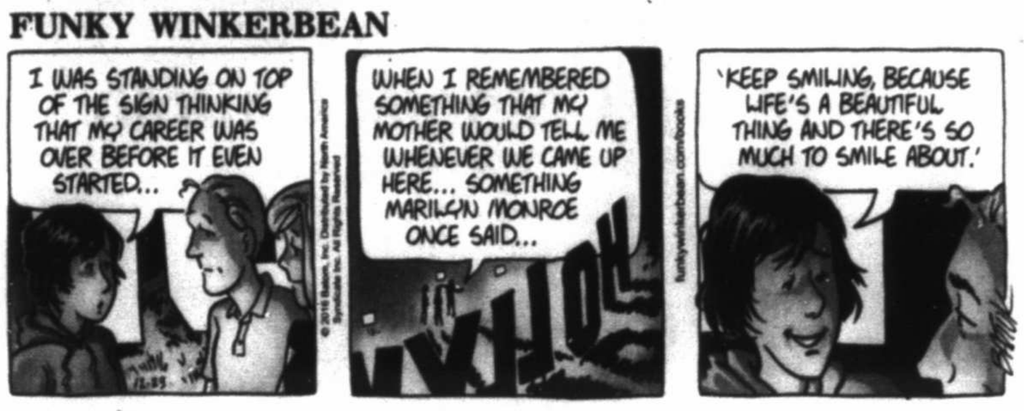

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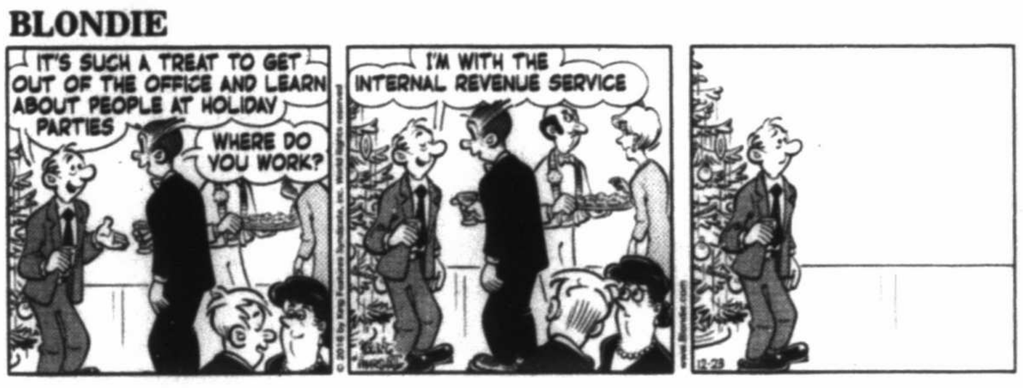

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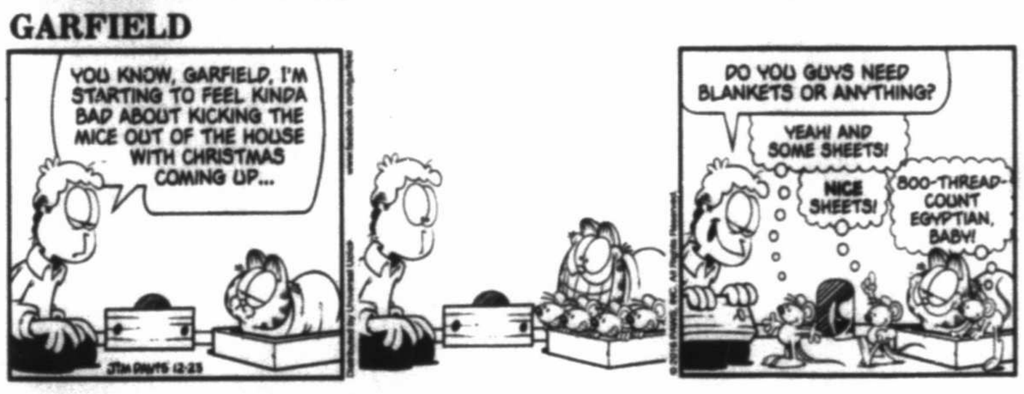

CLOSE TO HOME

"I'm starting to think there may be something to all this global warming stuff."

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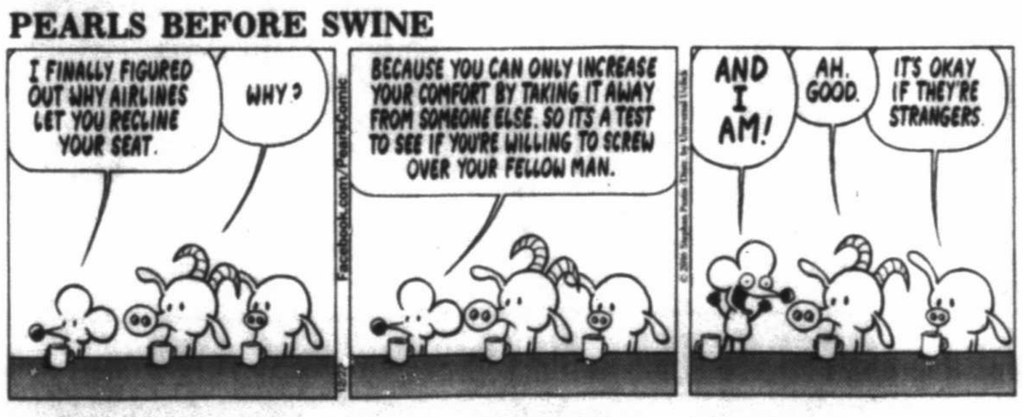
"I'D LIKE ONE OF EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE STUFF I WANT TWO OF."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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"When they're finished singin', should we give them some of our leftover Halloween candy?"

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■ Family Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
■ Carols, Candles and Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Golf Course Road Church of Christ
■ 3500 W. Golf Course Road. gcrcc.org
■ Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

Mid-Cities Community Church
■ 8700 TX-191. midcities.org.
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Midland Bible Church
■ 3900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.
■ Christmas Eve
■ A Child Is Born service, 6:30 p.m.

Midland Lutheran Church
■ 2705 W. Michigan Ave. midlandlutheranchurch.org
■ Christmas Eve candlelight and communion worship, 7 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
■ 303 E. Shandon Ave.
■ Christmas Day sevrvice, 10 a.m.

The Orchard
■ 6112 N. Big Spring St. orchardmidland.com
■ Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine
■ 1401 E. Garden Lane. olgmidland.com
■ Christmas Eve:
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Midnight mass, 10 p.m.
■ Christmas Day:
Spanish mass, 8 a.m., 2 p.m.
Mass, 10 a.m. and noon.

Our Savior's Christian Fellowship
■ 3309 Neely Ave. oursaviorsmidland.com.
■ Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.
■ Christmas Day service, 10:15 a.m.

Redeemer Midland
■ 1901 Northrup Drive. Redeemermidland.org.
■ Friday, Christmas service, 6 p.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church
■ 1906 W. Texas St., stannsparish.us.
■ Christmas Eve:
Children's Christmas Mass, 5 p.m.
Carols, 7:30 p.m.
Vigil mass of Christmas, 8 p.m.
Carols with choirs and brass, 10:30 p.m.
Choral Christmas Eucharist, 11 p.m.
■ Christmas Day:
Mass, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Spanish mass, 1 p.m.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
■ 3011 W. Kansas Ave., stlukesumcmidland.org.
■ Christmas Eve
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■ Candlelight service, 11:30 p.m.

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■ 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stnicksmt.org.
■ Christmas Eve
■ Prelude music, 6:45 p.m.
■ Service with Holy Eucharist and Carols, 7:30 p.m.
■ Christmas Day service, 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
■ 4501 Thomason Drive. Stpaulumcmidland.com.
■ Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
■ 4601 Neely Ave. ststephensmidlandtx.com.
■ Christmas Eve:
Mass, 8 a.m., midnight
Children's mass, 5 p.m.
Spanish mass, 9 p.m.
■ Christmas Day:
Mass, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Spanish mass, 12:30 and 7 p.m.

San Miguel
■ 1100 Camp St. sanmiguelchurch.com.
■ Christmas Eve:
Mass, 5 p.m.
Spanish mass, 10 p.m.
Christmas Day:
Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Spanish mass, 12:30 p.m.

Solid Rock Fellowship Out West
■ 4601 I-20. solidrockfellowshipoutwest.com.
■ Christmas Day:
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Worship service, 11 a.m.

Sovereign Grace Church
■ 2901 W. Kansas Ave. sgcmidland.org.
■ Christmas Day worship service, 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR

Dec. 23-29

Today

Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry Christmas Meal, 11:30 a.m. Dec. 23 at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry, 1401 Orchard Lane.

Saturday

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

Monday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

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HOLY EUCHARIST
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Saturday, December 24, 2016

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8:00 P.M. Vigil Mass of Christmas Preceded by Carols at 7:30 P.M.

11:00 P.M. Choral Christmas Eucharist Preceded by Carols with combined Choirs & Brass at 10:30 P.M.

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Wednesday December 28 - GIRLS Schedule
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12:00 PM Chap Center MCA vs Plainview
3:00 PM Chap Center Bushland vs Midland Lee
6:00 PM Chap Center EP Eastlake vs Midland High

Wednesday December 28 - BOYS Schedule
10:30 AM Chap Center Odessa High vs Hereford
1:30 PM Chap Center Plainview vs Odessa Permian
4:30 PM Chap Center San Angelo Central vs Midland Lee
7:30 PM Chap Center Bushland vs Midland High

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No. 1 Lubbock Trinity dominates MCS

By Will Korn
wkorn@mrt.com

Playing against one of the state's premier programs, it didn't take long for the Midland Christian boys basketball team to get run out of its own gym.

TAPPS 4A No. 1-ranked Lubbock Trinity Christian used lightning-quick ball movement and impressive offensive efficiency to rout the TAPPS 5A No. 7 Mustangs, 68-38 on Thursday at McGraw Event Center.

Senior forward Colton Snively scored 10 points — all in the second half — to lead the Mustangs in the loss. Aaron Dove posted a game-high 14 points for Trinity Christian.

The Lions' speed with the ball seemed to spin the heads of MCS' (14-6) defenders almost instantly, as Trinity Christian raced to a 25-3 lead after the first quarter.

MCS head coach Chris Ryburn said he and his team knew exactly what to expect from the Lions coming into the game. But the Mustangs still couldn't stop it.

Rarely did any one Lions player hold the ball for longer than a second. Players without the ball were in constant motion and sneaky but machine like passes came at will until an open player finished with a score.

"They are so good and you know what they're going to do coming into the game and they just execute it so well," Ryburn said. "They did exactly what we thought they were going to do and did it well enough where we weren't able to stop it."

Ryburn added that the Mustangs simply didn't play with enough effort in the first half to contain such a tough offense.

"I just don't think we came out prepared to compete the way we needed to," Ryburn said. "I didn't think we played as hard as we needed to in the first half and that showed on the scoreboard."

Added Snively: "I think we weren't prepared in the first quarter and that's what lost the game for us."

The Mustangs opened the

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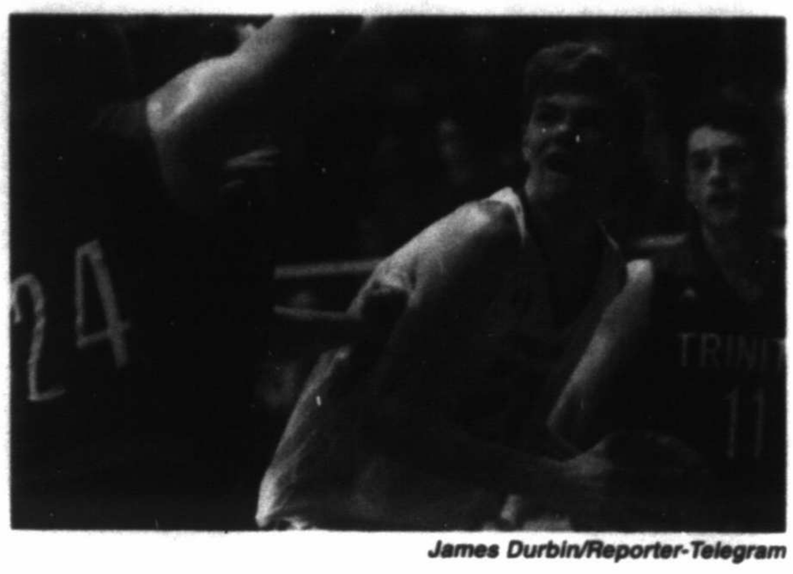

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Midland Christian's Colton Snively (22) tries to get to the hoop against Lubbock Trinity on Thursday at McGraw Event Center.

Garden City gold

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jeff Jones, head football coach for Garden City, led the Bearkats to a District 6-1A Division I title and 10-3 record.

Jones keeps Bearkats near the top

By Oscar LeRoy
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MRT COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Jones said when a program like Garden City has the kind of winning mindset that the Bearkats do, it's easier to be successful.

Still, considering that the Bearkats lost a ton of talent from a team that made it to the state quarterfinal round the year before and were considered a young team, few expected Garden City to be back in the mix in 2016.

Not only did the Bearkats win the tough District 6-1A Division I title but they made another run to the state quarterfinal round and gave eventual state champion Borden County a run for its money before falling 66-48 to finish the year at 10-3.

"It was a surprising year, you can say," Jones said. "We lost a big senior class. We figured we would be pretty good because Garden City kids always want to play hard. It's not like they're just going to turn awful overnight. Several of those kids did play a lot last year and the JV had a great year. There was a lot of success coming up, we just didn't know if it was going to translate over."

Thanks to that surprising run and having the Bearkats back in the state quarterfinal round, Jones is the Reporter-Telegram's Football Coach of the Year.

Jones said once the team started rolling and winning games, the Bearkats started to gain confidence that they could have another good year.

The three losses they suffered came against teams that were highly ranked and made the playoffs. And like Borden County, Balmorhea (a 45-35 loss) also made it to the state championship game in Division II. Jones credited the game against the Bears for getting his team ready for the playoffs.

But the biggest win of the regular season came in a 58-28 victory over Sterling City, the preseason favorite to win the district title.

"Probably everybody thought Sterling City would win the district except for people in this town," Jones said. "That's good, we like being the underdogs. Of course, we like being the favorites too. Going into that game we weren't intimidated by them. We had played them for years, the kids had played them every

Please see JONES/2C

Cowboys to face struggling Lions offense

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions are struggling offensively at the worst possible time.

A series of injuries has caused problems for coach Jim Caldwell and offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter as the Lions (9-5) try to finish off their first division title in 23 years.

Cooter

Last Sunday against the New York Giants, Matthew Stafford wasn't able to put together another fourth-quarter rally in a 17-6 loss, and now the Lions are headed to Dallas for a Monday night matchup with the Cowboys (12-2).

A loss against Dallas, or even a victory combined with the Green Bay Packers defeating the Minnesota Vikings, and the Lions will have to win the division in their season finale against Green Bay at home on New Year's Day.

The most obvious injury is the torn ligaments in the middle finger of Stafford's passing hand. He wore a one-fingered black glove against the Giants, and while he threw for 273 yards, it took 39 attempts and he threw a key interception with two minutes to play.

This week, Stafford is wearing a white glove that is designed for the expected weather conditions in Dallas.

"It's the same basic design, but the black one was set up for the rain we were getting in New York," he said Thursday. "This one is for dry conditions. I don't know how exactly they are different."

While Stafford is the highest-profile player with an injury, he will at least be in the lineup on Monday. Two other key members of the offense are expected to be sidelined again, and that could create much bigger problems.

The first injury is to Theo Riddick's wrist. While Caldwell won't give any injury updates, he didn't practice on Thursday and isn't expected to play in Dallas.

