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Baylor's interim coach has no plans to return after this season.

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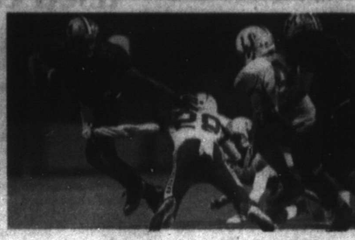

MHS WRAPUP

On Monday, the football team turned in their equipment. With football over until next year, get the summary of the Bulldogs' 9-3 season in Sports.

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OPEC cuts could boost US production

Organization's formal meeting follows preliminary agreement to cuts two months ago

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Energy companies in Houston, Texas and across the country will look east this week as OPEC nations attempt to conclude a truce in an oil-market war that has cost 150,000 American jobs and buffeted the local and state economies for the better part of two years.

The outcome of OPEC's talks in Vienna on cutting production may well determine whether crude prices and the industry's nascent recovery continue their slow climb out of the worst oil bust in 30 years or plunge again, leading to more layoffs, spending reductions and bankruptcies.

The formal meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries follows more than a week of on-again, off-again deals between cartel members other major oil producers that has left global markets gyrating, rising on reports of imminent agreement and failing on news of dissension.

"Everybody is hopeful," said Mark Franki, an engineer at San Antonio driller Metano Energy. "But they rarely agree on anything. It sounds good — hope they do it — but we're not going to hold our breath."

OPEC, which controls about a third of the world's oil supply, set the stage for the high-stakes meeting just over two months ago in Algeria, where member nations reached a preliminary agreement to cut output by up to 750,000 barrels a day. Recent reports out of Vienna, where the deal would be finalized, suggest that some nations have pushed to double the production cut to 1.5 million barrels a day, although Iran, which is ramping up production after years of international sanctions, is resisting.

U.S. crude prices on Friday dropped 4 percent to $46.06 a barrel amid reports OPEC canceled a Monday meeting with non-OPEC producers, including Russia, as internal disputes over the deal remained unresolved.

Some analysts forecast that an OPEC production cut could send crude prices toward $60 a barrel, an increase that could return many shale drillers to profitability and spur drilling, spending and hiring in the oil patch.

But analysts have also warned prices could fall below $40 a barrel if the talks come up short, a development that could reverse the recent burst of activity in North American shale fields.

"Their confidence would be shaken," said Andy Lipow, an oil market analyst at Lipow Oil Associates in Houston. "We still have a number of producers under financial stress, and if the deal falls

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Amendment ambition

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Roman Buhler, center right, National Director of the Madison Coalition, meets with local political and industry professionals Monday at Gerardo's Casita restaurant. **Pictured from left:** Republican activist Rhonda Lacy, former Mayor J. D. Faircloth, Buhler, City Councilman Jeff Sparks

Coalition director seeks support for constitutional amendment

■ Group seeks to restore 'balance of state and federal power'

By Stewart Doreen
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The director of a coalition seeking to restore a "balance of state and federal power" is in Midland this week garnering support for a constitutional amendment he believes provides the fastest and most reliable way to rein in power of regulators in Washington.

The "Regulation Freedom Amendment" specifically says:

"Whenever one quarter of the members of the U.S. House or the U.S. Senate transmit to the president their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate to adopt that regulation."

Roman Buhler, director of The Madison Coalition, said the proposed constitutional amendment is backed by a bipartisan coalition, including more than 900 state legislators, six governors, the American Farm Bureau and a unanimous vote of the Republican National Committee. He said 19 state legislative chambers have passed resolutions urging Congress to propose the amendment.

Those in attendance Monday at Gerardo's Casito, included prominent businessmen, members of the Midland City Council and five current or former mayors. Many said during the meeting that regulations been a thorn in the side of producers and other industry officials in the Permian Basin and around West Texas.

Those regulations are not exclusive to the energy sector, Buhler explained, but already impacted or could later impact sectors including farming, community banking, religious freedoms, the Second Amendment and free speech. He described the current regulation-without-representation environment as a "dagger" officials in Washington can hold over anyone, and specific to the energy industry, can depress energy investment.

"The power to regulate is the power to destroy," Buhler said. "The administration can unilaterally destroy an industry."

The effort to amend the Constitution is not an easy one. The Constitution, with its 27 amendments, has been amended only 17 times since the first 10 — which make up the Bill of Rights — were ratified in 1791. The last amendment ratified — the 27th — happened in 1992.

The so-called Article V movement to have the states call a constitutional convention is also taking place. Buhler believes there is room for both, although a constitutional convention is likely to take longer and open up problem areas that can be avoided by passing a Regulation Freedom Amendment.

Buhler said his process would require two-thirds of the states to pass resolutions that would force Congress to propose the amendment as early as 2017. Passage would require two-thirds votes in the House and Senate. It is the blueprint that has worked three times in our country's history, including the Bill of Rights, Buhler said.

Polling shows that voters, by a 2-to-1 margin, favor the amendment, according to Buhler.

Some might argue that the proposed REINS (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Act — which would require a vote on every new regulation costing more than $100 million per year — would do what the Regulation Freedom Amendment proposes. However, the bill appears stalled in the Senate and lacks the support to override a presidential veto, which is expected no matter who occupies the Oval Office. Buhler also said the law could be challenged in court or repealed by a future Congress.

Buhler said now is the time for the proposed amendment as November's election result will put people in charge in Washington who understand that the end goal is to take power out of Washington.

"For the past eight years, people have

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Fracturing rebound starts with costlier grains of sand

■ IHS: Service companies may boost prices by almost 10 percent a year through 2021

By David Wethe
Bloomberg

The oilfield service companies that supply everything from sand to sophisticated robot rigs are seeking a new lease on life as America's fracking fortunes begin to turn.

Shale drillers have added 158 rigs since May, according to Baker Hughes. At the same time, companies such as Chesapeake Energy and EOG Resources have been increasing their efficiency by cramming more and more sand into individual wells, aiming to extend their reach miles further. That's boosted sand prices roughly 25 percent to about $24 a ton, according to IHS Inc.

It's an early sign that oilfield services, hard hit by a two-year slump in crude prices, are seeing the first hints of a turnaround. With spending by drillers in the lower 48 states now forecast to be $1 billion higher than analysts expected in the final three months of 2016, pricing talks are heating up as servicers face off against explorers fearful of uncertain oil prices ahead.

"Sand certainly led the way here, and that's starting to make its way into other product lines," James West, an Evercore ISI analyst in New York, said in a telephone interview. "It's going to be a much more rigorous pricing recovery as we go into 2017, given the very ambitious drilling programs and production forecasts from the North American E&P industry."

Oil-services companies sell explorers everything from the sand, water and chemicals they pump into the ground to the diesel that powers their equipment. Their services can include mapping pockets of underground oil, cementing wells in place and even breathing new life into old reservoirs.

With West Texas Intermediate crude prices now up by about 80 percent from this year's low, the industry is starting to use higher sand prices and the added activity in oil fields ranging from Texas's Permian Basin to the Scoop and Stack plays of Oklahoma as an excuse to reopen conversations over how much they'll be paid, said Samir Nangia, an IHS analyst.

Already, leases for more-efficient rigs that can walk from well to well and drill

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$47.08	▲	$1.02
WTI Posted	$43.50	▲	$1.00
WTS Posted	$39.50	▲	$1.00
Natural Gas	$3.233	▲	$0.147
Gasoline	$1.916	▼	$0.026

The big number
Protesters of the Dakota Access pipeline, a **$3.8 billion project,**
will likely not be immediately affected by Government orders for to leave the encampment, which is on federal land. Page 4A

Word of the Day: bildungsroman
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

Jane Carolyn Craig

Jane Carolyn Craig died on November 21, 2016 in Midland at the age of 93.

She was born November 7, 1923 to Claude Porter and Ethel Maude (Peg) King in Springfield, Missouri. Upon her father's transfer with Frisco Railway, she moved with her family at age 16 to the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves, Missouri. Her father's position as a senior executive with the railroad afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout North America and Mexico.

Upon her graduation from Webster Groves High School, she attended Washington University in St. Louis and then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Spanish. Her love of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture remained with her throughout her life. During World War II, she worked at the Army Air Corps chart plant in St. Louis updating maps of China.

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Wallace (Wally) Craig, at First Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves. Following Wally's career path at Shell Oil Company, they lived in St. Louis, Missouri, Paducah, Kentucky, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Westfield, New Jersey, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

While in New Orleans, Carol was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout den. The family moved to Midland in 1960 when Johnny Starr offered Wally a position as a VP and manager of Fidelity Oil Company, the biggest Shell jobbership in Texas at the time. The decision to move to Texas was announced to their children while a foot of water stood in their living room during a typical New Orleans tropical storm.

Carol, missing the rolling green hills of Missouri, cried upon the family's arrival in the flat, dusty, cactus-strewn Permian Basin. However, Carol soon pulled herself together and began to thrive in her new home where she became involved in many community activities. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, an assistant leader for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, served as president for both the PTA and the Pi Beta Phi alumnae chapter, tutored at Casa de Amigos, volunteered for the Friends of the Library, and was an active member of the Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wally; her parents; and her sister, Mary Katherine King Gray.

She is survived by her children, Mark Craig of Houston, Texas and his wife, Christy, Wallace Craig of Midland and his fiancée, Carolyn Hobby, and Susan Craig Mahoney of Midland; her grandchildren, Dan Mahoney of Washington, D.C., and Katie and Claire Craig of Houston; and step-granddaughter, Jennifer Vallone of Houston.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. The date and time are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Maria Elena Gonzales

Maria Elena Gonzales (Ama), 72, of Midland; our wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and sister went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at her residence.

Maria Elena was born on August 30, 1944 to Santos, Sr. and Consuelo Pránco in Midland, Texas. Maria Elena was married to the love of her life, Thomas R. Gonzales, Sr., for 58 years and had six daughters and one son.

Ama enjoyed going to the bingo and the casino, playing cards with family, watching her novela's, and the Texas Rangers play baseball, rooting on the Dallas Cowboys every time they played, and most of all she loved spending time with her family. She was always the happiest when her whole family was all together under one roof eating, celebrating, and making memories.

Ama was always there for each one of us in one way or another and would go out of her way to help anyone in need. Her faith in God is what kept her strong. Our Ama will be missed today, tomorrow and always. We love you Ama!!

Maria Elena was preceded in death by her mother, father, two brothers, and one sister.

She is survived by her loving husband; her seven children, Lucy (Steve) Chandler, Cindy (Mike) Leon, Joann Gonzales, Brenda (Heather) Porras, Thomas (Lisa) Gonzales, Jr., Melinda (Martin) Baeza, and Michelle Bernal; and by 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind three sisters and four brothers.

Thank You to Jacque with Home Hospice for helping us through this difficult time.

Viewing will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel as well. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Pallbearers for the service will be Antonio Chandler, Louis Chandler, Mike Leon, Jr., Joshua Martinez, Carlos Gonzales, Tommy Garcia, Albert Grado, and Anthony Grado.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Sammy Owen

Sammy Owen, 79, of Lamesa, Texas passed away on Monday, November 28, 2016 in Midland.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m at Crestview Baptist Church in Lamesa. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Kevin Dean Sitz

Kevin Dean Sitz, 52, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Sitz; two daughters, Cassandra Ann Sitz and Kieri Deann Sitz; and by one brother and one sister.

A memorial service is pending at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland.

Patsy Marcy

Patsy Marcy, 93, of Lubbock passed away on November 24, 2016 at Parks Village in Odessa, Texas.

There will be a family visitation at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A graveside service has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

Robert B. Gaines

Robert B. Gaines, 93, passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; son Robby; and daughter, Gayanne. There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Business 'off a bit' but steady for used car dealer

■ Texas Certified Motors to break ground today on new showroom

By Trevor Hawes
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Today's local economy has seen a slowdown in auto sales, but Texas Certified Motors is investing in the future.

The used car dealer will break ground on its new showroom at 4700 W. Wall St. at 11 a.m. today, with friends, family, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other representatives expected to be in attendance.

The event not only marks a continuing transition for the dealership, which now has five locations in West Texas, but also for Chief Financial Officer John Wade, who recently traded in the banking business for the car business.

Wade told the Reporter-Telegram that the move has been pretty seamless, given the similarities between the two.

"The banking business is dollars and numbers, and the car business is dollars and numbers," he said.

Wade worked 21 years as a loan officer and three years as a bank examiner before opting to change careers.

"Banking has changed, and for me, at least, it wasn't fun anymore." He said the banking experience itself is valuable to anyone who wants to run a company because "you get exposure to many types of businesses."

His favorite aspect of business is customer service, which he called "the easiest part" because all it takes is genuine concern on behalf of the customer's needs. At Texas Certified Motors, those needs center on connecting customers with quality used cars.

The company generally has between 25 and 30 cars on the lot and typically sells model years between 2010 and 2016. Wade said Texas Certified Motors targets people who budget for used cars, particularly blue-collar workers. "If they can afford a new car, great. But if they cannot, that's who our primary customer is: the workingman who is budgeting less and not at a new-car price."

Wade said business has been off a bit during the prolonged economic downturn here.

"Just like all businesses out there, we're not blowin' and goin', but we're staying steady," he said. "We're definitely not twiddling our thumbs here."

Texas Certified Cars has two locations in Midland, two in Odessa and one in Lubbock. Its Wall Street location is not only getting a new showroom, but a second building is being constructed for lease to prospective tenants.

Today's groundbreaking will feature food, drinks and a DJ playing classic car tunes, such as Wade's favorite, "Drive My Car" by The Beatles. It's also a chance to meet Texas Certified Motors staff, who Wade said focuses heavily on serving its clients.

"If you have good customer service, you will always do well."

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @Howdy-Hawes.

Slain San Antonio officer remembered at funeral service

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The top leadership of Texas and law enforcement officials from across the nation joined family and friends of San Antonio police Detective Benjamin Marconi to pay tribute to the officer who was shot to death while sitting in his patrol car.

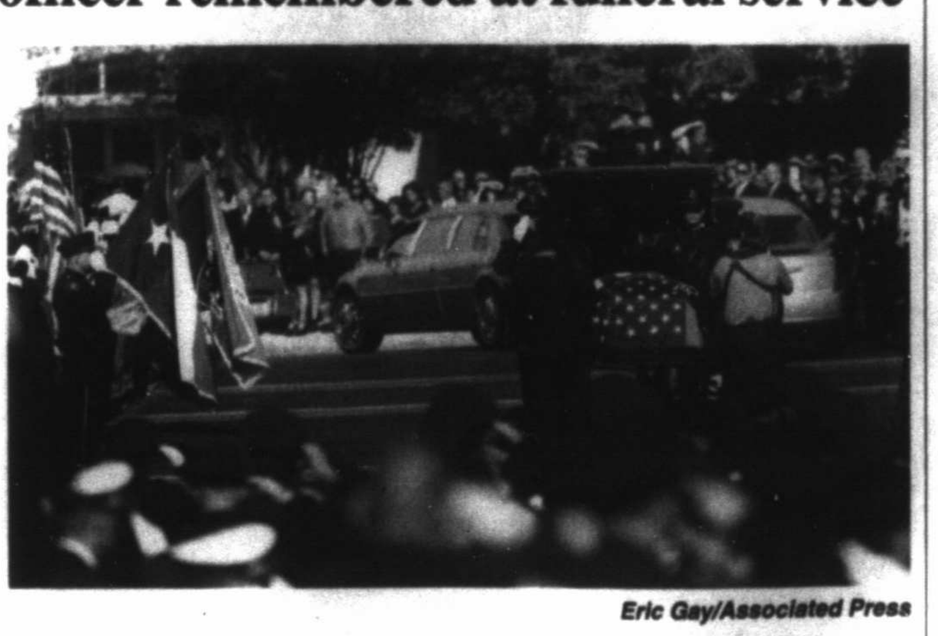
Marconi's funeral Monday was at the Community Bible Church in San Antonio and drew an estimated 3,000 mourners, in and out of uniform, to praise the detective.

Betsy Buhler, the church's media minister and a police chaplain, said: "We are forever grateful for his watch over us."

The 50-year-old Marconi was fatally shot Nov. 20 as he sat in his patrol car writing a traffic ticket outside police headquarters.

Thirty-one-year-old Otis Tyrone McKane has been charged with capital murder in the attack. McKane said he was angry over a child-custody battle and "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

Gov. Greg Abbott and House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican, were among the dignitaries who attended the service.



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Police attend funeral services for San Antonio police detective Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force, as his casket is delivered by a horse-drawn carriage Monday in San Antonio. Marconi was fatally shot during a traffic stop near police headquarters on Nov. 20.

Those who spoke at the service included fellow officers and grown children of the slain 20-year department veteran.

"He made everyone around you feel lighter and safer. He relaxed people. He was the kind of person we should all strive to be like," said Jacy Marconi, one of the detective's grown children.

A 21-gun salute and a flyover by a San Antonio Police Department helicopter were highlights of the service.

Texas announces its first locally transmitted Zika case

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas on Monday reported its first case of Zika virus that likely came from a mosquito bite within the state.

Florida is the only other state in the U.S. with locally spread Zika. Health officials say that the woman who was infected in Texas is a resident of Brownsville, located on the border the state shares with Mexico. But health officials said she reported no recent travel to Mexico or any other country with ongoing Zika outbreaks.

Until the Florida cases, all the cases in the U.S. were connected to travel to countries with outbreaks, mostly in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"We knew it was only a matter of time before we saw a Zika case spread by a mosquito in Texas," Dr. John Hellerstedt, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, said in a news release. "We still don't believe the virus will become widespread in Texas, but there could be more cases, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, especially in parts of the state that stay relatively warm in the fall and winter."

The Texas health department said there are currently no other homegrown cases, but health officials continue to watch for them. Zika is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, though sexual transmission can occur.

The Texas case was confirmed last week by a lab test. Officials say testing indicates the virus can no longer be spread from her by mosquitoes.

The woman is not pregnant. Infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth defects.

Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the state health department, said the woman had fallen ill and gone to her doctor, who ordered the Zika test. Van Deusen said six members of the woman's household were also tested and do not have the virus.

Most infected people don't get sick. It can cause a mild illness, with fever, rash and joint pain.

Health workers will be going door-to-door in the area around the patient's home to educate the public, help people reduce potential mosquito breeding habitats and collect voluntary urine samples to find out if there are other infections.

Health officials for the state and Cameron County are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate the case. State officials say further investigation is necessary to try to figure out how and where the woman was infected.

Officials have been trapping and testing mosquitoes to learn more about activity near her home. Brownsville has recently sprayed for mosquitoes in the area and will continue to work on reducing the mosquito population.

Through last week, Texas has had 257 confirmed cases of Zika virus disease.

Until now, all cases in Texas had been associated with travel, including two infants born to women who had traveled during their pregnancy and two people who had sexual contact with infected travelers.

STATEBRIEFS

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Texas Republican elector resigns rather than vote for Trump

A Republican member of the Electoral College from Texas says he's resigning rather than casting one of the state's 38 electoral votes for Donald Trump.

Art Sisneros previously told The Associated Press that he was wavering on supporting Trump because the Republican "is not biblically qualified for office."

In a lengthy weekend blog post, Sisneros wrote "the best option I see at this time is to resign my position as an elector."

Texas doesn't require its presidential electors to vote in accordance with the state's presidential election results.

Trump won Texas by around 9 percentage points and captured 290 overall electoral votes to Hillary Clinton's 232.

State electors meet in Austin and in state capitals nationwide next month to vote for president, and will also vote then on Sisneros' replacement.

PALMVIEW

1 dead after shots fired into South Texas grocery store

South Texas authorities say a 25-year-old man has been arrested after one person was killed and three were injured when shots were fired through a grocery store break room window from the outside.

Palmview police Chief Christopher Barerra says the shooting at the HEB happened at about 3:30 a.m. Monday. He says the suspect fled, then called 911 to confess. Barrera says the suspect surrendered outside of his home at about 4:30 a.m.

Raul Lopez is charged with first-degree murder and three attempted murder counts.

Barrera says that two of the injured were in critical condition and one suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

He says officers recovered the weapon after the suspect drew them a map of where he had thrown it after the shooting.

Palmview is near McAllen.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Bildungsroman
[bil-doo ngz-roh-mahn]
noun
1. a type of novel concerned with the education, development, and maturing of a young protagonist.

xenophobia

[zen-*uh*-foh-bee-*uh*, zee-nuh-]

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Examples Word Origin

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noun

1. fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers:
Xenophobia and nationalism can be seen as a reaction to the rise of globalization.

2. fear or dislike of the customs, dress, etc., of people who are culturally different from oneself:
Learning a foreign language can help to overcome xenophobia.

Origin of xenophobia

1890-1895

1890-95; xeno- "foreign, strange" + -phobia "fear"

Dictionary.com via AP

This screen image released by Dictionary.com shows the definition of xenophobia, named as word of the year. Searches for xenophobia on the site increased by 938 percent from June 22 to June 24, Solomon said. Lookups spiked again that month after President Obama's June 29 speech in which he insisted that Donald Trump's campaign rhetoric was not a measure of "populism," but rather "nativism, or xenophobia, or worse."

Dictionary.com's word of the year is 'xenophobia'

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You might have thought about it, heard it. A lot. You might have even felt it: Dictionary.com's word of the year is "xenophobia."

Although it's difficult to get at exactly why people look up words in dictionaries, online or on paper, it's clear that in contentious 2016, fear of "otherness" bruised the collective consciousness around the globe.

The Brexit vote, police violence against people of color, Syria's refugee crisis, transsexual rights and the U.S. presidential race were among prominent developments that drove debate — and spikes in lookups of the word, said Jane Solomon, one of the dictionary site's lexicographers.

The 21-year-old site defines xenophobia as "fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers." And it plans to expand its entry to include fear or dislike of "customs, dress and cultures of people with backgrounds different from our own," Solomon said in a recent interview.

The word didn't enter the English language until the late 1800s, she said. Its roots are in two Greek words — "xenos," meaning "stranger or guest," and "phobos," meaning "fear or panic," Solomon added.

The interest was clear June 24, within a period that represents the largest spike in lookups of xenophobia so far this year. That was the day of Brexit, when the UK voted to leave the European Union.

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Solomon added that chatter about xenophobia goes well beyond the spikes.

"It has been significant throughout the year," she said. "But after the EU referendum, hundreds and hundreds of users were looking up the term every hour."

Robert Reich, who served in the administrations of Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and was President Clinton's labor secretary, felt so strongly about xenophobia's prominence today that he appears in a video for Dictionary.com discussing its ramifications.

"I don't think most people even know what xenophobia is," Reich, who teaches public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, said in an interview. "It's a word not to be celebrated but to be deeply concerned about."

Solomon's site, based in Oakland, California, started choosing a word of the year in 2010, based on search data and agreement of in-house experts that include a broad swath of the company, from lexicographers to the marketing and product teams to the CEO, Liz McMillan.

The word and the sentiment reflect a broader mournful tone to 2016, with Oxford dictionary editors choosing "post-truth" as their word of the year, often described in terms of politics as belonging to a time in which truth has become irrelevant.

"I wish," Solomon said, "we could have chosen a word like unicorns."

Cyber Monday transforms as shoppers are more connected

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Monday after Thanksgiving is still a time when millions of Americans pause to check out online deals and check off items from their gift list — but a one-day Cyber Monday frenzy appears to be going the way of the dial-up modem.

Shoppers who have high-speed connections at home and on their phones are pouncing on deals that stores are spreading out over several days, leaving the so-called Cyber Monday online shopping bonanza in danger of losing its title as the top online sales day.

"Because Cyber Monday is no longer about the connection, it's just another sales day that I can plan for, like a Labor Day sale or Fourth of July sale," said Gartner analyst Gene Alvarez. "I know it's coming: Does it fit into my schedule, and will I do my holiday shopping that day, Black Friday or wait to see what comes up later?"

So instead of door-buster markdowns on a select few products, retailers are shifting to a stream of discounts and alerts during the entire week via email and social media.

Cartwheel, Target's digital app, started offering holiday deals including 50 percent off one toy per day on Nov 1. Amazon started offering 35 days of Black Friday deals on Nov. 16. And Walmart kicked off its Cyber Monday deals on Friday for the first time as it aimed to grab customers ahead of its competitors.

"It's really this weeklong flow of deals," said Shawn DuBravac, chief economist at the Consumer Technology Association.

Lea Bishop from Carmel, Indiana, picked up tickets to the Texas Tenors at her local performing arts center because they had a rare buy-two-get-two-free deal.

"It's those once-a-year deals that I'm looking for today," she said. Otherwise, she noticed retailers have been spreading out deals.

"It seems like they should rename Black Friday to Black Friday Week and rename Cyber Monday to Cyber Monday weekend," she said.

Matthew Cannata of New Britain, Connecticut, said he and his wife meticulously map out their shopping weekend. They hit the stores Thursday night and Friday morning and started browsing online Saturday. They saw more discounts early this year and use services like buying items online and picking them up in the store, Cannata said.

"We are casting a wide net on any and all types of gifts," he said.

On Monday, he bought an Amazon Tap smart speaker for $40 off at $90 on Amazon.com and Bluetooth stereo headphones for $30, $100 off the original price.

The Monday after Thanksgiving has been the busiest day of the year for online shopping since 2010, and "Cyber Monday" referred to the day when people returned after the holiday weekend to offices where they had high-speed internet connections.

Cyber Monday still packs the biggest punch in terms of a single online shopping day — for now. As of 7:30 p.m. EST on Monday, shoppers were on track to hit a record of $3.39 billion, up 10.2 percent from a year ago, according to a tally by Adobe Digital Insights, which tracks online retail transactions.

But other days are catching up. On Black Friday, consumers spent $3.34 billion, a 21.6 percent jump from last year, according to Adobe.

"Because of technology, the shopping process has been deconstructed, and the consumer constructs their own flow," said Alvarez.

Joseph Jaconi, whose company TechArmor sells smartphone accessories through Amazon, other outlets and his e-commerce site, said Black Friday was his biggest sales day of the year. He said he expected Cyber Monday to outpace that, with sales about double or triple that of a normal day.

PROTEST

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tribe, Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said.

The Corps said last week in a letter that all federal lands north of the Cannonball River will be closed to the public for "safety concerns" starting Dec. 5. The order includes the encampment called Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires camp.

The agency cited North Dakota's oncoming winter and increasingly contentious clashes between protesters and police.

But in a statement issued late Sunday, the Corps said it "has no plans for forcible removal." Anyone on land north of the river, including the main protest camp, after the deadline may be prosecuted for trespassing.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple called the Corps' position "very puzzling."

"When you put out a pronouncement that people must leave your land by a certain date, I think you take on a responsibility to somehow bring that about," Dalrymple said. "Clearly the responsibility of clearing that land now lies primarily with the Corps."

But later on Monday, Dalrymple issued his own "mandatory evacuation" for the camp "to safeguard against harsh winter conditions." But the order didn't specify any action to be taken against protesters who don't comply, and state Emergency Services spokeswoman Cecily Fong later said no action would be taken to enforce it.

The 1,172-mile pipeline is nearly complete except for a small section beneath a Missouri River reservoir near the encampment, which is about 50 miles south of Bismarck.

Opponents, who call themselves "water protectors," worry about potential effects on drinking water on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and farther downstream on the Missouri River, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts, including burial sites. They also believe the land near the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball rivers is still rightfully owned by the Standing Rock Sioux under a nearly 150-year-old treaty.

County and state officials have been seeking federal law enforcement help for months and were initially buoyed by the Corps' order for protesters to move off the land. The agency's later announcement that it would not forcibly evict any demonstrators dampened hopes that the issue would soon be resolved, Morton County Commission Chairman Cody Schulz said.

"It's useless for local and state law enforcement, and the order from the Corps is self-serving and amounts to them limiting their liability," Schulz said.

The sheriff said state and local officials lack jurisdiction to remove the protesters.

"This is a federal problem and needs to be dealt with by them," Kirchmeier said.

During a news conference Saturday at the camp, protest organizers said they will not leave or stop their acts of civil disobedience.

Standing Rock Sioux tribal leader Dave Archambault did not immediately return telephone calls on Monday.

North Dakota's notoriously brutal winters may help empty the camp of protesters, many of them who are from out of state, Kirchmeier said.

"That's what I'm hoping, or at least cut the number of them," he added.

Much of the state, including the encampment, was getting hit with the first big winter storm of the year Monday, as heavy snow and strong winds pounded the area.

The sheriff said snowplow crews were working to clear roads throughout the county, but about a mile of a state highway leading to the encampment was being left unplowed.

"Workers do not feel safe there," he said.

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Roman Buhler, National Director of the Madison Coalition, meets with local political and industry professionals Monday at Gerardo's Casita restaurant. Pictured from left: Debi Hays, former Mayor Mike Canon, Republican activist Rhonda Lacy, former Mayor J. D. Faircloth, Buhler, City Councilman Jeff Sparks, former Mayor Ernest Angelo, Stephen Robertson from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association

COALITION

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been worried that if they were involved in an effort to take power out of Washington that certain factions would punish them — that they would pay a price for their efforts," Buhler said. "Second, the voters repudiated not just the specific policies of the last four years, but the whole philosophies of the last four years — which is Washington knows best and we in Washington will dictate whether or not you like it because we are smarter than you."

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

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

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

Holiday celebrations

■ Midland College Holiday Evening, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Will feature a Frito Pie chili supper, complimentary baked goods and hot chocolate, visits with Santa Claus, hayrides and a musical performance of "Sounds of Christmas" by the MC Music Department. midland.edu.

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Freeze data

The following is the information about the first freeze of the growing season in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

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■ **Lastest:** Dec. 7, 1998
■ **Average:** Nov. 13
■ **This year:** Nov. 19
■ **Last year:** Nov. 21

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All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-7-8-10-12-17-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-7-8-10-12-13-15-16-21-23-24

OPEC

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through, it won't get better in 2017. Their merry Christmas isn't going to be so merry."

That OPEC is even considering a cut represents a major concession by the cartel and its most influential member, Saudi Arabia, which two years earlier, chose not to intervene in the market as U.S. oil prices slid from a peak of $107 a barrel in June 2014. By early 2016, prices had plunged to a low of $26 a barrel, decimating scores of high-cost U.S. shale producers, lowering U.S. output and setting the stage for prices to rise again.

Saudi Arabia, it appeared, was abandoning direct intervention into oil markets, opting to let the laws of supply and demand to do the dirty work.

"The tools that OPEC has used in the past — targeting specific prices — have not always worked in the long term," Saudi energy minister Khalid Al-Falih said in an interview with the Houston Chronicle in June. "No matter what we do, ultimately markets win."

