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Melania Trump and second lady Karen Pence visited a Whataburger while in South Texas.

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GAS PRICES

AAA Texas says Midlanders pay the most in the state at the pump.

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City names Blumenauer Fire Department chief

By Stewart Doreen
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After more than a year, the city of Midland has a new chief of its fire department.

The city announced Thursday that Charles Blumenauer will become the eighth fire chief in the history of the department — something the 20-year veteran of the fire department said was an honor.

"I truly love this department and this city," Blumenauer said in a press release. "My goal for the Midland Fire Department is to continue our focus on training and education, compassionate care, and professional service."

The other finalists for the position were Marion Blackwell of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and James Maxon of Sandoval County, New Mexico. Blumenauer takes over for Robert Isbell, who left Midland FD to take the same position in Round Rock.

"It will probably take me all the way into the new year to get used to (the new title)," Blumenauer told the Reporter-Telegram.

Blumenauer said the process can make a candidate nervous and that he never took anything for granted. His attitude, he said,

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PARSLEY RE-INVESTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Parsley Energy executives visited Gen. Tommy Franks Elementary to kick off a partnership supporting MISD's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs Thursday.

Sheffield-led company gives to MISD

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COMMENTARY

It really shouldn't be that much of a surprise that Parsley Energy joins the long list of energy companies giving back to the community.

Midland ISD and Parsley on Thursday provided a firsthand look at what a public-private partnership can be, and there was a lot to like. Parsley has helped launch an effort to support the district's STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program. Partnership contributions include TI-84 scientific calculators for Midland high schools; Project Lead the Way training and programs in junior high schools; and Partners in Education math mentoring with Gen. Tommy Franks Elementary School students.

Parsley's website also shows support for the Midland ISD Education Foundation, Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin and Keep Midland Beautiful, among other nonprofit support endeavors.

This has become typical of Parsley, which joins the long list of companies giving considerable resources to the school district, museums and other nonprofits in the community. We probably take for granted this generous support. There are other communities our size that would welcome one time what Parsley and other companies give on an annual basis.

For Parsley officials, the opportunity to partner on STEM makes all the sense in the world. Stephanie Reed, senior vice president for Parsley Energy, said STEM initiatives are very important because the company views the children as future leaders of this community.

"STEM is very important to us because it is a big part of the industry, and these children will be a big part of our workforce in the future," she said.

They don't have to look far to see that.

Bryan Sheffield, chairman, chief executive officer and founder, is a product of Midland ISD schools. So is Mark

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Oncor to begin absorbing Sharyland customers

■ Transition begins Monday, continues through early January

By Mella McEwen
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The 56,000 customers currently served by Sharyland Utilities will be transitioning to Oncor beginning Monday and continuing through Jan. 9.

The transition will complete an asset swap announced earlier this year in which Oncor receives Sharyland's retail customers and its distribution network, and Sharyland receives approximately 258 miles of 345-kilovolt transmission lines located in West and Central Texas.

"This transition is more than just one individual or one group," said Sue Mercer, West Region Customer Operations manager with Oncor, Thursday at an event at the Petroleum Museum.

Among those helping with the transition were state Rep. Tom Craddick and state Sen. Kel Seliger, Mercer said.

"This is a good day, and a great day for my area," Craddick said. "A lot of my area is served by Sharyland, and they told me we had got to get the rates down. I appreciate Sharyland and Oncor getting together on the issue."

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford called it "a Christmas gift to the citizens of Midland County."

Estimates are that residential customers who are moving from Sharyland to Oncor will save $53 a month — or $648 a year — while business customers will save 30 to 50 percent on their bills.

Big Spring resident Nancy Raney said she had followed Craddick and Seliger, as well as State Rep. Drew Darby, to their town hall meetings calling attention to Sharyland's high rates.

"I'm a small business owner, I own Elbow Creek Hay and Feed, and my husband's a farmer," she said. "With deregulation, we saw our rates double and sometimes triple. What was frustrating to

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Price of oil
$56.69 ▲ $0.73
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The big number
About **20** survivors attended a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony Thursday. Page 5A

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

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General Tommy Franks Elementary students look at oil samples brought by Parsley Energy executives on Thursday at General Tommy Franks Elementary while kicking off a partnership supporting MISD's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs.

PARSLEY

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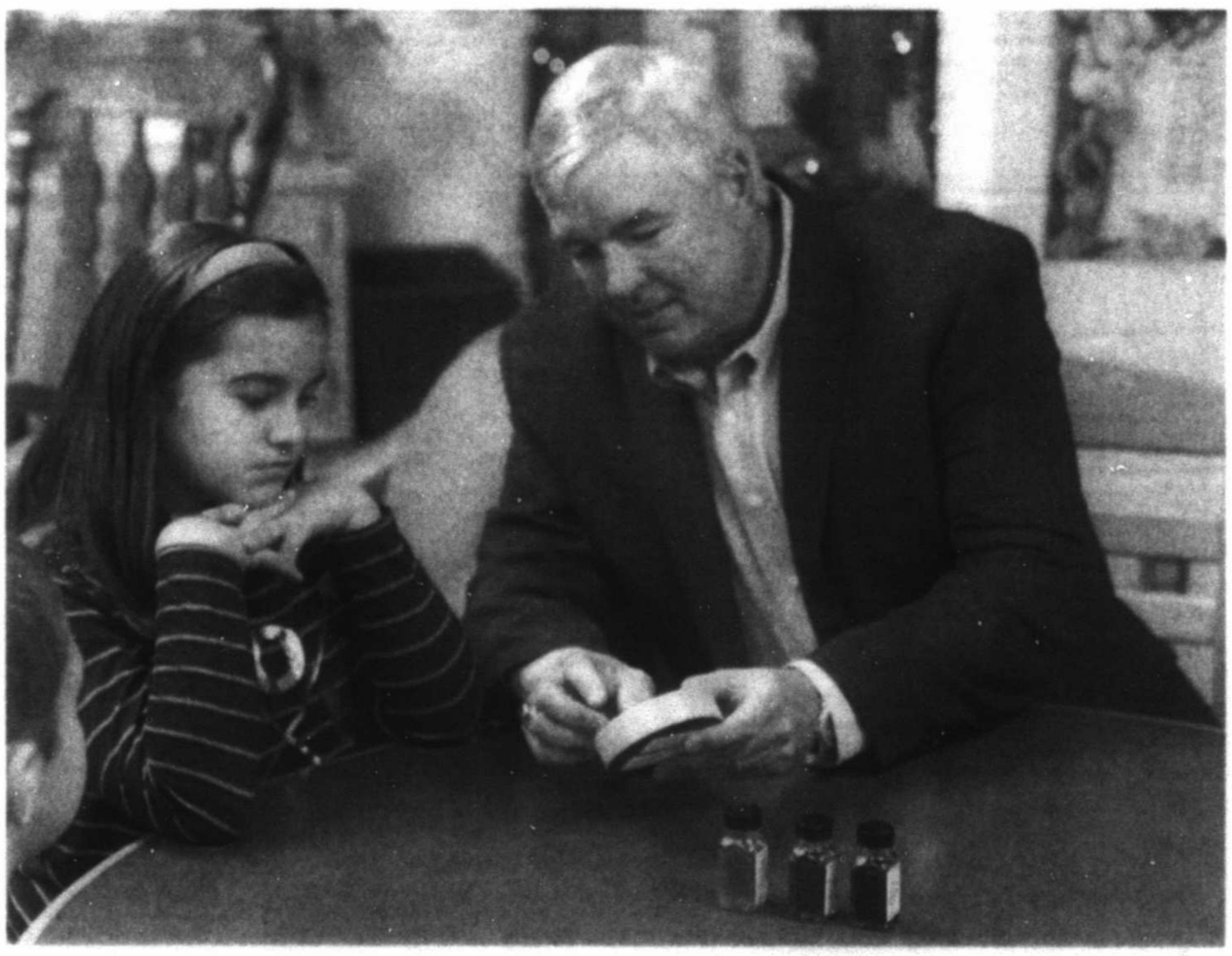
Timmons, vice president of Field Operations for Parsley. So whether in Austin or Midland, the MISD influence at Parsley is very real. And giving back will remain part of that corporate culture.

"Bryan Sheffield started the company in 2008 and from that point on, we have had a presence here but we have also been very involved in various community initiatives," Reed said. "We see it as ongoing partnership."

As far as Parsley's impact on Midland ISD, that is another reason to celebrate. The mentoring program will be an integral part of the district's rebuilding effort. And Project Lead the Way – which according to Parsley is part of that STEM initiative — provides automation, technology and coding elective classes in junior high. This is a way of creating a 21st century classroom.

We celebrate these partnerships. Midland ISD officials appear to be chomping at the bit to expand efforts to create an educational system that is fitting for Midlanders, and public-private partnerships will be key to those efforts coming to fruition.

That is what was on display Thursday and hopefully for years to come.



Parsley Energy's Mark Timmons, vice president of Field Operations, shows a rock sample to fifth-grader Alexia Cardona.

Son of ex-Democratic governor enters Texas governor's race

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andrew White, son of the late former Democratic Gov. Mark White, kicked off his longshot bid for governor Thursday, saying his mix of business-minded, conservative Democratic values can upend well-funded Republican incumbent Greg Abbott.

White held a rally with about 100 supporters in his hometown of Houston and promised to run as a "commonsense Democrat."

He has previously opposed abortion rights and has been criticized by former Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis, who garnered national stardom in 2013 by staging a filibuster that temporarily delayed tough restrictions on abortion later largely overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. Davis later launched a bid against Abbott, but lost by 20 percentage points.

During his announcement speech, White, 45, didn't mention opposing abortion, saying the procedure is "legal and we must all work to keep it safe and keep it rare."

White, president of an investment firm, is little-known statewide. He becomes just the second major Democrat to enter a race that many of the party's rising stars opted to bypass, joining Dallas County Sherriff Lupe Valdez, the state's first Hispanic, female sheriff, who resigned her post and began her campaign Wednesday.

Whoever emerges as the Democratic candidate after Texas' March 6 primary will face an uphill climb. Abbott remains popular among conservative activists and traditional Republicans and has a campaign war chest worth $40-plus million. Also, a Democrat hasn't won Texas statewide office since 1994.

"I know you're tired of losing. I am too," White said Thursday. "If winning in November is important you, than I'm your candidate."

Taxes growing as portion of MC revenue

From staff reports

As state funding for Midland College has remained steady in recent years, Midland College has turned to other revenue sources. Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services, said the college has increasingly relied on local taxes and tuition and fees.

He shared that information with the Reporter-Telegram on Thursday after the college's board of trustees approved the annual financial report and independent CPA report from fiscal year 2017.

That year, state allocations made up 16.9 percent of the college's revenue — a change from 17.4 percent in 2016 and 18.8 percent in 2015.

"The state revenue in the short term has remained fairly consistent even though maybe enrollment has gone up," Bender said. "You can see on these three years how state allocations haven't changed that much but ad valorem taxes have gone up."

The taxes made up 44.5 percent of revenue last fiscal year. Bender said that revenue is higher in recent years.

"Our rate has not gone up — it's that we've had so much new property," Bender said. "That's what we've had to rely on to fund the institution because state funds — they have stayed the same on a total basis but on a per-unit [per student contact hour] they've really gone down."

In March, the MC board voted to increase tuition and general use fees.

President Steve Thomas said state funding as a portion of the college's operating budget was at a historic low, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

Bender said other than raising tuition and fees, the college has sought other ways to cover costs.

"If we have special items that we need to be purchased, we are always looking for donations or grants," he said. "Our foundation has done a lot of providing grant money to purchase equipment needs and stuff like that, so that is one relief."

During Thursday's board meeting, Bender shared revenue highlights and other information from the financial statement.

"I tried to tell them how our net position — our net assets, which is basically equity — had increased this past year and had also been increasing over the last number of years which is what you want to have a growing financial position," Bender said.

For expenses, said employee salaries and benefits is a major one and that the college hopes to offer competitive salaries to retain employees. Board members on Thursday also heard from a Johnson, Miller & Co., CPA's PC auditor.

Also at the meeting, the board approved one consent item. They also voted to rescind policies related to students and replace them with new ones as a part of the Texas Association of School Boards policy review at the college.

ONCOR

From 1A

us was, our neighbor across the street was served by Oncor. He was paying $3 per hour, we were paying $9 an hour."

She said the process was an education for her and others protesting Sharyland's rates, noting that until then they didn't know anything about retail electric providers or delivery rates.

Mike Guyton, chief customer officer, said with the Permian Basin being Oncor's fastest-growing service area, the company in 2014 committed to invest $1 billion.

"This is year three and we've already spent that $1 billion," he said, adding that the asset swap is one of the company's commitments.

More than 100 Sharyland employees have joined Oncor, Guyton said.

"The people here know how to do things better than in Dallas, and we encourage them to help solve problems," he said.

Realtor Bill Lanier expressed his pleasure, saying "there's nothing more embarrassing than selling a house and then getting a call from the customer saying they're captive to Sharyland. This will take a lot of the guesswork out of selling a house."

Bobby Burns, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, said, "there is no doubt in my mind everyone is excited about this change. This will be good for the business community. Oncor is a great corporate sponsor and great corporate partner in the community."

Guyton defended Sharyland's executives, saying he knows the leadership and they are "great people."

He said the issue is that the company was small.

"They had 56,000 customers to spread costs around. I have 3.5 million. They couldn't solve that problem," he said.

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Austerity
[aw-ster-i-tee]
noun
1. austere quality; severity of manner, life, etc.; sternness.



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TODAYINMIDLAND

AAA: Midland prices are highest in Texas

COPPELL — AAA Texas reports Midlanders face the state's highest retail gasoline prices.

Association officials report the $2.52 average per-gallon price is 28 cents more than the state average ($2.24) and 4 cents more than the national average ($2.48).

AAA Texas on Thursday also reported the average price at the pump statewide was down 3 cents. Gasoline prices across the country slipped a penny.

Association officials say San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average $2.13 per gallon.

AAA experts say cheaper winter-time gasoline prices are in markets across the bulk of the country as gasoline demand hit the lowest mark since February.

Source: Associated Press

Things to do

■ "Holiday Magic" by FirstCapital Bank of Texas and KWEL Radio, noon, FirstCapital Bank of Texas, 310 W. Wall St. Celebrate the holiday season with a free musical performance by Lone Star Brass.

■ Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas Holiday Tea Party, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required by calling 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

■ "Astronaut" dome show in 3D. 4 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

■ Very Merry Midland: Reindeer Games, 5-8:30 p.m., 303 W. Wall St. The event downtown will feature Santa's Workshop, ice skating, giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit. Free admission but $6 for skating and snow globe photos. Doyourcity.us.

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. 6-10 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

■ Starbright Village and Community Tree Lighting, 6-11 p.m., McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, Odessa. View displays with more than 300,000 lights. Free. odessatxparks.org.

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

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

■ Tracy Lawrence, 7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. Dosamigos.com.

■ Allegro Chorale Concert, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $12. wagnernoel.com.

■ Torino's seventh annual Toy Drive for benefit of High Sky Children's Ranch, CASA of West Texas and 311 Ministries. 8 p.m., The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Tessa and Teegun Stewart talk with Santa on Tuesday before the annual Green Tree Country Club Golf Cart Caroling.

This date in Texas

Five years ago: Police charged Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Josh Brent with intoxication manslaughter after he flipped his car in a pre-dawn accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown. (Brent was convicted in January 2014 and sentenced to 180 days in jail; he was reinstated by the NFL in September 2014.) Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-8-2
Pick 3 day: 5-2-5
Pick 3 evening: 0-6-2
Pick 3 night: 9-3-4
Daily 4 morning: 2-8-6-4
Daily 4 day: 4-0-9-2
Daily 4 evening: 9-8-6-8
Daily 4 night: 6-8-1-3
Cash Five: 6-7-16-18-20
Triple Chance: 9-10-17-20-32 34-36-49-50-51
Texas Two Step: 12-14-25-26 BB: 31
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-6-8-11-12-15-17-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-7-8-9-15-16-18-19-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-5-10-11-13-15-16-17-20-21-22
All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-7-8-9-12-14-15-20-22-24

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures

High	38
Low	33
Normal high	59
Normal low	32

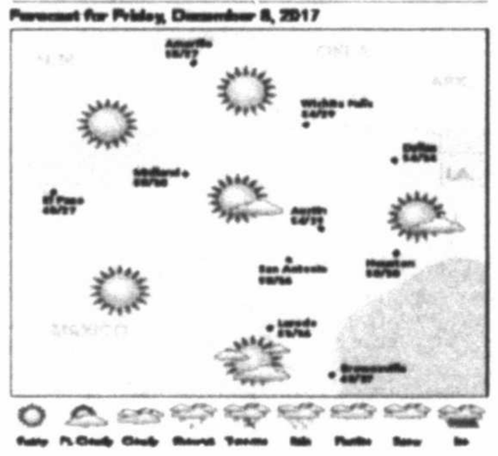
Dec. 7's records
Record high: 79 set in 1966
Record low: 13 set in 2005

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.34 in.
Thursday	0.02 in.
Month total	0.36 in.
Year total	17.70 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.14 in.

Winds
Average speed: 12 mph
Highest speed: 22 mph
Highest gust speed: 27 mph

Today's forecast
High: 55



Low: 32
Conditions: Increasing clouds during the day/Clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:37 a.m.
Sunset.....5:45 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Leo if born before 5:09 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Friday, Dec. 8, 2017:**

This year you open up to new experiences in a joyful way. This behavior will start to emerge sometime in the next few months. You might be difficult to restrain once you start enjoying your day-to-day life. If you are single, check out anyone you date carefully. You might attract someone who is hiding part of his or her life or is extremely withdrawn. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from frequent escapes from your daily life. You both are likely to follow through on a mutual interest that gets you involved in the community. VIRGO is fussy and critical in general.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The unexpected launches you into action in the morning. You handle communication with others well by being effective and finding a middle point in a conflict. Your ability to go from one topic to the next allows greater flexibility and success. **Tonight:** Decide to relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel somewhat conflicted. However, this confusion could clear up as the day goes on. A lack of control does not appeal to you. Your willingness to express the appropriate feelings will help. Use good sense with your budget. **Tonight:** Time for some Friday night fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make calls early in the day. You could be confused by what is happening around you. Don't restrict a conversation with a new friend, even if you don't like what you hear. Try to understand why this person has made the choices he or she has. **Tonight:** Head home first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are able to make a considerable difference as you make strong choices. You do not need to have others agree with you. You will do what you feel is best, not only for you, but also for those around you. Communication picks up later in the day. **Tonight:** Hang out at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You bloom during the daylight hours. You could have difficulty stopping, as you are on a roll. Examine what you hear, and ask questions if need be. If your intuition tells you to examine what is happening in a certain area of your life, do. **Tonight:** Let someone else pick up the tab.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep your own counsel during the day. You could pick up on a problem, but you might not know where it stems from. Keep smiling, and note that the situation will evolve. Worry less. Later in the day your energy starts to soar. Confirm plans. **Tonight:** Enjoy the popularity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your energy and mood can draw many people toward you. In certain circumstances, you might feel as though you have taken on the role of the cheerleader for co-workers and/or friends. You do the job well, even if others don't say "thank you." **Tonight:** Be mysterious. Vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)★★★★ You serve as a calm presence right now. At the same time, you have a fair share of responsibilities to manage. Your sense of humor emerges later in the day after a serious financial conversation. Be aware of how you are limiting yourself financially. **Tonight:** Find your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Reach out to a loved one at a distance whom you might not visit enough. You will make all the difference in what happens to those around you. In a sense, your conversations with these people have a mutually positive impact. Talk about planning a visit. **Tonight:** With a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ One-on-one relating elicits the results you desire. The unexpected seems to occur around a property-related matter and/or your personal life. Curb a tendency to avoid feeling the full range of your emotions. Share more of yourself. **Tonight:** Research a new spot to meet friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others come toward you. Don't fight the desire to socialize. Be aware of what you must do before letting go and getting into the moment. Friends surround you; however, one person seems a bit withdrawn. Know that he or she might need to speak to you. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

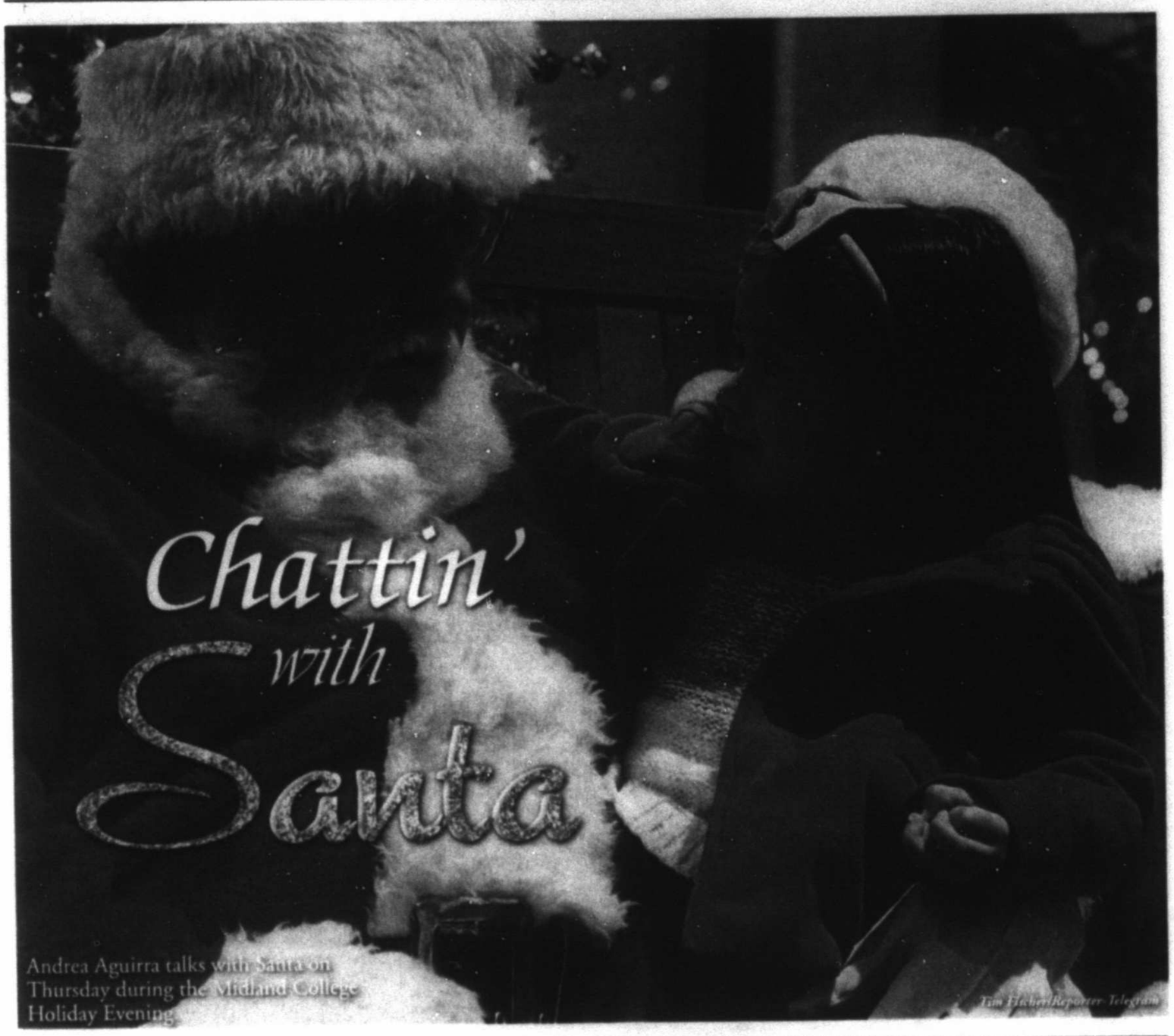
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to work through a problem emerges. You might have mixed feelings about what you should do. Test out your ideas with someone who has a very different perspective from yours, as he or she could be an excellent adviser and ally. **Tonight:** Switch gears. TGIF!

BORN TODAY
Singer/songwriter Gregg Allman (1947), artist Diego Rivera (1886), singer/songwriter Jim Morrison (1943)

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Andrea Aguirra talks with Santa on Thursday during the Midland College Holiday Evening.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

McRaven to stay at UT System chancellor in 2018

University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven will stay on the job in 2018 beyond the completion of his current contract.

McRaven's original 3-year contract expires this month. A system spokeswoman said Thursday that McRaven will stay on the job without a new one. The chancellor serves at the will of the Board of Regents, and McRaven's predecessors did not have contracts.

McRaven is a retired admiral and former head of U.S. special operations forces and earns about $1.9 million per year. His future at the system had been in doubt after several high-profile clashes with state lawmakers over guns on campus, tuition rates for immigrants in the country illegally, and other issues.

As chancellor, McRaven oversees 14 campuses, 215,000 students and 90,000 employees.

SAN ANTONIO

Ex-Texas nurse pleads not guilty in 1980s deaths of 5 kids

An imprisoned former nurse who prosecutors believe could be responsible for the deaths of up to 60 children in Texas pleaded not guilty Thursday to murder charges in the deaths of five children in the early 1980s.

Genene Jones, 67, was arraigned Thursday in San Antonio. She was brought into court in a wheelchair and wore a surgical mask.

Jones is serving concurrent 99-year and 60-year sentences in state prison for the killing of 15-month-old Chelsea McClellan and the sickening of 4-week-old Rolando Santos. Before the new charges were brought, Jones had been scheduled to be freed in March 2018 under a mandatory release law that was in place when she was convicted.

Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood said each case will be tried separately. Jones could face up to life in prison on each charge.

Children died of unexplained seizures and other complications when Jones worked at a San Antonio hospital and clinic in Kerrville, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) to the northwest of San Antonio.

"This is an enormous step in the right direction to secure justice for these slain children, their families and our community as a whole," LaHood said at a news conference Wednesday.

He said they'll first try the case of 11-month-old Joshua Sawyer, who investigators say died in 1981 of a fatal overdose of an anti-seizure drug.

"Our goal, my goal is that she takes her last breath from behind bars and she meets the Lord from behind bars," LaHood said Wednesday.

Prosecutors at Jones' 1984 murder trial said the nurse lethally injected children at the Kerrville clinic to demonstrate the need for a pediatric intensive care unit at a nearby hospital. Other prosecutors theorized that her tactic was to take swift medical action and save some of her victims so she could appear to be a sort of miracle worker.

SAN ANTONIO

Father shoots gunman threatening family in Texas restaurant

Police say a father eating with his family at a fast food restaurant in San Antonio fatally shot a robber who threatened his family with a gun.

Police Capt. Michael Starnes told the San Antonio Express-News that the robber died at the scene Wednesday evening.

San Antonio police Sgt. Roy Miller says the gunman threatened the father and restaurant employees and the employees ran out the back of the restaurant. The gunman demanded money and, when the father refused, the gunman turned his weapon toward the man's family. At that point, the father, who is licensed to carry a firearm, pulled out his own gun and fired.

Starnes says the father isn't facing charges and that he "really saved the day and protected a lot of people."

EL PASO

New Mexico brothers questioned in Texas border agent's death

The FBI questioned two brothers from New Mexico in the death of a border patrol agent in Texas, according to federal court documents that have been sealed.

Jeanette Harper, a spokeswoman for the FBI's El Paso office, said Thursday that the investigation is ongoing into the death of agent Rogelio Martinez and serious injuries sustained by his partner. FBI officials said previously that they were investigating the incident as a "potential assault" but they have not ruled out that the injuries could have been caused by an accident.

The search warrant and affidavit were filed Monday in New Mexico federal court and have since been sealed. In the affidavit, the investigators asking for a warrant to search a car belonging to the brothers, referred to them as "likely perpetrators of the assault."

But, court documents show the search warrant was executed on Dec. 3, a day before the FBI doubled its reward seeking information in the case.

Neither brother has been charged in 36-year-old Martinez's death. One of the brothers was being held on an immigration-related offense as of Thursday.

Martinez's partner radioed for help while the two were investigating a report of activity on Nov. 18 outside of Van Horn about 110 miles (175 kilometers) southeast of El Paso and about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the border with Mexico. The two were found with serious injuries including head trauma and broken bones.

Martinez died at a hospital a few hours later. His partner has recovered, but investigators say he doesn't remember what happened.

The court documents said a woman who had ridden in the car with the brothers submitted to the tip to investigators.

Harper said the FBI has received numerous tips, but declined to elaborate on the brothers or other tips they may be investigating.

"The FBI has not pressed charges against any individual, and we are still continuing with the investigation," she said.