Detroit hasn't had much of a running game all season, ranking 29th in the league in yards on the ground, but losing Riddick adds to the problem. He leads the team with 357 yards rushing, and with Ameer Abdullah out since Week 2 with a broken foot, Riddick's absence leaves the running game in the hands of the inexperienced pair of Dwayne Washington and Zach Zenner.

Against the Giants, Washington gained just 31 yards on 14 carries, while Zenner lost a fumble at the goal line. If they can't take a big step forward against the Cowboys, and that's not likely against the league's best rush defense, it puts more pressure on Stafford to make plays with his injured hand.

The Cowboys don't have a spectacular

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Clowney's comeback complete with first Pro Bowl nod

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — For the first two injury-filled years of his NFL career many thought of Houston's Jadeveon Clowney as a bust.

Now he's healthy and proving the doubters wrong. The No. 1 pick of the 2014 draft is reveling in that fact he can now be called a Pro Bowler.

"I just want to keep playing for the Texans and let them know I'm trying to live up to be worthy of the number one pick and keep coming strong," Clowney said.

"I'm only getting better. I'm getting healthier as the year goes on. Everyone says you wear down, but I'm feeling a lot better the longer I've been in it."

Clowney is tied for fourth in the NFL with a career-high 15 tackles for losses and his five sacks are also a career best.

The defensive end had perhaps the best two games of his career in the past two weeks where he has two sacks, three tackles for losses, five quarterback hits, a forced fumble and a batted down pass.

On Tuesday his performance this season was recognized when he was Houston's only player selected to the Pro Bowl.

"I put in a lot of hard work all offseason and told the guys I was going to try to make the Pro Bowl this year," Clowney said.

"They stuck behind me. We stuck together. We've been through a lot as a team. To be where we're sitting right now, we're doing good. We just have to keep playing."

The Texans (8-6) can clinch their

Please see CLOWNEY/3C

AP source: Indians, Encarnacion agree to contract

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A person familiar with the negotiations says the AL champion Cleveland Indians have agreed to a contract with free agent slugger Edwin Encarnacion.

Encarnacion

The sides agreed to terms Thursday night and the deal is contingent upon the 33-year-old Encarnacion passing a physical after the holidays, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not made an announcement.

Encarnacion had 42 home runs and an AL-high 127 RBIs last season for the Toronto Blue Jays, who lost to Cleveland in the AL Championship Series. Over the past five seasons, he's averaged 39 homers and 110 RBIs in 145 games.

The signing would bolster the Indians' lineup and could help get them back to the World Series. Despite being without two starting pitchers, Cleveland took a 3-1 lead in the Series before the Chicago Cubs rallied to win in seven games.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bahamas Bowl: Old Dominion vs. Eastern Michigan, Noon, ESPN

Armed Forces Bowl: Louisiana Tech vs. Navy, 3:30 p.m., ESPN

Dollar General Bowl: Ohio vs. Troy, 7 p.m., ESPN

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bingham (UT) vs. St. Thomas Aquinas (FL), 8:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas State at Tulane, 1 p.m., ESPN3

Auburn at Connecticut, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

Providence at Boston College, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Diamond Head Semifinal, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

Rutgers at Seton Hall, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Arkansas State at Minnesota, 6 p.m., BTN

Harvard at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Las Vegas Classic 3rd Place, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Florida A&M at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

Diamond Head Classic Semifinal, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Las Vegas Classic Championship, 10 p.m., FS1

Diamond Head Classic Consolation, 11:30 p.m., ESPN2

MEN'S SOCCER

Italian Super Cup: Juventus vs. AC Milan, 10:30 a.m., GolTV

Scottish Premier: Motherwell FC vs. Aberdeen FC, 1:40 p.m., FSP

NBA

Oklahoma City at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

Dallas at LA Clippers, 9 p.m., FSSW

San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m., FSSWSA

NHL

Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

RUGBY

Premiership: Northampton Saints vs. Sale Sharks, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

ON RADIO

NBA

San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Dallas at LA Clippers, 9 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended RHP Mario Alcantara (free agent), Cleveland RHP Dakody Clemmer (AZL Indians), Kansas City RHP Arnaldo Hernandez (Lexington-SAL), Houston RHP Brendan McCurry (Corpus Christi-TL) and Boston C Jake Romanski (Pawtucket-IL) 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned LHP Matt Purke outright to Charlotte (IL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with 1B Reynaldo Rodriguez and Matt Hague on minor league contracts.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Tony Diaz first base coach. Duane Espy hitting coach. Ron Gideon coach and Jeff Salazar assistant hitting coach.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed LHP Marty Anderson.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Josh Wright to a contract extension.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed LHP Gunnar Kines to a contract extension.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHP Joe Revert.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

SAN ANTONIO STARS — Promoted assistant coach Vickie Johnson to head coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived WR Rashad Ross. Signed CB Deshaun Phillips from the practice squad and LB Lynden Trail to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — F David Legwand announced his retirement.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned G Daniel Altshuller from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed F Artem Anisimov on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 18. Recalled F Tanner Kero from Rockford (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Assigned G Philippe Desrosiers from Texas (AHL) to Idaho (ECHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled G Zachary Fucale from Brampton (ECHL) to St. John's (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Jacob Josefson on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 17. Recalled D Seth Helgeson from Albany (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Placed F Paul Stastny on injured reserve. Recalled F Wade Megan from Chicago (AHL).

American Hockey League

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Claimed D Travis Ieke off waivers from Adirondack.

KALAMAZOO WINGS — Claimed G Keegan Asmundson off waivers from Indy.

LACROSSE

United Women's Lacrosse League

UWLX — Announced the resignation of commissioner Michele DaJulis.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA WRESTLING — Promoted Ryan Johnson to director of corporate partnerships.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS — Signed D Reggie Cannon.

MONTREAL IMPACT — Traded M Harry Shipp to Seattle for general allocation money.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Acquired M David Guzman from Deportivo Saprissa (Costa Rica).

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Loaned F Francesca Ordegate to Sydney FC (W-League, Australia).

COLLEGE

BRANDEIS — Named Gabe Margolis men's soccer coach.

DUKE — Suspended men's basketball G Grayson Allen indefinitely.

EAST CAROLINA — Announced the retirement of assistant head coach/defensive backs coach Rick Smith.

FRESNO STATE — Named Tony Tuioti assistant defensive line coach.

GEORGIA — Fined assistant football coach Shane Beamer $25,000 for accepting leaked game plan information two years ago while at Virginia Tech. Named Tom Black volleyball coach.

MICHIGAN — Suspended WR Grant Perry from the football team.

NORTH ALABAMA — Promoted defensive coordinator Chris Willis to head football coach.

OREGON STATE — Named Scott Barnes athletic director.

SETON HALL — Dismissed sophomore F Myles Carter from the men's basketball team.

XAVIER (NO) — Announced the resignation of faculty athletics representative Sister Grace Mary Pickinger named Elliott Hammer faculty athletics representative.

SPORTS ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN		OU	UNDERDOG
		College Football		
		TODAY		
		Friday (Dec. 23)		
		Bahamas Bowl		
		At Nassau, Bahamas		
Old Dominion	+1	4	(64½)	E. Michigan
		Armed Forces Bowl		
		At Fort Worth, TX		
Louisiana Tech	+1	5	(66½)	Navy
		Dollar General Bowl		
		At Mobile, Ala.		
Troy	5	4	(49)	Ohio
		Saturday (Dec. 24)		
		Hawaii Bowl		
		At Honolulu		
at Hawaii	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Middle Tennessee
		Monday (Dec. 26)		
		St. Petersburg Bowl		
		At St. Petersburg, Fla.		
Mississippi St	11	13	(58½)	Miami (Ohio)
		Quick Lane Bowl		
		At Detroit		
Maryland	+2	1	(43½)	Boston College
		Independence Bowl		
		At Shreveport, La.		
NC State	4	4½	(44)	Vanderbilt
		Tuesday (Dec. 27)		
		Heart of Dallas Bowl		
		At Dallas		
Army	9½	10	(49)	North Texas
		Military Bowl		
		At Annapolis, Md		
Temple	12	13	(41)	Wake Forest
		Holiday Bowl		
		At San Diego		
Washington St	4½	9½	(61½)	Minnesota
		Cactus Bowl		
		At Phoenix		
Boise St	9½	7	(67)	Baylor
		Wednesday (Dec. 28)		
		Pinstripe Bowl		
		At New York		
Pittsburgh	3	5½	(65½)	Northwestern
		Russell Athletic Bowl		
		At Orlando, Fla.		
Miami	1½	2½	(57)	West Virginia
		Texas Bowl		
		At Houston		
Texas A&M	2½	2½	(58)	Kansas St
		NFL		
		Saturday		
Washington	3	3	(47)	at CHICAGO
at BUFFALO	3	4½	(42)	Miami
at NEW ORLEANS	3	3	(52½)	Tampa Bay
Atlanta	2½	3	(52)	at CAROLINA
at GREEN BAY	5½	6½	(43)	Minnesota
at NEW ENGLAND	14	16½	(44)	NY Jets
Tennessee	4	4½	(44)	at JACKSONVILLE
San Diego	5	5½	(43½)	at CLEVELAND
at OAKLAND	5½	3½	(53)	Indianapolis
at LOS ANGELES	2½	4	(39)	San Francisco
at SEATTLE	8	7½	(43)	Arizona
at HOUSTON	3	PK	(42)	Cincinnati
		Sunday		
at PITTSBURGH	6½	5	(44½)	Baltimore
at KANSAS CITY	3½	3	(37)	Denver
		Monday		
at DALLAS	7	7½	(44½)	Detroit

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	32	21	7	4	46	101	70
Ottawa	33	19	11	3	41	86	88
Boston	34	17	14	3	37	80	83
Tampa Bay	33	16	14	3	35	95	92
Florida	33	15	13	5	35	81	90
Buffalo	31	12	11	8	32	69	83
Detroit	33	14	15	4	32	79	93
Toronto	31	12	12	7	31	87	94

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	33	21	7	5	47	116	92
N.Y. Rangers	35	23	11	1	47	115	82
Columbus	30	21	5	4	46	101	63
Philadelphia	35	20	11	4	44	110	104
Washington	31	19	8	4	42	83	69
Carolina	31	13	11	7	33	82	87
New Jersey	32	12	13	7	31	75	88
N.Y. Islanders	32	12	14	6	30	85	101

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	35	22	9	4	48	101	84
Minnesota	31	19	8	4	42	91	80
St. Louis	34	18	11	5	41	96	98
Nashville	32	15	12	5	35	94	90
Dallas	34	13	14	7	33	88	104
Winnipeg	35	15	17	3	33	81	104
Colorado	31	11	19	1	23	65	99

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	20	12	1	41	84	73
Edmonton	34	17	12	5	39	100	92
Anaheim	34	17	12	5	39	95	97
Calgary	35	17	16	2	36	90	102
Los Angeles	32	16	13	3	35	81	81
Vancouver	33	14	16	3	31	84	101
Arizona	32	11	16	5	27	72	101

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

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores

Columbus 7, Pittsburgh 1

Carolina 3, Buffalo 1

New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 0

Ottawa 2, Anaheim 1, OT

Boston 3, Florida 1

Minnesota 4, Montreal 2

Tampa Bay 5, St. Louis 2

Los Angeles at Nashville, late

Toronto at Colorado, late

Winnipeg at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Washington, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Here's a look at some of 2016's most inspiring sports moments

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

AP file photo

Murtaza Ahmadi, a five-year-old Afghan Lionel Messi fan plays soccer, at the Afghan Football Federation Stadium in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Feb. 2. The Afghan Football Federation set up a meeting between Messi and Ahmadi who became an Internet sensation when photos circulated of him wearing an improvised Messi shirt made from a plastic bag.

We watch sports to see who wins and loses, but also to be inspired — and 2016 offered plenty of examples of the latter, from a touching moment between two strangers on the Olympic track, to a little boy from a war-torn land who met his favorite soccer player, to a warm ovation fueled by empathy for a visiting NHL goalie.

Moments and feelings that will be recalled more vividly than any numbers on a result sheet or etched in bright lights on a scoreboard.

There were athletes and coaches whose stories touched us, as well as folks connected to the sports world who contributed their own uplifting vignettes.

One example: When sideline reporter Craig Sager died from leukemia this month, there were heartfelt tributes tinged with sadness, of course, but also remembrances that spread the positive message he offered as he continued to cover the NBA and college basketball despite his illness.

"Man, life is too beautiful, too wonderful. There's just too many things," Sager said in August. "It's not just you. It's your family and kids and all. Fight. Fight until the end. Fight as hard as you can."

Some inspiring sports moments during the past year:

Lending a hand

During a qualifying heat for the 5,000 meters at the Rio Games, Abbey D'Agostino of the U.S. and Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand got their feet tangled, sending both sprawling. D'Agostino got up and, instead of trying to get herself back into the race, crouched down, helped Hamblin rise and whispered, "Get up. We have to finish this." Turned out both were injured — D'Agostino could barely move by race's end and needed a wheelchair — but they crossed the line. Then they hugged. Long-time friends? Hardly. "That girl is the Olympic spirit, right there," Hamblin said. "I've never met her before. Like, I never met this girl before. And isn't that just so amazing? Such an amazing woman." Even Olympic officials were moved by the episode , awarding both runners berths in the final.

Meeting Messi

First, Murtaza Ahmadi, a 5-year-old from Afghanistan, was photographed wearing a plastic bag fashioned into a makeshift Lionel Messi uniform — blue and white stripes, like Argentina's national team; Messi's name and number written in black marker. The image became an internet sensation. Later, Murtaza got to walk with Messi onto the field before an exhibition game. When it was time for the kickoff, Murtaza did not want to leave his new pal's side.

Saluting an opponent

Takes something special for supporters of one team to salute a player for an opponent that won a game, and that's what happened early in the NHL season in Edmonton. The Oilers' fans gave Senators goalie Craig Anderson a standing ovation he made 37 saves for a shutout in Ottawa's 2-0 victory over Edmonton — his first start since learning his wife had been diagnosed with cancer.

Si se puede!

Vibrant chants of "Si se puede!" resonated around Rio's main tennis stadium as Puerto Rico's unseeded Monica Puig beat Germany's Angelique Kerber — who would win two Grand Slam titles in 2016 and take over the No. 1 ranking — to become her island nation's first gold medalist in any Olympic sport. As the Puerto Rican anthem echoed around an Olympic arena and spectators belted out the lyrics, Puig was unable to join in for one simple reason: too many tears. "If I would've stopped crying," Puig said, "I probably would have started singing."

Go, Cubs, go

The Chicago Cubs' first World Series championship in more than a century was a big deal to many long-suffering fans — and provided a way for some to reconnect spiritually with lost loved ones who never got to see Wrigleyville turn into Titletown. Wayne Williams kept a pledge he and his father made to each other and shared a moment they'd both been waiting for all their lives. Williams drove from North Carolina to his father's gravesite in Indiana to listen on the radio "together" as the Cubs beat the Cleveland Indians in Game 7.

Breaking records after cancer

University of Pittsburgh running back James Conner was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2015, went through more than five months of draining treatment, then returned to college football this year and wound up breaking Atlantic Coast Conference records for career touchdowns and running TDs. Now he's headed to the NFL.

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year they have been in school. We knew what they had. Our kids were focused that week and it was just a very good week, good week of practices. When you practice and you're prepared, your confidence is going to be good going into the game, and ours was. Even when we got down here and there, we knew we were going to be all right."

Jones is quick to credit the four seniors — Riley Eggemeyer, Ethan Goodwin, Jose Gallegos and Drake Douglas — for doing a good job of being good leaders and keeping the team focused.