But the oil bust lasted longer — and U.S. shale drillers proved more resilient — than expected as Saudi Arabia faced financial pressures too sharp to ignore. The kingdom over the past two years burned through $180 billion in financial reserves, about a quarter of its coffers, to maintain government spending as oil revenues plunged.

Saudi Arabia pumps oil cheaply, but it still needs $92-a-barrel oil to balance its budget and maintain the generous social spending that has helped Saudi Arabia avoid the unrest in other Arab nations. Its budget deficit is equivalent to 20 percent the nation's economic output, about twice the size of U.S. deficit in 2009, the worst year of the so-called Great Recession, according to energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

Large deficits

The ruling House of Saud's support is one reason analysts believe OPEC has a better chance of reaching an agreement than it did in April, when Saudi Arabia scuttled a similar deal amid tension over Iran's emerging oil industry. Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates also face large deficits and declining oil revenues because of stubbornly low oil prices.

Iran, though, relies far less on oil than its rivals to fund its budget, and OPEC may have to sweeten its terms for the country, which in January began pumping more oil after western powers lifted economic sanctions. The Islamic Republic has maintained for months that it has a right to bring its oil production back up to 4 million barrels a day, the amount it produced before western powers issued economic sanctions against it in 2012.

It told OPEC recently that its output stood at 3.92 million last month, a development that may make Iran more willing to commit to cap production at current levels.

OPEC's bid to retake control of oil prices this week also will test whether it sill has the clout to affect prices in a global market that has changed dramatically since the cartel abandoned its price-setting role in November 2014. In fact, it may be too late for OPEC to fully recapture the attention of an oil market, which in the past hung on the cartel's pronouncements.

Today, a host of indicators outside OPEC's control can move markets, including the value of the dollar, the number of active U.S. drilling rigs, and the amount of commercial oil stored across the United States.

"The last two years have trained the market to look at other signals," said Ann-Louise Hittle, an oil market analyst at Wood Mackenzie.

Years ago, oil traders had far less information about how much oil was flowing around the world. But the market has become more transparent with the advent of technology such as lightweight sensors that track volumes moving through pipelines and coming out of oil fields, making it far more difficult for small numbers of market players, over a long period, to set prices by manipulating production levels.

"Since Rockefeller, we've had a single market balancer," said Jamie Webster, a fellow at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy, referring to John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil trust that dominated the industry in the late 19th century. "Now you're looking at several that have some measure of control. It's not just that OPEC is going to cut and the oil market is going to respond."

'Great theater'

For example, if OPEC's planned cuts in production elevate prices, that could further increase the count of active U.S oil rigs — another important measure in today's market. Eventually, an increase in U.S. drilling could lift domestic production higher, offsetting OPEC's reductions and again exerting downward pressures on prices.

"At some point down the line in 2017, you'd see an increase, if not a surge, by U.S. shale producers, which takes us back to the situation we're in today," said Neil Atkinson, head of the oil markets division at the International Energy Agency. "We didn't fully appreciate how resilient they'd turn out to be."

Others contend that even if OPEC agrees to cut production, the long history of cheating among cartel members could complicate its efforts. OPEC producers exceeded the cartel's 30 million-barrel-a-day target for all but nine months of the four years the target was in effect from 2011 to 2015, according to a review of OPEC data.

"It is great theater," said Jeff Colgan, a Brown University professor who studies the geopolitics of energy. "Politically, it's great to keep the illusion alive that OPEC runs the oil market. But OPEC doesn't do what people think it does."

Orders could have little effect on pipeline protest camp

By James MacPherson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Government orders for protesters of the Dakota Access pipeline to leave federal land could have little immediate effect on the encampment where scores of people have been gathered for months to oppose the $3.8 billion project.

A North Dakota sheriff on Monday dismissed a deadline from the Army Corps of Engineers as a meaningless move aimed only at reducing the government's legal responsibility for hundreds of demonstrators.

The Corps "is basically kicking the can down the road, and all it is doing is taking the liability from the Corps and putting it on" the Standing Rock Sioux

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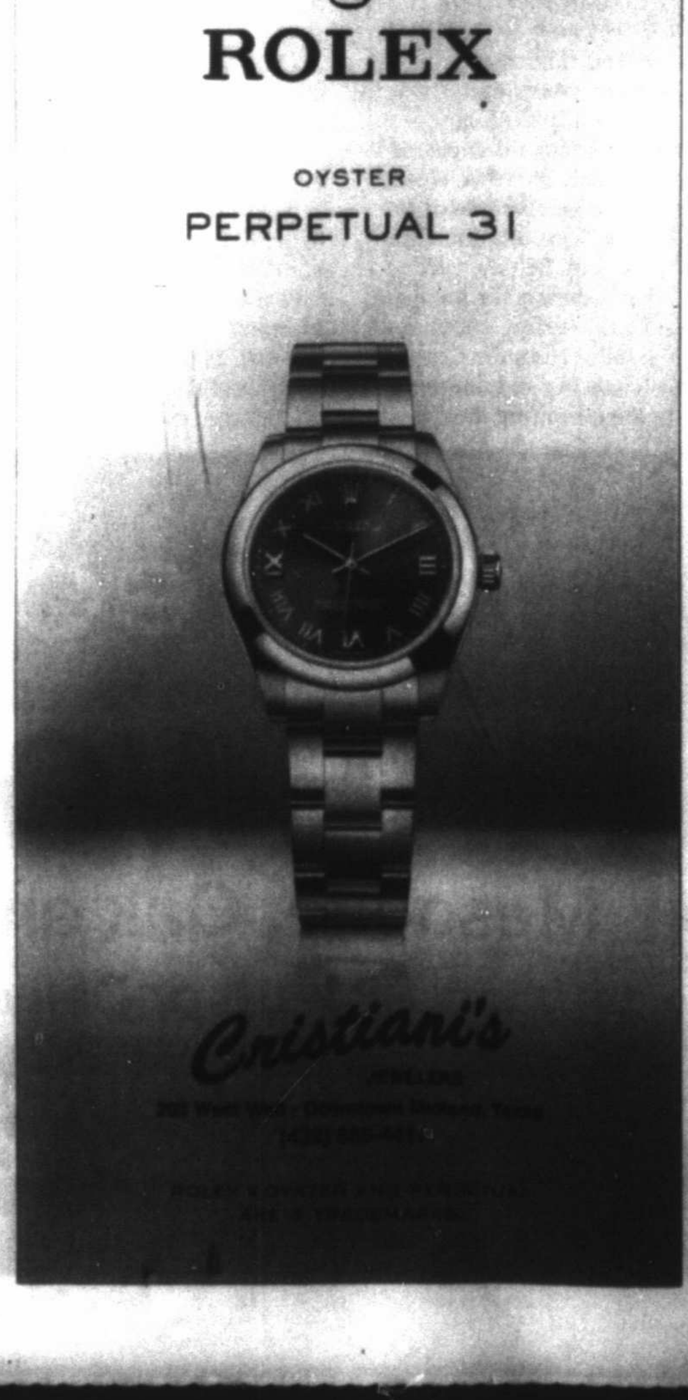

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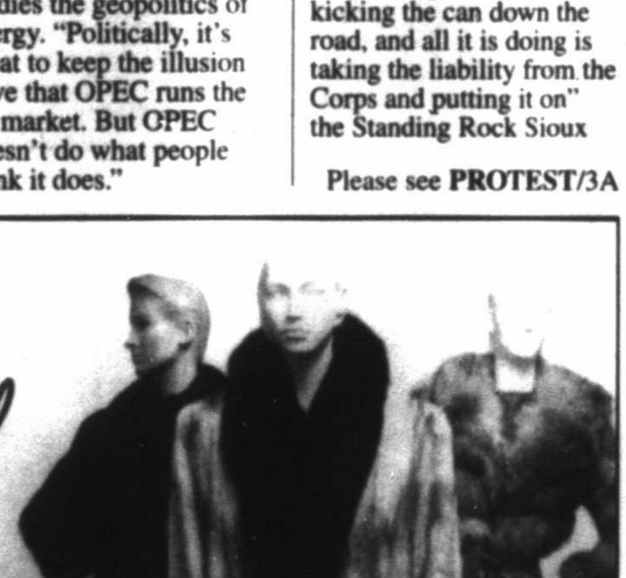

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Already robust demand for proppant is expected to expand over the next two years, analysts at Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. wrote Monday in a note to investors. Oil and natural gas wells in the U.S. are now expected to swallow 120 million tons of sand in 2018, up from a previous forecast of 95 million, according to the note.

IHS Nangia said service companies may boost prices by almost 10 percent a year through 2021. "We're about 30 percent below full-cycle pricing, maybe even 10 percent below cash costs for a lot of the pumpers," he said.

For months, the service companies have been saying that the prices they're able to charge aren't sustainable. It's a claim that's been largely supported as more than 100 contractors in North America have gone bankrupt over the past two years, according to the law firm Haynes & Boone LLP.

While stock indexes for both explorers and servicers remain down by almost half since the downturn began in mid-2014, explorers are recovering more quickly. Both groups touched bottom on Jan. 20. Since then, oil explorers in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index are up 59 percent, compared with a 28 percent climb in the Philadelphia Oil Services Index.

Negotiations between the sides won't be easy, according to recent statements by Jeff Miller, president of Halliburton Co., the world's largest fracturing service provider, and Bob Dudley, the chief executive officer of BP Plc, the London-based explorer.

In a conference call with analysts and investors last month, Miller referred to pricing talks with explorers as "a brawl." Around the same time, Dudley said at the Oil & Money conference in London that he wants 75 percent of the cost reductions producers won during the market downturn to "stick," even if crude prices continue to rise.

The talks are occurring as oilfield contractors are increasingly teaming up with equipment makers in an effort to cut their own costs and offer oil explorers more streamlined and comprehensive options for the services and gear needed to siphon crude out of the ground. Schlumberger Ltd., for instance, bought manufacturer Cameron International Corp. this year. That was followed by an announced tie-up between Baker Hughes and General Electric Co.'s oilfield business.

Much of what happens from here will probably depend on what happens halfway around the world in Vienna. In September, OPEC said it would discuss an agreement to cut production to a range of 32.5 million to 33 million barrels a day. Since then, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria and Libya have sought exemptions. The 14-member group will meet in the Austrian capital on Wednesday.

The oilfield price increases are "not a leap forward," said Chase Mulvehill, an analyst at Wolfe Research. "This is a gradual shift upward in pricing, and that probably continues as we move into 2017, assuming that OPEC cooperates. If OPEC holds the line, or production continues to increase with OPEC, that puts a risk to the 2017 recovery story for U.S. onshore."

In order for onshore explorers to make more longer-term budget decisions, many would trade the higher, volatile oil prices for more consistency, according to IHS's Nangia.

"Everybody feels that if we can be at $50 a barrel or higher, that would be helpful," Nangia said. "Stability helps."

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Democratic Party really needs new blood

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DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader, will be 77 next year. Steny Hoyer, her deputy, will be 78.

Jim Clyburn, the No. 3 Democratic leader, will be 77.

Their current ages, if combined, would date back to before 1787, the year George Washington presided over the signing of the Constitution.

It is time for them to go.

This is not to take away anything from their accomplishments. Hoyer is one of the most decent and genial people in politics. Pelosi, the first woman to be speaker of the House, has been enormously effective in unifying her Democratic caucus.

But let's be honest. Barring a political earthquake, the next plausible chance for Democrats to take over the House is in 2022, after the 2020 Census and a redrawing of district lines that have protected Republicans. By then, Pelosi and Clyburn would be 83, Hoyer 84.

Democrats would benefit from some fresh blood to take on Donald Trump, the oldest president ever elected for the first time, and to revive enthusiasm among millennials, who didn't turn out in the numbers Democrats needed.

Pelosi's leadership team also misplayed the 2016 election. Its campaign arm, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, insisted on a strategy of tying each Republican to Trump, even though, as I wrote at the time, evidence showed that this wouldn't work. Democrats gained a paltry six seats.

But the most compelling reason for them to step aside is generational. All three are technically from the so-called Silent Generation, but they are the vanguard of the baby boom generation that dominates Congress. Pelosi has been emblematic of that generation's governing style on both sides: Passionately ideological and unyielding, they presided over cultural warfare and dysfunction.

This is why Tim Ryan's long-shot challenge to Pelosi is welcome. The 43-year-old backbencher from the Youngstown, Ohio, area won't win, but he is doing Democrats a favor by forcing them to think about the desirability of keeping their septuagenarian leaders in place. Hopefully it will hasten their succession plans — Pelosi's iron grip over the caucus has made this difficult — so that all three can step down soon. Among those Pelosi is grooming: Joe Crowley, 54; Linda Sanchez, 47; Joe Kennedy III, 36; Eric Swalwell, 36; Katherine Clark, 53; and Matt Cartwright, 55.

Ryan isn't a flawless candidate. He's only a recent convert to supporting abortion rights. His detractors point out that in his 14 years in the House, he has won passage of just three minor bills. Opponents grumble that his real purpose in challenging Pelosi is to raise his visibility for a gubernatorial run in 2018, when Ohio Gov. John Kasich will be term-limited.

But Ryan is an interesting character, a former high-school quarterback who drinks at the Open Hearth bar on Steel Street in Youngstown and is the author of books on the benefits of meditation and healthy eating. And this Rust Belt politician's central critique of his party is correct: A populist economic message was secondary to cultural issues in the 2016 election and during much of the Obama presidency.

Ryan, who won 68 percent of the vote in a district where Clinton underperformed relative to Democrats in the past, explained that Trump's blue-collar voters "are the guys I drink beer with. These are my buddies I watch football with. I don't need to run a focus group." His bar-stool focus group tells him that voters didn't love Trump but wanted to say "go screw yourself" to the establishment.

In his telling, he has no policy differences with Pelosi. "I can't think of one, other than emphasis," he says. And that emphasis is squarely on economics.

His solution: "Get rid of the perception that we're tied to Wall Street, that we're coastal elites and that we're more concerned with the donor class than the working class." His specific remedies are less clear, a scattered assortment of employee stock ownership plans, wind turbines and hydraulics, with some salty, steelworker language mixed in.

In Tim Ryan, I hear a pragmatism that is typical of his generation (and mine). He finds Trump's racial politics "appalling" but finds Democrats' "slicing the pie up" between working-class white, black and Hispanic Americans to be idiotic.Of the other Ryan, Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, the Democrat attests: "I like him. ... He's a nice guy. I don't demonize him."

Nor would Republicans, after years of demonizing a San Francisco liberal, find it as easy to demonize this son of Ohio. "At least make them do it again to someone else," Ryan says. "Hey, why not me?"

GUEST VIEWS

Time to shut down unlawful pipeline protest in North Dakota

Minot (North Dakota) Daily News, Minot

BISMARCK, N.D. —

As the number of arrested and wounded mount, as the property damage increases and as the cost to taxpayers skyrockets, it's time to shut down the Dakota Access pipeline protests. Local and state officials should never have let it get this far in the first place.

Sure, people have the right to be heard and protest. People do not have the right to squat on others' land or on federal property off limits to other citizens. They do not have the right to shut down roads and bridges. They do not have the right to menace law enforcement authorities and expect not to be arrested or worse.

Realistically, now most of the DAPL protesters aren't even protesters — they are rioters, including many who are paid to riot by the same folks who are paying society's detritus to riot across the country. It's puzzling that these criminals continue to even be called "protesters" by the same national media that called tea party demonstrators (elderly people with signs and with a permit) "angry mobs." Actually it isn't puzzling; polite tea party folks who cleaned up after themselves were conservatives, whereas both DAPL hooligans and the urban anti-democracy crooks are on the peace-loving progressive end of the spectrum.

Enough is enough with semantics and political correctness. Someone needs to be the adult and punish the bad kids and send the other kids into time-out. North Dakota leadership needs to step up and not be afraid of the conflict that the agitators will prompt if the government finally does its job. Gov. Dalrymple and our D.C. contingent of Sens. John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp and Rep. Kevin Cramer need to decide who is going to end this and how. That is, if they can even find an opinion on it. A statement from Heitkamp demonstrates that she can't bring herself to call a riot a riot and oppose roving gangs of criminals.

Our leaders continue to lose any moral authority they ever had. And the rioters? Their moral credibility was gone long ago.

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Texting-while-driving ban is needed in Texas

Beaumont Enterprise

For the fourth time, Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has filed a much-needed distracted driving bill that would address the plague of smartphone usage while behind the wheel. Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, has also filed a bill to ban texting while driving.

We strongly encourage state lawmakers to back Craddick's effort. Not only does it have the potential to save lives, but it would bring regulatory clarity to the state. Distracted driving led to nearly 500 deaths on Texas roads last year, Craddick has said.

In Texas, nearly 100 cities have passed some ordinance that limits smartphone usage while driving, but these ordinances vary. While common sense should tell people it is not safe to text and drive, much less watch movies or read emails, common sense is obviously not happening on our roads. A statewide law aimed at limiting cellphone-induced accidents and tragedies is the right and humane thing to do.

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Sexism did not defeat Clinton

■ Charging that gender matters deflected from the candidate's obvious flaws

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Sexism defeated Hillary Clinton, or so goes the claim of some who keep the worst, most demeaning, nasty bigotry against women alive in their minds even as it has pretty much died in politics. They see a world that isn't there, but the illusion apparently makes them feel better about a seriously flawed candidate.

Social science has something to say about all of this.

Varied studies show that, in elections between men and women, gender matters scarcely a hoot. Party affiliation matters much, much more, and when you look at results, you find that women win as much as men. Concern about sexism is apparently a force that keeps women from running as often as men do, but who is responsible for that? The ideological fear-mongers, maybe?

Just Facts, a reliable source of unbiased information on the internet, commissioned a poll in which American voters were asked whether they would favor a man or a woman as president. Some 69 percent said it made no difference, 15 percent said they would favor a woman, and 12 percent said they would favor a man. A Gallup poll showed 90 percent of voters would happily vote for a woman.

In this election year of befuddled pollsters, Trump surprisingly received 53 percent of the vote of white women.

How do you figure this? After all, there was the 11-year-old video of him crassly talking about women receptive to his sexual advances. He supposedly once called a Miss Universe Miss Piggy. Megyn Kelly of Fox pointed as a primary debate moderator to still other names he had called women, and he later responded with a comment about her menstrual cycle. A number of women came out accusing him of unwanted sexual aggression.

That's not a little to be angry about, and Clinton, vying to be the first female president in American history, was widely hailed as a grand person about to make grand history.

She herself is pro-choice to extremes and promised a variety of benefits for women. In vicious TV ads and in her speeches, she hit Trump incessantly for misogyny. Her advantage with women was supposed to be a major factor securing the election for her. It was no such thing, and here is what happened, according to a woman writing for the left-wing website, Slate.

Considering that Trump obviously believes women to be "subhuman," L.V. Anderson tells us, those women voting for him were guilty of the following: "Self-loathing. Hypocrisy. And, of course, a racist view of the world that privileges white supremacy over every other issue."

So there's part of what hurt Clinton with women — the feminist left's hateful condescension toward other women with less money and education.

Clinton herself, of course, referred to millions of Trump supporters as a "basket of deplorables," surely understanding she was talking about women, too. Singers invited on stage with Clinton made trashy references to women, and a supermodel at a Hollywood music awards ceremony recently got endless laughter for her ugly mockery of Trump's wife, Melania.

Did all women agree with Clinton that killing viable fetuses — babies — in partial-birth abortions was just between the mother and her doctor? No. Although health issues for the mother would be a serious consideration for anybody, some saw another entity involved, the infant.

They knew that the husband of this candidate, who also mocked Melania Trump during the campaign, stood accused of doing far worse things to women than Trump, with proof in one famous case. Not so incidental were Hillary Clinton's corruption, her lies, her laxity with national security, her avoidance of the press, her corporate-donor coziness, her empty record and her politics as usual.

Of course, my saying all of this will also be interpreted by some as sexism, a convenient, ad hominem escape from other issues.

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Trump drama rolls on: Disputes, falsehoods hit transition

By Julie Pace and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The drama, disputes and falsehoods that permeated Donald Trump's presidential campaign are now roiling his transition to the White House, forcing aides to defend his baseless assertions of illegal voting and sending internal fights spilling into public.

On Monday, a recount effort, led by Green Party candidate Jill Stein and joined by Hillary Clinton's campaign also marched on in three states, based partly on the Stein campaign's unsubstantiated assertion that cyberhacking could have interfered with electronic voting machines. Wisconsin officials approved plans to begin a recount as early as Thursday. Stein also asked for a recount in Pennsylvania and was expected to do the same in Michigan, where officials certified Trump's victory Monday.

Trump has angrily denounced the recounts and now claims without evidence that he, not Clinton, would have won the popular vote if it hadn't been for "millions of people who voted illegally." On Twitter, he singled out Virginia, California and New Hampshire.

There has been no indication of widespread election tampering or voter fraud in those states or any others, and Trump aides struggled Monday to back up their boss' claim.

Spokesman Jason Miller said illegal voting was "an issue of concern." But the only evidence he raised was a 2014 news report and a study on voting irregularities conducted before the 2016 election.

Trump met Monday with candidates for top Cabinet posts, including retired Gen. David Petraeus, a new contender for secretary of state.

Trump is to meet today with Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, who is also being considered more seriously for the diplomatic post, and Mitt Romney, who has become a symbol of the internal divisions agitating the transition team.

Petraeus said he spent about an hour with Trump, and he praised the president-elect for showing a "great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there."

"Very good conversation and we'll see where it goes from here," he said. A former CIA chief, Petraeus pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to his biographer, with whom he was having an affair.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence, who is heading the transition effort, is said to be among those backing Romney for State. Romney was fiercely critical of Trump throughout the campaign but is interested in the Cabinet position, and they discussed it during a lengthy meeting earlier this month.

Other top Trump allies, notably campaign manager Kellyanne Conway, have launched a highly unusual public campaign to warn the president-elect that nominating Romney would be seen as a betrayal by his supporters.

Conway's comments stirred speculation that she is seeking to either force Trump's hand or give him cover for ultimately passing over Romney.

Three people close to the transition team said Trump had been aware that Conway planned to voice her opinion, both on Twitter and in television interviews. They disputed reports that Trump was furious at her and suggested his decision to consider additional candidates instead highlighted her influence.

Conway served as Trump's third campaign manager and largely succeeded in navigating the minefield of rivalries that ensnared other officials. Trump is said to have offered her a choice of White House jobs — either press secretary or communications director. But people with knowledge of Conway's plans say she is more interested in serving as an outside political adviser, akin to the role President Barack Obama's campaign manager David Plouffe played following the 2008 election.

The wrangling over the State Department post appears to have slowed the announcements of other top jobs.

Retired Gen. James Mattis, who impressed Trump during a pre-Thanksgiving meeting, was at the top of the list for Defense secretary, but a final decision had not been made.

Trump was also considering former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani for Homeland Security secretary, according to those close to the transition process. Giuliani was initially the front-runner for State and is still in the mix.

But questions about his overseas business dealings, as well as the mayor's public campaigning for the job, have given Trump pause.

Those close to the transition insisted on anonymity in commenting because they were not authorized to

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Dale G. Young/Detroit News via AP

Former Michigan Democratic Party chair Mark Brewer testifies on the side of Green Party candidate Jill Stein and promises a formal demand for a recount as members of the Michigan Board of Canvassers meet to certify the presidential election and hear from a party asking for a recount Monday in the Capitol in Lansing, Mich. Nearly three weeks after Election Day, Michigan officials certified that Donald Trump won the state by 10,704 votes out of nearly 4.8 million to claim all of its 16 electoral votes. Jill Stein's Green Party served notice that it would petition for a Michigan recount even as her party pushed forward with recount efforts in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Wisconsin presidential recount could begin Thursday

By Scott Bauer and Todd Richmond
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin election officials are preparing to begin a recount of the state's presidential vote this week. Here are answers to the most significant questions about the pending recount:

Who won Wisconsin?

Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton by 22,170 votes, or about 1 percent of the vote, based on unofficial results. Wisconsin Elections Commission Chairman Mark Thomsen, a Democrat, said he expected Trump to still be the winner after the recount.

"The outcome is not going to be different," Thomsen said. "It may not be 22,170, but I don't doubt that the president-elect is going to win that vote."

Who is asking for the recount and why do they want it?

Both Green Party presidential nominee Jill Stein and Independent candidate Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente requested the recount on Friday, although Stein is the only one who was actively raising money to pay for it. She alleged in a filing with the state that irregularities with the Wisconsin vote indicated potential tampering. That, combined with "well-documented and conclusive evidence of foreign interference in the presidential race before the election," call into question Wisconsin's results, Stein alleged.

What evidence does she have?

University of Michigan computer scientist J. Alex Halderman said in an affidavit attached to Stein's recount request that hackers could spread malware into voting machines in battleground states and their work would be virtually undetectable.

Halderman said whether the machines are connected to the internet is irrelevant since election workers typically copy ballot designs from a computer that's connected online and transfer the designs to the machines using memory sticks. The only way to determine if an attack took place is to examine the paper trail to ensure votes cast match the results determined by the machines, he said.

What do Wisconsin election officials say?

There is no evidence that any voting machines were hacked, said Thomsen, the Elections Commission chairman. Wisconsin's decentralized voting system — 1,854 municipal clerks who count votes — and the fact that the equipment in question is not connected to the internet makes a widespread attack "very unlikely," said Wisconsin Election Commission administrator Mike Haas.

How would the recount be done?

The recount would include an examination of all ballots, poll lists, absentee applications, rejected absentee ballots and provisional ballots. The electronic voting equipment is tested and certified at the federal level, approved by the state commission and tested within 10 days of the election, Haas said. The equipment is secured until Election Day, Haas said. The machines also create a paper trail after the vote that can be cross-checked in the recount, he said.

It's not a hand recount?

Stein filed a lawsuit Monday asking a Wisconsin judge to order a hand recount, arguing that's the only way to know if the results were hacked. The commission had rejected her call for a hand recount, allowing all 72 counties to determine how they wanted to proceed. Wisconsin state law says in order for there to be a hand recount the person requesting it must present evidence electronic equipment tabulated the vote incorrectly, that a hand recount would be more accurate and that the result is likely to change by doing a hand recount. "That seems to be a high burden of proof for any candidate," Haas said.

Who is paying for this?

Stein and De La Fuente are on the hook for the $3.5 million cost of the recount since the election wasn't close enough for taxpayers to pick up the bill. They faced a Tuesday deadline to pay in order for the recount to proceed.

Has Wisconsin ever been through this before?

Wisconsin's last statewide recount was for a state Supreme Court race in 2011. The recount showed Justice David Prosser defeated challenger JoAnne Kloppenburg by 7,004 votes, just 312 votes less than the unofficial results showed. That effort took more than a month and involved about half as many votes as the nearly 3 million votes cast in this year's presidential election in Wisconsin.

When will it be done?

The deadline for counties to report their recounted vote totals is 8 p.m. Dec. 12. The Elections Commission will review the totals before certifying the vote on Dec. 13, the federal deadline. Electors meet on Dec. 19 this year.

What happens if the state doesn't finish by the deadline?

The state could lose control of how its electoral college voters cast their ballots. Congress would then step in and decide which candidate gets the state's 10 votes.

US investigating leak related to Petraeus case

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is conducting a new leaks investigation related to the sex scandal that led to the resignation of former CIA Director David Petraeus, The Associated Press confirmed Monday, the same day Petraeus was meeting with President-elect Donald Trump in New York.

Petraeus, who could be in line for a Cabinet nomination, arrived at Trump Tower in early afternoon and met with Trump for about one hour. Trump afterward tweeted that he "was very impressed."

Petraeus said Trump "basically walked us around the world, showed a great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there and some of the opportunities as well. Very good conversation and we'll see where it goes from here. We'll see where it goes from here."

A U.S. official told the AP that investigators were trying to determine who leaked personal information about Paula Broadwell, the woman whose affair with Petraeus led to criminal charges against him and his resignation. The information concerned the status of her security clearance, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Disclosure of the Broadwell information without official permission would have been a violation of federal criminal law.

The latest twist in the case could complicate Petraeus' prospects of obtaining a Cabinet position in the Trump administration, resurfacing details of the extramarital affair and FBI investigation that ended his career at the CIA and tarnished the reputation of the retired four-star general.

He pleaded guilty last year to one misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to Broadwell, his biographer. He was spared prison time under a plea agreement with the Justice Department. The Army in late 2012 suspended the security clearance of Broadwell, a former Army intelligence officer. Such a move is routine when a person is under investigation, particularly in a case of a possible security breach.

The investigation began after a Petraeus friend, Jill Kelley, complained to the FBI in 2012 about harassing emails from an unknown person who turned

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Former CIA director retired Gen. David Petraeus arrives at Trump Tower talks with reporters after a meeting with President-elect Donald Trump on Monday in New York.

Pence aide canceled lobbying contract ahead of ban

By Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A key aide to Vice President-elect Mike Pence removed himself from the U.S. government's rolls of federal lobbyists and canceled a lucrative lobbying contract with the state of Indiana days before Donald Trump's team announced it will ban lobbyists from taking jobs with the administration.

Joshua Pitcock filed the necessary paperwork Nov. 14 and canceled a contract that had paid him $23,000 a month to be the sole Washington lobbyist for Indiana, where Pence has been governor. Two days later, Trump's transition team announced it will prohibit transition advisers and incoming officials from work as registered federal or state lobbyists.

Pitcock, who has a formal role on Trump's transition team, did not respond to a message seeking comment. Pence spokesman Mathew Lloyd confirmed Pitcock had canceled his contract with the state.

Pitcock has worked for Pence since he was a member of Congress and served at one point as Pence's chief of staff. He was hired under contract to be Indiana's federal lobbyist once Pence took office as Indiana's governor in 2013 and has been paid a total of nearly $1 million in lobbying feeds since then.

The Associated Press reported earlier this month that during the presidential campaign, Pitcock held a second paid job with the Trump campaign and regularly traveled with Pence to political rallies across the country during working hours. Legal and ethics experts said the unusual arrangement presented ethics concerns and could pose a conflict of interest.

Pitcock and Pence's gubernatorial administration have said Pitcock was an independent contractor, which made him exempt from ethics rules that apply to rank-and-file state employees. They said his lobbying contract with the state explicitly allowed him to take on work for other clients, including the Trump campaign.

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out to be Broadwell.

During his campaign, Trump repeatedly lambasted Hillary Clinton, who had come under federal investigation for her use of a private email server as secretary of state. He suggested her actions were worse than those by Petraeus.

FBI Director James Comey has drawn a distinction between the two cases, saying there was no evidence that Clinton or her aides had intended to break the law through careless handling of sensitive information.

Federal prosecutors said Petraeus knew black binders he shared with Broadwell contained classified information, but he nonetheless provided them.

Broadwell did not immediately return a phone message or email seeking comment Monday.