CHIEF

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Midland Fire Department chiefs

- James O. Walker, Aug. 1, 1927-Jan. 1, 1952
- J.M. Little, Jan. 1, 1952-Jan. 5, 1978
- Raymond Lewis, Jan. 16, 1978-May 15, 1983
- James L. Roberts, Aug. 1, 1983-Dec. 20, 1996
- Andrew Mehl, Jan. 12, 1997-Nov. 15, 2005
- Russ Conley, April 1, 2005-March 31, 2010
- Robert Isbell, Dec. 6, 2010-Nov. 30, 2016
- Charles Blumenauer, Dec. 7, 2017-

was that he brought the most to the table — especially because he already knew the department — made his pitch, then hoped for the best.

Blumenauer, 49, has been serving as interim chief since June. He said during that time those working inside the Midland Fire Department operated like a group knowing the alarm bells still will go off. Now that a permanent chief has been named, there are projects that can move forward, he said.

Mayor Jerry Morales said he is excited about the new hire and that city leaders will meet with Blumenauer and figure out what is needed.

"We have to sit down, set up goals and get the fire department ready," Morales said.

The mayor added that the interview process was set up to see how candidates would lead in a growing community. He said the Blumenauer hire makes sense because he understands the culture of the department and the challenges of a growing community.

"We have to prepare the city for today and 20 years down the road," Morales said.

Blumenauer's experience with MFD spans multiple divisions including Community Health Paramedic Division, Quality Assurance and fire station design teams. He holds state certifications as a licensed paramedic, EMS instructor, Texas Commission on Fire Protection Master Firefighter, Fire Officer II and Fire Instructor II and is a graduate of the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy. He earned an associate degree in Fire Protection Technology and a bachelor's of organizational management from Midland College. He is pursuing a master's degree in Public administration at Sul Ross State University.

The following was a question-and-answer with the new chief of the Midland Fire Department — *Charles Blumenauer. It first ran when he was a finalist for the position.*

MRT: What have you done professionally to prepare yourself for this position?

Blumenauer: Professionally, I have worked for the Midland Fire Department right at 20 years (next April will be 20th year). I have been promoted through all the ranks that we have. I have been an engineer with the department, a captain in 2009, promoted to the new position of admin battalion chief in 2013 (first one to hold that position) — which opened me up to the administrative side. I was able to learn more there. In that position I attended the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy — the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, it's their certification course — a two-year course to be certified in state of Texas as a fire chief. After that, I kept working hard. I got my bachelor's degree in 2011 from Midland College. I am currently enrolled at Sul Ross taking my master's, promoted to assistant chief this January and then preparing myself, making sure I know the department the best I can to prepare myself for this day.

MRT: Have you had to work with limited resources in the past and how do you deal with it?

Blumenauer: There is a lot of time in the fire service that we deal with limited resources. I was discussing the gasoline pipeline event (a couple years ago), a really large event. We didn't have enough resources for an event like that. Really counted on working with volunteers. Odessa came over and worked with us, as well. During big events like that the main thing is to make sure you have outreach agencies that you can have mutual aid with and make sure you have good relationships with.

If you have a big event in town, you still have the rest of the town to cover. We make sure our response is correct here. We have a good system to call guys back into work. Plus, we have a good relationship with Odessa. … We have a program where we send crews back and forth. We send a crew for the day and they send us a crew so we have that working relationship together. It is important to have that, because when a big events happens, they can come over here or we can help them out.

MRT: Midland Fire Department has a lot of projects going. How do you go into a new situation and determine priority?

Blumenauer: Being the guy who has the blood, sweat and tears in the department, I have seen a lot of things. One of the two things we do right now — things we need to keep evaluating and growing — is the squad program. I was a captain in 2009 when the battalion chief started the program so I worked at the ground floor of the project. It has grown. As we start looking at the run volume, we have to look to determine if those squads are in the right locations to take pressure off the fire engines. We also have to see if there is another station that could use one as well.

The community health project for paramedics, that project is huge because we are actually helping Mr. and Ms. Smith at their house. They are not having to call 911, they are not having to go to the hospital. We are meeting some of their needs on site, so that is an important project. As far as bringing in new projects, I don't think I would bring new ones. I would just try to work on the two we have and make sure we keep tweaking them so we can make them better.

MRT: What else should our readers know about you?

Blumenauer: I'm a West Texas guy. I moved to Big Spring when I was 6 months old. I graduated from Coahoma. I started with the Big Spring Fire Department, and I moved to Midland. Midland is my home now. I have had one son graduate from Midland Lee. I have another son that is 8. It is home to me. It is important to me what happens in this community. It is important to me that we provide the best care and coverage, whether it is holding a hand or putting out a structure fire. We want to be the best at it every day.

Students hide in classrooms during shooting that left 3 dead

Associated Press

AZTEC, N.M. — Students hid in their classrooms, some behind locked doors, as a suspect opened fire Thursday inside a New Mexico high school, killing two classmates before ending up dead.

Authorities and other officials in the small town of Aztec near the Colorado border have released few details other than to say the shooter and the two victims all attended Aztec High School. No other injuries were reported, and it was not clear if the shooter died by suicide or was killed by police.

Local and federal authorities are investigating what led to the shooting and did not immediately release any details about the circumstances. A news conference was planned later Thursday.

Sophomore Garrett Parker told Albuquerque television station KOAT that he was upstairs in history class when he heard what he initially thought was students banging on lockers.

As the noise got louder and closer, school officials issued a warning over the loud speaker.

"Thankfully our teacher always locks the door no matter what. So he kept that locked," Parker said. "When they called over the intercom that it was not a drill, we went to the corner of the room out of sight from the door and just started hiding."

Parker said it felt like a dream.

Some parents reported hearing from their children via text messages that they could hear the shooter approaching.

The school of about 900 students was cordoned off as authorities cleared the campus and teens were taken to another location where they could be reunited with their parents.

A crowd of nervous parents initially gathered outside City Hall to wait for more information as officers tried to reassure them about the safety of their children.

All schools in town closed for the day, but authorities said there were no other credible threats to students at the high school or other schools in the neighboring communities of Bloomfield or Farmington.

Aztec is a rural community of 6,500 people in the heart of northwestern New Mexico's oil and gas country and near the Navajo Nation. Its main street is lined by old brick buildings that date back more than a century.

Residents voiced disbelief on social media, while members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, state Attorney General Hector Balderas and other elected officials offered their condolences and other assistance.

"While details are still coming in, we grieve for the innocent victims in this senseless act of violence. Too many lives have been disrupted and too many futures cut short," U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan said on Twitter.

Pearl Harbor survivors remember those killed 76 years ago

By Audrey Mcavoy
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Survivors gathered Thursday at the site of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to remember fellow servicemen killed in the early morning raid 76 years ago, paying homage to the thousands who died with a solemn ceremony marking the surprise bombing raid that plunged the U.S. into World War II.

About 20 survivors attended the event at a grassy spot overlooking the harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. They were joined by about 2,000 Navy sailors, officials and members of the public.

Gilbert Meyer, who lived through the Dec. 7, 1941 bombing, said he returned to pay his respects to his shipmates from the USS Utah — and say a prayer for them.

The 94-year who lives near Lytle, Texas, was an 18-year-old fireman first class when a torpedo hit the port side of the Utah. He said he's still alive because he happened to be on the ship's starboard side.

"I think about my shipmates and how they were killed. It reminds me that we're lucky we got off and we've made a good country for them," Meyer said.

Meyer later served in the battles at Attu, Kiska, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He witnessed Japan's surrender in 1945 from the deck of the USS Detroit in Tokyo Bay.

Herbert Elfring remembered hearing bombs explode and first thought the explosions were U.S. training exercises.

Then a fighter plane with Japan's World War II Rising Sun insignia strafed the Camp Makaole base where Elfring, 19 at the time, was serving. The bullets missed him by about 15 feet.

"When I looked up and saw the red ball on the fuselage I knew it wasn't our plane," he said. "I knew it was a Japanese plane."

The Jackson, Michigan man is now 95 and said returning to Pearl Harbor for the anniversary of the attack makes him feel special because he's one of the few remaining survivors.

"I have one of those caps that says 'Pearl Harbor Survivor' on it," he said. "It's amazing how many people come up and thank me for my service."

Elfring was in the military for the entire war, serving in Fiji, the Solomon Islands and the Philippines.

When it ended, he went to the University of Michigan on the GI Bill, worked for a gas and electric company and raised family of five.

The ceremony began with a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. in honor of those who lost their lives — the same time the attack began. Four Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 fighter jets broke the silence, with one plane peeling off from the group to symbolize servicemen still missing.



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

President Donald Trump, accompanied by Vice President Mike Pence, listens Thursday as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, speaks before a meeting with congressional leaders including House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, in the Oval Office of the White House.

House passes stopgap spending bill to avert weekend shutdown

By Andrew Taylor and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday passed a stopgap spending bill to prevent a government shutdown this weekend and buy time for challenging talks on a wide range of unfinished business on Capitol Hill.

The measure passed mostly along party lines, 235-193, and would keep the government running through Dec. 22. The Senate began a vote to send the measure to President Donald Trump.

The vote came as Trump and top congressional leaders in both parties huddled to discuss a range of unfinished bipartisan business on Capitol Hill, including the budget, a key children's health program and aid to hurricane-slammed Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida — and, for Democrats and many Republicans, protections for immigrants brought to the country illegally as children.

In back-to-back statements, both sides declared the meeting "productive."

"We had a productive conversation on a wide variety of issues. Nothing specific has been agreed to, but discussions continue," said Capitol Hill's top Democrats, Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, ticking off a roster of Democratic priorities, including domestic spending increases, funding for veterans and money to battle opioid abuse, immigration and health care.

GOP leaders promised help for immigrants known as Dreamers by their supporters, many of whom have only known America as their home.

Spokesmen for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said GOP leaders "stressed the need to address border security, interior enforcement and other parts of our broken immigration system," adding that the tricky immigration issue "should be a separate process and not used to hold hostage funding for our men and women in uniform."

Negotiations are sure to be tricky. Pelosi staked out a hard line Thursday and insisted that any year-end deal solve the immigration issue.

The immigrants are viewed sympathetically by the public and most lawmakers but face deportation in a few months because Trump reversed administrative protections provided to them by former President Barack Obama.

Pelosi told reporters before the meeting that "We will not leave here" without helping the immigrants. Her stance was noteworthy because GOP leaders are likely to require Democratic votes for the pre-Christmas spending bill.

Pelosi returned from the White House to oppose Thursday's stopgap bill. Fourteen Democrats supported the measure, however, while 18 Republicans were opposed.

Among Republicans, the conservative House Freedom Caucus had resisted the pending stopgap measure earlier in the week, fearing it would lead to a bad deal for conservatives down the road. But on Thursday, the group's chairman, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said the group will likely give leaders whatever support they need to pass the legislation.

Meadows said they'll help it pass to avoid distractions from the GOP drive to push their treasured $1.5 trillion tax bill through Congress this month. That measure, which mostly benefits businesses and upper-income people, is Trump's and the GOP's top remaining priority and would be their first major legislative triumph of the year.

But hours before Trump was to bargain with congressional leaders at the White House over longer-term spending decisions, Meadows said the conservatives would oppose any agreement they feel allows excessive federal spending.

"I want to avoid a headline that says President Trump's administration just passes the highest spending levels in U.S. history," Meadows told two reporters. "There will be zero support on numbers that are too high, regardless of anybody's position on that."

He also said Ryan promised he'd fight in coming weeks to pass a full-year budget for the military and leave fights with Democrats over domestic spending for later. It is unclear how that strategy would work, since Republicans control the Senate 52-48 and will need at least eight Democratic votes to pass any spending legislation.

The prospects for successful White House talks were buffeted Wednesday when the impulsive Trump blurted to reporters that a shutdown "could happen." He blamed Democrats, saying they want "illegal immigrants pouring into our country, bringing with them crime, tremendous amounts of crime."

Last week, an unexpected attack by Trump on Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Pelosi prompted the two to skip a bargaining session that was planned then.

This time, the White House smoothed the waters by following up with a more peaceable, written statement. It praised Pelosi and Schumer for choosing to "put their responsibility to the American people above partisanship" and said Trump was anticipating productive talks between "leaders who put their differences aside."

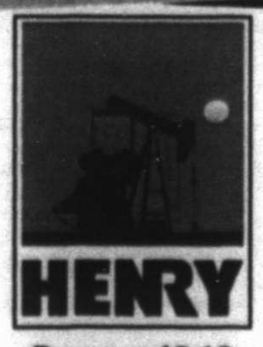
The two-week spending bill also makes money available to several states that are running out of funds for the Children's Health Insurance Program. That widely popular program provides medical care to more than 8 million children.

While many Democrats seemed likely to oppose the short-term bill, enough were expected to support it in the Senate to allow its passage there. They know they'd still have leverage on subsequent bills needed to keep the government running.

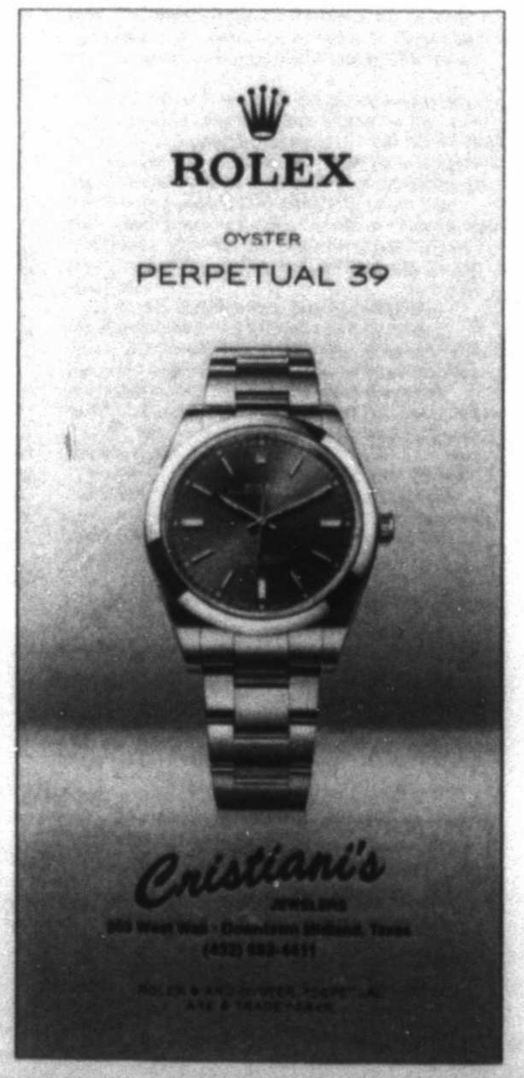
Democrats promise to us their leverage to insist on spending boosts for health care, infrastructure and other domestic programs that would match increases Republicans want for defense.



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Media give white nationalists too much attention

■ White supremacist stories are catnip for those seeking to connect those dots, no matter how baseless and slanderous the effort may be



MARK DAVIS
Dallas Morning News

Somewhere, a tiny coven of neo-Nazis is high-fiving.

For the price of a few ragtag banners and fliers, their noxious agenda has been spread over local news pages, splayed across America, and surely by now, there's a cabdriver in New Zealand who knows we had a white nationalist house call at Southern Methodist University.

This presents a vexing dilemma in journalism. The story has to be covered, right? Even if it's just a handful of idiots who cranked out this ripple of hate speech, it can't be ignored. One of the things that makes an event newsworthy is its oddity, and we don't see poisonous messaging strewn around college campuses every day.

In fact, there has been an uptick in attention paid to groups of this type as they have made some forays out of their usual caves in the recent past.

Sometimes it's a stunt designed for shock value, as when they descended on Charlottesville, Va., in August, knowing full well the anger they would attract. Other times it's just to see if they can attract attention to the absurd excesses of their agenda.

The modern media culture rarely disappoints, especially as political opportunists seek to associate genuine racists with the millions of voters who elevated Donald Trump to the presidency.

White supremacist stories are catnip for those seeking to connect those dots, no matter how baseless and slanderous the effort may be. It is not helpful when the occasional David Duke quote speaks well of Trump, as if that proves the specious claim. I'm guessing actual Communists favored Hillary Clinton in 2016, but she does not deserve to wear that stain.

Yet, there's The Washington Post this past weekend, in a moment of sordid guilt-by-association that was low even for them. "White nationalists angered by Mexican immigrant's acquittal in Kate Steinle's killing," their headline blared, an obvious attempt to malign the millions who reacted similarly.

The modern media culture's obsession with our tiny sliver of actual white supremacists plays directly into their hands, offering scads of coverage they could never dream of if the coverage of their exploits mirrored their actual significance.

These days, the media are cats, and white nationalists hold a laser pointer. But what is the right tone of coverage that neither hyperventilates nor underplays?

Their twisted ravings are such a guarantee of red-alert coverage that we see the occasional opportunistic hoax, as at the Air Force Academy last month, when one of the supposed victims of posted racial slurs was discovered as the perpetrator.

A sharp focus on white supremacy's actual scope is a difficult but vital undertaking. No one should dismiss the actual existence of such venomous beliefs, especially when they carry the potential for violence, as we saw in Charlottesville.

But wild exaggeration of the breadth and danger of these sparse pockets of hate across our landscape carries risks as well. Dallas has just blown nearly a half-million dollars yanking a Robert E. Lee statue in a rush that the mayor and council members absurdly coined an "emergency," asserting with straight faces that its mere presence could spark the next American race riots.

The SMU story will surely fuel further craven attempts to paint America as a growing greenhouse for white nationalism. But this should not lead to any calls to ignore such events.

An old saying properly defines a big part of wisdom as knowing what to dismiss. But if even a small band of haters assembles what amounts to a disgusting prank, it is a proper reflection of our values to find those responsible and make clear our collective revulsion.

Perhaps the stories can devote less space to detailed quotes of their contorted ramblings. In the SMU case, for example: "White Men! Save your people. Reject the opioid beast!" Really? What are these guys, Klansmen or renegade drug counselors?

Whether these people are incoherent or razor-sharp in their messaging, we are likely to see people like this surface from time to time. When we do, we should know that it is not because they are a seething and growing American faction, but because they know they can count on waves of attention to their malevolence.

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Editor's Note: Charles Krauthammer remains on medical leave. The Reporter-Telegram plans to continue running his column when he returns.

OPINION EXTRA

Al Franken doesn't seem to understand why he has to resign from the Senate

"I, of all people, am aware that there is some irony in the fact that I am leaving while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office, and a man who has repeatedly preyed on young girls campaigns for the Senate with the full support of his party," Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., said as he announced his resignation Thursday.

Franken, who has been accused by eight women of sexual misconduct, said that he was leaving not because the allegations against him were true, but because "it's become clear that I can't both pursue the ethics committee process and at the same time remain an effective senator."

Franken's statement was defensive and often angry. And though he said he "was excited for that conversation and hopeful that it would result in real change," he didn't seem to grasp what that change might look like or why he has been swept up in it. Franken and many other men have lost their jobs over the past few months because society has finally decided to treat them like other people who allegedly behave in wildly entitled and reckless ways.

If this change has been disconcerting to men like Franken, he's not alone. The reckoning of the past few months has made it clear that sexual harassment and sexual assault are widespread. It's also horrifyingly obvious just how many men feel no compunction about using their power to demand sexual contact, and how many of them don't even bother to demand. They "just kiss." They just grab, they just open their robes, they just start masturbating, they just force themselves inside women. They "don't even wait."

But knowing that still doesn't make it any more comprehensible to me. What must it be like to truly believe, deep down, that "when you're a star, they let you do it"? Or to be absolutely convinced that you can kiss whomever you want, whenever you want, because to do so is your "right as an entertainer" (as one accuser said Franken told her)? I have absolutely no understanding of how it feels to think you're entitled to have your every passing whim fulfilled, even if that whim involves another person. I have never for a moment expected that much satisfaction out of life.

I also can't understand the specific calculus involved in spectacularly destructive acts of self-gratification. Is a kiss from an unwilling woman or a handful of flesh really worth endangering a career in radio, or a seat in the Senate? Is forcing yourself on a clearly unwilling woman or enlisting her as an obviously miserable viewer in a session of masturbation actually worth the potential loss of your movie studio, or your development deal at a major network?

Maybe I'm missing the point. Maybe I just don't know what it's like to live without fear of consequence. The truth is, there's plenty of evidence to bolster men's belief that they can get away with these alleged acts — that at most, the price they'll pay is some irksome public humiliation. Clarence Thomas holds a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court. Bill Clinton retained his presidency and will retain the cushion of his wealth even if he's stripped of some esteem. Donald Trump is president. Roy Moore may still become a senator from Alabama.

So if Franken sounded petulant and defensive when he announced his resignation, maybe it's because he is genuinely flabbergasted by the past month of his life. If I struggle to imagine feeling as free and as entitled as the many men accused of sexual harassment this fall, I'm sure it's hard for those men to imagine navigating the constraints many women (not to mention people of color and LGBT people) have to contend with.

This failure of imagination isn't an excuse. But it is an explanation for the disbelief that some of the men who have been exposed over the past few months seem to feel. The idea that Harvey Weinstein could redeem himself with a week-long stay in rehab, or that director James Toback could bluster his way through hundreds of allegations, seems ludicrous to any of us who have had to choose between our passing desires and the realities of our lives. I'm sure the idea that these strategies wouldn't work is equally confounding if your life has been defined by a near-total freedom to seek gratification without worrying about the consequences.

Franken might not yet understand what happened to him. But like the women who say he groped them, he couldn't escape his fate.

— Alyssa Rosenberg, The Washington Post

Midland Reporter-Telegram

A Hearst newspaper



Impeachment hysteria knows no end

■ President has obvious faults, but there is no denying that the process isn't justified



JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Impeach him, impeach him, impeach him. That's the growl, no, the roar of the moment. It comes from every direction, though mainly of course, from the left. It is aimed at President Donald Trump and is loaded with politics and ideology even if here and there one can spot evidential possibilities. The heart of the fury is not just the charge that Trump is a sexist, racist, criminal psycho unfit for the White House, but that he is destroying our republic.

Here is an obvious irony, seeing as how the attackers are doing damage, too. Consider intelligence agency insiders feloniously leaking classified information meant to provide impeachment material. Look at the FBI, our proud federal law enforcement agency refusing to enable congressional oversight by releasing subpoenaed material related to the Trump-Russia probe.

Meanwhile, we have special counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director, splashing mud all over a reputation many once said was sterling. That would be his own. He has enlisted his good friend James Comey— also a former FBI director — as a star witness, which happens to be highly questionable. Recusal is called for, say some, noting that Mueller could have a special animus toward Trump because of his firing of this friend. It is thought, too, that he might be reluctant to pursue matters in which this witness may himself have gone astray.

Then there are all the Democrats Mueller has surrounded himself with as he investigates the Russian ties of a Republican president. Not the least of the biased hands on deck was an FBI investigator reportedly dismissed because of anti-Trump messages digitally transmitted to his mistress.

The latest Mueller revelation is that Michael Flynn, initially named by Trump as his national security adviser, lied to the FBI when he said he had not talked to the Russian ambassador to the United States before the inauguration. Flynn now says he did, has pleaded guilty to the lie and says he will cooperate with Mueller in every way possible. Therein lies dread. Who knows what he knows?

But except for a law ignored for 218 years and violated by such worthies as former President Jimmy Carter, Flynn did nothing wrong in his gabfest with the ambassador. (The law in question says no private citizen should negotiate with a foreign power, and Carter did so, as one example, in a meeting with a leader of Hamas.) Mueller asked that Russia not respond in any exaggerated way to Obama sanctions imposed for its alleged intervention in the 2016 election, and it didn't. Why Flynn lied is a puzzle.

The whole Russian collusion thing has not conjured up much backing and isn't against the law. Lefties like to say Congress can still impeach, and it can if it wants to betray what the Constitution says. The more emphasized issue of the moment is obstruction of justice, but, as concerns Trump and his executive privileges, this is murky as a matter of law.

Could a scarier issue for Trump be his reference to Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren as Pocahontas during a ceremony honoring Navajo World War II veterans? Believe it or not, a histrionic historian says it could be used in an article of impeachment. There's no question this failed joke about Warren's unsubstantiated claims of native ancestry was obnoxious under the circumstances, but to point to it as a reason for ridding D.C. of Trump is absurd hysteria.

Look also at billionaire Tom Steyer pushing impeachment on TV and fearfully saying Trump has brought us to the brink of nuclear war, himself maybe at the brink of emotional collapse. A president who actually furthered the North Korean threat was one named Barack Obama, who handled that as incompetently as he handled issues in Iran, Syria, Iraq and Libya.

Trump has outrageous faults and they are not made OK by Obama's equally disturbing autocratic misadventures. But if a Trump impeachment comes, it had better be justified. If it isn't, the republic could be in serious danger.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





A pedestrian walks over the star of actor Kevin Spacey on Nov. 22 on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. *Chris Pizzello/Associated Press*

Shame mingles with self-congratulation in Oscar season

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In nearly every major Academy Awards category this year there's some trace of the sexual misconduct allegations that have swept through the movie industry.

Best supporting actor? That's where Kevin Spacey was once considered a contender. Now he's been scrubbed from Ridley Scott's "All the Money in the World," his performance replaced with one by Christopher Plummer.

Best animated feature? The favorite is "Coco," the latest from Pixar, the animation studio co-founded by John Lassater. He's currently on a "sabbatical" following his admission of inappropriate behavior.

Best director? With only four women ever nominated, no category better illustrates the industry's ingrained gender equality issues — the same systematic imbalance that made it easier for Harvey Weinstein and others to act with such impunity for so long.

And even best actress, a category where you might expect a moment's reprieve, is — if tradition holds — to be presented by last year's best-actor winner, Casey Affleck. He settled two sexual harassment allegations filed against him in 2010.

Weinstein, who for so long craved omnipresence on Oscar night , may finally get his wish. Even though the former Weinstein Co. co-chairman has been kicked out of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences and his company's name has been erased from its best Oscar shot this year (Taylor Sheridan's "Wind River"), Weinstein will be ubiquitous in absentia.

The ongoing sexual harassment scandals have colored every phase of awards season, but whether they will ultimately shape who wins is another question. The season is just getting into the swing of things, with a number of critics groups announcing their awards in the past week and the Golden Globe nominations coming Monday. But in this year's Oscar race, the Weinstein effect is already playing an unpredictable role.

With so much disgrace to go around, is Hollywood still in the mood for self-congratulation?

At last week's Gotham Awards, the usually bubbly atmosphere was somewhat subdued, or at least Nicole Kidman thought so when she accepted a lifetime achievement award and urged the crowd to loosen up. Joana Vicente, executive director of the Independent Film Project, which puts on the Gothams, was one of the few to directly address the elephant in the room.

"This has been a tough year for our industry and for the world," said Vincente. "We would like to take a moment to recognize and to honor those women and those men who have stepped forward."

But at the same time, the movies have given plenty to celebrate. From "The Florida Project" to "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," this year's awards favorites are a formidable bunch, rife with timely social commentary. Many of the most celebrated filmmakers, from Greta Gerwig to Jordan Peele, are young, giving an awards season once dominated by Weinstein what many now long for: new voices.

The continuing fallout has made sexual harassment a commonly discussed topic on red carpets, at press junkets and on late-night shows — places that are typically reserved for more frothy banter. Sometimes, it has made for awkward interactions like a recent episode of NPR's "Fresh Air ," in which Gerwig was questioned by host Terry Gross about Noah Baumbach, her boyfriend, casting Hoffman. The interview, for which Gerwig was widely praised, exemplified how the conversation around sexual harassment in Hollywood can overtake the spotlight reserved for the year's best films.

Even the most trusted staple of Oscar season — screening Q&As and panel discussions — are now potentially fraught territory. At an anniversary screening of the film "Wag the Dog" moderator John Oliver grilled Dustin Hoffman over an earlier allegation that the actor groped a 17-year-old on the set of 1985 TV film "Death of a Salesman." Hoffman, who has denied the allegation, is a possible supporting-actor contender and Gotham Awards honoree for his performance in Baumbach's "The Meyerowitz Stories."

One veteran publicist of the season, who spoke on the condition on anonymity so as not to influence any campaigns, acknowledged that some clients have been coached to be ready to discuss sexual harassment issues. But the publicist said that the impact of the scandals on the Oscar race has been overstated.

The film most perfectly poised for the post-Weinstein moment is Martin McDonagh's "Three Billboards," in which Frances McDormand stars as an outraged mother out to revenge the rape and murder of her daughter. The director has even imagined a face-off between McDormand's wrathful protagonist, Mildred Hayes, and Weinstein. "We all know who would win," says McDonagh.