"When you've got kids that just expect it to be like that and the seniors take charge, it makes it pretty easy," Jones said. "Tradition is one of those things that you don't really see and you don't really understand it being on the outside. There's no secret formula here. It's just when these kids step on to any field, court or track, they're expecting to win. It's ingrained in them."

It seemed like Jones was always destined to be a six-man football coach as well.

Even though he played 11-man football at Rankin, he said he was always intrigued by six-man and would go watch a game during the off weeks.

"I liked the idea of it," Jones said. "I was never the most aggressive, bigger kid. I was always the skinnier, faster kid and I thought, 'Man, that would be pretty fun.'"

He started his coaching career in 11-man football at Crane and then at Marfa. When Marfa decided to go six-man football a few years ago, the school district asked Jones to stay and coach six-man. He didn't hesitate but he decided to call legendary six-man coach Vance Jones (no relation), now the coach at Balmorhea and a former Bearkats coach who led the team to back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010, for advice.

"It's still football," he said. "It's a little bit different mindset as far as practices go and how quick you have to look at things. It took some getting used to once you see how everything works, but it's a lot fun if you know what you're seeing. Six-man is just a blast. I'm in love with it, the kids love it, my wife loves it and we're in a community that loves it. I don't know if I would ever want to coach (11-man football) again, honestly. I'm pretty happy with what I'm doing."

Going into next season — Jones' third year with the Bearkats — the program will once again have high expectations as the younger players will be a little more seasoned, plus they'll be hungry to erase the memory of the Borden County loss.

"The loss to Borden County left a bad taste in their mouths because they knew what they were capable of," Jones said. "We're going to have a big target on our backs after this year. You always want to win it all, and at Garden City it's not if we're going to make the playoffs but how far we're going to go. The kids were talking about it at the restaurant after the Borden County game. They were already talking about next year."

Other coaches considered for the award: Midland High's Craig Yenzer, Midland Christian Greg McClendon, Andrews' Ralph Mason, Forsan's Jason Phillips

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Eagles prevent Giants from clinching playoff spot, 24-19

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

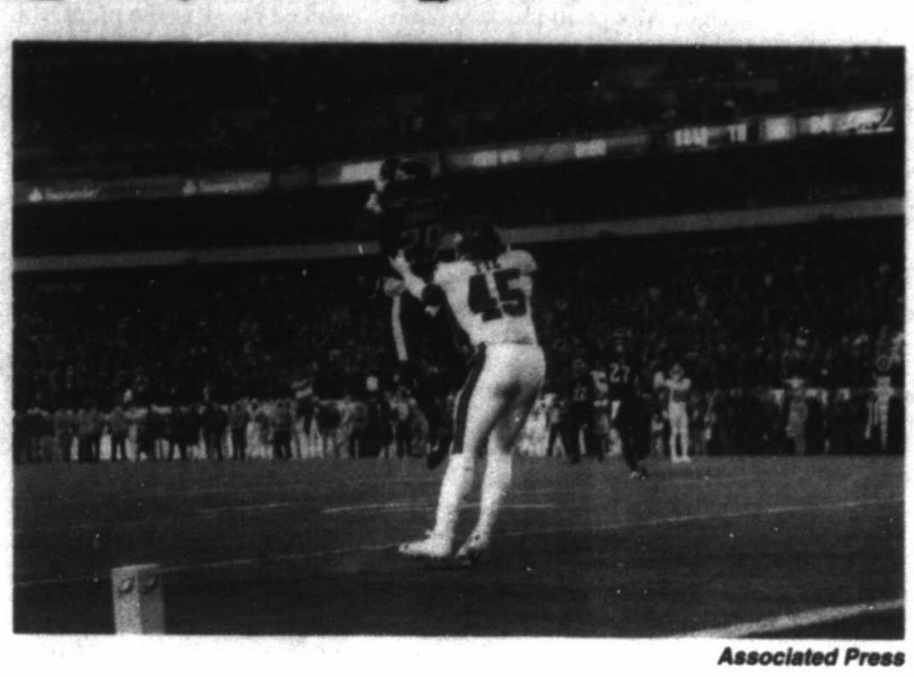
PHILADELPHIA — The New York Giants will have to wait a while to make the playoffs.

Malcolm Jenkins had the second two-interception game of his eight-year career, returning one for a touchdown, and the Philadelphia Eagles snapped a five-game slide by beating the Giants 24-19 on Thursday night. The loss handed Dallas the NFC East title — and home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

It also put the Giants (10-5) in a more difficult spot for ending their four-season playoff drought. They still own the top wild-card position heading into their finale at Washington.

Carson Wentz threw a touchdown pass to Nelson Agholor, then returned from being examined for a concussion in the fourth quarter to guide a drive to Caleb Sturgis' 41-yard field goal. After New York's Robbie Gould made his fourth field goal, Philadelphia (5-9) held on downs with just under two minutes remaining.

The Giants got the ball back with 1:31 left and Terrence Brooks intercepted to clinch it with 5 seconds to go.



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Philadelphia Eagles' Terrence Brooks (29) intercepts a pass intended for New York Giants' Will Tye (45) during the second half of a game, Thursday in Philadelphia.

Eli Manning was inconsistent with his throws all night. On Jenkins' second interception, the throw was woefully short.

Right tackle Lane Johnson's return from a 10-game suspension paid dividends immediately. Twice Johnson wiped out the left side of New York's defensive line, with his block helping spring Darren Sproles for a 25-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead.

It was 14-0 1:28 later when Manning's short pass to Will Tye was way too soft. Jenkins cut in front of the tight end, then romped down the right side for a 34-yard score.

The current Giants' offense isn't built for big comebacks, and now New York needed one. Manning hit Odell Beckham Jr. on a 30-yard play that highlighted an 80-yard drive to Gould's 35-yard field goal.

Idaho outscores Colorado State 61-50 in Potato Bowl

By Jason Chatraw
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Matt Linehan threw for 381 yards and four touchdowns and ran for a another score to help Idaho beat Colorado State 61-50 on Thursday night in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in the third-highest scoring game in bowl history.

Idaho (9-4) matched its highest victory total since moving to FBS in 1996, but the victory will do nothing to quell the debate over the school's decision to move back down to FCS play. In April, the Sun Belt informed the school it was dropping Idaho after the 2017 season.

Colorado State (7-6) finished with a bowl loss for the second straight year.

After a scoreless first quarter, it appeared that both teams had dug in for a defensive battle. But that quickly dissipated as the teams started rolling up points.

The bowl record for points is 125 in Marshall's 64-61, double-overtime victory over East Carolina in the 2001 GMAC Bowl. Idaho and Colorado State broke the Potato Bowl scoring record set in 2009 in Idaho's 43-42 victory over Bowling Green.

The 84 points in the second half are the most combined in a half in any bowl game, breaking the record of 76 set by Tulsa and Virginia Tech last year in the first half of the Independence Bowl.

Linehan, the game MVP honors, tied the bowl record for touchdowns accounted for with five, also matched by Colorado State counterpart Nick Stevens. Linehan, whose father Scott Linehan is the offensive coordinators for the Dallas Cowboys, was 21 of 31 with no interceptions.

Isaiah Saunders led the Vandals on the ground with 147 yards and set another bowl record in the process with 33 carries.

Colorado State wasted a bowl record-setting performance from Stevens. He tied two records — touchdowns accounted for with five, touchdown passes with 5 — and set the passing yards records with 445. He finished 21 of 36 with two interceptions.

Sophomore Olabisi Johnson paced the Rams' receiving corps with 265 yards — also a bowl record — on seven catches with a pair of touchdowns. The Rams were led on the ground by Dalyn Dawkins with 118 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown.

Beckham Jr. fined for Sager-inspired cleats

Associated Press

New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. has been fined $18,000 by the NFL for wearing unapproved cleats against Detroit, two people familiar with the fine tell The Associated Press.

Beckham wore cleats honoring the late broadcaster Craig Sager, who lost his lengthy battle with cancer last week. The people spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday because the fine has not been announced publicly.

Beckham planned to auction off the cleats for charity.

In an Instagram post by DeSean Jackson, the Redskins receiver complained that he'd been fined. Beckham responded by saying: "I got fined 18k for Craig Sager cleats that were auction off the cleats to the highest bidder and donating the proceeds to his cancer research."

The oft-fined Beckham noted that Cowboys rookie Ezekiel Elliott was not fined for jumping into a large Salvation Army kettle after a touchdown, and called it "double standards."

Navy, Louisiana Tech both slip into Armed Forces Bowl

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Navy is trying to finish back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time. Louisiana Tech can get to nine wins for the third year in a row, something the Bulldogs have never done in Division I.

For all their recent successes, though, both teams carry two-game losing streaks into the Armed Forces Bowl on Friday, including losses in their respective conference championship games.

Since leaving the Dallas-Fort Worth area after a 75-31 victory at SMU on Thanksgiving weekend, Navy lost the American Athletic Conference title game to Temple and fell to Army for the first time since 2001. The triple-option Midshipmen (9-4) also lost starting quarterback Will Worth and key running back Toneo Gulley to injuries.

"Look at both of our teams, very similar. Had some tough losses down the road. Doesn't take away from the great season both of us have had for our seniors," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "Like everybody else, you have injuries and adversity. And just been proud of our young men and how they have endured this year."

Navy handed then-No. 6 Houston its first loss in October, and later beat Notre Dame. The Midshipmen were in line to possibly play in the Cotton Bowl representing the Group of Five before their first consecutive losses since the 2014 season.

Louisiana Tech (8-5), in its fourth season with coach Skip Holtz, had a seven-game winning streak before losing its regular-season finale at Southern Miss and then to Western Kentucky in the Conference USA title game.

Some other things to know about the Armed Forces Bowl, which is played on the TCU campus:

RUNNING AND PASSING: With its triple-option offense, Navy ranks fourth nationally with 311 yards rushing per game. Louisiana Tech is third with 360 yards rushing per game, but also runs for 156 yards per game. "Coach Holtz talked about a couple more days of practice. We would like a couple more players on the field to stop them defensively," Niumatalolo said. "Nobody has been able to stop them. One of the best offenses in the country."

'DOG CATCHERS: The Bulldogs receiving duo of Trent Taylor and Carlos Henderson have combined for 6,695 yards receiving in their careers — the second most among active teams (Western Kentucky is first). Taylor, a 5-foot-8 senior, is one of the nation's top active receivers with 315 career catches for 3,946 yards and 30 TDs. He has 124 catches for 1,570 yards this season with 10 touchdowns, while junior Henderson has 72 catches for 1,406 yards and 17 TDs.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	2	0	.857	365	233
Miami	9	5	0	.643	315	314
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	358	314
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	242	358
South						
Houston	8	6	0	.571	250	294
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	340	323
Indianapolis	7	7	0	.500	362	339
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	260	359
North						
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	250	294
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	306	263
Cincinnati	5	8	1	.393	288	293
Cleveland	0	14	0	.000	220	408
West						
x-Oakland	11	3	0	.786	377	336
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	319	274
Denver	8	6	0	.571	299	258
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	366	366

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	2	0	.857	366	258
N.Y. Giants	10	5	0	.667	291	274
Washington	7	6	1	.536	345	343
Philadelphia	6	9	0	.400	340	318
South						
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	469	358
Tampa Bay	8	6	0	.571	313	322
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	406	392
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	337	352
North						
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	301	285
Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	363	339
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	264	259
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	248	320
West						
y-Seattle	9	4	1	.679	298	235
Arizona	5	8	1	.393	340	325
Los Angeles	4	10	0	.286	197	326
San Francisco	1	13	0	.071	264	434

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores and schedules

Monday's Score
Carolina 26, Washington 15
Thursday's Score
Philadelphia 24, N.Y. Giants 19
Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Washington at Chicago, noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
San Diego at Cleveland, noon
Miami at Buffalo, noon
Tennessee at Jacksonville, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's box

EAGLES 24, GIANTS 19

N.Y. Giants	3	10	3	3—19
Philadelphia	14	7	0	3—24

First Quarter
Phi—Sproles 25 run (Sturgis kick), 9:48
Phi—M.Jenkins 34 interception return (Sturgis kick), 8:20
NYG—FG Gould 35, 10
Second Quarter
NYG—FG Gould 35, 7:28
Phi—Agholor 40 pass from Wentz (Sturgis kick), 4:59
NYG—Shepard 13 pass from Manning (Gould kick), :33
Third Quarter
NYG—FG Gould 29, 9:09
Fourth Quarter
Phi—FG Sturgis 41, 8:47
NYG—FG Gould 41, 5:17
A—69,596

	NYG	Phi
First downs	24	15
Total Net Yards	470	286
Rushes-yards	25-114	30-118
Passing	356	168
Comp-Att-Int	38-63-3	14-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	3-48.3	5-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	1-5
Time of Possession	34:04	25:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Perkins 15-68, Jennings 9-44. Shepard 1-2. Philadelphia, Mathews 18-46, Sproles 7-40, Wentz 4-27, Agholor 1-5.

PASSING—New York, Manning 38-63-3-356. Philadelphia, Wentz 13-24-1-152, Daniel 1-1-0-16.

RECEIVING—New York, Beckham 11-150, Cruz 8-84, Shepard 7-61, Tye 5-23, Jennings 4-7, Rainey 1-13, Perkins 1-9, J.Adams 1-9. Philadelphia, Celek 3-27, Agholor 2-47, Ertz 2-33, Sproles 2-23, Matthews 2-12, Mathews 1-16, Green-Beckham 1-7, Burton 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

CLOWNEY

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second straight AFC South title with a win on Saturday against the Bengals and a loss by the Titans, who play Jacksonville.

Clowney appeared in just four games as a rookie before having season-ending microfracture surgery. He was healthy in time for Houston's opener in 2015, but struggled with a variety of injuries and started just nine games.

This season he's missed just one game and his improvement has helped Houston's defense withstand the loss of J.J. Watt and the unit ranks No. 1 in the NFL in yards allowed.

"He's gone through some stuff the first couple of years and hasn't been able to get on the field and this year he's been able to stay on the field and been able to show what kind of ability he has," defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel said. "So I think that it's good that other people recognize that ability and he's been helping us win. So it's good."

It's easy to see that Clowney is having fun this season. He's always smiling and laughing as bounces around the locker room chatting with teammates, reporters and staff.

LIONS

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pass defense, and Stafford should have his full complement of receivers — wideouts Marvin Jones, Golden Tate and Anquan Boldin along with tight end Eric Ebron. However, Riddick might be the NFL's best pass-catching back, with 53 receptions for 371 yards in 10 games.

"He's obviously one of our playmakers, because he can make guys miss as a runner or as a receiver," Stafford said. "He's great in pass protection and he can do anything we need. He's just a good NFL running back."

The Lions are also expected to be missing center Travis Swanson, who has missed the past two games with a concussion. Swanson had a poor season in 2015, his first as Detroit's starter, but has probably been the team's most-improved player this season. Not only has he solidified the center of the line, but he's gotten much more comfortable making blocking calls for the rest of the line.

Now that task falls onto rookie Graham Glasgow. Stafford was sacked three times on Dec. 11 against Chicago, and while he was only dropped once by the Giants, he was constantly having to make plays on the move.

If the Packers beat Minnesota on Saturday, the Lions will know that the New Year's Day home game against Green Bay will decide the NFC North title no matter what happens in Dallas. Caldwell, though, said he wouldn't use that opportunity to rest players.

