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Fed energy survey finds brighter outlook

Jump in business activity brings expectations of continued growth

By Mella McEwen
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A bump in crude prices put oil and gas businesses in a brighter frame of mind as 2017 came to a close.

The quarterly energy survey conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas found a big increase in business activity, to 38.1 in the fourth quarter from 27.8 in the third quarter, a jump driven by the exploration and production side of the industry.

"The main takeaway from the survey is the energy sector is entering 2018 on a positive note," Kunal Patel, senior research analyst with the bank, said in a phone interview from his Dallas office.

A notable change from previous quarters was that responses were strong from both the exploration and production and the support services sides of the industry, a change from recent surveys when exploration and production firms were less positive than service companies.

"That big jump suggests faster growth

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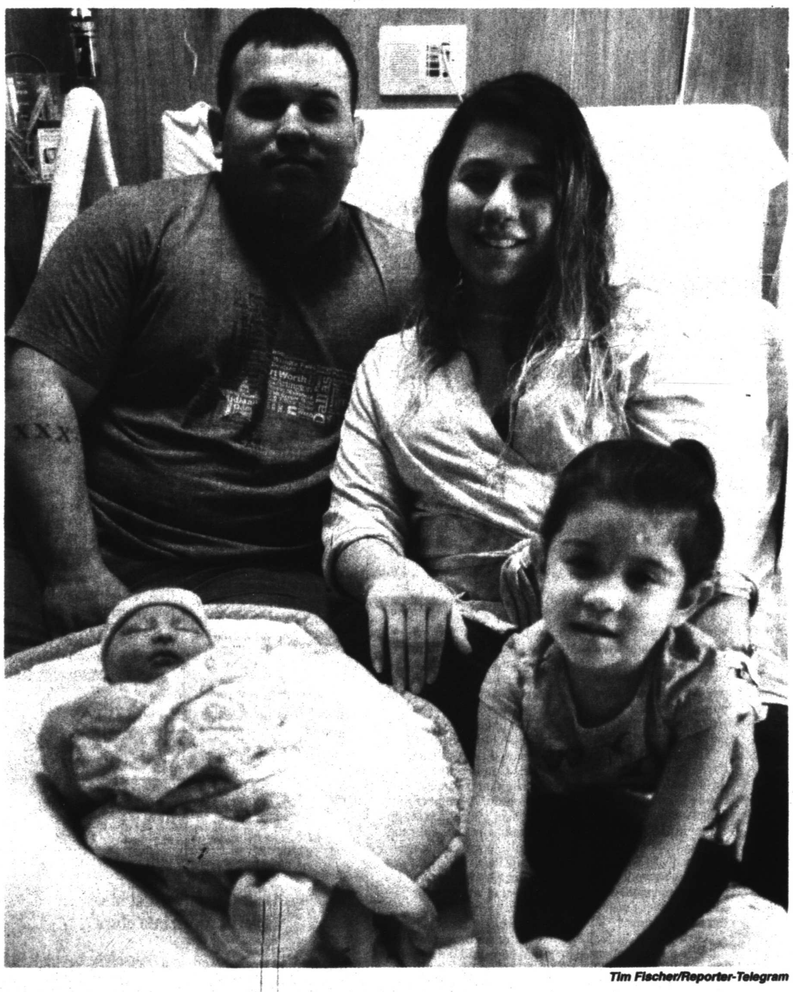

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Richard and Meagan Chavarria and their daughter, Tori, 3, welcomed Chloe at 12:03 a.m. Monday. The Chavarria's daughter was the first baby born in Midland in 2018.

Midland couple welcomes first baby of 2018

By Simone Jasper
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Just a few minutes after the stroke of midnight on Monday, Meagan and Richard Chavarria welcomed Midland's first baby of 2018.

The couple's daughter, Chloe, was born 12:03 a.m. on New Year's Day. Though the Chavarrias were expecting their daughter's birth later in the month, Meagan thought the girl would arrive sooner.

"She was actually due Jan. 23, and the night before (New Year's Eve) I had this feeling," she said. "I was like, 'Honey, just be ready just in case.'"

Meagan made her way to Midland Memorial Hospital early on Sunday. She said having a baby at the start of the year didn't hold much significance until they received encouragement from hospital staff.

"It wasn't too much of a big deal, but our nurse riled us all up," Meagan said. "She made it super exciting."

Chloe weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18.75 inches long, according to a press release from MMH. Meagan said one reason the couple chose their baby's name was because of the way it flowed with Tori, the name of their 3-year-old daughter.

The couple thought Tori would have

Please see **BABY**/5A

Wayne Frost running for judge as a way to give back

Editor's Note: This profile is the third about a 441st Judicial District Court candidate. Profiles about other candidates in contested judge races will appear in future editions.

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Frost

Local attorney Wayne Frost has filed as a Republican candidate for judge of the 441st Judicial District Court. For Frost, the position is an opportunity to give back to the community while fulfilling a longtime desire.

"Ever since I began my legal career, I had looked forward to one day running for judge, becoming a judge," he said.

Frost, 64, has both criminal and civil trial experience. He has also written several appeals, and he said the associated research keeps him informed about the law.

The candidate grew up in Odessa and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He earned a master's degree from Oklahoma City University and a law degree from Michigan State University.

Frost returned to West Texas in 1984 and worked in the Midland District Attorney's Office until 2000. While in that role, Frost said he reached some milestones, including prosecuting the most cases in a 12-month period.

"I wanted to do the best I could," Frost said. "And if I'm elected, I'll continue to do that. I'll do the very best I can for the voters of this community, as I did when I was in the district attorney's office."

Frost is now in private practice, where he handles several criminal cases and takes on some work as a court-appointed attorney.

"Everyone is entitled to protection of their constitutional rights," Frost said. "I'm a firm believer in the United States Constitution.... That's why I practice law. I believe in liberty and justice for all."

Outside of the workplace, Frost has completed more than 225 marathons since 2011. He said running allows him to exercise and clear his mind.

"If you're in public office, I think the public expects you to be able to be healthy so you can serve well," Frost said. "I think they expect you to be sharp mentally so that you can properly apply the rules of law if you're a judge."

Frost is a member of the Marathon Maniacs group and other organizations. He has also held volunteer roles and is active as a first lieutenant in the Texas State Guard Army.

"I was deployed during (Hurricane Harvey)," Frost said. "That's just a way of giving to the community and helping the citizens of Texas."

If elected to the 441st Judicial District Court, Frost hopes to continue the work of Judge Rodney W. Satterwhite, who announced he would not run for re-election in 2018. Satterwhite has been the only judge since the court was created eight years ago.

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Word of the Day: monolithic

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Two Texans die in wrecks on area roads

From staff reports

Two men died in fatal wrecks on area roadways in the past week, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The wrecks occurred in Andrews County on Saturday and Martin County on Wednesday, according to press releases received on Monday.

An 18-year-old Crane man died Saturday in a two-vehicle wreck on State Highway 115, 1.5 miles east of Andrews.

Joseph Anthony Tavarez was driving a Chevrolet Corvette and pulled out of a parking lot directly into the path of a Volvo truck tractor towing a semi-trailer that was westbound on SH 115, according to the release.

Tavarez died at the scene of the wreck that occurred in foggy conditions at about 6:30 p.m. He was wearing a seat belt.

The truck driver, a 27-year-old Odessa man, was not injured, according to the release.

Three days earlier, a 38-year-old Balch Springs man died in a two-vehicle wreck on Interstate 20, about six miles east of Stanton.

David Hinojosa was driving a Chevrolet van westbound on IH-20 near mile marker 162. The road was icy and he lost control of the vehicle, which crossed the center median into the eastbound lanes and was hit by a Peterbilt truck tractor pulling a semi-trailer, according to the release. Hinojosa was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene, according to the release.

Two Midland men, 36 and 33, who were passengers in the van, were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. They were not wearing seat belts, according to the release. A third passenger, a 35-year-old Ennis man, was not injured.

The truck driver, a 45-year-old Hemet, California, man, and his passenger, a 45-year-old Hemet, California, woman, were not injured in the wreck that occurred at about 8:45 a.m.

Dougal Brownlie/The Gazette via AP

Jesus Olivas takes a moment to look at a police cruiser that served as a makeshift memorial for Deputy Zackari Parrish, 29, on Monday at the Douglas Country Sheriff Substation in Highlands Ranch, Colo. Parrish lost his life after a barricaded suspect opened fire at an apartment complex in a Denver suburb, the Douglas County Sheriff said Sunday.

Slain Colorado deputy has deep Houston ties

By Andrew Kragie and Jacob Carpenter
Houston Chronicle

A sheriff's deputy gunned down early Sunday during an ambush-style shooting of officers in Colorado was a young father whose family has deep Houston roots.

Parrish

The family of the slain deputy, Zackari Parrish III, worships with Second Baptist Church, where he attended the private Second Baptist School before heading to Dallas Baptist University and then moving to Colorado.

Parrish, 29, is survived by his wife. Gracie, and their two young daughters, as well as his parents and sisters, who still live in the Houston area. His mother works at the church and his father leads Bible studies, a pastor said.

The deputy graduated in 2006 from the church's school, where he was an infielder on the baseball team.

Reagan Reynolds, a pastor at the church, was a classmate and teammate of Parrish's. He remembers a gregarious young man who moved to Houston early in high school and quickly found a tight-knit group of friends.

"He was extremely friendly and charming," Reynolds said. "It was impossible not to like him."

Parrish had been a deputy for about seven months with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, serving an area south of Denver. He was on duty at about 5 a.m. New Year's Eve when he responded to a disturbance at an apartment complex.

A man fired more than 100 rounds before being fatally shot himself. Three deputies and a police officer were wounded, as well as two civilians. The four injured officers, who range in age from 28 to 41, were in stable condition, and the two civilians' injuries were not life-threatening.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said deputies came under fire almost immediately after entering the suspect's apartment and trying to talk with him as he was holed up in a bedroom.

"They all went down almost within seconds of each other, so it was more of an ambush-type of attack on our officers," Spurlock said. "He knew we were coming, and we obviously let him know that we were there."

The Douglas County coroner identified the gunman as 37-year-old Matthew Riehl.

A YouTube user named Matthew Riehl posted a video Dec. 13, saying he wanted to replace Spurlock and railing against the sheriff and other officers in profane, highly personal terms.

'He died a hero'

Parrish's death devastated the local community and police departments in the region, said Rick Derbyshire, a pastor at Parrish's church in Colorado and a chaplain with two local law enforcement agencies.

Derbyshire said he met Sunday afternoon with Parrish's wife and several of the couple's family members and friends. Together, they recalled Parrish's love for police work and helping his community.

"Even with the depth of their grief and sorrow, they are taking solace in the fact that he died a hero and the fact that he was doing exactly what he wanted to do," Derbyshire said.

After graduating from Dallas Baptist University, Parrish worked in business before switching to law enforcement.

His friend Nathan Rees, who also went from Second Baptist School to Dallas Baptist University, remembered Parrish as a goofy guy who was serious about protecting others, from his sisters to his wife to the public.

Parrish worked at the Castle Rock Police Department south of Denver before joining the Douglas County Sheriff's Office earlier in 2017, working the overnight shift.

Parrish's friends think his desire to work in law enforcement came from his lifelong habit of watching out for his sisters.

"Growing up, he really did love and care about his sisters," Rees remembered. "He so much wanted to be a protector, and I think that's why he eventually left the thought of doing business. ... He was wanting to go to business school at one time. But he wanted to protect people."

'Job that God called me to do'

Sunday's shooting occurred at a landscaped apartment complex in suburban Highland Ranch, 16 miles south of Denver.

What sparked the shooting was unclear Sunday evening. However, authorities had left the home barely an hour earlier in response to a complaint of a "verbal disturbance" involving two men, the sheriff's office said. One of the men told them the suspect "was acting bizarre and might be having a mental breakdown" but the deputies found no evidence of a crime.

When deputies were called back, a man who had left came by to give them a key and granted permission to enter the home, leaving again before shots were fired.

A memorial service for Parrish has been set for 10 a.m. Friday at Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. A member of the family's church set up a fundraising page for the family: www.gofundme.com/ZParrish

Parrish was a devoted Christian whose faith would carry his family through tragedy, Derbyshire said. "We all know that he would have told his wife, 'If anything happens to me, Gracie, it's my time. I'm going to miss you, but it's my time, and this is the job that God called me to do.'"

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

OHS students head to national theater festival

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa American

Odessa High School students Vianka Suchil and Juan Rivera are headed to the International Thespian Festival summer 2018 after qualifying in state competition this fall.

Theater teacher Chyree LeMaster said six students from Odessa High participated in the Texas Thespian and Festival Competition. Along with Suchil and Rivera, Karis Cox, Jonathan Spruill, KeyLee Dennis and Caitlynn Almance took part.

The International Thespian Festival is scheduled for June 25 through June 30 in Lincoln, Neb.

LeMaster said she has about 150 students in her theater classes.

"I'm excited. They've worked very, very hard," LeMaster said. "I'm super proud of them."

The Texas Thespian Festival and Competition was in November and included about 8,000 students. Suchil and Rivera found out they were in nationals at that time. LeMaster said Suchil and Rivera staged a scene from "Romantic Comedy" by Bernard Slade.

"The festival is a festival and competition. It's really wonderful thing for our students to get to go to. It costs quite a bit to get there, but when they're there they get to see professionals. The professionals facilitate the workshops. I really love to take them to get those workshops. But the competition is incredible as well because they get to compete against other students in the same field that they're in and they get to see other students in that field, as well," LeMaster said.

Rivera is a 16-year-old junior and Suchil, a 17-year-old senior and neither expected to make nationals.

"I am ecstatic," Rivera said. "I'm very excited. I think it will be an amazing experience, especially because more than one of us gets to go."

They haven't decided what piece they will perform at nationals yet, but it will likely be a duet scene because they are comfortable with each other.

Obituaries

Elwin Chuck Bane

Elwin Chuck Bane, 56, of Midland, Texas, passed away at home on Friday, December 29, 2017 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

The funeral service will be held at Mid-Cities Community Church on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Daniel Stephens will be officiating. Burial will immediately follow the funeral at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chuck was born in Colorado City, Texas on April 3, 1961 to Glenna (Bills) and C.C. Bane. He grew up in Snyder, Texas and graduated from Snyder High School in 1980. He attended Western Texas College.

Chuck was married to Patricia Lally on August 14, 1993 in Midland.

After 20 years of working for various oil field companies, Chuck started his first business in 2001. Bird Dog Marketing was initiated to offer a service that would answer a need he saw from his own experiences in the oil field. Oil Dog Pipe Rentals was created in 2007 as an extension of Bird Dog Marketing to offer their customers an additional service. Because of Chuck's vision, hard work, and the loyalty of his customers, Oil Dog Pipe Rentals has become a very successful business.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Taylor Bane, Tessa Bane, Christina (Zack) Setzler, Suzanne Lovejoy, and Kathleen Cotter; his mother, Glenna Bane; sister, Gaylan (Jeff) Mason; brothers, Eddie (Penny) Bane and Delwin Bane; grandchildren, Haley, William, Austin, Korbin, Mary Eloise, Donovan, and Johnathan; nieces, Ali Bane, Karli Bane, and Molly Mason; nephew, Curtis (Becca) Mason; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Chuck is preceded in death by his father, C.C. Bane; his grandparents, Weldon and Willie Bills, and Edgar and Ava Bane; and his father-in-law, Robert E. Lally, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Gifts of Hope, 2006 W. Tennessee, Midland, Texas.

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

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

Julia Fern Turnbow

Julia Fern Turnbow, 83, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 29. 2017.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

Julia was born May 28, 1934 in Abilene, Texas to John Harold and Ola (Durham) Claybrook. She was raised in West Texas and Richland, Washington, settling in Midland in 1949 and graduating from Midland High School.

Julia worked in the oil and gas industry, retiring in 1989. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She married Kenneth Ray Turnbow on December 23, 1954 in Midland, Texas; he preceded her in death on February 21, 2000. She is also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Charles Winston, Ernest Wayne, Jerry Don, and Gene Hunter Claybrook; and by two sisters, Fran Fox and Joann Henrikson.

She is survived by her two daughters, Rainie R. Knapp and husband Duane and Kendra J. Atwood and husband Tony, both of Midland; and by 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Devin Knapp, Andrew Knapp, Ryan Knapp, Logan Knapp, Timothy Knapp, and Cody Welch.

Honorary pallbearers will be RaeAnn Knapp, Kylie Knapp, Sierra Welch, Erik Knapp, Lexi Knapp, Rebekah Knapp, and Bree Knapp.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Dallas County's first black sheriff sworn into office

Dallas County has sworn in its first black sheriff to lead the nation's seventh-largest jail system after former sheriff Lupe Valdez resigned to run for governor.

Marian Brown took the oath during a midnight ceremony Monday.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Brown has been with the department for three years and was Valdez's recommended choice for a successor.

The 52-year-old Brown will serve as interim sheriff until voters elect a new sheriff in November.

Brown has said her priorities will be learning more about jail issues and focusing on rebuilding trust between the community and the department.

Valdez stepped down in December after 12 years as Texas' first openly gay, Hispanic sheriff. She's now running for the Democratic nomination to try to unseat Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

AUSTIN

Higher health costs hitting retired teachers in 2018

Some retired Texas teachers face higher health insurance premiums in 2018 under a state program that has teetered on insolvency in recent years.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that at least 9,000 educators and their dependents have left the subsidized insurance plan known as TRS-Care. That departure rate is six times higher than recent years.

Higher costs are driving some retirees back to work. Among them is 74-year-old Betty Munie of New Braunfels, who started substitute teaching to help cover an expected $375 premium hike.

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WORD OF THE DAY

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Monolithic

[mon-uh-lith-ik]

adjective

1. of or relating to a monolith.
2. made of only one stone.

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Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m. at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m. at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information, call 682-8595.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

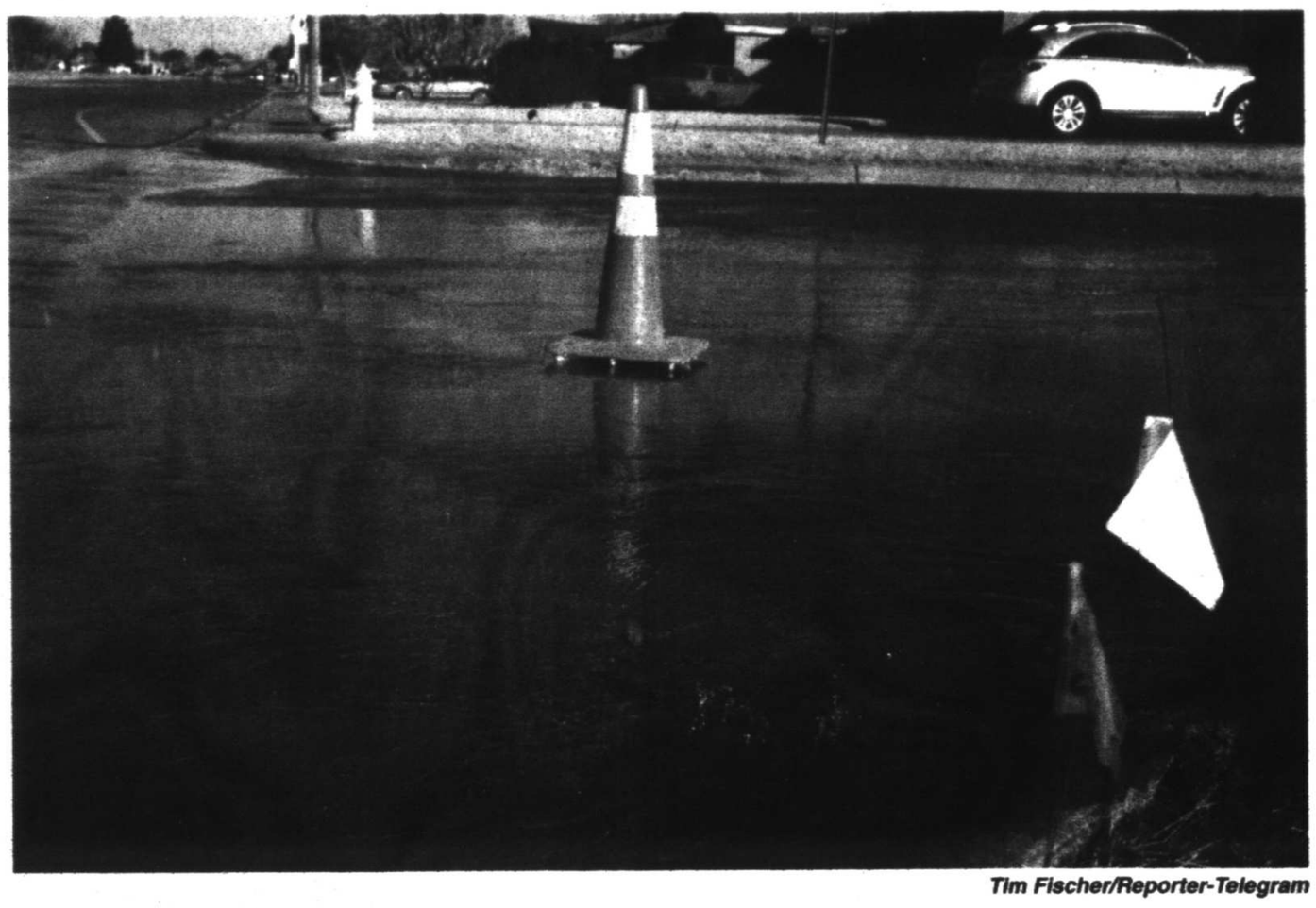
Today in Midland history

On Jan. 2, 2008, oil prices soared to $100 a barrel for the first time.