Recounts are rare, seldom lead to a different winner

Associated Press

Recounts in major statewide elections are extremely rare — and they seldom succeed in changing the result.

Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein is seeking recounts in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, states that went to President-elect Donald Trump.

There have been only 27 recounts out of 4,687 statewide elections across the country from 2000 through 2015, according to FairVote, a nonpartisan group that analyzes elections. Those thousands of statewide races range from U.S. president to mine inspector in Arizona.

"The likelihood that a statewide recount would have an impact on the outcome is extremely small," FairVote spokeswoman Michelle Whittaker said.

But there have been exceptions.

- In the 2008 race for U.S. Senate in Minnesota, Democrat Al Franken defeated Republican incumbent Norm Coleman, who was ahead by 215 votes before the recount. The recount was automatic because of the tight margin.
- Tom Salmon won the race for Vermont auditor in 2006 after he requested a recount.
- The 2004 race for Washington governor was automatically recounted after Republican Dino Rossi was ahead by less than 300 votes. After a third count by hand, Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared the winner.

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publicly discuss the private process.

Even as Trump weighs major decisions that will shape his presidency, he's been unable to avoid being distracted by the recount effort.

He spent Sunday on a 12-hour Twitter offensive that included quoting Clinton's concession speech, in which she said the public owed Trump "an open mind and the chance to lead."

His final tweets challenging the integrity of an election he won were reminiscent of his repeated, unsubstantiated assertions during the campaign that the contest might be rigged.

Those previous comments sparked an outcry from both Clinton and some Republicans.

Clinton lawyer Marc Elias said the campaign has seen "no actionable evidence" of voting anomalies. But the campaign still plans to be involved in Stein's recount to ensure its interests are legally represented.

Trump narrowly won Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan. All three would need to flip to Clinton to upend the Republican's victory, and Clinton's team says Trump has a larger edge in all three states than has ever been overcome in a presidential recount.

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Dallas school denounces Richard Spencer's activities and ideas

Associated Press

DALLAS — The exclusive Dallas boys' prep school that Richard B. Spencer attended is denouncing the activities and ideas of its white nationalist alumnus.

St. Mark's School of Texas headmaster David Dini issued the statement of criticism after a Nov. 19 rally in Washington where Spencer, a member of St. Mark's Class of 1997, shouted "Hail Trump! Hail our people! Hail victory!" as supporters raised their arms in Nazi salutes.

Without referring to Spencer by name, Dini said his activities have "been deeply troubling and terribly upsetting to our whole school community. We reject racism and bigotry in all its forms and expressions." In his statement, posted on the school's Facebook page, Dini hailed other St. Mark's alumni for "expressing their outrage and disgust" toward the National Policy Institute, which Spencer heads, and the ideas that group promotes.

Spencer's classmates have raised about $40,000 so far in a fundraising campaign to settle refugees in Dallas. One of them is Ben Kusin, former "Shark Tank" contestant and chief executive of a deodorizing wipes company.

"This issue hits deep — not just for me but for everyone," he told WFAA-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth, adding about the rally, "When you see something like this, you have to say something."

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a hate group watchdog, describes Spencer as "one of the country's most successful young white nationalist leaders — a suit-and-tie version of the white supremacists of old."

"He wants to expel all these non-white Europeans from this country," Kusin said. "Our countermeasure was supporting refugees coming into this country."

An email message to Spencer from The Associated Press drew no response Sunday.

Other school alumni include folklorist/musicologist Alan Lomax, rock stars Steve Miller and Boz Scaggs, actors Tommy Lee Jones and Luke and Owen Wilson, and investigative journalist Kurt Eichenwald.

Linda Davidson/The Washington Post via AP

Richard Spencer, left, talks to the media Nov. 18 at an alt-right conference hosted by the National Policy Institute in Washington. CNN and host Jake Tapper have both apologized for an on-screen banner that Tapper said was "unacceptable" and "horrified" him when it appeared during his show on Nov. 21. The offending phrase appeared during a discussion among Jim Sciutto, subbing for Tapper on "The Lead," and two journalists about President-elect Donald Trump's support from the alt-right. The segment focused on white nationalist leader Spencer, whose anti-Semitic declarations Sciutto characterized as "hate-filled garbage."

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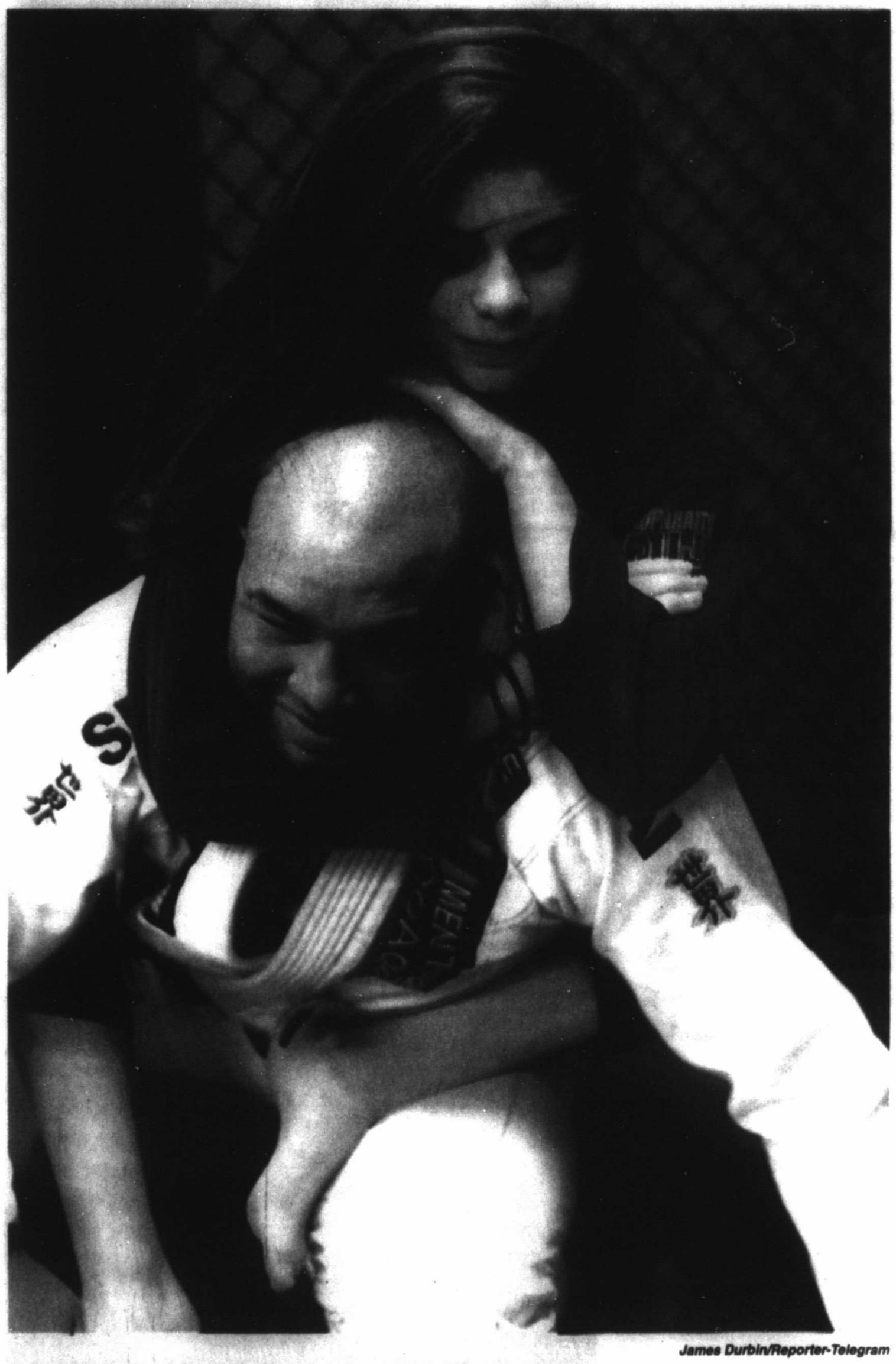

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Emily Fernandez, 14, trains with Bruno Bastos, owner of Bastos BJJ, before a tournament in Denver earlier this month. Fernandez was invited to participate in the Fight to Win Pro 18 event, where she won a jiujitsu match against her competitor via split decision. Fernandez's competition also won Fight of the Night among others at the teen level. Fernandez, a student at Early College High School, will compete next month in Naples, Fla.

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Mom, dad most underrated words in education

Moms and dads have two essential responsibilities. The first is providing their children's physical needs such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. The second is instilling values and training their children in the knowledge and understanding they will need to find success in life. Parents' dual responsibilities are to meet their child's material needs and to educate them.

A parent's role in education is more than dropping off their children at school, signing waivers and reviewing progress reports. Parents are the real educators of their children. In primary education, parents rightly are the final authority in all matters and are the supreme source of accreditation, because it is parents who ultimately accredit the accreditors. The responsibility of education then, rests not with the school or state, but first and foremost with parents.

But this doesn't mean parents should sequester their children, go it alone and never enlist outside help. Parents have every right, indeed every responsibility, to procure the best available education for their children. Rightly understood, the pre-eminence of parents in their children's education means that everyone else is of secondary importance. No teacher, curriculum or school can begin to replace parents' sacred role.

Educators may be knowledgeable — even inspiring — but we can never replace who you are as mom or dad. We can never become what you mean in the life of your children. We can never provide the kind of nurture and love so essential for them to thrive. We are inadequate to meet these foundational needs. The wisdom, guidance and confidence we give supplement what you, as parents, provide. The knowledge and skills we daily water into your children's lives only sink as deep as the soil that your home provides.

Comparatively speaking, throughout education — from preschool to high school graduation — every curriculum is a tool, every school a venue and every administrator and teacher a hired hand. The educator's role is to partner with parents in developing the student's intellect and character in accordance with (and never against) parental values.

As mom or dad, you are the indispensable factor in your child's education. No exterior influence has so large an impact upon your children's academic success as you. Talent and aptitude, family income, the quality of curriculum or the educator's skill has as much bearing as you. A student without all of these secondary advantages but who has supportive and involved parents is light

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UT-Austin gets bigger, but its energy bills, emissions shrink

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

If fierce winds ripped down power lines across Texas' capital city, thousands of Austin residents could be stranded without power for hours — or longer.

But there might not be a glitch for University of Texas at Austin students working in high-powered computer labs and other energy-guzzling research facilities.

UT-Austin's energy system operates as an island, outside of the electricity grid that covers most of Texas. Facilities that started as a heating plant in 1910 and power plant in 1928 have evolved into technology that meets all of the electricity, cooling and heating needs of a state's flagship campus.

That system saves the university millions of dollars each year in fuel costs. It has also

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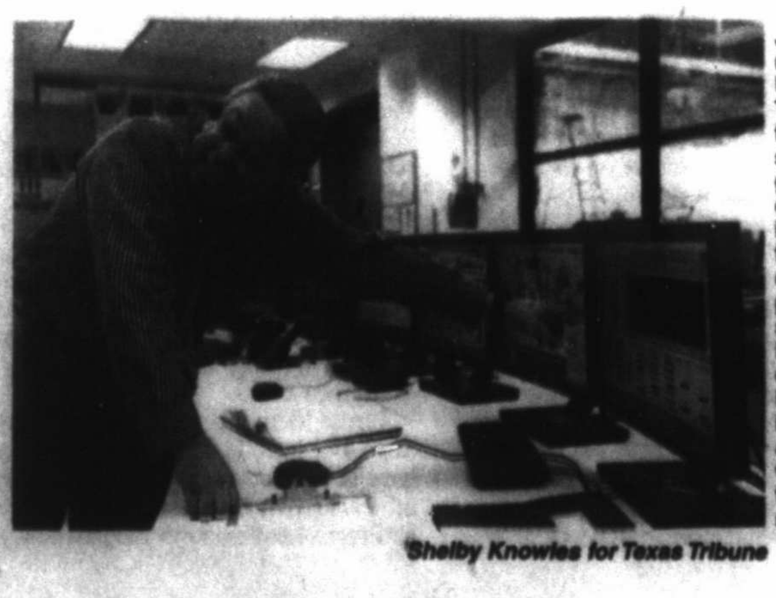

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Juan Ontiveros manages the University of Texas at Austin's energy system, which generates electricity, heating and cooling for the entire campus — independent of the state's electricity grid. The campus burns less fuel than it did 40 years ago, a time when it enrolled thousands fewer students.

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years ahead of the student whose situation is reversed. Parental love and engagement can help their student overcome almost any obstacle.

As an educator, I encourage moms and dads to take advantage of their awesome, God-given responsibility to ensure that their children are receiving the education they need to live a successful life. Take an active role in your child's education.

There are practical actions you can take when considering the role as your child's primary educator.

The first is for parents to love their children by regularly engaging them about what happened at school each day. Asking your son or daughter about their day at school can provide information and insights you need to guide and direct them through the situations they are navigating. Healthy relationships are built upon understanding.

Making the effort to ask and listen to your child enables you to better understand how to encourage, when to discipline and what to share. Of even greater significance is that by doing this you reinforce your love to your children. Teenagers especially, despite their displays to the contrary, need their moms and dads to proactively engage — listen to them, ask the right questions, reassure them, wisely counsel them and establish the right balance of boundaries and freedom. Students who know their family unconditionally loves them have an emotional foundation that frees them to flourish.

The second action is to communicate with your child's teachers. Reach out with a friendly note, phone call or email. Let us know who you are, invite us to keep you abreast of any progress or concerns and update us with pertinent information about your child. Doing this before issues surface initiates communication, prevents fires before they begin and makes it easier to address if your child struggles. Open communication provides the lifeline of information you need. Proactive parents make educators more effective at what we do. You hold us accountable to the humbling task you have entrusted to us.

A third way you can exercise your parental role as your child's primary educator is by volunteering to serve at the school or with organizations in which your children are involved. The Bible tells us that where our treasure is there our hearts will be also. Investing your time and talents in the things your kids care about is a great way for you to develop a shared interest. An additional benefit of volunteering is that you get to influence the quality of your children's experience in these programs. Moreover, it allows you to develop relationships with other teachers, parents and friends who populate your child's world.

These are but three windows into the life of your child from which you can offer your love and wisdom to help them become the people you are raising.

As a mom or dad, you are the moral center from which your son or daughter receives their values. You provide the perspective through which they see the world.

You instill the character for them to make it a better place. You know your children better than anyone. Only you have the authority to determine how best to meet their academic needs. As teachers and administrators, we are glad to help, but you, mom and dad, are the real educators.

Brandon Shuman is dean of arts and humanities at Midland Classical Academy

ENERGY

From 1B

slashed carbon dioxide emissions and answers an existential question: how to meet the energy needs of a rapidly growing student body when space is scarce.

"If I have to expand the power plant, it's going to cost me $150 million, what I spent in 15 years here," said Juan Ontiveros, the university's associate vice president for utilities, energy and facilities management. "I don't want to do it. I don't have space for it."

Instead of building more power plants to accommodate its growth, the university relies on a system powered by natural gas turbines. It not only generates electricity but also captures energy that would otherwise be wasted — allowing the campus to heat, cool and send water to its buildings.

Part of this effort depends on embracing an ancient concept that modern technology is continuously improving: district energy, the heating or cooling of water at one centralized power source and piping it underground directly to the buildings it serves.

Denmark and other European countries have put district energy schemes at the center of their efforts to wean themselves from fossil fuels and to limit emissions of greenhouse gases linked to climate change. The majority of Danish households and businesses, for instance, hook up to district heating networks, using far less energy than those that depend on individual electric furnaces or boilers.

The Texas energy market, which has many competing power suppliers, doesn't accommodate such systems for homeowners. But the state's refiners, manufacturers, hospitals and college campuses with high energy needs are increasingly focused on slashing their utility bills — and carbon emissions — using various forms of district energy. It's a concept that can impact energy users across the state, as it can reduce the stress on the Texas electricity grid.

And as this idea gets more attention here, UT-Austin remains the Lone Star State's gold standard in maximizing the concept.

Now with 50,000 students and 20,000 faculty members, the UT-Austin campus uses less fuel than it did 40 years ago, a time when it enrolled thousands fewer students (none of whom had smartphone-charging needs) and had to power at least 8 million fewer square feet of building space.

"They are the textbook of success," said Leonard Phillips, director of business development for the International District Energy Association, based in Massachusetts. "What Juan has done there, is to turn (energy efficiency) into a fine economic art."

Houston Methodist Hospital, ExxonMobil Corp, Dow Chemical USA and universities such as Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Rice are among the state's district energy practitioners, but experts call UT-Austin's system — among the nation's biggest — far more advanced.

Ontiveros figures the university has avoided about $90 million in fuel costs during his tenure — by upgrading its equipment and perfecting timing to generate energy at its cheapest and store it for later use.

Sitting in the middle of campus, the Carl J. Eckhardt Heating and Power Complex serves as the university's energy nerve center. With help of two natural gas-fueled turbines, it can generate up to 134 megawatts of electricity, sent to buildings through underground duct banks. The spinning turbines and fired boilers also produce 1.2 million pounds per hour of steam — such heat might be wasted at a less-advanced power plant. That steam turns separate turbines that generate more electricity. Equipment also extracts steam from those turbines, and that energy travels through a network of underground pipes to heat campus. On average, a megawatt-hour of energy can power as many as 100 Texas homes for an hour on the hottest summer day. During average temperatures, it can power many times more.

The plant sends about 30 percent of its electrical generation to four cooling stations, which chill water to 39 degrees. That water, also piped underground, cools buildings across campus.

The university can also shift water into a 4 million gallon storage tank on campus, where it can stay cool until buildings need it. Ontiveros says his ability to store water at certain temperatures is key to his energy-saving mission. It means he can run turbines at full blast (their most efficient stage) at night, when the campus uses less energy as a whole, and then release the cooling during the day. He would use far more energy — and potentially add stress to the power system — by only cooling water as campus demanded it.

UT-Austin can cool buildings on campus using half the energy — or less — than it takes to cool typical buildings elsewhere, according to Ontiveros. On average, the university uses 87 percent of the energy contained in the gas that fuels the system — more than twice what conventional facilities elsewhere use.

"It's about understanding where your strengths are and trying to optimize them. And that's what we're good at," Ontiveros said.

That involves keeping meticulous records and pondering complex math equations in which the variables can change.

Ontiveros attributes most of the university's success to one of his predecessors, a long-time mechanical engineering professor for whom the power complex is named.

Carl J. Eckhardt Jr. laid the groundwork for district energy at UT-Austin, where he wore many hats for 70 years. In 1928, he oversaw construction of a power plant and a tunnel system that still transports energy across campus. At the time, he sought to give the rapidly growing university some energy independence at a time when its local utility — Austin Energy — struggled to offer reliable power from coal-fired boilers (today, UT-Austin can connect to Austin Energy's resources in the rare cases that its system hiccups.).

"He's why we are what we are," Ontiveros said.

Indiana officials mull sparing schools from penalties

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana officials are considering whether schools should be spared for a second year from penalties based on poor student scores on the state's ISTEP standardized test.

The percentage of students with passing scores on the 2016 ISTEP dipped statewide, which can hurt the A-F ratings of their schools and affect teacher evaluations, the Indianapolis Star reported.

The state had relief from federal accountability requirements last year that allowed schools to keep teacher pay and A-F grades from dropping while students got used to the test. The U.S. Department of Education hasn't given similar protections this year.

Incoming Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick and top lawmakers said they're studying the issue. McCormick has previously said she supports not counting last spring's ISTEP scores against schools so teachers, schools and districts aren't held accountable unfairly.

At November's Indiana State Board of Education meeting a group of superintendents agreed with McCormick and said their schools dealt with computer glitches and didn't have sufficient time to adjust to the more rigorous academic standards the exam measures.

Teresa Meredith, president of the Indiana State Teachers Association, said students have been affected by the implementation of new assessments, standards and accountability calculations over the past few years.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Classical Academy senior **Tracy Fu** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Bob and Heidi Fu.

She is a member of the tennis team, is senior assistant basketball manager and is a Round Table leader.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship.

Fu plans to attend Georgetown University and major in international relations.

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Midland High School senior **Sam Bertelson** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Daniel and Karen Bertelson.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, academic decathlon team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the baseball team and has twice been selected to the All-State baseball team.

He attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Bertelson plans to attend Tulane University and major in biomedical engineering and finance.

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Midland High School senior **Nicco Sorianello** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Dante and Lauretta Sorianello.

Sorianello

He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, Student Council and the football team.

He attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Sorianello plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy or Stanford University.

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Midlander **Tiffany Strawn** recently was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at Angelo State University.

It is an collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

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Lee High School senior **Matthew Winkley** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Russell and Melissa Winkley.

Winkley

He is a member of Chorale, Origin and Interact. He is treasurer of National Honor Society and is secretary of Guide, a tutoring club. He is a recipient of a math award from Colorado School of Mines.

He is involved in Fairmont Park Church of Christ youth group.

Winkley plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering or math.

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Lee High School senior **Karysa Edwards** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Jay Edwards and Kelli Williams.

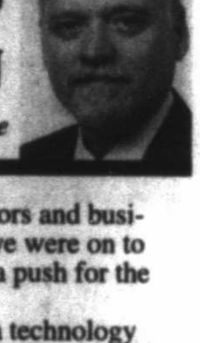
Edwards

She is a member of the basketball team, Student Council, National Honor Society and Senior Girls and was homecoming queen.

She volunteers for Keep Midland Beautiful and is involved in Stonegate Fellowship youth group and was a leader for the church's fifth-graders.

UH team shows how to turn idea into startup

■ REECycle wins wins DOE competition, National Science Foundation grant



CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

This Cinderella story has legs and life lessons for young entrepreneurs to boot.

Almost 2 1/2 years ago, I wrote about four undergraduates studying business at the University of Houston. As part of their coursework at the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship, they had to develop a business plan based on a technology invented by UH researchers and then pitch it in competitions for cash and prizes.

One team, named REECycle after a proprietary method for rare earth element recycling, went all the way to the Department of Energy's National Clean Energy Business Plan Competition. The team swept all three categories and defeated graduate students from MIT, Georgia Tech and Michigan State.

That student business plan is now a real company, with two of the four students at the helm. REECycle won a $750,000 National Science Foundation grant on Nov. 7 to commercialize the technology, and it has the potential to collect another $500,000 in matching funds if it succeeds. That's on top of the $400,000 the team won in competition or received in earlier grants.

REECycle is an example of what a quality university can accomplish, and the power of competition and entrepreneurship. CEO Casey McNeil says the team always treated REECycle like a business they'd like to start, even if it seemed like a long shot.

"We never saw it as a device for competitions, which I think helped us win the competitions," McNeil, 26, told me at his office in the UH Innovation Center, a business incubator. "It wasn't until we went up against MBA teams from Harvard and won in front of investors and business owners that we felt we were on to something. ... It was also a push for the technical team."

REECycle is based on a technology developed by Allan Jacobson and Pradeep Samarasekere in UH's chemistry department. They've developed a method of using chemicals to extract rare earth elements from magnets recycled from computer hard drives.

As the company name suggests, rare earth elements like neodymium are hard to come by, and 90 percent of them are mined in China. The business team calculated that demand for rare earth elements is likely to grow with the spread of technology and that recycling computer magnets could supply 20 percent of the U.S. market.

"Rare earths in the United States are going to be a very large opportunity," McNeil said.

Jim Kane, a UH lecturer who guides student projects at the Wolff Center, said China's dominance of the rare earth market is why he sees a market for recycled materials.

"China said, 'You want our rare earths for your magnets? Then you have to buy our magnets.' Then they said, 'You want our magnets for your motors? Then you have to buy our motors,'" Kane said. "Now they say, 'You want our motors for your refrigerators? Then you have to buy

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	O'Neals (N)	Agent SHIELD "Deals with Our Devils" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
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KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	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	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream Queens "The Hand" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Andre Rieu: Waltzing Forever Andre Rieu performs enchanting music.				Max Raabe "Let's Do It"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	Westworld		Westworld		★ The Divergent Series: Allegiant			Insecure	Movie	
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MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(3:15) ★ Magic Mike ...		(:24) ★★ Tropic Thunder Ben Stiller.				★ Harold & Kumar Escape F...		(:40) ★ The Gallows			
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★ Evan Almighty Steve Carell.				★ My Big Fat Greek Wedding		(:40) ★ What Happens in Vegas			(:20) Zane "Endear"		
PLEX				96			(4:50) ★ Fat Man & ...		★★ The Exorcism of Emily Rose				(:05) ★★ Boogeyman		(:25) ★★ Hostage Hotel			
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(3:25) ★ Backcountry		Shame. "Ouroboros"		Inside the NFL (N)		F.State	F.State	Inside the NFL		Bert Kreischer	
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CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Billion Buyer (N)		The Profit		Billion Dollar Buyer	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN Special Report	
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FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Jack Reacher		★★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.				★★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.					
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ A Heavenly...		★ A Crown for Christmas Danica McKellar.				★ A December Bride Daniel Lissing.			★ A Wish for Chris...		
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Curse of Oak Island		Oak Island (N)		Curse/Oak Island (N)		(:05) Hunting Hitler		(:05) Hunting Hitler		(:05) Oak Island	
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MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
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TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(5:10) ★★★★ Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back ('80, Sci-Fi) Mark Hamill.				Behavi. "Your Mama Had a Hard Night"		(:55) Good Behavior	(:55) Castle "Santa"	"Secret	(:55) Castle "Significant Others" A divorce attorney is murdered.		
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	(4:00) ★★★ Shootr		WWE Smackdown! (N)		WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries. (L)		Shooter "Musa Qala" (N)		★★ Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Vin Diesel.			
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our refrigerators.'"

"What happens when you can reverse all of that?"

Taking a chemical process from the lab and turning it into a business, though, was far more challenging than McNeil expected, consuming the last 30 months. One teammate left to pursue a career elsewhere after he graduated; another left not long ago but retains an ownership interest. McNeil, Samarasekere and Susan Tran remain.

"Some nights we walk out of this room thinking there is no way in hell this works out," McNeil said. "And then we come back as entrepreneurs. We rerun the numbers, we recalculate it, we pivot some, and all of the sudden you've got this great business model."

REECycle has not accepted outside funding, relying solely on money from competitions and grants. Without angel investors or venture capitalists demanding a quick turnaround, the team has had time to build a sustainable company that can produce a rare earth concentrate that alloy manufacturers have agreed to buy.

"You can convince people to raise a bunch of money, and some would look at that and say that's successful because of the amount of money that they've raised," McNeil added. "But companies aren't successful just because they've raised money. I think what's been surprising me is how much effort, time and work that goes into creating an actual sustainable company."

To pay the bills, McNeil has run another company, Vendera, which he started while still a student. The company repairs, manages and recycles mobile devices for large companies. Tran also has a day job. The University of Houston has licensed the technology and retains a 10 percent interest.

REECycle, has hit a turning point, now hiring its first four employees to operate a new chemical reactor on the UH campus that will soon produce rare earths concentrate on a commercial scale. That will generate the company's first invoices and pass an important milestone for seeking outside investment, McNeil said.

"When you sit back and look at where they started and where they are today it's, 'Wow, this is working,'" Kane said. "This is real job creation."

Wow, indeed. Success for REECycle is far from assured, but for something that started out as an undergraduate class assignment, what McNeil and his team have accomplished is remarkable.

Entrepreneurship is alive and well in Houston.

Eric Kayne/Houston Chronicle

University of Houston Bauer School of Business students Casey McNeil, left, Bobby Jacobs, Susan Tran, and Cassandra Hoang are shown July 2, 2014, in Houston. In back are Ken Ken Jones, Associate Director of the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship at the C. T. Bauer College of Business, left, and Jim Kane, internship program administrator amd entrepreneurial research.

Feds give states more time to bolster struggling schools

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States will have more time to identify failing schools as part of new Obama administration rules aimed at supporting troubled public schools and students who are struggling.

The rules, released Monday, provide a broad framework for states as they design new accountability systems to evaluate schools, to improve ones that aren't adequately educating students and to narrow achievement gaps. It's a key part of the bipartisan education law passed almost one year ago and signed into law by President Barack Obama to replace the widely criticized No Child Left Behind Act.

Under the law, states may design accountability systems that consider measures beyond test scores and high school graduation rates. They may decide how much weight to give to each of those indicators of success — and others such as school climate, advanced coursework and chronic absenteeism — as long as they measure the performance of all students, including "sub-groups of students" such as racial minorities, children from low-income families and special education students.

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Program teaches Oklahoma students how to run a business

By Emily Summars
Enid News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. — In August, Enid High School was picked to be a guinea pig.

The national nonprofit Youth Entrepreneurs, founded in 1991 by Charles Koch Foundation, provides business and entrepreneurial education across the country.

Enid Public Schools is the first district in the state to use the foundation-funded program, the Enid News & Eagle reported.

"This is not a class, technically," said YE Program Manager James Tully. "This is very interactive, teaching about markets, the economy and owning your own business."

The program hosts activities to teach about costs, pitching, and it hosts market days where students run a one-day pop-up shop business and other items — students learn about anything from the cost of running a business to strategy.

"Your business may be a success or a failure," Tully said. "We don't want you to be afraid."

Starting in December, students will buckle down to begin focusing on a business plan, product and branding until March.

Thomas Rowe, EHS geometry teacher, manages the program and class of 19 students.

Rowe said the program has done well and the students enjoy the different activities.

"Last week, they had to practice networking skills," he said. "They are learning how companies are valued. Now we start to get into the focus of developing a business plan and starting a business."

One group of students started a T-shirt company, Rowe said. The students built a website, had growing sales but closed pre-sale orders too soon. The group soon learned by closing pre-sales off too soon, the product exceeded a reasonable purchase price. Rowe said the students learn by letting them go.

"We've created an environment, a safe place where it's OK to fail," Rowe said. "You learn from failure and you have to be willing to take a risk. It's not just business but a mindset of seeking opportunities for the betterment of others."

A former civil engineer in California who ran a business in Enid before teaching, Rowe said some of the concepts take a couple of tries for students to grasp, but they are handling it very well.

Rowe said students are learning "entrepreneur" doesn't only mean owning your own business, but it means having an attitude of seeking better opportunities even within an existing business.

"Several students haven't figured their alignment of passion and how to do that in business," he said. "Students have to be actively engaged versus being fed information. They has to research a company, figure out the strengths and weaknesses — found internally — and opposition and threats — found externally. They will have to translate that when they do their own business."

Kindergartener, teacher become best friends decades later

By Diane C. Lade
Sun Sentinel

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Evelyn Grapek and Jane Evers are besties, burning up their cell minutes talking almost every day, going out to lunch, sharing the depths of their hearts.