"We're not going to worry about any of that," he said. "We're going to try to win that game, so if players can play, they will play. If they can't, they won't be out there either way."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 17
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
Grambling State 10, NC Central 9
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
New Mexico 23, UTSA 20
Las Vegas Bowl
San Diego State 34, Houston 10
Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Appalachian State 31, Toledo 28
Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Arkansas State 31, UCF 13
New Orleans Bowl
Southern Miss 28, Louisiana-Lafayette 21

Monday
Miami Beach Bowl
Tulsa 55, Central Michigan 10

Tuesday
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
Western Kentucky 51, Memphis 31

Wednesday
Poinsettia Bowl
San Diego
BYU 24, Wyoming 21

Thursday
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Idaho 61, Colorado State 50

Today
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Eastern Michigan (7-5) vs. Old Dominion (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth
Navy (9-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Ohio (8-5) vs. Troy (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Middle Tennessee (6-4) vs. Hawaii (8-7), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 26
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (8-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Boston College (8-4) vs. Maryland (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Army (6-5) vs. North Texas (5-7), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Temple (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Washington State (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
Boise State (10-2) vs. Baylor (9-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Northwestern (6-6) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Miami (8-4) vs. West Virginia (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Indiana (8-4) vs. Utah (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (FOX)
Texas Bowl
Houston
Kansas State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
AAC vs. SEC, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Virginia Tech (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Colorado (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Georgia (8-4) vs. TCU (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
El Paso
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (9-3) vs. South Alabama (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ASN)
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida State (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), Miami Gardens, Fla., 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3), 10 a.m. (ABC)
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
CFP Semifinals Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Clemson (12-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), Noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington
Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), Noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl Game
Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
College Football Championship
Tampa, Fla.
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
West vs. East, 2 p.m. (NFL)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 1:30 p.m. (NFL)

Suspended guard Grayson Allen trips up Duke with antics

By Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

Grayson Allen's latest antics may have once again tripped up No. 5 Duke.

The Blue Devils have had a full roster for about three days this season.

And after Allen tripped yet another opponent, it's not clear when they'll have a complete lineup again.

Allen

Allen was suspended indefinitely from the team Thursday after the preseason AP All-American tripped an Elon player — the third time he has been involved in a tripping incident this calendar year.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski explained the suspension in a brief statement, saying the program "needed to take further steps regarding his actions that do not meet the standards of Duke basketball."

Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford supports the move, saying in his own statement that sportsmanship is "one of the core values of our league" and that the suspension "demonstrates adherence to this important principle."

The growing concern is that Allen continues to repeat what the school and conference deems unacceptable behavior.

Allen tripped opposing players from Louisville and Florida State last winter.

Allen is competitive player, and ESPN analyst and former Wake Forest coach Dino Gaudio wonders if the tripping incidents are reactionary, but notes the behavior has to stop.

"I really think the kid is genuinely sorry for what he did and he's disappointed in himself," Gaudio said. "I think it's almost, when (Allen) gets frustrated, that's the way he reacts — he lashes out like that with tripping, and maybe Mike completely gets his attention and breaks him of it. ... Hopefully this stops it in the short term."

Krzyzewski has not decided whether Allen will practice during his suspension or how long it will last.

Duke doesn't play again until Dec. 31, when the Blue Devils visit Virginia Tech (10-1) in their ACC opener. After that are home games against two lower-tier ACC teams — Georgia Tech on Jan. 4, Boston College three days later — before a trip to No. 21 Florida State on Jan. 10.

"It's not like you give a suspension and it's all over," Krzyzewski said Thursday on "The Dan Patrick Show." "It's a learning experience, and I'm going to use it as that and as a teaching moment. A teaching moment does not stop by giving one game. Maybe that's what it is. I don't know that right now.

"Maybe it's three (games), maybe it's two weeks, but he won't play until I feel good about the entire situation where he is at."

Allen's antics are the latest twist in an already drama-filled season for Duke, which was picked No. 1 in the preseason because of a star-packed lineup that was projected to include Allen and four immediate-impact freshmen.

So far they've all been available at the same time for less than a week.

Freshman forwards Jayson Tatum (foot), Marques Bolden (lower leg) and Harry Giles (knee) weren't healthy at the start of the regular season, with Tatum and Bolden finally playing Dec. 3 against Maine and Giles making his long-awaited debut against Tennessee State on Monday night — about 48 hours before Allen's latest tripping incident.

Allen is the team's No. 2 scorer, averaging 16 points, but the Blue Devils have played without him before — he sat out the Maine game with a nagging toe injury. Now with Allen out again, Duke will need sophomore Luke Kennard to continue his impressive play. Kennard has scored at least 20 points in five of his last six games.

"There's no question that it impacts the program," Gaudio said. "There's no question it's a bump in the road, but I think ... with the other guys, everybody was saying, 'How's Mike going to put all these pieces together?' and 'All these kids are so talented.'

"If Mike figured out a way to manage those players (on the U.S. Olympic team) with those egos and won a gold medal, he'll figure out managing these young freshmen coming in."

Allen's situation also is an unusual distraction for the Blue Devils, who must deal with the rare suspension of a teammate. The list of Duke players publicly disciplined by the program is a short one that includes Rasheed Sulaimon, who in 2014-15 became the first player kicked off a Krzyzewski-coached Duke team.

To the rafters: Heat retire Shaq's No. 32 jersey

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal once brought in someone to set up a makeshift jewelry store in the Miami Heat players' lounge, and often could be found surprising team executives and employees while naked.

Sometimes, he also played basketball.

For all those reasons, and many others, Thursday was a night to celebrate O'Neal at the arena he called home for parts of four seasons. The Heat raised O'Neal's No. 32 to the rafters, a distinction the team has only previously awarded to Alonzo Mourning and Tim Hardaway.

"This is an inside joke for all the Miami people," O'Neal said. "It's definitely unexpected."

Not from the Heat perspective, it wasn't. Although it wasn't a well-kept secret that O'Neal's departure from the Heat did not come with either side particularly happy with and both of the other — O'Neal thought he was being pranked when a team official called months ago to say this event was planned — it was always Miami's intention to pay homage to his tenure with the franchise.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Silas Crews (20) moves against Lubbock Trinity on Thursday at McGraw Event Center.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 115
LAKERS 107

MIAMI — Justise Winslow and Hassan Whiteside each finished with 23 points and 13 rebounds, and the Miami Heat rallied from 19 points down to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 115-107 on Thursday night.

Winslow set a career high for points and tied a career best in rebounds for the Heat, who raised Shaquille O'Neal's No. 32 jersey to the rafters in a halftime ceremony.

Goran Dragic scored 21 and James Johnson added 19 for Miami, which snapped a three-game slide and went 3-3 on its six-game homestand.

Lou Williams scored 27 points for the Lakers, who fell to 5-14 on the road. Nick Young scored 20 and D'Angelo Russell had 17.

The largest deficit Miami had overcome this season was 14, against Milwaukee on Nov. 17 — a game that turned wildly and became a Heat rout.

KNICKS 106
MAGIC 95

NEW YORK — Derrick Rose scored 19 points, Kyle O'Quinn had 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds, and the New York Knicks beat the Orlando Magic 106-95 on Thursday night.

Carmelo Anthony and Willy Hernangomez each had 15 points for New York, which has won two in a row since a three-game losing streak. Kristaps Porzingis scored 12 points and reserve Brandon Jennings had 12 assists in 22 minutes.

Orlando led only once, 12-11 on D.J. Augustin's short jumper with 6:13 left in the first quarter. The Knicks responded with a 16-5 run for a 27-17 lead.

Serge Ibaka led the Magic with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Evan Fournier scored 21 points.

WARRIORS 117
NETS 101

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant had 26 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and the Golden State Warriors turned an ugly start into an easy finish in a 117-101 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Thursday night.

Klay Thompson added 23 points for the Warriors, who opened a three-game road trip that leads into their NBA Finals rematch in Cleveland on Christmas. They didn't look ready while falling behind by 16 at halftime, but were back to their sometimes unstoppable selves while outscoring the Nets by 32 points over the final 24 minutes.

CELTICS 109
PACERS 102

INDIANAPOLIS — Isaiah Thomas had 28 points and nine assists, helping the Boston Celtics beat the Indiana Pacers 109-102 on Thursday night.

Avery Bradley and Jae Crowder each scored 15 points for the Celtics, who have won four in a row. Marcus Smart had 12 points, and Amir Johnson and Kelly Olnyk finished with 11 apiece.

Boston outscored Indiana 29-9 in the second quarter, turning a nine-point deficit into a 51-40 halftime lead.

Jeff Teague led Indiana with 31 points and eight assists. Paul George and CJ Miles scored 19 points apiece, and Thaddeus Young had 15 points and 12 rebounds for his second straight double-double.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	20	8	.714	—
Boston	17	12	.586	3½
New York	16	13	.552	4½
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	13
Brooklyn	7	21	.250	13
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Charlotte	16	13	.552	—
Atlanta	14	15	.483	2
Washington	13	15	.464	2½
Orlando	13	18	.419	4
Miami	10	20	.333	6½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	21	6	.778	—
Chicago	14	14	.500	7½
Indiana	15	16	.484	8
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	8
Detroit	14	17	.452	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	5	.821	—
Houston	22	8	.733	2
Memphis	19	12	.613	5½
New Orleans	10	21	.323	14½
Dallas	8	21	.276	15½
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Utah	18	12	.600	—
Oklahoma City	17	12	.586	½
Portland	13	18	.419	5½
Denver	12	17	.414	5½
Minnesota	9	19	.321	8
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	26	4	.867	—
L.A. Clippers	21	8	.724	4½
Sacramento	12	17	.414	13½
L.A. Lakers	11	21	.344	16
Phoenix	8	21	.276	17½

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores

Boston 109, Indiana 102
Golden State 117, Brooklyn 101
New York 106, Orlando 95
Miami 115, L.A. Lakers 107
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

MCS

From 1C

second half with some new life and an encouraging 6-0 run. But soon after, the Lions settled back into their blistering offensive pace. The ability to overwhelm defenses for a full 32 minutes with ball movement has been a theme for Trinity Christian over the last month.

"I think that has been a big thing for us really the last nine games," said Lions head coach Jeremy McFerrin. "Guys really starting seeing the success of the ball moving so well, moving so freely and the pressure that puts on a defense. I was proud of our guys for being able to move the ball against their defense."

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NO. 1 LUBBOCK TRINITY 68, NO. 7 MCS 38

Trinity (16-6) — Jett Buchannan 4, Alec Ewald 11, Landry Womack 8, Sawyer Squires 2, Aaron Dove 14, Ben Miller 7, Travis Parker 2, Victor Backus 3, Jordan Brannon 6, Trey Teal 11

MCS (14-6) — Coy Stewart 2, A.J. Brown 5, Bryce Waters 6, Peyton Powell 6, Jordan Riley 9, Colton Snively 10

Trinity	25	11	16	16	—68
MCS	3	6	13	16	—38

Free throws — Trinity 9-11; MCS 10-14. 3-point goals — Trinity 7 (Dove 4, Miller, Brannon 2); MCS 2 (Riley, Brown). Total fouls — Trinity 15; MCS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: MCS at Monahans Tournament, TBA, Thursday

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

OKLAHOMA STATE 92
TAMU CORPUS CHRISTI 70

STILLWATER, Okla. — Phil Forte found his shooting stroke right before Oklahoma State opens Big 12 play.

The senior guard scored 19 points to help Oklahoma State defeat Texas A&M-Corpus-Christi 92-70 on Thursday afternoon.

Forte, one of the top 3-point shooters in Oklahoma State history, made 5 of 10 3s for the Cowboys. He had made just 13 of 62 shots overall and 10 of 41 3-pointers in the previous seven games combined.

"They are always telling me to keep shooting, whether shots are falling or not," Forte said. "The coaches have always been supportive of me. When I'm out there on the court, it's more for them. I want to make the shots for them because they are putting me in the right positions."

Oklahoma State coach Brad Underwood said he was never worried, though he joked with Forte about his struggles.

"I got mad at him one day," he said. "I'm tired of watching you miss shots when I know how hard you work."

Jeffrey Carroll scored 13 points, Lindy Waters had 12 and Mitchell Solomon added eight points and a career-high 14 rebounds off the bench for Oklahoma State (10-2).

Solomon had 11 boards in 12 minutes in the first half to set the career high by the break.

ARKANSAS 90
SAM HOUSTON STATE 56

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — It was a neutral-site game on the schedule, but Thursday's trip to central Arkansas brought three Razorbacks home — and the trio helped lift their team to a 90-56 over Sam Houston State in both teams' final game before conference play.

Daryl Macon, from Little Rock, scored 17 points and Anton Beard from North Little Rock added 16 as the Razorbacks (11-1) took advantage of the Bearkats' poor shooting for an easy victory.

Dusty Hannahs, also from Little Rock, had been leading the Razorbacks in scoring at 15.7 points per game but had only six points in Arkansas' annual game at Verizon Arena. The victory raised the Hogs' record to .500 after 18 games in the building.

Dakarai Henderson scored 13 points for Sam Houston State (9-4).

In one stretch of the second half, the Bearkats missed 14 of 15 shots from the floor as Arkansas stretched a 41-29 halftime lead to 73-41 lead.

NORTHWESTERN 72
HOUSTON BAPTIST 63

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Scottie Lindsey had 19 points, Isiah Brown added 12 and Northwestern overcame a sluggish first half for a 72-63 victory over Houston Baptist on Thursday night.

Sanjay Lumpkin and Vic Law had 11 points apiece as the Wildcats (11-2) won their eighth straight game.

Colter Lasher and Atif Russell had 13 points apiece for HBU (4-6).

Before Thursday, HBU had allowed opponents to shoot a blistering 48.7 percent from the field, but Northwestern made only 8 of 30 (26.7 percent) first-half shots. Lindsey, Law and Bryant McIntosh — the Wildcats' top three scorers — were a combined 4-for-23 before the break.

HBU, which led by as many as 12 points, took a 35-25 halftime lead.

Lumpkin opened the second half scoring with a 3-pointer and, roughly seven minutes later, his putback of a McIntosh miss gave the Wildcats a 45-44 lead — their first since early in the first half.

Russell put the Huskies back on top with a fast-break dunk with just over 12 minutes to play, but Lindsey gave Northwestern the lead for good with a 3-pointer to make it 48-46 with 11:17 remaining.