Source: The Associated Press

On Jan. 2, 2012, John Hyde, a district court judge and Midland historian, died at the age of 69.

New Year's water main break



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City of Midland crews blocked off the corner of Wadley Avenue and North Main Street where a water main break caused water to fill the roadway Monday afternoon.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2018. There are 363 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, New Jersey, on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.)

Today's birthdays: Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 50. Ballroom dancer Karina Smirnoff (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 40.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-3-0
Pick 3 day: 2-4-2
Pick 3 evening: 6-2-0
Pick 3 night: 1-3-1
Daily 4 morning: 9-4-6-6
Daily 4 day: 4-5-9-6
Daily 4 evening: 8-9-9-2
Daily 4 night: 5-8-3-7
Cash Five: 3-4-9-34-36
Triple Chance: 2-5-26-31-38-48-49-52-53-55

Texas Two Step: 1-14-22-27 BB: 9
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-7-8-9-13-15-18-20-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-7-10-13-14-15-16-17-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-8-10-11-12-14-16-19-20-22
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High 24
Low 11
Normal high 57
Normal low 30

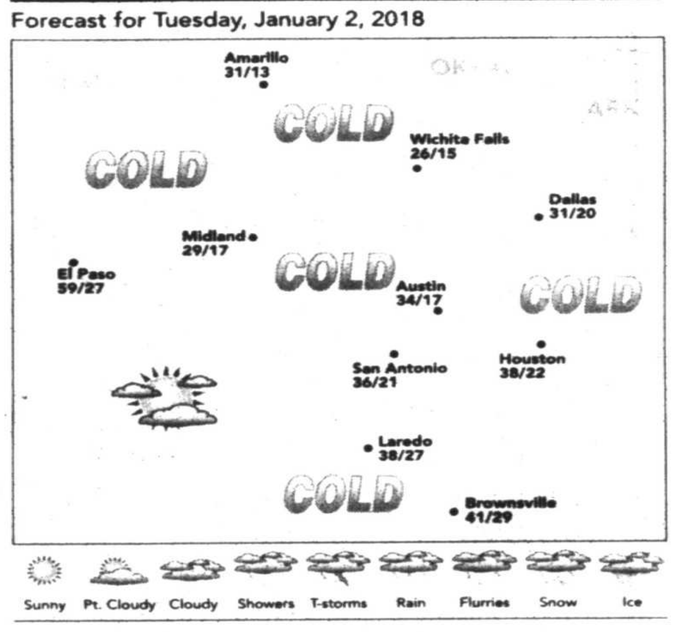
Jan. 1's records
Record high: 76, set in 2000 and repeated in 2006
Record low: 5, set in 1979

Precipitation
Sunday ..... trace
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... trace
Year total ..... trace
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.01 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 16 mph
Gust speed: 20 mph

Today's forecast
High: 31 — wind chill of 5
Low: 21
Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: Southeast 5-10 today/northeast 5 tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:49 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:56 p.m.

Forecast for Tuesday, January 2, 2018



Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Capricorn and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018:**

This year you often reach out to others. Social relationships score high on your list of priorities. You have a sixth sense that helps you understand what is about to happen. If you are single, tap into this intuitive ability when choosing whom to date. Potential suitors can't seem to stay away from you. If you are attached, be smart and dote on your sweetie. You might be going through a lot, but understand that your significant other will have his or her hands full adjusting to you. CANCER might be challenging to deal with.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ In your mind, you could be wondering if today and yesterday are representative of the rest of 2018. Some of you might feel as if you have been shot out of a cannon. Uproar at home keeps your focus on the domestic scene. You'll desire some peace and quiet. **Tonight:** Try to settle in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You observe more than others seem to realize. In fact, you don't miss much because of your keen perceptions. You typically are nonjudgmental; however, that might not be the case right now. A loved one comes toward you with good news. **Tonight:** Celebrate the night away!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might be forced to deal with your finances. Opportunities break through the haze of wondering what to do. You'll want to check out a risk carefully; you don't want to feel as if you are walking the plank! Be sure you can handle any snafus. **Tonight:** Run some errands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You will want to open up to someone else, but this person might seem somewhat distant at the moment. Know when to take a detour and avoid a collision of wills. Your creativity surges and allows many more options to appear than you originally had envisioned. **Tonight:** Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You have a lot on your mind, but will choose not to share it just yet. Your fiery energy allows you greater flexibility than usual. You seem unusually resourceful, but might need some time in meditation to think through a decision carefully. **Tonight:** The unexpected occurs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Just when you thought that most of the holiday energy had dissipated, you find out otherwise. Your words do count. You'll feel liberated once you clear the air with a loved one. You might not have anticipated the reaction you get. **Tonight:** Where the crowds can be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Tension builds to unprecedented levels. You might feel as if you are finally in control. Remember this feeling, as at any given moment a surprise could throw your plans into chaos. Learn to work with the unexpected, as it seems to frequent your life. **Tonight:** Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your intensity has not lessened, but your good humor seems more present than usual. You greet good luck as people flock toward you. Allow yourself to follow through on a dream, as it can be accomplished far more easily than you had imagined. **Tonight:** You have reason to smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be in the mood to retreat from the holiday atmosphere and add some calmness to your day. This sounds like a great idea, but making it happen could be nearly impossible. Be prepared to handle a major disruption. **Tonight:** Make time for a close friend or loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Defer to others for the moment; perhaps they need some time in the limelight. A group of friends might be more beneficial to you than you are aware. Your perspective could be changing without you even realizing it. A family member is likely to be reactive. **Tonight:** Close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Pace yourself, and get down to basics. You can do only so much. Fatigue marks your day and your plans. You have a lot of ground to cover, and many people to see. You could experience an adrenaline rush because of an unexpected event. **Tonight:** Kick back and relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your creativity surges, and you seem to be able to bypass many problems that arise. You will find unusual solutions. News from someone whose expertise you respect will put a smile on your face. Recognize that you are unstoppable. **Tonight:** Be extra careful with your money.

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Ice sculptures

With high temperatures only reaching the low 20s across the Permian Basin on Monday, some with automatic sprinklers created ice sculptures in Midland.

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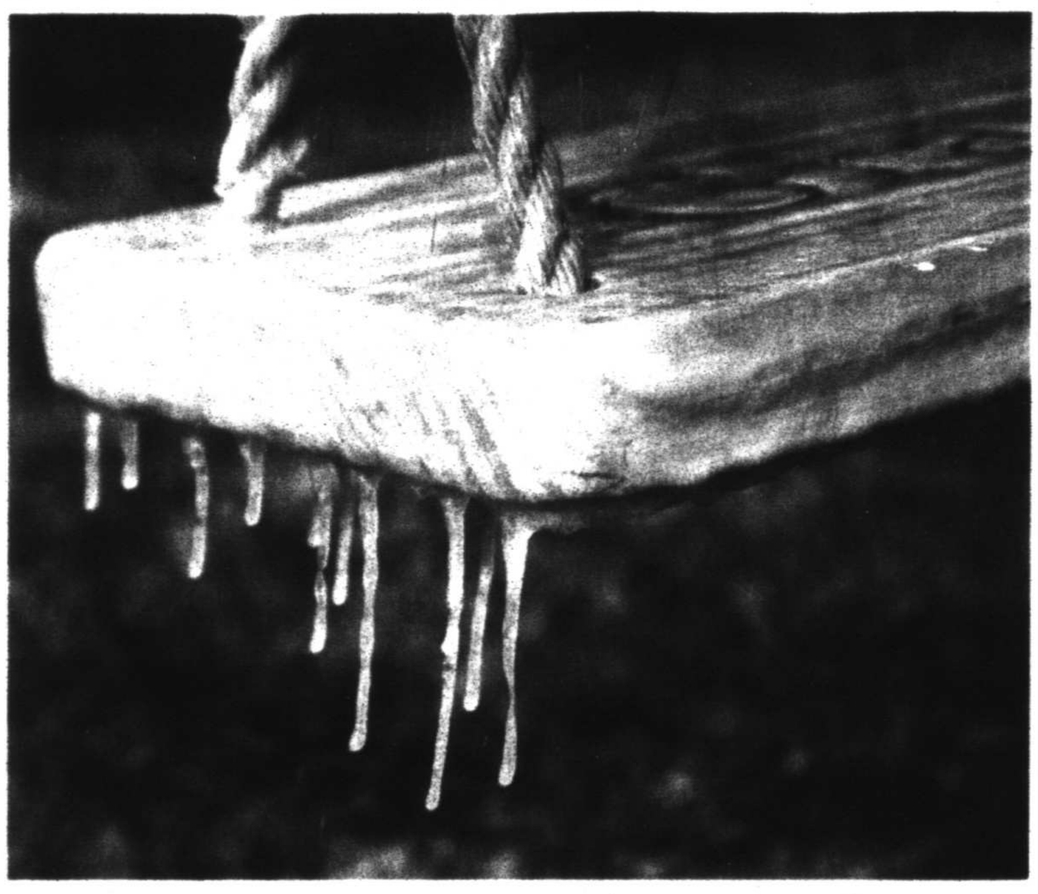

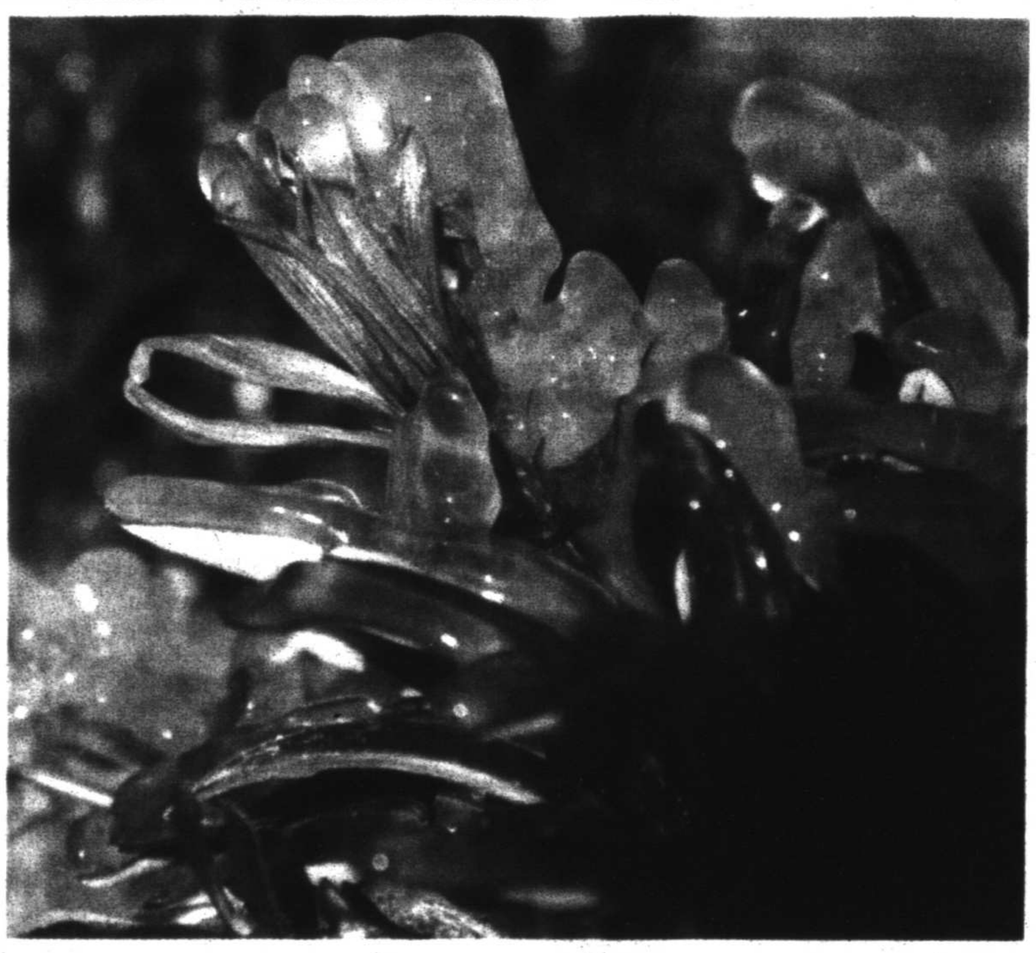

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"Sacrifice to Serve" by Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose, was the winner of the Director award for most outstanding artistic design and use of floral and non-floral materials Monday in the 129th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Floats, marching bands hit street for 129th Rose Parade

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — With a nod of thanks to military veterans, marching bands and floral floats took to the streets under sunny California skies as the 129th Rose Parade drew hundreds of thousands of spectators on New Year's Day and millions more watched on TV.

Among the fanciful floats was an award-winning entry from China Airlines featuring a scuba diver floating above fish and a coral reef.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artists Earth Wind and Fire performed atop a red and white float recreating the Forum, the famous Los Angeles-area arena celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The annual extravaganza in Pasadena began with a military flyover and featured 39 floats decked out with countless flowers and waving celebrities.

There were blue skies with just a few wisps of clouds and temperatures were expected to reach the 70s after a chilly night.

It has rained only once on the Rose Parade in the past six decades — that was in 2006 — and it has never been canceled because of weather.

The China Airlines float makes its way along the parade route and won the International Award on Monday at the 129th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. *Michael Owen Baker/Associated Press*

The theme of the 2018 parade is "Making a Difference," and actor Gary Sinise was chosen as grand marshal to lead the proceedings because of his devotion to veteran's issues.

Sinise, who played Vietnam vet Lt. Dan Taylor in the 1994 film "Forrest Gump," said when he was picked that he was happy to serve as grand marshal because of the vets he seeks to help.

"If shining a little spotlight on me on January first can shine a spotlight on them to help me make a difference in their lives, I am very, very grateful to do that," he said.

Veterans and family members of those killed in action appeared on some of the floats.

Spectators started lining the 3.5-mile route on Sunday, many of them camping on sidewalks and braving overnight temperatures in the low 40s. Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez said there were no known threats to the parade, and fan safety would remain the first priority and security would be tight. No major problems were reported. There were a handful of arrests, mostly for public intoxication, police said.

2018 starts with record cold in parts of the Midwest

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Bone-chilling cold gripped much of the central U.S. as 2018 began Monday, breaking century-old records, icing over some New Year's celebrations and leading to at least two deaths attributed to exposure to the elements.

The National Weather Service issued wind chill advisories covering a vast area from South Texas to Canada and from Montana and Wyoming through New England. Dangerously low temperatures enveloped much of the Midwest, yet didn't deter hundreds of people from ringing in the new year by jumping into Lake Michigan.

Despite sub-freezing temperatures and a warning of potential hypothermia from the local fire chief, throngs of people took part in the annual tradition in Milwaukee, warming up later with chili or heat from a beach fire pit.

A similar event was canceled from the Chicago lakefront, where the temperature dipped below zero as thick white steam rose from the lake Monday morning. Organizers said the arctic blast made jumping into the lake too dangerous.

"I'm not happy about it. But I was down by the lake and, gosh, if you were dropped in there, it'd take you 10 minutes to get out," Jeff Coggins, who helped organize the thwarted Chicago event, told WBBM-TV.

Instead, would-be Chicago plungers had their pictures taken while jumping on the frozen beach — in their swimsuits.

Temperatures plunged below zero elsewhere in the Midwest, including in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where the mercury dropped to a record-breaking minus 32. The previous New Year's Day record had stood for 99 years.

In Nebraska, temperatures hit 15 below zero before midnight Sunday in Omaha, breaking a record low dating to 1884. Omaha officials cited the forecast in postponing the 18th annual New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular that draws around 30,000 people.

It was colder in Des Moines, where city officials closed a downtown outdoor ice skating plaza and said it wouldn't reopen until the city emerged from sub-zero temperatures. The temperature hit 20 below zero early Monday, with the wind chill dipping to negative 31 degrees.

In northeastern Montana, the wind chill readings dipped as low as minus 58. And in Duluth, Minnesota, a city known for its bitter cold winters, the wind chill dipped to 36 below zero.

Plunging overnight temperatures in Texas brought rare snow flurries as far south as Austin, and accidents racked up on icy roads across the state. In the central Texas city of Abilene, the local police chief said more than three dozen vehicle crashes were reported in 24 hours.

It's even cold in the Deep South, a region more accustomed to brief bursts of arctic air than night after night below zero. Frozen pipes and dead car batteries were concerns from Louisiana to Georgia as overnight temperatures in the teens were predicted across the region by Monday night.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office said two bodies found Sunday showed signs of hypothermia. They included a man in his 50s found on the ground in an alley and a 34-year-old man. Police believe the cold weather also may have been a factor in the death of a man in Bismarck, North Dakota, whose body was found near a river.

Perils abroad, full plate at home as Trump opens 2nd year

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Donald Trump, center, speaks with reporters Sunday as he arrives for a New Year's Eve gala at his Mar-a-Lago resort with first lady Melania Trump and their son Barron in Palm Beach, Fla.

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The glamour of his holiday break behind him, President Donald Trump is returning to Washington to face a hefty legislative to-do list, critical midterm elections and perilous threats abroad.

Trump is starting his second year in office after a lengthy sojourn at his private Palm Beach club, capped by a New Year's Eve bash. Before his departure, he fired angry tweets at Iran and Pakistan, slamming Islamabad for "lies & deceit" and saying the country had played U.S. leaders for "fools," a reference to frustrations that Pakistan isn't doing enough to control militants.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif tweeted that his government was preparing a response that "will let the world know the truth."

Meantime North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Monday the United States should be aware that his country's nuclear forces are now a reality, not a future threat. To that, Trump only said: "We'll see."

The president is hoping for more legislative achievements after his pre-Christmas success on taxes. He plans to host Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin at Camp David next weekend to map out the 2018 legislative agenda.

Republicans are eager to make progress before attention shifts to the midterm elections. The GOP wants to hold House and Senate majorities in 2018, but must contend with Trump's historic unpopularity and some recent Democratic wins.

The president concluded 2017 with his first major legislative achievement — a law to cut taxes, beginning this year, for corporations and individuals at an estimated cost of $1.5 trillion added to the national debt over 10 years. The tax overhaul also will end the requirement, in 2019, that all Americans buy health insurance or pay a fine. That's a key component of the Obama-era health law that that Republicans have been unable to repeal; other features of the law remain intact.

The White House has said Trump will come forward with his long-awaited infrastructure plan in January. Trump has also said he wants to overhaul welfare and recently predicted Democrats and Republicans will "eventually come together" to develop a new health care plan.

Ryan has talked about overhauling Medicaid and Medicare and other safety-net programs, but McConnell has signaled an unwillingness to go that route unless there's Democratic support for any changes. Republicans will have just a 51-49 Senate majority — well shy of the 60 votes needed to pass most bills — giving leverage to Democrats.

Congress also has to deal with a backlog from 2017. It must agree on a spending bill by Jan. 19 to avert a partial government shutdown.

Lawmakers also have unfinished business on additional aid to for hurricane victims, lifting the debt ceiling, extending a children's health insurance program and extending protections for immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. Trump has said he wants money for a border wall in exchange for protecting those immigrants.

Trump spent his last day in Florida as he spent most other days — visiting his golf course and tweeting.

On Pakistan, he said: "The United States has foolishly given Pakistan more than 33 billion dollars in aid over the last 15 years, and they have given us nothing but lies & deceit, thinking of our leaders as fools. They give safe haven to the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!"

It was not immediately clear why the president decided to comment on Pakistan. The U.S. has long accused Islamabad of allowing militants to operate relatively freely in Pakistan's border regions to carry out operations in neighboring Afghanistan. In August, the United States said it would hold up $255 million in military assistance for Pakistan until it cracks down on extremists threatening Afghanistan.

On Iran, Trump kept up his drumbeat in support of widespread anti-government protests there. He tweeted Monday that Iran is "failing at every level" and it is "TIME FOR CHANGE."

While some Iranians have shared Trump's tweets, many distrust him as he's refused to re-certify the nuclear deal that eased sanctions on the country and because his travel bans have blocked Iranians from getting U.S. visas.

Outlook

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and a stronger response from E&P firms," Patel said.

Producers participating in the survey offered comments such as "The worst appears to be over – at least for the time being" and "We are planning a significant increase in drilling in 2018 compared to 2017." But their comments also included the caveat that they also expect to experience increased service costs and issues getting equipment to drill sites in a timely manner.

Service companies responding to the survey offered similar sentiments: "Our prospects for 2018 appear to be improving" and "Sentiment has improved over the second half of 2017 and the outlook for fiscal year 2018 is better than it was a quarter ago." Participants also cited difficulties finding qualified personnel — specifically commercially licensed oilfield drivers — and expressed expectations they will be negotiating higher rates with their E&P customers in the coming months.

Patel said the pace of growth in activity has rebounded while there has been a modest decline in uncertainty about the future, a decline that was particularly prominent among service companies. Uncertainty turned negative for the first time since the survey was introduced at the beginning 2016.

The company outlook leaped more than 20 points from the third quarter to the fourth quarter, which Patel said also indicates expansion is increasing at a faster pace.

The survey also indicated there were more oil field jobs in the fourth quarter, with employees working longer hours. The wages and benefits index reached its highest point since the inception of the survey. Patel said growth was almost all on the service sector side, as increased drilling raised demand for drilling crews and completion crews, among others.

On average, those responding to the survey expect West Texas Intermediate prices to average $58.89 per barrel by the end of 2018, setting a range of $45 to $95 per barrel. They also expect Henry Hub natural gas prices to end 2018 at $3.05 per million BTU. This expectation is just above the $57.42 per barrel oil prices and $2.67 Henry Hub spot prices were averaging while responses to the survey were being collected.