They live near each other in Boynton Beach, but they first met almost 65 years ago at the same Long Island, N.Y., elementary school.

That day, Evers, just starting kindergarten, took the wrong school bus home. And Grapek was the one who had to call the police and inform Evers' parents.

That's because Grapek was Evers' teacher.

Evers says people often are surprised when she tells them she's best friends with her former kindergarten teacher. "But we are," said Evers.

Though they first met a lifetime ago, their friendship didn't actually begin until 2000 when they reconnected through Evers' mother. They had both been teachers in Long Island and had kept in touch.

The bond deepened when, after Evers' mother died eight years ago, the two discovered they had similar values, attitudes about work and education — things they could not have known they had in common back when they were ages 4 and 23.

In Grapek's home on a recent Friday, the two friends sat next to each other and laughed as they remembered their first meeting over the bus incident.

"It was my first day teaching and I don't know who was more nervous. But there was Janie, scared to death," said Grapek, 88.

"I was not scared!" replied Evers, 69.

"Yes, you were!"

How a friendship begins and grows can be a mystery. Is it timing? Shared interests? Being totally opposite, or completely alike?

Evers and Grapek think their relationship is cemented by what they both think is important: being generous and authentic, trustworthy, able to navigate the delicate tightrope of honesty and respect. When describing their bond, they talk much more about what they mean to each other than about what activities they do together.

When Evers needs financial or relationship advice, she turns to her former teacher.

"Evelyn tells it like it is, even if it can be tough to hear it sometimes," said Evers. A mother of two and a former Florida Atlantic University business professor, her spouse is comedian and playwright Steve Solomon of "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy!"

"Evelyn is my mentor, my guide and my friend," Evers said. "It's been amazing for me, transcending age and what I thought about 'friends.' We each want the other to be happy, to be fulfilled."

"What I have with Janie is unexplainable," added Grapek, who is widowed. "I wish I was 40, 50 years younger, so I could go back and (start the friendship) all over again. She's there for me. I don't feel alone."

Grapek left Germany with her parents at age 10 and lost most of her relatives who stayed behind to the Holocaust, she said. She thinks becoming a teacher was a way to build a different kind of family, although she does have three children.

Rachel Denny Clow/Corpus Christi Caller-Times via AP

Magee Elementary School fifth-graders Keira Sandoval, left, and Mikaylah Estrada use a handheld Wi-Fi microscope Nov. 15 in their classroom in Corpus Christi.

Wi-Fi microscopes help students with science

By Raul Altamirano
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — Once students began opting to trade in precious recess time for more time in the classroom, Teri Gonzalez knew the school's investment had paid off.

"If it helps them to begin nurturing that love for science, I'm willing to allow them more time to learn," the fifth-grade teacher at Magee Elementary School said.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the investment comes in the form of 57 Wi-Fi microscopes purchased by officials at the school for its K-5 student curriculum. The microscopes were purchased using a $25,000 grant offered to the school from the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Monsanto Fund. The school became eligible for grant nominations once local farmers from the Calallen area recommended the school as a potential recipient for the award.

"Once we heard about the nomination, we jumped all over it," said Melana Silva, the math and science curriculum coordinator for K-12 at Calallen Independent School District.

Once awarded in September of 2015, Silva says officials were chomping at the bit, hoping to utilize the grant to its fullest potential.

The money from the grant provided the school with 57 Celestron Micro Fi Wi-Fi microscopes equipped with kits including a tripod stand, several workbooks, and mineral packets including small samples of soil, sand, and seeds. The microscopes allow items to be magnified up to 80 times their original image size. The images produced can then be displayed on up to three different mobile devices via the microscopes' wireless capabilities. Students can take pictures or record video using the microscopes' downloadable application.

Silva also purchased several veneer probes used to measure ph levels, temperature, and velocity levels for the high school students.

"It was very competitive," she said. "There was only seven grants awarded throughout the state. We were very fortunate."

The microscopes arrived at the campus in late November 2015. It didn't take long for school instructors to integrate the microscopes into the classroom curriculum.

Gonzalez, who teaches fifth grade, says the microscopes are perfect for her students, who are constantly bringing in items from home hoping to utilize the capabilities of the new technology. Throughout each class, students enthusiastically approach Gonzalez, wanting to show her the images they've captured using the microscopes.

"They now have a greater appreciation for what they're seeing and they want to learn more," she said. "They're very investigative."

The students are using the microscopes to study the life cycle of beetles. Once a larva hatches from an egg, the students are able to capture the larva's growth via the digital enhancing capabilities of the microscope. After being fed for a number of weeks, the larva are then put into smaller capsules where they form into pupa. The specimen then go into a state of metamorphosis. They emerge as beetles, which are eventually used as a source of food for Lizzy, the classroom's pet lizard.

"It helps to give the kids a head start and shows them that life is cyclical, in more ways than one," Gonzalez said.

Over the last year with the microscopes, Gonzalez has also shown her students the life cycle of crickets, crayfish and butterflies. In April, Gonzalez will take the classroom out into the wild to allow the fifth-graders to discover live specimens on the campus grounds.

"My goal is to get them hooked on science, and these microscopes are definitely helping them understand the micro world out there," Gonzalez said.

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Beeville ISD sends teachers to class for mandatory computer science

By Aliyya Swaby
Texas Tribune

Jarrod Howard left the classroom last summer as a second-grade teacher, and he returned this fall to teach computer science. He still teaches second-graders, but like all of the 250 teachers in the Beeville Independent School District, he's now expected — with specialized training and support — to include computer science instruction in his classes.

Starting this school year, the small South Texas district became the first in the state to make computer science compulsory for all 3,500 students at its six campuses. To do that, the district needed to teach its teachers first. It formed a one-year partnership with education tech company Globaloria, which showed Beeville educators how to build computer programming into their curricula. Beeville has a contract paying the private company $162,500 for up to 2,500 students and 227 teachers in its six schools, and an additional $65 per student after that.

So while Howard still teaches his second-graders the basics — math, reading, writing — he now integrates technology and computer science into each subject.

Twice a week, his 18 students work on creating their own computer games. A four-student group called the "Snakes" built a set out of Legos and other props for a world called "New Earth," where dinosaurs and humans co-exist. Next, they will sketch the three-dimensional set on grid paper and eventually use a computer program called Pixlr to transform that drawing into colored pixels.

It may seem like just a fun coloring game, but these seven-year-olds are getting a primer in basic geometry, Howard said. They're dividing squares and building shapes to create a picture. And they're becoming more comfortable with talking about technology and how it helps with basic tasks. Next semester, they will learn how to code in the next phase of Globaloria training.

Howard had no background in computer science or programming and said he felt "overwhelmed but excited" when the program was launched. But the training made him more comfortable, and he regularly uses a Globaloria online help desk when he gets stuck using the technology.

The district's teachers are gradually becoming comfortable with moving beyond traditional core curricula, said Beeville Superintendent Marc Puig, who took the job in August. "We lit a fire in computer science here in Beeville, and it's quite amazing," he said.

The rest of Texas lags behind by comparison: Just 2 percent of Texas high schoolers had taken a computer science class in 2014, according to Carol Fletcher, deputy director at WeTeach_CS, a University of Texas at Austin program providing computer science K-12 training. And most science and technology jobs are in computer science.

"Our teachers just don't have the background. It's not something they have ever been trained in," Fletcher said. "You don't need super advanced hardware to teach computer science. You need people who know what they're doing."

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Colossians 3:15
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

TODAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy	SATURDAY: Cloudy	SUNDAY: Partly sunny
High: 59 Low: 34	High: 57 Low: 38	High: 62 Low: 41	High: 56 Low: 40	High: 46 Low: 39	High: 50 Low: 38

Local forecast

There is a chance of rain beginning Friday, according to the National Weather Service. The forecasted low is near freezing today and Wednesday.

The record high for Nov. 28 is 85 set in 1949. The record low is 16 set in 2001, 1976 and 1938. On Nov. 28 of last year, the high was 37 and the low was 33.

Weather brief

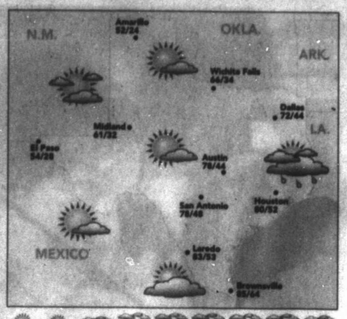
OREGON

Winter storm rolls in over eastern, central regions

PORTLAND — Weather forecasters say the Portland metro area will be drenched with rain thanks to a winter storm moving over the Cascade Range.

The National Weather Service said a chilly Monday morning will have a 70 percent chance of rain showers, mostly before 5 p.m. The likelihood of rain drops in the evening and some areas might be foggy after 11 p.m.

The weather service said the system is dumping snow on the Cascades, where people can expect up to a foot of snow by Monday night.



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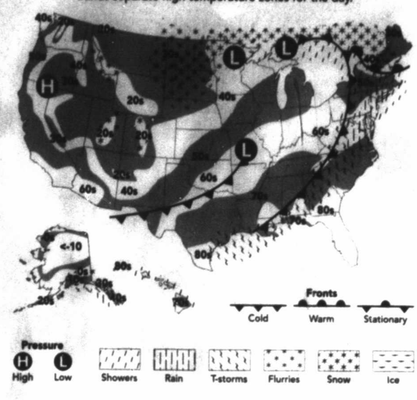
Precipitation		Monday's temperatures	
Sunday	0.00 in.	High	64
Monday	trace	Low	48
Month total	2.01 in.	Normal high	62
Year total	14.72 in.	Normal low	34
Normal total (year to date)	13.96 in.	Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
		Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Grandma is tired of being a good sport and chauffeur

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and son-in-law have only one vehicle that is running. He works out of town, so he drives it, which leaves my daughter home all day without transportation.

Earlier in the school year, they signed up my granddaughter for after-school sports and she has to practice every day. Because my daughter has no way to take her, they expect me to pick up my granddaughter and bring her home. This means I have to wait for her for about an hour after I get off work, which delays me an hour or more getting home.

After working all day, I'm tired. I just want to get home and get all the things done that I need to do, so I can rest and get ready for work again the next day. I'm not sure what I should do. I feel like I'm being taken advantage of. Any advice you can give will be greatly appreciated! — TIRED AND USED

DEAR TIRED: This shouldn't be your responsibility. When your daughter and son-in-law signed up the child for sports, they should have thought it through. Rather than impose upon you, perhaps they should ask the parents of other children in the program if your granddaughter could ride along.

If that's not feasible, consider this: You stated that your son-in-law drives the only running vehicle, which leads me to believe they have another one that's broken down. Could you loan or give them money to put it in working condition? If so, you would be off the hook.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the manager of a medium-sized apartment building with several older tenants. As these tenants get older, their needs become greater. When it's time for the children and family to step in, not ALL do. Some think — and have actually told me — that giving the manager $20 at Christmas will ensure that Mom/Dad gets to the grocery store, bank and doctor, and the bills are paid all year.

Abby, this is not my family, and I do not feel obligated to take them to run their errands. Their children then tell me, "What am I supposed to do? I don't have time," etc., and I reply that it's their responsibility, not mine.

Is there a legal means to make them take care of their own? Threatening to have them charged with elder abuse doesn't always work. — NOT A DAY CARE OR RETIREMENT HOME

DEAR NOT A DAY CARE: If you're feeling charitable, make a list of various resources for seniors in your community and offer the information to the "children." Further, neglecting a vulnerable, elderly parent is considered elder abuse, and if that's what's going on, you shouldn't "threaten." You should report it to your county adult protective services office.

DEAR ABBY: I was engaged to a man for seven years. Two weeks after we celebrated our seventh anniversary, he decided he didn't love me anymore. We parted a year ago, but he has been texting me, picking me up from work and taking me to lunch or dinner quite a lot lately. We spent one night together, but since then, he hasn't contacted me. What should I do? — TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF IT IN HAWAII

DEAR TRYING: Recognize that your former fiance has the sensitivity of a rock. Accept that a rewarding relationship with him is not in the cards, move on and stop looking back.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Larry's finesse

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 4
♡ 7 5
♢ A Q J 5 3
♣ Q 6 5

WEST
♠ 7
♡ Q J 9 3
♢ 10 8 7 4
♣ 9 4 3 2

EAST
♠ K 8 3
♡ A K 10 6 4
♢ 2
♣ K 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 6 5 2
♡ 8 2
♢ K 9 6
♣ A J

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	1♠	3♡*	4♠

All pass
*Pre-emptive

Opening lead: Queen of ♡

It was early in the club's Saturday night duplicate when Hard Luck Louie ran into this hand. It looked pretty pedestrian at first, but the defense took a surprising twist. East overtook his partner's queen of hearts lead with the king and fired back the two of diamonds.

Louie knew what this meant — East had a singleton diamond and the king of trumps. East was planning to win his trump king and underlead the ace of hearts to West's jack for a diamond ruff. To thwart this, Louie decided not to waste time on a spade finesse that was sure to lose. He led a spade to dummy's ace and continued with another spade, hoping for a 2-2 split. Nice try by Louie, but the cards were cruel to him. East rose with his king, led a low heart to West, and received the diamond ruff that he wanted for down one. "Nice bid, partner," said Louie. "You put me in a solid game, but my bad luck never takes a break."

Two rounds later, Lucky Larry played the same deal. East at his table also overtook the heart lead to play back a diamond, giving Larry a roadmap to the defenders' plan. Larry tried to foil this defense a different way. He won the diamond in dummy and led a club to his jack. When that won the trick, he cashed the ace of clubs and crossed back to dummy with the ace of spades. Larry led the queen of clubs, but when East covered with the king, Larry discarded his remaining heart rather than ruffing. Bingo! There was no longer a link to the West hand for a ruff and Larry could not be prevented from taking 10 tricks. Nice play!

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 Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016:

This year you'll want to clarify matters involving your home and/or domestic life. A family secret is likely to emerge that will shock even you. If you are single, you could be particularly reactive to potential sweeties. You will know when you meet the right person, and he or she could enter your life in the next 10 months. If you are attached, the two of you might greet your first child if you are at the right phase in life. Be careful with taking risks as a couple; choose to play it conservatively. A fellow SAGITTARIUS can be quite unpredictable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be attempting to gain a new perspective about an unclear situation. Distraction might play a significant role. Events seem to surround money and/or a loved one. Decide to act only after you have considered the pros and cons. Tonight: Read between the lines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A decision from a loved one has taken a long time to come forward. Because of this, you know that it is well thought out. Respond accordingly. You might be a bit stunned by what is said. Get past that initial shock, and you'll like the results. Tonight: Work with an associate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Others are challenging, and they know it. Your vision of the future could be either difficult or exciting, depending on your general outlook. A friendship and/or a long-term desire might affect your goals. Try to get a little insight. Tonight: Go along with someone else's request.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Emotions run high, and you are able to make quite a difference if you apply yourself to what might be as simple as a daily habit. Your steadiness of purpose mixed with your moodiness makes quite a combination. A loved one could be argumentative. Tonight: Curb spending.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be in the mood to do something differently. A partner or loved one seems to be quite confused by your actions, and might become testy. The unexpected plays a role in your thoughts, which is likely to open you up to a new insight. Tonight: Go for the impossible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be in tune with a partner, but not with a boss. You realize that a stressful situation seems to be evolving. When an associate acts in an unpredictable way and the top blows off an important matter, you'll gain insight and direction. Tonight: Expect to be a prominent force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ If you're feeling confused, especially about a routine matter, ask questions. A partner who always seems to be full of surprises won't disappoint you. Though you might be taken aback, you'll find his or her behavior somewhat endearing. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be sensible with your finances. You could be overly tired and withdrawn. You have many ideas, but some of them seem to cause a problem or a sense of confusion. Use your creativity elsewhere, and you will be happier as a result. Tonight: Touch base with a family member.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Examine possibilities more openly than you have in the past. You might be overly serious right now. Feelings, money and affection could be subject to the unexpected. Keep talking, and initiate conversations where vagueness seems to be a problem. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ One person after another seems to be creating some uproar, especially in your domestic life. What is clear is that, on some level, you are amused. Your sense of direction could be off. Others might not understand exactly what you are asking. Tonight: Make it private.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Meetings and friends play a strong role in what occurs right now. You might not be as clear as you could be about a money matter. You will make the first move in a difficult, awkward situation. As a result, you inadvertently could energize others. Tonight: Only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Listen to a boss more carefully, as he or she has a lot of knowledge and experience that you'll want to tap into. You will be more effective if you listen. Note whether your temper begins to emerge. Anger could be driving you more than you are aware. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

BORN TODAY

Author C.S. Lewis (1898), TV host Howie Mandel (1955), former U.S. Gov. Janet Napolitano (1957)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Energizes, with "up"
5 Onetime TWA rival
10 Lucy's co-star
14 "Star Wars" princess
15 Bakery draw
16 "That's so true!"
17 Misfortunes
18 Las Vegas loser's complaint
20 ["Get off the stage!"]
22 Word with dog, horse or lion
23 Bank acct. posting
24 Critter "in the headlights"
26 Worked hard
30 Spoken
32 Make on the job
34 Explosive emotion
35 Eight, en español
36 Like some committees
37 Martini ingredient
38 Jack of nursery rhymes
39 "Give __ chance!"
40 Grate residue
42 Chinese-born architect I.M. :-_
43 Techie's hangout
45 "Doggone it!"
46 Dada pioneer Jean
47 Speak hoarsely
48 Landmark on Missouri's state quarter
49 Georgia, but not Florida
51 Vatican City currency
53 Uncanny claim
56 Crime syndicate leader
57 What a judge may do during an arraignment
59 Grecian Formula competitor
64 Invention beginning
65 Roughly 30% of Earth's land area
66 Fall zodiac sign
67 Denim pioneer Strauss
68 Chimed
69 "No bid," in bridge
70 Perfect spot

DOWN

1 "I was home alone" isn't a very strong one
2 Breakfast fruit
3 "Screenwriter's work for the first episode
4 Merit badge holder
5 Analyzed, as a sentence
6 Got out of bed
7 "__ again!"
8 Invoice no.
9 Leader with a baton
10 __ Lama
11 Big bird from Down Under
12 "Hold on a __!"
13 Pentel filler
19 "Orangy Crayola color
21 "Simple-to-use
25 "Symbol of bureaucracy
27 Dizzy ... and a hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
28 Great Lakes natives
29 Lairs of lions
31 "Of course!"
33 Ill-fated whale chaser
35 Rossini creation
36 Is home sick
38 Stretch across
41 Cul-de-__
44 Tubular Italian pastries
48 Concert milieus
50 Suitcase tie-on
52 App downloaders
54 Kitchen strainer
55 Opposite of everything, in bageldom
58 Rancor
59 Jelly holder
60 Land "across the pond" from the U.K.
61 Gluttony, e.g.
62 Tear (into)
63 Exec's degree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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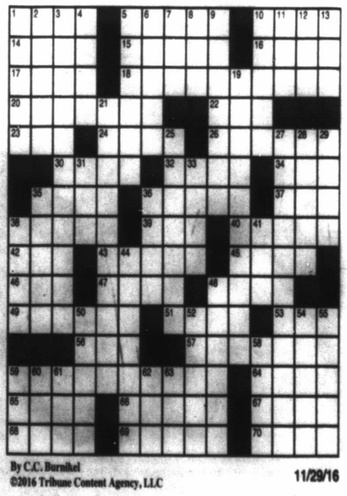

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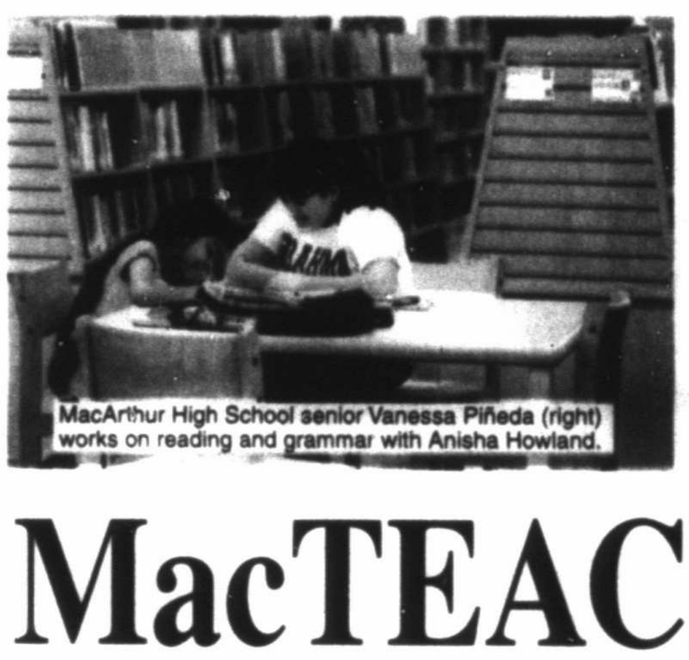
MacArthur High School senior Mariana Casillas (right) smiles as Luvia Rico plays a note on her violin during MacTeach on Oct. 25. The high school students give their time to help tutor students from area elementary schools including some international refugees and their families. 146 MacArthur students tutor about 300-400 younger children. The program is in its seventh year and is overseen by English teacher Steve Davidson who gives all the credit to his tutors who work with the kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Davidson believes the tutors receive as much satisfaction or more than the students they help. ***Photos by Kin Man Hui/San Antonio Express-News***

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS



MacArthur High School senior Vanessa Piñeda (right) works on reading and grammar with Anisha Howland.

MacArthur High School English teacher Steve Davidson gives a hug to Julianna Longoria who gave Davidson some Halloween candy before her tutoring session.

Ryan Ramirez (facing camera) works with adults.

MacTEACH is there for refugees

■ Students tutor in English, share community

By Silvia Foster-Frau
San Antonio Express-News

The thud of cartridges hitting their roof and skidding off the edges at night led to mornings of outdoor cartridge collecting. They'd sweep around their house to pick up the debris — ghosts of the war raging around them.

Nan Mao's family was in Myanmar, living in the middle of what is often described as one of the longest-running civil wars. They fled to Malaysia as undocumented immigrants in 2006.

"We honestly feared for our lives," Mao said.

In 2010, the United Nations identified Mao as a refugee and shipped her to the United States, her husband by her side and her 7-month-old baby cradled in her arms. That same year, MacArthur High School's Steve Davidson started the MacTEACH program with eight student volunteers.

Now, Nan's baby is 6 years old. His name is Sai, and he along with at least 300 other low-income children and families, mostly Latino or Burmese, are helped by more than 150 MacTEACH students. Davidson, an English teacher at the North East ISD school, has received numerous honors since founding the club: runner-up for Texas Teacher of the Year last year and this year's Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award — one of only 12 teachers to receive it in the state.

About 60 high school students, children and adults pack into MacArthur High's library on Tuesday and Thursday nights for MacTEACH's Neighbor to Neighbor program. On Tuesdays, students teach young children violin for the first hour. After that, the sliding notes of the violin are replaced with the giggles and whispers of children getting homework help. Meanwhile, in the far corner, two high school students teach English to about five Burmese adults.

"My expectation and my hope is that this is the last year we'll be able to use the library. My hope is we'll grow too big for it," said Davidson, situated at one of the study tables one recent Tuesday evening. He's had to purchase six more violins for students and said the number of people looking for their help continues to grow through word of mouth.

The Burmese refugee involvement in the club started when Dorothy Grayson, a volunteer at Northeast Baptist Church, realized that the educational support she gave the refugees in the summer simply wasn't enough. There was one young girl in particular whose struggles represented the last straw for Grayson.

"She looked at me one day and she just broke down crying. I was like 'Augh!' " Grayson said, grasping her head in exclamation. "It was so, so sad. So I said, 'I just need some more help here.' "

She had heard of Davidson's program so she gave him a call. And he did what he's been doing for years, what he considers his life motto: He said yes.

"This is what I live for. I get up every day for this. If I get a divorce, it's going to be because of MacTEACH," said Davidson. The club is entirely volunteer-based.

The tools to succeed

"How are you, teacher?" said Mao, 38, to Davidson while placing a hand on Grayson's shoulder. She had just arrived to pick up Sai from tutoring. Grayson took her hand and held it in her own.

"We call him 'Crazy Sai,' " Davidson said. "He's crazy, we love him so much."

Grayson said the English as a second language program through the district can be competitive and also structured in a way that makes it difficult for parents who work long days to schedule appointments. The Neighbor to Neighbor program at MacTEACH is a way around that, she said.

Mao was part of the original group that was tutored at the church by the students, before they moved to the library for more space.

When she first moved to San Antonio, Mao was lost and lonely. She was constantly afraid — with no English and little knowledge of American customs, getting around the city for basic activities such as going grocery shopping was a nightmare.

"Before I didn't know these good people, I was scared and I cried in my bed at night," Mao said.

It was a fellow Burmese who told her about Grayson, and through her, about MacTEACH. The program's tutoring lessons gave her English language skills and a sense of community, she said. And armed with those tools, she began to emerge.

"You know when you go to the jungle and you don't know which way you have to go? And suddenly you find out the way, how do you feel? You feel very happy," she said.

Davidson smiled at her, quiet.

When I hear stories like that, it's like how could I even think of leaving?" he said later.

Student fulfillment

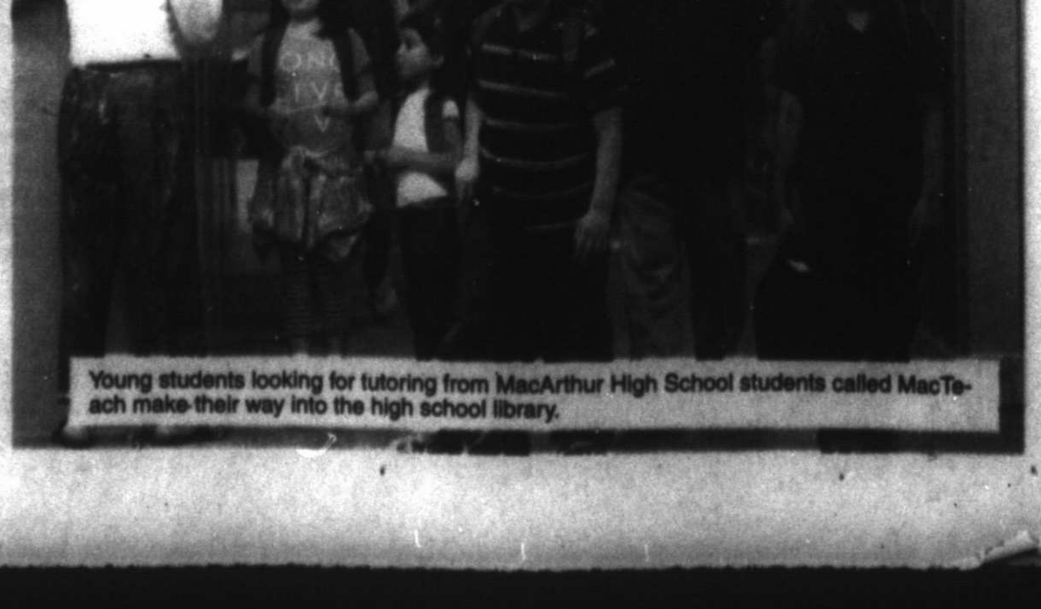
For the last half-hour on his session, Sai had finished with his homework and got to play a game of Sorry! with his 17-year-old tutor, Alisa Vorpahl.

"They're the helpers to everybody," Sai said of his tutors, fidgeting in his seat and shooting looks at the board game he was eager to get back to. Davidson said when he asked Sai what his favorite subject in school was last year, he named one of his tutors instead of an actual class.

The MacTEACH students' volunteerism spans from the local to the global. The club has a MacTEACH Mini-Mall, which donates goods to low-income or at-risk MacArthur High students and also holds fundraisers for children in Honduras, Uganda and, soon, South Sudan. They also tutor elementary students before school and struggling high schoolers during lunch.

"Of all the hard times I'm going through now, a lot of times I ask myself, and my mom asks me, 'Why are you even doing this? You're not getting anything from it, you're not getting anything for college.'" said Mia Self, 17, Mac-Teach's student director. "And I sit here and look at all these kids and I see their smiles and I see everything that we're doing, and I can't imagine doing anything different."

Three-year-old Tafser Howlader (center) gets reading help from MacArthur High School student tutors Angela Enriquez (left) and Alysse Ramirez, both sophomores.



Young students looking for tutoring from MacArthur High School students called MacTeach make their way into the high school library.

Baylor's Grobe has no future plans to coach

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Jim Grobe came out of semiretirement to help Baylor get through a tumultuous season. After that is done, he has no plans to coach again.

Grobe said Monday that he told new Baylor athletic director Mack Rhoades early in the season that he didn't want to be a candidate to be the full-time coach. That conversation came a month into the season when the Bears were still undefeated, and before their current five-game losing streak.

Grobe

"Honestly, football needs a fresh start," Grobe said the start of his weekly news conference on the Waco campus. "I'm very, very proud of our players who have remained loyal to Baylor. They've given me 100-plus reasons for hope in these difficult times."

The 64-year-old Grobe had been out of coaching for two seasons when last May he accepted the role as Baylor's acting head coach. He said he committed then through January, which would include being part of the Bears' bowl game, and now expects to be retired and playing golf after that.

Despite some rocky times, Grobe says he has no regrets about taking over when Baylor suddenly dismissed two-time Big 12 champion coach Art Briles after a report alleging that the university mishandled complaints of sexual assault.

"I've not ever had the mindset that I was doing more than helping out," Grobe said earlier on the Big 12 coaches teleconference.

Baylor's search for a new coach likely will intensify this week since many schools have already completed their regular seasons.

The Bears (6-5, 3-5 Big 12) play their regular-season finale Saturday at 14th-ranked West Virginia (9-2, 6-2), which is Grobe's home state.

Even though Baylor has lost five in a row since starting 6-0 to get bowl eligible, any suggestions of the school turning down a bowl berth seem moot. The Big 12 has seven bowl slots to fill and will have only six bowl-eligible teams, including the Bears.

Baylor's skid started with a 35-34 loss at Texas, which came after a group of Baylor regents first provided some details about some of the allegations against Briles in a Wall Street Journal article.

A week later, the Bears suffered their worst home loss since 2005. They lost 62-22 to TCU a day after assistant coaches and several staff members issued a statement on Twitter expressing their support for Briles and disputing claims by regents that the former coach knew of an alleged gang rape.

All the assistants were retained from Briles' staff. They included the former coach's son, offensive coordinator Kendal Briles, and his son-in-law, running backs coach Jeff Lebby.

"We got through the first six games pretty well, and for a couple of weeks lost some focus, some things in the press and our coaches were upset, that in turn upsets the players," Grobe said. "We've really played hard the last few weeks. We just haven't played well enough to win."