HBU, which shot 53.8 percent in the first half, went cold midway through the second. The Huskies were scoreless for 3:28 and were held without a field goal for 5:39 as Northwestern took command.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 90, Sam Houston St. 56
Oklahoma St. 92, Texas A and M-CC 70
San Diego 69, North Texas 68
UC Irvine 62, UTEP 57

SOUTH
Alcorn St. 83, Rust 68
Belmont 86, Cleveland St. 61
Campbell 81, Stetson 72
Coll. of Charleston 77, W. Carolina 59
East Carolina 76, Presbyterian 56
Florida Gulf Coast 107, Florida National 50
George Mason 75, Prairie View 59
Georgia Southern 105, Fisk 58
Georgia Tech 76, Wofford 72
La Salle 98, Mercer 88
Louisiana Tech 95, LSU-Shreveport 53
Miami 72, George Washington 64
Mississippi St. 85, Morehead St. 76
NC State 89, McNeese St. 57
Old Dominion 65, Howard 48
Samford 83, Florida A&M 63
South Florida 81, Delaware 53
Tennessee 72, ETSU 68
VCU 78, Louisiana-Monroe 65
Wright St. 77, Murray St. 62

FAR WEST
Air Force 77, UC Davis 67
Arizona St. 98, Cent. Arkansas 62
Chicago St. 74, SE Missouri 65
Colorado 76, E. Washington 58
Nevada 67, UC Santa Barbara 66
Portland St. 118, Walla Walla 59
San Diego St. 68, Southern Miss. 51
Towson 76, Iona 69
Troy 92, Cornell 84
Tulsa 74, Stephen F. Austin 51

MIDWEST
Ball St. 73, Alabama St. 45
Bowling Green 74, Alabama A&M 61
Cincinnati 93, Marshall 91, OT
Drake 101, MVSU 69
E. Michigan 101, Marygrove 46
Evansville 68, Mount St. Joseph 55
Fort Wayne 89, Detroit 86
Green Bay 108, St. Mary's (Minn.) 59
Indiana 97, Austin Peay 62
Miami (Ohio) 66, Tennessee Tech 58
Michigan 68, Furman 62
Milwaukee Engineering 68, Wis. Lutheran 59
Northwestern 72, Houston Baptist 63
S. Illinois 78, UT Martin 70
Santa Clara 87, Valparaiso 80
UIC 91, Roosevelt 53
Wichita St. 86, S. Dakota St. 67
Winthrop 68, Saint Louis 55
Wis.-La Crosse 62, Northland 45
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 95, Edgewood 43
Wittenberg 77, Heidelberg 72

EAST
Brown 82, Maine 77
Canisius 106, St. Bonaventure 100, OT
Dartmouth 75, Bryant 69
Duquesne 70, Colgate 57
Georgetown 78, UNC Greensboro 56
Hartford 63, Navy 54
Holy Cross 84, Siena 64
Lehigh 85, Cabrini 72
Manhattan 81, E. Kentucky 54
Mount St. Mary's 87, Coppin St. 49
NJIT 92, Dean 50
Princeton 72, Bucknell 70
Rhode Island 73, William & Mary 62
Saint Joseph's 92, Lafayette 63
Wagner 94, Staten Island 42

Women

SOUTHWEST
Lamar 94, Louisiana College 55
Texas St. 59, North Texas 56
Texas Tech 79, Texas-Arlington 60
Washington 82, BYU 70

SOUTH
Belmont 83, Presbyterian 56
Coll. of Charleston 79, Charleston Southern 76
Drake 63, E. Washington 78
Elon 84, Georgia St. 67
Georgia Southern 74, SC State 58
Georgia Tech 61, Middle Tennessee 60
Louisiana-Lafayette 80, Louisiana Tech 72
Samford 65, Georgia 59
Tulane 61, Auburn 59

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 72, Colgate 42
San Diego St. 71, Cal St.-Fullerton 61

MIDWEST
Bradley 65, UIC 56
Calvin 57, Grove City 49
Michigan 82, American U. 33
Minnesota 92, Kent St. 62
N. Iowa 67, Kansas St. 59
Northwestern 82, UT Martin 59
Ohio 85, Rhode 68

EAST
Brown 80, St. Peter's 71
Carnegie-Mellon 72, Muskingum 65
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FRIDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 23, 2016

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	Ch					6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man Standing	Dr. Ken	Shark Tank		20/20		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Waiwai"		Blue Bloods "The Extra Mile"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Target MacGyver"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett		Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Taraji's White Hot Holidays		Sleepy Hollow "Ragnarok"		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden in Sight	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Shepherd's Heart	Dr. Brad Young
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Grinch Christmas	Murray C'Mas	Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love Jennifer Nettles.				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	On Story	Great Performances "Shakespeare Live! From the Royal Shakespeare Company" (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(4:30) 1492: Conq...		The Original Kings of Comedy				Rocky Balboa			(:40) Heaven's Burning		
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.				In the Heart of the Sea Chris Hemsworth.					Movie
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(3:05) The Bourne...		Real Sports		Point Break ('91, Drama) Patrick Swayze.				All Def Comedy	(:35) The Revenant		
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(3:50)	Dog Day Afternoon			Deadpool Ryan Reynolds.				Ted 2 (15, Com) Seth MacFarlane.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(3:10) Victor Fran...		Scream 3 ('00, Hor) Neve Campbell.				Krampus Toni Collette.			(:40) Resident Evil		
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:15) Harold & Kumar Escape From Guan...				Tropic Thunder				(:50) Get Hard (15, Com) Will Ferrell.		Movie	
PLEX				96			(5:30) All She Wi...		A Simple Wish				Harriet the Spy		(:15) Ghost Squad Will Spencer.		Movie	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(3:20) The Gift		The Affair		The Hateful Eight (15, West) Samuel L. Jackson.						Shameless	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(3:20) 5 to 7		Zoolander Ben Stiller.		National Lampoon's Catt...				G.B.F. Michael J. Willett.			Movie
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	First 48 "Teardrops/ Almost Home"		First 48 "Down on Bourbon/ Deadly Trap"		The First 48 "House of Cards"		To Be Announced		(:05) The First 48 "Mother of Two"		(:05) The First 48	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(5:40) Deck the H...		Home Alone 2: Lost in New York					Four Christmases Vince Vaughn.			Movie	
BET		58	-		40		(4:00) I Think Like a...		Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Com) Tyler Perry.						Why Did I Get Married Too?			
BRAVO		65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Married Medicine (N)		Married Med (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Married to Medicine		The Family Stone	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Life "Prison Love"		Life "Locked Angeles"		Life "Wired Philly"		This is Life	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Bush "Judgement Day"		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Gold Rush		Moonshiners		Gold Rush	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Mickey	Toy Story	Lights		Frozen Kristen Bell.		LivMad	(:40) Girl M.	StuckMid	Underc.	Girl M.	Austin
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	(3:30) NCAA Football		NCAA Football Dollar General Bowl Ohio University vs. Troy University (L)						SportsCenter			
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	(5:30) SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball Harvard at Houston (L)				NCAA Basketball Diamond Head Classic (L)				S.Sci. (N)	SportNat
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) A Christmas Carol		(:50) The Santa Clause (94, Com) Tim Allen.						The 700 Club		Home Alone: T...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	TexansWeekly (N)	Mavericks Insider (N)	Rangers Insider	Bowl Special	Under the Lights	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) Mr. Peabo...		Christmas With the Kranks				Christmas With the Kranks				Moms' Night Out	
HALLMARK		54	71	58	-	34	(5:00) A Dream of...		Sleigh Bells Ring ('16, Rom) Erin Cahill.				Christmas in Homestead Taylor Cole.				Broadcasting C...	
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	House	House	Renovation		Renovation		H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Renovation	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens "Closer Encounters"				(:05) Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) All About Christmas Eve		Last Chance for Christmas (2015, Drama) Hilaria Burton, Tim Matheson, Gabriel Hogan.				Twelve Men of Christmas ('09, Com) Anna Chlumsky, Kristin Chenoweth.				Last Chance for Christmas	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Boxing Premier Champions				Boxing Premier Champions Card TBA				Boxing Premier Champions			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	A Fairly Odd Christmas			Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Raiders of the Lost Ark.		(:35) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom						(:10) Incorporated		(:10) The Darkes...	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Race"	Seinfeld "The Gum"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Search Party	Search Party	People of Earth
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) Love Crazy		The Thin Man				(:45) After the Thin Man			(:45) Another Thin Man		
TELE		20	-	10	20		El último desafío Arnold Schwarzenegger.				La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) Paranormal L "Black Monk House"		Paranormal Lock. "Monroe House"		Paranormal Lockdown (N)		Alaska Haunting "Cabin Fever"		Paranormal Lock. "Shrewsbury Prison"		Alaska Haunting "Cabin Fever"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Goop on the Girl"		The Librarians "And the Rise of Chaos"		The Librarians "And the Fangs of Death"		The Librarians "And the Reunion of Evil"		Librar. "And the Self-Fulfilling Prophecy"		The Librarians "And the Tears of a Clown"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Fizbo"	NCIS: Los Angeles "Free Ride"	
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Troy ('04, Act) Orlando Bloom, Brad Pitt. The Prince of Troy starts a war when he leads the Queen of Sparta away from her husband.						Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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AP Source: Pirates, Ivan Nova agree to $26M, 3-year deal

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ivan Nova rejuvenated his career during a solid two-month stint with the Pirates at the end of 2016. The pitcher hopes to build on that with Pittsburgh.

A person with knowledge of the deal said Thursday that Nova has agreed to a $26 million, three-year contract to give Pittsburgh's young rotation an established starter behind ace Gerrit Cole. The person spoke to Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because the agreement had not been announced.

Pittsburgh acquired Nova from the New York Yankees at the Aug. 1 trade deadline. Though the Pirates faded down the stretch and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2012, Nova was a pleasant surprise. Working with pitching coach Ray Searage, Nova went 5-2 with a 3.06 ERA in 11 starts for Pittsburgh. Nova was particularly effective at PNC Park, going 3-1 with a 2.45 ERA and giving up just two walks in 40 1/3 innings, a marked improvement over the 7-6, 4.90 ERA he posted in 15 starts for the Yankees.

AP file photo

Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Ivan Nova delivers in the first inning of a game against the Chicago Cubs in Pittsburgh on Sept. 29.

Nova figures to in the middle of Pittsburgh's rotation behind Cole and Jameson Taillon. While there in-house prospects to flesh out the rest of the rotation, the Pirates are still working to acquire at least one more proven starter before the team reports for spring training in February.

Cole had trouble staying healthy. Francisco Liriano's control abandoned him and he was sent to Toronto at the trade deadline. Jon Niese never found a rhythm and was sent back to the New York Mets, who had traded him to the Pirates in exchange for second baseman Neil Walker last winter. Left-hander Jeff Locke ended up leading the team in innings pitched (127 1/3) in 2016 despite working primarily out of the bullpen over the final three months and Pittsburgh's team ERA soared from 3.21 in 2015 to 4.21 last season.

Searage has enjoyed success working with older pitchers in search of rebirth, including Liriano and A.J. Burnett, both of whom flourished under Searage's tutelage after having control problems elsewhere. The early returns on Nova followed a similar pattern. Nova's walks and home runs allowed per nine innings took a significant drop once he arrived in Pittsburgh.

Jozy Altidore wins US Player of Year

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Forward Jozy Altidore has won the U.S. Player of the Year Award for the second time.

Altidore, who plays for Toronto in Major League Soccer, received 52 first-place votes and 223 points in voting by 136 media conducted by Futbol de Primera that was announced Thursday.

Borussia Dortmund midfielder Christian Pulisic, who at 17 years, 253 days, became the youngest goal-scorer in national team history, on May 28, was second with 18 firsts and 111 points. American captain Michael Bradley, last year's winner, was third with 15 firsts and 84 points.

Altidore, who had six goals in 10 international appearances this year, also won the award in 2013.

A player receives three points for each first-place vote in the balloting, two points for each second-place vote, and one point for each third-place vote.

Altidore won the U.S. Soccer Federation's Male Player of the Year award earlier this month.

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Yesterday's Answer: POPLAR, GALLOP; POTATO, IMMUNE; MORTAR, NEGATE

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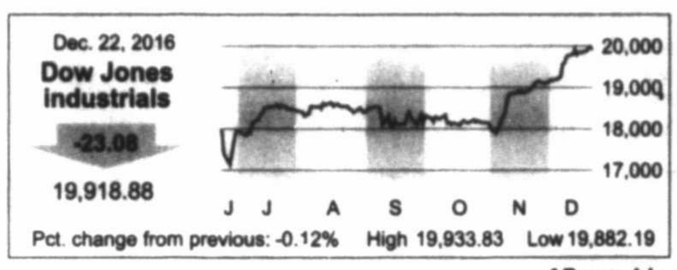

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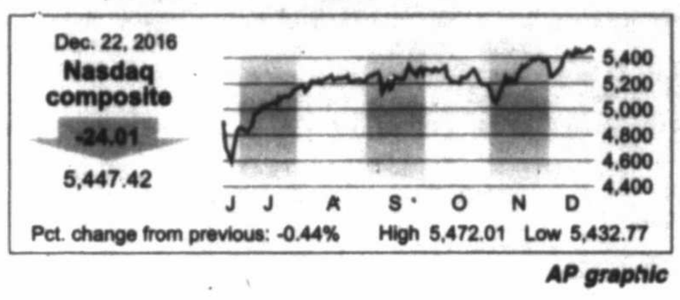

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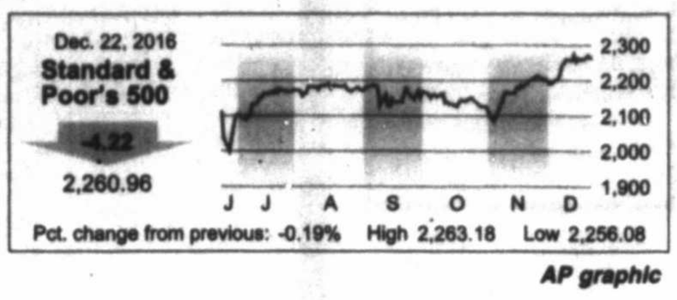

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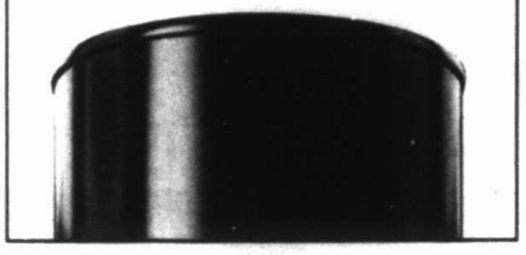

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	630708	22.54	-.09
VanEGold	522538	19.07	-.02
CSVInvNG	477787	3.61	+.14
S&P500ETF	466444	225.38	-.39
iShEMkts	464112	34.08	-.41

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NavMH pfH	7.96	+1.91	+31.6
Navios pfG	8.25	+1.88	+29.5
GlobPhrs	17.80	+2.15	+13.7
SunocoLP	26.52	+2.98	+12.7
CVR Rfng	10.10	+1.00	+11.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodak wt	3.82	-.77	-16.8
RedHat	68.71	-11.08	-13.9
Tidwtr	3.70	-.55	-12.9
BootBarn	12.14	-1.46	-10.7
DxRetBll s	38.36	-4.47	-10.4

Diary

Advanced	1,227
Declined	1,732
Unchanged	132
Total issues	3,091
New Highs	88
New Lows	20
Volume	2,796,488,824

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	400152	1.81	+.34
GtPanSilv g	37324	1.52	+.13
GastarExp	29758	1.55	-.05
NwGold g	29607	3.13	-.03
iShindia bt	23917	26.11	-.32

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NobilisH n	2.20	+.20	+10.0
Ellomay	8.20	+.60	+7.9
Air Inds	2.78	+.15	+5.7
CommScSec	2.80	+.15	+4.9
Gastar pfB	19.05	+.75	+4.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NTN Buzz rs	8.83	-.67	-7.1
VirnetX	2.30	-.15	-6.1
EvansBc	32.80	-1.60	-4.7
AvalonHld	2.66	-.13	-4.7
AdmRsc	40.81	-1.92	-4.5

Diary

Advanced	156
Declined	182
Unchanged	29
Total issues	367
New Highs	4
New Lows	5
Volume	115,835,642

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	812398	23.19	+2.61
Apple Inc	250526	116.29	-.77
Microsoft	212345	63.55	+.01
TokaiPhrm	209227	1.21	+.20
Nvidia	177802	107.11	+1.28

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Abeona wt	3.08	+.58	+23.2
ImprimisP	2.45	+.44	+21.9
WillVV pfA	5.92	+1.02	+20.8
ChinaNRes	2.58	+.40	+18.3
Cemtrex rs	5.68	+.87	+18.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AurniaPh	2.15	-.57	-21.0
Lpath rs	3.08	-.67	-17.9
Voltari	2.60	-.40	-13.3
SignalG rs	5.04	-.76	-13.1
ConatusPh	3.77	-.55	-12.7

Diary

Advanced	986
Declined	1,851
Unchanged	214
Total issues	3,051
New Highs	127
New Lows	52
Volume	1,518,254,753

Imperial Oil, BP in limbo after Canada freezes Arctic drilling

Bloomberg

Energy firms including Imperial Oil and BP will get a year of consultations to hash out the fate of their rights in Canada's Arctic after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's drilling freeze set the stage for a dispute over license extensions.

The Canadian leader and U.S. President Barack Obama said this week they would designate most of North American Arctic waters off-limits to new activity, including all future oil and gas licensing in Canadian waters. Trudeau's government said existing licenses wouldn't be affected, but initially offered scant detail.