Oil and natural gas production rose for a fifth consecutive quarter, with the oil production index jumping from 19.3 in the third quarter to 33.7 in the fourth quarter. Likewise, natural gas production index rose from 17.3 to 26.6, suggesting crude and natural gas production rose at an accelerated rate in the fourth quarter.

The survey asked about the outlook for the rig count six months from now. Fifty-one percent of respondents predicted the rig count would be higher than current levels, and 46 percent said the rig count would be near current levels. Most respondents said prices would have to be above $60 a barrel to bring a substantial increase in the rig count, Patel said. At the same time, a majority of respondents said they expect their firm's capital spending in 2018 to be slightly higher than 2017 levels or about the same as 2017 levels. Only 13 percent expect significantly higher levels of spending, and only 7 percent expect less spending in 2018.

Asked to predict crude prices three to five years from now, the majority predicted between $60 and $65 a barrel, with the average response $66.16 per barrel. The most frequent response was $60 a barrel, followed by $65 and $70 a barrel.

The bank also found that the number of drilled but uncompleted wells (DUCs) in the Permian Basin rose at a swift pace in November to 2,613. The Permian Basin's DUC count has more than doubled since December 2016, while the DUC count in the rest of the country has grown only 14 percent.

Baby

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a positive attitude toward becoming an older sister. Meagan said her daughter would sing and talk to Chloe during her pregnancy.

"The moment we saw her, we were crying because we knew how much (Tori) was going to love her," Meagan said.

For Richard, it was emotional to welcome another girl into their family.

"Just seeing her after she was delivered, it was just the most heartwarming thing I've ever seen," he said. "I don't know if it's just girls that do it to me. I'm sure a little boy would too, though. With her, I was just bawling."

For having the first child of 2018, the Midland family was presented with a gift basket arranged by Flowerland. Local merchants donated items for the mother and baby. Meagan said she was thankful for the gifts.

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- Blanket and gift certificate from Rhea Lana's
- Gift certificate from Simplicity Photography
- Nursing cover and Milkies freezer storage system from Midland Lactation Supplies
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OPINION

It was mistake to call for deficit reduction

■ Rich nation with a stable government and control over its own currency doesn't need to pursue a balanced budget for its own sake

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N.Y. Times News Service

Every year at this time I join a growing number of journalistic flagellants in enumerating things that I got wrong in the previous annum's worth of columns. When I started the practice, the annual audit sometimes felt a little bit too scrupulous, like picking nits with my own work. But the last two years have been different: As Donald Trump's ascent turned all sorts of supposed wisdom into folly, I've found myself with a great deal of mistaken analysis to acknowledge and live down.

I could write this year's column in the same Trump-centric spirit, by focusing on my published fears about his presidency that have not yet been borne out — particularly the ripple effects I predicted for the economy, for social order and world peace, all of which are thus far less disturbed than I had feared.

But focusing on Trump again would also reveal the limits of this yearly format, because the Trump era is not even close to over yet, and year-over-year developments are generally the wrong way to assess a presidency's impact and the predictions that preceded it.

So the Trump fans currently demanding that anti-Trump conservatives come over to their side because he's appointed decent judges and crushed the Islamic State should keep their powder dry. Now is a good time for intellectual humility, and for reserving judgment on an administration whose ultimate effects on domestic tranquility and the Pax Americana remain uncertain.

Instead, in the spirit of the longer view, I want to use this confessional column to reach back to the early Obama years, and the arguments I made then that assumed the urgency of deficit reduction, the pressing need for honest liberals to champion major tax increases and for honest conservatives to go all-in for major entitlement reform.

I was not the fiercest of deficit hawks, not a hard-money type or an inflation-panicker. But as a non-economist staring at Congressional Budget Office projections and at examples of fiscal crisis from Greece to California, it seemed reasonable to make deficit cutting a near-term priority from 2010 onward, to offset the surge of Great Recession spending with a period of belt-tightening.

But now I think this reasonable view was wrong. Not completely, in the sense that many of the deficit-reducing policies I supported — means-testing entitlement programs, eliminating tax breaks for the wealthy and upper middle class — I still support, but because I think the money involved is presently misspent. But I was wrong in the priority that I gave the deficit relative to other issues, wrong to discern a looming "fiscal precipice," wrong in some of the criticism I leveled at both George W. Bush and Barack Obama for failing to care enough about balancing the nation's books.

The best time to make deficit reduction a priority is when the inflation rate and the bond market give you some indication that you are headed for a dangerous inflationary spiral. Such indicators were conspicuously absent eight years ago, but many people I talked to (including people in the Obama White House) argued that it was important to reduce deficits pre-emptively, because the spiraling could happen too quickly for policymakers to effectively respond. At that point I believed them; now I think they had overlearned lessons from the 1970s that did not apply in 2010.

Instead, in hindsight the most important economic argument of the early Obama years was between two schools of thought that agreed we should put more money into the economy and only disagreed about how to do it — the Keynesians who wanted massive government spending and the market monetarists who favored looser monetary policy. Today, both sides of that debate look far better than the strict fiscal and monetary hawks, and the endless arguments about Bowles-Simpson look like an interesting exercise that did not deserve so much swarming attention from politicians and the press.

There are always real limits on what government spending or tax cuts can accomplish and how far they can go. A society only has so much productive capacity, dumb tax cuts can be hoarded and dumb spending used to enrich special interests or subsidize social pathology, and too much spending can eventually induce inflation.

But those limits are not established by an arbitrary deficit target. Instead, a rich and powerful country with a stable government and control over its own currency (which is to say, not a prisoner of the euro) should be willing to live with a loose fiscal policy when wage growth is disappointing and inflation low, and it should debate tax and spending changes on their own terms — will this money be put to good use? — rather than pursuing a balanced budget for its own sake.

That low-inflation, slow-growth context prevailed under Obama; to a lesser extent it still prevails today. There will doubtless come a time when deficit scolds make essential arguments, but of late they haven't — and when I was one of them, I now believe, I was making a mistake.

GUEST VIEW

Fighting climate change eliminates incandescent bulbs

This week marks not just the start of a new year, but a bright new day for energy conservation. Or maybe it's the tragic end of an era, with a beloved product now wiped out of existence by a government forcing its environmental agenda on the rest of us. Which view you take depends on how strongly you feel about interior lighting.

The catalyst for this change was the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, a law signed by President George W. Bush with the worthy goal of reducing energy usage and weaning the U.S. off foreign oil. Among other things, the law set phased-in efficiency standards for most light bulbs, starting in 2012.

In California, those standards culminate this year in a requirement that bulbs must use about 65 percent less energy to cast the same amount of light, a standard too high for incandescent technology to reach. It's too bad, because other than the fact that they burn way too much electricity, incandescent bulbs are the perfect light source. They make everyone one look good; they dim smoothly and have done so for more than 130 years. Incandescents have had an incredible run, but, regrettably, there's no room for such energy-sucking lamps in the modern world.

Stores may sell the incandescent bulbs they have in stock but are not allowed to replace them. Online stores aren't supposed to ship them to California addresses, though there's no law to stop anyone from driving across state lines and filling the trunk with 60-watt multi-packs. At least, they can do so until 2020, when the standards kick in for the rest of the country.

Some people may not even notice the switch. Others may already be hoarding their favorite bulbs and dreading the day when their final filament burns out and they must choose a replacement from a dizzying array of unfamiliar options. Lumens and watts? Light emitting diodes (LEDs) and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)? Soft white and warm white? What's the difference?

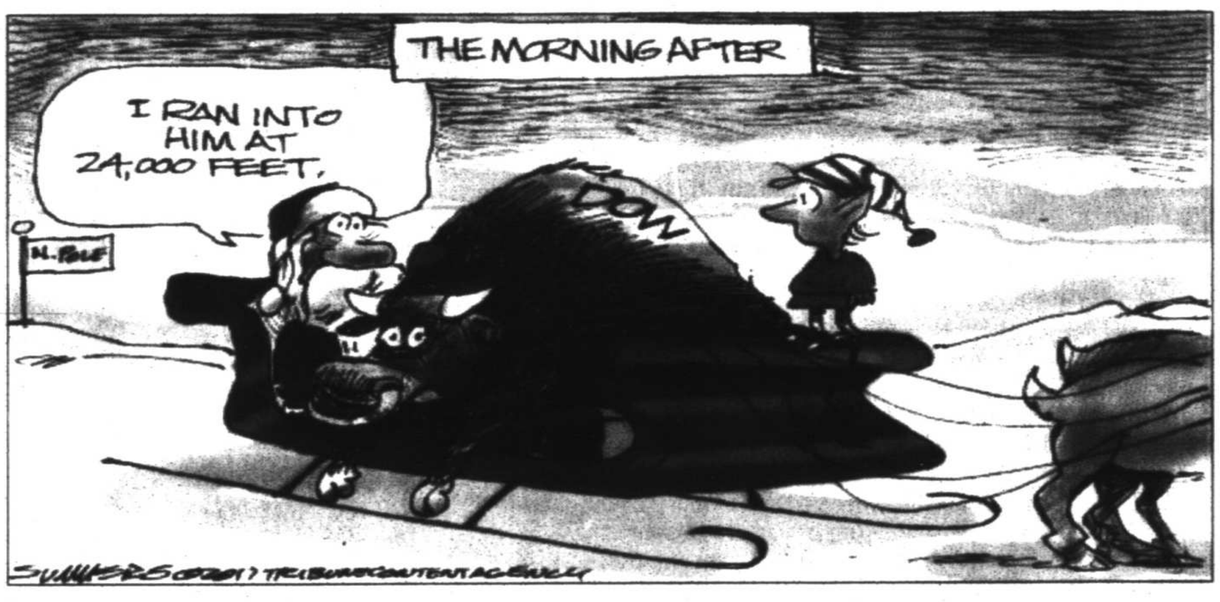
An expert at University of California-Davis said that 70 percent to 90 percent of Californians still rely on incandescent bulbs. Perhaps it is not terribly surprising that so many people have clung to the warm, comforting glow they are used to. The cheap, spiral fluorescent bulbs that conservationists and utilities have pushed on consumers in recent years as money-saving replacements are shoddy imitations that cast a sick glow on faces and homes, and they sometimes flicker or hum. Given that, it's entirely understandable that people might now fear that the new efficiency standards will doom us to a future of harsh glare and eye strain caused by mercury-filled bulbs that are deemed so toxic you can't even toss them in the regular trash. What's the point of saving a few bucks on your electric bill or cutting your energy usage when you've lost the will to live?

Here's a bit of good news: Those early energy-saving CFLs will probably go the way of the incandescent. According to people in the lighting industry, the future is all about LEDs, which have the potential to produce colors and shades that we may someday love as much as we loved the incandescent. Manufacturers have made progress with LEDs in the last few years so that they not only cost less, but you can turn down the glare and turn up the warm, incandescent-esque radiance. They also use a lot less energy than incandescent bulbs and can collectively save consumers billions of dollars a year. One bulb can last as long as 20 years. As recently as 2010, only about 1 percent of bulbs in California homes were LEDs. Now they are ubiquitous, sold alongside other bulbs for just few bucks each.

The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that the upcoming light bulb switch will reduce carbon emissions by tens of millions of tons every year.

In the fight against climate change, this is the right thing to do. Nevertheless, it is a little sad to see the incandescent light bulb, a reliable workhorse that has served humanity so well and so long, relegated to the dustbin of obsolete technology.

— Los Angeles Times



Climate change predictions come true

■ Conditions that made severe hurricanes, intense wildfires and record-setting snowfall possible were predicted in 1990s

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

The record-breaking hurricanes, wildfires and blizzards of 2017 may surprise some, but they were all predicted 25 years ago.

The prophecies were neither secret nor the product of supernatural powers. They were forecast by scientists calculating what would happen if average global temperatures continued to rise. They did, and now here we are.

I remember the predictions well because I was wrapping up my senior thesis at the University of Texas at Austin, considering whether the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer could serve as model for a treaty limiting carbon dioxide emissions.

The short answer was no, and the Kyoto Protocol's failure later proved me right. The scientists studying how warmer temperatures might change the climate were also proved accurate, particularly when it comes to hurricanes.

In 1992, after Hurricane Andrew struck south Florida as a Category 5 storm, Newsweek asked whether a warmer planet with warmer oceans might generate storms of greater severity.

"Extra heat turns up the intensity of a storm by strengthening all the forces that shape it. Water vapor, rising and cooling and releasing heat into the air, is the engine that drives a hurricane," Jerry Mahlman, a climatologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told Newsweek.

(Last) year will be remembered for the first time two Atlantic hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, hit the mainland United States as Category 4 storms. When all the energy carried ashore by 2017's tropical storms is tallied together, no other season has unleashed such fury, according to NOAA.

Not every year will produce the kind of storms 2017 witnessed. But with average ocean temperatures setting record highs in 2015, 2016 and 2017, according to NOAA, there is every reason to prepare for more storms like hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Temperature, relative humidity, precipitation and wind speed also determine the intensity of wildfires. In 1990, researchers Mike Flannigan and C.E. Van Wagner at Canada's National Forestry Institute predicted climate change would create drier conditions, extend the fire season, increase the acreage burned and trigger more intense fires.

A record-setting drought followed by a wet winter and the hottest September ever recorded in Northern California set the conditions for the most-costly wildfires in the nation's history, causing more than $10 billion in losses, NOAA estimates. The U.S. Forest Service spent more than $2 billion fighting fires that burned 3.4 million acres in 2017.

The most counterintuitive impact of a warmer climate is more severe cold weather. Higher average temperatures do not mean that extreme winter events will be less likely. In fact, scientists predicted warmer water temperatures in northern latitudes could shift weather patterns and intensify winter storms.

Authorities declared an emergency in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day after receiving 34 inches of snow, the most ever in a single day. Another 24 inches fell on Tuesday, making the storm reminiscent of Harvey's 51 inches of rain. The previous single-day snowfall record had been 20 inches.

The key factor in the huge snowfall? Warmer-than-average lake temperatures. When Arctic winds blow over Lake Erie's open water, more water vapor enters the atmosphere and results in a much heavier lake effect snowfall. Lake effect snowstorms normally end when the lake begins freezing over, reducing the amount of open water. But with warmer water, the lake takes longer to freeze, if at all, leading to more severe and longer blizzards.

Some predictions about climate change made in the early 1990s have not come true, but the most important ones have. The very first temperature forecast made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 1990 has proved remarkably accurate.

The Earth today is warmer than it has been since at least the year 1000, according to NOAA scientists, who study glaciers and the fossil record. While some scientists may debate whether humans have the power to slow climate change, no serious academic doubts its reality.

The Department of Defense, Wall Street, credit rating agencies, energy producers, insurance companies and every national leader, except President Donald Trump, recognize climate change as the biggest threat to the world's economy over the next century.

As we consider responses to Hurricane Harvey, all businesspeople need to evaluate how a warmer planet will affect them. What property is at risk? How will revenues shift? Where are the business opportunities? A lot of people are going to make a lot of money tackling climate change.

After all, 2017 is only a preview of things to come.

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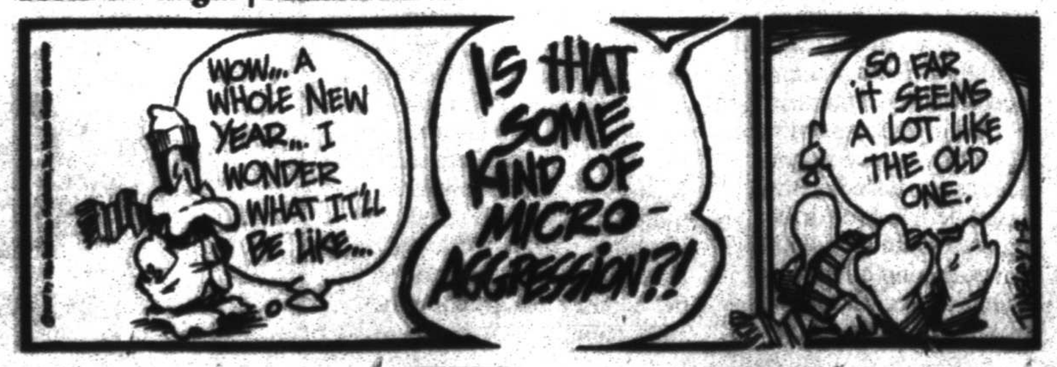


Police lift crime scene tape Sept. 2 after two people were shot and transported to Stroger Hospital in Chicago. Chicago ended 2017 with fewer homicides than the year before but raging gang wars in the city's most violent neighborhoods drove the total beyond the 600 mark for just the second time in well over a decade. *John J. Kim/ Chicago Tribune via AP*

Chicago sees a drop in homicides, shootings in 2017

By Don Babwin
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago ended 2017 with fewer homicides than the year before, but gang violence in the city's most dangerous neighborhoods kept the total number of killings above the 600 mark for only the second time in more than a decade.

The Chicago Police Department released statistics Monday that show the number of homicides fell from 771 in 2016 to 650 last year. The number of shootings dropped from 3,550 to 2,785 during the same period.

Although the drops were significant, the homicide total in a repeat of 2016 eclipsed the number of killings in New York City and Los Angeles combined.

"You still have to start with the fact that 600 people dead in Chicago is a hell of a lot of people to be dead in one year," said the Rev. Marshall Hatch, whose church is in one of the most violent neighborhoods on the city's West Side.

Still, the drops — and the reasons behind the lower numbers — have police and others optimistic that some of their efforts will lead to more declines over the next year. Chief among those efforts will be the expansion of the high-tech strategies and equipment to fight crime, including devices that pinpoint where gunshots are fired.

"I am proud of the progress our officers made in reducing gun violence all across the city in 2017," Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said in a statement. "In 2018, we are going to work to build on the progress we made last year — to reduce gun violence to save lives and to find justice for victims."

Police have been particularly encouraged by the results of setting up Strategic Decision Support Centers in six of the city's 22 police districts, including those in the most violent pockets of the city. The centers are equipped with sound-detection technology that enables the department to instantly know where the sound of gunfire is coming from and to alert officers through computer screens in their squad cars and smartphones.

One of the first districts where a center was set up was in Englewood, a neighborhood on Chicago's South Side that has long been known as one of the city's most violent.

Englewood had seen 48 homicides as of late December, compared to 86 during the same period in 2016. Police hope the trend continues in the neighborhood. They plan to roll out centers in six more police districts this year.

"It does seem like the timing of when we see Englewood turn the corner was in February just as the Strategic Decision Support Center was opened," said Max Kapustin, research director at the University of Chicago's Crime Lab.

Johnson said, "It's no coincidence that Englewood is leading the city on shooting reductions."

There were reminders in 2017, though, that gang violence continues to rage in the city and take lives no matter what strategies police try to implement. In one suspected gang shooting in February, a 2-year-old boy was killed on the West Side while riding in a car with his uncle. Police believe the 26-year-old uncle, a gang member, was the intended target.

To crack down on gang members, Johnson said prosecutors and police will step up use of the state's anti-racketeering law "to hold leaders of these gangs more accountable." Cook County prosecutors first tested the Street Gang RICO Act in a trial that ended last month with the conviction of half a dozen leaders of a West Side street gang.

The department is also bringing on more officers, and they will be dispatched to some of the city's most violent areas. As part of a two-year hiring plan, Chicago added more than 1,100 officers in 2017 and Johnson expects the department's total number of sworn officers to increase in 2018 — from the current 12,575 to 14,400.

"With more foot officers out there we are better able to get ahead of crime and know where there are going to be conflicts," said police union head Kevin Graham, who has been adamantly pushing the city to hire more officers.

Hatch, the West Side minister, hopes Chicago's homicide numbers continue to fall, but worries this will bring complacency and a feeling that more officers and technology are all the city needs.

"My concern is that if we put too much emphasis ... on policing and technology and not enough on the investments in social services, those numbers will go up again because we have not addressed the social conditions that are driving all the violence," he said.

Baltimore breaks city record for killings per capita in 2017

By David Mcfadden
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Baltimore has set a new per-capita homicide record as gunmen killed for drugs, cash, payback — or no apparent reason at all.

A surge of homicides in the starkly divided city resulted in 343 killings in 2017, bringing the annual homicide rate to its highest ever — roughly 56 killings per 100,000 people. Baltimore, which has shrunk over decades, currently has about 615,000 inhabitants.

"Not only is it disheartening, it's painful," Mayor Catherine Pugh told The Associated Press during the final days of 2017, her first year in office.

The main reasons are the subject of endless interpretation. Some attribute the increase to more illegal guns, the fallout of the opioid epidemic, or systemic failures like unequal justice and a scarcity of decent opportunities for many citizens. The tourism-focused Inner Harbor and prosperous neighborhoods such as Canton and Mount Vernon are a world away from large sections of the city hobbled by generational poverty.

Others blame police, accusing them of taking a hands-off approach to fighting crime since six officers were charged in connection with the 2015 death of Freddie Gray, a black man whose fatal spinal cord injury in police custody triggered massive protests that year and the city's worst riots in decades.

"The conventional wisdom, or widely agreed upon speculation, suggests that the great increase in murders is happening partly because the police have withdrawn from aggressively addressing crime in the city's many poor, crime-ridden neighborhoods," said Donald Norris, professor emeritus of public policy at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Even as arrests have declined to their lowest level in years, police say their officers are working hard in a tough environment. They note the overwhelming majority of Baltimore's crime has long been linked to gangs, drugs and illegal guns.

"The vast majority of our kids and residents of this city aren't into criminal activity like this. It's that same revolving group of bad guys that are wreaking havoc for people's families," said T.J. Smith, the chief police spokesman whose own younger brother was the city's 173rd homicide victim in 2017.

Baltimore's homicide rate started to surge after Gray's death in 2015, a year when the city saw over 340 slayings. There's been a depressingly steady march of killings since.