SOLID SEASON OVERALL

Seniors made mark on MHS program in 2016

MHS WRAPUP

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High football team went through the somber process of turning in equipment Monday at Memorial Stadium.

It's a melancholy day for the Bulldogs seniors because it will be the last time, outside of the January banquet, that they will be around the atmosphere of their high school football team.

Every year on equipment turn-in day, MHS head coach Craig Yenzer recognizes the outgoing seniors with the "burning the shoe" ceremony.

It's a ritual where all the seniors chime in with their favorite football memories while surrounding a burning shoe.

This season's senior class certainly made its mark as the group led Midland High to a 9-3 overall record, a second-place finish in District 2-6A and to the area round of the Class 6A Division I playoffs. Some of the seniors were also responsible for helping MHS reach the postseason in three consecutive seasons.

Sixteen starters and seven first-team All-District 2-6A selections played their final game when the Bulldogs lost to Arlington Bowie, 37-30 in the area playoff on Nov. 19 in Abilene.

"It was a group that had great leadership, a group that had a lot of intangibles and a lot of character guys," Yenzer said of the seniors. "These guys spent a tremendous amount of personal time in preparation. The thing you appreciate about them from a coaching perspective is they did anything and everything that we asked them to do. Each week in coaching them, it was a privilege to be able to coach them. They were like sponges, they soaked everything in that you tried to get them."

One of the aspects that the Bulldogs quickly grasped was a change to their offensive attack.

In spring football, Yenzer and

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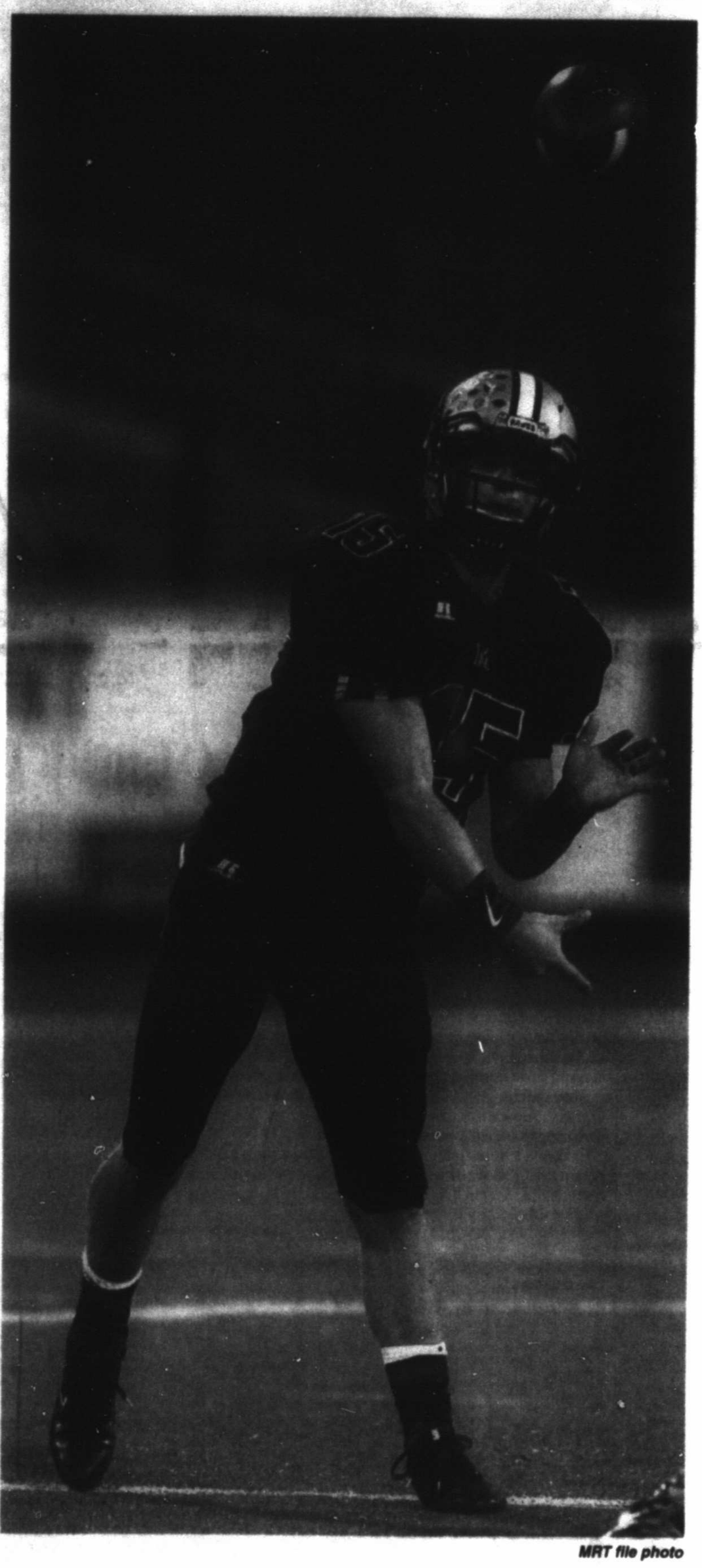
MRT file photo

Midland High quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz throws against DeSoto on Sept. 9 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee's Traylor earns top newcomer; 10 Bulldogs honored

From staff reports

Lee sophomore running back Josh Traylor was recognized as the Newcomer of the Year on the 2016 District 2-6A All-District Football Team that was recently released.

Traylor

Mannix

Traylor burst on the scene as he rushed 148 times for 1,087 yards and eight touchdowns for a Rebels squad that finished in a tie for fifth place with a 2-4 mark in district.

Midland High, which finished second in district at 5-1, was well represented on the first team as it landed 10 honorees.

Running back Ricky Hubert and wide receiver McLane Mannix were both unanimous selections for the Bulldogs.

Hubert had 189 rushing attempts for 1,220 yards and 18 TDs, while Mannix had 47 receptions for 941 yards and 12 touchdowns. Additionally, Mannix earned first-team designation as a punter.

MHS also landed quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz, wide receiver Jalen Childress, offensive tackle Paxton Heiting, offensive guard Juan Vasquez, kicker Ignacio Correa, defensive end Dillon Springer and cornerback Jacoby Thornton on the first team.

Anuszkiewicz set Midland High single season records with 3,084 yards passing, 36 touchdown passes and 3,649 yards of total offense.

Lee had three first-team honorees,

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Can Osweiler help get Texans to playoffs?

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Brock Osweiler was supposed to be the man to end Houston's years of quarterback woes. Instead, he's thrown more interceptions (13) than touchdowns (12) and has often failed to move the offense.

So now the question for the Texans (6-5) is if Osweiler can improve and help Houston secure a playoff berth? Osweiler threw three interceptions on Sunday against the Chargers as Houston lost for the second straight week. Despite their recent tough stretch the Texans remain one-half game ahead of Tennessee in the AFC South.

Coach Bill O'Brien scoffed at the notion of benching Osweiler on Sunday and refused to criticize his quarterback on Monday. He also lamented that quarterbacks and head coaches take the brunt of the criticism when teams are struggling.

"Could Brock have done some things better? Absolutely," O'Brien said about Sunday. "Could the offensive line have played better? Could I have coached better? Absolutely. It's a team sport. Brock is our starting quarterback and that's the way it is."

He wasn't interested in breaking down the play of his quarterback, snapping when asked areas in which Osweiler's made progress and places he needs to improve.

"I'm not going to dissect ... each player (and) what areas they need to do a better job in," he said. "I mean, we could be here all day. Every player on our team — we have a great locker room. They're all looking to improve in any way that they can."

Though O'Brien blamed Houston's offensive struggles on a variety of things, including his coaching, the numbers paint a clear picture of Osweiler's trouble. Expectations were high for Osweiler when Houston signed him to a $72 million contract this offseason to lure him away from Denver. He's had moments when he's looked good, but his inconsistent play has made it difficult to understand why the Texans invested so much in him.

Houston ranks 31st by averaging 195.9 yards passing a game and Osweiler's 13 interceptions are tied for most in the NFL. He hasn't had much success throwing downfield and has completed just two passes of 40 yards or longer. His 22 completions of 20 yards or longer are tied for 28th in the NFL. He's averaging just 5.8 yards a completion, which is not

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Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

San Diego Chargers defensive end Joey Bosa (99) sacks Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler (17) for a 7-yard loss during the second quarter of a game at NRG Stadium on Sunday in Houston.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

North Dakota State at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Delaware State at St. John's, 5:30 p.m., FS2

Pitt at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Georgia Tech at Penn State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Charleston Southern at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC

Syracuse at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Northern Colorado at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW+

UT Arlington at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Buffalo at Creighton, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Iowa at Notre Dame, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NC State at Illinois, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Houston at LSU, 8 p.m., SEC

Michigan State at Duke, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Houston at Utah, 8 p.m., NBATV

NHL

Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., FSSW

Toronto at Edmonton, 9 p.m., NBCSN

ON RADIO

NBA

Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m.

Abilene Wylie vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center, 6:30 p.m.

Fort Stockton at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Lubbock Cooper, 8 p.m.

Forsan at MCA, 8 p.m.

Andrews at Levelland, 8 p.m.

Snyder at Stanton, 8 p.m.

Coahoma at Grady, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Abilene Wylie at Midland High, 6 p.m.

Greenwood at Lubbock Cooper, 6 p.m.

Andrews at Levelland, 6:30 p.m.

Lamesa at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan at MCA, 6:30 p.m.

Ballinger at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Snyder at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL POLLS

Men

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (40)	6-0	1590	1
2. Villanova (20)	6-0	1567	2
3. North Carolina (4)	7-0	1497	4
4. Kansas	5-1	1414	5
5. Duke	5-1	1365	6
6. Virginia	6-0	1286	7
7. Xavier	6-0	1181	9
8. Gonzaga	6-0	1112	10
9. Baylor	7-0	1068	20
10. Creighton	6-0	965	12
11. UCLA	6-0	955	14
12. Saint Mary's (Cal.)	5-0	866	15
13. Indiana	4-1	857	3
14. Louisville	5-1	808	10
15. Purdue	5-1	687	17
16. Arizona	5-1	655	8
17. Wisconsin	5-2	555	16
18. Butler	6-0	506	21
19. Iowa St.	5-1	389	22
20. South Carolina	6-0	379	
21. Rhode Island	7-0	354	23
22. Syracuse	4-1	229	18
23. Oregon	4-2	189	13
24. Florida	6-1	154	
25. West Virginia	4-1	132	19

Others receiving votes: Maryland 126, Notre Dame 85, Cincinnati 49, Michigan St. 28, Ohio St. 22, Michigan 13, Temple 8, Southern Cal. 7, Houston 6, Florida St. 5, VCU 5, California 3, Tennessee St. 2, Virginia Tech 1, Minnesota 1, Arkansas St. 1, Colorado 1, Rutgers 1, San Diego St. 1

USA Today Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (23)	6-0	744	1
2. Villanova (1)	6-0	706	2
3. North Carolina (2)	7-0	727	4
4. Duke	5-1	668	5
5. Kansas	5-1	665	6
6. Virginia	6-0	659	7
7. Xavier	6-0	621	8
8. Gonzaga	6-0	534	9
9. UCLA	6-0	507	13
10. Indiana	4-1	457	3
11. Baylor	7-0	427	20
12. Creighton	6-0	420	12
13. Saint Mary's	5-0	388	15
14. Louisville	5-1	381	10
15. Arizona	5-1	364	9
16. Purdue	5-1	307	19
17. Wisconsin	5-2	250	14
18. Butler	6-0	200	—
19. West Virginia	4-1	187	17
20. Oregon	4-2	151	12
21. Iowa State	5-1	149	22
22. Maryland	7-0	144	23
23. South Carolina	6-0	141	
24. Syracuse	4-1	133	16
25. Rhode Island	5-1	118	25

Others receiving votes: Florida 74, Notre Dame 64, Michigan 47, Michigan State 43, Cincinnati 18, Colorado 15, California 13, Texas A&M 13, Texas 10, Oklahoma State 9, Ohio State 7, Florida State 4, Miami 4, Oklahoma 3, Arkansas 2, Wichita State 2, Fort Wayne 1, Southern Cal 1, Temple 1, VCU 1, Virginia Tech 1

Women

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Notre Dame (16)	6-0	803	1
2. UConn (14)	4-0	797	2
3. South Carolina (3)	5-0	766	3
4. Baylor	7-1	725	5
5. Maryland	6-0	694	6
6. Mississippi St	7-0	636	7
7. Louisville	6-1	634	4
8. Florida St	6-1	551	10
9. Ohio St	5-2	546	8
10. UCLA	5-1	541	9
11. Stanford	6-1	479	11
12. Oklahoma	5-0	445	13
13. Washington	6-1	423	15
14. Texas	2-2	400	14
15. DePaul	5-1	318	18
16. West Virginia	7-0	303	19
17. Kentucky	5-1	276	20
18. Miami	5-1	245	21
19. Florida	4-1	192	16
20. Syracuse	4-3	148	11
21. Colorado	6-0	116	—
22. Tennessee	3-2	99	17
23. Auburn	6-1	70	—
24. Oregon St.	3-1	69	22
25. Texas A&M	5-0	68	—

Others receiving votes: South Florida 51, Oregon 49, Arizona St. 45, Michigan St. 36, Virginia Tech 33, Georgia Tech 30, Marquette 26, Michigan 22, California 20, Northwestern 18, Green Bay 10, Gonzaga 7, Oklahoma St. 7, South Dakota St. 7, Kansas St. 6, Missouri 6, Boise St. 5, Duke 5

TEXAS TECH BRIEF

TECH'S MAHOMES AGAIN EARNS WEEKLY BIG 12 HONOR

Texas Tech quarterback Patrick Mahomes II earned his third Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week honor after the junior threw for 586 yards and six touchdowns in a victory over Baylor.

This is the sixth career Big 12 weekly honor for Mahomes, who previously garnered the accolade earlier this season following similar 500-plus passing performances against both Arizona State and Oklahoma. It was also the second time in his three seasons where Mahomes has been recognized after facing Baylor as he also received the honor following the 2014 meeting between the two schools.

Mahomes put together one of his best outings of the season against the Bears as he finished 30-of-46 for 586 yards while also matching his career high with six touchdown passes.

The performance pushed Mahomes over 5,000 yards of total offense on the season, making him just the third FBS quarterback all-time to reach the mark twice in a career. Mahomes joined former Red Raider quarterback Graham Harrell (2007-08) and Houston's Case Keenum (2008-09, 2011) in the elusive group.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS — Named Michael Goodwin LaTroy Hawkins and Tom Hunter special assistants for baseball operations.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with OF Ryan LaMarre. Designated INF Gregorio Petit for assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Released RHP Nathan Eovaldi, LHP Joe Mantiply and RHP Nick Rumbelow.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired RHPs Rob Whalen and Max Povse from Atlanta for OF Alex Jackson and a player to be named. Designated RHP Ryan Weber for assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Bobby Meacham manager of Buffalo (IL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Designated C Ramon Cabrera and RHP Keyvius Sampson for assignment. Claimed C Juan Graterol off waivers from the L.A. Angels and OF Gabriel Guerrero from Arizona.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released S Christian Bryant.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT DeShawn Williams. Placed CB Chykie Brown on injured reserve.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed OL John Greco on injured reserve. Claimed OL Matt McCants off waivers from Oakland. Waived QB Joe Callahan.

DETROIT LIONS — Released LB Brandon Chubb from the practice squad. Signed TE Logan Thomas to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Claimed DT Darius Kilgo off waivers from Denver. Released RB DJ Foster.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Released CB Perrish Cox. Signed CB Kalen Reed from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled D Shea Theodore and C Chris Wagner from San Diego (AHL).

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned C Tyler Gaudet to Tucson (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Phil Di Giuseppe from Charlotte (AHL). Placed C Jordan Staal on injured reserve.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Placed LW Tyler Bertuzzi and D Brendan Smith on 7-day injured reserve. Recalled RW Tomas Jurco from Grand Rapids (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Fired coach Gerard Gallant. Named general manager Tom Rowe interim coach.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled F Miles Wood from Albany (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Erik Condra to Syracuse (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Rockford F Jake Dowell two games.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Named Peter Vagenas general manager.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTIONS — Exercised contract options Fs Femi Hollinger-Janzen, Juan Agudelo and Teal Bunbury; Gs Matt Turner, Cody Cropper and Brad Knighton; Ds Andrew Farrell, Donnie Smith, Chris Tierney, Je-Vaughn Watson and London Woodberry; and M Zachary Herivaux. The options on D Jordan McCrary and M Steve Neumann were not exercised.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Exercised the contract options on F Bradley Wright-Phillips, M Sean Davis and Ds Chris Duvall and Justin Bilyeu. The options for D Karl Ouimette and Ronald Zubar were not exercised.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Exercised 2017 options on RJ Allen, Frederic Brillant, Eirik Johansen, Ronald Matarrita, Tommy McNamara, Andoni Reveiz, Shannon Gomez and Khory Shelton. Agreed to terms with Ethan White and Mikey Lopez. The options on Connor Brandt, Jason Hernandez, Diego Martinez and Tony Taylor were not exercised.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Fined Michigan $10,000 for football coach Jim Harbaugh's comments criticizing officials.

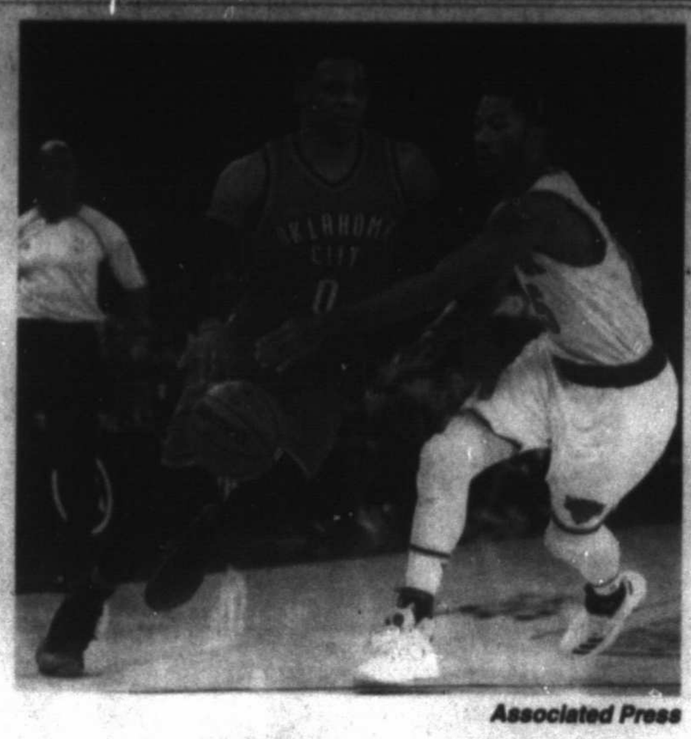
COLORADO — Suspended WR Jaleel Awini and TE Christopher Hill for the Pac-12 championship game after being arrested following a fight outside a bar.

LIBERTY — Named Ian McCaw athletic director.

UT ARLINGTON — Announced the retirement of volleyball coach Diane Seymour.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS



Associated Press

New York Knicks guard Derrick Rose (25) challenges Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) as Westbrook drives to the basket in the first half of a game at Madison Square Garden in New York on Monday.

THUNDER 112 KNICKS 103

NEW YORK — Russell Westbrook got his third straight triple-double and nearly did it by halftime, finishing with 27 points, 18 rebounds and 14 assists for his NBA-leading eighth of the season as the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New York Knicks 112-103 on Monday night.

Westbrook had 14 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists at the break and is now averaging a triple-double for the season, raising his averages to 30.9 points, 11.3 assists and 10.3 rebounds through more than a month of the season.

Enes Kanter added a season-high 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Steven Adams had 14 points and 10 boards in the Thunder's third straight victory.

Derrick Rose scored a season-best 30 points, but the Knicks had their six-game home winning streak snapped. Kristaps Porzingis added 21 points and Carmelo Anthony had 18, but shot just 4 for 19.

Westbrook fell just shy of his third straight 15-assist game, but had his highest rebound total of the season — and one off his career best — to keep the Thunder rolling as they've rebounded nicely from a recent three-game skid.

HORNETS 104 GRIZZLIES 85

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kemba Walker and Jeremy Lamb scored 21 points apiece, and the Charlotte Hornets built an early lead on the way to a 104-85 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

Walker and Lamb were a combined 14 of 25 from the field, including 7 for 13 on 3-point attempts. The rest of the Hornets were 2 of 13 from outside the arc.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 14 points and Frank Kaminsky added 12 for the Hornets, who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak. Lamb grabbed nine rebounds.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 19 points and eight rebounds. Mike Conley had 15 points before leaving in the third quarter with a lower back injury.

The Grizzlies have lost two of three.

The largest scoring discrepancy in the game was at the free throw line where the Hornets, who missed three of their first four, ended the game converting 23 of 31. Meanwhile, Memphis was 6 of 13, a difference that agitated the Grizzlies much of the night.

Charlotte, which already led by 19 points in the first half, extended the lead in the third as Memphis became unhinged complaining about calls and relying — mostly unsuccessfully — on 3-pointers to try to get back in the game.

JAZZ 112 TIMBERWOLVES 103

MINNEAPOLIS — George Hill had 24 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz to their third straight win, 112-103 over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

Gordon Hayward scored 24 points and Utah's top-ranked defense put the clamps on young Timberwolves stars Andrew Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns to improve to 10-6 this season.

Towns had 19 points and 12 rebounds but shot 8 of 18 and struggled with foul trouble much of the night. Wiggins scored 13 points on 6-for-16 shooting. All five Wolves starters were in double figures, including Zach LaVine with 28 points.

Hayward is still playing with a broken finger on his left hand that caused him to miss the first six games of the season. He has scored at least 20 points in four straight games to help balance Utah's stingy defense.

Shabazz Muhammad scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, tying the game at 78 with a soaring dunk. Tyus Jones hit a 3-pointer to give Minnesota an 83-82 lead, but Utah responded with an 11-0 run and closed it out.

WIZARDS 101 KINGS 95

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal made a career-high seven 3-pointers and finished with 31 points as the Washington Wizards recovered after giving up a late lead and beat the Sacramento Kings 101-95 in overtime Monday night.

John Wall had 19 points and 11 assists for the Wizards, but committed a career-high 11 turnovers.

Washington had a season-high 24 giveaways, but held the Kings to three points in overtime after seeing an eight-point lead evaporate over the final 5:12 of regulation.

DeMarcus Cousins had 36 points and a season-high 20 rebounds for Sacramento, which also committed its most turnovers of the season with 20.

Rudy Gay added 18 points, including the only 3 in overtime for the Kings, who were looking for their first back-to-back game sweep of the season.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	11	6	.647	—
Boston	10	7	.588	1
New York	9	9	.471	3
Brooklyn	4	12	.250	6½
Philadelphia	4	14	.222	7½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	7	.588	—
Charlotte	9	7	.563	½
Washington	6	10	.375	3½
Orlando	6	11	.353	4
Miami	5	12	.294	5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	2	.867	—
Chicago	10	6	.625	3½
Indiana	9	9	.500	5½
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	6
Detroit	8	10	.444	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	14	3	.824	—
Memphis	11	6	.647	3
Houston	11	6	.647	3
New Orleans	6	12	.333	8½
Dallas	3	13	.188	10½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	11	8	.579	—
Utah	10	8	.556	½
Portland	9	10	.474	2
Denver	7	10	.412	3
Minnesota	5	12	.294	5
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	15	2	.882	—
L.A. Clippers	14	4	.778	1½
L.A. Lakers	9	9	.500	6½
Sacramento	7	11	.389	8½
Phoenix	5	13	.278	10½

Scores and schedules

Monday's Scores

Washington 101, Sacramento 95, OT
Boston 112, Miami 104
Oklahoma City 112, New York 103
Toronto 122, Philadelphia 95
Charlotte at Memphis, late
Utah 112, Minnesota 103
Atlanta at Golden State, late
Stockton 99, Delaware Valley 82

Today's Games

Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTH

Cumberlands 71, Shawnee St. 66
Freed-Hardeman 74, Martin Methodist 69
Georgetown (Ky.) 69, Pikeville 59
Virginia Union 73, Clayton St. 62
Washington (Md.) 85, Frostburg St. 76

MIDWEST

Clarke 63, Culver-Stockton 57
Concordia (Bl.P.) 85, Michigan Tech 80
Indiana-East 93, Davenport 88, OT
William Penn 88, Peru St. 81

EAST

Caldwell 77, Mercy 62
Shippensburg 78, Wilmington (Del.) 62

Women

SOUTH

Midway 68, Marygrove 58
Pikeville 80, Georgetown (Ky.) 74
Shawnee St. 72, Cumberlands 64

MIDWEST

Clarke 67, Culver-Stockton 49
Hamline 87, Crown (Minn.) 47
William Penn 80, Peru St. 58

EAST

East Stroudsburg 82, Chestnut Hill 71
Montclair St. 68, Stevens Tech 48

Tarasenko scores in OT to lift Blues past Stars

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Vladimir Tarasenko scored at 3:24 of overtime to lift the St. Louis Blues to a 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night.

Tarasenko took a pass from Jori Lehtera and fired a wrist shot past Stars goalie Antti Niemi for 10th of the season and team-leading 23rd point.

Stars defenseman Jamie Oleksiak scored twice, including the tying goal with 50 seconds left in the third period. With Niemi pulled for an extra skater, Oleksiak sent the puck at the net from the left point and it got past Blues goalie Jake Allen for his fourth career goal — third against St. Louis.

Robby Fabbri, Alex Pietrangelo and David Perron also scored for St. Louis, and Allen finished with 18 saves.

Jamie Benn had the Stars' other goal and Niemi stopped 27 shots.

St. Louis improved to 3-3 in games beyond regulation and Dallas fell to 1-6.

The Blues took a 3-2 lead with 6:48 remaining on a goal by Perron as he took a pass from Jaden Schwartz and beat Niemi. Perron has the longest active point-scoring streak in the NHL at eight games (three goals, eight assists).

The Blues improved to 6-1-0 over their past seven games. St. Louis has won its last five home games and is 8-0-2 in the last 10 at Scottrade Center.

St. Louis took a 2-0 before Dallas rallied.

The Blues scored with 6:24 left in the first period when Fabbri took a pass from Robert Bortuzzo in the right circle and sent a low wrist shot past Niemi. It was Fabbri's first goal in six games.

Pietrangelo poked in a loose puck under the Niemi's pad at 4:17 of the second period for a power-play goal. Patrick Berglund redirected the shot by Pietrangelo but Niemi never completely covered it. Charging the net, Pietrangelo pounced and knocked it in for a 2-0 lead.

Dallas cut the lead in half with 3:39 left in the second when Oleksiak beat Allen with a wrist shot from the right circle. Oleksiak skated around Perron and Pietrangelo to score.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	22	16	4	2	34	67	48
Ottawa	22	14	7	1	29	51	51
Tampa Bay	23	13	9	1	27	70	60
Boston	22	12	10	0	24	53	50
Florida	22	11	10	1	23	57	58
Toronto	21	9	8	4	22	66	69
Detroit	22	10	10	2	22	54	58
Buffalo	21	7	9	5	19	39	53
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	23	15	7	1	31	65	57
Pittsburgh	22	13	6	3	29	66	55
Washington	21	13	6	2	28	57	46
Columbus	20	11	5	4	26	62	47
New Jersey	21	10	6	5	25	53	55
Philadelphia	23	10	10	3	23	74	78
Carolina	21	9	8	4	22	52	56
N.Y. Islanders	21	7	10	4	18	51	64
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	23	14	6	3	31	66	59
St. Louis	23	13	7	3	29	62	63
Minnesota	21	11	7	3	25	58	42
Dallas	23	9	8	6	24	60	76
Nashville	21	10	8	3	23	60	54
Winnipeg	24	10	12	2	22	63	70
Colorado	20	9	10	1	19	44	58
Pacific Division							
Edmonton	23	12	9	2	26	68	59
Los Angeles	22	12	9	1	25	57	54
San Jose	22	12	9	1	25	52	48
Anaheim	22	10	8	4	24	57	54
Calgary	25	10	13	2	22	57	77
Vancouver	22	9	11	2	20	49	66
Arizona	20	8	10	2	18	50	63

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

Scores and schedules

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Islanders 2, Calgary 1, OT
St. Louis 4, Dallas 3, OT

Today's Games

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Arizona at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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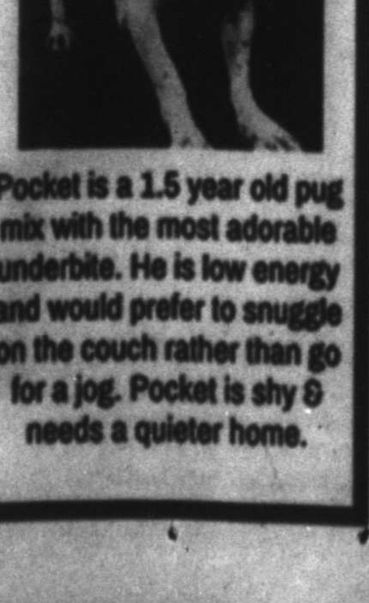


Pocket is a 1.5 year old pug mix with the most adorable underbite. He is low energy and would prefer to snuggle on the couch rather than go for a jog. Pocket is shy & needs a quieter home.

Cardinals, Panthers, Bengals, Packers — UGH!

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

The season wasn't supposed to go like this for the Cardinals and Panthers, Bengals and Packers. They combined to go 50-14 in 2015, all of them making the playoffs.

This season, heading into Green Bay's Monday night visit to Philadelphia, they are an ugly 15-26-2.

Maybe all of that losing is overlooked when the Browns are 0-12 and the Niners are 1-10, having dropped those 10 after winning their opener. It shouldn't be.

How did it go so bad?

Arizona

The Cardinals looked like the most-balanced roster in the NFL heading into September. While they've had their share of injuries — who hasn't? — their shortcomings have centered on disappointing performances from many of the people they were counting on heavily.

Start with Carson Palmer, who isn't making the big plays he produced last year and has thrown 11 interceptions to go with 15 TDs. He's made some bad decisions and hasn't gotten much production out of any skill position guys except running back David Johnson, who has been terrific, and the always reliable WR Larry Fitzgerald. Arizona struggles to protect the stationary quarterback, too.

Although the defense has some nice stats, it's also not making game-changing plays.

And special teams have been suspect.

Carolina

Clearly the strangest collapse of 2016. The Panthers remain a dangerous opponent, as they showed Sunday by storming back from a 17-point halftime deficit at Oakland before losing 35-32.

Super Bowl losers tend to struggle the next season, and Carolina is no exception, particularly in the secondary. Removing the franchise tag from 2015 All-Pro cornerback Josh Norman, who landed in Washington, has plagued the defense all season.