Yet, in the early going, two lively and precise coming-of-age tales — Luca Guadagnino's "Call Me By Your Name" and Gerwig's "Lady Bird" — have been cleaning up the most. Tom O'Neil, the veteran awards analyst of Gold Derby , said the early love for these "little movies with a big heart," as he called them, has forced him to re-examine his initial prediction of glory for "Three Billboards."

"Three Billboards" won the highly predictive audience award at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. And many have viewed McDormand as the overwhelming best-actress favorite. But early wins have gone to Saoirse Ronan of "Lady Bird," Meryl Streep of "The Post" and Sally Hawkins of "The Shape of Water."

"It still may do very well. It's going to do extremely well with the Golden Globe nominations about to come out," said O'Neil. "But 'Three Billboards' may just be too negative for these Oscar voters looking for uplifting messages."

Other films can legitimately claim the mantel of "the movie of the moment." "Lady Bird," Gerwig's solo directorial debut, stands apart, as one columnist wrote , for "so genuinely reflect(ing) a woman's experience and viewpoint." No film captured the zeitgeist like Jordan Peele's "Get Out," a movie that cleverly rendered the realistic horrors of being black in America. Steven Spielberg's upcoming Pentagon Papers drama, "The Post," is both a celebration of a free press meant as a rebuke to President Donald Trump, and a tale of female empowerment led by Streep's Katharine Graham. Sean Baker's "The Florida Project" is a sunny fable that burrows inside the lives of the hidden homeless.

The bigger-budget wildcard, Christopher Nolan's "Dunkirk," has received few nominations so far, including a best picture Critics' Choice Awards nomination on Wednesday. It could yet emerge as a heavyweight on the merits of its big-screen craft.

But there's no question that the normal rhythms of Oscar season have been upset. Amazon, which last Oscars steered "Manchester by the Sea" to a best-picture nomination, is this year pushing the Kumail Nanjiani comedy "The Big Sick," even while Amazon Studios head Roy Price resigned on the heels of sexual harassment allegations . Angelina Jolie, whose Khmer Rouge family drama "First They Killed My Father" is Cambodia's Oscar submission, was among the many women who spoke out about her experience with Weinstein.

Between now and the March 4 Academy Awards, to be hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, there may be more developments, too. Given the pace of revelations thus far, there will be.

As a platform for bringing attention to gender inequality in Hollywood, the Academy Awards is far from perfect. Despite overhauling its membership in recent years, the film academy remains 72 percent male and 87 percent white. The changes have still been enough to make some ponder if the traditional notion of an "Oscar-friendly" movie have shifted, as they seemingly did last year when "Moonlight" upset "La La Land."

Ronan Farrow, who penned the New Yorker's Weinstein exposes , was among those who in February contemplated whether #OscarsSoMale was the more fitting hashtag after several years of #OscarsSoWhite online protests. As has been noted, Oscar, himself, is male, naked and clutching only his sword. This year may be cause for, at the least, a change of attire.

Combative Franken quits, points to GOP tolerance of Trump

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Al Franken, a rising political star only weeks ago, reluctantly announced Thursday he's resigning from Congress, succumbing to a torrent of sexual harassment allegations and evaporating support from fellow Democrats. But he fired a defiant parting shot at President Donald Trump and other Republicans he said have survived much worse accusations.

"I am leaving while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office and a man who has repeatedly preyed on young girls campaigns for the Senate with the full support of his party," Franken said.

The 66-year-old Minnesotan, a former "Saturday Night Live" comedian who made a successful leap to liberal U.S. senator, announced his decision in a subdued Senate chamber three weeks after the first accusations of sexual misconduct emerged but just a day after most of his Democratic colleagues proclaimed he had to go. His remarks underscored the bitterness many in the party feel toward a GOP that they say has made a political calculation to tolerate Trump and Alabama GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore, who've both been accused of sexual assaults that they've denied.

In largely unapologetic remarks that lasted 11 minutes, Franken said "all women deserve to be heard" but asserted that some accusations against him were untrue. He called himself "a champion of women" during his Senate career who fought to improve people's lives.

"Even on the worst day of my political life, I feel like it's all been worth it," he said.

Franken's departure, which he said would occur in "coming weeks," made him the latest figure from politics, journalism and the arts to be toppled since October. That's when the first articles appeared revealing sexual abuse allegations against Hollywood titan Harvey Weinstein and energizing the #MeToo movement in which women have named men they say abused or harassed them.

Democratic Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton will name a temporary successor, who will serve until a special election next November.

Franken's comments appended a melancholy coda to the political career of the one-time TV funnyman who became one of his party's most popular and bellicose liberals.

Just two days earlier, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., a civil rights hero who'd been the House's longest-serving current member, resigned after facing sexual harassment allegations of his own. The two departures underscored the party's determination to show no tolerance for such behavior, a strategy that can bring stunningly fast conclusions to political careers but that party leaders believe could give them high moral ground on a subject that's shown no sign of fading.

On a 2005 audio tape released shortly before last year's presidential election, Trump is heard talking about grabbing women, and several women accused him of sexual assaults. Women in Alabama have accused Moore of unwanted sexual contact and pursuing romantic relationships when they were teenagers and he was in his thirties during the 1970s.

Asked about Franken's comment about him on Thursday, Trump merely replied, "I didn't hear it, sorry."

At least eight women had accused Franken of inappropriate sexual behavior. Until this week, he'd said he'd remain in the Senate and cooperate with an investigation into his behavior.

The breaking point came Wednesday, when a former Democratic congressional aide said he forcibly tried to kiss her in 2006, an accusation he denied. Hours later, another woman said he'd inappropriately squeezed "a handful of flesh" on her waist while posing for a photo with her in 2009.

The accusations started last month when Leeann Tweeden, now a Los Angeles radio anchor, accused him of forcibly kissing her during a 2006 USO tour in Afghanistan. She also released a photo of him with his hands at her breasts as she napped aboard a military plane.

On Thursday, Franken walked to the Senate chamber shortly before noon, hand-in-hand with his wife of 35 years, Franni. As he spoke, members of his family watched from the visitors' gallery, some sobbing. Franken said that thanks to them, "I'm going to be just fine."

Almost two-dozen colleagues listened silently at their desks, some dabbing their eyes. Those watching were nearly all Democrats and many were women, including New Yorker Kirsten Gillibrand, who released the first of what became a flood of public statements Wednesday calling for Franken's resignation. Also present was Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, who one Democrat said had spent much of Wednesday persuading his friend to leave.

After Franken spoke, many of his colleagues lined up to hug him. He said he was leaving because he couldn't handle an ethics panel investigation while representing his state effectively. He said he'd remain an activist: "I may be resigning my seat, but I am not giving up my voice."

A star on "Saturday Night Live," the Harvard-educated Franken was elected to the Senate in 2008 by 312 votes. In Washington, he distanced himself from his comedic background, largely avoided national reporters and burrowed into consumer issues. He found his voice as a sharp critic of Trump administration officials and has been listed as a potential 2020 presidential contender.

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Garrison Keillor, creator and host of "A Prairie Home Companion," appears during an interview July 20, 2015 in St. Paul, Minn. The president of Minnesota Public Radio has told employees the decision to cut business ties with former "A Prairie Home Companion" host Keillor resulted from "multiple allegations" that covered an extended period of time. Jon McTaggart held an off-the-record meeting with employees Wednesday, a week after Keillor's dismissal was announced. Keillor says it was wrong to fire him without a full investigation. *AP file photo*

Keillor: Radio station fired me without full investigation

By Jeff Baenen
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Garrison Keillor says Minnesota Public Radio was wrong to fire him last week without fully investigating what a senior executive has described as "multiple allegations" spanning an extended period against the former "A Prairie Home Companion" host.

Jon McTaggart, CEO of MPR's parent company American Public Media Group, addressed the issue at an employee meeting Wednesday. McTaggart didn't provide details of the allegations against the 75-year-old veteran broadcaster, saying only that he has shared them with lawyers and board members.

MPR News reporters refused to attend the meeting because its contents had been declared off the record, but they compiled a report based on interviews with colleagues who did.

In a statement Thursday morning, MPR insisted it conducted a proper review. The statement said two people formerly associated with the show alleged "multiple incidents of inappropriate behavior" by Keillor, though only one claimed the behavior was directed at her. The station said it hasn't made additional details public because the two want privacy.

"The allegations were carefully investigated before MPR made the decision to terminate contracts with Mr. Keillor," the statement said.

Keillor announced Nov. 30 that MPR had terminated his contracts after four decades of entertaining public radio listeners with tales of small-town characters. He said he was fired over "a story that I think is more interesting and more complicated than the version MPR heard." Keillor didn't provide details to the Associated Press but later told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that he had put his hand on a woman's bare back as he tried to console her.

Keillor retired as host of "A Prairie Home Companion" in 2016 but had continued to work for MPR on various projects.

McTaggart said Wednesday that no one else in the company knows the content of the "multiple allegations" against Keillor that span an extended period of time.

Keillor told the Associated Press in an email later Wednesday that he was not at the meeting hosted by McTaggart, so he couldn't provide details of what was said. But he expressed disappointment at the company's response to the allegations.

"I expect to deal with MPR soon to try to fix the enormous mistake they have made by not conducting a full and fair investigation," he said.

Keillor's attorney emailed a statement to AP early Thursday stressing that they know of allegations made by "one individual."

"We trust that Mr. McTaggart will set the record straight in this respect to avoid any misperceptions on that point," Eric Nilsson said in the statement.

Keillor said he wants the matter to be resolved quickly and "with it expects a full restoration of his reputation," Nilsson said.

"A Prairie Home Companion" continues with Keillor's hand-picked successor, mandolinist Chris Thile.

MSNBC reverses firing of contributor over rape joke

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — MSNBC has reversed itself and now says it won't be cutting ties with contributor Sam Seder over a rape joke he made on Twitter eight years ago.

Network president Phil Griffin said Thursday that "sometimes you just get one wrong — and that's what happened here."

Seder had been told last week that he wouldn't be welcomed back on the network after conservative commentator Mike Cernovich pointed out the apparent joke by Seder about defenders of film director Roman Polanski, a fugitive since pleading guilty to having unlawful sex with a minor in the 1970s.

In his tweet, Seder wrote that he didn't care about Polanski, "but I hope if my daughter is ever raped, it is by a truly talented man with a great sense of mise en scene."

Seder, a comedian who does the political podcast "The Majority Report," is an occasional presence on MSNBC, most often on Chris Hayes' prime-time show.

MSNBC's action provoked an online outcry from fans who thought the network was caving to pressure from conservatives.

"We made our initial decision for the right reasons — because we don't consider rape to be a funny topic to be joked about," Griffin said. "But we've heard the feedback, and we understand the point Sam was trying to make in that tweet was actually in line with our values, even though the language was not. Sam will be welcome on our air going forward."

MSNBC had initially said it wouldn't be renewing Seder's contract, which expires early next year.

Seder said he appreciated the network's reconsideration and "willingness to understand the cynical motives of those who intentionally misrepresented my tweet for their own toxic, political purposes.

"We are experiencing an important and long overdue moment of empowerment for the victims of sexual assault and of reckoning for their perpetrators," he said. "I'm proud that MSNBC and its staff have set a clear example of the need to get it right."

Cernovich, in a video posted online, called MSNBC's reversal "a great day for us." He said conservatives will be able to cite Seder's tweet in the future whenever they are criticized for tweets that others find objectionable.

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Torino's seventh annual Toy Drive features live music by J.R. McNutt, Jeremy Calley, Tommy Pool and DJ Daylen Keys with a silent auction and refreshments. The toy drive benefits High Sky Children's Ranch, CASA of West Texas and 311 Ministries. Bring a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation to Torino's for entry. 8 p.m.

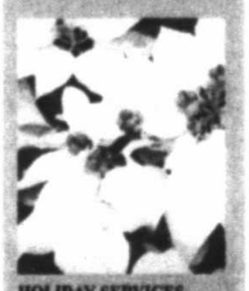
The **Midland Soup Kitchen** toy drive and will accept new, unwrapped toys for ages 2 to 12 and $25 gift cards for teens through Dec. 15.

Christmas at Fountainville Creamery and Soda Fountain will feature games, prizes, activities and holiday-flavored treats such as candy cane ice cream and hot chocolate. Toy donations accepted to benefit Safe Place. 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

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Break a sweat for a good cause. Project30 Pilates and Fitness Studio hosts a **Zumba Donation Class benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.** 4 p.m.



HOLIDAY SERVICES

First Christian Church opens its **Night in Bethlehem** event, a Christmas experience with scenes from the Nativity followed by a hands-on experience with first century Bethlehem. 5 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols with the Trinity Cherubs, adult and junior choristers and the handbell choir at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. 6 p.m.

The Story of Christmas will be presented by the FBC choir and orchestra at First Baptist Church and is open to the public. 6 p.m.

Candlelight Lessons and Carols with the St. Nicholas' Choristers, handbell and children's choirs and the West Texas Winds ensemble. The annual reading of "'Twas the Night before Christmas" will be performed for children with a reception to follow at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. 6:15 p.m.

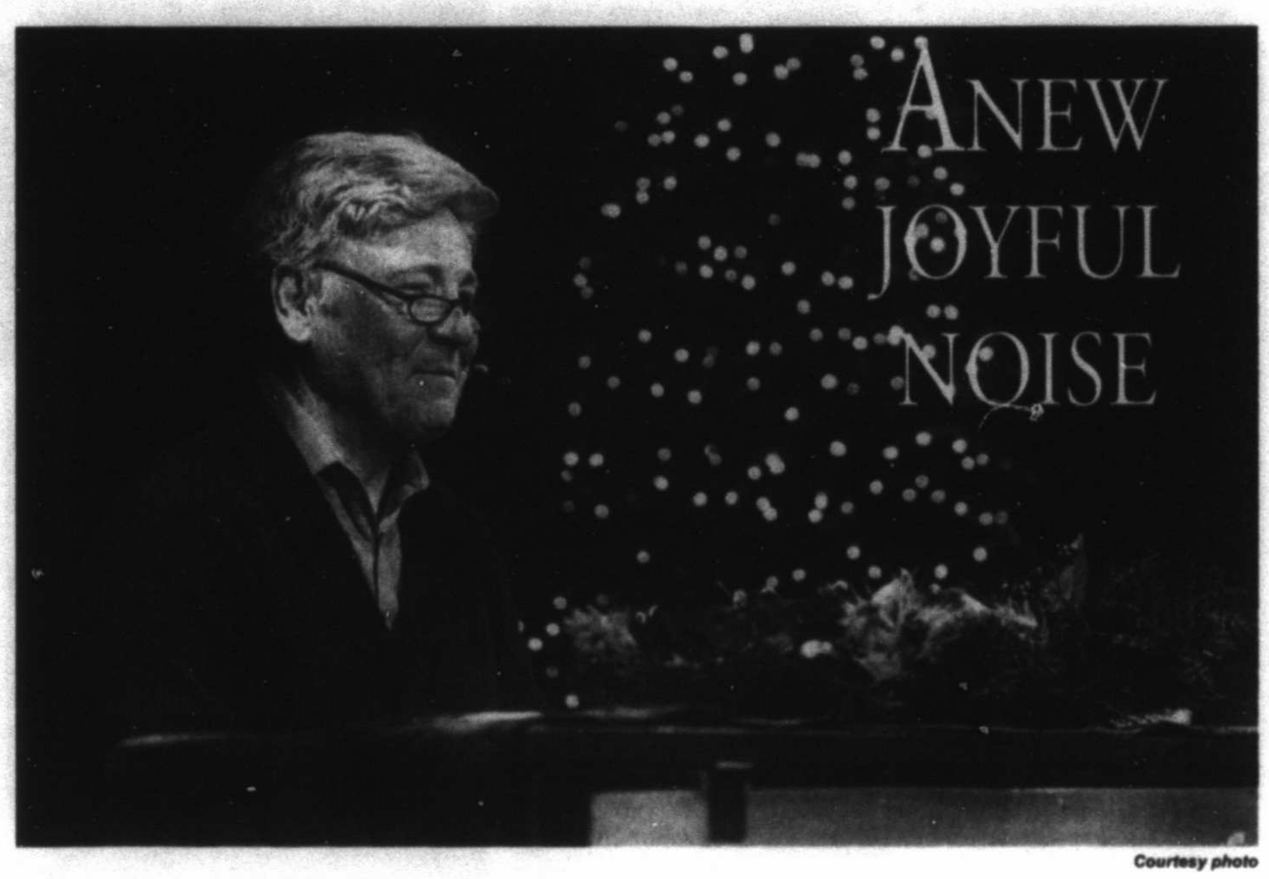
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Michael McLean wrote the story and songs for "The Forgotten Carols" as well acts in the touring production.

'The Forgotten Carols' puts new spin on classic story of faith

By Rich Lopez
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When songwriter Michael McLean was asked by his publisher to do a Christmas album, he found that to be an unexpected challenge.

"I am not going to write something to compete with all the great Christmas songs there already are," he said.

So he chose a different route. The result was "The Forgotten Carols," which has gone from a one-man show to a stage production that can be seen Wednesday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

"I'm a storyteller and a songwriter. In 1990, I started to play some music that would be the song of the innkeeper who turned away Joseph and Mary. That's when it occurred to me. It started with the innkeeper, who is just like you and me. We are busy and going on with life … and so I wanted to show Christmas through those eyes."

But this is a modern story that centers on a nurse who is closed off to the holidays and her new patient who talks about the birth of Christ as if he was there. His story is told in musical flashbacks, while she carries on with her nursing duties without affection to his history.

After tweaking the show over the years with the help of his son, McLean's story grew into a large touring production. At the same time, McLean wanted the show to have an appeal to all audiences.

"One of the things I noticed about Christmas stories is how uncomfortable they were talking about Jesus, and instead played up his virtues of kindness and giving without mentioning him," he said. "I wondered what if we saw a story that wasn't embarrassed by or preachy about what's been forgotten about the holidays."

For 26 years, McLean has taken on that notion unapologetically with this show. He said the show asks: "How do you believe in something that makes no sense." His own answer was he wished he could. And what he discovered was, that was enough.

"What is it that allows us to believe things that on the surface we might roll our eyes with," he said. "One shepherd in the play was asleep during the birth, and when asked about it, he states with conviction that he felt it."

With more than 20 albums to his credit as well as involvement with two or three films, McLean has found that "The Forgotten Carols" has had the biggest impact.

"People would come to me to talk about what had happened to them during the show, and I realized that was never about me. And I never even planned to do this. This wasn't my endgame," he said. "The inspiration for this came from the source where all spirituality came from."

Family Promise director: Holidays aren't joyful time for the homeless

■ Nonprofit organization is recognized for its service to community

By Rich Lopez
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Courtesy photo

Deja Carter, left, and Lena Buck, right, of Anointed Women Ministry, Inc. pose with executive director of Family Promise Tom Miller. AWM recognized Family Promise for its community service and donated $500 to the organization.

The Anointed Women's Ministry honored two organizations at its Black and White Gala held at the Horseshoe Pavilion on Saturday. Both the Salvation Army and Family Promise were recognized for achievements in community service.

Family Promise Executive Diirector Tom Miller welcomed the moment to bring awareness to the agency's mission.

"Obviously, we're very humbled by the award, but it was great to see the Midland community rally around our mission to ending homelessness one family at a time," he said.

Along with the award, AWM donated $500 to the organization to help with operating costs and services it provides.

Miller said the holiday season isn't full of cheer for everyone.

"Families take for granted that it's a joyful time for everyone, when for those who are homeless, it's an added stress," he said. "This is a silent population (that is) also the working poor, and so those families may not be exchanging gifts like everyone else."

Miller said Family Promise clients are taken care of by the community — both individuals and companies — through donations. First Christian Church is a big supporter of Family Promise and its community.

Miller is looking for other congregations to join its Midland Interfaith Hospitality Network. The network currently has 19.

"I'd like to have more congregations get involved," he said. "Of the 19 we have, 15 are hosts (and) that allows us to accept up to four families each. That would be a big present to us."

Cinergy to benefit Toys for Tots this weekend

From staff reports

Cinergy Entertainment will be hosting a toy drive at the Midland and Odessa locations to benefit the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots. Cinergy will offer the choice of a free small popcorn or a $10 game card today through Sunday to encourage patrons to donate toys.

"We are so excited to partner with Cinergy in our Salvation Army Toy Drive," said Michelle Walker of the Salvation Army. "Thank you to Cinergy and all those willing to donate a toy to brighten this Christmas for a child in need in Midland County."

"Partnering with Toys for Tots will allow us all to come together as a community and help out those most in need during the holidays," said Traci Hoey, Cinergy's marketing and sales director.

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Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist
303 E. Shandon
432-682-4931

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211 N. Tyler St
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New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
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3901 Mockingbird Lane
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3203 S.C.R. 1211
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Second Baptist Church
3125 Travis
432-694-9856

South Memorial Baptist Church
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432-262-1192

Southwest Baptist Church
8006 Hwy 191
432-561-8885

Stonegate Fellowship
6000 W. Wadley
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Valley View Baptist Church
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Victory Fellowship
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West Kentucky Baptist Church
1507 W. Kentucky Ave.
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Wilshire Park Baptist
801 S. Bentwood
432-694-7787

Kelview Heights Baptist Church
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432-682-3842

Bible
Calvary Chapel of Midland/Odessa
Highway 191 & FM 1788
432-561-9141

Colonial Bible Church
6112 N. State Highway 349 #C-2
432-686-2612

Midland Bible Church
5900 Whitman Dr
432-684-9722

Catholic
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
1301 E. Garden Lane
432-682-2581

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1906 W. Texas Ave
432-682-6303

St. Michael The Archangel Traditional Catholic Church
3001 W. Golf Course Rd
432-686-7709

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
4601 Neely Avenue
432-520-7394

Christian
Abundant Living Christian Center
1610 W. Wall
432-687-1419

Christian Church of Midland
2608 Neely
432-684-7681

Community of Christ
3603 Douglas
432-694-7720

St. Paul CME Church
409 S. Lee
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Christian Disciples of Christ
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Midland, TX 79701
432-682-2541

Church on the Journey (Disciples of Christ)
Fellowship Hall at Grace Presbyterian
2801 N. Garfield
432-694-2685

Christian and Missionary Alliance Fellowship Community Church
5206 N. Midland Dr.
432-699-6068

The Redeemed Christian Church of God
3201 Heritage Blvd., Midland
347-737-8952

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First Church of Christ, Scientist
1001 W. Tennessee
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4603 Andrews Hwy.
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9501 FM 307
432-685-1249

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611 S. Webster
432-684-4733

Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 N. Midland Dr.
432-699-7064

Iglesia de Cristo
1501 E. Cherry Lane
661-3233, 634-1948

Iglesia de Cristo (En Espanol)
902 Midkiff Road
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Gardendale Church of Christ
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432-366-0042

Golf Course Road Church of Christ
3500 W. Golf Course Rd
432-694-8836

Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ
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432-685-0885

Lee Street Church of Christ
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432-684-4786

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North "A" Church of Christ
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Northside Church of Christ
1511 N. Fort Worth St
432-682-1553

One Hope Church of Christ
2503 W. Ohio Ave
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Westway Church of Christ
1701 Hughes St
432-889-6987

Westside Church of Christ
4410 W. Illinois Ave
432-694-3614

Woodcrest Church of Christ
1401 Woodcrest Drive
432-689-0955

Charismatic
Midland Christian Fellowship
(The Joyful Church)
2301 W. Indiana

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Church of God
Church of God
5300 Thomason Dr
432-694-7586

Church of God in Christ
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200 N. Tyler
432-684-5466

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
1605 N. Terrell
432-684-5253

Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ
1301 E. Cowden
432-682-9271

Parks Memorial Church of God in Christ
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432-337-8014

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4805 Gateway St. & 2101 Tarleton St.
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432-683-1750

Camino de Vida Midland Hispanic y Foursquare Church
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432-352-9524

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Living Hope Church
2911 CR 1140
432-693-6398

Voice of Victory - A Word Church
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432-686-7566

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

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Hindu Association of West (HAWT)
4401 Cardinal Lane
432-520-4298

Interdenominational

Midland Center for Spiritual Living
1908 W Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
432-684-4230

Sovereign Grace Church
(formerly Christian Life Center)
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432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
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Jewish

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1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, Tx
432-550-5111

Lutheran

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
3800 Bluebird Lane
432-694-4971

Grace Lutheran Church
3000 W. Golf Course Rd
432-697-3221

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5110 N. Garfield
432-570-8149

Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)
2003 N. A St
432-683-1936

Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, Tx
432-362-2549

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
432-694-1373

Messianic

Beit Haderekh
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, Tx
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Methodist United

Resurrection United Methodist Church
9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
1701 N. Main
432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St
432-682-3701

First United Methodist Church
600 N. Goldsmith St, Goldsmith, Tx
432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
3011 W. Kansas
432-694-2571

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
4501 Thomason Drive
432-694-2544

Visionary Hollowell Community UMC
400 S. Marshall St
432-682-1574

Muslim

Muslim Association of West
1200 S. Midland Dr
432-262-6226

Islamic Center of the Permian Basin
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E
432-520-3751

Nazarene

The Gathering @ Midland (A Church of the Nazarene)
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4201 W. Illinois
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The Potters' House
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432-279-0198

The Orchard, Your Neighborhood Church
6112 N. Big Spring Street

Renew Life Church
Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
432-689-7284

Abiding in Christ Ministries
1208 A Counrty Road 138 West
Midland
432-699-4513

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-6412

Church of God 7th Day
609 N. Dallas
432-218-8595

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
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Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr
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432-368-2500

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432-686-9468

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4201 W Illinois, Midland, TX
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Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Manna of the Word Ministry
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Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W Hwy 191
432-563-9444

Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ
701 S. Calhoun
432-687-0630

New Harvest Fellowship Church
4010 North County Road 1130
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Our Savior's Christian Fellowship
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

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3900 N. FM 1788
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Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
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410 S. Lee
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4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

Christian Tabernacle Church
10807 W CR 145
432-262-5072

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432-556-2062

Crossway Church Adult
1000 Upland
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3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-6638

Elevate Church
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432-685-1981

Faith Apostolic Church
4001 W. Illinois Ave
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Midland Center Room 3
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Harvest Time Church
8300 State Hwy 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
1306 E. Taylor
432-337-9372

Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias
405 E. Stokes
432- 684-8541

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

New Day Christian Fellowship
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

New Harvest Fellowship
4010 NCR 1130
432-699-5321, 432-853-9830

Rock Fellowship Church
410 S. Pecos
432-685-3858

Salvation Army Church
3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

Solid Rock Fellowship Outwest
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St. Paul C.M.C. Church
409 S. Lee Street
432-682-0010

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6901 S. CR 1200
432-687-0348

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1205 S. Belmont
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The World Wide Church of God Bible
1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
432-381-8352

True Life Christian Fellowship Church
3001 N. A St
432-687-3077

Orthodox

Holy Cross Orthodox Church
1616 W. Golf Course Rd
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Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church
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432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
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432-682-7186

Templo Gloriosa Mañana
511 S. Stonewall
432-664-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave
432-697-4007

This Generation UPC (United Pentecostal Church)
409 W. Pine
432-685-3919

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas
432-684-7821

Grace Presbyterian Church
2801 N. Garfield
432-684-6542

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)
2900 Princeton
432-520-5255

Seventh Day Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W Pennsylvania
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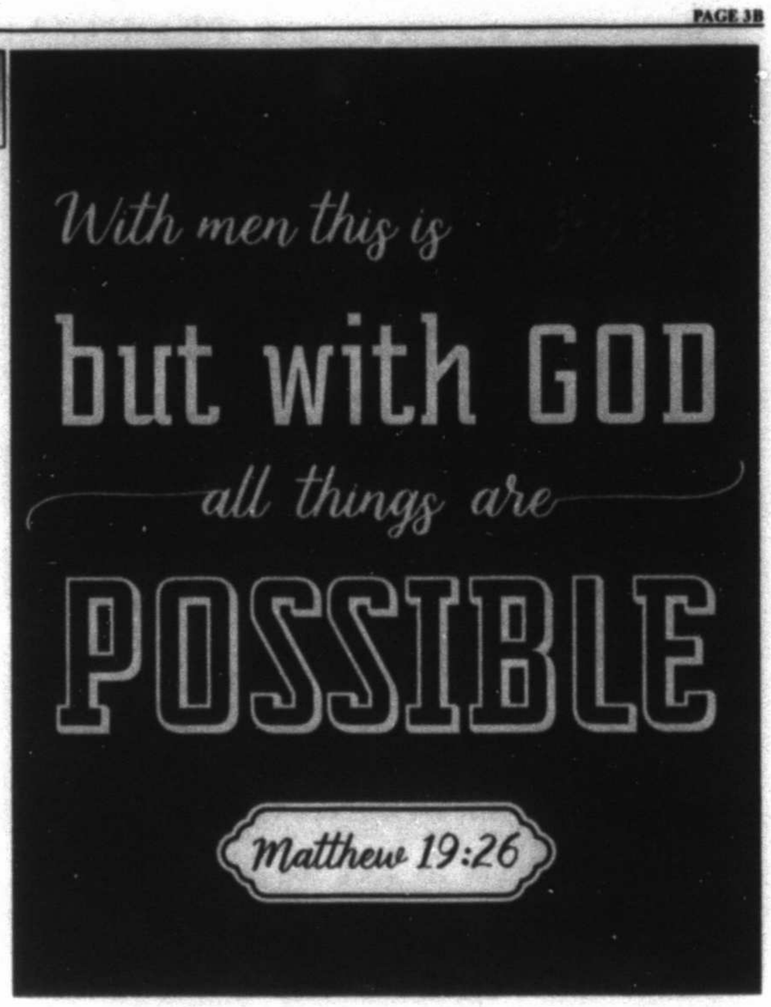
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4712 Shadylane
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5711 Whitman
432-552-1053

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland
3301 Neely
432-694-4308









Hanukkah cheese-basked pastries celebrate the story of Judith

By Peggy Wolff
Chicago Tribune

At the culinary heart of Hanukkah (which begins at sundown Tuesday) are foods fried in oil to commemorate the triumph of the Maccabees, who won back their sacred temple, and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

But there's another Hanukkah story, not as well-known, that shifts the culinary narrative to a brave woman and her killer cheese. This story from the Book of Judith explains why dairy makes it onto the holiday table.