Violent crime rates in Baltimore have been notoriously high for decades and some locals sardonically refer to their city as "Bodymore" due to the annual body count. But prior to 2015, Baltimore's killings had generally been on the decline. Before rates in recent years eclipsed it, Baltimore's homicide rate had peaked with 353 killings in 1993, or some 49 killings per 100,000 people. Baltimore had over 700,000 inhabitants back then, making the per-capita rate lower than in 2017.

Patrick Sharkey, a sociologist at New York University, described Baltimore as a place "where there is an urgent need to make sure that neighborhoods do not continue to fall apart and the population doesn't give up on the city."

Pugh, who took office as mayor in December 2016, said her year-old administration is focused on reducing crime, boosting police recruits, and improving long-neglected neighborhoods. She told attendees at a candlelight vigil she hosted for victims of violence that "this will become the safest city in America."

Attending the vigil were Norman and Yvonne Armstrong, who struggled for words to describe their heartache since losing their son, Shawn, to gun violence.

The working family man, a 31-year-old father of three, was fatally shot at a Baltimore carwash in September. His murder is unsolved.

"The kids out there with guns don't care about anything," said Norman Armstrong, the pain of grief etched on his face.

Among the names behind the 2017 numbers is Jonathan Tobash, a 19-year-old college student who embodied the best hopes of his Baltimore community. Police say the sophomore at Morgan State University was shot to death Dec. 18 after stumbling onto a robbery in progress outside a convenience store near his family's home.

Ericka Alston-Buck, who founded the Kids Safe Zone community center in the rough Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood, said concentrated poverty must be addressed and a measure of healing has to take place in order to truly tackle high rates of violence in Baltimore.

"Hurt people hurt people. No one's doing anything to close those holes in their souls," she said. "As long as no one does that, nothing is going to change."

In unusual step, victims told of destroyed rape kits

By Martha Waggoner
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — When Veronica was raped more than 13 years ago, she says neither the police nor the hospital staff believed her story that a longtime friend attacked her while his mother was in the next room.

"I was treated like a female crying wolf," said Veronica, who says the man raped her while she was unconscious. She believes he drugged her drink.

She was surprised, earlier this year, when she got a call from the initial investigating officer, John Somerindyke, who apologized for how she was treated and for something that Veronica didn't yet know: Her rape kit was among 333 kits that Fayetteville police had thrown away.

Years after the kits were discarded, Fayetteville police began working with a crisis group to call the victims and tell them what happened.

The Joyful Heart Foundation, which works to end the backlogs, says Fayetteville police may stand alone in the effort to contact survivors about trashed rape kits. "I don't know of any others that have taken it on like Fayetteville has by apologizing to survivors and to communities and trying to do what they can to fix it," said Ilsa Knecht, director of advocacy and policy for the foundation, founded by actress Mariska Hargitay.

Backlogs of untested rape kits have surfaced as a problem at police departments around the country. The foundation knows of at least 200,000 untested rape kits nationwide, Knecht said.

The kits, about the size of a shoe box, had been collected in Fayetteville between 1995 and 2008. Police began throwing them away in 1999 to make space in the evidence room. Somerindyke, now a lieutenant, discovered the kits were missing in February 2015 when he reviewed unsolved rape cases.

Of the 333 destroyed kits, 52 belonged to women whose cases had resulted in arrests, leaving 281 survivors with unsolved cases and no rape kits as evidence. Instead of simply moving on and vowing to do better in the future, the Fayetteville Police Department announced what happened and then called victims individually, including those cases in which arrests had been made.

"We felt it was the right thing to come forward," Somerindyke said. "We felt like they had the right to know what had happened to their kit."

The department enlisted the help of Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County, which got grant money and hired a victim's advocate to make the calls. The advocate, Danielle Sgro, said victims' responses ran the gamut. Some were angry or sad their kits were destroyed and said the calls stirred up memories they'd pushed aside. But others were grateful that someone cared enough to call.

Veronica, who agreed to let the AP use her first name, but not her last, said she's among the grateful ones. The Associated Press doesn't typically publish names of sexual-assault victims.

"There was an apology for things not being handled how they should have been," said Veronica, 34, who joined the Air Force after her attack and moved around the country before settling in Fayetteville again. "He (Somerindyke) was interested in rectifying that as much as possible in the now. That's beyond appreciated."

In 90 percent of the cases involving the destroyed rape kits, someone was reached or the victim was no longer living, Somerindyke said.

Gathering evidence for a rape kit "is a humiliating, long, traumatic experience," said Deanne Gerdes, executive director of Rape Crisis Volunteers. But she finds the response of the Fayetteville Police Department heartening.

"It happened. The kits were thrown away," she said. "But the Fayetteville Police Department is now doing something about it. ... If you reached out to any other jurisdiction, if they were honest, they would say yes, we have kits sitting on the shelf or yes, we threw kits away."

Somerindyke said, "We could have and should have done better."

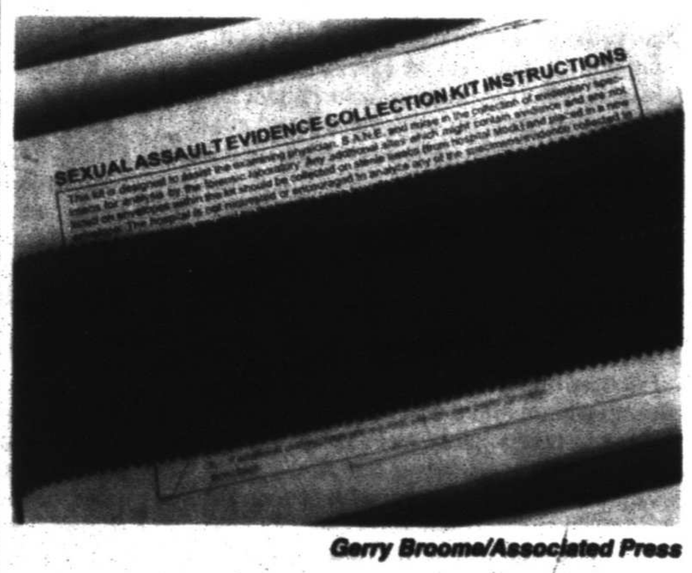
Since 2009, it's been illegal in North Carolina to destroy a rape kit. And by Jan. 1, law enforcement agencies must report the number of untested rape kits in their possession to the State Crime Laboratory.

Veronica had been friends with her attacker for years when she went with him in June 2004 to the home he shared with his mother and drank part of an alcoholic beverage that she's certain was laced with something that knocked her out. She woke up on his bed "and I knew I had been violated," she said.

She escaped the house, and friends took her to a hospital. Veronica recalls that during the original investigation, Somerindyke seemed like he was just going through the motions. But when he called to tell her about the destroyed rape kit, "I didn't know it was the same guy at all," Veronica said. "He had a very genuine heartfelt interest in righting wrongs."

Police reopened Veronica's case, but without the rape kit, the district attorney declined to prosecute, Somerindyke said. However, the man whom she identified as her rapist is now behind bars on a murder charge. She plans to attend his trial and hopes to see her attacker sentenced to many years behind bars.

But the rest of the saga that began more than 13 years ago is behind her. "I don't feel like a victim or a survivor," she said. "I feel like a warrior."



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A sexual assault evidence collection kit shown Dec. 12 at Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County in Fayetteville, N.C.

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Restaurant thinks outside the box with oversized pizza

■ One pizza ball of dough weighs about 3 1/2 pounds, requires about 1 1/2 pounds of cheese

By Jennifer Gardner
Charleston Gazette-Mail

CHARLESTON, W.Va.— Finding the perfect ingredients and recipe at Big Dam Pizza was never the problem.

The struggle was finding boxes big enough to hold a 30-inch pie.

So, the restaurant settled and reduced its pizzas to 28 inches when they found a box of that size.

However, the slightly smaller size was possibly a better starting point.

"Most people say we need a bigger door to get out," said Morgan Gawronski, a manager at the restaurant. "Most people need bigger cars."

Gawronski said a woman once strapped a pizza to the roof of her car. Many customers have to move around seats or at least fit the box into the trunk.

Ironically, the giant pies are delivered in a Prius, which only requires the back seat to be folded down, not a roof rack.

Of course, the pizza could be eaten in-house, but if you forget to bring a team with you, even a slice to go might require an entire seat.

Big Dam Pizza began as a play on words and the answer to Fayetteville's need for a simple pizza shop, said owner Kellie Villenave.

In addition to its Big Dam Pizza pies, the restaurant's menu features "Big Dam Nachos" and "Big Dam Pepperoni Rolls."

One slice of pepperoni costs $5, while a whole pizza, which includes eight slices, costs $35.

The shop's logo features a slice of pizza serving as the side of a dam, with whitewater rushing down its edges.

Villenave drew the design, inspired by the Summersville Dam.

"This is a whitewater town and a lot of the whitewater starts at the dam," said Villenave, a rafter herself.

Many of her ingredients are sourced locally, she said. Her team makes each pie from scratch.

"I had a general base because I've cooked my entire life," Villenave said.

She learned to cook from her grandmother, who inspired the pizza sauce recipe used in the restaurant.

"She's a homesteader, so we grew half of what we cooked," she said. "From her, I learned the science of food. All it is is chemistry and love."

Even the dessert is local. In addition to its "Big Dam Apple Dumpling" and "Big Dam Cookies," ice cream sold in the shop is made by Homestead Creamery, three hours away in Virginia, and the pies and cheesecake are made by a local woman.

Villenave said the response from the community since Big Dam Pizza opened in late September has been "humbling."

"People come in when they're not even hungry to make sure that we make it," Villenave said.

The restaurant skipped a soft opening and was forced to close early several times in its first week. Photos and videos on social media were not enough, people had to see and taste the giant pies for themselves.

A ball of dough for each pizza weighs about 3 1/2 pounds. One pie requires about 11/2 pounds of cheese.

"We accomplish it with really big ovens," Villenave said.

The oven, which could bake up to a 48-inch pizza, was found used in Morgantown, West Virgina. It was used to make bagels in its former life.

One day, Villenave would like to use the oven to its full capacity, accomplishing a near 50-inch pizza.

The crust of each pie is thin, with the exception of its thick, crisp edges. Gawronski compares it to New York-style pizza.

"Go up to New York and you're going to find something like this on every street corner — not at this size though," Gawronski said.

Besides the size, the pizza is also different from thin New York-style pizza because it isn't hand-tossed.

While some members are able to stretch it in a similar way, tossing the dough would be impossible to accomplish, Gawronski said.

Gawronski had managed pizza shops for many years before moving from Philadelphia to help open the shop, which she heard about through a friend. She helped tweak Villenave's recipe.

"This is kind of a shop of friends," Villenave said, when she introduced each team member.

The staff is constantly trying new things and putting them on special. Like last week, when one chef created a pizza made with mashed potatoes.

Each member of the staff took a bite, discussing what worked and what didn't.

The mashed potatoes were a "no" for everyone.

"All of the staff here gets a lot of freedom," Gawronski said.

Villenave also works full-time as a telephone operator. She has had the job since she turned 18, 17 years ago. It provides her with health insurance, she said.

However, eventually, she might need to gain an extra 40 hours a week to spend more time at Big Dam Pizza.

She'd like to go even "bigger" one day, if possible.

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More information

More information can be found at bigdampizza.com or on the Big Dam Pizza Facebook page.

Kolin Dayish/Kody Dayish Productions via AP

In this undated image provided by Kody Dayish Productions, actor/director Kody Dayish performs on set in his film, "Unbroken Code," in Santa Fe, N.M. It's no secret that the Navajo code talkers played a significant role in the Allied powers' victory in World War II, said Dayish, a Navajo storyteller of Shiprock. Dayish's film of the code talkers' story will be shot entirely on the Navajo Nation and will feature mostly Navajo actors.

Navajo filmmaker to start shooting WWII code talkers movie

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — It's no secret that the Navajo code talkers played a significant role in the Allied powers' victory in World War II, said Kody Dayish, a Navajo storyteller of Shiprock.

Navajo servicemen's complex native tongue was critical in communicating crucial Allied messages that could not be deciphered by Japanese foes, The Daily Times reported earlier this month.

Their story has been told before in films, but it's never been told from a Navajo point of view, Dayish said

Dayish has wanted to tell his own version of the code talkers' story for some time, but wanted to wait until he felt he had the skills and maturity as a filmmaker to tell it properly.

"We wouldn't want to disrespect the code talkers by making a film that's (unworthy)," he said.

After producing a number of award-winning short films and features, Dayish feels his family's film production company, Kody Dayish Production, is ready to take on the task.

With the help of his brother Kolin and sister Kolette, Dayish plans to make his movie "Unbroken Code" focus on two Navajo youths who leave their home behind to join the Marine Corps. It will explore their conflict over leaving their families behind, the sacrifices they make on behalf of a country that has relegated them to a reservation, and most importantly, the depth of their contribution to the war effort.

The film will be shot entirely on the Navajo Nation and will feature mostly Navajo actors.

The siblings have already completed the script and are looking for actors who are fluent in the Dine language since the most of the dialogue will be presented in that tongue.

With very few surviving code talkers left, Dayish believes it's the perfect time for the project.

"Now is the time to get a little deeper to see where the Navajo code talkers came from," he said.

They plan to begin shooting the film this year.

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'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' highest-grossing film of 2017

By Michael Cavna
The Washington Post

And just like that, despite its polarized reception, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" became the biggest film of 2017.

The third Star Wars film under the Disney banner has hit $517 million domestically just 17 days into its release, according to studio estimates Sunday. That vaults "Last Jedi" past another Disney movie, "Beauty and the Beast" ($504 million), according to Box Office Mojo.

"Last Jedi" ($1.04 billion) now sets its sights on surpassing "Beauty and the Beast" ($1.26 billion) in worldwide gross, too.

Since Disney jump-started the franchise in 2015, all three of its Star Wars films, including "The Force Awakens" ($2.07 billion) and "Rogue One" ($1.06 billion) have each hit the billion-dollar mark in global gross.

"Last Jedi" has the greatest reviewer-audience gulf among live-action Star Wars films on Rotten Tomatoes: a 91 percent certified "fresh" critical score vs. a 51 percent audience score. On Metacritic, the chasm is an 86 average critical score vs. a 4.6 (out of 10) user score.

Writer-director Rian Johnson's film is proving indomitable at the North American box office, though, grossing $52.4 million this weekend to edge out "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" ($50.5 million).

Powered by Pixar's "Coco" and Marvel's "Thor: Ragnarok," Disney has won seven of the year's final eight domestic box-office weekends.

Disney/Lucasfilm's next Star Wars release, "Solo," is due to land in late May — Disney's first summer release in the Skywalker saga.

Overall, the domestic box office topped $11 billion for the third straight year.

John Wilson/Lucasfilm via AP

This file image released by Lucasfilm shows Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi." On the last day of the calendar year, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" has surpassed "Beauty and the Beast" as the top grossing film in North America in 2017.

Oklahoma movie fanatic collects cars seen in films

By Tyler Butler
KTUL-TV

TULSA, Okla. — Raul Rosario is a movie fanatic and a car guy. He has a unique hobby building and collecting movie cars. The perfect intersection of those two interests.

"It started with K.I.T.T. and that was the inspiration that got me moving in the right direction, or the wrong direction," said Rosario.

K.I.T.T. of course is the car from the '80s TV show "Knight Rider." He also has a "Back to the Future" DeLorean time machine, a "Jurassic Park" Jeep and a few other projects in the pipeline like an Ectomobile from "Ghostbusters," the second one he's built, KTUL-TV reported. The skill level needed for converting these cars varies from case to case

"The hardest one to convert I think has been the DeLorean, because the hardest thing is drilling holes into the stainless steel body on a car that, you know when you drill them you can never go back. I think the simplest ones are ones when you paint the vehicle and you're almost there. You put the logos on the door, the right pain scheme," he said.

Rosario's family at first thought it was a foolish way to spend money, but he said over time that has changed as they have seen how much joy it has brought him and the people around him.

He's is just one member of a group of dozens of people who drive these movie cars, some of them on a daily basis. They take their creations to charity and community events across the area, including the Bixby Christmas Parade where we met Tim and Dawna Wright.

"I had a Honda Civic that got stuck in the snow. Jeeps kept passing me as I walked, and I said 'I want a Jeep.' I don't just want a Jeep, I want a Jurassic Park Jeep, and then I met Raul and that cemented what I was doing," said Tim Wright.

That was six years ago, the Jeep has come and gone. He now has a Gotham City Police cruiser, and the Mystery Machine from Scooby Doo. That van is actually more or less his wife's wedding ring.

"We'd been wanting to do something else with funds so we built this," said Dawna.

She says it's the gift that keeps on giving.

"It's just so easy to do, and so fun to do. It's possible. I just love it. Don't get married for less, all you women, don't get married for less," she said.

"You can't go anywhere without adding another 20 minutes every stop for pictures," said Tim. "That is the fun, to make people smile with something that makes me happy."

They don't keep all the fun to themselves and random passersby. Keep your eyes peeled at local charity events and parades, you may just see a car straight from Hollywood right here in Green Country.

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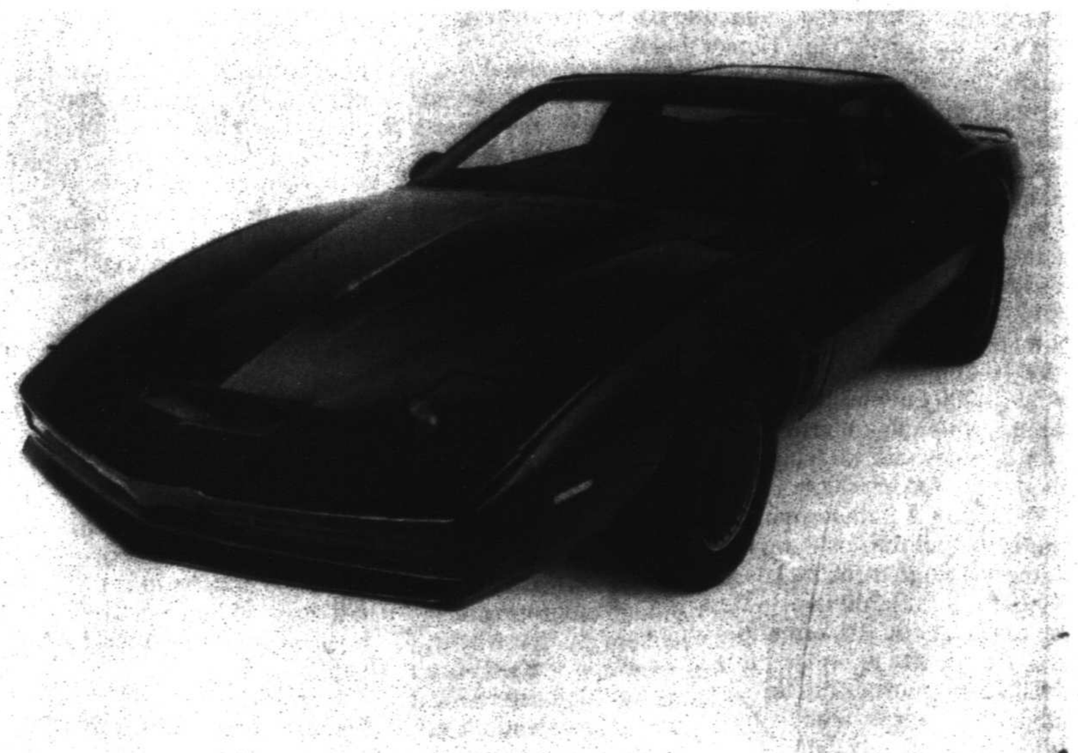

KNIGHT RIDER'S K.I.T.T. CAR

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K.I.T.T., the co-star of NBC's action packed-series "Knight Rider" is a combination of the utmost in power, performance and design.

Lawmakers take action on teacher shortage

Many schools nationwide are understaffed in the current school year

By Sophie Quinton
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — All 50 states began the current school year short on teachers. And schools nationwide still are scrambling to fill positions in a range of subjects, from chronically hard-to-staff ones, such as special education to usually easy-to-staff grades, such as kindergarten.

Districts that can't find a qualified teacher may stop offering a certain class or hire a rookie with an emergency credential, a move that could lower the quality of instruction. So lawmakers in several states took action this year to increase the supply of new teachers or raise teacher compensation.

"The teacher labor market is a labor market like any other," said Elizabeth Ross, managing director for state policy at the National Council on Teacher Quality, a nonprofit research group in Washington, D.C.

Arizona, Illinois and Minnesota are among the states that have sought to increase the supply of teachers by changing their licensure rules to make it easier for people who didn't complete a traditional teacher preparation program to enter the classroom.

In Minnesota, for instance, under the new structure aspiring career and technical education teachers no longer need a bachelor's degree to get a teaching license. They can get a one-year teaching license if they have an associate degree, an industry credential or at least five years of work experience. The one-year license can be renewed three times.

Changing licensure rules can be controversial, however. Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, vetoed the Minnesota Legislature's first attempt to change teacher licensing requirements. He argued lawmakers needed to allocate funding to implement the new rules and questioned whether the proposed changes could hurt students.

"Without a requirement that teaching candidates demonstrate comprehensive training in subject matter content and pedagogy, we risk providing our students with educators who are inadequately prepared," he wrote in his veto letter.

The Legislature later folded the licensing changes into an education funding bill, which Dayton signed, although he asked lawmakers to rethink the licensing changes. The Legislature hasn't met since the bill was signed in May, so no changes have been made yet.