The offensive line is a mess, leading to Cam Newton's falloff from his MVP showing. Jonathan Stewart's injury badly damaged a running game that only now is recuperating.

Carolina also can't close, being outscored 128-75 in the fourth quarter. Close games have been going the other way, too, with five losses by three points or less.

"We are done comparing everything to last year," standout tight end Greg Olsen says. "The reality is that we are 4-7. It is a tough loss. Obviously, there are a lot of things that we could have done better to give us a better chance."

Cincinnati

Every coach, player and team executive will swear that past performances don't have much effect on current events. The Bengals might be better off living in the past, at least regular season-wise.

This franchise has made five straight trips to the postseason, losing in its first game each time. No matter what the Bengals say, that does wear on a team, particularly one with so many veterans who have gone through those January failures.

Cincinnati has the look of a group waiting for the opponent to seize control. Its meltdown in the wild-card matchup with Pittsburgh last season, a game the Bengals had no business blowing, sure seems to have caused a major hangover.

Add in having few complements to the wonderful A.J. Green, who is now sidelined; a leaky blocking unit; questionable coaching decisions by Marvin Lewis and his staff; and key mistakes by special teams.

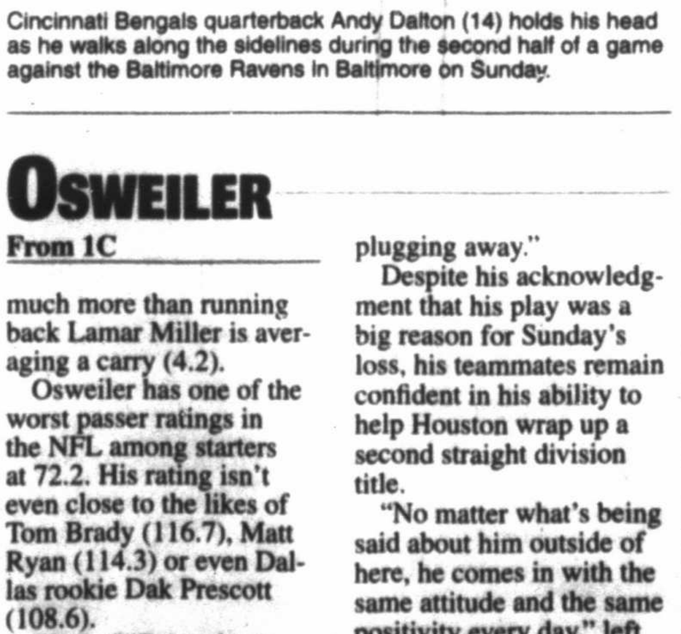
Green Bay

When you have a quarterback with a Hall of Fame-quality resume like Aaron Rodgers, and you've been to the playoffs seven straight seasons, expectations remain high. Results in 2016 have been low.

Don't blame Rodgers, who's trying to carry the offense without a recognizable running game and with a line so jumbled it looks like, well, Swiss cheese.

Of all the 2015 playoff teams who are spiraling this season, the Packers have had the worst injury epidemic. Their secondary is so undermanned it sometimes seems there's no one left to line up at cornerback.

Questions even have begun to arise about the job security of Mike McCarthy, despite his stellar career record. That's the usual fallout when projected contenders fall apart.



Associated Press

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton (14) holds his head as he walks along the sidelines during the second half of a game against the Baltimore Ravens in Baltimore on Sunday.

Osweiler

From 1C

much more than running back Lamar Miller is averaging a carry (4.2).

Osweiler has one of the worst passer ratings in the NFL among starters at 72.2. His rating isn't even close to the likes of Tom Brady (116.7), Matt Ryan (114.3) or even Dallas rookie Dak Prescott (108.6).

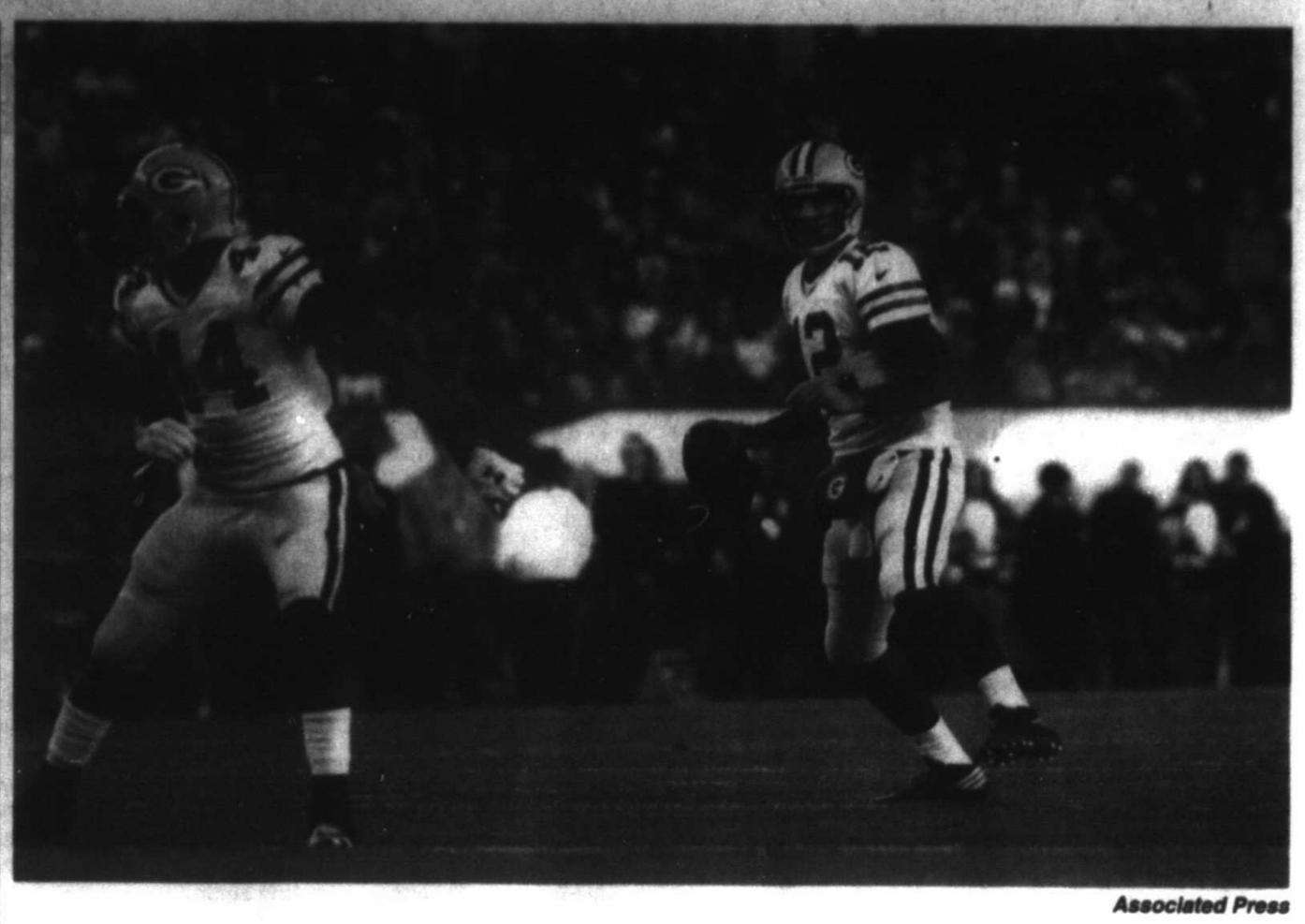
While O'Brien downplayed Osweiler's role in Houston's loss to the Chargers, the quarterback was quick to accept blame for letting the game get away.

"Obviously, (Sunday) did not go the way we wanted it to," Osweiler said. "I'm going to put that on my shoulders. I believe our team played great football, but I did not. I know we can accomplish what we want to, and we'll keep plugging away."

Despite his acknowledgment that his play was a big reason for Sunday's loss, his teammates remain confident in his ability to help Houston wrap up a second straight division title.

"No matter what's being said about him outside of here, he comes in with the same attitude and the same positivity every day," left tackle Duane Brown said. "So, he's a great leader. We definitely have a lot of confidence in him."

Osweiler and the Texans get their next chance when they begin a two-game stretch on the road with a trip to Green Bay. They'll look to win just their second road game this season when they meet the Packers after losing four of five away from Houston so far.



Associated Press

The Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers throws during the first half of a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday in Philadelphia.

Rodgers tosses 2 TDs, Packers beat Eagles 27-13

By Rob Maadi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to Davante Adams and the Green Bay Packers beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-13 Monday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Rodgers had 313 yards passing and Adams had 113 yards receiving to help send Philadelphia (5-6) to its first home loss this season.

The Packers (5-6) kept their sinking playoff hopes alive but they're still two games behind the Lions (7-4) in the NFC North.

Carson Wentz had 254 yards passing, ran for a score and threw an interception. The last-place Eagles are 2-6 since a 3-0 start.

Rodgers came out firing and led the Packers on consecutive touchdown drives to start the game. Rodgers extended the opening drive by running twice for 25 yards and tossed a 12-yard TD pass to Adams for a 7-0 lead.

After the Eagles answered on Wentz's 1-yard TD run , Rodgers led another 75-yard scoring drive. He threw a perfect 20-yard TD pass to Adams to give the Packers a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter. Nolan Carroll had excellent coverage on the play, but Rodgers put the ball in a tight spot and hit Adams in stride in the back of the end zone.

Aaron Ripkowski's 1-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter extended Green Bay's lead to 24-13.

The Eagles had allowed only three touchdowns at home while outscoring opponents 108-38 in their first four games at Lincoln Financial Field.

Green Bay gave up at least 30 points in each of its previous four games, including 89 in the last two. But the defense harassed Wentz and shut down the Eagles' inconsistent offense.

Philadelphia's Caleb Sturgis kicked field goals of 48 and 50 yards while Green Bay's Mason Crosby connected from 33 and 32 yards.

KEY STATS: The Packers were 10 for 14 on third down and 1 for 1 on fourth. The Eagles had no sacks and no takeaways.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	280	197
Miami	7	4	0	.636	249	240
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	281	236
N.Y.Jets	3	8	0	.273	196	266
South						
Houston	6	5	0	.545	194	236
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	270	301
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	214	293
North						
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	218	201
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	266	222
Cincinnati	3	7	1	.318	213	246
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352
West						
Oakland	9	2	0	.818	307	275
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	252	214
Denver	7	4	0	.636	286	219
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	313	291

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	10	1	0	.909	316	213
N.Y.Giants	8	3	0	.727	231	213
Washington	6	4	1	.591	280	264
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	254	213
South						
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	358	302
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	249	284
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	334	307
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	276	281
North						
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	247	238
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	218	182
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	274	289
Chicago	2	9	0	.182	178	264
West						
Seattle	7	3	1	.682	224	187
Arizona	4	6	1	.409	245	228
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	170	236
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	226	344

Scores and schedules

Sunday's Scores
Atlanta 38, Arizona 19
San Diego 21, Houston 13
Baltimore 19, Cincinnati 14
Buffalo 28, Jacksonville 21
Tennessee 27, Chicago 21
New Orleans 49, Los Angeles 21
N.Y.Giants 27, Cleveland 13
Miami 31, San Francisco 24
Tampa Bay 14, Seattle 5
New England 22, N.Y.Jets 17
Oakland 35, Carolina 32
Kansas City at Denver late
Monday's Score
Green Bay 27, Philadelphia 13
Thursday's Game
Dallas at Minnesota, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games (Dec. 4)
Kansas City at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Los Angeles at New England, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Denver at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Houston at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y.Giants at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

Boxes

Sunday's late box
CHIEFS 30, BRONCOS 27, OT

Kansas City	0	9	7	8	6	—30
Denver	0	3	7	14	3	—27

Second Quarter
KC—safety, 6:16
KC—Hill 86 kickoff return (Santos kick), 6:04
Den—FG McManus 33, 1:47
Third Quarter
Den—Taylor 6 pass from Siemian (McManus kick), 7:37
KC—Hill 3 run (Santos kick), :30
Fourth Quarter
Den—Sanders 35 pass from Siemian (McManus kick), 7:47
Den—Fowler 76 pass from Siemian (McManus kick), 3:00
KC—Hill 3 pass from A.Smith (D.Harris pass from A.Smith), :12
Overtime
Den—FG McManus 44, 8:51
KC—FG Santos 37, 4:19
KC—FG Santos 34, :02
A—78,819

	KC	Den
First downs	23	21
Total Net Yards	273	464
Rushes-yards	26-83	36-124
Passing	190	340
Comp-Att-Int	26-44-0	20-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-30	5-28
Punts	9-47.9	6-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	9-71	15-97
Time of Possession	37:39	37:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, S.Ware 17-64, West 3-8, K.Davis 3-6, Hill 1-3, A.Smith 2-2. Denver, Booker 24-79, Siemian 5-23, Bibbs 9-22.
PASSING—Kansas City, A.Smith 26-44-0-220. Denver, Siemian 20-34-0-368.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, Hill 9-52, Kelce 8-101, Conley 3-26, S.Ware 2-32, A.Wilson 2-6, De.Thomas 1-4, O'Shaughnessy 1-(minus 1). Denver, Sanders 7-162, Den.Thomas 5-60, Derby 4-43, Fowler 1-76, Booker 1-22, Taylor 1-6, Janovich 1-(minus 1).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, McManus 62.

PACKERS 27, EAGLES 13						
Green Bay	7	7	3	10	—27	
Philadelphia	7	3	3	0	—13	
First Quarter						
GB—Adams 12 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 9:51						
Phi—Wentz 1 run (Sturgis kick), 3:40						
Second Quarter						
GB—Adams 20 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 14:53						
Phi—FG Sturgis 48, :25						
Third Quarter						
GB—FG Crosby 33, 8:48						
Phi—FG Sturgis 50, 5:21						
Fourth Quarter						
GB—Ripkowski 1 run (Crosby kick), 13:53						
GB—FG Crosby 32, 1:57						
A—69,596						

	GB	Phi
First downs	25	20
Total Net Yards	387	292
Rushes-yards	28-74	18-81
Passing	313	211
Punt Returns	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-18	3-49
Interceptions Ret	1-12	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-39-0	24-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-43
Punts	1-43.0	2-35.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-51	7-42
Time of Possession	35:23	24:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Green Bay, Starks 17-41, A.Rodgers 5-26, Michael 1-4, Montgomery 1-2, Ripkowski 3-1. Philadelphia, Smallwood 9-37, Wentz 4-33, Sproles 3-6, Treggs 1-3, Barner 1-2.
PASSING—Green Bay, A.Rodgers 30-39-0-313. Philadelphia, Wentz 24-36-1-254.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, Nelson 8-91, Cobb 6-41, Adams 5-113, Starks 5-27, Ripkowski 2-15, Montgomery 2-12, Cook 1-7, Janis 1-7. Philadelphia, Green-Beckham 6-82, Sproles 5-48, Matthews 4-47, Ertz 3-36, Burton 3-10, Treggs 1-11, Barner 1-10, Smallwood 1-10.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Nobody's second-guessing Kubiak at Broncos HQ

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Nobody at Broncos headquarters is second-guessing Gary Kubiak's ill-fated decision to try a 62-yard field goal even though Brandon McManus's miss gave the Chiefs a short field to win it as overtime expired.

Not the coach himself.

Not his players.

Not even his boss.

"We're in this game to WIN," general manager John Elway tweeted Monday. "Although everyone's disappointed, we played hard and went down swinging!!!!"

Kubiak said he would have been conceding a tie at best had he opted to pin the Chiefs deep with a punt instead.

While that would have been difficult to take, at least it would have benefited the Broncos (7-4) in the standings, however. With the 30-27 loss, the Broncos (7-4) fell from the top-six in the AFC playoff chase , imperiling their chances of defending their Super Bowl title.

That didn't come into Kubiak's equation with Denver facing fourth-and-10 from the K.C. 44 with 1:08 left in overtime Sunday night.

During a timeout, he decided to go for the gusto.

"It's a tough kick but it's something he's done and it's me showing confidence in him and confidence in our defense if it doesn't happen," Kubiak said. "I believe in our football team."

When McManus missed, the Chiefs (8-3) got the ball at the Broncos 48 and Cairo Santos banked a 37-yarder off the left upright as time expired.

The Broncos players aren't joining the chorus of second-guessers.

"I wouldn't play for a tie, either," Von Miller said.

If you're looking for a scapegoat, Aqib Talib offered up Denver's defense, which couldn't close it out after Fowler's 76-yard touchdown catch put the Broncos seemingly safe ahead 24-16 with three minutes left in regulation.

With no timeouts, the Chiefs went 75 yards in 13 plays to force overtime. After hitting Tyreek Hill in front of cornerback Bradley Roby at the Denver 3 on fourth-and-10 with 15 seconds left, Alex Smith found Hill for the touchdown and Demetrius Harris for the tying 2-pointer.

"You give us an eight-point lead, man, I'll bet my game check ain't nobody's going to score on us," Talib said.

It seemed like a safe bet, though: The Chiefs had averaged just 12 yards on their first dozen drives, half of which were three-and-outs. But the Broncos suddenly fell apart, allowing the tying TD and field goals on both overtime possessions.

"We put that on us," Talib said. "First time that happened. First time the D. hasn't closed the game in a long time. And lesson learned. We had a lot of mistakes, a lot of penalties, a lot of busts in coverage. We can get better from that tape."

When Talib arrived at work Monday, he met with receiver Jordan Norwood, whom he'd shoved in the back following a second muffed punt that gave Kansas City the ball at midfield in the fourth quarter following a terrific defensive stand.

His first muff in the shadow of his own goal line led to a safety and subsequent touchdown return on the free kick, which put Denver in a 9-3 halftime hole despite allowing just 49 yards of offense.

His second muff came after the Chiefs were forced to punt from their own end zone on fourth-and-21.

As Norwood trudged off the field, an angry Talib shoved him toward the sideline.

Talib, Norwood and Kubiak all said Monday that it happened in the heat of the moment and was no longer an issue.

"I tell our players all the time we battle together, we don't battle each other," Kubiak said.

Talib, an emotional player who also bear-hugged Trevor Siemian after his fourth-quarter touchdown throw, said he apologized to Norwood, who said he accepted the gesture and was moving on.

"We were just playing football," Talib said. "We talked about it. We're all good, man."

"I think it's already squashed," Norwood said. "Me and Aqib sat down one-on-one and talked a little bit and made sure we're on the same page. He's an emotional player, everybody knows that, everybody sees that, and he wants this team to win — just as I do."

There were a couple of other calls by Kubiak that had the airwaves buzzing Monday.

He started Ty Sambrailo at right tackle but had to reinsert Donald Stephenson after an overwhelmed Sambrailo was whistled for holding and allowed two of Justin Houston's three sacks.

And he went for the extra point after Fowler's 76-yard touchdown made it 23-16. A successful 2-point conversion would have made it a two-score game. A 2-point failure and it's still a seven-point cushion.

"No, we're going up eight right there," Kubiak said.

So, he sent out McManus — same as he would do late in overtime for what would have been the longest overtime field goal in NFL history.

"My thing is that we're going to try to win around here," Kubiak said.

Kingsbury set to return as Texas Tech HC

By Don Williams
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Kliff Kingsbury will continue as Texas Tech's head coach and game-day playcaller, Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt said Sunday, but some of Kingsbury's day-to-day offensive duties will be delegated to other staff members so Kingsbury can be more involved with fixing the FBS' bottom-ranked defense.

Kingsbury

Hocutt cleared up speculation about Kingsbury's future, taking questions for nearly an hour at a press conference two days after Tech ended a 5-7 season with a 54-35 victory against Baylor.

"When your football season ends in November, it's not a good thing," Hocutt said. "Very disappointed with our performance this football season. That being said, I have a great amount of respect for the young men on this football team.

"I believed in Kliff Kingsbury when we hired him in December 2012, and I believe in Kliff Kingsbury today. I look forward to future success under his leadership as we move forward. I'm confident there are much better days ahead for Texas Tech football. Again, disappointed with where we are today, but optimistic about our future."

Kingsbury, 37, is 24-26 after four seasons as head coach. He is signed through 2020 and due to make $3.5 million next year with yearly increases to $4.1 million in 2020.

To change coaches, Tech would have to pay Kingsbury $9.4 million in buyout money over the next four years: $2.625 million in 2017, $2.775 million in 2018, $1.95 million in 2019 and $2.05 million in 2020.

Hocutt said that was not a factor in his decision, but rather continuing with Kingsbury is "the right thing for Texas Tech."

"I believe in Kliff," he said. "He's got the characteristics of being a very successful head coach. I see each and every day how he leads young men. I see the way these young men within this program respond to his leadership, and that's positive."

Hocutt said Kingsbury has a foundation in place, but the potential for early success was disrupted by the staff's decision to heavily recruit junior-college defensive players after Kingsbury's first season and by completely overturning the strength and conditioning coaching staff after his third season.

Discontent bubbled up when West Virginia beat Tech 48-17 on Oct. 15 in Lubbock and when Iowa State routed Tech 66-10 on Nov. 19, a cold day in Ames.

Hocutt said the Red Raiders' good showing Friday did not save Kingsbury's job.

"It's not made upon the results of one particular game," he said. "It's what I see in the environment and the culture taking place within Texas Tech football that I still believe the foundation is there for success.

"That being said, none of us are happy — believe me — with standing here at a 5-7 season. Our season is over. You turn in the pads in November, that's not a good thing — and don't plan to be in this position again."

Hocutt said he also expects David Gibbs will continue as defensive coordinator, though that decision and any other staff changes are up to Kingsbury. However, Tech gave up more than 42 points in eight games this season, and that will become more of Kingsbury's focus.

"Coach Kingsbury and I have spent a considerable amount of time talking about that," Hocutt said. "I think continuity in scheme, continuity in staff is important, and I think as we move forward, Coach Kingsbury will become much more involved and engaged on the defensive side of the ball than he's ever been as a head coach up to this point in his career at Texas Tech.

"I look for coach Kingsbury to have much greater involvement and engagement on the defensive side of the ball beginning this spring as this program moves forward."

Hocutt said Kingsbury's need to be more involved with the defense was "obvious to him" and something Kingsbury "self-identified" as a need.

Kingsbury will continue to call plays, but Hocutt said other staff members will need to take on more day-to-day oversight of offensive planning so Kingsbury can be more involved with the defense, which ranks No. 128 of the 128 FBS teams.

MHS

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his coaching staff installed a no-huddle, quick-tempo attack, implemented a zone-read rushing style patterned after the University of Tulsa offense and added more short passes to take advantage of their speed at wide receiver.

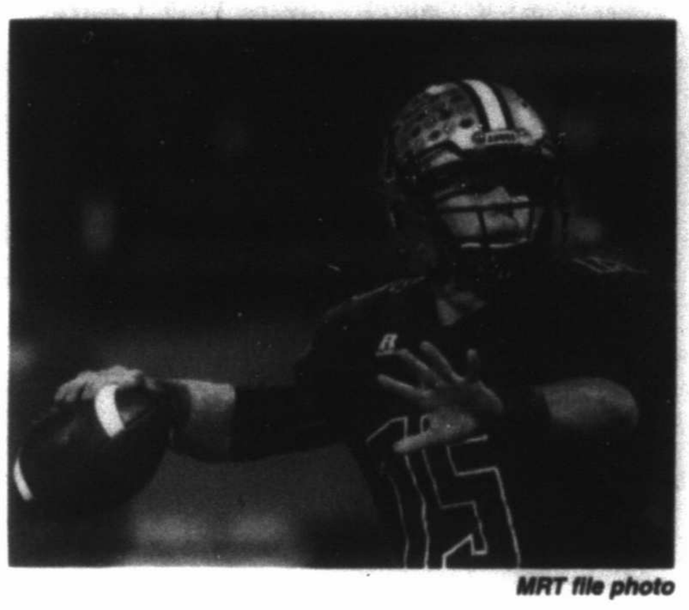
The changes worked wonders as MHS scored 517 points and averaged 457.8 yards per game.

Bulldogs quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz had the most prolific passing season in school history with single-season records that included 3,084 passing yards, 36 touchdown passes and 3,649 yards of total offense.

The record breaking didn't stop there as Jalen Childress (951 receiving yards) and McLane Mannix (941 yards) finished 1-2 in the single-season receiving yards leaders for Midland High.

"Putting it out there during spring practice, you're still kind of nervous about some of the changes," Yenzer said. "The fact that our kids embraced that and then took it to the next level was pretty impressive on their part."

"To see them take to that level and really execute on the field the things that they did, it was real impressive," Yenzer added. "I think it speaks to the character of our kids, how they really took the coaching and believed in what we're trying to do and the changes that we're trying to make."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Midland High's Jackson Anuszkiewicz passes against Odessa High on Nov. 4 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Yenzer knows this senior class will be difficult to replace, but he believes their impact will live on through future classes.

"We're going to be back to kind of square one with graduating 51 seniors and so many starters," Yenzer said. "It's going to be a challenge for our program. But hopefully as we move forward the young kids learn a lot from what our seniors accomplished and how they went about accomplishing it. Hopefully the senior class has established enough tradition that our younger kids will grab a hold of that and take it to the next level."

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2016 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS
(9-3, 9-1)

Opponents	100	108	57	117	—379
MHS	146	143	120	108	—517

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ricky Hubert	189	1,220	6.5	18
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	103	565	5.5	7
Nick Hernandez	48	257	5.4	3
Jalen Childress	9	101	11.2	3
Tim Gates	6	47	7.8	0
Ryan Perales	5	33	6.6	1
Julieon Bowers	3	31	10.3	1
McLane Mannix	1	12	12.0	0
Gyrion Scurlark	1	7	7.0	0
Caedon McDonald	1	3	3.0	0
Team	2	-16	-8.0	0
Totals	368	2,260	6.1	33

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	160	287	14	3,084	36
Ryan Perales	13	14	0	150	1
Totals	193	301	14	3,234	37

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jalen Childress	47	951	20.2	10
McLane Mannix	47	941	20.0	12
Courtney McMaryion	40	599	15.0	8
Julieon Bowers	35	526	15.0	5
Michael Galindo	4	100	25.5	1
Greyson Brockington	4	66	16.5	0
Caedon McDonald	3	24	8.0	0
Damien Fuentez	2	12	6.0	0
Greyson Brockington	1	11	11.0	0
Michael Holley	1	8	8.0	0
Ricky Hubert	5	2	0.4	0
Trystin Pallares	1	2	2.0	0
Nick Hernandez	1	1	1.0	0
Andre Ritchie	1	-4	-4.0	0
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	1	-5	-5.0	0
Totals	160	3,234	16.8	37

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	In20
McLane Mannix	31	1,049	33.8	67	4

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Ricky Hubert	18	0	0	0	108
Ignacio Correa	0	61	0	6	79
Jalen Childress	13	0	0	0	78
McLane Mannix	12	0	2	0	76
Courtney McMaryion	8	0	0	0	48
Julieon Bowers	7	0	0	0	42
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	7	0	0	0	42
Nick Hernandez	3	0	1	0	20
Cassidy Thornton	2	0	0	0	12
Michael Galindo	1	0	0	0	6
Ryan Perales	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	72	61	3	6	517

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	S	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Sims	80	41	121	0	2	3	3	10
Essman	75	31	106	1	4	4	0	2
Barron	74	33	107	4	9	1	0	3
McCallester	66	26	92	0	7	2	0	7
Wood	50	29	79	0	4	1	1	2
Springer	47	17	64	3	15	0	0	4
Thornton	34	10	44	0	0	0	4	6
Abney	31	14	45	2	3	1	0	1
N. Marquez	30	5	35	0	0	0	0	4
Echols	25	24	49	2	3	0	0	1
Klattenhoff	16	9	27	0	0	0	1	0
Mayes	14	8	22	0	0	0	0	1
McCullough	16	14	30	1	3	1	0	0
Taylor	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	12	14	26	1	4	0	0	0
Hernandez	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
Marker	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
I. Marquez	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	6	1	7	0	1	0	0	0
Nabarrette	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sapien	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Reeves	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hubert	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Montoya	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Bowers	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tagle	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Correa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chandler	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gates	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Acrey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCarty	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST: solo tackle, AT: assisted tackle, TT: total tackles, S: sack, TFL: tackle for loss, FR: fumble recovery, PBU: pass breakup

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,260	188.3	3,234	269.5	549.4	457.8

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
3,491	290.9	1,700	141.6	5,191	432.6

HONOREES

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which included tight end Isaiah Nunez, safety Taye Britt and utility player Connor Friel.

District 2-6A champion San Angelo Central captured three of the four superlatives, as quarterback Cal Vincent was named Offensive MVP, linebacker Gehrig Scott was recognized as Defensive MVP and Brent Davis was voted Coach of the Year.

Central led with 11 first-team representatives.