Five companies — Imperial, BP, ConocoPhillips, Chevron Corp. and Franklin Petroleum Canada Ltd. — hold active exploration licenses in Canada's share of the Beaufort Sea, where there currently isn't any oil production. Many of those licenses expire within the next five years, when Trudeau has pledged to review his moratorium.

Companies remain eligible to upgrade their existing licenses, and some may seek extensions, which will be a central issue in talks between government and the industry over the next year.

"It's their intention to have discussions with each of the active license holders," said Paul Barnes, Atlantic Canada and Arctic manager for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the main oil-industry lobby group. "I suspect most companies would still want to maintain an active license there" or seek an extension "until such time as the government has another review."

The exploration licenses due to expire over the next five years were issued in 2012 when crude hovered around $100 a barrel, nearly double its current price. "Companies have been walking away from their leases in the North American market, or seeking extensions of those leases because they can't justify any expenditure on those leases at current pricing," said Michael Byers, a University of British Columbia professor who studies Arctic issues.

All five companies have exploration licenses in the Beaufort Sea that expire between 2019 and 2023. Of those, only closely held Franklin has permits that extend past the five-year window. Barnes said exploration has been quiet of late, with no drilling since 2012.

All but Franklin also hold additional permits known as significant discovery licenses in the Beaufort issued as far back as the 1980s. Those types of permits, which don't expire and are a precursor to production licenses, are also held across northern Canada by Suncor Energy, Paramount Resources, Devon Energy, Nytis Exploration Company Canada and others, government records show. There are no current offshore production licenses in Canada's Arctic waters.

In its joint statement this week, Trudeau's government ruled out "future offshore Arctic oil and gas licensing" and later said existing permits won't be affected. It didn't specify what happens next for license holders.

"Current licenses are not impacted," said Sabrina Williams, a spokeswoman for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett, Trudeau's lead minister for Arctic development. Williams said the government "will determine next steps after consultation with industry and other interested stakeholders."

The consultations will be conducted over one year by Bennett and Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr. In the meantime, companies with exploration licenses can still "accede to Significant Discovery within their existing permit timelines," Williams said, meaning offshore oil development can still potentially continue in the Arctic after the Trudeau and Obama announcement.

The terms of Obama's ban, which applies to most of the U.S. share of the Beaufort Sea, is also unclear as he prepares to leave office. The path for a legal challenge from the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump is murky.

Northwest Territories Premier Bob McLeod has objected to his northern region, the shores of which are nearest to much of the existing licensed exploration areas, being shut out of talks that led to the Arctic offshore freeze. He said he expects companies that already hold permits will be rejected if they apply for extensions.

"I'd be very surprised if they're not turned back," McLeod said in an interview Tuesday, shortly after he spoke with Trudeau about the new measures. "If oil and gas is shut down, then we need to look at diversifying our economies. And we need to have sustainable development in the North."

Imperial has previously called for extending the terms of exploration licenses "to ensure future oil and gas activities are conducted in an appropriately paced, safe and environmentally responsible manner," spokeswoman Killeen Kelly said in a statement this week, acknowledging uncertainty around the measures so far. "With respect to existing licenses we will work to understand the implications to our business, if any."

Chevron referred questions to CAPP, the lobby group. ConocoPhillips declined to comment; BP and Franklin didn't immediately respond to queries.

Some existing license holders may seek extensions, Barnes said, but Arctic offshore development has always been a long-term proposition. "They aren't short-term. They are potentially medium-term but likely longer-term," CAPP President Tim McMillan said. "Each ecosystem is unique and needs to be looked at specifically."

Retailers take losses

Retailers took losses Thursday and pulled U.S. stocks lower in another day of mild trading before the holidays.

Bed Bath & Beyond was pummeled after the home goods retailer reported weak results, and investors also dumped companies like Target, Staples and Dollar Tree. Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba fell after it was sanctioned by the U.S. government, while companies linked to investor Carl Icahn climbed after the billionaire was named as a future adviser to President-elect Donald Trump.

Quincy Krosby, a markets strategist for Prudential Financial, said investors were concerned about the weak earnings for Bed Bath & Beyond.

"When you have interest rates rising, at least initially, it tends to take a little bit from the discretionary (companies) because credit card payments move higher," she said.

The Dow Jones industrial average shed 23.08 points, or 0.1 percent, to 19,918.88. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 4.22 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,260.96. The Nasdaq composite dipped 24.01 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,447.42.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $2.50 to $1,130.70 an ounce and continued to trade around its lowest price since the beginning of February. Silver lost 11 cents to $15.87 an ounce. Copper held steady at $2.50 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $118.89 Down 1.72

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $136.49 Down 0.11

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.37 Down 0.05

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.73 Up 1.28

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.12 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.01 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $32.25 Down 0.55

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $45.32 Up 0.47

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.08 Up 0.33

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.27 Up 0.11

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		32	10.71	-.18	+378.1
AT&T Inc	1.96f	17	42.72	+.36	+24.1
Abraxas	...	...	**2.62**	**-.01**	**+147.2**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.85**	**-.02**	**+.2**
AMD		...	11.60	+.13	+304.2
Alibaba		39	86.80	-2.45	+6.8
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.62	+.02	-21.7
Ambev	.06e	...	4.77	-.01	+7.0
Amgen	**4.60f**	**13**	**146.36**	**+.19**	**-0.8**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**70.77**	**+.02**	**+45.7**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**66.74**	**+.10**	**+50.1**
Apple Inc	2.28	14	116.29	-.77	+10.5
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**33.01**	**+.43**	**+76.8**
ArcelorMit		26	7.38	-.21	+129.5
Archrock	.48f	...	13.15	-.20	+74.9
AstraZen s	1.40e	11	27.18	+.12	-19.9
ATMOS	**1.68**	**22**	**74.66**	**+.39**	**+18.4**
AutoData	2.28f	28	102.60	+.13	+21.1
BP PLC	**2.40e**	...	**36.91**	**+.13**	**+18.1**
BakrHu	.68	...	65.61	+.72	+42.2
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.54	-.09	+33.9
B iPVxST rs	...	...	24.27	+.44	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.13	+.02	-12.3
BasicEnSv		...	.53	+.11	-80.1
BedBath	.50	9	41.38	-4.18	-14.2
BerkHa A	...	**1**	**164290000.00**	**+368.99**	**+25.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**22**	**62.00**	**-.11**	**+33.5**
BlackBerry	...	...	7.17	-.13	-22.7
BrilliSq	**1.56f**	**41**	**58.76**	**+.07**	**-14.6**
BrownFA s	...	**29**	**46.74**	**-.17**	...
BrownFB s	...	...	**44.95**	**-.39**	**-10.8**
CVS Health	1.70f	14	78.79	-1.06	-19.4
Caterpillar	3.08	26	94.12	+.30	+38.5
Celestic g	...	10	11.86	-.13	+7.7
CntryLink	2.16	10	23.87	+.10	-5.1
ChesEng	...	...	7.34	-.09	+63.1
Chevron	**4.28**	...	**118.77**	**+.86**	**+32.0**
Chicos	.32	32	14.85	-.82	+39.2
Citirerex	.32	...	136.77	+.84	+53.0
Cisco	1.04	15	30.46	+.04	+13.0
Citigroup	.64	17	60.49	-.26	+16.9
ClayEng	...	...	**118.89**	**-1.72**	**+302.1**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.55**	**-.02**	**-3.3**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**24**	**68.37**	**+.32**	**-.4**
ConAgra	**.80**	**22**	**39.29**	**+1.29**	**+19.8**
ConchoRes	...	...	**136.49**	**-.11**	**+47.0**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**51.54**	**+.06**	**+10.4**
CrackerB	4.60	22	170.20	-1.50	+34.2
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.61	+.14	-71.2
CSVelVST	...	...	49.44	-.90	+91.6
CrosTim	**1.06e**	**13**	**18.20**	...	**+39.9**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	38.50	+.86	+56.1
DTE	2.92	22	98.51	+.30	+22.8
Dataram rs	...	...	1.55	-.07	-21.7
DevonE	**.24**	...	**46.90**	**+.33**	**+46.6**
DrGMBll s	...	...	4.14	+.01	...
DxGBull s	...	...	5.98	-.03	...
Disney	**1.56f**	**18**	**105.42**	**-.14**	**+.3**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**58.75**	**-.33**	**+14.1**
EOG Resce	**.67**	...	**103.13**	**+.58**	**+45.7**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.09**	**+.01**	**+21.4**
Energen	.08	...	59.26	+.80	+44.6
EgyTrEq s	1.14	19	19.29	+.53	+40.4
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	36.20	+.81	+7.3
EnPro	**.84**	**52**	**68.50**	**-.04**	**+56.3**
EntProPt	1.62f	21	26.99	+.06	+5.5
Ericsson	.46e	...	5.70	-.08	-40.7
Exelixis	...	...	14.94	-1.38	+164.9
Exelon	1.27f	15	35.31	+.17	+27.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**90.87**	**+.59**	**+16.6**
Facebook	...	32	117.40	-1.64	+12.2
FordM	.60a	6	12.40	-.24	-12.0
FrptMcM	...	...	13.80	-.25	+103.8
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.34	+.05	-28.5
GATX	**1.60**	**9**	**63.20**	**-.04**	**+48.5**
GabMulT	**.94e**	...	**7.41**	**+.03**	**-1.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**31.41**	**-.16**	**+9.5**
GenElec	**.96f**	**29**	**31.82**	**-.07**	**+2.2**
Globalstar	...	16	1.81	+.34	+25.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**27.62**	**-.12**	**+1.1**
HalliBrtn	**.72**	...	**55.07**	**+.11**	**+61.8**
HeclaM	.01e	29	5.13	-.15	+171.4
HuntBncsh	.32f	19	13.33	...	+20.5
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	31.44	+.14	+52.0
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	34.06	-1.05	-3.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.08	-.41	+5.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.53	-.13	-2.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	135.32	-1.74	+20.2
Intel	**1.04**	**17**	**36.93**	**-.05**	**+7.2**
InterDig	1.20	16	91.35	-.25	+86.3
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	9.68	+.23	+48.9
JFMorgCh	1.92	15	86.89	+.14	+32.5
JohnJn	**3.20**	**18**	**115.44**	**+.13**	**+12.4**
KimbClk	**3.68**	**19**	**115.02**	**+.41**	**-9.6**
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.12	-.08	+21.1
Lulys	...	...	**4.30**	**-.03**	**-3.8**
McDnlds	3.76f	23	123.72	+.54	+4.7
Merck	1.88f	16	59.58	+.15	+12.6
MeritMed	...	**35**	**26.25**	**-.35**	**+41.2**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.01	+.00	+55.1
MicronT	...	...	23.19	+2.61	+63.8
Microsoft	1.56f	26	63.55	+.01	+14.5
Natlors	.24	...	16.44	-.27	+93.2
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**57.84**	**-.06**	**-16.8**
NOilVarco	.20	21	38.90	+.05	+16.2
NikeB s	.84f	23	52.14	-.16	-16.6
NSTFI3	**.55e**	...	**13.97**	**+.04**	**-3.9**
NTXGI	**.65**	...	**13.76**	**+.02**	**-4.6**
Nvidia	.56f	65	107.11	+1.28	+225.0
OcciPet	**3.04f**	...	**72.26**	**+.30**	**+7.0**
Oracle	.60	19	38.96	+.13	+7.1
OvaScience	...	...	1.34	-1.63	-86.3
PerTech	...	**16**	**5.40**	**+.05**	**-19.8**
PerkDrl	...	...	**2.70**	**-.05**	**+48.4**
PettUTl	**.08**	**8**	**28.88**	**-.03**	**+79.2**
Penney	...	...	8.56	-.49	+28.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**80**	**19.10**	**-.21**	**-12.7**
Pmrian	.41e	23	8.20	-.08	+62.1
Petrobras	...	...	9.88	-.05	+129.8
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**13**	**32.34**	**-.06**	**+.2**
PioNrl	.06	...	186.94	+2.10	+49.1
PlainsAAP	**2.20m**	**30**	**33.04**	**+.33**	**+43.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	120.12	-.34	+7.4
Proshr	**3.00**	**22**	**117.19**	**-1.34**	**+14.4**
PrmEgy	...	...	**49.50**	...	**-6.6**
PUVixST rs	...	...	7.89	+.22	...
ProctGam	**2.88**	**23**	**84.47**	**+.19**	**+6.4**
RangeRs	.08	...	34.22	+.01	+39.0
RealG rs rs	...	...	.27	-.08	-97.9
RedHat	...	35	68.71	-11.08	-17.0
RegionsFn	.28f	19	14.55	+.02	+51.6
RiteAid	...	56	8.44	-.03	+7.7
Rowan	.40	6	19.37	-.41	+14.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	54.19	+.07	+18.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	198.97	-.19	+14.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	225.38	-.39	+10.6
SpdrRetl s	.49e	...	44.74	-1.62	+3.5
SabnR	1.93e	17	35.50	-.05	+35.2
SanderPm	**.98f**	**11**	**93.66**	...	**+20.8**
Schlmbrg	2.00	56	86.38	+.22	+23.8
SiriusXM	.01p	38	4.51	-.02	+10.8
Smucker	3.00f	16	129.22	+.67	+4.8
SwstnEngy	...	...	11.08	+.10	+55.8
Spherix3D gh	...	...	.36	-.00	-76.5
Sprint	...	...	8.50	+.09	+134.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	76.42	+.31	+26.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.54	-.06	+21.6
SP Tech	.78e	...	48.92	-.10	+14.2
SunocoLog	2.04f	52	24.52	+.56	-4.6
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**9.03**	**-.14**	**-18.4**
Tesoro	2.20	11	90.31	+.64	-14.3
3M Co	4.44	22	179.20	+.77	+19.0
TokaiPhm	...	...	1.21	+.20	-86.1
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**74.62**	**-.21**	**+30.9**
TRContll	**.82e**	...	**22.07**	**-.03**	**+10.2**
Twilio n	...	...	31.71	-2.88	+10.1
Twitter	...	...	16.41	-.67	-29.1
TylerTech	...	**51**	**144.08**	**-1.18**	**-17.3**
UBSI	**1.32**	**24**	**46.70**	**+.50**	**+26.3**
US NGas	...	...	8.88	-.12	+2.4
US OilFd	...	...	11.46	+.02	+4.2
USSteel	.20	...	35.77	-.70	+348.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	7.79	-.12	+136.8
ValeantPh	...	16	14.27	+.07	-86.0
ValeroE	2.40	15	68.72	+.79	-2.8
VanEGold	.12e	...	19.07	-.02	+39.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	28.23	+.05	+47.0
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.86	-.33	+6.6
VerizonCm	2.31f	15	53.65	+.68	+16.1
Visa s	.66f	28	77.90	-.24	+.5
VulcanM	**.80**	**43**	**125.31**	**-.86**	**+31.9**
WEC Engy	2.08f	20	58.71	+.25	+14.4
WalMart	2.00f	15	69.59	-1.65	+13.5
WalgBoots	1.50	19	84.27	-1.58	-1.0
WealthIntl	...	...	5.07	+.11	-39.6
WtWatch	...	22	11.08	+.56	-51.4
WellsFargo	1.52	14	55.75	+.04	+2.6
WstnRefin	1.52	27	39.05	+.26	+9.6
WhitingPet	...	...	12.32	+.20	+30.5
WmsCos	.60	70	30.30	-.32	+17.9
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.67**	**+.10**	**+13.3**
Xerox	**.31**	**12**	**9.01**	**-.08**	**-15.2**
Yahoo	...	...	38.50	-.65	+15.8
Zynga	...	...	2.56	-.09	-4.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
19,987.63	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,918.88	-23.08	-.12	+14.31	+13.48
9,480.29	5,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,159.54	-69.80	-.75	+21.92	+20.16
723.83	563.91	Dow Jones Utilities	680.52	+2.17	+.33	+14.31	+13.68
11,256.07	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,114.14	-28.43	-.26	+9.57	+8.34
5,469.47	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,447.42	-24.01	-.44	+8.79	+7.90
2,277.53	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,260.96	-4.22	-.19	+10.82	+9.70
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,669.52	-10.10	-.60	+19.37	+17.90
23,802.01	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,628.30	-72.45	-.31	+11.62	+10.85
1,392.71	943.08	Russell 2000	1,362.66	-12.53	-.91	+19.96	+18.00