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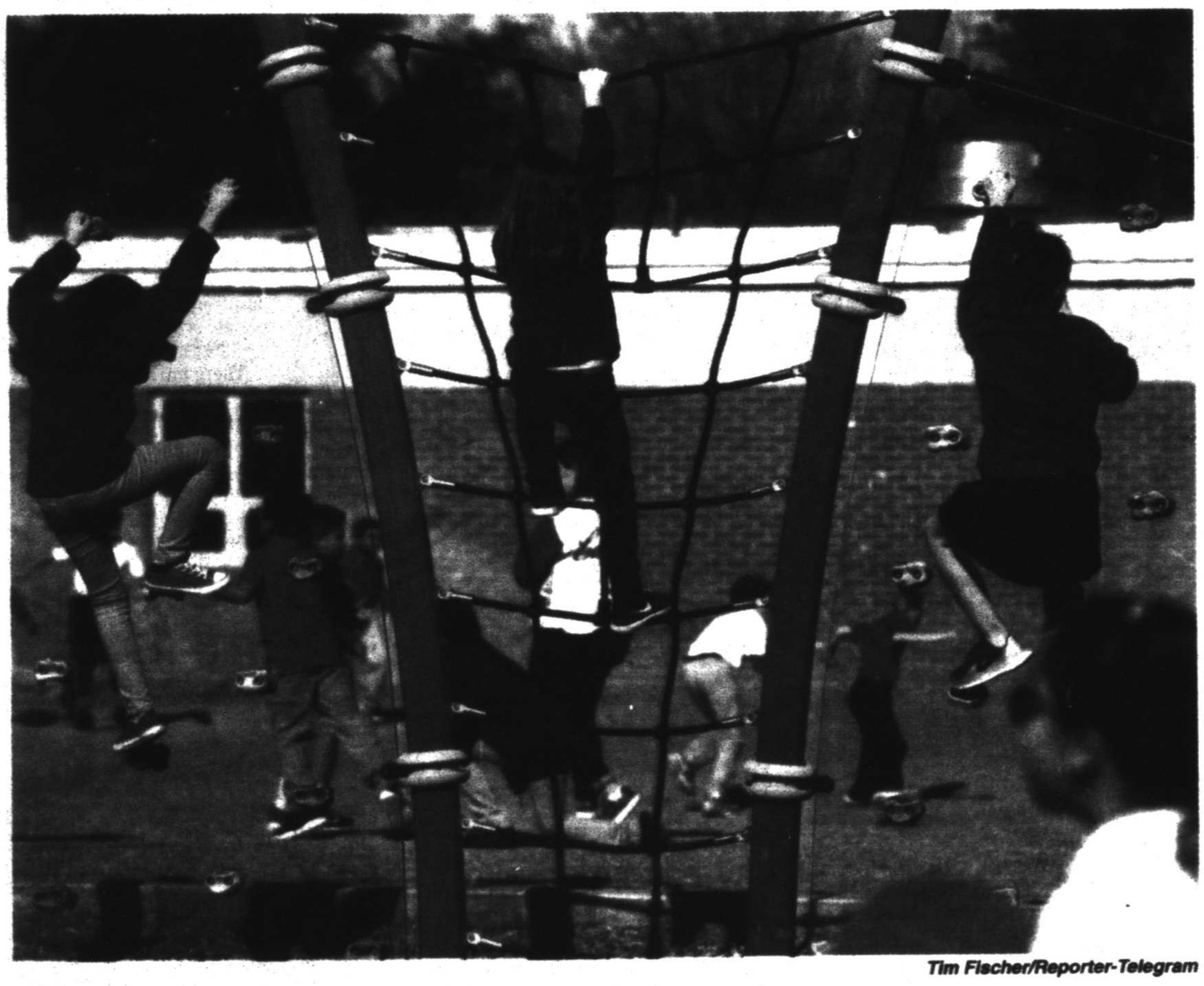

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Students at Bowie Elementary play on playground equipment and run around Dec. 19, 2017. Midland ISD parent Summer Belloni is advocating for additional recess time for elementary schools.

MISD parents advocate for more elementary school recess

By Simone Jasper
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With a background as an educator, Summer Belloni sees value in breaks during the school day. The mother is sparking conversations about adding recess time at Midland ISD elementary campuses.

"In general, in the classroom, kids who have regularly scheduled recess are able to focus better," she said. "They're less fidgety, they're not falling out of their chairs as often, and they're able to maintain their focus."

Belloni is advocating for increasing the amount of minutes allotted for recess for kindergarten through sixth-graders. She said research has shown the behavioral, academic and social benefits of unstructured breaks.

"Giving them autonomy, independence, it allows for them to be creative," Belloni said. "Kids make up their own games. Kids build their own rules. Kids create the structure that they need because they are under adult structure all day."

Want to know more?

For more information and links to research, visit the "MISD Recess Initiative" post on permiankids.com.

Recess helps children reach the recommended 60 minutes per day of physical activity, according to an American Academy of Pediatrics publication that was a part of Belloni's research.

She said her initiative doesn't call for a set recess time or model. Instead, it encourages lengthening recess to fit the schedules and needs of individual elementary schools.

Belloni has conveyed the idea to district and campus leaders. She said the overall response to her initiative has been positive.

"By and large, I feel like the administrators of the district are listening, and they are willing to support new ideas," she said.

For comments about recess and other topics, MISD invites parent input, according to Diane Lopez, executive director of elementary education and supervisor of nine schools.

To reach parents, Belloni plans to speak to campus PTA groups this month and posted information about the recess initiative on her website, Permian Kids. She hopes parents who favor the idea will express their support to leaders at their children's schools.

"I think our teachers know what their students — our children — need," Belloni said. "So if our teachers are able to talk to their principals about it, then if our teachers would support them, I think that's how this movement can gain lengths."

Lopez said the district has given campus leaders the autonomy to make recess decisions and that its policies meet state requirements for physical education time. She said MISD also implements recess in elementary schools and encourages daily, unstructured time for students.

Some district teachers have shown innovation in their classrooms with scheduled break times or flexible seating, according to Lopez. She said the

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MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

FBC minister uses skills learned at MC

Variety is definitely the spice of life for 27-year-old Nathan Wennerlind. The 2010 Midland College graduate has degrees in computer graphics and industrial technology and uses the skills he learned obtaining those degrees in his job as assistant activities minister at First Baptist Church. He also organizes children and youth sports leagues, coordinates 16 camps each summer, plans picnics, Super Bowl parties, swim parties and other church-wide events and manages First Baptist Church's skating rink and gym. In his spare time, Wennerlind takes online courses from B.H. Carroll Theological Institute where he is pursuing a master's degree in religion.

Wennerlind

"Church has always been a big part of my life," Wennerlind said. "I've been a member of First Baptist Church since I was in junior high. When I was in college, I interned as a counselor at the church's summer camps. I was active in the Baptist Student Ministry while I was a student at Midland College and UTPB. Spreading the Gospel is what I'm called to do."

Wennerlind earned an associate of applied science degree in computer graphics from MC and then went the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where he completed a bachelor's degree in industrial technology. After graduating from UTPB, Wennerlind worked for two years as a draftsman for BCCK Engineering in Midland.

"I enjoyed working as a draftsman, but I kept thinking about ministry" he said. "I also realized that sitting at a desk all day was not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, so when a ministry opportunity arose, I decided to take a leap of faith and switch careers."

Wennerlind said his job responsibilities change with the seasons, but he still uses his computer graphics skills to design logos, brochures and other material for the First Baptist Church Activities Ministry.

"I have an awesome job at First Baptist," he said. "I mainly work with children and youth. There are far too many forces out there pulling young people away from Christianity. My job is to coordinate fun, healthy activities in a Christian environment that allows people to learn the Gospel and grow in their spiritual journey."

Wennerlind said that First Baptist Church and his parents provided him with the foundation for his relationship with God. He was born and raised in Midland, attended Rusk Elementary School, Alamo Junior High School and Lee High School. His father, Daniel Wennerlind, is a retired supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service.

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ECISD board to hear plans for IR schools

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa American

When Ector County Independent School District resumes in January, the district will continue focusing on schools on improvement required status under state accountability standards and will also make contingency plans if schools in their fifth year don't make it out.

ECISD has eight campuses on improvement required because of low test scores. Ector Middle School and Noel and Zavala elementary schools are in their fifth year of IR. Texas Education Agency spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson said if the campuses don't get out of IR, the Texas education commissioner could close the campuses, or appoint a board of managers to oversee the whole district.

Superintendent Tom Crowe said he has been given a directive by the school board to present plans for what happens if Ector, Noel and Zavala don't get out of IR.

"We'll see what the board thinks of those, what they can swallow and what they can't," Crowe said.

He added that the district could look at partnering with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin or Odessa College, working with an outside group or redoing things in-house.

Crowe said the district is almost to the point where whatever is presented to the board in January will have to be what is done next year.

"If you wait until the test scores come in, it's too late," Crowe said.

The board recently heard two reports in November commissioned by the Education Foundation on a curriculum audit of English language arts from kindergarten through third grade and a student performance analysis.

WLK Educational Consultants provided some examples of lesson plans and Crowe said the district is going to require all campuses on improvement required to use them as a basic framework for what to teach and when to teach it.

"... It's really more for that beginning teacher and that struggling teacher, but the IR campuses we got to make sure they're covering these things," Crowe said.

He said WLK told ECISD it has plenty of resources, maybe even too many. More experienced teachers can use all of it, but a new instructor may not know what to use.

Crowe estimated that about a third of ECISD teachers fall into the beginning or struggling teacher category.

"A really experienced teacher has so much more than that. WLK recommended that we go ahead and write the lesson plans for those

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Decline in graduation exams tests nation's education system

■ Energetic, creative teachers and involved parents will save nations' schools

JAY MATHEWS
Washington Post

In this new year, we are experiencing a drastic change in the way U.S. students are assessed. A national movement led by educators, parents and legislators has greatly cut back high-stakes standardized testing in public schools.

Five years ago, 25 states had standardized high school exit exams whose results affected graduation. Now, only 13 states are doing that. A report by the nonprofit FairTest: The National Center for Fair & Open Testing has revealed this shift and chronicled efforts to reduce many other kinds of testing.

It's a breathtaking turnabout, but without much celebrating. National dissatisfaction with our schools hasn't changed much. It is at 52 percent, according to the Gallup Poll, about where it was in 2012 when 25 states had exit tests. That may have something to do with another development even more important to our schools' futures.

In December, the Collaborative for Student Success, in partnership with Bellwether Education Partners, reported on state efforts to install creative programs to boost achievement, as encouraged by the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

Those efforts are failing miserably, according to 45 experts (including many teachers) who peered deeply into the state plans required by the new law.

"States largely squandered the opportunity … to create stronger, more innovative education plans," the report said. "Most states did not indicate specific steps to improve underperforming schools, nor did they describe concrete, rigorous interventions that underperforming schools should implement."

You may say: So what? Who needs the states or the feds to improve our schools? Educators, parents and students working together can get it done.

In some cases, that is true. In every chapter of our long national education story, innovative teachers, often with parental help, have instituted deeper, livelier, more demanding lessons. As the country has become more affluent and its families more ambitious, the better our schools have become.

But that has been a slow process, with frustrating ups and downs. The rash of standardized testing after the No Child Left Behind Act became law in the early 2000s did not raise achievement averages very much, but the Collaborative for Student Success study indicates that reducing exit tests is not likely to bring much improvement, either. Other high-stakes exams that affect grades, such as finals written by teachers, will continue to have a big impact on students' lives.

The 13 states that have high school exit exams are Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Public high schools in other states must still give state tests, even if they don't affect diplomas.

Parts of Maryland and Virginia, along with the District of Columbia, make up the very education-conscious Washington area. That region continues to have the highest concentration of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge testing in the country. Those are nongovernment programs mostly out of the reach of the legislatures and boards that have reduced exit tests.

The effort to raise school standards since I left high school in the 1960s has been a carnival ride. The growing use of the SAT to measure high schools in the 1970s brought a backlash, as did the landmark 1983 "A Nation at Risk" report, the 1990s standards movement, the federal No Child Left Behind law in the 2000s and the Common Core State Standards in the past decade or so.

We love making schools more accountable. Then, we hate the idea. This new decline of exit tests will almost certainly be followed by another burst of outrage and a renewed campaign to raise achievement. The Collaborative for Student Success study notes that many states "proposed graduation rate goals that far exceeded proficiency rates by 20 percentage points or more, creating the potential for states to graduate students that are not adequately prepared for their futures."

That's the way it goes, back and forth, learning advancing in some places, languishing in others. Fortunately, our schools are still attracting many energetic and creative teachers who want to make a difference. As always, that will be what saves us.

Professionals from Mexico hoping to land a job as a bilingual teacher in Texas crowd around a recruiter from Aldine Independent School District during an international job fair held at a hotel in Monterrey, Mexico on Feb. 3, 2017. School districts are recruiting internationally to stem shortages of certified bilingual teachers.

San Antonio Express-News file photo

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Other states have tried to increase the supply of teachers by making education degrees less expensive or shortening the time required to get one. Arizona Republican Gov. Doug Ducey asked the state's public universities to create new scholarships for students pursuing education degrees. Virginia's Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe directed the state Board of Education to let colleges and universities offer an undergraduate major in teaching, something the state didn't previously allow.

And some states, such as Idaho, are raising teacher salaries in order to encourage more people to become teachers and stay in the profession. Ducey called for a teacher salary increase in his state of the state address last year, as did McAuliffe earlier in December.

Oklahoma's Republican Gov. Mary Fallin has championed a teacher pay increase. Oklahoma teachers haven't had a raise since 2008, and teachers are finding that they can earn more in neighboring states.

But finding money to raise pay has been a hard sell in a state where lawmakers have cut education funding in order to address an ongoing budget shortfall. Funding has dropped so low that some districts are only holding classes four days a week — a schedule Fallin has called "unacceptable."

Oklahomans voted down a ballot initiative last year that would have raised the sales tax by 1 percent to support education funding. The Legislature hasn't voted on a proposal for raising teacher pay since then, said Christy Watson, communications director for the Oklahoma State School Boards Association.

More than 1,800 positions in the state currently are filled by people who hold an emergency teaching credential — which superintendents request as a last resort in order to hire someone who isn't a certified teacher — which is up from 1,100 last year. Watson says the shortages are getting worse.

"It's not a secret that it's going to take a teacher pay raise to really put us on the right path," she said.

State efforts to address teacher shortages are hampered by the fact that states don't collect and publish good data on the positions districts need to fill or on teacher program graduates, says Ross of the National Council on Teacher Quality.

"One of the most important tools that states can put in place is to develop very strong and clear supply and demand data," she said.

Maryland, for example, publishes a teacher staffing report every two years that tracks hiring trends and reveals mismatches between the jobs open and the qualifications of teacher training program graduates.

The data can both help lawmakers make policy decisions and help prospective teachers make career choices, Ross said.

One strategy states can use to attract candidates to hard-to-fill teaching positions — once they have good data on shortage areas — is to offer higher pay for those jobs, Ross said. Her organization found that 31 states create pay incentives in some way, such as offering student loan assistance to new teachers who work in high-need areas. Three states — Florida, New Mexico and Utah — have a model program for giving additional stipends to all people who teach in shortage areas.

There are plenty of other steps states and districts can take to help make teaching jobs more attractive, such as investing in mentoring for new teachers or creating a clear career ladder that gives ambitious professionals a reason to stay in the profession.

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ECISD

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beginning teachers and struggling teachers, so that's what we're doing. ELAR, the English language arts, they've got them through the first couple weeks in January," Crowe said.

Curriculum officials will fill out the lesson plans through the end of the year. This summer, they will work on September through December, he said.

"We're focusing on three through eighth (grade) to begin with because you can't do it all at once. Then we want to hire some of our exemplary teachers in the summer to help with the nine through 12 and the k through 2 to help narrow that curriculum down for them. We've got to find the money to do that," Crowe said.

He added that he's never going to tell teachers how to teach a subject and there have been some teachers who didn't follow the district's curriculum.

"But we do have to control what they teach and when they teach it because if they don't keep up and they fall behind, the kids never get to the end and when they take the EOC (End-of-Course exam) or the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test they haven't seen part of this," Crowe said.

"That's what we've found is our kids weren't exposed to part of it; how do we expect them to score? At least being exposed to it they recognize it at least on the test. That's been one of our challenges is you've got to keep up. I think many times our teachers are such perfectionists they want them to do perfect on it, so they stay with it and all of a sudden they're two weeks behind and then they're three weeks behind, then they're six weeks behind so what we're telling them is you've got to keep moving, but you've got to spiral it back in," he said.

Crowe said he wants principals to have higher expectations for students, like he does.

"Our kids are capable of a whole bunch," he said.

If expectations are lowered, students will slip. If they are barely getting over the line in elementary school and they move on through school and things get harder.

"It's a domino type effect so that's what we're trying to stop," Crowe said.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Greenwood High School senior **Kayleigh Kitto** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Kyle and Leslie Kitto.

Kitto

She is a member of the volleyball team, Interact Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy, UIL team and the school book club. She was named to the Academic All-District and All-State teams.

She is a member of her church's youth group and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Kitto plans to attend the University of Texas or Baylor University and major in nursing.

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Gonzalez

Lee High School senior **Diana Gonzalez** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Antonio and Clarinda Gonzalez.

She is involved in the school's cosmetology program.

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MacPherson

Lee High School senior **Emily MacPherson** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Dereh and Crista MacPherson.

She is captain of the color guard and is an academic letterman.

She volunteers with Midland Humane Society and Sibley Nature Center.

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Midland High School senior **Bailey Goodrum** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Kevin and Leslie Goodrum.

Goodrum

She is a member of the volleyball team, National Honor Society, National Technology Society and Ready Set Teach. She is an academic letterman and a member of the Academic All-District team.

She volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and Breaking Bread. She is a member of First Methodist Church, Young Life and is a Symphony Belle.

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ALPINE — Five Midlanders graduated last month from Sul Ross State University.

The graduates and their degrees are: **Randy Ashton**, bachelor of science, biology; **Devan Gable**, BS, biology; **Mariah Gaston**, bachelor of arts, psychology; **Gerald Mabele**, master of science, biology; and **Jennifer Powell**, master of education (reading specialist).

Gable graduated cum laude, and Gaston graduated magna cum laude.

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CHADRON, Neb — Midlander **Faith Nelson** was named to the President's List for the fall semester at Chadron State College.

To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

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Midlander **Charlotte N. Frost** graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi last month. She received a master of business administration.

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His mother, Peggy Wennerlind, teaches English as a Second Language and tutors reading for Midland Need to Read. She has been instrumental in working with Midland's Burmese Chin population and establishing an English/Chin online dictionary.

Wennerlind said his parents instilled in him not only a strong faith, but also a commitment to family. He enjoys a close relationship with his two siblings, who also graduated from MC. His brother, Matt, teaches Texas History at San Jacinto Junior High. His sister, Angie Baldelomar, lives in Lubbock and has two children. She creates online graphics, and some of her art is being sold as fabric at Hobby Lobby.

In addition to finding a career at First Baptist Church, Wennerlind met his future wife there. Alyssa Thompson is a licensed professional counselor Centers. The couple has been dating for approximately one year. Wennerlind proposed to Thompson at the college's Dollye Neal Chapel on Dec. 22.

"We frequently take walks on the campus, and many times we enjoy stopping at the chapel to sit and relax," he said. "It is such a beautiful place, so when I was thinking about how to 'pop the question' to Alyssa, I immediately thought that the chapel would be the perfect setting. I guess it was — she said 'yes!'"

Wennerlind will begin a new chapter in his life as he continues his faith journey with Thompson by his side.

Plaque from segregated school returns to Texas from Canada

By Nanette Light
Dallas Morning News

MCKINNEY — No one knows how a 70-year-old bronze plaque bearing the names of former McKinney ISD school board members and the district's superintendent made its way to an antique shop in Canada.

Maybe it was pulled from a pile of scrap metal and passed from thrift store to thrift store, someone guessed.

Or divine intervention, chimed in another.

The Dallas Morning News reports that while the case of the traveling plaque remains a mystery, the sign — which identifies the John Fenet Auditorium at the formerly segregated E.S. Doty School in McKinney — is finally home after decades away.

Recently at McKinney High School, principal Alan Arbabi and McKinney ISD Superintendent Rick McDaniel unveiled the plaque to about 10 former Doty students and teachers.

"My role as a principal is to make sure that we are always honoring the past," Arbabi said. "Every student who walks into McKinney High School has the advantage no matter where you are from or what ethnicity you are. For me, that's a

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district has explored other options for activity, including those within physical education courses.

"We know that recess gives more of an unstructured approach, which is why we're looking at other ways that we could be innovative to provide students some of that unstructured time," she said.

Belloni said she is in favor of having physical education courses in addition to increasing recess time. She directed the Reporter-Telegram toward a study from the "International Journal of Play," which found the following: "recess offered, on average, 30 percent more steps per minute than organized gym periods."

Another MISD parent, Tonia Brown, notices the advantages of movement. Brown is a physical therapist and said exercising at an early age helps children develop healthy habits. She said it also provides social interaction and problem-solving opportunities.

"The exercise is important, but all the other benefits are just as important," she said.

Brown said she became a proponent of adding recess time at the elementary level after noticing her active son had difficulty adjusting to only one break in his school day. She and Belloni hope parents reach out to campus leaders so district officials can make changes.

"What I want them to do is start the conversation, look at the research, consider a model that works for their school and increase the recess minutes," Belloni said.