According to "The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible," the Assyrian leader Nebuchadnezzar sent one of his generals, Holofernes, to destroy the Jews of Bethulia, a town that commanded access to the road to Jerusalem. The plan was to seize the spring at the foot of the mountain, so the Jews would be deprived of their water supply.

When the cisterns in the town were empty, the people began to lose heart. It seemed better to live as slaves than to die in vain. One woman in town, a beautiful widow named Judith, had another plan.

She left Bethulia, dressed in festival garments to entice any man she might meet, and equipped with wine and food. The Assyrian guards — entranced by Judith's looks — opened the gates of the city and escorted her up the hill to the enemy camp.

Pleased by her appearance, her beauty and her wit, Holofernes invited Judith to a banquet in his tent. When his officers left him alone with her, the general was so charmed by her that he ate the salty cheese cakes she had prepared, then quenched his thirst with her wine. More cheese cakes, much more wine. Until he fell drunkenly asleep.

And then, Judith pulled out his sword, and cut off his head.

She left the camp without arousing suspicion, her maid carrying the head in a bag. When the threatening army saw their general's head, they panicked and fled.

Because Judith saved the Jews from a death order, many Jews honor her by eating cheese and dairy dishes: rugelach, blintzes, cheesecake, cheese latkes, even sour cream on potato latkes.

"We used to have a cake that was made out of cheese, like a fried-cheese-type thing," says chef Laura Frankel, culinary director for Kosher Media International. Until the fried cheese tradition made it to northern and eastern Europe where they fried things in schmaltz (animal fat).

"Obviously, with kosher rules," Frankel explained, "you can't fry anything with cheese in schmaltz." Mixing dairy and meat is banned in Jewish dietary laws. "So they changed the cheese out for potatoes. It was something people ate a lot of, they were filling, they were plentiful."

This brings us to a shocking revelation. Though the original latkes were cheese latkes, the Ashkenazic Jews (who brought the latke to America) subbed potatoes.

And thus was born the latke that we all love today.

Judith's Cheese Pastries

Prep: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Chill: Overnight
Cook: 25-30 minutes
Makes: 24 to 30 pieces

Adapted from "A Treasury of Jewish Holiday Baking" by Marcy Goldman, these pastries symbolize the cheese cakes that Judith served to Holofernes. Farmer cheese is a form of cottage cheese with most of the liquid pressed out, giving it a solid, crumbly texture. For best results, refrigerate the dough 8 hours or overnight.

Cheese pastry dough:
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 sticks (1 cup) cold unsalted butter, cut into 16 pieces
1 cup farmer cheese
2 teaspoons finely minced lemon zest
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling:
1/2 pound cream cheese
1/2 pound farmer cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon flour

Please see PASTRIES/6B

Obituaries



Eddie Joe James, Sr.

Eddie Joe James, Sr., 74 of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 5, 2017.

Service will be held on December 8, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. Eddie was born on August 8, 1943, in Big Spring, Texas to Cecil and Virgie James. He married Panzy Myrick on February 3, 1967. Eddie and Panzy had Eddie Joe James, Jr. on July 26, 1971 and Tammy JoAnna James on February 5, 1975.

Eddie spent his life helping others. He loved working on cars and drag racing. Eddie spent many years in the frac industry. His coworkers and friends valued his loyalty and compassion for everyone.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Yolanda James; son, Eddie Joe James, Jr. of Midland; grandson, Slayd Karson Casey and wife Alexa of Waco, Texas; granddaughters, Tiffany Nicole James, 18, and Macy Elaine James, 16, of Midland; daughter, Tammy JoAnna James Fields, and granddaughter, Nikki Renee Fields, 18, of Midland; brothers, Claude Hendricks and wife Mary of Pueblo, Colorado and David James and wife Janice of Odessa, Texas; and sisters, Robie D. Davis and wife Sharon Hutchinson of Seattle, Washington, and Linda Spears and husband Joseph of Ocean Springs, Michigan.

Eddie is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Eddie is preceded in death by his wife, Panzy Onela Myrick James, mother, Virige Davis and stepdad Robert Davis; father, Cecil James, Sr.; sister, Sue James, and brother, Cecil James Jr. and wife Lucy James of Prescott, Arizona.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Hospice of Midland, and to Eddie's coworkers and close friends for all their love and support through this time.

Flowers can be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800



Gary Duncan

Gary Duncan, 66, of Midland, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland on Friday, December 8, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m.

Gary was born on September 17, 1951 in Kermit, Texas to Charles and Evelyn Duncan. Gary grew up in Kermit and graduated from Kermit High School in 1970. He later received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

For the last 11 years, Gary resided in Midland. He loved to fish, hunt, and was a great outdoorsman. He always loved a good adventure and loved to visit new places. He loved his wife and children, his grandchildren, and his dogs.

Gary was a master electrician and retired from Chevron after 28 years of dedicated employment. After retiring he started and managed several businesses, including Duncan Operating Electric. He could fix or build anything. Gary was a hard worker and a lover of life. He worked until the job was done and was a giving and honorable man. He was a man of standards and accountability. He spent his life working hard to do for his family. Gary also knew how to have a great time, whether it was a family vacation or a party at the house. He loved people and loved life.

Gary was diagnosed with ALS a year and a half ago. He accepted and handled the hand he was dealt with honor and dignity.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Duncan, and his sister, Priscilla Duncan Gilbert.

Gary is survived by his wife, Donna Pearcy Duncan; mother, Evelyn Duncan; twin brother, Kary Duncan; sister, Pam Flesher; and children, Chris Duncan, Matt and Laura Duncan, Elyse and Chris Stricklen, Elayne and Brenton Dunn, Bryan and Misty Duncan, and Brandon and Kartina Duncan.

He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Justin Langston of Austin, Texas, Charlize, Karley, and Abigail Dunn of Fort Worth, Kimberly Duncan of Indiana, Alyssa Duncan of Midland, Haley and Brody Duncan of Kermit, Emmarie and Ian Duncan of Seabrook, and Logan and Shaylee Stricklen of Midland.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward all of the friends and family who so greatly helped and encouraged during this time. They would also like to thank the nurses in the Intensive Care Unit at Midland Memorial, the doctors and other professional at Texas Neuropathy and the ALS clinic, and the PT ladies at West Texas Therapy. Words could never express how thankful they are for their church family at St. Luke's Methodist Church and all the support and love they have shown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to ALS Association Texas Charter.

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John Earl Williams

John Earl Williams was born to Ernest Ford Williams and Alice Smith in Midland, Texas. Mrs. Artie Posey helped raise him until he went to live with his father and stepmother, Mosetta Williams.

He attended elementary through high school in Midland and graduated from Midland Senior High School in 1972; the same year, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served until he was honorably discharged in 1974. He returned to Midland and earned a machinist certification from Midland College and worked for Leamco Bearings. He also worked in the family's business, Price's Bar-B-Que.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

To cherish his memory, he leaves three daughters, Tonya Young, Tara Young, and JaKaya Williams; two grandchildren, Tylan Foster and Tyler Jackson; loving family, Hope Williams and her children, John Smith, Derrold Hunt, and Mercedis Hunt, and great nephew, Johnavin Hunt; one aunt, Byard Lee Williams; and a host of family and friends.

A memorial service will be Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S. Tyler St.

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 the website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2300 N. Big Spring · Midland, TX · (432) 682-3700





John Thomas Blackwell

John Thomas Blackwell passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in Midland. John was 86, born on October 14, 1931, in Brady, Texas, to Thomas Henry Blackwell and Davie (Dial) Blackwell.

John was preceded in death by his parents and brother Don Blackwell.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann (Wilson) Blackwell; daughter, Joan Everett and husband Phillip; grandsons, Dustin Everett and wife Melissa, and James Everett and Stephen Everett; daughter, Marcia Mares and husband John; granddaughters, Jennifer Jackson and husband Larry, and Kelly Epps and husband Steve; grandson, David Mares; daughter, Lori Miller and husband Russell; granddaughters, Leslie West and husband Quentin, and Mary Miller; grandsons, Zachary Miller and Clay Miller; son, John Thomas Blackwell, Jr. and wife Kamilah; grandsons, Joshua Blackwell and Andrew Blackwell; and by six great-grandchildren.

John arrived in Midland in 1951. His first job was at Texas Electric in accounting. John then enlisted in the Army, attended officer's training, earned the rank of First Lieutenant and served until 1953. He married Mary Wilson in 1954 and attended the University of Texas at Austin where he earned a B.A. in Business and Finance. John's career lead him to the First National Bank of Midland. Later, he joined Rauscher Pierce as an investment broker where he worked for 38 years before retiring.

John was a dedicated family man. His life revolved around his wife and four children. John loved fishing and was a world class hunter with two Big Horn Sheep Grand Slams. He respected the environment and taught his children and grandchildren about responsible hunting. John enjoyed life and it showed. He will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Memorial services will be at 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2017 at the First Baptist Church Chapel with Reverend David Johnson officiating.

Family visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Honorary pallbearers include Dustin Everett, James Everett, Stephen Everett, Zachary Miller, Clay Miller, David Mares, Joshua Blackwell, Andrew Blackwell, Larry Jackson, and Steve Epps.

John's family would like to express deep gratitude to long time helper Mary Lee and to friend and caregiver Manny Villareal who brightened so many days for John and Mary and to caregivers Lupe Martinez and Hilda Serrata for their kindness and dedication to John. The family extends sincere thanks to Brookdale Senior Living and their wonderful staff.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity in honor of John.

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Mickey Martin "Marty" Hearne

Mickey Martin "Marty" Hearne, 72, passed away December 4, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

Marty was employed for most of his working life in the marketing departments of Southwestern Bell and AT&T. But his great success was as a world geography teacher at Ector and Nimitz Junior Highs in Odessa from 1995-2006. He was liked and admired by all his students who always wanted to tell him how much he improved their lives when he would run into them about town.

Besides his beloved Penny, wife and best friend of 36 years, Marty loved golf, playing golf, talking golf, cussing golf. When he grew too ill to play, he enjoyed visiting with the coffee girls and other friends at Nueva Vista Golf Club. They were all so kind to him.

Marty is survived by his wife, Penny; step-son, Dallas Wade Rutledge; son, Martin Wade Howard; sisters, Vicki Jones and husband Alan of Port Isabel, and Jo Lynn Hayes and husband Tobey of Austin; brother, Daniel Harris of Portland, Oregon; several nieces and nephews; and his running buddy, Ziggy.

If he could, Marty would like to say how much he appreciates the help and kindnesses to Penny from our friends and neighbors. There will be no services, but we hope you will keep Marty warmly in your thoughts. Please make any donations to the Food Banks of Midland or Odessa, and feel free to visit Penny at home.

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

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Patrice Renee McGraw

1982 - 2017

Patrice McGraw, 35, of Midland, was born October 16, 1982 and passed away December 2, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Viewing will be Friday, December 8, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Patrice worked for MARC as a care provider, and she also worked at Stripes as a cashier.

She is preceded in death by her son, Jaevrion Khyrhel McGraw.

Patrice is survived by her sons, Damarrion McGraw and Dazyerron Marshall; parents, David McGraw and Wanda McGraw; grandmother, LouWillie Dedrick, all of Midland, Texas; sister, Kimberly McGraw of Dallas; and brother, Ronnie Dedrick of California.

Arrangements are under the direction of Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

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Midland, Texas

Death Notices

Bertie Margaret Piatt

Bertie Margaret Piatt, 81, passed away on November 30, 2017.

Memorial services will be Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Church In The Wind, 1001 Austin St., Midland, TX 79703.

Christian de Guzman Masilongan

Christian de Guzman Masilongan, 58, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at a later date and are pending under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Joe Crabtree

Joe Crabtree, 75, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

There will be a visitation on Friday, December 8, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at Golf Course Road Church of Christ on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Kathy Cowan

Kathy Cowan, 61, of Odessa, passed away November 28, 2017.

She is survived by children, Terry Martin, Cody Martin, Louis Cowan, Carrie Ryals, and Jayden Cowan; father, Elvis Hackworth; and by three siblings.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Comfort dogs help after South Texas church shootings

By Eline de Bruijn
Dallas Morning News

ALEDO — He's got to be the most popular guy at school. It's his hair, his eyes, the way he walks down the hallway.

The Dallas Morning News reports the students at McCall Elementary clamor just to be near him.

Pax, a fuzzy 3-year-old golden retriever, visits the school at least once a month to do what he does best: offer comfort.

"They just love him," counselor Shannon Reynolds said. "We like to make Pax a really fun part of the school."

Pax and Phoebe, another golden retriever, are part of the Lutheran Church Charities' comfort dog program, which includes Fort Worth's St. Paul Lutheran Church. The program sends out 100 dogs from 24 states for free visits.

Pax and Phoebe spend six to seven hours a day visiting hospi-

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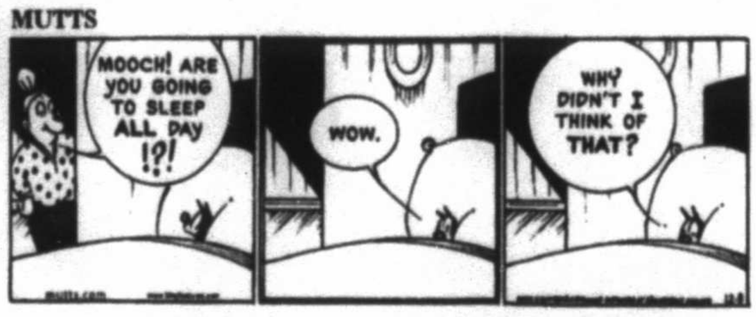
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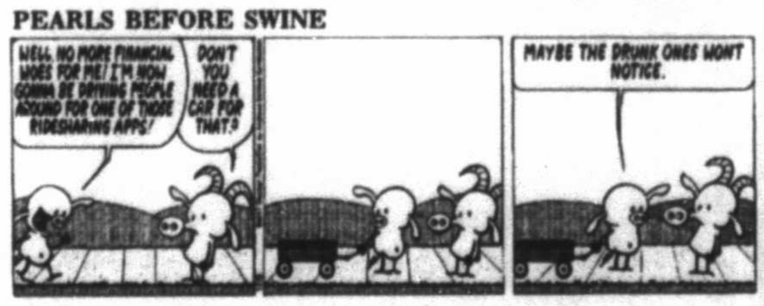
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"THAT HOUSE YOU LIVE IN...DID YOU EVER THINK OF SPENDING SOME TIME IN IT?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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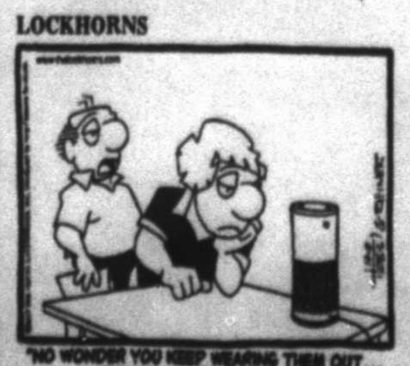


"We should make Mary lie down in the straw. She's 'specting a baby, you know."

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DILBERT



Pastries

From 4B

1 teaspoon finely minced lemon zest
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
Topping:
4 tablespoons melted butter
Powdered sugar

1. For the dough, sift the dry ingredients together in a large bowl; cut in the butter until the mixture resembles small crumbs. Blend in the farmer cheese to make a soft dough; then the lemon zest, lemon juice and vanilla. (For a food processor, pulse the dry ingredients together until combined. Add the butter; pulse until mixture resembles small crumbs. Add remaining ingredients; pulse until dough comes together. Knead on a lightly floured board to form a smooth ball.) Wrap the dough in plastic, and refrigerate overnight.

2. For the filling, cream the cream cheese, farmer cheese and sugar together in a bowl until blended. Stir in remaining ingredients to make a thick filling. Refrigerate until ready to use.

3. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

4. On a lightly floured surface, divide the chilled dough in half and roll each half into a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. Lightly brush each rectangle with 1 tablespoon melted butter.

5. Spread half of the cheese filling on each rectangle, leaving a 1-inch plain border all around. Fold in the 2 shorter ends on each rectangle. Beginning with the longer side, roll each piece into a log but stop halfway. Cut off the remaining half of each piece and repeat, making another log. Each portion of dough will make 2 narrow logs.

6. Brush the tops of the 4 logs with the remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter. Chill, 10 to 15 minutes.

7. Remove logs from the fridge; cut them into 2-inch pastries. Place the pastries on the baking sheets. Bake until tops are golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool slightly, then dust with powdered sugar.

Nutrition information per serving (for 30 pieces): 179 calories, 12 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 39 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 4 g protein, 124 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Blintz French toast casserole with blueberry sauce

Prep: 30 minutes
Cook: 50-60 minutes
Makes: 6 to 8 servings.

If you're a blintz lover but need an easy-to-prepare dish, this recipe shared by cookbook author Marlene Sorosky Gray makes a great choice. Hardly traditional, it combines the flavors of crusty French toast with the creaminess of a cheese blintz. It's great for a buffet because it stays warm for a long time. Sorosky Gray's cookbooks have sold over a million copies and have won best book awards from both James Beard and the International Association of Culinary Professionals. Serve with her blueberry sauce, recipe below, or a store-bought sauce.

12 slices sturdy white or egg bread, sliced, crusts removed
4 large eggs
3 egg whites
1 cup milk, whole or low fat
1/4 cup maple syrup
3/4 cup orange juice
8 ounces cream cheese, regular or low-fat, at room temperature
1 cup ricotta, whole or low-fat
1 cup small curd cottage cheese, whole or low-fat
2 large eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1. Place bread in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.

2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, egg whites, milk, syrup and orange juice until blended. Pour over bread; turn slices over to coat both sides. Set aside.

3. For the filling, place cream cheese, ricotta and cottage cheese in a food processor or a bowl of an electric mixer; blend until smooth. Mix in eggs, sugar and vanilla.

4. Butter a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish (or coat with nonstick cooking spray). Arrange 6 slices of bread on the bottom. Spoon filling over and spread evenly. With a spatula, place remaining bread over filling. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

5. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake French toast until top is golden and casserole is puffed, 50 to 60 minutes. Serve with blueberry sauce or a store-bought sauce of your choice.

Nutrition information per serving: 528 calories, 22 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 193 mg cholesterol, 62 g carbohydrates, 26 g sugar, 21 g protein, 711 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Blueberry sauce

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 8 to 10 minutes
Makes: 2 1/2 cups sauce

1 pint fresh or frozen blueberries
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 cup water

In a medium saucepan, stir all ingredients together. Bring to a boil over moderate heat, and cook, stirring often, until sauce thickens slightly and sugar is dissolved, 8 to10 minutes. The saurce will continue to thicken as it cools. Sauce may be covered and refrigerated, up to 2 weeks.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 14 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 0 g protein, 0 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Mini ricotta latkes with sour cherry sauce

Prep: 20 minutes
Cook: 30 minutes
Makes: 34 latkes

These are light and delicious for breakfast, snacks or as a selection on a latke buffet bar at a party. Adapted from "The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking: 200 Seasonal Holiday Recipes and Their Traditions" by Phyllis Glazer with Miriam Glazer. For larger latkes, use 3 tablespoons batter per piece.

Sour cherry sauce:
1 cup canned or bottled tart cherries in syrup (measure without liquid)
1 cup syrup from the can or bottle
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon cherry liqueur, optional

Latkes:
1 pound whole or part-skim milk ricotta cheese
4 eggs
6 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon walnut oil
2 tablespoons sugar, granulated or turbinado
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Vegetable oil

1. For the sauce, mix the cherries and syrup in a small saucepan; heat over medium-low heat.

2. In a small bowl, mix the cornstarch and water until smooth. Add to the saucepan; heat, stirring, until the mixture thickens.

3. Stir in the cherry liqueur, if using, cover, and keep warm while preparing the latkes. Sauce may also be prepared in advance and reheated.

4. For the mini latkes, put all of the ingredients (except the vegetable oil) in a blender; process until smooth.

5. Heat a small amount of oil in a skillet over medium-high heat; drop in batter by heaping tablespoons. Flatten them with the back of a spoon to make circles. Cook until lightly brown on the bottoms; flip and cook the other sides. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve immediately, with the sauce.

Nutrition information per latke: 57 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 29 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 2 g protein, 46 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

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Shannon Reynolds, counselor at McCall Elementary School in Willow Park, left, reads Nov. 17 with Pax, a Comfort Dog to kindergarten students. Pax is a trained LCC K-9 Comfort Dog at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Worth and The Summit in Aledo. He interacts with people at schools, nursing homes, and hospitals and in disaster response situations.

Comfort

From 4B

tals, nursing homes and anywhere else that calls for their help in North Texas.

Pax in November traveled to Sutherland Springs to bring comfort to the small South Texas town after more than two dozen people were killed in the church shootings there.

Pax was walking with Janice Marut, St. Paul Lutheran's comfort dog coordinator, when they met a fire chief who told them a struggling firefighter could use a boost.

Pax and five other dogs visited the restaurant where the volunteer firefighter worked. She spent time with the dogs and their handlers, who prayed with her, Marut said.

Later, the firefighter's mother told the charity's president the visit with the dogs was the first time the firefighter had smiled since the shooting.

"That's what we do; that's what we do with a dog," Marut said. "And it's really not about the dog. The dog just gets us there and allows us to do the ministry."

Pax, whose name means "peace" in Latin, also traveled to Orlando, Florida, after the Pulse nightclub massacre that killed 49 people in 2016 and provided comfort in Dallas after the police ambush downtown.

Before he went on his first comfort mission, Pax learned how to behave as part of a program in Chicago, where he completed more than 2,000 hours of training.

When his leash is on, Pax knows to obey his handler, who can be anyone from a pool of 45 trained volunteers from the church. He can respond to 40 commands.

On his recent visit to McCall Elementary, Pax helped Reynolds, the school counselor, as she read "Marley: A Thanksgiving to Remember," a story of a mischievous golden retriever.

The relaxed, 74-pound pooch splayed across the colorful carpet as kindergartners surrounded him, touching his whiskers, smoothing his fur and playing with his paws.

After the story, Reynolds had each student tell Pax what they were thankful for.

"I'm thankful for my swimming pool and Pax," Caden Laughley said.

"I'm thankful for Pax and Jesus," Samantha Reeder said.

"I'm thankful for Pax and bunnies," Ella Lee said.

Reynolds calls the church when she knows a student or staff member needs support. She has reached out when a student has lost a loved one or has a relative dealing with an illness.

The dog's presence in Reynolds' office can help students talk about how they're feeling or just make them feel better if they're too young to put their feelings into words, she said.

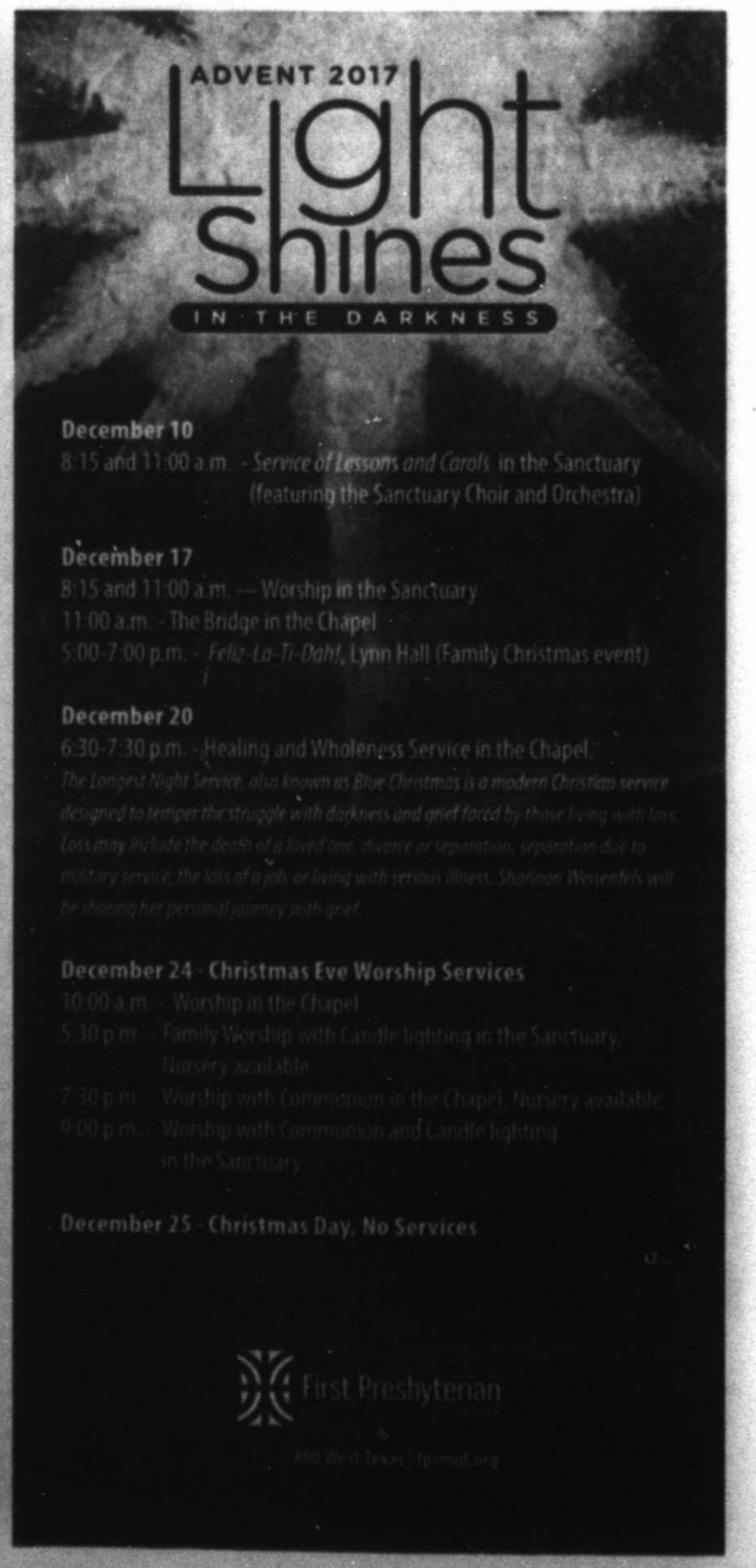
"He just brings so many smiles and lots of love and comfort to our building, and we're just really, really blessed," Reynolds said. "He's helped us in so many different situations, from kindness to sadness to celebrations."

When Pax can't be there, the counselor has a stand-in stuffed toy replica, Pax Jr., that children carry around for comfort. Similar toys were handed out to the children in Sutherland Springs.

Pax gets plenty of toys, too. When he's not working, he loves to roll in the mud and play, handlers said. And he gets a massage every day.

"It helps reduce the stress from him," Marut said. "Because whatever stress he takes from a child he keeps, and we have to help him get rid of it."





SPORTS

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Cowboys chase playoffs, eye future with young secondary

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jourdan Lewis doesn't recall sitting around at training camp with fellow rookies Chidobe Awuzie and Xavier Woods, plotting their takeover of the secondary for the Dallas Cowboys.

There was this little thing called the depth chart, and they weren't at the top of it.

"We had a lot of guys in front of us at first," said Lewis, a third-round pick out of Michigan. "We were just trying to learn the playbook in training camp and we didn't know that we would have this opportunity coming late in the season."