TODAY: Cloudy High: 62 Low: 42

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 60 Low: 50

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 62 Low: 37

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 56 Low: 42

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 56 Low: 46

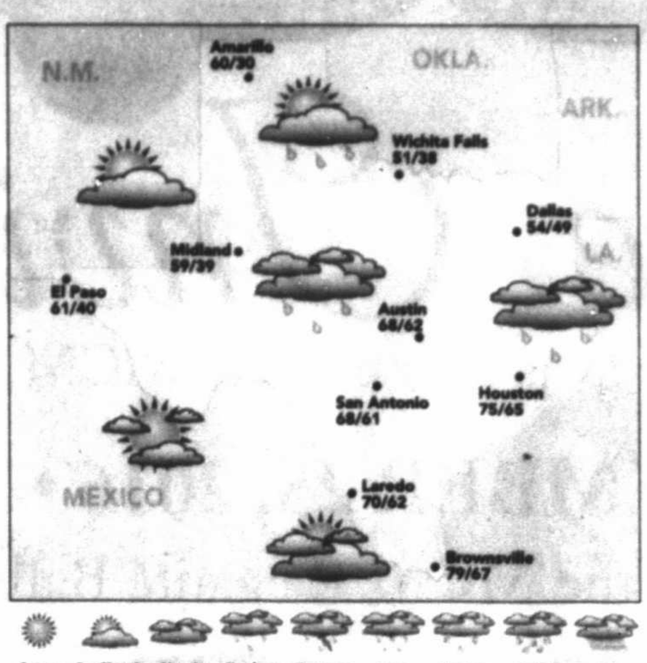
WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 57 Low: 43

Local forecast

There is a 20 percent chance of rain today and slight chance of showers Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service.

The month is expected to end with warmer high and low temperatures, according to the NWS.

The record high for Dec. 22 is 79, set in 1933. The record low is 4, set in 1989. On Dec. 22 of last year, the high was 70 and the low was 35.



Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.35 in.
Year total	15.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.44 in.

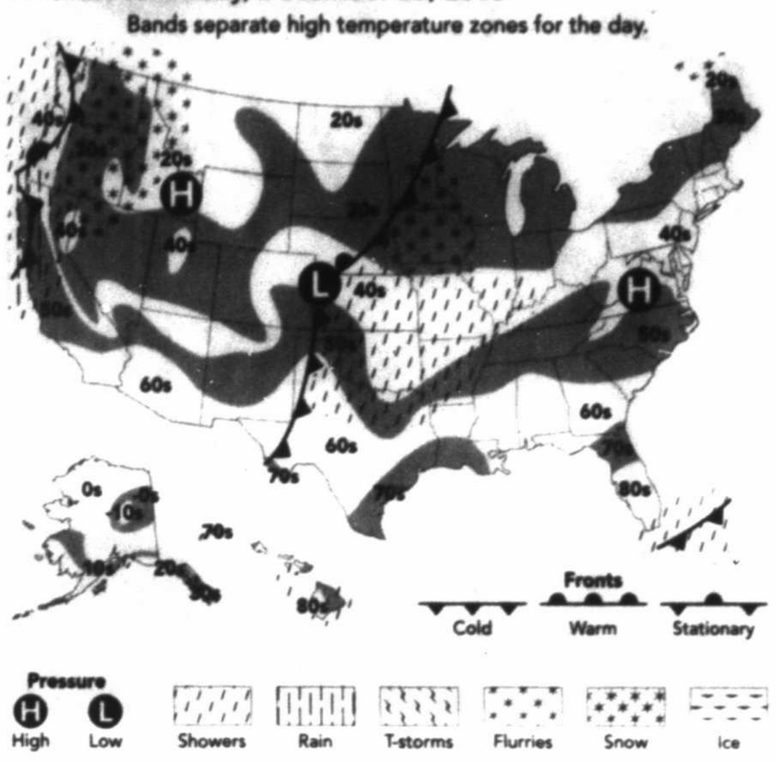
Thursday's temperatures

High	42
Low	28
Normal high	59
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:39 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Friday, December 23, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Environment brief

Kansas group wants grass burning limits for Flint Hills

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas environmental group is urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to order the state to impose tighter controls on grass burning in the Flint Hills region.

The Kansas chapter of the Sierra Club wants the agency to order the state Department of Health and Environment to adopt a mitigation plan to protect the region's air quality, the Lawrence Journal-World reported.

Young son confused by sex is ready to have 'the talk'

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 divorced last year after 14 years of marriage. We have a 10-year-old son together. While staying with his father on weekends, he has overheard his father and new girlfriend having sex. It has happened a couple of times, and each time my son comes home in tears. His father has promised to not let it happen again.

My son is now worried that I'm doing the same thing, and he is treating me like I am the child and he's the parent. He seems to think that people have sex only to have babies, and he is worried.

Do I need to get him some kind of counseling, or will this get better as he gets older and matures? I'm angry that his father didn't use his head before choosing his actions, and now I'm the one being punished for it. — TOO MUCH FOR MY SON

DEAR TOO MUCH: If your son hasn't had "the talk" with you or his father, it should start immediately so he knows that having sex doesn't always mean the result will be babies. And while you're at it, tell your son that you are not planning to have any more children anytime soon, so he has no reason to worry about you.

DEAR ABBY: I volunteer at a local hospital. We were told in training not to come to work if we were sick. One volunteer I work with didn't heed what he was told and showed up last week sneezing and coughing. When I asked if he wanted to go home, he declined. Although I cleaned his workstation with an antiseptic, a few days later I came down with the worst cold I have had in years.

I take care not to do anything to jeopardize my good health, but I had no control over this situation. I think it is extremely thoughtless of sick people to expose co-workers to their germs. Please, people, stay home when you are sick! — STILL RECOVERING IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR STILL RECOVERING: I hear you loud and clear, and I agree. Your co-worker should be ashamed of himself. If he infected you, I can only wonder how many of the patients were put at risk or infected. As soon as you saw your co-worker had come to work sick, you should have informed your supervisor. If you had, it might have saved you some misery.

DEAR ABBY: My so-called boyfriend asked me to marry him. The problem is, he's already married to a woman he married for financial reasons. He doesn't believe in divorce, so where does that leave me? Yes, I love him, but I feel hurt and my heart is heavy. He doesn't know that I know all of this, and if he did, he would probably be upset. What should I do? — HURTING HEART

DEAR HURTING HEART: I know your heart is heavy. Any woman's heart would be if she found herself in your situation. If your boyfriend's wife knew what he was proposing, I'll bet SHE would believe in divorce.

Tell him to get lost, and run in the opposite direction! Whether it "upsets" him is irrelevant. The last thing you need is a cheater. He will never marry you because he's already married — to his meal ticket.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Make it simple

East-West vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ A 10 5 3 2
♡ 5 3
◇ A 8 4
♣ Q 3 2

WEST
♠ 8
♡ K Q J 10 7 4
◇ K J 6 2
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ 9 6
♡ 9 8 6 2
◇ 10 9 7
♣ J 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 7 4
♡ A
◇ Q 5 3
♣ A K 10 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	2♡	3♡*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♣	Pass		

*Spade fit, at least 10-11 points

All pass

Opening lead: King of ♡

Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand perforce. There were eleven top tricks, including a heart ruff in hand. A twelfth was not likely to come from diamonds, as West almost surely had the king for his overcall. It looked like South needed four club tricks to bring home his slam. That was all a mirage, as South quickly demonstrated.

Declarer cashed the king of spades and led a spade to dummy's 10, drawing trumps. Dummy's last heart was ruffed, simplifying the hand. Now the ace of clubs, a club to the queen, and a club back to the 10 picked up four club tricks and declarer had his slam.

"Nice guess in clubs," said West, treading carefully, "but wasn't that a bit lucky?" "Not at all," said South. "Had you won the third club with the jack, you would have had only red cards remaining. You would have been forced to lead away from the king of diamonds or yield a ruff-sluff. Had East shown out on the third club, I would have played the king and then the 10, end-playing you again. My line was foolproof as long as you held the king of diamonds."

We're convinced. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 23, 2016:

This year you interact well with friends, in groups, at work or in the community. You seem to bask in the attention of many people. You no longer hesitate to initiate brainstorming sessions and just be yourself. If you are single, you might note that you start attracting a different type of person. Be open, but make no commitments for a while. If you are attached, the two of you often go out together with friends and have a great time. Make sure you sprinkle in some romantic dinners and weekends away. SCORPIO offers an intense friendship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ One-on-one relating elicits strong results. Your words will awaken a key person in your life. You probably will see a strong reaction and might have to do a lot of explaining. Hopefully others will listen. Refuse to sit on any anger. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Defer to a loved one. Be as clear as possible when dealing with a demanding friend. You might discover that you know a lot of people at a last-minute party. Your upbeat attitude marks the beginning of your celebration. Tonight: Listen to others share their holiday shopping stories.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Mellow out, and know that you can do only so much. Be concerned about how a loved one feels. An older friend or relative is likely to let you know how much you are appreciated. Listen to others, and give up your Chatty Cathy act for now. Tonight: Make a last-minute push.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your creativity and dynamic energy merge, allowing you to come up with a solution even in the worst of circumstances. Remain sensitive, first to your immediate priorities and then to your inner circle. You'll touch base with quite a few people. Tonight: Find the mistletoe.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Stay anchored. You seem to be able to tap into others' energy quickly and effectively. A loved one could be difficult at first, but eventually he or she will relax. Somehow you will experience fewer problems today than you thought possible. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You seem unusually demonstrative right now. Others are clearly thrilled to see you. Catch up on several different people's news. You could be surprised by what you hear. A child or loved one happily catches your attention. Tonight: Be open to a new or different tradition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Follow through on a last-minute decision, and you will be delighted with the outcome. You have too much energy for your own good. Make a point of getting to the gym today, or take a long walk at some point. Tonight: Play the role of Santa, and deliver a package or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your energy draws many people toward you. You are unusually magnetic, as you clearly can see. Your sense of humor touches others in many different ways. Allow your ingenuity to come up with a solution should a problem appear. Your idea will work. Tonight: Be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Take your time getting going. Many of you can step back and have some personal time. A roommate or loved one could be moving quickly in an attempt to complete what he or she must. Let this person to do what he or she feels is necessary. Meanwhile, kick back. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could have some last-minute errands to run. A group of pals might opt to get together at the end of the day. Go with the flow. Don't be concerned about not having enough gifts. Everything will balance out. Tonight: Some of you will combine TGIF with a holiday bash.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Pressure builds, especially if you work. As you look around, you will notice that quite a few people took today off. The issue is that you likely will have to pick up the slack. Accept an invitation that comes forward at the end of the day. Tonight: Eggnog, friends and mistletoe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your mind could be drifting to some people you have not visited in a while. Get going with your holiday calls. The sooner you place them, the more likely it is that you will be able to avoid a voicemail buildup. Tonight: Join friends at a holiday concert, or go caroling.

BORN TODAY

Musician Eddie Vedder (1964), actress Susan Lucci (1946), baseball player Victor Martinez (1978)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Clever stroke
5 Stage genre
10 Secured, in a way
14 Too
15 Actor Firth
16 Initial contribution
17 Illicit buzzing in the hive?
19 Surplus
20 Painful spots
21 Speak or creak
23 Altar promise
24 Slipshod building addition?
28 Zodiac animal
31 Aran Islands country: Abbr.
32 Chopping tool
33 Always
35 Parker's rank in "McHale's Navy": Abbr.
37 Pincered insect
40 Beginning of a very thorough biography?
43 Strands at the lodge, maybe
44 Six-pack set
45 Jazz singer James
46 Nevada was the first st. to allow it
47 Clickbait site, as of Sep. 2016
49 Metaphorical hiding place
50 Aerosol product that will help you fit in in Houston?
56 Athlete lead-in
57 French honey
58 Coffee shop order
62 Immune lead-in
64 Too much shooting at the table?
67 Thought
68 Architect Frank
69 One of three in "To be or not to be"
70 Office staple
71 Donkeys
72 They sometimes intrude at weddings, and also in this puzzle's theme

DOWN

1 Uber competitors
2 Margarine
3 Many a typist, nowadays
4 Fake
5 Early 7th-century year
6 Go bad
7 Still in play
8 Like much ore
9 Hot
10 Identification method
11 Conforming to
12 Chopin work
13 Rehab process
18 Actor Morales
22 Religion founded in Persia
25 Gullible
26 Group including some Brat Pack members
27 Mazatlán-to-Chihuahua dirección
28 Monthly pmts. reducer
29 "Voulez-vous coucher __ moi?"
30 Falling stars that reach the ground
34 Many a reggae artist
36 Eponymous Belgian town
37 English county on the North Sea
38 Tiny bit
39 Airborne pest
41 OPEC member since 1962
42 High wind?
48 Lake makers, at times
50 Unwavering
51 Goody two shoes
52 End of a series
53 Vetoes
54 They may deal with freezes
55 Fabled lost mittens punishment
59 Cajole
60 Residence
61 Priestly garments
63 Shade provider
65 Poetic word of order
66 Part of CBS: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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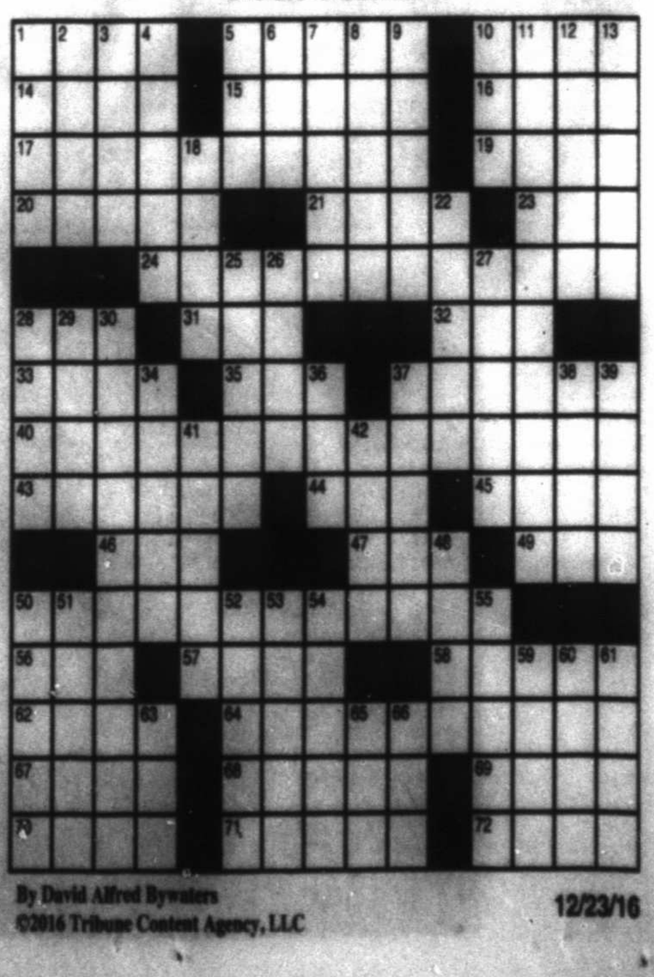