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	BET	58	-		40		Movie	(:25) ★ To Be Announced					The Mane Event		The Mane Event		Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		Stripped (N)		Watch	Beverly "Bad Guys"		VanderR
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners: Cuts (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Tesla's Death Ray		Moonshiners		Tesla's Death Ray	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Underc.	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				H.S. Football		NFL Live	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ ★★ Monster-in-Law				★★ Maid in Manhattan ('02, Com) Jennifer Lopez.				The 700 Club		★ Boys and Girls	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Power of Sports	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Columbus Blue Jackets at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Post-game (L)	Rangers Insider	WPT Poker L.A. Classic	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Spider-Man 3		★★★ 22 Jump Street Channing Tatum.					★★★ 22 Jump Street Channing Tatum.				
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		Restor (N)	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Curse of Oak Island		Oak Island (N)		Curse Oak Island (N)		(:10) Hunt Hitler (N)		(:10) Oak Island		(:55) Oak Island	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy "Straight to the Heart"		Married at First Sight (N)		Married/ First Sight "Wedding Prep" (N)		Jamieandoug (N)	Jamieandoug (N)	JamieDou gPlusOne	JamieDou gPlusOne	Married at First Sight	
	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				NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers (L)				NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers (L)						Overtime	Fanatics
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	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	(4:30) ★ The Fifth E...		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Joker's Wild	Drop the Mic	Conan Elijah Wood, JoAnna Garcia Swisher	Joker's Wild	Joker's Wild	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Bridge to T...		★ Million Dollar ...		(:15) ★★★★ It's a Gift		(:45) ★★★★ The Bank Dick				(:15) ★ Never Give ...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Hasta Que Te Conoc		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Rescue Me" Whitney's all set for a whirlwind tour. (SP) (N)				(:05) I Am Jazz "Winds of Change" (SP) (N)		(:05) My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Rescue Me" Whitney's all set for a whirlwind tour.			
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Party in the Pants"		Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 2" 2/4		Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 3" (N)		Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 3" 3/4		Law & Order "Coming Down Hard"		Law & Order "Gunplay"	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Teachers	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spiraling Down"		WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN	19	85				★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington. A disillusioned mercenary seeks vengeance when a girl in his care is kidnapped.						★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington. A disillusioned mercenary seeks vengeance when a girl in his care is kidnapped.					

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Both patience and pocketbook are worn thin by grandkids

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I recently moved back home to help take care of my mom. We get along well, but there's one major issue. She has to care for my brother's four kids every day and is pretty much raising them. Because they are loud, whiny, rude and demanding, my mother snaps and yells at them constantly. It makes life miserable for everyone.

My brother refuses to accept the fact that he's taking advantage of our mom financially and emotionally. He has plenty to say about me moving back home, though, even though I help to pay bills and contribute. Never once has he offered to make a dent in the huge grocery bill his children ring up, and he complains about how much gas Mom uses toting them to the half-dozen or so programs he has them in.

I have PTSD, and the situation is taking its toll on me to the point that I can no longer be around the kids or my mom. Is there anything I can do? Or must I just accept that this is how life will be if I choose to stay home? — TAKING A TOLL IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TAKING A TOLL: Have a talk with your mother about her short fuse with the grandchildren, and figure out why it's happening. If she is so stressed or sick that she can't manage them, correct them and give them positive reinforcement, they should not be under her supervision.

Your brother should not expect his mother to foot the bill for feeding and transporting them. If your mother can't make him understand that, then the two of you should make clear that if he doesn't pony up, his children will have to go to day care rather than Grandma's.

And last, because this unpleasant family dynamic is taking a toll on you, you must decide if you want to remain in that household under those conditions, or if coming home to take care of your mother was a mistake you should rectify.

DEAR ABBY: We are a couple in our 70s living in drought-stricken Southern California. Our dearest friends moved to Nevada three years ago, and we visit them often.

What drives me crazy when we visit is the way they use water. When we finish a meal, my hostess will go to the sink and rinse the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher. I mentioned to her that it was only necessary to scrape the plates, that the dishwasher is designed to wash dirty dishes, and she agreed — temporarily. The last time we visited, she was back to her old habits. Also, she runs the dishwasher when it's only half-full, instead of waiting until there's a full load.

I realize that Nevada is not having a drought, but I find her water waste very upsetting. I'm aware that it's her house and her water, and she can do what she wants, but is there anything you can suggest that I can say or do to get her to cut down on her water usage? — PARCHED IN SO-CAL

DEAR PARCHED: I have news for you. California is not the only state that has suffered through drought problems. Nevada has plenty of them, too. Make the speech you're dying to make once and get it off your chest. After that, be a gracious guest and keep your mouth shut. You are not the drought police, and if you keep harping on this, you may no longer be a welcome houseguest.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

All rise

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A K Q
♡ J 10 7 6
◊ J 6 4
♣ J 7 2

WEST
♠ J
♡ A 9 5
◊ K 8 7 5 3
♣ 9 5 4 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 5 4 3
♡ K 8 2
◊ Q 9
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 6 2
♡ Q 4 3
◊ A 10 2
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Five of ◊

East in today's deal was Zia Mahmood, one of the most colorful personalities in bridge history. He rose to bridge prominence in the early 1980's and spent more than a decade representing Pakistan in world championship play. When not playing for his country, he split his time between London and New York playing high-stakes rubber bridge. He relocated to the USA in the mid-1990's and has won three world championships while representing the USA.

Declarer played low from dummy on the opening diamond lead and Zia played his queen. There is much to be said for playing the nine instead, playing partner for A10xxx or K10xxx rather than AKxxx. Should the nine be the winning play, however, that would leave the suit blocked and the defense might not have time to unblock. It didn't matter on this deal and declarer captured the queen with the ace.

South cleverly crossed to dummy with a spade in order to lead a low heart. His hope was to lose the first heart trick to West, knocking out his entry before the diamonds were set up. Assuming that the hearts behaved favorably, he could develop his ninth trick from the club suit later. Zia foiled this plan brilliantly by rising with his king of hearts to fire back his remaining diamond. This set up West's suit and he still had the ace of hearts as an entry.

South might have tried the jack of hearts from dummy instead of a low heart. We're sure Zia would have found the winning play, but he would have had to think about it for a moment.

Barbara Haddock Taylor/Baltimore Sun/TNS

Knox, a pit bull from the SPCA, listens as fifth-graders at Westport Academy Elementary/Middle School in Baltimore practice their skills by reading to him.

Children practice reading with SPCA dogs

■ Pet ambassador program is effort to improve students' skills, boost self-esteem

By Talia Richman
Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The gray and white pit bull sat in the center of the circle of fifth-graders. He listened attentively as the students took turns reading to him. At times, his droopy eyes appeared to lock with those of the readers.

Four-year-old Knox is one of the "pet ambassadors" who travel to Westport Academy Elementary/Middle School every Tuesday to listen to students read as part of an effort to improve their reading skills and boost their self-esteem.

Organizers say practicing reading with dogs promotes confidence among students who may struggle to read at grade level. The Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, one of the country's oldest animal welfare groups, has been working with the school since January.

"I was one of those kids growing up that reading out loud was scary for me," said Katie Flory, the Maryland SPCA's community affairs director. "A lot of the kids here feel the same way. But with the dogs, they don't have to worry about that. They're not being judged."

Similar programs are catching on in animal shelters and schools across the country.

Less than 5 percent of students at Westport passed the English Language Arts portion of the statewide assessments last year. Flory said it's too early to measure what impact reading to dogs might have on test scores. But Principal Melody Locke said it has already influenced the culture in the South Baltimore school.

"I can say that interest in reading has definitely increased," she said. "This is a piece of the puzzle, just getting them interested in picking books up."

In 2010, researchers at the University of California, Davis studied a group of students who read to dogs once a week for 10 weeks. They found that third-graders improved their reading fluency by 12 percent.

The experience also changed students' feelings toward reading aloud. At the beginning of the study, students told the researchers that they felt self-conscious, clumsy, and uncomfortable reading out loud. By the end, they described it as fun and cool, and said they felt more relaxed when reading to a dog.

When Knox, the pitbull, and Lucy Gaga, a Boston terrier, walk through the Westport doors, they're immediately enveloped by students who are excited to read to them, pet them, and cuddle with them on fuzzy carpets in the school's multipurpose room.

"The students always look forward" to reading to the dogs, third grade teacher Kelsey Stritzinger said. "Their faces light up anytime I say, 'We have SPCA today.'"

Deasia Allen, a 10-year-old fifth-grader, said she has become a more confident reader since the dogs started showing up at her school. She likes it so much that she started reading to her own dog at home. She said her chihuahua, Missy, is a much more attentive listener than her little sister.

"My dog never gets up and says, 'I want to leave, this is boring,'" Deasia said.

About 200 Westport students read to the dogs on an alternating, bi-weekly schedule.

The students flip through an age-appropriate book with an animal theme. They are encouraged to gently help their classmates sound out difficult words, or point them to the right page should they get lost.

As they read, Lucy Gaga weaves underneath the plastic blue chairs. Nearby, Knox sits in his doggy bed, while students lean over to pet him.

The books tie into larger lesson plans taught by SPCA staff on the humane treatment of animals. The staff members explain how to greet a dog correctly and what pet care entails, among other topics.

The SPCA hopes to leave students with more compassion for animals and each other. The students go on field trips to the shelter, and learn how to show love and care to cats and dogs.

Researchers say animal abuse indicates a person is more likely to also turn to violence against people.

"I like how the children respond to the whole idea of being compassionate to animals," Locke said. "If they're compassionate to animals, the connection will be made to be compassionate to fellow human beings."

Locke said she notices students behaving more gently toward each other when they read to the dogs. That's especially important at a school like Westport, she said, where about 30 percent of students have special needs and may be more susceptible to bullying.

The program is funded with a $15,000 grant from the The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. The foundation's Baltimore Library Project has transformed libraries at 14 middle and elementary schools in recent years.

The SPCA hopes to expand the program to more Weinberg libraries in coming years.

"It's helped some of our more shy students come out of their shells," said Rachel Duden, a program associate with the foundation. "Reading to the dogs and not feeling like they have to be scared has helped them improve."

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proud thing to be able to say for our school."

Breaking down barriers

Originally called Frederick Douglass School from its inception in 1889 until 1938, it was renamed after E.S. Doty, who led it as principal for 50 years until 1940. Though Doty had the same superintendent and school board as McKinney High School, it operated under the Jim Crow laws of "separate but equal."

Doty, which was open to grades one through 12, closed in 1965 after school board members unanimously voted to integrate all McKinney schools, according to the district.

"We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and broke down barriers," McDaniel said. "It's important any time we have an opportunity to go back and bring honor to our past."

The plaque will remain in a hallway case at the high school filled with Doty photos and memorabilia, including former student Dorothy Shaw's worn band jacket and saxophone. She attended Doty from first through seventh grades and then McKinney High School after schools were desegregated.

She pointed to glass-encased black-and-white photos of several of her former instructors at Doty including her piano teacher, former principal Reuben Johnson, her sixth-grade teacher and band director.

"(Doty) was a very vital part of the community," said Shaw, a 1971 McKinney High School graduate. "It's just part of our history here in McKinney."

Jason Janik/Dallas Morning News via AP

Guests view items on display Dec. 18, 2017, during a historical plaque unveiling at McKinney High School in McKinney.

Making a difference

Randy Anderson-Fennell, who lives in British Columbia, paid $120 to rescue the plaque from the Fort Langley, British Columbia, antique store last year. He works as an electrician at a school district near Vancouver and said he's often seen plaques like the Doty one outside school buildings.

This summer, Anderson-Fennell and his wife tracked down a contact for the McKinney district and began discussing how to return the plaque to Texas.

"Knowing there was a little bit of dark history there when times obviously weren't exactly equal and right, I think it's good to make sure these things get back and the history is always remembered and never repeated," Anderson-Fennell said in a recent telephone interview. "And everyone moves forward knowing not to repeat the past."

Jesse McGowen, a 1959 Doty graduate, called the plaque's homecoming a "miracle."

He was a teacher at Doty before integration, leaving during desegregation to teach and coach at what was then McKinney Junior High School, now Caldwell Middle School. Though he called McKinney's transition to integrate smoother compared to the experiences of other school districts, he remembers there were people who didn't want black students and teachers in their schools.

McGowen was recruited in 1973 to be McKinney ISD's first black counselor after a fight broke out between black and white McKinney High School students over desegregation.

"It doesn't matter if it is black, white, brown or blue. (Doty is) a part of McKinney, and it made a difference in McKinney," said McGowen, for whom the district's Jesse McGowen Elementary School is named.

"You can't talk about McKinney without talking about Doty."

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Efforts grow to help students evaluate what they see online

By Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Alarmed by the proliferation of false content online, state lawmakers around the country are pushing schools to put more emphasis on teaching students how to tell fact from fiction.

Lawmakers in several states have introduced or passed bills calling on public school systems to do more to teach media literacy skills that they say are critical to democracy. The effort has been bipartisan but has received little attention despite successful legislation in Washington state, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Mexico.

Several more states are expected to consider such bills in the coming year, including Arizona, New York and Hawaii.

"I don't think it's a partisan issue to appreciate the importance of good information and the teaching of tools for navigating the information environment," said Hans Zeiger, a Republican state senator in Washington who co-sponsored a bill that passed in his state earlier this year. "There is such a thing as an objective source versus other kinds of sources, and that's an appropriate thing for schools to be teaching."

Advocates say the K-12 curriculum has not kept pace with rapid changes in technology. Studies show many children spend hours every day online but struggle to comprehend the content that comes at them.

For years, they have pushed schools to incorporate media literacy — including the ability to evaluate and analyze sources of information — into lesson plans in civics, language arts, science and other subjects.

Their efforts started getting traction after the 2016 presidential election, which highlighted how even many adults can be fooled by false and misleading content peddled by agenda-driven domestic and foreign sources.

"Five years ago, it was difficult to get people to understand what we were doing and what we wanted to see happen in education and the skills students needed to learn," said Michelle Ciulla Lipkin, executive director of the National Association for Media Literacy Education. "Now there is no question about the vitalness of this in classrooms."

A study published last year by Stanford University researchers also brought the issue into focus. It warned that students from middle school to college were "easily duped" and ill-equipped to use reason with online information.

The researchers warned that "democracy is threatened by the ease at which disinformation about civic issues is allowed to spread and flourish."

In June, Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy signed a bill establishing an advisory council to develop recommendations that will include instructing students on evaluating what they see and read online.

Jennifer Rocca, a high school librarian in Brookfield, Connecticut, was among several supporters who urged lawmakers to pass the legislation.

Her digital literacy course, a requirement for freshmen, challenges students to evaluate the credibility of online sources so they can spot falsehoods and biased information. She requires students to cite their sources when conducting research and explain why each would have the authority to be credible.

Without stronger statewide standards, Rocca said she worries that some school districts will not do enough to develop skills that are critical for students and society.

"You should be expected to navigate the internet and evaluate the information no matter where you go to school," she said.

Many of the state bills are based on model legislation backed by a coalition of groups, including Media Literacy Now and the Digital Citizenship Institute. Advocates say the laws are a good first step that must be paired with updates to teacher education programs, funding for professional development and other changes throughout the education system.

Two fired, 1 retired, a near miss on 'Black Monday'

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

The Lions and Bears showed their coaches the door. Bruce Arians of the Cardinals found it himself. And Vance Joseph of the Broncos remained gainfully employed despite enduring the sort of season that doesn't go down well in Denver.

What is traditionally the NFL's biggest day for firings, "Black Monday," started with a flurry when Detroit canned Jim Caldwell and Chicago did the same to John Fox, both before noon.

"Today is the tough part of our results-oriented business," said Fox, whose team went 14-34 and finished last in all three of his seasons in Chicago.

He and Caldwell, who went 36-28 in four seasons but didn't win a playoff game, joined Jack Del Rio of the Raiders and Chuck Pagano of the Colts, whose owners didn't even wait until the calendar turned, choosing to sack them after their games Sunday.

But that was it.

Arians, who has been dealing with health problems, including a bout with kidney cancer, announced he was leaving Arizona, though that was widely expected.

In a teary news conference, the 65-year-old Arians called his stay in Arizona, which included 49 victories over five seasons "a great ride." Sporting his trademark cap and toying with his grey goatee, Arians said an eye opener came over the summer when his wife told him his son, Jake, was soon to turn 40.

"It hit me like a ton of bricks, that I missed all that time," Arians said. "That's the culture. I probably wouldn't change anything."

Joseph, a rookie head coach who oversaw a 5-11 season that included an eight-game losing streak, was on the hot seat. But his boss, John Elway, slept on it and decided to keep Joseph and not begin a search for the team's fourth coach in five years.

"We believe in Vance as our head coach," Elway tweeted . "Together, we'll put in the work to improve in all areas and win in 2018."

The Marvin Lewis situation in Cincinnati — well, it's complicated. Lewis completed his 15th season with the Bengals, and conventional

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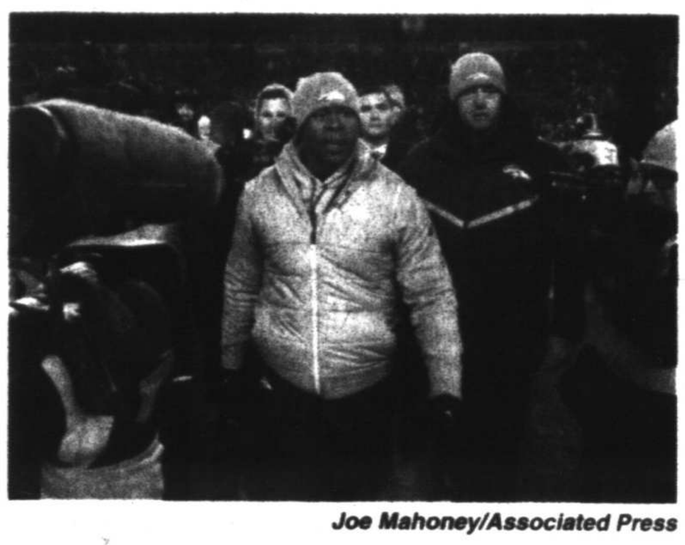

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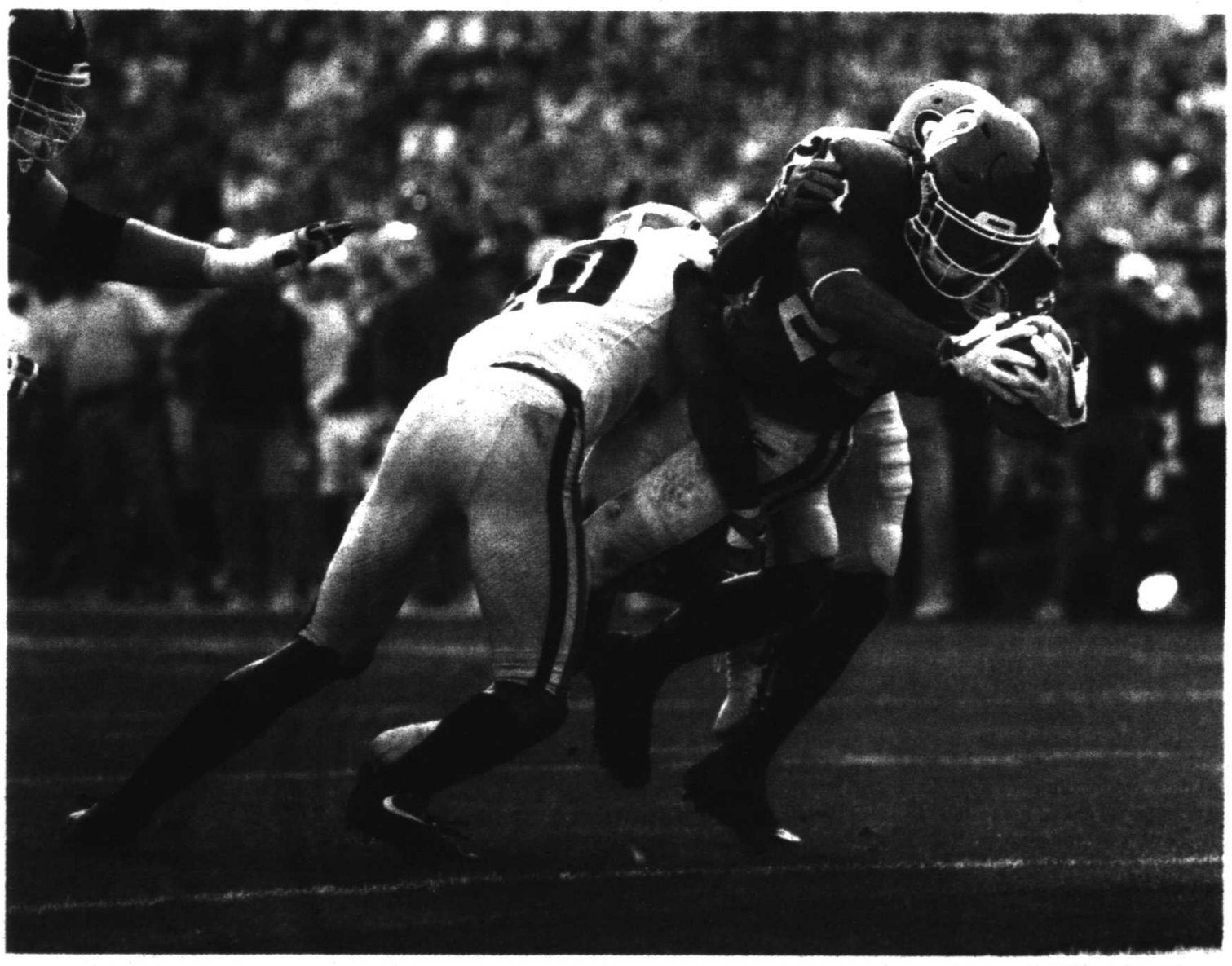
Denver Broncos coach Vance Joseph walks off the field after the team's 27-24 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs during an NFL game Sunday in Denver.