It's coming because of injuries, attrition and a demotion, leading to the possibility that all three could start Sunday at the New York Giants (2-10) as the Cowboys (6-6) try to keep faint playoff hopes alive.

For Dallas, it could be the best look yet at the future in the secondary after letting four veterans go in free agency and drafting four potential replacements .

Awuzie was the highest draft choice, a second-rounder out of Colorado, so logic had him being the first to get significant playing time before hamstring issues kept him out of six of his first nine games.

Lewis played nearly 90 percent of the snaps in Week 2 at Denver after injuries to Awuzie and free agent pickup Nolan Carroll, who was later released. He's been out there ever since and is tied for the team lead with seven pass breakups.

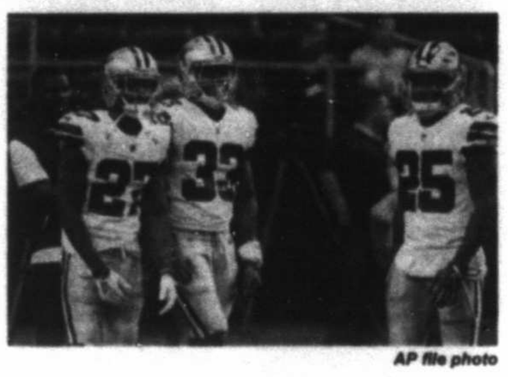
Woods was the long shot as a sixth-round pick, listed as a safety coming in but now set to play cornerback in the slot with Orlando Scandrick expected to miss at least one game because of a small fracture in his back sustained in last week's 38-14 win over Washington.

Anthony Brown started 10 of the first 11 games after a strong rookie season as a sixth-rounder last year. He's been penalty-prone, though, and the Cowboys decided to shake things up when Philip Rivers of the LA Chargers threw for 434 yards on Thanksgiving in Dallas' third straight loss.

Brown's demotion coincided with Awuzie's return from the hamstring woes. Awuzie's three pass breakups against the Redskins matched Lewis for the most in a game for a Dallas defensive back this season.

"We all have confidence in ourselves and confidence in each other,"

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AP file photo

In this Oct. 8, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Jourdan Lewis (27), Chidobe Awuzie (33) and Xavier Woods (25) warm up before a game against the Green Bay Packers on Oct. 8 in Arlington. Awuzie is finally healthy, which means the Cowboys are finally getting a look at a trio of rookie defensive backs together after a significant investment in the draft that included fellow cornerback Lewis and safety Woods.

TALL CITY OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL

Lee hits century mark



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Evan McMaryion (1) dribbles against Big Spring in the Tall City Oilman's Tournament on Thursday at Lee High School. The Rebels scored 100 points on the Steers.

Rebels score 100 in win over Big Spring

By Will Korn
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Rebels	100
Steers	59

The Lee boys basketball team emphasized the importance of playing the game with joy on Thursday evening.

A sweet-shooting night and sizzling team chemistry no doubt made that task a bit easier.

The Rebels sunk 30 of their 48 shots in the game and nailed 14 of their 19 3-pointers to conjure up some extra fire early and roll to a 100-59 whipping of visiting Big Spring on the opening day of the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at the Lee High School gym.

Sophomore guard Avery Chambers led all scorers with 19 points and five treys for the Rebels (3-7). Lee guards Zhuric Phelps and Cevonte Eaden added 15 and 14 points, respectively for the Rebels.

Jeremiah Cooley paced the Steers (1-8) with 13 points.

Lee head coach Justin Boswell said his team did everything asked of it and more in what was a golden start to the Rebels' host tournament. After the team had battled through a grueling first nine games against quality competition, a victory on its home floor was refreshing.

"I don't know when was the last time the Runnin' Rebels hit 100," Boswell said. "We just talked about playing with joy before the game, playing for each other, the boys shared the basketball, every single person contributed whether it was passing, rebounding, handling the ball or blocking out. We just had great energy from the bench being happy for each other when everybody was making plays."

When you win and when the ball goes through the net that cures a lot of what ails you."

Lee established dominance immediately after the opening tip, as it hit its first five shots to take a 12-1 lead less than two minutes into the game. After trailing by many as 23 in the first quarter, the Steers banded together and produced an encouraging second quarter filled with hustle plays.

Still, the Rebels coasted into the locker rooms with a 54-23 halftime lead after sinking all five of their 3-point attempts in the frame.

"The team was working well together on offense, looking for each other, giving each other good open looks and they were knocking down the shots," Chambers said. "We've been working hard in practice, getting a lot of shots up and everything fell (Thursday)."

Please see **REBELS**/3C

Beattie leads Midland Classical past Lee

Lady Knights	56
Lady Rebels	51

By Christopher Hadorn
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For the second time in a week's span, Midland Classical sophomore point guard Leia Beattie lit up the scoreboard against a Tall City girls basketball team.

On Dec. 1, Beattie scored 41 points in MCA's 66-48 victory over Midland Christian.

Beattie erupted again by scoring 32 points to lead the No. 2-ranked Lady Knights to a 56-51 win over Lee in Thursday's opener of the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at Chaparral Center.

With her team trailing 41-39 through three quarters, Beattie finished with a flurry by scoring 12 of MCA's 17 fourth quarter points to pull off a stunning win over the Class 6A Lady Rebels (4-8).

Beattie went a perfect 6 for 6 at the free-throw line in the fourth, making it difficult for Lee to close the deficit in the waning minutes.

"I thought we really composed ourselves and we moved the ball well," Beattie said. "We made our free throws in the end. You can't go crazy whenever the other team is fouling. You just have to take a deep breath and make sure you're composed."

The Lady Rebels finished the third quarter on a roll, as Quinci Strambler and Paige Low scored on consecutive putbacks to push Lee to a two-point lead.

However, Lee stalled for nearly seven minutes in the fourth quarter, unable to make a field goal.

"We weren't tough enough today," Lady Rebels head coach Alfred Acosta said. "We weren't tough enough mentally. Things didn't go our way so we kind of bowed our head. That's all because of me. At the end of the day, it all comes down to me. I have done a poor job of getting them prepared."

MCA (5-1) was able to hold its own against the Lady Rebels in the paint, as Lizabelle Russell grabbed 11 rebounds and teammate Makenna Beattie, Leia's older sister, had nine rebounds.

"They're intimidating since they're a 6A big school," Leia Beattie said. "Their bigs are so dominant."

Please see **MCA**/3C

Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield named the AP Player of the Year

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baker Mayfield is The Associated Press college football Player of the Year, becoming the fourth Oklahoma quarterback to win the award since it was established in 1998.

Mayfield easily outpointed Stanford running back Bryce Love, who came in second. Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the other finalist and last year's Heisman Trophy winner, was third in the award announced Thursday.

Mayfield received 51 first-place votes from the 56 AP college football poll voters who submitted player of the year ballots, and a total of 157 points. Love (83 points) and Jackson (39 points) each received two first-place votes and Penn State running Saquon Barkley received a first-place vote and came in fourth.

Mayfield, Love and Jackson are also the finalists for the Heisman, which will be handed out Saturday night in New York.

Mayfield is a former walk-on who has led the No. 2 Sooners to the College Football Playoff, where they will play No. 3 Georgia in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. Mayfield leads the nation in passer efficiency rating and has thrown for 4,340 yards and 41 touchdowns.

He joins Josh Heupel (2000), Jason White (2003) and Sam Bradford (2008) as previous winners from Oklahoma. No other school has had more than two players win AP Player of the Year.

"I'm on this awards trip right now with a lot of great players from OU and other schools, and every one of them deserves to be recognized. To receive this award is an honor and it's something just a few years ago I never thought would happen," Mayfield said. "Obviously, I'm very happy and thankful that I'm being recognized with this."

Mayfield played high school football in Austin but did not receive a scholarship offer from the Longhorns. He was at Texas Tech, and played as a freshman, but ended up transferring to Oklahoma. With the Sooners, he has become a three-year starter and one of the most productive passers in college football history.

He has 129 career touchdown passes and 14,320 yards.

Mayfield on the Walter Camp Player of the Year and the Davey O'Brien awards as the nation's top quarterback Thursday night at ESPN's college football awards show in Atlanta.

Mayfield is the fourth OU player to win the Walter Camp, joining Heupel (2000) and running backs Billy Sims (1978) and Steve Owens (1969).

Other winners at the awards show:

Please see **MAYFIELD**/4C



AP file photo

In this Oct. 7, 2017, file photo, Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) leaps over Iowa State defensive back De'Monte Ruth, bottom, in the second quarter Oct. 7 in Norman, Okla. This season Mayfield has passed for 4,340 yards with 41 touchdown passes and just five interceptions, and he has rushed for 310 yards and five more scores. He will be the first quarterback to finish in the top four of the Heisman Trophy balloting three times, and he's favored to claim the award Saturday.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Alpine Skiing
World Cup: Men's Giant Slalom, 5:30 a.m., OLYHD
Boxing
Ahmed Elbiali vs. Jean Pascal, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Aston Palicite vs. Jose Alfredo Rodriguez, 8 p.m., beIN
College Football
FCS Quarterfinal: Weber State at James Madison, 6 p.m., ESPN2
College Hockey
Minnesota at Ohio State, 5:30 p.m., BTN
St. Lawrence at Clarkson, 6 p.m., ELVN
North Dakota at St. Cloud State, 7:30 p.m., FCSP
Notre Dame at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN
Figure Skating
ISU Grand Prix Final: Pairs' Free Skate, 1:30 a.m., OLYHD
ISU Grand Prix Final: Free Dance, 3 a.m., OLYHD
ISU Grand Prix Final: Women's Free Skate, 4:30 a.m., OLYHD
Golf
PGA: QBE Shark Shootout, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Australian Masters, 3rd Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
Ladies Omega Dubai Masters, Final Round, 3:20 a.m., GOLF
Men's College Basketball
Oklahoma vs. USC, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2
Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: Vfb Stuttgart vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 1:20 p.m., FS2, UDN
Jupiler Pro League: Waasland-Beveren vs. Standard de Liege, 1:30 p.m., ELVN
Ligue 1: Bordeaux vs. RC Strasbourg Alsace, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Alaves vs. Las Palmas, 1:50 p.m., beIN E
Liga NOS: Rio Ave FC vs. Moreirense FC, 2:30 p.m., GolfTV
Mixed Martial Arts
Legacy Fighting Alliance 28, 8 p.m., AXS
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Golden State at Detroit, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., FSSW
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP, FSSW+
National Hockey League
NY Rangers at Washington, 6 p.m., NHL
Women's College Basketball
UConn at DePaul, 6 p.m., FS1
Women's College Volleyball
Rd of 16: BYU at Kentucky, 11 a.m., ESPNU
Rd of 16: Colorado vs. Nebraska, 1 p.m., ESPN3
Rd of 16: Missouri at Penn State, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Rd of 16: Michigan State vs. Illinois, 3 p.m., ESPN3
Rd of 16: UCLA at Florida, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Rd of 16: Minnesota vs. USC, 5 p.m., ESPN3
Rd of 16: Texas vs. Utah, 8 p.m., ESPN3
Rd of 16: Wisconsin at Stanford, 10 p.m., ESPNU

RADIO
National Basketball Association
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
MHS, Lee, Big Spring, MCA at Coleman's Tournament, Chaparral Center
Greenwood at Glen Rose Lions Club Tournament
Midland Christian at Catclaw Classic, Abilene
MCA at Crane Tournament
Andrews at Gym Bice, Tournament
Stanton, Coahoma at Hooptown Classic, Stanton
Garden City, Grady at Garden City Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
MHS, Lee, MCA at Coleman's Tournament, Chaparral Center
Midland Christian at Crane Tournament
Wolfforth Frenship at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.
Andrews, Big Spring at Kristin Corbin Classic, Andrews
Stanton, Coahoma at Hooptown Classic, Stanton
Grady, Garden City at Garden City Tournament

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Barlow on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with RHP Yusmeiro Petit on a two-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired 2B Dee Gordon and international signing bonus pool money from Miami for RHPs Robert Dugger and Nick Neidert and INF Christopher Torres.
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Spike Owen manager at Down East (Carolina); Matt Hagen manager at Hickory (SAL); Kenny Holmberg manager at Spokane (NWL); Brian Shouse pitching coach and Howard Johnson hitting coach at Round Rock (PCL); Kenny Hook hitting coach at Down East; Chase Lambin hitting coach at Hickory; Jared Goedert hitting coach at Spokane; Jeremy Moore hitting coach for the Rangers (Arizona); Greg Hibbard pitching coach at Frisco (Texas); Jono Armold pitching coach at (Spokane) and Chris Egelston pitching coach for the Rangers (Arizona).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tyler Chatwood on a three-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Todd Cunningham and RHP Richard Rodriguez on minor league contracts.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Promoted Luis Mexidos to director of international operations and administration; Matt Slater special assistant to the general manager, player procurement; Matt Bayer to manager of scouting analytics; Emily Weise to baseball operations analyst; Sean Moran to national cross checker; Zach Mortimer to Northeast regional cross checker; and Joe Alvarez to international cross checker. Named Tyler Hadzinsky amateur scouting coordinator/analyst; Stacey Pettis area scout of Northern California; Jim Negrych Northeast area scout; Chris Rodriguez Pacific Northwest area scout; Jose Leger Latin American field and academy development coordinator; Alix Martinez Dominican Republic area scout; Damaso Espino Latin American cross checker and Jose Gonzalez Maestre Venezuela scouting supervisor.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Traded C Jahlil Okafor and G Nik Stauskas and a 2019 second-round pick to the Brooklyn Nets for F Trevor Booker.
CYCLING
USADA — Announced cyclist Jay Henderson accepted a six-month sanction for an anti-doping rule violation.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed S Harlan Miller from the practice squad. Placed S Rudy Ford on injured reserve. Signed S K.J. Dillon to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Fired executive vice president of football operations Sashi Brown.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed LB Jonathan Casillas on injured reserve. Signed WR Darius Powe from the practice squad. Signed LB Derrick Matthews to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Calgary F Matthew Tkachuk one game for a spearing incident in a Dec. 6 game against Toronto.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Announced Tom Dundon has signed a purchase agreement to buy a majority stake in the team.
DALLAS STARS — Recalled G Mike McKenna from Texas (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Activated F Andy Andreoff from injured reserve.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Placed D Justin Schultz on injured reserve. Recalled D Frank Corrado from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-assigned F Travis Boyd to Hershey (AHL).
COLLEGE
ALABAMA STATE — Named Donald Hill-Eley football coach.
BAKER — Announced the addition of women's wrestling and men's bowling programs starting in the fall of 2018.
EAST CAROLINA — Named David Blackwell defensive coordinator.
OREGON STATE — Named Mike Riley assistant football coach.
ST ROSE — Named Ray Putnam men's and women's cross country and track & field coach.
SOUTH ALABAMA — Named Steve Campbell football coach.
TENNESSEE — Named Jeremy Pruitt football coach.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	4	.846	—
Toronto	15	7	.682	5
Philadelphia	13	11	.542	8
New York	12	12	.500	9
Brooklyn	9	14	.391	11½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	11	.542	—
Miami	11	13	.458	2
Orlando	11	15	.423	3
Charlotte	9	14	.391	3½
Atlanta	5	19	.208	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	7	.720	—
Detroit	14	10	.583	3½
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	4
Indiana	14	11	.560	4
Chicago	3	20	.130	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	18	4	.818	—
San Antonio	17	8	.680	2½
New Orleans	13	12	.520	6½
Memphis	8	16	.333	11
Dallas	7	18	.280	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	11	.577	—
Portland	13	11	.542	1
Denver	13	11	.542	1
Utah	13	12	.520	1½
Oklahoma City	11	12	.478	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	20	6	.769	—
L.A. Lakers	9	15	.375	10
L.A. Clippers	8	15	.348	10½
Phoenix	9	17	.346	11
Sacramento	7	17	.292	12

Scores & Schedule

Thursday's Scores
L.A. Lakers 107, Philadelphia 104
Washington at Phoenix, late
Oklahoma City vs. Brooklyn at Mexico City, late
Houston at Utah, late
Today's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	28	20	6	2	42	106	71
Toronto	29	18	10	1	37	101	83
Boston	26	13	9	4	30	75	74
Montreal	30	13	13	4	30	83	89
Detroit	28	11	12	5	27	79	91
Florida	28	11	13	4	26	80	87
Ottawa	26	9	11	6	24	74	85
Buffalo	28	7	17	4	18	60	96

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	27	16	7	4	36	84	61
Columbus	28	17	10	1	35	80	70
N.Y. Islanders	28	16	9	3	35	104	96
Washington	29	17	11	1	35	90	86
Pittsburgh	30	16	11	3	35	99	98
N.Y. Rangers	27	15	10	2	32	91	81
Carolina	26	11	10	5	27	72	80
Philadelphia	28	10	11	7	27	79	85

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	29	19	8	2	40	95	75
Nashville	28	18	7	3	39	92	80
Winnipeg	29	17	8	4	38	99	87
Dallas	29	16	12	1	33	86	84
Minnesota	27	13	11	3	29	80	82
Chicago	28	12	11	5	29	84	79
Colorado	27	12	13	2	26	85	91

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	29	18	8	3	39	90	83
Vegas	27	17	9	1	35	94	85
Vancouver	28	14	10	4	32	79	77
Calgary	29	15	12	2	32	84	92
San Jose	26	14	10	2	30	66	61
Anaheim	29	12	11	6	30	79	88
Edmonton	28	11	15	2	24	80	96
Arizona	31	7	19	5	19	74	110

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

Scores & Schedule

Thursday's Scores
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Boston 5, Arizona 1
Tampa Bay 5, Colorado 2
Florida 6, Winnipeg 4
Calgary 3, Montreal 2, OT
St. Louis 3, Dallas 0
Philadelphia at Vancouver, late
Ottawa at Los Angeles, late
Carolina at San Jose, late
Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Bennett, Jenkins, Stills among NFL Walter Payton Man of Year nominees

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award honors a man's involvement in the community and performance on the playing field.

In this season marked by kneeling during the national anthem by some players as they protest social injustice, three of those demonstrators are on the list of 32 nominees announced Thursday.

Seattle defensive end Michael Bennett, Philadelphia safety Malcolm Jenkins, and Miami wide receiver Kenny Stills often have been in the spotlight for their actions and words.

Their teammates who selected them as candidates for one of the league's most prestigious honors appear to be showing support for that trio's advocacy as well as for those players' contributions on and off the field.

"I think the nomination comes from everything that has been going on, from having the courage we had last year to sit out for something we felt strongly about," Stills says.

"And then all the work we've done here in the community, trying to bridge the gap between the community and the police. And the everyday work we're doing trying to better the city of Miami and our country."

Stills felt no surprise that Bennett and Jenkins also were nominated.

"I think our teammates see the commitment and passion from us," he adds. "It is hard not to recognize guys who are so committed to trying to help others. That's all it's about. I've been given an opportunity and platform to shine light and positivity on other people. I think guys around the league are being recognized for that."

Stills, Jenkins and Bennett have been targets of heavy criticism from outside the league for their protests, which they believe have been misconstrued as unpatriotic, as being against the anthem, flag and military.

That's not the message at all, Jenkins says.

"It has been my goal for the past two years to raise awareness about some important social injustices that plague our country," he says.

"The people who have been unjustly disenfranchised by our criminal justice system and the people who daily fight for them always have, and always will be, the inspiration and focus of my efforts.

"I'm proud of what my peers and I have been able to accomplish by using the platform we have these last two years. I'm proud to be part of a group of men who are standing up because we can help others. I'm proud of the men who may now disagree with me and our direction, but still played a significant role in getting results through our actions."

Being nominated for the Walter Payton Award hardly was on their minds when they took such action.

Whether they make the list of finalists to be announced in January, Stills, Jenkins and Bennett plan to continue on the same path.

There's been progress, they explain, including the NFL's recent establishment of an advocacy program within communities across the land. And when they get into those communities, the players recognize the value of their work.

Indeed, as Bennett says, they are being enriched, too.

"I think there's always that thing where you come in and you go, 'How much more can you do? How much more can you give?'" he says.

COWBOYS

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said Woods, who has played safety and cornerback. "I'm sure they'd say the same thing as well. We study the game. We think we're prepared."

While Lewis and Woods each has had his first career interception, defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli's first concern is young players keeping opposing receivers in front of them.

Still, the longtime coach is undaunted by the prospect of three rookies on the field most of the snaps.

"If they're the roof, they're the ceiling to the whole house, keep it in front of us and make them earn it down the road," Marinelli said. "They've got a lot of confidence, a lot of energy right now."

Byron Jones and Jeff Heath, the starting safeties all season, are the most experienced defensive backs with Scandrick out. But the Cowboys haven't hesitated to juggle their spots when they've struggled.

Second-year safety Kavon Frazier, another late-round pick (sixth), will probably get more snaps after a powerful hit on Washington running back Samaje Perine.

"You can see some of the things we like about them, playmaking ability, hitting ability, ability to make plays on the football," coach Jason Garrett said.

"If you approach it the right way and you have some humility about you in the learning process, that is how you grow and get better."

Jones makes game-saving INT, Falcons beats Saints

Associated Press

Falcons	20
Saints	17

ATLANTA — Deion Jones made a leaping interception in the end zone with 1 minute, 25 seconds remaining and the Atlanta Falcons held on for a crucial 20-17 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Thursday night, setting up a three-way race for the NFC South title.

Matt Ryan shook off three interceptions to guide the Falcons to Matt Bryant's 52-yard field goal with 3:49 to go, snapping a 17-all tie.

The Saints (9-4) were in position to pull out the victory, driving to the Atlanta 11 after Drew Brees converted on fourth-and-1 with a quarterback sneak. On second down, Brees attempted to hit tight end Josh Hill in the back of the end zone.

Jones had other ideas. He soared to make the pick , landing flat on this back but holding on to the ball while his teammates mobbed him.

The Falcons (8-5) climbed within one game of the division-leading Saints with three weeks to go, as New Orleans squandered a chance to build a three-game lead on the defending division champs. Atlanta is back in the race and gets another crack at New Orleans when the teams meet in the next-to-last week of the regular season at the Superdome.

The Carolina Panthers (8-4) are also right in the thick of things.

Ryan had three interceptions in a stretch of nine plays at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second. But he tied the game with an 8-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Sanu with 9:55 remaining , finishing 15 of 27 for 221 yards.

Brees was 26 of 35 for 271 yards and two TDs.

On the opening possession, New Orleans lost half of its dynamic 1-2 punch in the backfield when rookie Alvin Kamara took a shot to the helmet and staggered off with a concussion.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	349	223
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	227	283
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	266	288
Miami	5	7	0	.417	209	256

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	256	202
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	299	178
Houston	4	8	0	.333	296	309
Indianapolis	3	9	0	.250	205	330

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.833	281	213
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	280	207
Cincinnati	5	7	0	.417	219	238
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	176	308

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.500	303	274
L.A. Chargers	6	6	0	.500	268	212
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	249	279
Denver	3	9	0	.250	208	315

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	2	0	.833	361	215
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	285	284
Washington	5	7	0	.417	272	314
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	189	291

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	4	0	.692	370	263
Carolina	8	4	0	.667	269	239
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	294	261
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	243	288

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	285	204
Detroit	6	6	0	.500	314	308
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	259	281
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	191	267

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	9	3	0	.750	361	222
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	296	222
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	219	310
San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	202	298

Scores & Schedule

Thursday's Score
Atlanta 20, New Orleans 17
Sunday's Games
Oakland at Kansas City, noon
San Francisco at Houston, noon
Minnesota at Carolina, noon
Chicago at Cincinnati, noon
Green Bay at Cleveland, noon
Detroit at Tampa Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, noon
Washington at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
New England at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Box Score

FALCONS 20, SAINTS 17

New Orleans	3	7	7	0 — 17
Atlanta	3	7	0	10 — 20

First Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 34, 9:50.
Atl—FG Bryant 28, 5:33.
Second Quarter
Atl—Freeman 1 run (Bryant kick), 4:29.
NO—Lewis 26 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 1:53.
Third Quarter
NO—Thomas 1 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 13:10.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Sanu 8 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 9:55.
Atl—FG Bryant 52, 3:49.
A—72,866.

	NO	Atl
First downs	19	26
Total Net Yards	306	343
Rushes-yards	15-50	37-132
Passing	256	211
Punt Returns	0-0	3-4
Kickoff Returns	5-121	2-61
Interceptions Ret.	3-45	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	26-35-1	15-27-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-10
Punts	5-41.6	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-87	4-35
Time of Possession	25:19	34:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Ingram 12-49, Brees 1-2, Kamara 1-2, Ginn 1-(minus 3). Atlanta, Freeman 24-91, T.Coleman 9-32, Gabriel 1-9, Ryan 3-0.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 26-35-1-271. Atlanta, Ryan 15-27-3-221.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Thomas 10-117, Ingram 4-43, Kamara 5-25, B.Coleman 2-32, Lewis 3-30, J.Hill 2-14, Ginn 2-10, Snead 1-0. Atlanta, Sanu 8-83, J.Jones 5-88, Hooper 2-23, Gabriel 1-10, Tobias 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Allen gets shutout, Schenn scores again as Blues beat Stars

By Steve Overbey
Associated Press

Blues	3
Stars	0

ST. LOUIS — Jake Allen made 29 saves, Brayden Schenn continued his red-hot play and the St. Louis Blues beat the Dallas Stars 3-0 on Thursday night.

Schenn got his team-leading 14th goal two days after netting a hat trick against Montreal. Colton Parayko and Vladimir Tarasenko also scored.

Allen got his first shutout of the season and the 16th of his career. He was briefly backed up by local vending machine worker Tyler Stewart after regular backup Carter Hutton was injured at the morning skate.

Dallas has lost two in a row since a season-high five game winning streak. Kari Lehtonen stopped 24 shots.

The Blues scored twice on the power play after connecting on just 2 of 17 chances in their previous four games. Schenn, acquired in an offseason trade with Philadelphia, pounced on a rebound from close range midway through the first period for a 1-0 lead.

Parayko blasted a shot from the just inside the blue line that eluded Lehtonen in the second period.

Tarasenko scored into an empty net with 47.6 seconds left, ending a six-game scoreless streak.

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MCA

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"It's so huge that they step up and make big rebounds because you can't score points if you don't rebound," Leia Beattie added. "We held them to one or two opportunities and that's really what we aim to do in practice."

Despite the 9 a.m. start, both teams came out firing on all cylinders with plenty of energy during a back-and-forth affair where both squads pushed the ball down the hardwood aggressively.

Karigan Edwards spearheaded Lee's offense, draining four 3s to register a team-high 14 points.

The Lady Rebels' post players Paige Low and Strambler each scored a pair of baskets in the third quarter, giving their team the momentum before it stalled in the final period.

Kori Kirk and Jenny Coco each had four steals to lead the MCA defense.

"I just think that we did enough on defense to stop them from scoring and I'm real proud of our kids for battling against such a big school," Lady Knights head coach Carla Cunneen said. "That's obviously a big win for us. But bigger picture, that helps us for a tough game down the stretch."

Kirk joined Leia Beattie in double figures with 11 points.

Strambler led Lee with 11 rebounds before fouling out in the fourth along with teammates Edwards and Braydyn Hill.

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NO. 2 MIDLAND CLASSICAL 56, LEE 51

Lee (4-6) — Karigan Edwards 14, Alaysha Green 8, Braydyn Hill 7, Destiny Stanford 2, Quinci Strambler 8, Mackenzie Ross 5, Paige Low 7

Midland Classical (5-1) — Kori Kirk 11, Hilary Sunderland 4, Lexi Beattie 32, Lizabelle Russell 4, Makenna Beattie 5

Lee	13	13	15	10	—51
MCA	14	14	11	17	—56

Free throws — Lee 8-14, MCA 15-21. 3-point goals — Lee 1 (Edwards 4, Ross), MCA 3 (Kirk 2, L. Beattie). Total fouls — Lee 21, MCA 13. Fouled out — Edwards, Hill, Strambler



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical Academy's Leia Beattie pulls up for a shot as Lee High's Destiny Stanford tries to get over to block her Thursday in the opening game of the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at Chaparral Center.

OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL NOTEBOOK

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS GIRLS LOSE CLOSE ONE TO WALL

The Midland High girls basketball team fell 48-43 to Class 3A power Wall in its only game during Thursday's opening day of the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-7) made the contest interesting when Jurnee Williams stole the ball on the press and dribbled to the basket for a layup, cutting Wall's lead to 46-43 with eight seconds left.

MHS couldn't get a turnover on Wall's ensuing in-bounds pass, but it was able to stay within distance during the entire affair, overcoming a seven-point deficit in the second half.