DISTRICT 2-6A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM
x-denotes unanimous selection

Superlatives

Offensive MVP — QB Cal Vincent, Sr. San Angelo Central
Defensive MVP — x-LB Gehrig Scott, Sr. San Angelo Central
Newcomer of the Year — RB Josh Traylor, Sr., Lee
Coach of the Year — Brent Davis, San Angelo Central

First team offense

Quarterback — Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Sr. Midland High
Running backs — x-Daven Manning, Sr. San Angelo Central; x-Ricky Hubert, Sr. Midland High
Ed Williams, So., Odessa Permian
Fullback — Rambo Luhizo, Sr. Amarillo Tascosa
Receivers — x-McLane Mannix, Sr. Midland High; Jalen Childress, Sr. Midland High; Adam West, Sr. San Angelo Central; Henry Teeter, Jr. San Angelo Central
Tight end — Isaiah Nunez, Jr., Lee
Center — x-Cameron Cross, Sr. San Angelo Central
Guards — x-Jarrett Hill, Jr. San Angelo Central; Juan Vasquez, Jr. Midland High
Tackles — Peyton Hesting, Sr., Midland High
Gunner Coach: So. San Angelo Central
Kicker — Ignacio Correa, Sr., Midland High

First team defense

Defensive ends — x-Henry Howard, Sr. San Angelo Central; Dillon Springer, Sr. Midland High
Defensive tackles — x-Cedrick Smith, Sr. San Angelo Central; Ashton Burns, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa
Inside linebackers — x-Scooter Garcia, So. Wolfforth Frenship; Cameron Geiger, Sr. San Angelo Central
Outside linebackers — x-Ty Harmon, Sr. San Angelo Central; Matt Jones, So., Odessa Permian
Cornerbacks — Jacoby Thornton, Jr., Midland High; Dedrick Howard, Sr. San Angelo Central
Safeties — Taye Britt, Sr., Lee; Brock Martin, Sr. San Angelo Central; Bert Morris, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa
Punter — McLane Mannix, Sr., Midland High
Utility — Connor Friel, Sr., Lee

Second team offense

Quarterback — Sema'J Davis, Sr., Lee
Running backs — King Downs, So. Amarillo Tascosa; Deveion Gray, Jr., Amarillo Tascosa; Keve Robinson, Jr. Odessa High
Fullback — Bolton Huerta, Sr. Wolfforth Frenship
Receivers — Courtney McMaryion, Sr., Midland High; Colby Standard, Jr., Lee; Justin Hammond, So. Odessa Permian; Maverick McIvor, So. San Angelo Central
Tight end — Zae Brown, Jr., Odessa High
Center — Tanner Phillips, Sr., Midland High
Guards — Jacob Lott, Jr., Amarillo Tascosa; Dawson Reynolds, So., Odessa Permian
Tackles — Guillermo Hernandez, Sr., Lee; Jayce Rush, Sr., Odessa Permian; Brodrick Howard, So., San Angelo Central; Adren Gomez, Sr. Amarillo Tascosa
Kicker — Marc Cabrera, Sr. San Angelo Central

Second team defense

Defensive ends — Elbert Paulk III, Sr. San Angelo Central; Isaiah Nunez, Jr., Lee; O'Ryan Farley, Jr., Odessa Permian; Jacob Piel, Sr. Wolfforth Frenship
Defensive tackles — Donnie Bowers, Sr., San Angelo Central; Mason Hubbard, Sr., Lee; Hunter Stallard, Sr., Wolfforth Frenship
Inside linebackers — Silas Auvermann, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Joseph Barron, Sr., Midland High
Outside linebackers — Dustin Hunt, Sr., Lee; Preston Bradic, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa
Cornerbacks — Noah Marquez, Sr., Midland High; Nick McCauley, Jr., Wolfforth Frenship
Safeties — Preston Ellison, Jr., Odessa Permian; Chris Sims, Sr., Midland High
Punter — Carlos Lopez, Jr., Amarillo Tascosa

Honorable mention offense

Quarterbacks — Steve Steen, Jr., Odessa Permian; Brock Mooneyham, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Zac Zimmer, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa
Receivers — Bert Morris, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Camdyn Carswell, Jr., Wolfforth Frenship; Thomas Ayeh, Sr., San Angelo Central; Brandon White, So., Amarillo Tascosa; Sheldon Bass, So., Lee; Payton Tranum, Sr., Lee; Grant Brown, Jr., Lee; Julieon Bowers, Sr., Midland High
Centers — Frank Richard, Sr., Wolfforth Frenship; Cormac Fish, Jr., Lee
Tackles — Desmond Salamanca, Sr., San Angelo Central; Bailey Perez, Sr., Odessa High; Roy Garcia, Sr., Odessa High; Guillermo Hernandez, Sr. Lee; Noah Payan, Sr., Midland High
Kicker — Nathan Bowden, Sr., Lee

Honorable mention defense

Defensive ends — Jacqui Polk, Sr., Lee; Willie Echols, Sr., Midland High
Defensive tackles — Estevan McClure, Sr., Odessa High; Stetson Abney, Jr., Midland High
Inside linebackers — Tanner Adams, So., Odessa Permian; Smith Eseman, So., Midland High
Outside linebackers — Kobie McCallester, Sr., Midland High; Tyson Banks, Sr., Odessa Permian; Reed Anastasio, Sr., Odessa High; Jorge Lopez, Sr., Odessa High; Hoit Wood, Sr., Midland High
Cornerbacks — Gage Smith, Jr., San Angelo Central; Julio Diaz, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Aaron Ochoa, Jr., Odessa High
Safeties — Elijah Prince, Jr., Lee; Justyce Boozeegra, Jr., Wolfforth Frenship; Chatts Russell Sr., San Angelo Central; Colby Williams, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Colton Beard, Sr., Odessa High

Big 12 has 3 games left, will leave 1 bowl spot unfilled

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

The winner of the Big 12 Conference's de facto championship game will get a sweet prize indeed.

While Oklahoma or Oklahoma State will be headed to the Sugar Bowl, the Big 12 overall won't have enough eligible teams to fill its seven guaranteed bowl spots.

Six Big 12 teams still have their regular-season finales to play Saturday, including the Bedlam rivalry game that will determine the conference champ. All of those teams already have six wins (or more) needed for bowl eligibility.

But none of the four teams that ended last weekend, including Texas and Texas Tech at 5-7, have winning records.

Seventh-ranked Oklahoma (9-2, 8-0 Big 12) and 11th-ranked Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1) are both without a loss since September. In the other Big 12 regular-season finales, 14th-ranked West Virginia (9-2, 6-2) hosts Baylor (6-5, 3-5); and TCU (6-5, 4-4) is home against Kansas State (7-4, 5-3).

"I think our people would be fired up about the opportunity to be in a New Year's Day bowl," coach Mike Gundy said Monday about the possibility of returning to the Sugar Bowl, where the Cowboys lost 48-20 last January.

"We had a great experience. We didn't play as well as we wanted to," he said. "We were not a very healthy football team at that time and played a really, really good Ole Miss team."

Oklahoma beat Alabama 45-31 in the Sugar Bowl three seasons ago, but last year was in the four-team playoff.

The Sooners, with eight wins in a row since losing two non-conference games, were eighth in the CFP ranking last week.

The winner of the Big Ten championship game — Wisconsin or Penn State — will have two losses, but both were also ahead of the Sooners. So were the potential ACC and Pac-12 champions.

With the Big 12 champion headed to the Sugar Bowl, or the runner-up if the champion somehow gets into the playoff, these are the league's other bowl spots to be filled:

The Alamo Bowl (vs. Pac-12) gets the second pick from Big 12 teams, followed by the Russell Athletic Bowl (vs. ACC), the Texas Bowl (vs. SEC), the Liberty Bowl (vs. SEC) and the Cactus Bowl (vs. Pac-12). That would leave the Armed Forces Bowl, with the smallest payout, without a Big 12 team for its game in TCU's home stadium.

Some other notes from the final Big 12 coaches teleconference of the season:

Unselfish Mountaineers

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen has often talked about how unselfish his team is this season. The latest example is freshman running back Martell Pettaway, who had his redshirt pulled in the 11th game because of injuries, then ran 30 times for 180 yards and a touchdown. "We had no choice," Holgorsen said. "If he was a selfish guy, he wouldn't have been on board with that. ... He took advantage of his opportunity."

Not everybody

Only the six coaches with games left took part in Monday's call. The leadoff spot held the past three seasons by Texas coach Charlie Strong, who was fired and replaced by Tom Herman, was silent, as were the usual slots for David Beaty of Kansas (2-10), Matt Campbell of Iowa State (3-9) and Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech (5-7).

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Duncanville (11-2) vs. Allen (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Round Rock (10-3) vs. The Woodlands (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Galena Park North Shore (12-1) vs. Humble Atascocita (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Lake Travis (12-1) vs. Austin Westlake (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

Region I

State Quarterfinals

DeSoto (13-0) vs. Cedar Hill (11-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Klein Collins (12-1) vs. Spring Westfield (10-3), TBD

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Cypress Ridge (11-2) vs. Katy Cinco Ranch (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Cibolo Steele (12-1) vs. SA Churchill (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Denton Ryan (13-0) vs. Colleyville Heritage (10-3), 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Dallas Highland Park (11-2) vs. Mansfield Legacy (11-2), 5:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Manvel (13-0) vs. Temple (10-3), TBD

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Richmond Foster (13-0) vs. Dripping Springs (12-1), TBD

CLASS 3A DIVISION II

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Sagnaw Boswell (9-4) vs. Aledo (13-0), 9 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Mesquite Poteet (10-3) vs. Lancaster (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midlothian's MISD Stadium

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Fort Bend Marshall (11-2) vs. College Station (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Prairie View A&M

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Victoria East (10-3) vs. CC Calallen (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Levelland (10-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Kennedale (10-3) vs. Van (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Stafford (10-3) vs. Carthage (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Waco La Vega (13-0) vs. China Spring (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Seminole (9-3) vs. Sweetwater (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Celina (11-2) vs. Gilmer (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Giddings (11-2) vs. West Orange-Stark (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Geronimo Navarro (13-0) vs. Cuero (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 3A DIVISION I

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Wall (10-3) vs. Brock (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Region II

State Quarterfinals

Pittsboro (11-2) vs. Mineola (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Malakoff (13-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Hallettsville (13-0) vs. Yoakum (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

Region I

State Quarterfinals

Canadian (11-2) vs. Bowie (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II

Regional

Gunter 31, Henrietta 3
Winona 35, Whitewright 28

State Quarterfinals

Gunter (13-0) vs. Winona (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Forney's City Bank Stadium

Region III

Regional

Newton 30, Elysian Fields 20
Arp 35, Crockett 32

State Quarterfinals

Newton (13-0) vs. Arp (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches' Dragon Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Lexington 38, East Bernard 35
Boling 62, Odem 35

State Quarterfinals

Lexington (11-2) vs. Boling (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Navasota

CLASS 2A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Abernathy 24, Post 21
Anson 43, Forsan 31

State Quarterfinals

Abernathy (11-2) vs. Anson (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Snyder

Region II

Regional

De Leon 30, Windthorst 14
Crawford 27, Mart 20

State Quarterfinals

De Leon (11-2) vs. Crawford (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Region III

Regional

Centerville 43, Lovelady 14
Price Carlisle 28, San Augustine 14

State Quarterfinals

Centerville (10-3) vs. Price Carlisle (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Palestine's Wildcat Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Mason 55, Normangee 18
Refugio 36, Ben Bolt 22

State Quarterfinals

Mason (11-2) vs. Refugio (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

Seagraves 29, Roscoe 21
Wellington 38, Hamlin 0

State Quarterfinals

Seagraves (10-3) vs. Wellington (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Region II

Regional

Iraan 33, Albany 14
Munday 40, Muenster 34

State Quarterfinals

Iraan (13-0) vs. Munday (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Colorado City

Region III

State Quarterfinals

Bremond (13-0) vs. Tenaha (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, College Station's Cougar Field

Region IV

State Quarterfinals

Burton (12-1) vs. Fistonia (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings

CLASS 1A 6M-MAN DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Happy (13-0) vs. Gail Borden County (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Levelland
Jonesboro (13-0) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Springtown

CLASS 1A 6M-MAN DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Turkey Valley (11-2) vs. Balmorhea (13-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Gail
Crowell (11-1) vs. Richland Springs (13-0), TBD

Tiger gets back to golf with questions about head, not body

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods has gone through two back surgeries since he last played a golf tournament 15 months ago. He had another back surgery that knocked him out of the Masters for the first time in 2014. He had four knee surgeries before that.

Woods

None of that matters to Ernie Els when Woods returns to competition this week.

Els is more curious about what's going on in his head.

"The talent's there. It's been proven. It doesn't go away," Els said. "It's what you think of yourself. It's what you think where you are. We look at this great player, but he's not seeing the same stuff in his own mind. A lot of us are like that. When you've achieved as much as he has ... it's a shock to the system not to play as good as you have been. To look at other people looking at you like, 'Hey, you're not the same guy,' that's hard to take."

Els, perhaps more than any other player, has a deep golfing connection with Woods.

He was the player Woods sought out 20 years ago at Royal Lytham & St. Annes when deciding whether to turn pro. They had so many meaningful battles, and Woods almost always got the better of him. Els was runner-up to Woods seven times, the most of any player.

Els designed the Albany golf course where Woods comes back from the longest layoff of his career. He plans to be in the Bahamas, and he is as eager as anyone else to see how a guy who won 79 times on the PGA Tour, including 14 majors, stacks up against a generation that grew up in awe of how Woods played golf.

The Hero World Challenge is a holiday tournament with an 18-man field and no cut. Even so, it commands as much attention as any tournament this year. Woods has been a star attraction his entire career, and the appetite is even stronger after an absence that dates to Aug. 23, 2015.

"I can't wait to watch, either, just to see him play," Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III said. "The last time I saw him play, I won. It's hard to believe it's been that long. I've seen his swing. I've seen him on video. He's sent me clips, and I've heard the description of how he feels. I'm excited to see him play."

"You've got to start somewhere," he added. "And I want to see the start."

Woods already has had one false start. He signed up to play the Safeway Open, only to pull out three days later because he said he felt "vulnerable." That followed a week as assistant captain at the Ryder Cup, and cramming in practice the week before with results that made him want to wait.

Love won the Wyndham Championship last year in August at age 51, and it could easily have served as a model for Woods — a power player no longer in his prime, not among the biggest hitters anymore, but with enough experience and talent to find a way to score and to win.

"It has to motivate him that Vijay Singh is lasting until 53, that Ernie is still competitive, that Davis is still competitive," Love said. "He knows Jack Nicklaus won the Masters in 1986 playing part-time. He knows what everybody has done. I know he's working hard not to come back and be average. He wants to come back and win again."

That might be expecting too much, way too soon.

Woods hasn't won a tournament since his seven-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational in 2013, the year he won five times and was PGA Tour player of the year. He hasn't had a serious chance at winning since his tournament three years ago when it was at Sherwood Country Club. Zach Johnson holed a wedge from the drop zone to force a playoff, and won when Woods missed a 5-foot putt in the playoff.

No other player has ever faced so much scrutiny, especially now.

"I won't be able to turn the TV on, or the radio on, or look at my phone without knowing what he shot," Jim Furyk said. "The expectations are so high. ... Every pitch shot, every putt, every 3-footer, it's not under public scrutiny like he has. I guess you live by the sword, die by the sword. That's why he's Tiger Woods. It's a tough situation."

Woods said his health had nothing to do with pulling out of the Safeway Open, and Els believes him. He says Woods is in better shape than some players in their 20s. Then again, he has accumulated plenty of emotional baggage over the last several years, on and off the golf course.

"They physical side is not an issue. It's the other side that's an issue, whatever is blocking him," Els said. "But you've got to get on the horse. You can't be standing on the sidelines. You've got to get out there. ... Hopefully, he plays well, really, for his own goodness, his own sake, his own mental sake. If he plays well, it would be great. He'll have hope and start a good schedule. If it goes the other way, he's behind the 8-ball again."

Free-agent compensation, international draft top MLB issues

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires Thursday. After eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball has had 21 years of labor peace.

Some of the issues in negotiations:

Free agency compensation

Compensation for the loss of free agents has been an issue since the free-agent era began in 1976. The statistical ranking system established in the 1981 strike settlement was scrapped in the current agreement that began with the 2012-13 offseason and replaced by qualifying offers: A team would be entitled to draft-pick compensation if a player left as a free agent after failing to accept a one-year contract for the average salary among the 125 highest-paid players ($17.2 million this year) and the signing club would lose a top pick. Five of 64 free agents who received qualifying offers accepted during the current agreement, and some less-than-premier free agents who received offers said their market was limited by teams not wanting to give up draft selections.

International amateur draft

Commissioner Rob Manfred has said restraints on contracts for international amateur players have not been as effective as management had hoped, and he is a proponent of an international draft that would cover residents outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The union has been resistant.

Current amateur draft

Teams spent $234 million in the 2011 draft on amateurs residing in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The total dropped to $209 million in the first year of restraints, went up to $220 million the following year, then rose to $224 million in 2014, $249 million in 2015 and $268 million this year. The sides are negotiating the slot figures used to determine signing bonus pools and the penalties for exceeding pools. Some have expressed concern that the slot values early in the first round encourage a team not headed to the postseason to tank in the final weeks to get higher draft picks and a larger signing bonus pool.

Luxury tax

One of the last items in the negotiations will be the luxury tax. The threshold for the tax has been $189 million for the past three years, and for the past four years, the rate has been 17.5 percent for the first time over the threshold, increasing to 30 percent for the second time in a row, 40 percent for the third and 50 percent for the fourth or subsequent. An increase to $200 million or more is likely, which should lead to greater spending by high-revenue teams currently at or above the threshold. The union and some teams would like the rate to reset for all teams in 2017.

Roster size

The sides have discussed an increase from 25 active to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31. In an effort to keep late-season rules closer to the ones used for most of the season, the active limit would decrease from 40 to 28 or 29 from Sept. 1 through the end of regular season.

Drug agreement and domestic violence

Management proposed changes that would make rules stricter in both the joint drug agreement of 2014 and the domestic violence agreement of 2015.

Schedule rules

Concerned about players getting run down, the sides discussed a possible extension of the season from 183 days to 187 days. That appears unlikely, but there probably will be more restrictions on the scheduling of night games on getaway days.

Pace of play

Management would like to have pitch clocks, which have been used at Triple-A and Double-A for the past two seasons, and restrictions on trips to the mound. Players generally have resisted any changes to the natural flow of the game.

Minimum salary

Expect a rise in the minimum salary, which was $507,500 in the major leagues last season and $82,700 for a minor league player on a 40-man big league roster for at least a second season and $41,400 for a first.

Revenue sharing

The sides have discussed changes to the revenue-sharing rules, which included a market disqualification test that prevented both teams from New York, Los Angeles and Chicago from receiving any revenue-sharing money in 2016, along with Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Texas, Toronto and Washington.

Salary arbitration

Under the current agreement, the top 22 percent of players by service time of those with two or more years of major league service and less than three are eligible for arbitration, along with players with at least three years but less than six. Change in eligibility has not gotten much attention.

Smokeless tobacco

Management has discussed a ban on the use of smokeless tobacco during games. The union has resisted, maintaining that using smokeless tobacco is legal and a matter of individual choice, but in the 2012-16 agreement the union did agree that players may not carry tobacco packages and tins in their back pockets when fans are permitted in the ballpark, and players may not use tobacco during pregame or postgame interviews, and at team functions.

Brazil's new coach: Bring on Germany, Italy and Spain

By Mauricio Savarese and Stephen Wade
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's new coach is tearing up South American World Cup qualifying. In six matches in charge, Adenor Leonardo Bacchi — known universally as Tite (pronounced Chi-Chi) — has won all six.

Bacchi

Now he's offering to challenge Europe's best, including defending champion Germany, as the five-time World Cup winners prepare for the 2018 World Cup in Russia, where they are likely to be among the favorites.

"Let's play against Italy away," Tite said Monday in a 35-minute interview with The Associated Press. "Spain, Germany, Portugal away."

Tite also mentioned playing England at Wembley, which he called "the temple of football."

Tite, speaking in his modest office surrounded by TVs, a blackboard, and books, said he didn't expect his team's quick success. But now that it's come and with Brazil not playing in next year's Confederations Cup — the World Cup warmup — he must look elsewhere.

"Since we won't play in the Confederations Cup to feel the heat, the adrenaline, we will try another way." He said Brazil needs "to play away so we feel that weight. So we have a solid performance in different venues."

Tite is certainly interested in Germany, which humiliated Brazil 7-1 in the World Cup semifinals 2 ½ years ago in the Brazilian city of Belo Horizonte.

"The first step is to play a friendly against them, wherever they want in Germany," he said.

The European schedule could become a reality quickly. Brazil, which leads South American qualifying, could officially qualify for Russia in its next two qualifiers in March against Uruguay and Paraguay.

Brazil defeated Argentina 3-0 and Peru 2-0 in its last two qualifiers in November, and moved to No. 2 in the world rankings behind Argentina.

Brazil has become less dependent on Barcelona star Neymar in the last few matches since Tite took over after Dunga was fired.

In the meantime, he has discovered several rising stars that have made Brazil a team — not a one-player show.

"If Brazil depends only on Neymar there will be a problem with Brazil, not with Neymar," Tite explained. "Brazil needs the individual creativity of Neymar, Philippe Coutinho, Douglas Costa. But it needs the collective creativity that sometimes people don't pay attention to."

Tite also said that Neymar's clash with Spanish tax authorities was "personal" though he added that there's not much he can do about it.

Tite is counting on improvement from his No. 9, 19-year-old Gabriel Jesus, who is moving to Manchester City in January from Brazil club Palmeiras. He expects him to be as good in Europe as he's been in Brazil.

"His level of performance will be very similar, with some tactical adjustments, of course," Tite said.

Asked about investigations into CBF President Marco Polo del Nero, who has been indicted by U.S. authorities for corruption, Tite said "those responsible are the ones that have to pay."

He declined to say more, but last year he signed a petition asking for Del Nero to resign.

Tite will be on the road in the next few days. On Thursday he is off to Spain to see Barcelona play Real Madrid. A big believer in scouting his players, he also expects to watch Brazilian players at Paris Saint-Germain.

The former coach of Sao Paulo club Corinthians, Tite is also a student of the game. He is reading former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson's autobiography, and the copy already is full of footnotes and notations.

2017 F1 championship set to showcase young talent

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Next year's Formula One championship promises to showcase young driving talent keen to emulate 19-year-old rising star Max Verstappen.

Goodbye Felipe Massa, hello Lance Stroll.

So long Jenson Button, welcome Stoffel Vandoorne.

As 30-somethings Massa and Button leave F1 with more than 550 races between them, they will be replaced by the 18-year-old Stroll and the 24-year-old Vandoorne — two of the fresh faces on a new-look grid.

Stroll is taking Massa's seat at Williams, while Vandoorne is replacing Button at McLaren.

Others, like Frenchman Esteban Ocon, will be keen to make an impression in the way Verstappen has done.

Verstappen, the youngest driver to win an F1 race when he won the Spanish GP in May when still 18, already has seven podium finishes.

But the others are largely untested.

Vandoorne has raced once this year, as a stand-in for Fernando Alonso at the Bahrain GP in April, while Ocon has nine races after making his F1 debut at the Belgian GP in August.

But it will be new territory for Stroll, the son of Canadian billionaire investor Lawrence Stroll.

Williams announced earlier this month that Stroll would be taking the seat vacated by Massa, who is retiring.

Stroll, who was part of the prestigious Ferrari driver academy, won this year's European Formula 3 championship by a large margin.

"I want to be a quick driver — maybe the quickest one day," he said. "If Williams didn't think that I am ready, I wouldn't be here."

Williams' deputy team principal Claire Williams certainly thinks he is.

"He's absolutely got the talent. We are going to have high expectations of him next year," she said. "Anyone that has met Lance knows and understands that he deserves that promotion into Formula One. He's extremely intelligent, a very quick learner."

Stroll will be the youngest driver on the grid and F1's youngest since Verstappen made his debut last year at 17.

Stroll, the first Canadian in F1 since 1997 champion Jacques Villeneuve, has been financially backed by his father since he was eight.

"Without that (backing) I wouldn't have been able to move from Canada to Europe and pursue my dream," he said. "No matter how much money you have, if you are not able to be quicker than the rest you don't get anywhere."

His father's influence helped his son get a taste for the sport.

"I watched F1 races with my dad early on Sunday mornings in Canada when I was very young. Then I got hooked," Stroll said. "When I look back at those days, it was fantastic sharing this passion for motorsport with my dad. Michael Schumacher was also a huge inspiration for me."

Vandoorne, meanwhile, won the GP2 series last year, and is so highly rated that Mercedes head of motorsport Toto Wolff said in August that McLaren would be "crazy" not to take him.

Filling in for Alonso in Bahrain, the Belgian driver made an immediate impression.

In qualifying, he was actually faster than Button — the 2009 F1 champion — and finished a creditable 10th in the race.

Ocon made his F1 debut a month before his 20th birthday. He began this year racing for Mercedes in Germany's DTM touring car championship and was a reserve driver for Renault until the Manor F1 team snapped him up.

He will have a quicker car when he joins Force India next season on a multi-year contract, replacing German Nico Hulkenberg, who will drive for Renault.

Ocon has strong credentials, winning the European F3 series in 2014. That year, Verstappen finished third.

"As much as it's sad to be losing a couple of the Formula One legend drivers, it's going to be really exciting next year," Williams said.

The first race of the season is the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on April 26, where German driver Nico Rosberg will defend his title after clinching it at Sunday's Abu Dhabi GP.

F1 POINTS LEADERS

Final

1. Nico Rosberg, 385 points
2. Lewis Hamilton, 380
3. Daniel Ricciardo, 256
4. Sebastian Vettel, 212
5. Max Verstappen, 204
6. Kimi Raikkonen, 186
7. Sergio Perez, 101
8. Valtteri Bottas, 85
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 72
10. Fernando Alonso, 54
11. Felipe Massa, 53
12. Carlos Sainz, 46
13. Romain Grosjean, 29
14. Daniil Kvyat, 25
15. Jenson Button, 21
16. Kevin Magnussen, 7
17. Felipe Nasr, 2
18. Jolyon Palmer, 1
19. Pascal Wehrlein, 1
20. Stoffel Vandoorne, 1

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FUTURES

Monday: $47.08
Previous: $46.06

POSTED

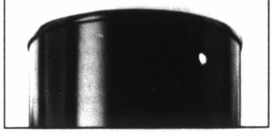
Monday: $43.50
Previous: $42.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $39.80
Previous: $38.80

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.232
Previous: $3.085



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1027120	20.30	-.56
SPDR Fncl	979949	22.15	-.26
VanEGold	824113	21.40	+.79
S&P500ETF	813804	220.48	-1.04
Vale SA	611523	9.10	+.68

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Time inc	16.00	+2.39	+17.6
Intelsat	4.17	+.39	+10.3
HarvNRes rs	4.85	+.42	+9.5
UnAr C wt	26.29	+2.15	+8.9
Kemet	5.46	+.44	+8.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FangHldg	2.89	-.54	-15.7
CallRes rs	13.00	-2.14	-14.1
NavMH pfH	6.79	-1.06	-13.5
BP GCrb	5.50	-.86	-13.5
CSVInvNG	5.02	-.73	-12.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,018
Declined	1,973
Unchanged	87
Total issues	3,078
New Highs	143
New Lows	15
Volume	3,399,079,365

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SynergyRs	52842	8.23	-.60
B2gold g	42459	2.46	+.15
NwGold g	40417	3.74	+.15
iShIndia bt	24216	26.58	+.13
BarcGSOil	21275	5.55	.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Air Inds	3.20	+.91	+39.7
CentrusEn	5.77	+.63	+12.3
NTN Buzz rs	10.15	+.92	+10.0
NewConcEn	2.20	+.19	+9.2
Silco	11.35	+.70	+6.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CRH Med	5.30	-.90	-14.5
BioTime	3.26	-.36	-9.9
RngEngy	12.04	-1.32	-9.9
StrPathCm	23.99	-2.53	-9.5
Contango	8.49	-.76	-8.2

DIARY

Advanced	159
Declined	205
Unchanged	18
Total issues	382
New Highs	10
New Lows	2
Volume	92,355,094

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	2569561	111.57	-.22
CognizTch	221245	56.95	+3.70
MicronT	220605	19.99	-.14
Cisco	207908	29.92	-.17
SiriusXM	207797	4.54	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PhaseRx rs	2.82	+1.69	+149.6
EssaPhrm g	2.46	+.58	+30.9
HeatBiolog	3.23	+.74	+29.7
WillVV ptA	5.63	+1.23	+28.0
NovaLbtyI	2.82	+.60	+27.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SkylinMd rs	3.53	-.81	-18.6
Argan rs	20.00	-3.31	-14.2
DianaCn rs	3.75	-.62	-14.2
BOS Ltd	2.01	-.32	-13.7
AiderBioPh	23.65	-3.15	-11.8

DIARY

Advanced	832
Declined	1,983
Unchanged	197
Total issues	3,012
New Highs	214
New Lows	23
Volume	1,549,032,175

WTO panel: Boeing received illegal tax subsidy for 777X

Bloomberg

Boeing received an illegal tax break from Washington state as part of $8.7 billion in aid to assemble the 777X and manufacture the jetliner's carbon-fiber wing there, the World Trade Organization said.

An incentive cutting a state levy on gross receipts by 40 percent is a prohibited subsidy that must be removed, a three-judge panel said Monday in Geneva. The tax break, which takes effect when the first 777X is delivered in 2020, gives an unfair advantage to the U.S. planemaker to the detriment of overseas manufacturers, the WTO determined.

The European Commission said Boeing would gain $5.7 billion from the disputed benefit, while the U.S. company put the value at $1 billion over 20 years. The decision marks the latest twist in a longstanding clash between the U.S. and the European Union over government incentives to ease the heavy costs of developing new jetliners for Chicago-based Boeing and Europe's Airbus Group SE.

The ruling is "an important victory for the EU and its aircraft industry," EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said in a statement.

Boeing said the WTO rejected six of the seven incentives challenged by the EU and singled out a tax break on future 777X revenue, while allowing the incentive to stay in place for other jetliners the company makes in the Seattle area.

"In rejecting virtually every claim made by the EU in this case, the WTO found today that Boeing has not received a penny of impermissible subsidies," J. Michael Luttig, the planemaker's general counsel, said in a statement.

"We expect little material impact on either Boeing or Airbus from WTO rulings," Douglas Harned, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., said in a note to clients. "Remedies available to enforce WTO rulings are limited in practice; countries can replace one subsidy with another; and WTO cases tend to be subject to multiple appeals."

If the U.S. appeals the decision, as expected, the case would follow the same circuitous legal process as 2011 WTO rulings that barred European aid for the Airbus A380 superjumbo and U.S. perks for Boeing's 787 Dreamliner.

The WTO found in September that the European Union failed adequately to remedy some of the incentives deemed illegal in 2011 and compounded the issue with below-market loans for the planemaker's A350. The U.S. would be allowed to pursue retaliatory sanctions if the finding stands. The EU is appealing the ruling and disputing U.S. claims of $22 billion in damages.

The WTO also is expected to determine next year whether the U.S. and Boeing have adequately addressed $5.3 billion in illegal benefits that flowed to the planemaker from NASA and state aid a decade ago as it developed the 787.

The most recent dispute centers on $8.7 billion in state aid approved in 2013 by lawmakers in Washington, Boeing's traditional manufacturing hub, as the planemaker threatened to manufacture the redesigned 777 elsewhere. Washington landed the 777X work, as well as a composite-wing factory, after pledging to extend through 2040 tax incentives for aerospace-related companies that had been due to expire after 2024.

Stocks fall

Stocks pulled back slightly on Monday, retreating from the records the market set last week.

Consumer companies and banks took some of the largest losses. Small-company stocks, which have been outperforming the rest of the market for weeks, gave back some of their recent gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 54.24 points, or 0.3 percent, to 19,097.90. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 11.63 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,201.72 and the Nasdaq composite lost 30.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,368.81.

Consumer discretionary stocks were among the hardest hit, following the closely watched post-Thanksgiving sales push.

Online retail giant Amazon fell $13.60, or 1.7 percent, to $766.77 after Citigroup analysts cut their price target on the stock, citing deep discounting by the retailer to compete during the holiday shopping season. Barnes & Noble fell 30 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $12.50 on reports the bookseller is also doing deep discounting to attract customers.

Monday's declines follow what has been a remarkable rally in November since the upset victory of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential election.