Bulldogs in the championship



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Oklahoma running back Rodney Anderson dives for a touchdown between Georgia defensive back J.R. Reed, left, and safety Dominick Sanders, right, during the first half of the Rose Bowl NCAA football game Monday in Pasadena, Calif.

Georgia beats Oklahoma 54-48 in Rose Bowl

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Sony Michel burst through the line for a 27-yard touchdown run to give No. 3 Georgia a 54-48 victory Monday night against No. 2 Oklahoma, winning the first overtime Rose Bowl and sending the Bulldogs to the College Football Playoff championship game.

Michel, who had a fumble in the fourth quarter returned for a go-ahead Oklahoma touchdown, ran for 181 yards and three scores for the Bulldogs (13-1), but none bigger than the last one in the second overtime.

"I made plays. I gave up plays. My team just had faith in me," said Michel, who did all that damage on just 11 carries. "That's what this team is all about. They showed true character today."

In the final game of one of his great career, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns, and caught a touchdown pass that gave the Sooners a 17-point lead with 6 seconds left in the first half.

But the Heisman Trophy winner could not get the Sooners into the end zone in the first overtime when a touchdown would have ended the game.

The Bulldogs will play either Alabama or Clemson on Jan. 8 for the national championship in Atlanta, about 90 miles from their campus — with a chance to win their first national title since 1980.

"We got to get back to work. It's not done," Michel said. "Now we got to finish. Let's just finish this season off right."

The first overtime Rose Bowl was also the highest scoring, surpassing last year's 52-49 USC victory against Penn State. There was a lot more on the line in this one, which will go down as one of the greatest Granddaddies of Them All.

After an offside penalty on Georgia gave Oklahoma a first down on third-and-five in the second OT possession, the Sooners stalled again and Austin Seibert came out for a 27-yard field goal. Leaping through the line, Lorenzo Carter got his outstretched hand on the kick and the ball fluttered down short of the uprights.

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Texas Tech fires women's head basketball coach

From staff and wire reports

LUBBOCK — Kirby Hocutt, Texas Tech director of Athletics, announced on Monday that head women's basketball coach Candi Whitaker has been relieved of her duties.

The announcement comes one day after the Lady Raiders were blown out, 97-49, by No. 6-ranked Baylor.

Texas Tech started Big 12 play with a 41-point loss to Oklahoma and was 6-7 on the season.

"Lady Raider basketball has a proud tradition of excellence," Hocutt said in a press release. "We are not satisfied with the current state of the program and are determined to bring Texas Tech women's basketball back to where it belongs in the Big 12 and national landscape."

Whitaker, who was in her fifth season coaching the Lady Raiders, was 55-82 overall and 14-62 in Big 12 play.

She had signed a contract extension two years ago that would have kept her in Lubbock through 2020.

Whitaker, who is a Canyon native and is married to Lee grad Matt Whitaker, played for the Lady Raiders for two seasons from 2000-02 and helped the team make back-to-back appearances in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

The program, which won the 1993 national championship behind National-Player-of-the-Year Sheryl Swoopes, hasn't made the NCAA Tournament since the end of the 2013 season.

Before returning to Texas Tech as its head coach, Whitaker served as the associate head coach at Oklahoma State University for one season and was also the head coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from 2006-12.

Assistant coach Shimmy Gray-Miller will serve as interim coach for the remainder of the regular season.

Just last week, associate head coach Melanie Balcomb resigned for personal reasons.

The Lady Raiders return to action at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday when they host Kansas at United Supermarkets Arena.

Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

Texas Tech head coach Candi Whitaker gestures in the first quarter of an NCAA basketball game against Baylor in the Big 12 Conference women's tournament March 5, 2016 in Oklahoma City.

Texas upends Iowa State 74-70 in OT

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — After dropping its first two overtime games, Texas finally survived an extra session thanks to a career-best shooting effort from Dylan Osetkowski.

Osetkowski scored a career-high 25 points with seven 3-pointers — including the go-ahead bucket with 33.5 seconds left in overtime — and Texas beat Iowa State 74-70 on Monday night to improve to 3-0 on the road.

Mohamed Bamba had 10 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks for the Longhorns (10-4, 1-1 Big 12), who have also beaten VCU and Alabama away from Austin this season.

But after dropping OT games against Duke and Gonzaga, Osetkowski helped Texas survive a game that featured 17 lead changes and ended with its first win in Ames since 2010.

"All I did was shoot the ball with confidence," Osetkowski said.

He got plenty of help from Bamba, who blocked Cameron Lard under the basket with two minutes left in overtime. Matt Coleman then beat Nick Weiler-Babb off the dribble and got a reverse layup under Lard to put Texas ahead 67-63 with 1:41 to go.

Iowa State responded though, as Lard and Jackson scored in the paint to tie it at 67.

As he had all night, Osetkowski pulled up from the elbow and calmly put Texas ahead by 3. Bamba redirected a Donovan Jackson floater, and Coleman iced it at the line.

"It just shows our fight," Coleman said. "You've got to find a way to win."

Jackson scored 24 points to lead Iowa State (9-4, 0-2), which is off to its first 0-2 start in league play since 2010-11. Lard added a career-best 21 points with 16 rebounds.

"With this team, we're going to grow with every week, every game," Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said. "We've just got to continue to work."

The big picture

Texas: With Iowa State in a deep rebuild, a defeat in Ames currently qualifies as a bad loss for Big 12 teams. The Longhorns didn't play great, but they did just enough to avoid suffering a resume-deflating event. "Road wins are hard to come by in this league," Texas coach Shaka Smart said.

Iowa State: Both of Iowa State's Big 12 losses came at home against unranked

Please see **TEXAS**/2C

Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Texas forward Mohamed Bamba (4) grabs a rebound in front of Iowa State forward Cameron Lard (2) during the second half of an NCAA basketball game Monday in Ames, Iowa. Texas won 74-70 in overtime.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Hockey
Great Lakes Invitational Consolation, 1:30 p.m., FCSA
Great Lakes Invitational Championship, 5 p.m., FCSA

Hockey
Noon- SHL: Farjestad vs. Frolunda- ELVN
IIHF World Junior Championships
Czech Republic vs. Finland, 11 a.m., NHL
Canada vs. Switzerland, 3 p.m., NHL
USA vs. Russia, 7 p.m., NHL

Men's College Basketball
Indiana at Wisconsin, 6 p.m., ESPN
Michigan at Iowa, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Auburn at Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPNU
TCU at Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPNews
Butler at Xavier, 6 p.m., FS1
Alabama at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., SEC
Penn State at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN
Toledo at Buffalo, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Texas Tech at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN
Florida at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Pittsburgh at Louisville, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Georgetown at DePaul, 8 p.m., FS1
Arkansas at Mississippi State, 8 p.m., SEC
Nebraska at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN
San Diego State at Colorado State, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer
PL: Swansea City vs. Tottenham Hotspur, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
Coppa Italia: SSC Napoli vs. Atalanta BC, 2 p.m., GolTV

National Basketball Association
Portland at Cleveland, 6 p.m., NBAtv
San Antonio at New York, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+
Memphis at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Columbus at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN

Olympic Trials
Speed Skating: Women's 3000, Men's 5000, 4:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: Qatar ExxonMobil Open, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS
UTSA Winter National Championship: Girls & Boys Championships, 2:30 p.m., TENNIS
WTA: Brisbane Invitational, 7 p.m., beIN
ATP: Brisbane Invitational, 7 p.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball
Creighton at Seton Hall, 6 p.m., FS2

RADIO

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at New York, 6:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

Boys Basketball
Seminole at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Andrews at Big Spring, 5 p.m.
Stanton at Pecos, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at Midland High JV, 4 p.m.
Westbrook at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Bronte at Garden City, 8 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Big Spring at Fort Stockton, 12:30 p.m.
Grady at Ropes, 2:30 p.m.
Andrews at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Westbrook at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Bronte at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

No. 6 West Virginia holds off Kansas State, 77-69

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — West Virginia coach Bob Huggins has a play card packed with 75 offensive sets, yet he couldn't seem to find anything that would work against Kansas State on Monday.

So Huggins told his guys to get the Wildcats to chase them in the hopes of opening up the lane.

Maybe that freelancing should be set No. 76.

Teddy Allen kept driving to the rim and scored 22 points, Lamont West added 19, and the sixth-ranked Mountaineers — so often the undersized team whenever they step on the floor — beat up pesky Kansas State in the paint in a 77-69 victory that pushed their win streak to 13 games.

"When you can't make a shot you have to do something," Huggins said, "and we couldn't make one."

The Mountaineers (13-1, 2-0), who have not lost since their opener against Texas A&M in Germany, were 4 of 15 from beyond the arc. But they offset that poor perimeter shooting by outrebounding Kansas State (11-3, 1-1) and compiling a massive 40-18 advantage in points in the pain.

"They're really good at making you shoot the ball over you. It's kind of like playing Virginia, to a degree. You got 10 eyes on you all the time," Huggins said. "We had to get close."

West Virginia was clinging to a 65-61 lead down the stretch when Allen went to work, slicing down the lane and picking up fouls. He kept knocking down the free throws, scoring eight points in the closing minutes while helping the Mountaineers to their first win on New Year's Day.

West Virginia had lost its previous four games on Jan. 1.

"We kept the game within a couple possessions for the most part, but at the end they kind of picked us apart," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "They just seemed to make all the right plays."

Xavier Sneed scored 20 points and Dean Wade had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Kansas State, but the duo couldn't compensate for miserable performances by Barry Brown and Kamau Stokes.

Orlin Wagner/Associated Press

Kansas State forward Levi Stockard III (34) tries to pass to a teammate while covered by West Virginia guard Jevon Carter (2) during the first half of an NCAA basketball game Monday in Manhattan, Kan.

Brown finished with 14 points, but he was just 5 of 13 from the field and committed seven of the Wildcats' 15 turnovers. Stokes was 0 for 10 from the field and had six points.

"They fought the game a little bit today, instead of letting it come," Weber said.

The Mountaineers' pressure defense caused several lengthy first-half droughts for Kansas State, and at one point West Virginia had built a 25-15 lead with just over three minutes to go.

It took little-used guard Brian Patrick, whose career-best night came against West Virginia last season, to get the Wildcats going. He entered just before the break and knocked down a 3-pointer, then fed Brown for another 3, closing the deficit to 31-26 heading to the locker room.

The Mountaineers kept the Wildcats at arm's length most of the second half, relying on their tough defense, some ugly misfires and a few fortunate calls to maintain their advantage.

Kansas State trailed 65-55 with 5 1/2 minutes left when it made a final run. Wade got to the foul line, Brown followed him there and Sneed knocked down his sixth 3-pointer from right in front of his bench to claw the Wildcats within 65-61 at the under-4 media timeout.

Allen and the Mountaineers showed their poise down the stretch.

The freshman forward went to the foul line on three consecutive trips down the floor, knocking down six straight free throws. And when Wade threw the ball away and failed to convert on a free throw of his own, the Mountaineers built enough of a cushion to hold on the rest of the way.

They're a great team. They made some plays down the stretch," Wade said. "We've just got to move on from this game, it's behind us. We can't do anything about it now."

NHL GLANCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	38	28	8	2	58	144	93
Boston	37	21	10	6	48	114	94
Toronto	40	23	15	2	48	135	118
Florida	38	17	16	5	39	106	121
Detroit	38	15	16	7	37	104	119
Montreal	39	16	19	4	36	100	122
Ottawa	37	12	17	8	32	98	128
Buffalo	39	10	20	9	29	86	129
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	40	24	13	3	51	123	113
New Jersey	38	22	10	6	50	121	113
N.Y. Rangers	39	21	13	5	47	123	109
Columbus	40	22	15	3	47	113	114
N.Y. Islanders	39	20	15	4	44	136	139
Carolina	38	18	13	7	43	106	114
Pittsburgh	40	19	18	3	41	111	128
Philadelphia	38	16	14	8	40	106	109
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Winnipeg	40	23	11	6	52	134	110
Nashville	38	23	10	5	51	123	104
St. Louis	41	24	15	2	50	119	102
Dallas	40	22	15	3	47	122	112
Minnesota	39	20	16	3	43	110	113
Chicago	38	18	14	6	42	112	106
Colorado	38	19	16	3	41	123	120
Pacific Division							
Vegas	37	26	9	2	54	132	106
Los Angeles	39	23	11	5	51	115	91
San Jose	36	20	12	4	44	98	92
Anaheim	40	18	14	8	44	109	115
Calgary	39	19	16	4	42	108	114
Edmonton	39	17	19	3	37	114	126
Vancouver	39	16	18	5	37	106	127
Arizona	41	9	27	5	23	94	146

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.

Sunday's Scores
Vegas 6, Toronto 3
Anaheim 5, Arizona 2
Tampa Bay 5, Columbus 0
Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 1
Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 0
Dallas 6, San Jose 0
Colorado 6, N.Y. Islanders 1
Calgary 4, Chicago 3. OT

Monday's Scores
N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 2. OT

Today's Games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vegas, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	30	10	.750	—
Toronto	25	10	.714	2½
New York	18	18	.500	10
Philadelphia	17	19	.472	11
Brooklyn	14	23	.378	14½
Southeast Division				
Washington	21	16	.568	—
Miami	19	17	.528	1½
Charlotte	13	23	.361	7½
Orlando	12	26	.316	9½
Atlanta	10	26	.278	10½
Central Division				
Cleveland	24	12	.667	—
Detroit	20	15	.571	3½
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	4½
Indiana	19	18	.514	5½
Chicago	13	24	.351	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	26	9	.743	—
San Antonio	25	12	.676	2
New Orleans	18	18	.500	8½
Dallas	13	25	.342	14½
Memphis	12	25	.324	15
Northwest Division				
Minnesota	24	14	.632	—
Oklahoma City	20	17	.541	3½
Portland	19	17	.528	4
Denver	19	17	.528	4
Utah	16	21	.432	7½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	29	8	.784	—
L.A. Clippers	16	19	.457	12
Phoenix	14	24	.368	15½
Sacramento	12	24	.333	16½
L.A. Lakers	11	25	.306	17½

Sunday's Scores
Washington 114, Chicago 110
Minnesota 107, Indiana 90
Boston 108, Brooklyn 105
Dallas 116, Oklahoma City 113
Houston 148, L.A. Lakers 142, 2OT
L.A. Clippers 106, Charlotte 98
Memphis 114, Sacramento 96
Philadelphia 123, Phoenix 110

Monday's Scores
Brooklyn 98, Orlando 95
Toronto 131, Milwaukee 127, OT
Minnesota 114, L.A. Lakers 96
Portland 124, Chicago 120, OT

Today's Games
Portland at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SPORTS ODDS

NFL
Playoffs Saturday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at KANSAS CITY	7½	7½	(44½)	Tennessee
at LA RAMS	5	6	(48½)	Atlanta
Playoffs Sunday				
at JACKSONVILLE	7½	7½	(40)	Buffalo
at NEW ORLEANS	5½	6	(48½)	Carolina

SKI REPORT

NEW MEXICO

Angel Fire — Mon 6:07 am MG machine groomed 12 - 12 base 6 of 78 trails
28% open, 5 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat: 9a-6p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Mon 5:06 am MG machine groomed 12 - 16 base 3 of 44 trails, 7% open
2 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Red River — Sat 11:25 am MG machine groomed 20 - 24 base 15 of 63 trails
24% open, 5 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Mon 7:53 am variable machine groomed 14 - 14 base 1 of 39 trails
3% open, 2 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun
Dec 31-Jan 2: 9a-4p; . .

Sipapu — Mon 5:38 am MG machine groomed 18 - 18 base 12 of 43 trails, 28% open
4 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Sat 8:05 am MG machine groomed 20 - 20 base 3 of 55 trails, 6% open
4 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 10:43 am MG machine groomed 22 - 22 base 13 of 83 trails
16% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Mon 12:41 am MG machine groomed 10 - 18 base 13 of 110 trails, 12% open
9 of 15 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Enchanted Forest XC — Opening soon for snow sports

ROCKIES
COLORADO

Arapahoe Basin — Mon 5:21 am packed powder 35 - 35 base 57 of 132 trails
43% open, 483 acres, 7 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Mon 5:08 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 33 base 63 of 122 trails
52% open, 609 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Mon 5:06 am packed powder machine groomed 13 - 16 base 46 of 76 trails
61% open, 405 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Mon 5:08 am MG machine groomed 18 - 18 base 40 of 150 trails
27% open, 646 acres, 19 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Breckenridge — Mon 5:10 am MG machine groomed 32 - 32 base 91 of 187 trails
49% open, 1456 acres, 32 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Buttermilk — Mon 5:06 am packed powder machine groomed 8 - 10 base 23 of 44 trails
52% open, 247 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8a-3:30p;

Cooper — Mon 4:53 am packed powder 9 - 20 base 36 of 39 trails, 100% open
400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Copper Mountain — Mon 5:09 am packed powder 22 - 22 base 63 of 143 trails
65% open, 19 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Mon 5:13 am packed powder machine groomed 29 - 29 base 74 of 121 trails
79% open, 511 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Echo Mountain — Sat 3:14 am MG machine groomed 6 - 18 base 3 of 9 trails
39% open, 2 of 3 lifts, Tue-Fri: 11a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Dec 31: 9a-4p
Jan 01: 11a-4p; Open Tue-Sun;

Eldora — Mon 5:40 am MG machine groomed 30 - 30 base 40 of 64 trails, 68% open
580 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Hidden Valley — Closed

Keystone — Mon 5:10 am MG machine groomed 31 - 31 base 76 of 127 trails
60% open, 1400 acres, 20 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

NBA ROUNDUP

RAPTORS 131, BUCKS 127, OT

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored a franchise-record 52 points, and the Toronto Raptors beat the Milwaukee Bucks 131-127 in overtime on Monday night, matching the team record with their 12th consecutive home victory.

DeRozan is the third player in Raptors history to score 50 or more in a single game. The others are Vince Carter and Terrence Ross, who each had 51.

Kyle Lowry had 26 points and Serge Ibaka added 11 for the Raptors, who also won 12 straight at Air Canada Centre between Jan. 18 and March 6, 2016. Toronto is an NBA-best 14-1 at home.

DeRozan made 17 of 29 field-goal attempts and shot 13 for 13 at the free-throw line.

Eric Bledsoe scored 29 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 26 for the Bucks, who had won their previous two. Khris Middleton finished with 18 points in the entertaining rematch between first-round playoff opponents from last season, a series Toronto won in six.

TRAIL BLAZERS 124, BULLS 120, OT

CHICAGO — Portland guard C.J. McCollum scored 25 of his 32 points after halftime, including the tiebreaking basket with 56.5 seconds remaining in overtime.

Al-Farouq Aminu added a season-high 24 points and Evan Turner also had his season best with 22 for Portland, which was without leading scorer Damian Lillard for a fifth straight game. Lillard is recovering from a right hamstring strain.

Kris Dunn scored 22 points and reserve Nikola Mirotic had 18 points for Chicago, which blew a late lead for a second straight game.

TIMBERWOLVES 114, LAKERS 96

MINNEAPOLIS — Jimmy Butler scored 28 points, and Minnesota won for the seventh time in eight games.

Karl-Anthony Towns recorded his 30th double-double of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Timberwolves. Andrew Wiggins scored 21 points and grabbed a season-high nine rebounds.

The Lakers have lost seven in a row and 10 of 11. Los Angeles was once again missing three starters: center Brook Lopez (ankle), and guards Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (legal) and Lonzo Ball (shoulder).

Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points for the Lakers, and Julius Randle had 15.

NETS 98, MAGIC 95

NEW YORK — Rookie Jarrett Allen had a career-high 16 points for Brooklyn, and Allen Crabbe added 15 points and blocked a potential tying shot.

Caris LeVert also had 15 points, while DeMarre Carroll chipped in 14 points, 10 rebounds and the tiebreaking free throw with 34.5 seconds remaining. Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 13 for the Nets, who opened the new year with a win after closing out 2017 with a 1-4 road trip.

Aaron Gordon had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Orlando, which has lost its last seven road games. Elfrid Payton added 17 points and Bismack Biyombo had 13 points and a season-high 17 boards.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Michigan St. (43)	14-1	1600	2
2. Duke (21)	13-1	1556	4
3. Villanova (1)	13-1	1444	1
4. Arizona St	12-1	1336	3
5. Xavier	14-1	1325	6
6. West Virginia	12-1	1304	7
7. Oklahoma	11-1	1160	12
8. Virginia	12-1	1048	9
9. Wichita St.	11-2	1026	8
10. Kansas	11-2	963	11
11. Texas A&M	11-2	694	5
12. North Carolina	12-2	690	13
13. Purdue	13-2	883	14
14. Arizona	11-3	832	17
15. Miami	12-1	782	15
16. TCU	12-1	760	10
17. Kentucky	11-2	742	16
18. Texas Tech	12-1	483	22
19. Gonzaga	12-3	410	20
19. Cincinnati	12-2	410	21
21. Seton Hall	13-2	353	23
22. Arkansas	11-2	254	—
23. Tennessee	9-3	198	19
24. Florida St.	11-2	119	24
25. Clemson	12-1	104	—

Others receiving votes: Baylor 83, Creighton 54, Notre Dame 37, Butler 23, UCLA 14, Texas 10, St. Bonaventure 7, SMU 5, Auburn 4, Syracuse 4, Nevada 2, Rhode Island 2, Alabama 1, New Mexico St. 1, NC State 1, Mississippi St. 1.

Today's Games
No. 5 Xavier vs. Butler, 6 p.m.
No. 10 Kansas vs. No. 18 Texas Tech, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Texas A&M vs. Florida, 8 p.m.
No. 16 TCU at Baylor, 6 p.m.
No. 22 Arkansas at Mississippi State, 8 p.m.
No. 23 Tennessee vs. Auburn, 6 p.m.