The No. 6-ranked Lady Hawks (7-2) were led by their post players Jayden Fiebiger and Samantha Rocha, who each scored a game-high 14 points. Wall also did a good job of contesting the Lady Bulldogs' shots.

"Their length gave us issues," MHS head coach Wes Torres said. "They're long at almost every position and we're not at any position really. It makes it tougher to get a shot off. We can't simulate that in practice, but I'm very proud of the girls' resiliency. They stayed in the game. We got down seven points but we were able to cut it back to three. We stayed in that range. We just could never get over the hump, but I was really proud of their effort tonight."

Sadie Govan and Williams each led the Lady Dawgs with 10 points. Govan also had four steals.

MHS finishes Pool B play with a 9:30 a.m. game against Hobbs, N.M. at Chaparral Center and caps the day with a 3:30 p.m. tip-off versus El Paso El Dorado at Lee High School.

LEE GIRLS EDGE JIM NED

The Lee girls basketball team ended its day on a high note as it squeaked past Class 3A No. 11-ranked Jim Ned, 48-46, in the night cap at the Lee High gym.

Lady Rebels guard Braydyn Hill scored a game-high 17 points, while teammate Paige Low chipped in with 14. Earlier in the day, Lee lost 56-51 to crosstown foe Midland Classical.

Lee (5-8), which is 1-1 in Pool A play, takes on 1-1 Denver City at 12:30 p.m. today at Lee High.

GIRLS POOL LEADERS

Wall leads Pool B competition with a 2-0 mark through one day of the girls tournament. Wall faces 1-0 North Richland Hills Birdville at 12:30 p.m. today for a chance to reach Saturday's tournament championship game.

In Pool A, Midland Classical is the only team that hasn't been beaten with a 1-0 record. MCA plays Class 6A program El Paso Montwood at 9:30 a.m. today at Lee High and finishes pool play with a 3:30 p.m. tip-off against Jim Ned at Chaparral Center.

MHS BOYS LOOK STRONG EARLY

Behind five scorers in double figures and a fierce full-court press, the Bulldogs had little trouble rolling to a 91-51 victory over Class 4A Denver City in both teams' tournament opener, Thursday at Chaparral Center.

MHS (2-6) showed impressive balance in the scorebook as Xadrian Van Buren and Duce Warren co-led the team with 14 points. Kellen Parker added 13, while Nathaniel Rodriguez and freshman Rayshad Chambers each added 12 for MHS, which led by as many as 44 points.

Bulldogs head coach Shan Hooker said his team's press has been effective all season, but they need to learn to take better care of the ball after they force a turnover and try to get down the floor in a hurry.

"We had a 25-point lead against Abilene High in the first game and squandered that," Hooker said. "We had a 20-point lead against Lubbock Coronado and squandered that. What we've got to learn is once we steal it off the press we just can't be careless and give the ball back to them."

Offensive balance, depth and effective team play figure to be a real strengths of this team this season.

"We're preaching to the kids 'You're all going to get in and play, you're all going to have your moments,'" Hooker said. "That's the team concept we're trying to emphasize this year."

MHS next takes on Class 5A No. 9-ranked Fort Worth Birdville in pool play at 8 a.m. today at Lee High School gym.

BOYS POOL LEADERS

Lee and Kyle Lehman are currently tied atop Pool 1 with 1-0 records and will play at 11 a.m. today for the pool title.

Fort Worth Boswell leads Pool 2 with a 1-0 record.

Amarillo Caprock (1-0 in pool play) and El Paso Eastlake (1-0 pool play) square off at 8 a.m. at Chaparral Center to decide the Pool 3 champion and MHS (1-0 pool play) takes on North Richland Hills Birdville (1-0 pool play) at 8 a.m. at Lee for the Pool 4 title.

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TALL CITY OILMAN'S TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Boys
Thursday
Pool Play
Pool 1

Kyle Lehman 100, Big Spring 39
Lee 100, Big Spring 59

Pool 2

Fort Worth Boswell 68, Lee JV 19

Pool 3

Amarillo Caprock 56, Euless Trinity 47
El Paso Eastlake 53, Euless Trinity 37

Pool 4

Midland High 91, Denver City 51
North Richland Hills Birdville 99, Denver City 46

Friday
Pool Play
Pool 1

Kyle Lehman vs. Lee, 11 a.m., Lee High School

Pool 2

Lee JV vs. Euless Trinity, 11 a.m., Chaparral Center

Pool 3

El Paso Eastlake vs. Amarillo Caprock, 8 a.m., Chaparral Center

Pool 4

Fort Worth Birdville vs. MHS, 8 a.m., Lee High School

Bracket Play

Bronze semifinal 1: Pool 1 No. 3 vs. Pool 3 No. 3, 2 p.m., Chaparral Center
Bronze semifinal 2: Pool 2 No. 3 vs. Pool 4 No. 3, 2 p.m., Lee High School
Silver semifinal 1: Pool 1 No. 2 vs. Pool 3 No. 2, 5 p.m. Chaparral Center
Silver semifinal 2: Pool 2 No. 2 vs. Pool 4 No. 2, 5 p.m. Lee High School
Gold semifinal 1: Pool 1 No. 1 vs. Pool 3 No. 1, 8 p.m., Chaparral Center
Gold semifinal 2: Pool 2 No. 1 vs. Pool 4 No. 1, 8 p.m., Lee High School

Saturday
Bracket Play

Bronze championship: Winner bronze semifinal 1 vs. winner bronze semifinal 2, 8 a.m. Chaparral Center
Bronze consolation: Loser bronze semifinal 1 vs. loser bronze semifinal 2, 8 a.m., MHS gym
Silver championship: Winner silver semifinal 1 vs. winner silver semifinal 2, 11 a.m., Chaparral Center
Silver consolation: Loser silver semifinal 1 vs. loser silver semifinal 2, 11 a.m., Lee High School
Gold championship: Winner gold semifinal 1 vs. winner gold semifinal 2, 2 p.m. Chaparral Center
Gold consolation: Loser gold semifinal 1 vs. loser gold semifinal 2, 2 p.m., Lee High School

Girls
Thursday
Pool A

Lee 56, Midland Classical 51
Denver City 59, El Paso Montwood 42
Lee 48, Jim Ned 46

Pool B

Wall 60, El Paso El Dorado 42
Jim Ned 57, Denver City 49, O.T.
North Richland Hills Birdville 98, El Paso El Dorado 30
Wall 48, Midland High 43

Friday
Pool A

Midland Classical vs. El Paso Montwood, 9:30 a.m., Lee High School
Lee vs. Denver City, 12:30 p.m., Lee High School
Jim Ned vs. Midland Classical, 3:30 p.m., Chaparral Center
El Paso Montwood vs. Lee, 6:30 p.m., Chaparral Center

Pool B

Midland High vs. Hobbs, N.M., 9:30 a.m., Chaparral Center
El Paso El Dorado vs. Midland High, 3:30 p.m., Lee High School
Hobbs, N.M. vs. North Richland Hills Birdville, 6:30 p.m., Lee High School

Saturday
Championship Game

Pool A No. 1 vs. Pool B No. 1, 12:30 p.m., Chaparral Center

Third-place

Pool A No. 2 vs. Pool B No. 2, 9:30 a.m., Chaparral Center

Fifth-place

Pool A No. 3 vs. Pool B No. 3, 12:30 p.m., Lee High School

Seventh-place

Pool A No. 4 vs. Hobbs, 9:30 a.m., Lee High School

Ninth-place

Pool A No. 5 vs. Pool B No. 5, 9:30 a.m., Midland High

HIGHSCHOOL BASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

LADY KATS WIN TWO

GARDEN CITY — The No. 3-ranked Garden City girls basketball team won both of their games during the first day of the Garden City Tournament in blowout fashion.

Payton Hastings had a game-high 23 points as Garden City rolled past Grape Creek, 75-22. Madison Hastings added 16 and Jordan Driver and Ixchel Sotelo each had 11.

The Lady Kats then blew past Trent, 71-10, as Peyton Hastings had 15 points, Allison Halfmann 14 and Driver added 12.

The tournament continues today.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 75, GRAPE CREEK 22

Grape Creek — Jackson 2, Porter 2, Aguilar 8, Walker 8, Escamilla 2

Garden City — Payton Hastings 23, Madison Hastings 16, Jordan Driver 11, Ixchel Sotelo 11, Ally Burnett 6, Lyndee Walker 4, Xallis Sotelo 2.

Grape Creek	4	4	12	2	—22
Garden City	19	21	14	21	—75

Free throws — Grape Creek 0-0, Garden City 7-11-0. 3-point goals — None. Total fouls — Grape Creek 7, Garden City 3. Fouled out — None.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 71, TRENT 10

Trent — Wallis 2, Brenemar 2, C. Williams 2, Marcee 2, Payne 10

Garden City — P. Hastings 15, Allison Halfmann 14, Driver 12, M. Hastings 9, Walker 7, Angelica Munguia 6, Burnett 4, I. Sotelo 2, X. Sotelo 2

Trent	4	4	0	2	—10
Garden City	10	15	31	15	—71

Free throws — GCHS 7-12, Trent 0-0. 3-point goals — GCHS 4 (Munguia 2, Walker, Halfmann), Total fouls — Trent 13, GCHS 8. Fouled out — None.

ANDREWS 68 KERMIT 28

ANDREWS — The Andrews girls basketball team rolled past Kermit during the first day of action of the Kristen Corbin Classic at Mustang Arena.

Rae Johnson had a game-high 20 points, while Alivia Mayfield added 10 for Andrews.

ANDREWS 68, KERMIT 28

Kermit — Esmeralda Quiroz 2, Lorena Balderas 2, Jasmine Young 5, Briana Figueroa 9, LeeAnn Shaller 4, Samantha Escobar 2, Lenise Aranda 2

Andrews — Macee Mack 5, Jaslyn Johnson 6, Miranda Trevino 4, Kamryn Falcon 5, Kassidy Epperson 3, Rae Johnson 20, Laura Madrillez 5, Savannah Infante 8, Belle Madrillez 2, Anna Mayfield 10

Kermit	4	4	5	15	—28
Andrews	10	25	16	17	—68

Free throws — Kermit 8-18, Andrews 19-33. 3-point goals — Andrews 2 (Mack, Falcon). Total fouls — Kermit 29, Andrews 21. Fouled out — None.

STANTON HOOPTOWN TOURNAMENT

STANTON 61, REAGAN COUNTY 40

Stanton	19	20	9	13	—61
Reagan County	12	7	5	16	—40

Stanton — Paygie Gaztle 23, Kristen Church 12. Reagan County — Sosa 16, Hernandez 7, Hernandez 6

PECOS 42, COAHOMA 33

Coahoma	22	4	2	5	—33
Pecos	10	7	16	9	—42

Coahoma — Corley 10. Pecos — Burleson 24.

COLORADO CITY 73, REAGAN COUNTY 10

Colorado City	19	30	24	11	—73
Reagan County	0	6	2	0	

Colorado City — Kaitlynn Kimball 18, Corley Nisbett 16. Reagan County — Ashley Lemons 4

SNYDER 29, PECOS 17

Snyder	10	13	7	0	—29
Pecos	2	9	6	7	—17

Snyder — James 9. Pecos — Jasso 14

STANTON HOOPTOWN TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Girls
Thursday
Main gym

Pecos 42, Snyder 17
Fort Stockton JV vs. Coahoma, n/a
Stanton 61, Reagan County 40
High School gym
Colorado City 73, Reagan County 10
Pecos 42, Coahoma 33
Friday
Main gym
Stanton vs. Fort Stockton JV, Noon
Reagan County vs. Coahoma, 3 p.m.
Stanton vs. Pecos, 6 p.m.
High School gym
Colorado City vs. Snyder, Noon
Colorado City vs. Pecos, 3 p.m.
Reagan County vs. Snyder, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Main gym
Colorado City vs. Fort Stockton JV, 10:30 a.m.
Stanton vs. Snyder, 1:30 p.m.
High School gym
Snyder vs. Coahoma, 10:30 a.m.
Reagan County vs. Pecos, 1:30 p.m.

Boys

CANYON 48 MCS 40

ABILENE — Joseph Venzant scored a game-high 12 points for Midland Christian in Thursday's loss to Canyon in the Catclaw Classic.

The Mustangs (10-7) were plagued by foul trouble, as four players fouled out.

CANYON 48, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 40

Canyon — Tennessey 2, Nickell 7, Hoggat 11, Snider 11, Hoss 4, Trimmer 4, Roell 3, Corner 1

Midland Christian (10-7) — Mitch McCann 4, Porter Gotovac 6, Jacob Thomas 9, Gunner Griffin 3, Joseph Venzant 12, Tommy Beebe 6

Canyon	16	9	11	10	—48
MCS	6	10	9	15	—40

Free throws — Canyon 16-34, MCS 8-14. 3-point goals — Canyon 3 (Nickell, Hoggat, Roell), MCS 6 (McCann, Gotovac 2, Benzant, Beebe 2). Total fouls — Canyon 19, MCS 26. Fouled out — McCann, A.J. Brown (MCS), Venzant, Beebe.

Next: MCS vs. Abilene Cooper, 12:30 p.m. today

GARDEN CITY SPLITS ON DAY 1

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City boys basketball team split during the first day of the Garden City Klassic as the Bearkats defeated Pecos JV, 39-19, before falling to Grady, 36-32.

Scott Miller led Garden City with a game-high 15 points in the win over Pecos JV.

Grady's Jordan Rodriguez had a game-high 21 points in the Wildcats' win over the Bearkats. Miller had 14 in the loss.

The tournament continues today.

GARDEN CITY 39, PECOS JV 19

Pecos JV — Isaia Baca 7, Ethan Cintna 7, Cody Franco 3, Roger Ruiz 2, Chris M. 2

Garden City — Hunter McMillan 8, Scott Miller 15, Cesar Chavez 9, Amando Alegria 3, John Michael Alegria 4

Pecos JV	4	6	4	5	—19
Garden City	10	13	7	7	—39

Free throws — Pecos JV 2-12, Garden City 3-9. 3-points goals — Pecos JV 1 (Franco). Total fouls — Pecos JV 14, Garden City 17. Fouled out — Ruiz.

GRADY 36, GARDEN CITY 32

Grady — DeAnda 5, Reyna 2, Ruiz 2, Cox 6, Rodriguez 21

Garden City — McMillan 2, Miller 14, Chavez 2, A. Alegria 7, J. Alegria 9

Grady	11	5	7	13	—36
Garden City	8	8	6	8	—32

Free throws — Grady 10-13, Garden City 0-4. 3-point goals — Grady 2 (DeAnda, Rodriguez). Total fouls — Grady 5, Garden City 13. Fouled out — None.

STANTON HOOPTOWN TOURNAMENT

COAHOMA 57, STANTON JV 47

Coahoma	16	19	16	7	—57
Stanton	11	12	9	15	—47

Coahoma — Moore 22, Clark 12. Stanton — Lindell 12, Simpson 10.

STANTON 68, KLONDIKE 21

Stanton	19	34	14	9	—68
Klondike	3	9	8	1	—21

Stanton — Blake Snellgrove 20, Sebastian Escamilla 14. Klondike — Coleman 15

COLORADO CITY 59, COAHOMA 44

Colorado City	8	15	16	20	—59
Coahoma	6	12	5	21	—44

Colorado City — Boone 22, Malveaux 13. Coahoma — G. Clark 17, Moore 12.

REAGAN COUNTY 74, PECOS 68

Reagan County	8	19	17	18	—74
Pecos	16	15	21	16	—68

Reagan County — Moore 23, Darr 20. Pecos — Soto 22, Sandoval 16.

COLORADO CITY 70, FORSAN 49

Forsan	11	16	11	11	—49
Colorado City	16	17	20	17	—70

Forsan — Hargert 22, Evans 11. Colorado City — Boone 20, Malveaux 13, Salazar 12.

FORSAN 47, STANTON JV 35

Forsan	16	14	10	13	—47
Stanton JV	8	4	8	17	—35

Forsan — Evans 15, Hargert 12. Stanton JV — Rangel 14, Simpson 13.

STANTON HOOPTOWN TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Boys
Thursday
Pool Play
Main gym

Forsan 47, Stanton JV 35
Colorado City 70, Forsan 49
Stanton 68, Klondike 21
High School gym
Colorado City 59, Coahoma 44
Coahoma 57, Stanton JV 47
Reagan County 74, Pecos 68
Friday
Main gym
Stanton vs. Pecos, 1:30 p.m.
Coahoma vs. Forsan, 4:30 p.m.
Stanton vs. Reagan County, 7:30 p.m.
High School gym
Klondike vs. Reagan County, 1:30 p.m.
Colorado City vs. Stanton JV, 4:30 p.m.
Klondike vs. Pecos, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Main gym
3rd place game, Noon
Championship game, 3 p.m.
High School gym
7th place game, Noon
Consolation championship, 3 p.m.

GYM BICE CLASSIC

Andrews
Thursday-Saturday
Mustang Arena
Thursday

Brownfield 53, Snyder 50, OT
Andrews 75, Shallowater 50
Snyder 53, Kermit v29
Shallowater 71, Lamesa 58
Andrews 78, Odessa Permian JV 73
Friday
Andrews vs. Kermit, 8 a.m.
Odessa Permian JV vs. Snyder, 11 a.m.
Lamesa vs. Kermit, 2 p.m.
Brownfield vs. Shallowater, 5 p.m.
Andrews vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Lamesa vs. Odessa Permian JV, 8 a.m.
Shallowater vs. Kermit, 11 a.m.
Odessa Permian JV vs. Kermit, 2 p.m.
Andrews High School
Snyder vs. Lamesa, 2 p.m.
Kermit vs. Brownfield, 5 p.m.
Andrews vs. Snyder, 8 p.m.

REBELS

From 1C

Lee continued its barrage into the second half and outscored the Steers, 46-36, over the third and fourth quarters.

Big Spring head coach Kris Hise, whose team also fell to Class 6A Kyle Lehman, 100-39 earlier in the day, said his players competed hard against a pair of squads he hopes will help them grow.

"Our guys are playing hard," Hise said. "Today I was impressed with them and we played good defense. We were just a little outmatched in every game we've played here. We're getting good competition and it's making us better. We're fighting hard. We're playing good basketball."

Boswell said after such a successful night in nearly every facet of the game, the challenge will be finding a way to reset and do it all over again today against another hungry opponent in Kyle Lehman.

The Rebels will take on the Lobos (4-7) at 11 a.m. today at Lee's gym.

"What we've got to do as a program that hasn't won a lot is handle the success and carry it over, knowing it all starts back at 0-0 the next game," Boswell said. "The ball might not go in at the same rate, but we've still got to play just as hard with that same passion and energy. We took a big step forward today and I'm really happy for those boys."

Added Chambers: "We've got to say humble and have that monster mentality that 'We just lost, so we've got to come at the next game harder.'"

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LEE 100, BIG SPRING 39

Big Spring (1-8) — Dimas Garcia 1, JoVore Ford 3, Zephania Robson 6, Elijah Munoz 6, Logan Edwards 2, Albert Martinez 2, Mikal Banks 5, John Ibanez 7, Jeremiah Cooley 19, Daryk Pantoja 6, Abel Clark 4

Lee (5-7) — Evan McMaryon 9, Avery Chambers 19, Zhonz Phelps 15, Casonte Esden 14, Jordan Lopez 5, Jayshon Jones 9, Patrick Olomi 5, Loic Pouong 11, Ronald Frazier 5, Myke Portilla 2, Kyle Pelkie 6

Big Spring	8	15	15	21	—39
Lee	29	24	22	24	—100

Free throws — Big Spring 13-23, Lee 19-31. 3-point goals — Big Spring 3 (Ford, Ibanez, Pantoja), Lee 14 (Chambers 5, Phelps 3, Esden 3, Lopez, Jones, Frazier). Total fouls — Big Spring 18, Lee 19. Fouled out — Clark.

Next: Big Spring vs. Euless Trinity in Bronze semifinal 1 game, 2 p.m. today, Chaparral Center; Lee vs. Kyle Lehman, 11 a.m. today in pool , Lee High School

OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL BOX SCORES

Boys

AT CHAPARRAL CENTER
MIDLAND HIGH 91, DENVER CITY 51

Denver City — Everardo Navarette 2, Riley Boyd 2, Daron Pacheco 5, Edinson Mendoza 18, Emmanuel Zubia 10, Nathaniel Cruz 10, Josh Mills 4

MHS (2-6) — Xadrian Van Buren 14, Daniel Elliott 6, Rahsaim Patterson 9, Nathaniel Rodriguez 12, Duce Warren 14, Gage Warren 2, Nicholas Terrazas 7, Kellen Parker 13, Rayshad Chambers 12, Suddin Siggers 2

Denver City	13	9	15	15	—51
MHS	39	24	24	17	—91

Free throws — Denver City 19-30, MHS 8-13. 3-point goals — Denver City 1 (Pacheco), MHS 5 (Parker 3, Terrazas, D.Warren). Total fouls — Denver City 9, MHS 22. Fouled out — None.

NO. 9 NORTH RICHLAND HILLS BIRDVILLE 99, DENVER CITY 46

Birdville (8-1) — Noah Wheatless 27, Jalan Jackson 2, Stephen Johnson 5, Tre Hester 12, Jeremy Lester 7, Colby Faris 18, Cavon Hughes 10, Lenny Rose 11, Keenan Crymes 3, Tanner Rhodes 4

Denver City — Everardo Navarette 2, Nick Garza 2, Damian Gutierrez 5, Riley Boyd 6, Matthew DeLaRosa 3, Edinson Mendoza 16, Emmanuel Zubia 16, Josh Mills 2

Birdville	21	17	34	27	—99
Denver City	8	10	16	7	—46

Free throws — Birdville 17-22, Denver City 10-19. 3-point goals — Birdville 12 (Wheatless 7, Hughes 2, Hester 2, Lester), Denver City 4 (Boyd 2, DeLaRosa, Gutierrez). Total fouls — Birdville 14, Denver City 14. Fouled out — None.

FORT WORTH BUSWELL 68, LEE JV 19

Lee JV — Mario Hurtado 6, Brian Leyva 11, Daniel Polk 1, Noah Perkins 1

Boswell — Antonio Delvidge 6, Tyreon Lucas 10, Ja'Moine Wade 3, Tremere Wiseman 11, Xavier Von 8, Delius Conatser 10, Matthew Scarborough 2, Ajanez Mustapha 2, Jadon Gregory 15, T. Meeks 5

Lee JV	6	5	4	1	—19
Boswell	23	17	14	14	—68

Free throws — Boswell 6-9, Lee JV 6-17. 3-point goals — Boswell 4 (Lucas 2, Wiseman, Gregory), Lee JV 1 (Hurtado). Total fouls — Boswell 18, Lee JV 12. Fouled out — Scarborough.

AT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
KYLE LEHMAN 100, BIG SPRING 39

Lehman (4-7) — Oscar Montalvo 15, Quinten Donavon 4, Aaron Flores 6, Kenny Henderson 23, Camron Jones 8, TJ Jefferson 8, Kevin Perez 4, Marcos Cantu 16, Zack Harris 11, Javek Salinas 5

Big Spring (1-7) — Dimas Garcia 6, Zephaniah Nelson 2, Elijah Munoz 8, Albert Martinez 3, Mikal Banks 3, John Ibanez 2, Jeremiah Cooley 2, Daryk Pantoja 2, Abel Clark 7, Nathaniel Lotz 6

Lehman	21	24	33	22	—100
Big Spring	15	16	6	8	—39

Free throws — Lehman 25-30, Big Spring 3-4. 3-point goals — Lehman 5 (Montalvo 2, Henderson, Cantu, Harris), Total fouls — Lehman 16, Big Spring 27. Technical fouls — Cooley. Fouled out — Nelson, Clark.

AMARILLO CAPROCK 56, EULESS TRINITY 47

Caprock (9-0) — Nathan Fierro 5, Jaylyn Washington 11, Gaizing Majok 9, Chris Wilson 12, Tyon Gatlek 4, Jeamaryun Gaines 9, Fabian Morales

Trinity (1-10) — Andre Nunley 11, Noah Gilliam 8, Orvil Rosario-Colto 1, Eugene Ogaro 2, Graham Louis 8, Karl Anderson 4, Micah Woolley 1, Kameron Darcy 2, Mathis Riley 2, Andrew Brown 2, Jaxson Kapellusch 6

Caprock	16	8	19	14	—56
Trinity	9	11	16	11	—47

Free throws — Caprock 7-10, Trinity 10-14. 3-point goals — Caprock 5 (Fierro 3, Washington, Wilson, Gaines), Trinity 1 (Louis). Total fouls — Caprock 15, Trinity 19. Fouled out — None.

Girls

AT CHAPARRAL CENTER
NO. 6 WALL 48, MIDLAND HIGH 43

Midland High (8-7) — Jayci Stroun 4, Maya Duarte 3, Quay Webster 2, Taysha Rushton 8, Sadie Govan 10, Jurnee Williams 10, Zoe Taylor 2, Racey Hale 4

Wall (7-2) — Sawyer Lloyd 11, Landry Reynolds 3, Samantha Rocha 14, Haley Palmore 2, Jayden Fiebiger 14, Payton Box 3, Candis Burnett 1

MHS	19	11	8	10	—43
Wall	16	14	9	9	—48

Free throws — MHS 8-14, Wall 9-13. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Rushton 2, Govan, Stroun, Duarte), Wall 3 (Lloyd 3). Total fouls — MHS 15, Wall 13. Fouled out — None.

Next: MHS vs. Hobbs, N.M., 9:30 a.m. at Chaparral Center; MHS vs. EP El Dorado, 3:30 p.m. at Lee High

NO. 11 JIM NED 57, NO. 5 DENVER CITY 49, OT

Denver City (8-4) — Morgan Dial 10, Haylee Villarreal 4, Cassidy Esmeardo 8, Dacey Gutierrez 10, Holly Hennestine 11, Arielle Adams 2, Hailey Henderson 2

Jim Ned (6-5) — Jolie Branch 5, Jenna Moore 17, Libby Tutt 8, Torey Bledshew 11, Brooke Galvin 6, Malone Graham 9

Denver City	12	8	15	4	—49
Jim Ned	8	8	10	9	12 —47

Free throws — Denver City 8-12, Jim Ned 17-23. 3-point goals — Denver City 5 (Esmeardo 2, Dial 2, Hennestine), Jim Ned 9 (Moore 5, Graham 3). Total fouls — Denver City 19, Jim Ned 11. Fouled out — Villarreal.

NO. 6 NORTH RICHLAND HILLS BIRDVILLE 59, EL PASO (C), DORADO 30

Birdville (5-3) — Ryle Riddle 15, Iyana Dorsey 11, Aimee Campbell 3, Joy Johnson 8, Kelsey Dominguez 7

El Dorado (5-5) — Kayley Diaz 3, Victoria Aldaco 5, Sonya Dozier 6, Arianna Aragon 6, Rebecca Davila 10

Birdville	8	12	15	9	—59
El Dorado	10	9	4	7	—30

Free throws — Birdville 17-23, El Dorado 5-9. 3-point goals — Birdville 3 (Riddle 2, Dorsey), El Dorado 3 (Aldaco, Davila). Total fouls — Birdville 9, El Dorado 16. Fouled out — None.

AT LEE HIGH SCHOOL
WALL 60, EL PASO EL DORADO 42

Wall (6-2) — Sawyer Lloyd 14, Abby Alexander 5, Payton Box 8, Landry Reynolds 4, Sam Rocha 15, Haley Palmore 10, Candis Burnett 2, Landry Oliver 2

El Dorado — Gena Galindo 5, Kayley Diaz 15, Victoria Aldaco 8, Sonya Dozier 6, Arianna Aragon 3, Rebecca Davila 5

Wall	12	16	14	18	—60
El Dorado	6	12	12	12	—42

Free throws — Wall 8-11, El Dorado 8-11. 3-point goals — Wall 3 (Box 2, Alexander), El Dorado 2 (Galindo, Aragon). Total fouls — Wall 9, El Dorado 15. Fouled out — None.

DENVER CITY 58, EL PASO MONTWOOD 42

Denver City — Morgan Dial 7, Haylee Villarreal 4, Cassidy Esmeardo 8, Dacey Gutierrez 2, Mckenna Villegas 3, Arielle Adams 4, Holly Hennestine 25, Hailey Henderson 4, Nadia De La Rosa 2

Montwood — Jordan Maxwell 15, Sarah Ramirez 2, Desiree Rodriguez 7, Ariana Arzas 5, Mia Lozano 17

Denver City	12	11	14	22	—58
Montwood	11	9	6	16	—42

Free throws — Denver City 5-9, Montwood 10-15. 3-point goals — Denver City 6 (Hennestine 5, Dial), Montwood 3 (Rodriguez, Lozano). Total fouls — Denver City 16, Montwood 13. Fouled out — None.