Gold hits rock bottom

The price of gold rose $12.40 to $1,190.80 an ounce, silver rose 11 cents to $16.58 an ounce and copper fell 1 cent to $2.657 a pound.

DirecTV wants to be the next online substitute for cable

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are already a few online services that aim to replace cable, but they haven't attracted many users yet. AT&T's DirecTV hopes to change that with a new service announced Monday.

Although just about any person you meet on the street will tell you cable costs too much, the vast majority of Americans don't think it's bad enough to cancel. Cheaper online live-TV services, like Dish Network's Sling TV and Sony's PlayStation Vue, remain relatively unknown compared with Netflix, Hulu and Amazon. And while they're easy to order and cancel online and fairly simple to use, they still have drawbacks.

"No one has really delivered the right combination of content, price and ease that will get people to make that call to their current provider and say sayonara," said Forrester analyst Jim Nail.

It's unclear if AT&T's new service, creatively dubbed DirecTV Now, will break out with consumers, especially with another live-TV operation from Hulu coming early next year. And maybe one from Google. Or, who knows, maybe even Apple, too.

The service, which will be available on Wednesday, will initially offer more than 100 channels for a teaser price of $35 a month. But that's a limited-time offer, and the price for that bundle will nearly double once the deal expires. (Existing customers will be grandfathered in.) AT&T didn't say when that will happen.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $99.01 Down 9.01

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $129.50 Down 4.76

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.48 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $96.75 Down 2.69

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.70 Down 0.11

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.16 Down 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.30 Down 0.70

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.78 Down 2.28

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.04 Down 1.32

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.64 Down 0.36

Several more Kmart stores to close in Michigan next month

Associated Press

DETROIT — Several Kmart stores in Michigan are preparing to close next month, following dozens of others that have shuttered in the state since the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection nearly 15 years ago.

Nearly two-thirds of the 2,165 Kmart stores that were operating in the U.S. have closed since 2000, The Detroit News reported. Seven stores in the state are slated to close Dec. 11, including locations in Jackson and Fenton.

Some defunct Kmarts in Bloomfield Hills, Woodhaven and other Metro Detroit cities have been resurrected as new enterprises.

The nature of the aging buildings makes them difficult to fill with other retail as they're often massive structures tailored to house Kmarts.

An example of this is an old Kmart in Troy that has not had many changes since it was vacated in 2006, shortly after Kmart merged with Sears.

Owner of the building Nate Forbes, managing partner of The Forbes Company, said the company will be "reviewing development plans for the site of the former Kmart headquarters that will complement the vibrancy and growth on the Big Beaver corridor."

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		27	9.10	.30	+306.3
AT&T Inc	1.96f	15	39.54	+.33	+14.9
Abraxas			1.90	-.10	+79.2
AdaDvsEq	92e		12.45	-.08	-3.0
AMD			8.83	+.06	+207.7
Alibaba		42	93.76	+.75	-15.4
AlonUSA	.60		9.56	+.01	35.6
Ambev	.19e		5.11	+.15	+14.6
Amgen	**4.00**	**13**	**145.07**	**-.36**	**-10.6**
Anadarko	**.20**		**62.00**	**-1.75**	**+27.6**
Apache	**1.00**		**61.35**	**-1.49**	**+38.0**
Apple Inc	2.28	13	111.57	-.22	+8.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**31.84**	**-.04**	**+70.5**
ArcelorMit		27	7.56	.05	+135.1
Archrock	.48f		13.45	.20	+78.9
ATMOS	**1.68**	**22**	**72.70**	**-.19**	**+15.3**
AutoData	2.28f	29	96.57	-.35	+14.0
BP PLC	**2.40e**		**33.72**	**-.55**	**+7.9**
BakrHu	.68		61.27	-.61	+32.8
BkofAm	.30f	16	20.30	-.56	+20.6
B rPVxST rs			28.06	+.24	
BarrngsCp s	1.20		16.25	-.01	-5.8
BarrickG	.08	35	15.40	+.66	+108.7
BasicEnSv			.50	-.04	-81.3
BerkHa A			**152354000.00**	**-1685.01**	**+19.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.58**	**21**	**60.95**	**+1.36**	**+31.3**
BrlMySq	**1.52**	**40**	**56.51**	**-.47**	**-17.9**
BrownFA s		**30**	**48.67**	**+.20**	
BrownFB s			**46.69**	**+.01**	**-7.4**
CVS Health	1.70f	13	74.78	+.72	-23.5
Caterpillar	3.08	26	94.90	-.91	+39.6
Celestic g		10	12.24	-.15	+11.0
Cemex	.29t		7.86	-.21	+46.8
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.64	-.02	-2.1
ChesEng			6.34	-.25	+40.9
Chevron	**4.28**		**110.50**	**-.50**	**+22.8**
Chicos	.32	33	15.33	-.20	+43.7
Cimarex	.32		123.82	-4.18	+38.5
Cisco	1.04	14	29.92	-.17	+11.0
Citigroup	.64	15	55.47	-1.31	+7.2
ClayEng			**99.01**	**-9.01**	**+234.8**
CliffsNRs		22	9.72	-.19	+515.2
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.75**	**+.22**	**-2.8**
CognizTch		22	56.95	+3.70	-5.1
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**24**	**66.43**	**-.10**	**-.3**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**22**	**37.66**	**-.05**	**+14.8**
ConchoRes			**129.50**	**-4.76**	**+39.5**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**		**45.50**	**-.25**	**-2.5**
CrackerB	4.60	21	161.58	-2.75	+27.4
CSVInvNG			5.02	-.73	-59.9
CSVelIVST			43.31	.34	+67.9
CSVLgCrd rs				19.96	+.45
CrosTim	**1.11e**	**12**	**16.90**	**-.78**	**+29.9**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	33.10	-.98	+34.2
DTE	2.92	21	95.80	+1.77	+19.5
Dataram rs			1.06	+.06	-46.5
DevonE	**.24**		**42.65**	**-1.58**	**+33.3**
DrGMBil s			7.18	+.78	
DxGBull s			8.62	+.88	
Disney	**1.42**	**17**	**96.97**	**+.15**	**-5.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**18**	**54.32**	**+.14**	**+5.5**
DryShp rs		1	4.95	-.53	-98.1
EOG Resrcs	**.67**		**93.47**	**-2.51**	**+32.0**
ElbLilly	2.04	23	67.20	-1.92	-20.2
EmpDist	**1.04**	**24**	**34.46**	**+.01**	**+22.8**
Energen	.08		55.05	-2.48	+34.3
EngyTsfr	4.22		33.87	-1.47	+.4
EnPro	**.84**	**46**	**60.59**	**-1.06**	**+38.2**
EntProdPt	1.62f	20	25.44	-.32	-.5
Ericsson	.46e		5.13	-.05	-46.6
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**34**	**86.47**	**-.65**	**+10.9**
Facebook		42	120.41	+.03	+15.0
FangHldg	.20e	2	2.89	-.54	-60.9
FordM	.60a	6	11.92	-.12	-15.4
FrptMcM			15.78	-.22	+133.1
FrontierCm	.42		3.74	+.05	-19.9
GATX	**1.60**	**8**	**53.14**	**-.97**	**+24.9**
GablAulIT	**.94e**		**7.46**	**-.02**	**-.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**30.73**	**-.33**	**+7.1**
GenElec	**.92**	**28**	**31.25**	**-.19**	**+.3**
GtPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**27.23**	**+.44**	**-.3**
Groupon			3.99	-.12	+30.0
HP Inc	.50	9	15.08	-.10	+27.4
HalliBrtn	**.72**		**48.80**	**-.71**	**+43.4**
HeatBiolog			3.23	+.74	+32.4
HeclaM	**.01e**	**34**	**6.16**	**+.13**	**+225.9**
HP Ent n	.26f	14	23.34	+.12	+53.6
iCICI Bk	.16e		7.46	-.27	-4.7
iShBrazil	1.03e		33.91	+.85	+64.0
iShChinaLC	.76e		37.23	+.14	+5.5
iShEMkts	.84e		35.39	+.14	+9.9
iS Eafe	1.70e		56.49	-.30	-3.8
iShiBxHYB	5.09		85.72	.01	+6.4
iShR2K	1.77e		132.33	-1.74	+17.5
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**35.51**	**+.07**	**+3.1**
InterOil	1.20f	14	79.65	+1.25	+62.4
itauUnibH	.32e		10.41	+.20	+60.2
JPMorgCh	1.92	13	78.32	-.51	+19.4
JohnJn	**3.20**	**17**	**113.13**	**-1.00**	**+10.1**
KimbClk	**3.68**	**20**	**117.17**	**+1.33**	**-8.0**
Kinross g			3.37	+.20	+85.2
LegacyRes	.60m		1.70	-.11	-2.9
Lubys			**4.24**	**-.09**	**-5.1**
MarathnO	.20		15.54	-.74	+23.4
McDnlds	3.76f	23	121.82	+1.16	+3.1
Merck	1.88f	16	61.80	-.41	+17.0
MerMMed		**32**	**24.10**	**-.20**	**+29.6**
MexcoEn			4.13	-.14	+27.9
MicronT			19.99	-.14	+41.2
Microsoft	1.56f	25	60.61	+.08	+9.2
Nabors	.24		13.50	-.79	+58.6
NatGrid	**3.35e**		**58.35**	**+.36**	**-16.1**
NOilVarco	.20	19	35.53	-.41	+6.1
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ParTech		**16**	**5.18**	**-.04**	**-23.0**
ParkDrl			**2.10**		**+15.4**
PattUTI	**.08**	**7**	**23.71**	**-.48**	**+87.2**
Penney			9.20	-.48	+38.1
PennaRE	**.84**		**19.20**	**-.09**	**-11.8**
Primian	.38e	19	6.95	-.15	+37.4
PetbrasA			8.99	+.09	+164.4
Petrobras			10.25	+.05	+138.4
Pfizer	**1.20**	**13**	**31.84**	**+.15**	**-2.3**
PhaseRx n			2.82	+1.69	-43.6
PioNtrl	.08		173.03	-8.84	+38.0
PlainsAAP	**2.20m**	**30**	**29.99**	**-1.13**	**+29.8**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		118.53	-.27	+6.0
Praxair	**3.00**	**23**	**118.69**	**-.39**	**+15.9**
PrmEgy			50.00		-5.7
PUVrsST rs			10.75	+.18	
ProctGam	**2.88**	**22**	**83.07**	**-.39**	**+4.8**
RangeRs	.06		36.51	+.23	+48.4
RegionsFn	.26f	17	13.08	-.28	+36.3
Rowan	.40	5	16.21	-.29	-4.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	75	49.20	-.98	+7.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		190.78	-.52	+9.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e		220.48	-1.04	+8.1
SpdrLehHY	2.30		36.12	+.03	+6.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e		38.33	-1.34	+26.8
SabnR	1.99e	17	35.30	-.70	+34.4
SanderFm	**.96f**	**13**	**80.54**	**+.30**	**+3.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	53	81.06	-.23	+16.2
SiriusXM	.01p	38	4.54	-.07	+11.5
Smucker	3.00f	16	126.99	+.53	+3.0
SwstnEngy			11.64	+.17	+63.7
SP CnSt	1.28e		51.33	+.11	+1.7
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SPDR Fncl	.46e		22.15	-.26	+14.5
SP Inds	1.12e		62.28	-.43	+17.5
SP Util	1.55e		48.07	+.91	+11.1
SunocoLog	2.04f	49	22.85	-.93	-11.1
TelefEsp	**1.03e**		**8.26**	**-.09**	**-25.3**
Tesoro	2.20	11	84.36	-1.57	-19.9
3M Co	4.44	21	172.50	-.99	+14.5
Torchmark	**.56**	**16**	**69.59**	**-1.51**	**+22.0**
TriContl	**.82e**		**21.78**	**-.12**	**+8.8**
Twitter			18.30	+.24	-20.9
TylerTech		**54**	**153.08**	**-.64**	**-12.2**
UBSI	**1.32**	**23**	**45.60**	**-1.00**	**+23.3**
US NGas			8.43	+.35	-2.8
US OilFd			10.44	+.11	-5.1
USSteel	.20		32.17	-1.06	+303.1
Vale SA	.29e		9.10	+.68	+176.6
ValeroE	2.40	14	53.79	-1.07	-9.8
VanEGold	.12e		21.40	+.79	+56.0
VnEkRus	.64e		19.14	-.05	+30.6
VanE JrGld			35.19	+1.39	+83.2
VangEmg	1.10e		36.14	+.18	+10.5
VerizonCm	2.31f	14	51.12	+.45	+10.6
VulcanM	**.80**	**44**	**124.59**	**-7.48**	**+31.2**
WEC Engy	1.98	20	58.04	+1.48	+13.1
WalgBoots	1.50	19	85.35	+.92	+.2
WeathfInt			4.57	-.39	-45.5
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.58	-1.04	-5.1
WstnRefin	1.52	25	36.82	-.62	+2.8
WhitingPet			9.68	-.38	+2.5
WmsCos	.80	68	29.24	-.85	+13.8
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.32**	**+.80**	**+12.3**
Xerox	**.31**	**12**	**9.50**	**+.12**	**-10.6**
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19,152.14	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,097.90	-54.24	-.28	+9.60	+7.78
9,044.21	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	8,962.48	-81.75	-.90	+19.36	+10.63
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	651.74	+11.79	+1.84	+12.79	+15.74
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,806.63	-59.46	-.54	+6.56	+3.83
5,398.92	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,368.81	-30.11	-.56	+7.22	+5.09
2,213.35	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,201.72	-11.63	-.53	+7.72	+5.83
1,640.82	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,628.68	-12.13	-.74	+16.45	+11.42
23,168.24	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,029.28	-138.94	-.60	+8.79	+6.33
1,547.20	943.09	Russell 2000	1,329.83	-17.37	-1.29	+17.07	+10.99

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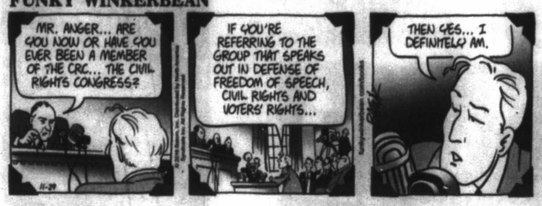

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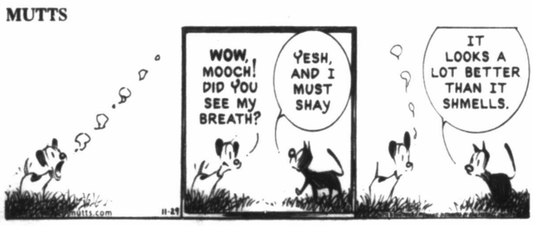

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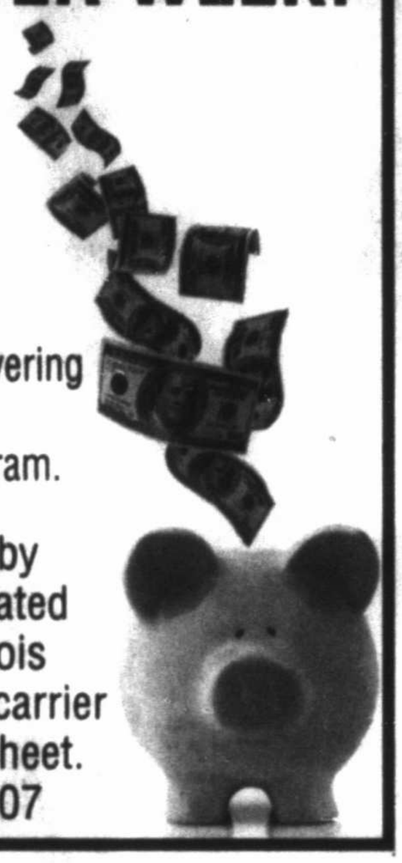

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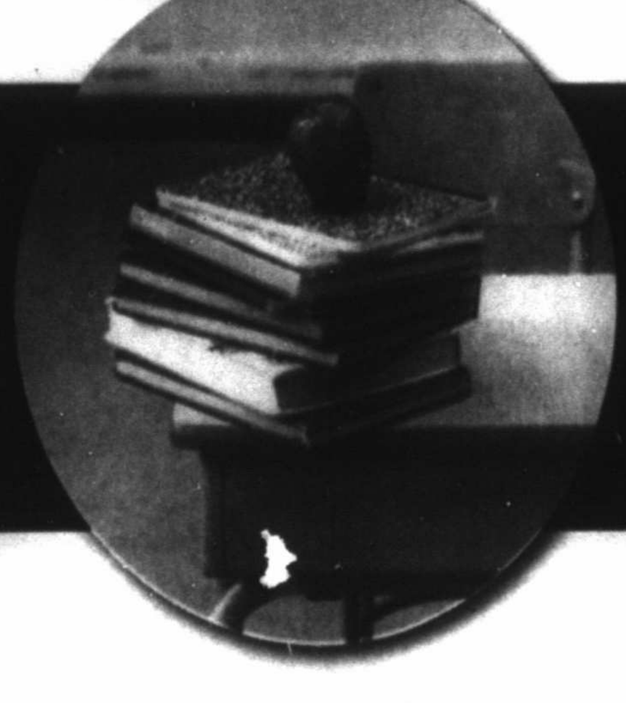

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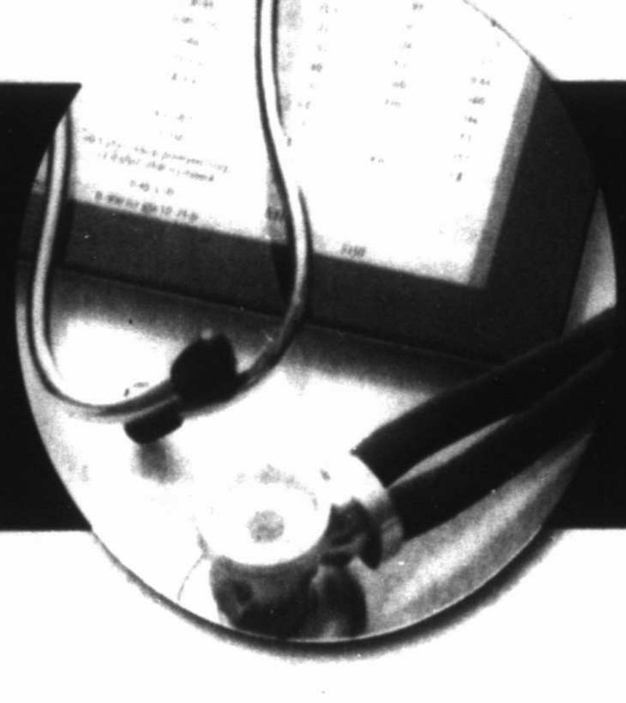

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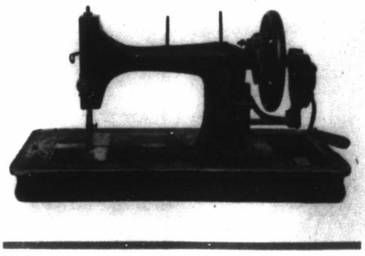

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, December 30, 2016, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 17000666 Request for Proposals for Retail Study and Analysis

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 12/30/16 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code

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PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
at CENTENNIAL PARK

Pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code of Texas, the City Council of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 13, 2016, in the City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine Street to consider a request to expand the Midland Center and construct new staging, lighting, turf, trees, benches, sidewalks, and a splash pad, on Centennial Park, for public use. A portion of the new Midland Center will be located on Centennial Park. (Generally located on block 54, lots 13-24, Original Town Addition, between Wall Street and Texas Avenue)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the City of Midland. at 432-685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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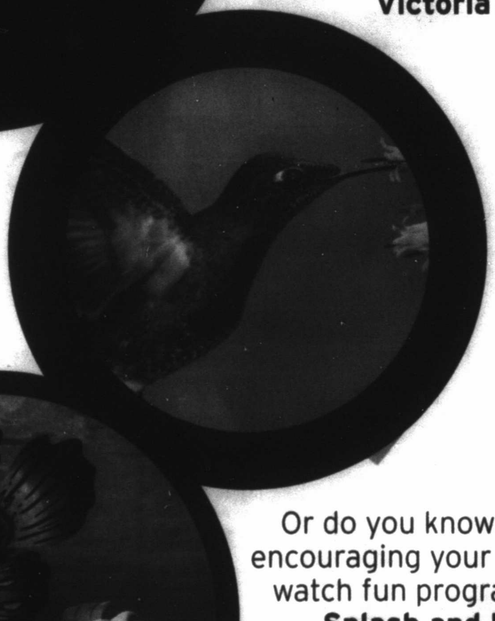

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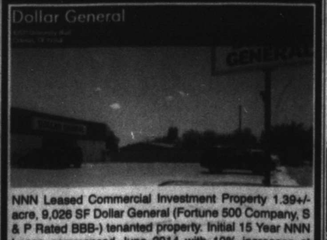

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A two-day-old piping plover, left, stretches its wings before crawling under a parent as the adult bird prepares to brood the chick on a Quonochontaug Conservation Area beach, in Westerly, R.I., on July 12, 2007. *AP file photo*

Michigan's endangered piping plovers have banner year

By Jennifer Dixon
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Three decades after the Great Lakes piping plover was declared an endangered species, the small (and very cute) shorebirds had a banner year in 2016: a record number of plover chicks left their nests and the oldest known plover — at 15 years — was spotted this fall in its winter habitat in South Carolina.

"Clearly the more chicks we can produce, the better chance the birds have to build up their numbers," said Vince Cavalieri, a wildlife biologist and Great Lakes piping plover recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We've seen a drop-off in the adult population due to predation and the best way to counteract that is to make sure we're producing even more chicks. That keeps the population going in the right direction."

Most of the birds nest in Michigan, with a handful in Illinois, New York, Wisconsin and Canada.

In 1986, when the birds were declared endangered and at risk of extinction, there were only 16 pairs, and that summer, only 10 chicks fledged — or left the nest — after their wings and feathers had developed sufficiently for flight.

This year, wildlife biologists counted 75 pairs, and 133 chicks fledged, up five from last year, Cavalieri said.

While an increase of five may not sound like a lot, Cavalieri said it underscores the progress biologists have made to protect the birds against growing risks to them from development in both their nesting grounds along the shores of the Great Lakes — primarily Lakes Michigan and Superior but also along Lakes Huron and Ontario — and their winter habitat along the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Jillian Liner, director of bird conservation for Audubon New York, the state office of the National Audubon Society, agreed.

"This is a tiny population of a bird species ... and every single individual counts," she said. The increase of five "may seem small but it actually is really significant."

This summer was only the second time that plovers had returned to New York to nest in more than 30 years, Liner said. The first pair was spotted in 2015 and produced one chick. No chicks were produced this year.

Another first: a bird watcher spotted a Great Lakes piping plover in South Carolina in November that officials believe — from the band on its legs — to be the oldest, said Cavalieri, who works out of an office in Lansing, but makes frequent trips to some of the the birds' favorite nesting areas, among them Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, North and South Manitou islands in Lake Michigan, and the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula.

Cavalieri said this year, the Fish and Wildlife Service took several measures to protect the plovers' nesting areas: it increased its use of nesting enclosures to keep out predators such as raccoons, gulls and crows; added more volunteers, including college students, to monitor the nests; and closed some stretches of beach to keep dogs and people away.

Adult plovers weigh just an ounce or two and measure 6 or 7 inches long. They have sand-colored plumage that blends with the sandy beaches and shorelines where they nest. Their popuiation first began to decline in the 1930s.

Cavalieri said protecting the birds' winter environment is now seen as just as important as maintaining their nesting grounds, a "new frontier" for wildlife biologists.

"A lot of these places are heavily developed now and shorebirds ... are getting bumped off the beach" by unleashed dogs and people driving all-terrain vehicles, Cavalieri said.

If the birds don't have enough time to eat during winter because of those disruptions, and if they're constantly in a cycle of not getting enough fat in their diet, Cavalieri said they may not be in top condition to survive the long flight back to the Great Lakes.

Cavalieri said biologists don't know precisely how long it takes the birds to make the trip from the coastal areas of the South to the Great Lakes, but some have done it in as little as three days, and for most others, it takes two to three weeks. Some start their journey by hopping up the Atlantic Coast, but once they fly inland, biologists don't know how often they stop because sightings are rare.

Biologists have been banding their legs for 20 years to track them.

Male plovers arrive first in their breeding grounds from early April through mid-May and stake out their territory. The females arrive later and seek a male with a territory. They lay three or four eggs in their nests, shallow depressions in the sand lined with small colored pebbles and shell fragments.

Both parents take turns incubating the eggs over the next 30 days, and both parents feed the young until they can fly, about a month after hatching. The adult females fly south first, starting in mid-July, and most of the plovers have left their summer home by early September.

The Great Lakes piping plover is one of three populations of piping plovers that breed in North America, but it is considered distinct from the others because it does not breed with either of the others.

Atlantic Coast plovers breed along the Atlantic Coast from Newfoundland, Canada, to North Carolina, while the Northern Great Plains plovers breed from Alberta and Manitoba, Canada, south to Nebraska. Those populations are threatened, which means they are at risk of becoming endangered in the foreseeable future.

The Northern Great Plains' population is estimated at 2,000 pairs; the Atlantic Coast population is about 1,800 pairs. The winter ranges for the three breeding populations overlap somewhat.

Going to Mars is just a dream

■ COMMENTARY

By Charles Wohlforth and Amanda Hendrix
Los Angeles Times

Reports of a new space race tell of NASA's plan to send astronauts to Mars in the 2030s and SpaceX Chief Executive Elon Musk's ambition to get private explorers there first. This race, however, can't be won with either's current technology, regardless of their spending or commitment.

The barrier is human biology. Even a short, sortie mission to Mars and back would be extremely hazardous to human health. A Mars colony is out of the question. Living long-term on its surface is beyond the capacity of our bodies to survive.

NASA doesn't talk about this much. Starry-eyed with space enthusiasm, most science reporters haven't covered this aspect of the story either.

The worst monsters in the moat between the Earth and Mars are Galactic Cosmic Rays, or GCRs, which are particles flung across space by exploding stars. The most destructive of these particles are iron nuclei traveling at close to the speed of light and carrying the energy of a major league fastball.

Astronauts already encounter GCR particles, seeing telltale flashes of light when they pass through their optic nerves. These radiation doses are tolerable during short stays on the International Space Station, which is partially sheltered from GCRs by nearby Earth. On a long mission away from Earth, however, shielding humans from GCRs is practically impossible. Cancer and other medical risks rise to unacceptable levels.

Pure physics rules out shielding. The most effective element to stop GCRs is hydrogen, making water an ideal shielding material. Indeed, water in our atmosphere protects us on Earth. But it takes two meters of water to filter out about half the radiation, and a cubic meter of water weighs 2,205 pounds. Carrying enough water to insulate a spacecraft is far beyond current capabilities.

On Earth, GCR radiation exists only in particle accelerators, making its health impact difficult to study. Twenty years ago, a National Research Council report called for an aggressive program to understand the problem and find countermeasures. That never happened.

Several years ago, Dr. Frank Cucinotta, then head of radiation health at NASA, highlighted the GCR problem. His estimates showed that the risk of cancer was greater even than that of a spaceflight accident. He said his superiors resisted his message with such severe negativity that he left the agency. A NASA official denied Cucinotta was forced out.

Cucinotta's point of view was vindicated, however, by the findings of a 2014 National Academy of Sciences report. It listed nine health risks for a Mars mission that are unacceptably high and six more for which the severity is unknown. Issues include heart damage from radiation, food and medicine stability, and astronauts' psychological health.

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It's time for our annual tech toys gift list

Dear PropellerHeads; Since the holidays keep creeping earlier into the year, aren't you a bit behind on your Christmas recommendations?

A: Now that you mention it, I think this was due back in February. While that's a little extreme, you are correct that we owe our fantastic fans a helpful hand in their holiday shopping. So without further ado, listen to the fat bearded shut-in who only gets jolly around this time every year…

If you belonged to the AV club in high school … we're sorry. BUT … if you haven't lost the love of all things AV, this is actually a great time to look at TVs again. We were never big on the 3DTVs that are still lingering around somewhere. The PropellerHeads want realism without the geeky glasses (plus, most of us already wear geeky glasses, so doubling up is problematic). Welcome to 4k/SUHD.

The second generation of 4k TVs (roughly 4 times the definition of the old 1080p HDTVs) are being cleared out to make way for ones that have true HDR (High Dynamic Range). Do you need HDR? If you're like most people, probably not. This means you can find deals on 50"-65" 4k TVs starting at around $450 this season and many of those are "smart," so they have Netflix, etc., built in. If you don't mind paying a premium, the more recent 4k TVs with 120MHz HDR are running north of $1,000 for 50".

Ask the PropellerHeads

You know those doofuses that go around wearing Bluetooth headsets for their phones? We think you should be a doofus, too. The Apple Airpods (apple.com/airpods) have been poked fun at, but reviews have been pretty solid for them. Besides being truly wireless (many Bluetooth earphones have a wire between the actual ear pieces), the added functionality that the Airpods have combine well enough with your iPhone and Apple Watch that you really don't have to take your phone out of your pocket while on the go or in meetings. Apple is also releasing Bluetooth headphones with similar features under the recently acquired Beats (beatsbydre.com), along with the Airpods in December 2016.

Tired of your iPhone, or simply not into Apple? Nervous about the exploding Samsung Galaxy phones? Google has put a lot of effort into putting out its new phone, the Pixel (madeby.google.com/phone), and it's getting a lot of buzz. Google had mixed success with its Nexus line of phone and tablets, but has decided it's time to compete with the big boys by packing a lot of power and features into their new flagship mobile device. At $650, it's not cheap, but it is very cool.

Looking for a hot gift that will keep you cool? How about a thermostat? See what I did there? Can I write an entire paragraph with nothing but questions? Let's not find out. Getting back on track, Nest (nest.com) has a line of connected home products that are reasonably priced, very functional, and pretty cool. Its most well-known product is the Nest thermostat. It learns your patterns by you making adjustments either directly to the unit or through an app, and after a week or so of use is supposed to be familiar with your coming and going, and preferred temperature by day and time.

Last but not least, if you want to go old school, let's kick it back to the 80s. Nintendo has released the NES Classic (nintendo.com/nes-classic), a plug-and-play throwback to its original console with 30 of the most popular games of all time built in for $60. It doesn't play the old cartridges, and you can't download additional games, but it's a nice value at $2 per classic game for old fogeys like me.

Good luck in your holiday shopping. Just remember when you see their smiling faces after they open their presents that we should get all of the credit (all of it). We'll come by later to collect our payment in the form of milk and cookies.

Happy Chanuchrismakwanzakah everyone!

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