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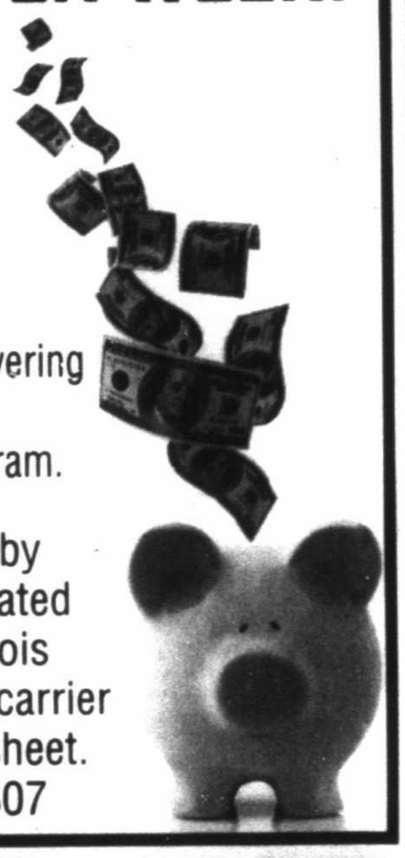

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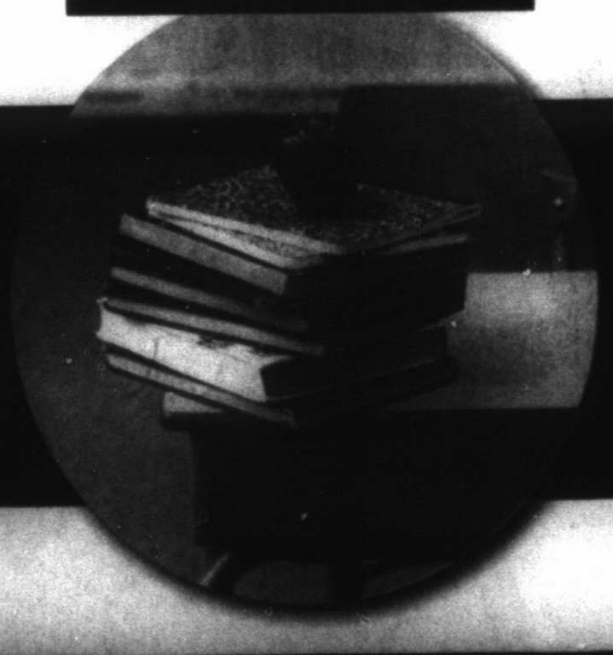

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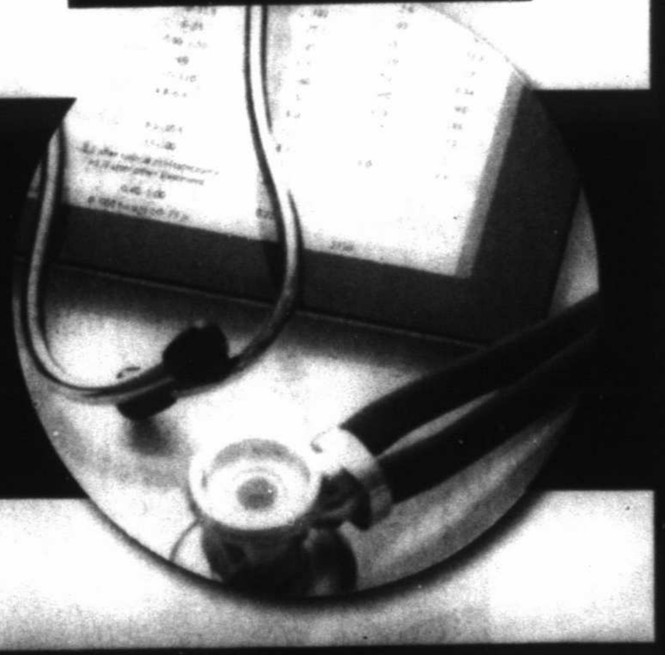

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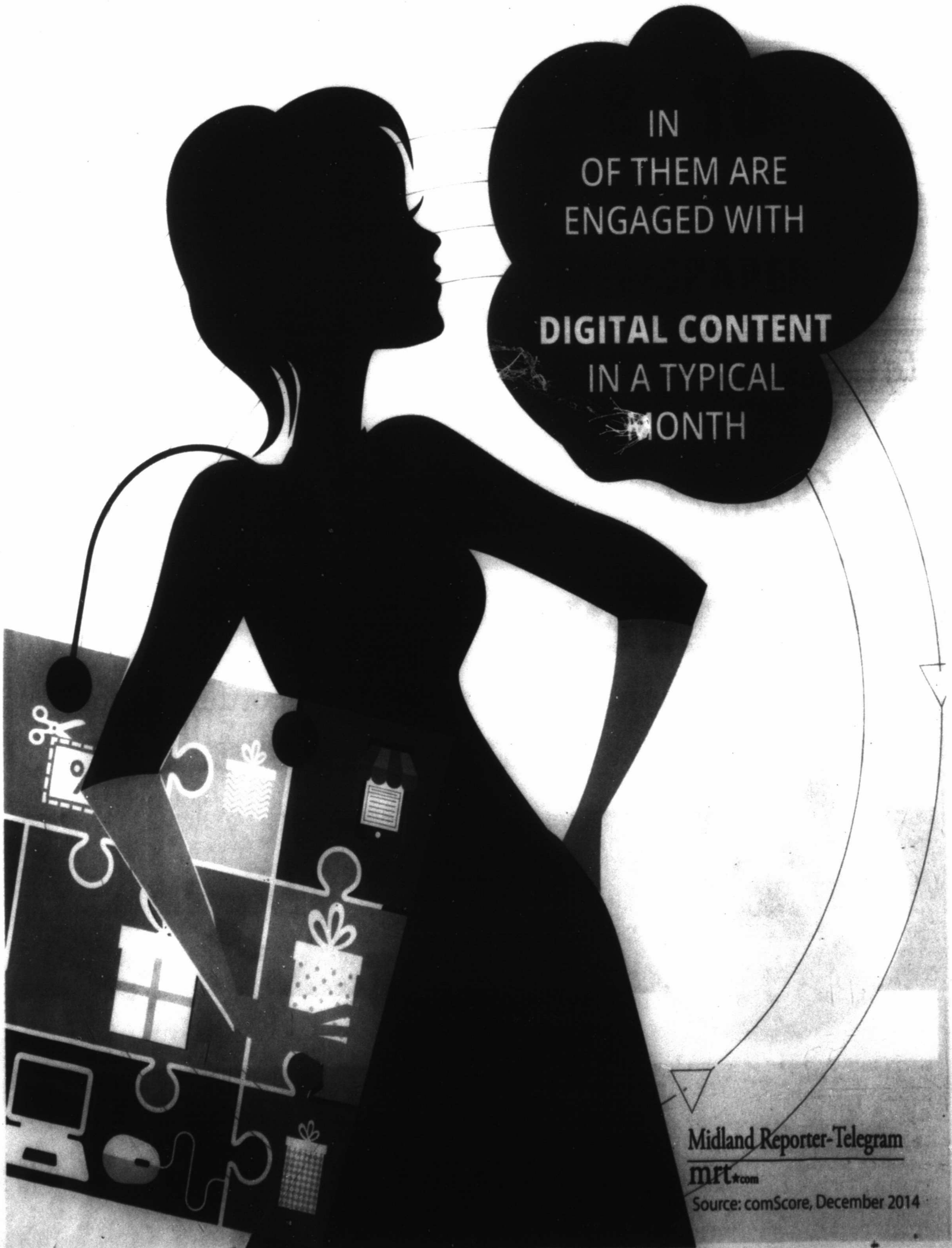

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Fax: (512) 463-6780
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Rule 37 Case No. 0302621
Status/Permit No. 819446

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] 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 requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 15, Bk. 39 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-430, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 8 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, 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.

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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	:	JRS FARMS *22-27
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4401H
Lease/Unit Acres	:	986.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	3897.0
Lease Lines	:	390.0 F S L, 494.0 F W L
Survey Lines	:	390.0 F S L, 494.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 420.0 F S L
630.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 27 Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 436
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
330.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 2656.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC :
GAS Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres
OIL Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10040 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737) 7042339.

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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	:	JRS FARMS #22-27
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4403H
Lease/Unit Acres	:	986.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	330.0
Lease Lines	:	390.0 F S L, 554.0 F W L
Survey Lines	:	390.0 F S L, 554.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 420.0 F S L
690.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 27 Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 436
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L
990.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 2655.0 F N L
990.0 F W L

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC :
GAS Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
OIL Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10050 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737) 7042339.

Legal and Public Notices

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Generally located on the north side of Marlin Avenue, approximately 190-feet west of Rankin Highway - Council District 2

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CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Hutton Team, LLC for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, concerning side yard setback requirements on: Lots 1, 2, and 18, and a 0.046-acre portion of alley right-of-way, all out of Tract 6, of the Re-plat of Tracts 5 & 6, Lindsay Acres Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northwest of the intersection of Rankin Highway and Marlin Avenue. (Council District 2)

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by THDT Investments, Inc. for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center 10 an Amended Planned District on the following described property: Lots 32B1 and 32B2, Block 39, Fairmont Park Addition, Section 48.

Generally located on the east side of W. Loop 250 N and approximately 490-ft. north of Tremont Avenue. (Council District 1)

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine Street, on a request by Basin Burger House for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant, on the following described property:

Lot 1A, Block 29, Homestead Addition, Section 8, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located southwest of the intersection of N. Colorado Street and W. Louisiana Avenue.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Mac's BBQ & Catering for approval of a Special Exception to the City of Midland Zoning Ordinance Section 11-1-7 concerning parking requirements on: Lots 1-4; 7 and 8, Block 2, Ball Park Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located southwest of the intersection of West Indiana Avenue and Baldwin Street. (Council District 2)

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by request by Maverick Engineering on behalf of Manor Park for approval of a Vacation on: The combined 0.227-acre Service Access, Utility, and Water Line Easement, less the 20-feet Utility Easement along the westernmost property boundary all located in Lot 1, Block 10, Arbor Park Addition, Section 5, City and County of Midland Texas.

Generally located southwest of the intersection of Sunshine Parkway and Idlewidle Drive.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

PPC Operating Company, LLC, 10355 Centrepark Drive, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77043 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 Grayburg, Azalea Grayburg Unit Lease, Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles East of Midland, Texas in the Azalea (Grayburg) Field, in Midland County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,020 to 4,140 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 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Ali Bixler for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all Alcoholic Beverages, for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant on the following property: A 5,141-square foot portion of Lot 1, Block 8, Polo Park Addition, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Located southeast of the intersection of N. Garfield Street and Castleford Road. (Council District 1)

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Legal and Public Notices

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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, Mabee 139 lease, well number 1035H. The proposed injection well is located 14.9 miles Northwest of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,372 – 15,298 feet.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT:

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: ST S-ST RR I 503LS (RRC DP #816369); and ST S-ST RR H 504LS (RRC DP #816371). Both wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for off-lease storage, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering with allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who do not receive written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingle Permit No. 6042: Dorcus Janey (SA) G 1961WA (RRC Lease No. 816199), Dorcus Janey (SA) N 1971WB (RRC 816201), Dorcus Janey (SA) O 1972WB (RRC Lease No. 816202), Dorcus Janey (SA) F 1960WA (RRC Lease No. 817536), Dorcus Janey (SA) M 1970WB (RRC Lease No. 817542), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. The wells and leases are located in Section 19, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland and Upton Counties, Texas and Section 18, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 1, 2016
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 5, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0302620
Status/Permit No. 819444

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

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General Announcement

Attention Readers

In observance of

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Monday, December 26th, 2016

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Sat., Dec 24th	Fri., Dec 23, 11am
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Tues., Dec 27th	Thurs., Dec 22nd, 4pm
Sun., Dec 25th (Oil Report, Culture)	Tues., Dec. 20th, 2pm

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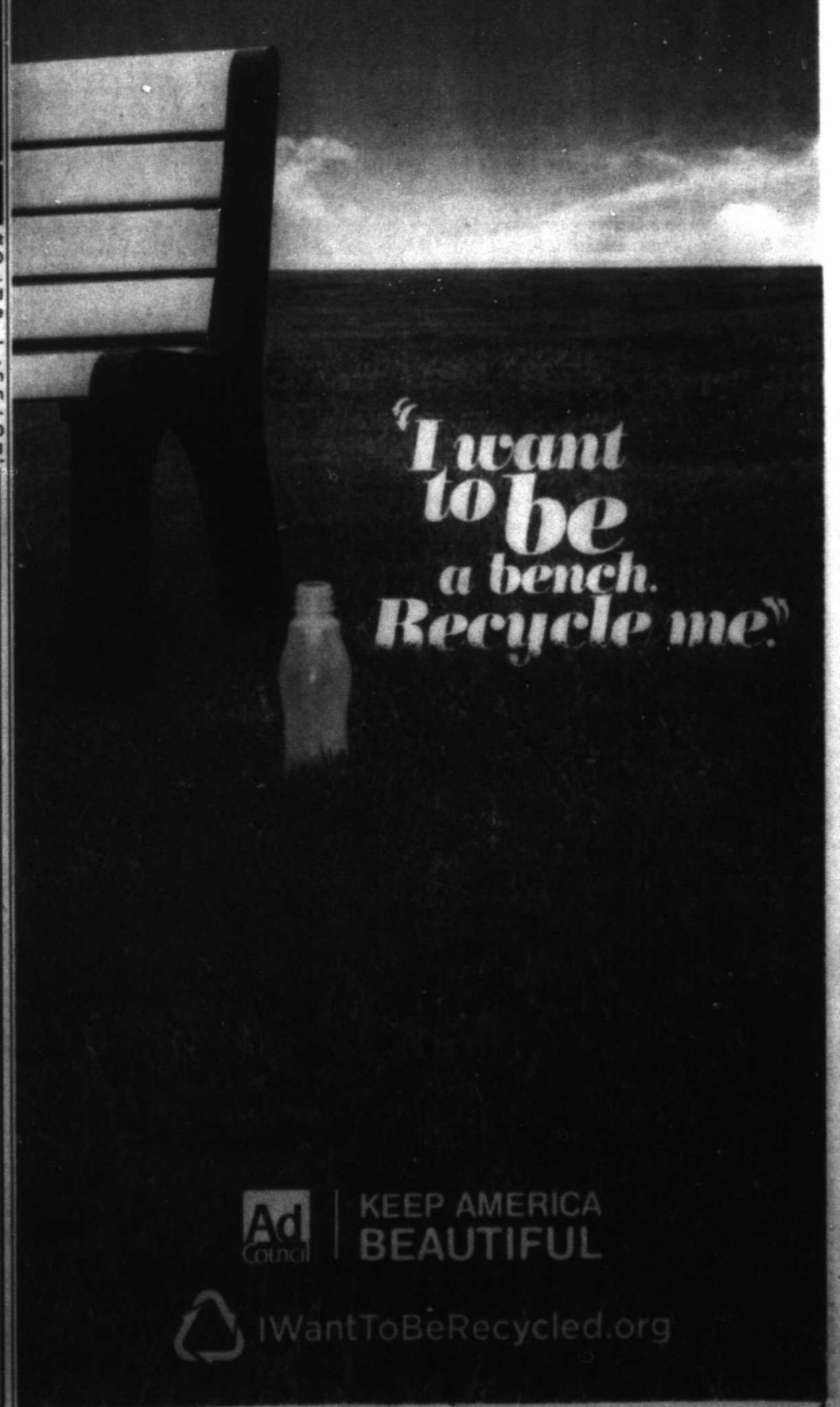

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