LEE 48, TUSCOLA JIM NED 46

Lee (5-6) — Alaysha Green 7, Braydyn Hill 17, Quinci Strambler 4, Mackenzie Ross 6, Paige Low 14

Jim Ned (6-4) — Jolie Branch 3, Taylor Benton 3, Jenna Moore 6, Keely Eschelman 2, Libby Tutt 17, Torey Bledshew 4, Brooke Galvin 2, Malone Graham 9

Lee	13	10	8	7	—48
Jim Ned	12	14	10	9	—46

Free throws — Lee 9-14, Jim Ned 3-6. 3-point goals — Lee 3 (Ross 2, Green), Jim Ned 7 (Malone 3, Moore 2, Benton, Branch). Total fouls — Lee 11, Jim Ned 17. Fouled out — Branch.



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Clemson fans celebrate in Clemson, S.C., after a touchdown Jan. 9 as they watch the broadcast of the college football playoff championship game between Clemson and Alabama. Hard-core college football fans across the country undoubtedly will be tuned in for the College Football Playoff. But what about casual fans outside SEC, ACC and Big 12 country? With the Pac-12 and Big Ten not represented in the four-team playoff, a TV sports viewership analyst said interest could be tempered on the West Coast, upper Midwest and Northeast.

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By Eric Olson
Associated Press

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The campuses of Clemson, Georgia and Alabama are in close proximity in the Southeast — Clemson and Georgia are just 75 miles apart. Oklahoma is the outlier, a good day's drive west of Alabama.

"I think it's too regional this year," said Jon Lewis, editor of Sports Media Watch. "That hurts in every sport — unless it's the Super Bowl."

That said, Lewis expects a potential loss of viewership could be offset because the semifinals will be played on New Year's Day, the traditional college football holiday. The last two years the semifinals were on New Year's Eve, when the games competed with parties and other celebrations.

An additional boost might come from the Alabama-Clemson semifinal in the Sugar Bowl being a rematch of the last two national championship games.

But, Lewis said, "I still think the numbers are going to be well short of the first year of the playoff."

In 2015, the inaugural playoff semifinals matching Oregon-Florida State and Ohio State-Alabama each drew better than 28 million viewers on ESPN, according to the Nielsen company. The Oregon-Ohio State title game had 33.4 million.

Viewership the last two years ranged from 15.5 million to 19.8 million for the New Year's Eve semifinals, and the Clemson-Alabama title games drew 26.7 million in 2016 and 26 million in 2017.

Los Angeles sports radio host Petros Papadakis acknowledged the regional flavor of the playoff — "I hope Oklahoma can at least strike a blow for the people west of the Mississippi," he joked — but said he didn't think it would put a damper on fans' enthusiasm nationally.

"Call me crazy, but I think we've reached a point in our society where football fans put football on," Papadakis said. "If there is live football and it's a big game that's on, people are watching. ... I really do feel like the College Football Playoff is transcendent like the Super Bowl, where people are just going to watch because it's championship-level football."

Still, Lewis said it can't be overlooked that much of the nation is left with no rooting interest. He noted the Big Ten and Pac-12 have larger geographic footprints (never mind the Big 12's eastern outpost of West Virginia) and there is some overlap between the SEC and ACC.

"It's good to have the SEC represented. I don't know that it's good to have two SEC teams represented," Lewis said. "And when you talk about the conferences, the Big 12, ACC and SEC are very similar in terms of their makeup, in terms of their regions. You don't want it to be too regional."

An interesting test will be the Rose Bowl, where the traditional Big Ten-Pac-12 matchup gives way to the playoff semifinal between Oklahoma and Georgia.

Papadakis said the Rose Bowl obviously would have more local interest if Southern California or UCLA were participating, but the fact the game is a playoff makes it intriguing.

"The key for the Rose Bowl is that they're big, blue-blooded traditional college football programs," he said. "As long as it's a big blue blood, people will come out to Los Angeles and the game will feel big. There are so many transplants in LA, and I would argue there are more Georgia and Oklahoma people in this town than Oregon people who would come to the game."

Brandon Heideman, who bartends at The Lodge Sports Grille in Seattle, said there was standing-room only at his establishment last year when the hometown Washington Huskies were in the playoff. The absence of a Pac-12 team in this year's playoff, let alone the Huskies, probably will temper enthusiasm.

"As long as someone in the Pac-12 is playing in a game, we're very busy," Heideman said. "We'll have more people than usual in here for the playoff, but it won't be like it was last year."

Ali Jones, a bartender at Bunkers Sports Bar and Grill in Dayton, Ohio, said she and her patrons are disappointed Ohio State didn't make the final four. Still, she expects a full house for the semifinals and the Jan. 8 final and that folks probably will be pulling for Oklahoma, which beat the Buckeyes in the regular season.

What about Alabama, the team that edged out the Buckeyes for a playoff spot?

"We won't be rolling any Tides over here," Jones said.

Morris touts prep ties, up-tempo look during Arkansas intro

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Less than three minutes after meeting his new team for the first time, Chad Morris had a much-needed message of hope for the Razorbacks.

Morris, who was hired away from SMU on Wednesday morning, had just walked into the team meeting room that afternoon in Fayetteville when he related a story about where he's been in his career.



Morris

Before being hired by the Mustangs, the 49-year-old Morris had worked as the offensive coordinator at defending national Clemson. Only, when Morris started with the Tigers, they weren't the same Clemson that reached the College Football Playoff for a third straight year this season.

They were a lot like Arkansas is right now.

"I've got the blueprint (for) what it takes to win a national championship," Morris told the Razorbacks. "I was sitting at Clemson when we were 6-7, and what excites me more than anything is seven years ago, Clemson looked just like Arkansas does today."

Morris continued preaching his message of a return to national relevance to the rest of Arkansas on Thursday when he was publicly introduced as the new coach.

The former Texas high school coach talked repeatedly about his numerous ties to the prep coaching ranks — particularly in the Lone Star state — and how he expects that to help a downtrodden team that finished 4-8 last season. He takes over a program that is 33-42 in the six seasons since the firing of the scandal-ridden Bobby Petrino, the school's worst stretch since 1948-52.

And that's just fine with Morris.

"We want to win, make no mistake about it," Morris said. "We're here to win, we want to win, we want to win championships — and that's what we're going to do."

Morris is no stranger to northwest Arkansas, having visited the area along with the rest of his high school coaching staff in the early 2000s. He did so at the time to learn from another prep coach who has since fared well in the collegiate ranks, former Springdale High and current Auburn coach Gus Malzahn.

Malzahn and Morris have followed similar career trajectories, following their highly successful prep careers by transitioning to college as offensive coordinators — and then head coaches.

The Razorbacks also had interest in hiring Malzahn before he agreed to a seven-year extension at Auburn on Sunday night.

Like Malzahn, Morris is well known for his up-tempo offensive approach. SMU was 13th in the country in total offense with an average of 493.8 yards per game this season, a key reason the Mustangs finished 7-5 after finishing 2-10 and 5-7 in Morris' first two seasons.

Pruitt says he can restore Tennessee's reputation

By Steve Megaree
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt's mission is to get the Volunteers back to the status they enjoyed when his new boss was roaming the sidelines.

Pruitt took over as Tennessee's coach Thursday, capping a tumultuous search in which Phillip Fulmer replaced John Currie as athletic director. Tennessee is coming off one of its most disappointing seasons ever and hasn't won the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division title since 2007, the year before Fulmer was forced out as the Vols' coach.

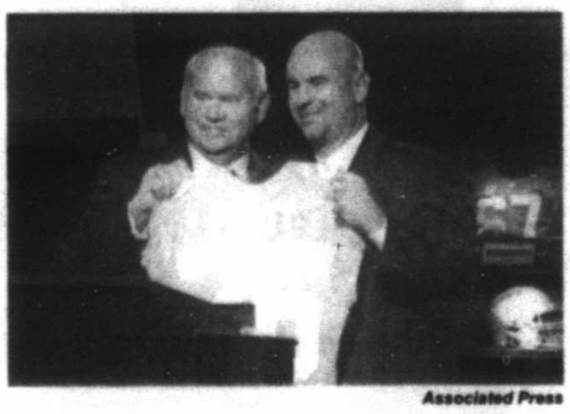
"There was a time and place that this university was feared among the SEC teams," said Pruitt, who has spent the last two seasons as Alabama's defensive coordinator. "My goal as the head football coach at the University of Tennessee is to get us back to that point."

Nobody's feared Tennessee lately.

The Vols opened this season in the Top 25 but finished 4-8 to set a school record for losses, as they went winless in SEC competition for the first time since the league formed in 1933. Those results led to the Nov. 12 firing of Butch Jones, who went 34-27 in five seasons.

Tennessee followed up its poor season with a tumultuous coaching search that grew more embarrassing as it dragged on.

Pruitt, who has been an assistant on four different national championship teams, believes he can get Tennessee back to the heights it reached in the 1990s and early 2000s when Fulmer was coaching the team. This marks Tennessee's fourth coaching search since Fulmer's exit.



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New Tennessee football coach Jeremy Pruitt, right, receives a personalized jersey from athletic director Phillip Fulmer during his introductory news conference Thursday in Knoxville, Tenn.

"Your expectations aren't near what mine are," Pruitt said. "I'll tell you right now, my expectations are to win every game we play. That's the expectation I have."

Pruitt, 43, agreed to a six-year deal that will pay him $3.8 million annually plus various benefits such as an expense allowance.

He will spend this month working on his new job while also maintaining his status as Alabama's defensive coordinator through the College Football Playoff. Pruitt said he would focus on boosting a Tennessee recruiting class that has been decimated by recent defections. When a dead period in the recruiting calendar arrives Dec. 18, Pruitt can turn his attention to Alabama.

Fulmer said he didn't mind the fact that Pruitt will still be working with Alabama through the playoff. He said Pruitt's playoff presence would showcase Tennessee's program.

MAYFIELD

From 1C

■ **Doak Walker:** Stanford's Bryce Love leads Power 5 running backs in rushing (164.4 yards per game) and has gone for 100 or more in 11 games this season to tie the school record. His 12 runs of 50 or more yards are an FBS record. He set a school record with 301 yards on 25 carries against Arizona State. With a bowl game remaining, he needs 47 yards to break the school record set by 2015 Heisman finalist Christian McCaffrey.

■ **Biletnikoff:** Oklahoma State's James Washington is first in the nation with 1,423 receiving yards, and his 20 career 100-yard games are tied for most in school history. He scored 12 touchdowns this season and has caught a pass in 44 straight games, the second-longest streak in the nation. He joins Justin Blackmon (2010 and '11 winner) as a Biletnikoff winner.

■ **Lou Groza:** Utah's Matt Gay leads the nation in most major kicking categories, including a school-record 27 field goals, field goals per game (2.25), field goal attempts (31) and 50-yard field goals (5). He has made 87 percent of his attempts.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Euless Trinity (11-2) vs. Allen (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Apogee Stadium

Round Rock Cedar Ridge (13-1) vs. Pflugerville Hendrickson (10-3), 5 p.m. Saturday, Pflugerville's Pfield

Katy (10-0) vs. Galena Park North Shore (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Lake Travis (11-2) vs. SA Northside O'Connor (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

Southlake Carroll (10-3) vs. Waco Midway (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Longview (12-1) vs. Lufkin (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Nacogdoches' Bryce Stadium

Cypress Fairbanks (12-0) vs. Houston Langham Creek (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' FCU Stadium

Austin Westlake (13-0) vs. Cibolo Steele (9-4), 6 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Denton Ryan (13-0) vs. Lubbock Coronado (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)

Dallas Highland Park (12-1) vs. Mansfield Lake Ridge (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Manvel (12-0) vs. Temple (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Prairie View A&M

Angleton (12-0) vs. Richmond Foster (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

N. Richland Hills (11-2) vs. Aledo (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center

Frisco Lone Star (12-1) vs. Mansfield Legacy (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Ford Stadium

Fort Bend Marshall (10-2) vs. College Station (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waller

Austin McCallum (13-0) vs. CC Calallen (13-0), noon Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

WF Hirschi (11-2) vs. Stephenville (11-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Rangers Stadium

Kennedale (12-1) vs. Kaufman (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center

Carthage (13-0) vs. Henderson (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches' Bryce Stadium

Waco La Vega (13-0) vs. Liberty Hill (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Killeen's Buckley Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

Bushland (11-2) vs. Graham (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Melissa (12-1) vs. Texarkana Pleasant Grove (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Paris' Wildcat Stadium

Salado (12-1) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Katy's Legacy Stadium

Windthorst (10-1) vs. Cuero (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bishop Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Brock (11-0) vs. Comanche (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Grandview (12-1) vs. Kemp (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midlothian ISD Stadium

Teague (11-2) vs. Redditt (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Hallsville (10-1) vs. Goliad (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Austin's Royal Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

Canadian (13-0) vs. Childress (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Gunter (13-0) vs. New Diana (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

Newton (12-0) vs. Weskon (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium

Lexington (13-0) vs. Boling (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brenham

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Stratford (13-1) vs. Perrymondo (9-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Dumas

Crawford (11-0) vs. Mart (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Waco ISD Stadium

Centerville (10-3) vs. San Augustine (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pasadena's Wilson Stadium

Mason (13-0) vs. Refugio (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals

Wellington (12-1) vs. Clarendon (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Childress

Albany (13-0) vs. Muenster (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park

Timpson (11-2) vs. Terrell (13-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Carthage

Burton (12-1) vs. Falls City (11-2), 7 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

CLASS 1A D/S-4MAN DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Happy (13-0) vs. Borden Co. (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Levelland

Jonesboro (12-1) vs. Tioga (11-1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Springtown

CLASS 1A D/S-4MAN DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Turkey Valley (12-1) vs. Balmorhea (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sterling City

Strawn (13-0) vs. Milford (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Springtown

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Once Upon a Time "A Little Tear" (N)		Agents of SHIELD "A Life Spent" (N)		20/20		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "War Room + Ship" (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Make Me Kai" (N)		Blue Bloods "Heavy Is the Head" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "C.A.V.E"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	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	Hell's Kitchen "Catch of the Day" (N)		The Exorcist "Ritual and Repetition" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Final Score	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden In Sight	Creation Magazine	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Creation Magazine	Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot "Adoring Suspect" (N)		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.				NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	TBA	Baking "Christmas Masterclass" (N)		Great Performances		To Be Announced		News (N)	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575			185			(5:00) Pretty Pers...		★★★ The Other Boleyn Girl				★★★ The Prestige Christian Bale.		(:15)	★★ Captivity
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	★★ Gone in 60 Seconds Nicolas Cage.				Comedy		★★★★ Suicide Squad Will Smith.			Comedy
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) Rolling Stone		Comedy	32 Pills: My Sister's Suicide (N)					★★★ Hacksaw Ridge Andrew Garfield.		(:20)	★ Austin Po...
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:55)	★ Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculia...			★ John Wick: Chapter 2 Keanu Reeves.				(:05) Real Sports		(:45)	★ Wanted
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00)	★ Star Trek: N...	★★ Independence Day: Resurgence				★★ Transcendence Johnny Depp.				(:15)	★ Roller Room
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(:20)	★ CHIPS ('17, Act) Dax Shepard.			★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.				★★★ Role Models			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:15)	★ Excess Bag...	★★ Down to You			(:35)	★★ Uptown Girls		(:10)	★★ Desperately Seeking Susan		
SHOW	320	546	19	140	25	(5:15)	★ Burnt	★ Certain Women ('16, Dra) Laura Dern.				★★★ Mother's Day Britt Robertson.				SMILF	White
TMC	336	579	22	155	26	(4:55)	★ Notting Hill	★★ St. Elmo's Fire ('85, Dra) Rob Lowe.				★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack.					★ Weird Science
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(6:00) Live PD		Live PD (:00) Live PD		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L) (N)						Live PD	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Young Guns ('88, West) Emilio Estevez.						★★★ Young Guns II ('90, West) Emilio Estevez.				Dead "Time for After"	
BET	58	-		40		★ To Be Announced							Face	50	The Mane Event	Get Down	Rundown
BRAVO	65	76		41		Married to Medicine		Married Medicine (N)		Tardy (N)	Married to Medicine		Tardy...		★★ Big Daddy ('99, Com) Adam Sandler.		
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Out Front		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush "Inferno"		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		Gold Rush (N)		Gold Rush (N)		Escobar's "The X" (N)	Gold Rush	(:05)	Escobar "The X"
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(5:30)	★ Good Luck ...	Stuck In Middle (N)		Bizzard.	Raven's.	Underc.	LivMad	Stuck In the Middle		Bizzard.	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Detroit Pistons (L)						NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs (L)				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Football Division I Tournament (L)								SpritC (N)	NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame Classic (L)		Fantasy
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-ins		Diners, Drive-ins		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-ins	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:50)	★★★ Toy Story 2 Tom Hanks.			★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Ani) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.					Toy Story	★ Arthur Christmas	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Maver-icks (N)	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks Site: Bradley Center – Milwaukee, Wis. (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Maverick-ks Insider	UEFA Mag. (N)	UEFA Europa League Highlights	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00)	★ Rise of the...	★ The Croods ('13, Ani) Nicolas Cage.				★ The Croods ('13, Ani) Nicolas Cage.				★ This Means War	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00)	★ Christmas U...	★ Christmas In Evergreen Ashley Williams.				★ Finding Santa ('17, Dra) Jodie Sweetin.				★ My Christmas ...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	House	House	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	H.Hunter	House	H.Hunt	House	Dream H.	Dream H.
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		(:05) Ancient Aliens		(:05) Ancient Aliens		(:05) Ancient Aliens	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Bring It! "Crossing the Line"		Bring It! Fan Chat	(5:50) Bring It!	Bring It! "#Clapback" (N)		The Rap Game "Catch Fee" (N)		(:10) Rap Game (N) /(:51) TBA		Bring It! Fan Chat	(5:50) Bring It!
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				ISU Speed Skating		SI Person of Year (N)		Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More "Harrisburg"							
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	★ Albert: The Little ...		★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie				Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.							Movie
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Men in Black ('97, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.		Z Nation (N)				Superstition (N)		Z Nation			★ Men in Black
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	ELeague "ELEAGUE Cup cont'd Dec 15 (N)		The Groups" 2/3			★★ Blade: Trinity Wesley Snipes.
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30)	★ Days of Glory	★★★★ A Christmas Carol				(:45) ★★★ Scrooge			(:15) ★★ Lady in the Lake		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		De Navidad (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé "Out of Nowhere"				90 Day Fiancé "Wake Up Call" Molly asks Luis to step up as a parent.				90 Day Fiancé "Out of Nowhere" David's drinking concerns Annie; Nicole and Azan fight.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Family in the Feud"		★ Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace Two Jedi Knights help a queen save her world and discover a boy with great potential.						★★★ Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones ('02, Sci-Fi) Ewan McGregor.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Grab It"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Kim"	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules "Reunion"	Rules of Engage.

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Expectation of an early death puts man's life in a tailspin

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I spent an evening with a guy I've been wanting to date for some time. After a few drinks, he confided to me that he has a serious heart condition. He said he doesn't expect to live past age 23, and he could die any day.

I don't know the details of his condition, but I'm sure he believes what he told me. Because of this, his life has taken a downward spiral. He has been drinking a lot, failed multiple classes last semester and feels like studying is futile if he may only live a year after graduating.

For lack of evidence to the contrary, I accepted his statement as accurate. I don't think he'd make up something like that. What can I say or do to show my support? How can I encourage him not to give up on his dreams and his goals? He's only 19. How can I be strong for him?

Since he told me about his heart, I haven't been able to think about anything else. I don't know how to process this information. How do you comfort someone you care about who's facing mortality at such a young age? — BROKENHEARTED GUY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BROKENHEARTED GUY: If you want to be a friend to this young man, ask how many doctors have told him about his poor prognosis. If the answer is only one, urge him to get a second opinion because there are medical advances in cardiology happening every day, and he may not be nearly as close to the end as he fears.

You say he's still in school. Suggest he talk to someone at the student health center about his depression because it is interfering with his grades. And while you're at it, suggest he stop drinking and neglecting his studies because, in the end, he might LIVE.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of more than 20 years is a busy person. She has a demanding job, a husband, two children and extended family she cooks for on most holidays. She also cares for an elderly distant relative. She has a heart of gold and is wonderful to me and my family.

When I'm invited to her house for dinner, she refuses to let me help her clear the table. I'm not happy with that, but I accept it. The problem arises when I invite her over for dinner. Because we don't get to visit often, I'll pile the dishes in the kitchen so I can spend time with her and wash them later. But she cannot sit still and just have a conversation with me or anybody. You will find her in the kitchen scraping plates, soaking pans and hand-washing the wine glasses.

This has become a point of contention because I like to unwind and clean my kitchen after my guests have left. I have tried working with her, but she prefers to power through the mess by herself, which gives us less time to sit and talk. How can I get through to her? — ANXIOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR ANXIOUS: Assuming that you have spoken to your friend more than once about this, I think it's time to accept her the way she is, rather than the way you would like her to be. Some people are unable (notice I didn't say unwilling) to just sit still and have a conversation, and she appears to be one of them. If this is her only flaw, consider yourself blessed to have a sparkling kitchen when she leaves.

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Opening lead: Three of ♠

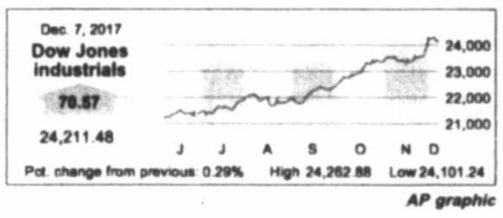
Three no-trump was the popular contract when this deal was played at a tournament some years ago. 11 tricks would have been easy in a heart contract, but that was too difficult to bid. Most declarers won the first or second spade, depending on East's play at trick one, and crossed to dummy in clubs. They led a diamond to their jack and lost that trick plus four spades to finish down one.

The few successful declarers took some time after winning the spade to consider what they knew about the hand. The opening lead made it look like East started with five spades. East surely had the ace of hearts for his opening bid, and probably the queen of diamonds as well. What would East have to discard if South ran his club suit right away? Assuming East played the jack of spades at trick one, he would have to come down to seven cards. He would have to keep all four of his remaining spades, or it would be safe for South to knock out the ace of hearts. He would also have to keep the ace of hearts, which meant that he could only keep two diamonds. The diamond finesse, at that point, would not be necessary.

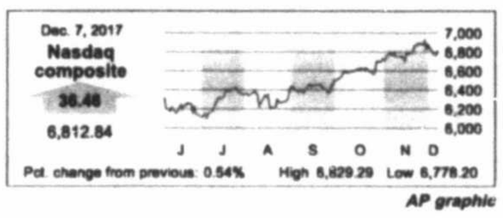
Declarer cashed all five of his club winners. This left him with no entry to dummy, but that didn't matter. He saw East discard one heart and three diamonds. South cashed the ace and king of diamonds and claimed his contract when the queen fell from West. Well done!

BUSINESS & OIL

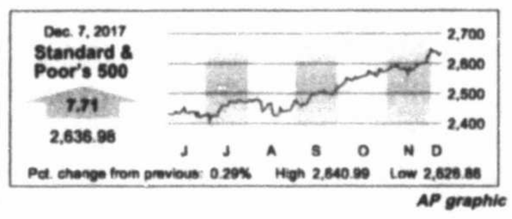
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday:	56.69
Previous:	$55.96

POSTED

Thursday:	$53.25
Previous:	$52.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday:	$50.50
Previous:	$49.75

NATURAL GAS

Thursday:	$2.763
Previous:	$2.922



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	759716	28.78	+.14
CSVLgNG rs	726289	6.39	-1.11
iSNEMkts	676056	45.41	+.13
S&P500ETF	662705	264.07	+.83
SPDR Fncl	579207	27.84	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AtHomGr n	29.36	+4.66	+18.9
Greif A	64.87	+10.04	+18.3
Greif B	69.15	+10.65	+18.2
Jianpu n	5.61	+.75	+15.4
NCI BldSy	19.05	+2.45	+14.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Argan	44.15	-13.35	-23.2
LendingClb	3.59	-.66	-15.5
CSVLgNG rs	6.39	-1.11	-14.8
IDT Cp	10.86	-1.63	-12.9
PPDAI n	7.16	-.90	-11.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,827
Declined	1,072
Unchanged	134
Total issues	3,033
New Highs	84
New Lows	45
Volume	3,090,383,440

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DigitalPwr	340218	3.41	+.67
Myomo n	92096	3.18	+.40
NwGold g	57419	3.05	.02
Globalstar	57361	1.27	-.09
B2gold g	30694	2.59	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DigitalPwr	3.41	+.67	+24.5
TelInstEl	2.50	+.40	+19.0
NuverEnv n	14.75	+2.09	+16.5
Myomo n	3.18	+.40	+14.4
CRH Med	2.50	+.20	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UniqueF n	8.03	-.67	-7.7
MastechD	9.35	-.73	-7.2
NTN Buzz rs	3.91	-.23	-5.6
Aerocntry	14.50	-.65	-4.3
Gastar pfB	18.76	-.74	-3.8

DIARY

Advanced	163
Declined	168
Unchanged	26
Total issues	357
New Highs	3
New Lows	13
Volume	165,342,631

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	411345	43.26	+1.62
PwShs QQQ	290494	154.02	+.52
Comcast s	268854	37.89	-.74
21stCFoxA	260530	34.18	+.97
Intel	258878	43.08	-.37

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SageThera	156.27	+64.37	+70.0
Entellus n	23.99	+7.98	+49.8
MarinusPh	8.64	+2.45	+39.6
GalectinTh	2.01	+.47	+30.5
VikingTh wt	2.28	+.48	+26.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Astrotch rs	3.94	-.95	-19.4
DuluthH n	16.00	-3.28	-17.0
21Vianet	4.02	-.87	-12.6
AmerHtl n	2.50	-.32	-11.3
RetroEco n	7.46	-.88	-10.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,840
Declined	1,058
Unchanged	222
Total issues	3,120
New Highs	77
New Lows	64
Volume	1,806,111,826

Ford moves SUV production from Michigan to Mexico

By Keith Naughton
Bloomberg

Ford is changing gears again in Mexico, shifting planned production of a small electric-powered sport utility vehicle to a plant south of the border instead of a Michigan factory.

Sending the electric vehicle to Mexico, where labor costs are lower, will help the business case for the costly model.

It also risks raising the ire of President Donald Trump, who had been sharply critical of an earlier plan by Ford to build a small car factory in Mexico that the company ultimately canceled.

"They have to do what's best financially and this electric vehicle is not going to be huge" in terms of sales volume, said Michelle Krebs, an analyst with car-shopping website Autotrader. "It's not like they're not putting money into the U.S."

Moving production of the as-yet-unnamed electric SUV to Mexico will allow the carmaker to boost planned output of self-driving vehicles at its factory in Flat Rock, Michigan. The Wall Street Journal reported the automaker's change of plans earlier.

Ford is boosting its investment by $200 million and adding 150 more jobs to the Michigan plant as part of the shift,

Mark Truby, the company's communications chief, said in an email. The driverless car is to debut in 2021.

The SUV to be built in Mexico starting in 2020 will go 300 miles on a single charge and is the centerpiece of a planned $4.5 billion overhaul of Ford's lineup to add 13 electric or hy

brid models, including a gas-electric F-150. Ford has been viewed by Wall Street as playing catch-up to rivals such as Tesla and General Motors, which already sells the battery-powered Chevy Bolt and plans to introduce robot taxis in 2019.

Ford's chief executive officer, Jim Hackett, has been accelerating the automaker's moves in electric and autonomous cars, while announcing $14 billion in cost cuts to improve the what he calls the company's "fitness."

After replacing Mark Fields as CEO in May, one of Hackett's first moves was to shift a plan to make the Focus small car in Mexico to one of the automaker's plants in China.

Trump did not tweet his displeasure this summer with Hackett's plan to build small cars in China to be exported to the U.S., nor has he blasted the automaker after news broke Wednesday of the electric SUV's shift to Mexico.

"Automakers have been out of the line of fire of late with so many other issues brewing in D.C.," Krebs said, adding that the impact of the president's planned changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement represents an "unknown" for Ford as it shifts the electric SUV to Mexico.

The self-driving car Ford will build in Michigan will be a commercial vehicle specifically designed for ride-hailing and delivery services, Jim Farley, executive vice president of global markets, wrote in a Medium post Wednesday. The automaker will begin testing the car in an unnamed city next year.

"Next year will be an important time for us as we begin to test both our self-driving technology and business model in a variety of pilot programs in the first city in which we plan to operate an autonomous vehicle business," Farley wrote. Ford's autonomous business will "serve leading companies, such as Lyft, in the movement of people and goods."

GE ranks first in 2017 downsizing after 12,000 more job cuts

By Brandon Kochkodin
Bloomberg

General Electric already has the distinction of being the worst performer in the Dow Jones Industrial Average this year. Now it's taken the lead among U.S. companies in announcing the most job cuts.

The beleaguered manufacturer has eliminated a total of 19,242 jobs in 2017, including Thursday's news that it would reduce its power-business workforce by 12,000. The reduction pushed GE past General Motors, which has announced a series of cuts throughout the year amid slow auto demand and growing inventories.

Macy's occupies the third spot on the list. The retailer kicked 2017 off by slashing 10,000 jobs and closing 68 stores after an underwhelming holiday shopping season.

Macy's hasn't been the only retailer to downsize in 2017. The consumer cyclical sector, which includes retail, charted the biggest cuts overall of any industry as stores grapple with the growth of e-commerce and the so-called retail apocalypse.

As job losses pile up at GE and GM, many of those cuts are taking place overseas. Friday's U.S. job report is projected to show an increase in payrolls, while the unemployment rate continues to hold at an almost 17-year low of 4.1 percent.

Though President Donald Trump campaigned on bringing jobs back to the U.S., growth remains on pace with the final year of his predecessor's administration.

Energy companies, which claimed the top spot for job losses in 2016, now rank seventh among all sectors this year.

S&P 500 snaps losing streak as industrial, tech stocks rise

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes perked higher Thursday following a nearly weeklong lull, and the Standard & Poor's 500 rose for the first time in five days.

Industrial and technology companies helped lead the way, as broad swaths of the market climbed. Nearly two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, and the price of crude oil clawed back some of its sharp loss from Wednesday.

The S&P 500 rose 7.71 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,636.98 and snapped its longest losing streak since March. Losses through that span were modest, though, with the index down only 0.7 percent.

The Dow Jones industrials average rose 70.57, or 0.3 percent, to 24,211.48, the Nasdaq composite gained 36.47, or 0.5 percent, to 6,812.84 and the Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks jumped 11.59, or 0.8 percent, to 1,520.47.

The gains were a return to form for a stock market that earlier had been driving higher on expectations that Washington will push through an overhaul of the tax system.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $13.00 to settle at $1,253.10 per ounce, silver lost 15 cents to $15.80 per ounce and copper was close to flat at $2.96 per pound

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $138.21 Up 2.24

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.91 Up 0.05

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $108.95 Up 2.62

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.36 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.09 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.90 Down 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $18.52 Up 0.71

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $36.45 Up 0.88

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.43 Up 0.19

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $21.21 Up 0.32

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		14	5.16	+.15	-49.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	36.17	+.06	-15.0
Abraxas		51	**2.05**	**+.02**	**-20.2**
AdaDvsEq	**1.32e**		**14.80**	**+.01**	**+16.4**
AMD			10.04	+.04	-11.5
Alibaba		49	174.47	+1.84	+98.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		10.40	+.20	-17.5
Ambev	.05e	6	6.21	.13	+26.5
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**173.96**	**-2.26**	**+19.0**
Anadarko	**.20**		**47.32**	**+.21**	**-32.1**
Apache	**1.00**		**40.63**	**+.06**	**-36.0**
Apple Inc	2.52	20	169.32	+.31	+46.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**16**	**52.30**	**+1.29**	**+62.1**
Archrock	.48		9.60	-.10	-27.3
ATMOS	**1.80**	**26**	**91.56**	**+.13**	**+23.5**
AutoData	2.52f	31	115.88	+.59	+12.7
BP PLC	**2.38**	**28**	**39.31**	**-.27**	**+5.2**
BcoBrad s	.16e		10.00	-.17	+39.1
BkofAm	.48	16	28.78	+.14	+30.2
B iPVxST rs			31.36	-1.05	
BarrgoCp s	1.20		15.90	+.32	+2.7
BarrickG	.12	20	13.66	+.11	-14.5
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A			**242941 00.00**	**-46.02**	**+20.5**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**17**	**58.94**	**+1.02**	**-3.9**
BrkfldSq	**1.60f**	**22**	**61.84**	**+.87**	**+5.8**
BrownFA s	**.79**	**39**	**66.89**	**+.84**	**+42.9**
BrownFB s	**.79**		**66.63**	**+.18**	**+47.0**
CVS Health	2.00	12	71.09	-.29	-9.9
CallonPet		**33**	**10.79**	**-.06**	**-30.4**
CaterpillarBar	3.12	37	142.89	+2.55	+54.1
Celestic g		7	10.23	-.06	-13.7
Cemex	.29t		7.32	+.13	-5.2
CntryLink	2.16	7	14.10	+.26	-40.7
ChasEng		6	3.70	-.07	-47.3
Chevron	**4.32**	**79**	**119.63**	**+.82**	**+1.8**
Chicos	.33	12	8.83	-.15	-38.6
CienaCorp		22	20.76	-.41	-15.0
Cimarex	.32	29	110.88	+.78	-18.4
Cisco	.68	19	37.40	-.01	+23.8
Citigroup	1.28	14	74.98	-.46	+26.2
ClerCliffs		5	6.13	+.04	-27.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**25**	**45.78**	**-.67**	**+10.4**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**73.29**	**-1.05**	**+11.9**
Comcast s	.63	18	37.89	-.74	+9.7
ConAgra	**.85**	**21**	**37.25**	**+.17**	**-5.8**
ConchoRes			**138.21**	**+2.24**	**+4.2**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**40**	**58.54**	**+.16**	**+.8**
CrackerB	4.80	28	162.20	-.59	-2.9
CSVixSh rs			7.08	-.47	-92.6
CSVLgNG rs			6.39	-1.11	-86.2
CrosTim	**.93e**	**14**	**14.44**	**-.36**	**-19.6**
DCP Mid	3.12	50	35.19	+.99	-8.3
DTE	3.30	22	115.07	+.07	+16.8
DevonE	**.24**	**53**	**37.15**	**+.27**	**-18.7**
DigitalPwr			3.41	+.67	+420.6
DrSCBear rs			12.72	-.28	-35.9
Disney	**1.68f**	**18**	**106.26**	**-.20**	**+1.0**
EOG Resrcs	**.67**		**99.72**	**+.86**	**-1.4**
Energen	.08		53.93	+1.06	-6.5
EnPro	**.88**	**50**	**88.00**	**+.79**	**+38.8**
EntProdPt	1.69f	19	24.69	+.36	-8.7
Ericsson	.11e		6.25	+.03	+7.2
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**32**	**82.55**	**+.27**	**-8.5**
Facebook		34	180.14	+4.08	+56.6
FifthThird	.64f	11	30.40	-.18	+12.7
FordM	.60a	11	12.53	+.15	+3.3
FrptMcM			14.84	+.49	+12.5
GATX	**1.88**	**13**	**62.10**	**+.89**	**+.9**
GabPullT	**.94e**		**8.67**	**-.02**	**+19.8**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**33.43**	**-.08**	**+7.2**
GenElec	**.48m**	**15**	**17.71**	**+.05**	**-44.0**
GenMotors	1.52	6	42.02	+.25	+20.6
Gerdau	.02e		3.42	+.03	+8.9
GlbBrkg h			.72	+.47	-89.8
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**20**	**34.16**	**+.16**	**+24.9**
Hallibrtn	.72	99	43.46	+.08	-19.7
HimaxTch	.24e		11.04	-.95	+82.8
iShBrazil	.67e		39.05	-.98	+17.1
iSHEMU	.86e		43.48	+.17	+25.7
iSNSilver			14.87	-.23	-1.6
iSNEMkts	.59e		45.41	+.13	+29.7
iSh20 yrT	3.05		126.68	-1.00	+6.3
iS Eafe	1.66e		69.47	+.18	+20.3
iSNR2K	1.77e		151.27	+1.05	+12.2
InspMD rs			.14	+.01	-94.5
Intel	**1.80**	**19**	**43.08**	**-.37**	**+18.8**
IntrOlg	1.40	11	76.86	+.90	-15.9
ItauUnibH	.32e		12.81	-.13	+24.7
JD.com		22	38.13	+.31	+49.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	16	104.62	-.31	+21.2
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**140.01**	**-1.05**	**+21.5**
Keycorp	.38	18	19.74	+.36	+8.0
KimbClk	**3.88**	**20**	**119.76**	**-1.43**	**+4.9**
KindMorg	.50	32	17.36	+.25	-16.2
Kinross g		97	3.88	-.02	+24.8
LegacyRes			1.36		-35.8
LendingClb			3.59	-.66	-31.6
Lubys			**2.70**	**+.01**	**-35.6**
Macys	1.51	9	25.26	+.19	-29.4
MarinusPh			8.64	+2.45	+755.4
McDnlds	4.04f	29	172.91	-.80	+42.1
Merck	1.92f	14	54.77	+.42	-7.0
MerMMed		**51**	**43.85**	**+.80**	**+65.5**
MexcoEn			4.09	-.11	-18.2
MicronT		9	43.20	+1.62	+97.1
Microsoft	1.68	29	82.49	-.29	+32.7
Nabors	.24		6.08	+.13	-82.9
NOilVarco	.20		32.40	-.26	-13.5
NokiaCp	.17e		4.63	-.09	-3.7
NSTPI3	**.85e**		**15.13**	**-.05**	**+6.8**
NTXQI	**.85**		**14.41**	**-.09**	**+5.0**
Nvidia	.60f	53	191.99	+2.73	+79.9
OccilPet	**3.08**		**69.41**	**+.14**	**-2.6**
Oracle	.76	22	48.52	+.10	+26.7
PDC Engy			**43.04**	**+1.47**	**-40.7**
ParTech		21	**8.76**	**+.28**	**+57.8**
ParkDrl			**.92**	**-.01**	**-64.6**
PattUTI	**.80**		**21.57**	**+.57**	**-19.9**
Penney		16	3.27	-.07	-60.6
PennaRE	**.84**	**12**	**18.59**	**+.28**	**-44.1**
Pmrlan	.63e	26	9.25	+.14	+20.0
Petrobras			9.65	-.28	-4.5
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**35.59**	**-.06**	**+9.3**
PioNtrl	.08		154.25	+3.59	-14.3
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**23**	**19.73**	**+.54**	**-38.9**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		154.02	+.52	+30.0
Praxair	**3.15**	**27**	**150.96**	**+.57**	**+25.8**
PrmEgy			**48.10**		**-18.9**
PUVixST rs			12.93	-.87	
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**23**	**90.10**	**-1.15**	**+7.2**
RangeRs	.08	17	15.95	-.55	-53.6
RiteAid		90	1.79		-78.3
Roku n			42.52	-1.74	+80.9
Rowan	.40	9	14.11	-.09	-25.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	96	63.29	-.21	+16.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		242.36	+.74	+22.7
SpdrGold			118.49	-1.58	+8.1
S&P500ETF	**4.13e**		**264.07**	**+.83**	**+18.1**
SpdrLehHY	2.30		36.74	+.03	+.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e		34.80	+.25	-16.0
SabnR	2.21e	20	43.10	+.55	+22.6
SanderPm	**1.28f**	**15**	**168.76**	**-1.80**	**+79.1**
Schlmbrg	2.00	48	62.07		-28.1
SiriusXM	.04f	31	5.63	+.03	+26.5
Smucker	3.12f	15	118.47	-.44	-7.5
Snapinc A n			14.70	+.10	-40.0
SwstnEngy		23	5.53	-.30	-48.9
Sprint			5.46	-.23	-35.2
Square n			38.73	+1.12	+184.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e		27.84	+.09	+19.7
SP Inds	1.12e		74.37	+.68	+19.5
SP Tech	.78e		63.30	+.39	+30.9
SP Util	1.55e		55.69	+.10	+14.7
TOP Shi rs			.43	+.06	-100.0
TelaSesp	**1.20e**		**10.86**	**+.88**	**+9.6**
TevaPhrm	.73e	5	15.00	+.67	-58.6
3M Co	4.70	28	240.30	+1.63	+34.6
Torchmark	**.60**	**19**	**89.17**	**+.14**	**+20.9**
TriContl	**1.06e**		**26.54**	**-.09**	**+29.4**
21stCFoxA	.36	21	34.18	+.97	+21.9
21stCFoxB	.36	18	33.77	+1.07	+23.9
Twitter			21.01	-.08	+28.9
TylerTech		**98**	**184.11**	**+2.15**	**+29.8**
UBSI	**1.36f**	**19**	**36.79**	**+.04**	**-22.8**
US NGas			5.50	-.28	-41.1
USSteel	.20		31.85	+.74	-3.5
Vale SA	.29e		10.74	-.26	+40.9
ValeantPh		4	17.53	+.78	+21.4
ValeroE	2.80	23	85.59	+.62	+25.3
VanEGold	.06e		21.58	-.11	+3.2
VanE JrGld			30.04	-.39	-4.8
VangEmg	1.10e		43.64	+.06	+22.0
VerizonCm	2.36	10	50.42	-.26	-5.5
VistaGn n			2.03	+.23	-45.6
Volcan'M	**1.80**	**39**	**124.86**	**+3.77**	**-.2**
WEC Engy	2.21f	23	68.72	+.30	+17.2
WalgBoots	1.60	14	69.61	-1.44	-15.9
WeatherfId			3.37	+.03	-32.5
WellsFargo	**1.56f**	**15**	**59.36**	**+.79**	**+7.7**
WmsCos	1.20	49	28.47	+.08	-8.6
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**50.84**	**-.25**	**+24.9**
Xerox rs	1.00	11	29.59	-.06	+28.7
Xunlei Ltd			13.30	+.35	+244.6

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
24,534.04	19,184.74	Dow Jones Industrials	24,211.48	+70.57	+.29	+22.51	+23.43
10,504.60	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,361.39	+133.58	+1.31	+14.57	+9.98
778.80	624.22	Dow Jones Utilities	755.18	+2.05	+.27	+14.49	+17.86
12,724.50	10,888.71	NYSE Composite	12,566.98	+36.55	+.29	+13.68	+12.73
6,914.19	5,269.57	Nasdaq Composite	6,812.84	+36.46	+.54	+28.56	+25.76
2,665.19	2,199.97	S&P 500	2,636.98	+7.71	+.29	+17.78	+17.40
1,916.71	1,633.66	S&P Midcap	1,883.50	+12.40	+.66	+13.42	+11.05
27,705.04	23,022.04	Wilshire 5000	27,361.25	+113.87	+.42	+16.94	+16.25
1,559.60	1,314.96	Russell 2000	1,520.47	+11.59	+.77	+12.03	+9.67

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit ***www.sudoku.org.uk***

1	7		5				6	
8					2			4
	3					1	8	
				8	1			
		6	3		5	8		
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	2	3						
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	8				6		1	7

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

3	9	8	2	5	6	1	4	7
6	4	7	8	3	1	9	5	2
1	5	2	9	7	4	6	8	3
2	3	4	5	1	7	8	9	6
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7	6	9	4	2	8	3	1	5
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5	8	1	7	6	2	4	3	9
4	7	6	3	8	9	5	2	1

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PSTAN

NUYIT

DRAAEP

CNUDIT

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

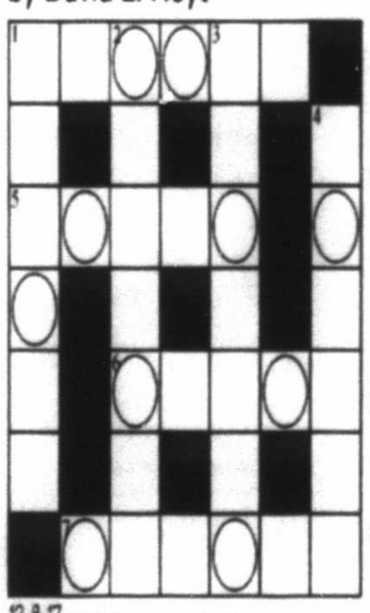
Answer here: " ○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MAMBO BUDDY RITUAL UNLESS
Answer: They didn't like running at the health club. To them, the machine was a — "DREAD-MILL"

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Marshy	MYPSWA
5. Type of painting	AMULR
6. More likable	ECNRI
7. Withdrew gradually	WADEEN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Simon	MLSPEI
2. Put in order	RGNRAAE
3. Large seabird	ACENLIP
4. Coupled, grouped	RDPEAI

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: In 1990, this actor was chosen by People magazine as one of the "50 Most Beautiful People in the World."

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Swamp 5A-Mural 6A-Nicer 7A-Neared 1D-Simple 2D-Arrange 3D-Geese 4D-Fixed Norman

Send comments to TCA - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Third Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "Yeah"
6 Whack
10 They're corny
14 Spaghetti Western director Sergio
15 Refine
16 Spread for dinner, say
17 Two foes of Rocky
20 Request to go out, maybe
21 Cease
22 Airs
23 Mountain nymph
26 Form of love in Paris?
27 Two loves of Homer
32 Implies
33 One may accompany a finger snap
34 Small battery
35 Mine entrance
36 Meddle
37 Artist's array
38 Large brewer
39 Blunted blade
41 Blots
43 Two specialties of Spock
46 "Heartburn" novelist Ephron
47 San Diego State athlete
48 Advances
50 Chemical suffix
51 Fertility clinic supply
54 Two priorities of Blondie
58 Between ports
59 Bridge site
60 A lot
61 Milk by-product
62 Oracle
63 Entourage

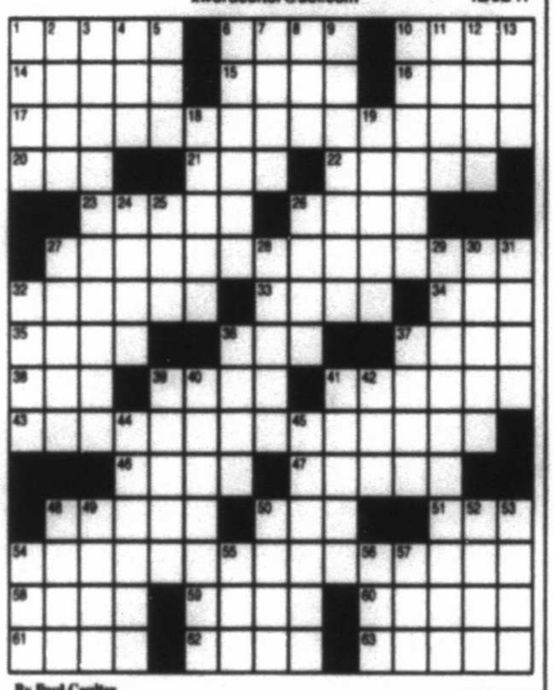
DOWN

1 It parallels the radius
2 Get wind of
3 Hurrying, with "it"
4 Acapulco article
5 Cock and bull
6 Sterne's Tristram
7 Hopper on a pad
8 Gothic novelist Radcliffe
9 Important place for good manners
10 Pupil's cover
11 Cassini of fashion
12 Honey bunch
13 Ground cover
18 Soul mate?
19 Feature of many a list
24 Common medical advice
25 In-flight info
26 Name at the end of many a "60 Minutes" episode
27 MLB Network analyst Martinez
28 Put on
29 What supply shortages often do
30 Big dos
31 Bridge column word
32 Caesarean section?
36 Clinton transportation secretary Federico
37 Tony relative
39 Low-price prefix
40 Service aces?
41 Stunned
42 NYC dance troupe
44 Kind of
45 Stadium sign
48 Eye piece
49 Arch type
50 Convenience
52 Competes
53 Bad marks in high school?
54 Margery of nursery rhymes
55 Female antelope
56 Floor cleaner
57 Tabloid topic

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

	B	I	G		A	K	R	O	N		A	L	P	O
N	A	N	O		Z	E	S	T	A		V	E	R	B
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R	A	E		E	A	T		W	I	S	E	O	F	F
I	M	A	M		J	O	A	N	N		R	O	F	L
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1.

timing lover
timing lover

2.

SUFFERING

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1. ○○○ ○○○○○○ ○○○○○

2. ○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○

Today's Answers:

1. Two-timing lovers
2. Long-suffering

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2. Long-suffering

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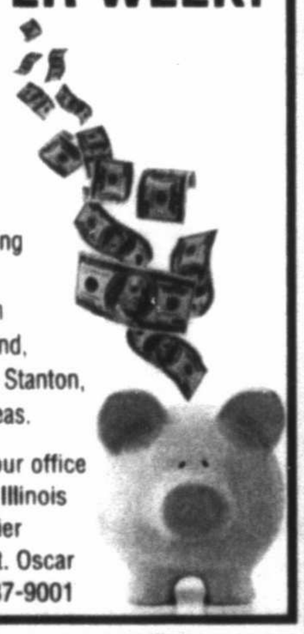
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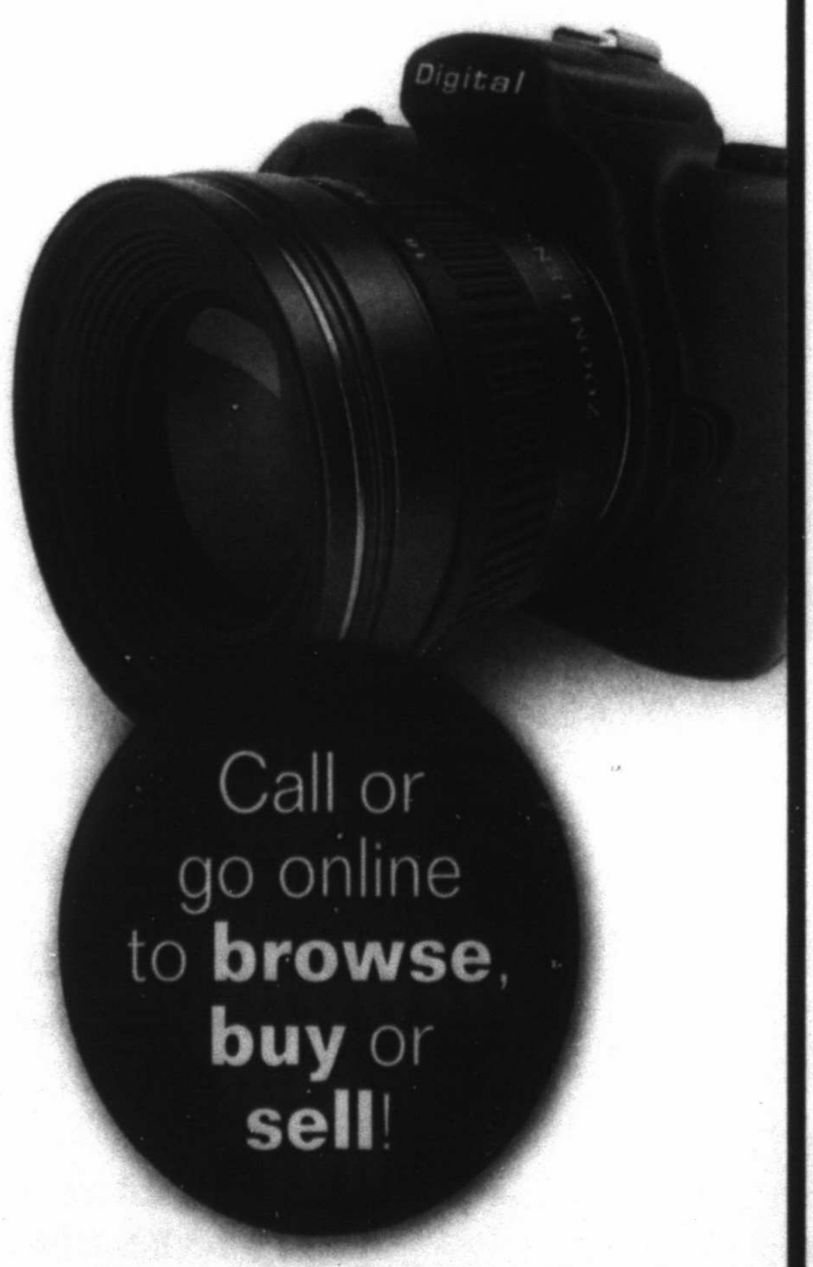
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308091
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 4, 2017 Status/Permit No. 828806
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 5, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

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

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	REBEL	
Lease/Unit Well No	H115UH	
Lease/Unit Acres	203.9	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Lease Lines	720.0 F NW L.	890.0 F SW L
Survey Lines	720.0 F NW L.	890.0 F SW L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Lateral TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines	10.0 F SE L 430.0 F NE L	
Terminus Location		
BH County MIDLAND		
Section 36	Block 39 T1S	Abstract 1
Survey T&P RR CO/MOODY, JM		
Lease Lines	100.0 F NW L 252.0 F NE L	
Survey Lines	100.0 F NW L 701.0 F SW L	

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

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

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

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

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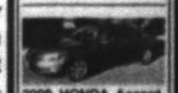
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For information about the property, please contact Brent Preston at (806) 470-0464.

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79705

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79707

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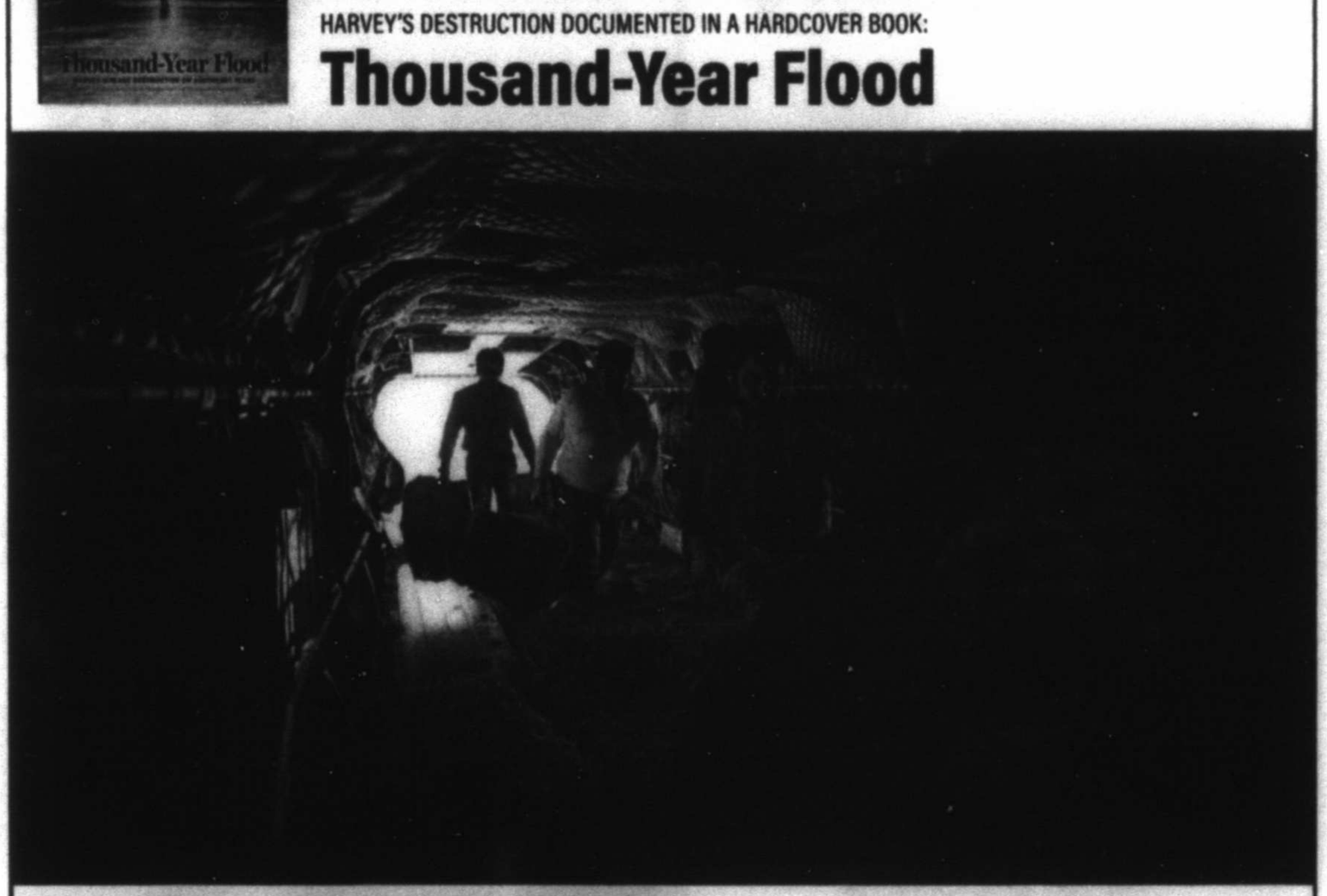
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