Women

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	11-0	800	1
2. Notre Dame	13-1	750	2
3. Louisville	16-0	736	3
4. South Carolina	12-1	680	4
5. Mississippi St.	15-0	677	5
6. Baylor	12-1	634	6
7. Tennessee	13-0	619	7
8. Texas	11-1	600	8
9. Oregon	13-2	515	10
10. Ohio St.	13-2	485	12
11. Florida St.	13-1	455	13
12. West Virginia	13-1	453	9
13. Maryland	13-2	420	15
14. UCLA	10-3	371	11
15. Missouri	13-1	362	16
16. Oregon St.	11-2	323	17
17. Duke	11-3	291	14
18. Iowa	14-1	229	23
19. Texas A&M	11-4	172	22
20. Oklahoma St.	11-2	161	24
21. Villanova	11-1	126	18
22. Michigan	12-3	105	21
23. California	10-3	94	20
24. Stanford	8-6	85	—
25. Arizona St.	11-3	67	—

Others receiving votes: South Florida 65, Rutgers 47, Green Bay 46, Miami 14, New Mexico 7, Syracuse 3, Georgia Tech 3, NC State 2, Brown 1, Virginia Tech 1, DePaul 1, Navy 1.

Today's Games
No. 21 Villanova vs. Butler, 6 p.m.

TEXAS

From 1C

opponents — in a league where half the teams are ranked.

The rebuilding Cyclones could easily be 0-4 in the league when it returns home to host Baylor on Jan. 13.

The end of regulation

The final two minutes of the second half turned out to be more entertaining than the extra session.

Eric Davis Jr. drilled a corner 3 with 2:02 left to give Texas a 59-58 lead. Iowa State's Lindell Wigginton missed an open 3 on the other end, but he stuffed Kerwin Roach on the baseline to give the Cyclones the ball back.

Jackson nailed a 3 to put Iowa State ahead 61-59 with a minute to go.

But Coleman's jumper tied it up, and Nick Weiler-Babb turned it over on an inbound pass.

Davis missed a free throw, giving Iowa State the last shot. The Cyclones could only get a look from 15 feet for big man Solomon Young, and his shot wasn't close.

The numbers

Davis finished with 15 points after failing to score in the first half. ... Coleman had 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds. ... Wigginton, a point guard, was just 2-of-14 shooting — though he did grab nine defensive rebounds. ... Iowa State had just eight turnovers. ... Jackson was 6 of 12 on 3s.

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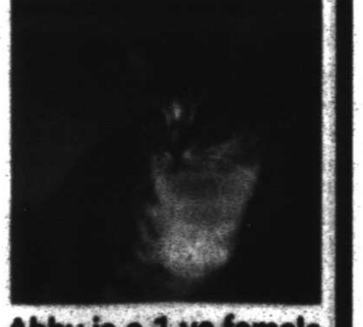

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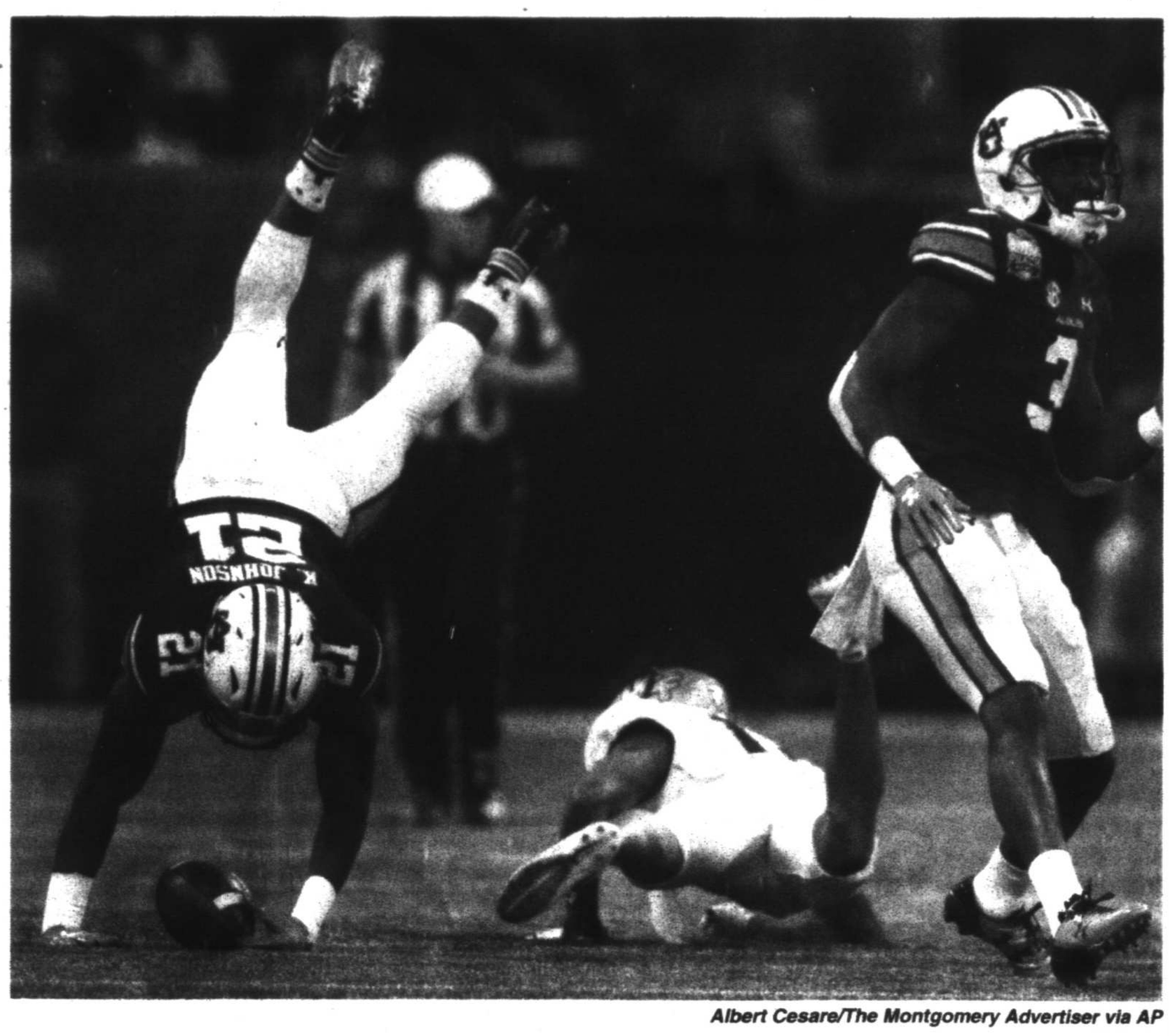

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UCF defensive back Mike Hughes (19) tackles Auburn running back Kerryon Johnson (21) during the first half of the Peach Bowl NCAA football game Monday in Atlanta, Ga.

No. 10 UCF wins Peach Bowl 34-27 over Auburn

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — McKenzie Milton wanted to throw a blanket of 13 wins and no losses over the College Football Playoff.

After Milton and Central Florida capped a perfect season, he suggested it was time to respect the Knights, even if they weren't invited to the playoff.

Milton threw two touchdown passes and ran for 116 yards with another touchdown, leading No. 10 UCF to a 34-27 Peach Bowl win over No. 7 Auburn on Monday.

Then it was time to boast.

"I said on the podium you can go ahead and cancel the playoffs," Milton said. "I'm not changing my mind."

UCF (13-0) led 34-20 before having to stop a late Auburn comeback. Antwan Collier's interception in the end zone with 24 seconds remaining clinched the win.

The UCF players launched a joyous postgame celebration, rolling around in confetti on the field while wearing T-shirts that read "Champions."

The Knights won in their final game with coach Scott Frost, who stayed with the team through the bowl game after accepting an offer to become the new coach at Nebraska , his alma mater. Frost will bring most of his UCF assistants to Nebraska.

"It was the right thing to do to come coach these guys," Frost said, holding the game ball. "I'm not happy for me. I'm so happy for these guys."

The Knights thought they deserved a higher ranking after winning the American Athletic Conference and leading the nation in scoring. They made a strong statement by beating Auburn (10-4).

Frost said "it wasn't right" for UCF to not receive more consideration for the four-team playoff.

"They deserve more credit from the committee than they got," he said.

Auburn was held to 90 yards rushing on 44 carries.

"That was probably the main stat that was disappointing for me," Tigers coach Gus Malzahn said.

More dominance: The Knights sacked Jarrett Stidham six times. Auburn had only one sack.

After Auburn took a 20-13 lead in the third quarter on a 4-yard run by Kerryon Johnson, Milton threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Otis Anderson to tie the game.

Milton, under pressure, zipped an 8-yard scoring pass to Dredrick Snelson early in the fourth to give the Knights the lead.

Chequan Burkett's 45-yard interception return for a touchdown pushed the lead to 14 points.

Auburn suffered its second straight loss at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where it was beaten by Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game one month ago.

Johnson, who said he was almost fully recovered from a late-season shoulder injury, ran for 71 yards.

UCF led 13-6 at halftime despite being held under 14 points at the break for the first time this season.

Trophies

Frost lofted the football-shaped Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl trophy before passing it on to his players. Milton was named offensive MVP. Shaquem Griffin, who had 12 tackles including 1½ sacks, was defensive MVP.

Takeaways

UCF: The Knights passed every test, including on the line of scrimmage, as they proved they could match speed and strength with the Tigers. Milton overcame a slow start after completing only 3 of 17 passes for 30 yards in the first half. He completed 16 of 35 passes for 242 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Auburn: The Tigers couldn't maintain momentum after opening the second half with two touchdowns for a 20-13 lead. Auburn insisted motivation would not be a problem after the crushing loss in the SEC championship game, but after the game, cornerback Javaris Davis said the Knights "just wanted it more and they came out and played like it." Stidham completed 28 of 43 passes for 331 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Up next

UCF: The Knights will begin a new era with coach Josh Heupel , the former Missouri offensive coordinator. Their opening game has not been set, but they will play at North Carolina on Sept. 15.

Auburn: The Tigers will return for their third straight game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium when they play Washington on Sept. 1 to open the 2018 season.

GM Rick Smith says he'll return to Texans after leave

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans general manager Rick Smith provided more details on his future with the team on Monday, a day after announcing that he was taking an extended leave of absence to be with his wife as she battles breast cancer.

Smith said that he will return to the team, but that he expects to be away for at least a year.

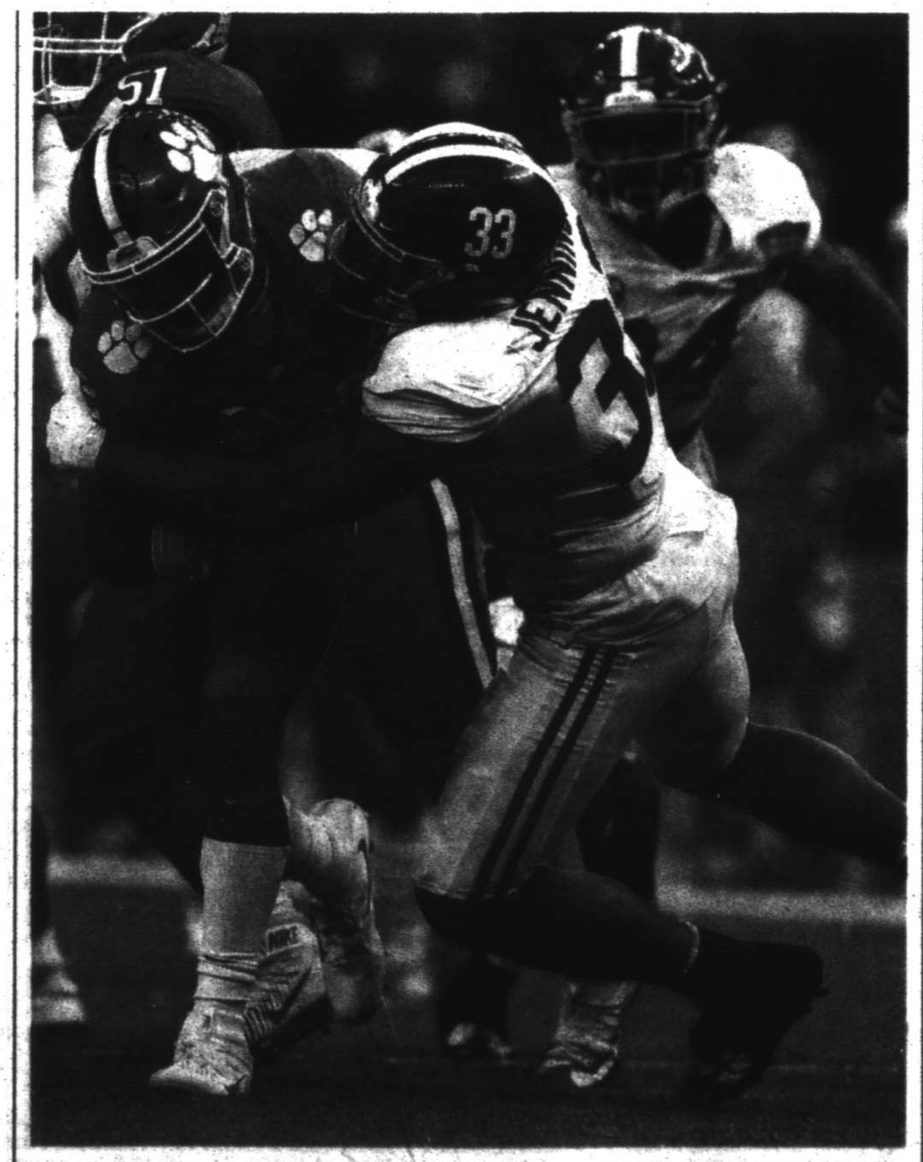
"This is not a referendum on my tenure, because my tenure is not over," Smith said. "This is a comma, not a period."

It's unclear if he'll step back into his role as general manager when he does return.

"I am going to maintain the executive vice president title," Smith said. "If we hire a GM and have a guy to run the personnel then we'll do that. It's a fluid process.

"But again, I am absolutely intent on coming back. I will maintain at least that executive vice president title and if (owner) Mr. (Bob) McNair feels like he wants to hire a general manager then he will hire a general manager and that will be just fine."

Smith's wife Tiffany was diagnosed in September and has been undergoing treatment in Arizona.



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Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) is brought down by Alabama linebacker Anfernee Jennings (33) in the second half of the Sugar Bowl semi-final playoff game for the NCAA football national championship Monday in New Orleans. The game was ongoing at press time.

COLLEGE BOWL ROUNDUP

NO. 14 NOTRE DAME 21, NO. 16 LSU

ORLANDO, Fla. — Myles Boykin scored on a 55-yard touchdown pass with 1:28 remaining and No. 14 Notre Dame got its first win in a New Year's Day bowl since 1994 with a 21-17 win over No. 16 LSU in the Citrus Bowl on Monday.

Three plays after Jack Gonsoulin's 17-yard field goal gave the Tigers a 17-14 lead with 2:03 remaining, Boykin caught a pass from Ian Book with his right hand at the LSU 33, managed to elude corner Donte Jackson and then broke a tackle attempt by John Battle up the right sideline for the game-winning score.

The junior, who saw increased playing time because of suspensions to two Notre Dame receivers, had three receptions for 102 yards and was named the game's MVP. Book, who entered the game in the second quarter, was 14 of 19 for 164 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

Brandon Wimbush was Notre Dame's quarterback for the first five series and struggled, including three-and-outs on his last three series.

He connected with Equanimeous St. Brown for a 35 yard completion on the first play of the game, but the opening drive stalled at the LSU 31 when Josh Adams was stopped for a three-yard loss on fourth-and-1.

The Fighting Irish (10-3) trailed 14-6 early in the fourth quarter but tied it on a 6-yard Michael Young reception and two-point conversion to Josh Adams. The win breaks a nine-game losing streak by Notre Dame in bowls either designated as a New Year's Six or played on Jan. 1.

In a game thought to be dominated by the running backs, both quarterbacks played well. LSU's Danny Etling was 19 of 33 for 229 yards and a pair of touchdowns to Derrius Guice. Guice had 98 yards on 21 carries.

Notre Dame got on the board first when Justin Yoon made a 46-yard field goal with four seconds remaining in the second quarter.

LSU (9-4) took a 7-3 lead with 11:37 remaining in the third when Guice caught a 20-yard touchdown from Etling after the Tigers recovered a punt that bounced off an Irish's player leg.

After a Yoon 49-yard field goal brought Notre Dame within one, Guice extended the lead to 14-6 less than four minutes into the fourth on a 2-yard pass from Etling.

SOUTH CAROLINA 26, MICHIGAN 19

TAMPA, Fla. — Jake Bentley threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns Monday to help South Carolina overcome a 16-point second-half deficit to beat Michigan 26-19 in the Outback Bowl.

The sophomore tossed scoring passes of 21 yards to Bryan Edwards and 53 yards to Shi Smith, the latter giving the Gamecocks (9-4) a 23-19 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Michigan (8-5) finished with its first three-game losing streak under coach Jim Harbaugh.

The Wolverines turned the ball over five times, including an end zone interception that denied them an opportunity to regain the lead with just under eight minutes to go.

The loss also cost the Big Ten a clean sweep of bowl games involving conference members.

The league entered 7-0, looking to go unbeaten in postseason play for the first time since 1998 when it went 5-0.

Bentley was 19 of 32 passing with one interception. Rico Dowdle, playing for first time since breaking his leg against Tennessee on Oct. 14, began South Carolina's comeback from a 19-3 deficit with a 17-yard TD run.

Brandon Peters had a tough day for Michigan, completing 20 of 44 passes for 186 yards and two interceptions.

His second pick, with 1:05 remaining, sealed South Carolina's second Outback Bowl victory over the Wolverines in five years.

Quinn Nordin accounted for most of Michigan's scoring, kicking field goals of 35, 26, 45 and 48 yards. Fullback Ben Mason scored on a 1-yard run in helping Michigan build its 16-point lead.

Peters, who returned to the lineup after missing the regular-season finale against Ohio State with a concussion, was hoping to make it more difficult for Harbaugh to replace him next season — even if Shea Patterson is one of coach's options.

Patterson plans to transfer to Michigan from Mississippi, a program hit with sanctions, and to petition the NCAA to allow him to be immediately eligible.

COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 16
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC A&T 21, Grambling State 14

New Orleans Bowl
Troy 50, North Texas 30

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Georgia State 27, Western Kentucky 17

Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State 38, Oregon 28

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
Marshall 31, Colorado State 28

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Middle Tennessee 35, Arkansas State 30

Tuesday, Dec. 19
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 50, Akron 3

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Frisco (Texas) Bowl
Louisiana Tech 51, SMU 10

Thursday, Dec. 21
Gasparilla Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Temple 28, FIU 3

Friday, Dec. 22
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Ohio 41, UAB 6

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14

Saturday, Dec. 23
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
South Florida 38, Texas Tech 34

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas
Army 42, San Diego State 35

Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0

Sunday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Fresno State 33, Houston 27

Tuesday, Dec. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Utah 30, West Virginia 14

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14

Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
Kansas State 35, UCLA 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Florida State 42, Southern Mississippi 13

Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Iowa 27, Boston College 20

Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Purdue 38, Arizona 35

Texas Bowl
Houston
Texas 33, Missouri 16

Thursday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Navy 49, Virginia 7

Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma State 30, Virginia Tech 21

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
TCU 39, Stanford 37

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Michigan State 42, Washington State 17

Friday, Dec. 29
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Wake Forest 55, Texas A&M 52

Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
North Carolina State 52, Arizona State 31

Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Northwestern 24, Kentucky 23

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
New Mexico State 26, Utah State 20, OT

Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Ohio State 24, Southern Cal 7

Saturday, Dec. 30
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State 31, Louisville 27

Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State 21, Memphis 20

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Penn State 35, Washington 28

Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Wisconsin 34, Miami 24

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina 26, Michigan 19

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
UCF 34, Auburn 27

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame 21, LSU 17

Rose Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
Pasadena, Calif.
Georgia 54, Oklahoma 48, 2OT

Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
New Orleans
Clemson (12-1) vs. Alabama (11-1), late (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 8
College Football Championship
Atlanta
Georgia (13-1) vs. Sugar Bowl winner, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 2 p.m. (NFLN)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
American vs. National, 3 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday, Jan. 27
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (NFLN)

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and toward the corner of the end zone to mob Michel. Confetti rained down. Meanwhile, Mayfield stood motionless on the sideline for several seconds, bent over with his hands on his knees and head down. Mayfield battled flu-like symptoms the week leading into the game, but he played just fine.

"I can't believe it's over. It's been a wild ride," said Mayfield with a hoarse voice before he started to cry.

Michel and his running mate Nick Chubb were awesome for Georgia. Chubb ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns, including a 2-yarder on a direct snap with 55 seconds left in regulation to tie it.

Mahomes shows flashes of talent in Chiefs win

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

DENVER — The Kansas City Chiefs got an enticing glimpse of their quarterback-in-waiting with the debut of Patrick Mahomes II.

Now, it's back to the present, with Alex Smith starting in the playoffs.

Here's something good to know: Should he be called upon, Mahomes can step in with little worries after leading the Chiefs to a winning field goal during a 27-24 win over the Denver Broncos on a frigid Sunday in the regular-season finale.

Next up, Tennessee on Saturday in the wild-card game at Arrowhead Stadium. And back under center, Smith, who got the day off with the game essentially meaningless. Well, meaningless except for Mahomes getting an extended look to see what he can do.

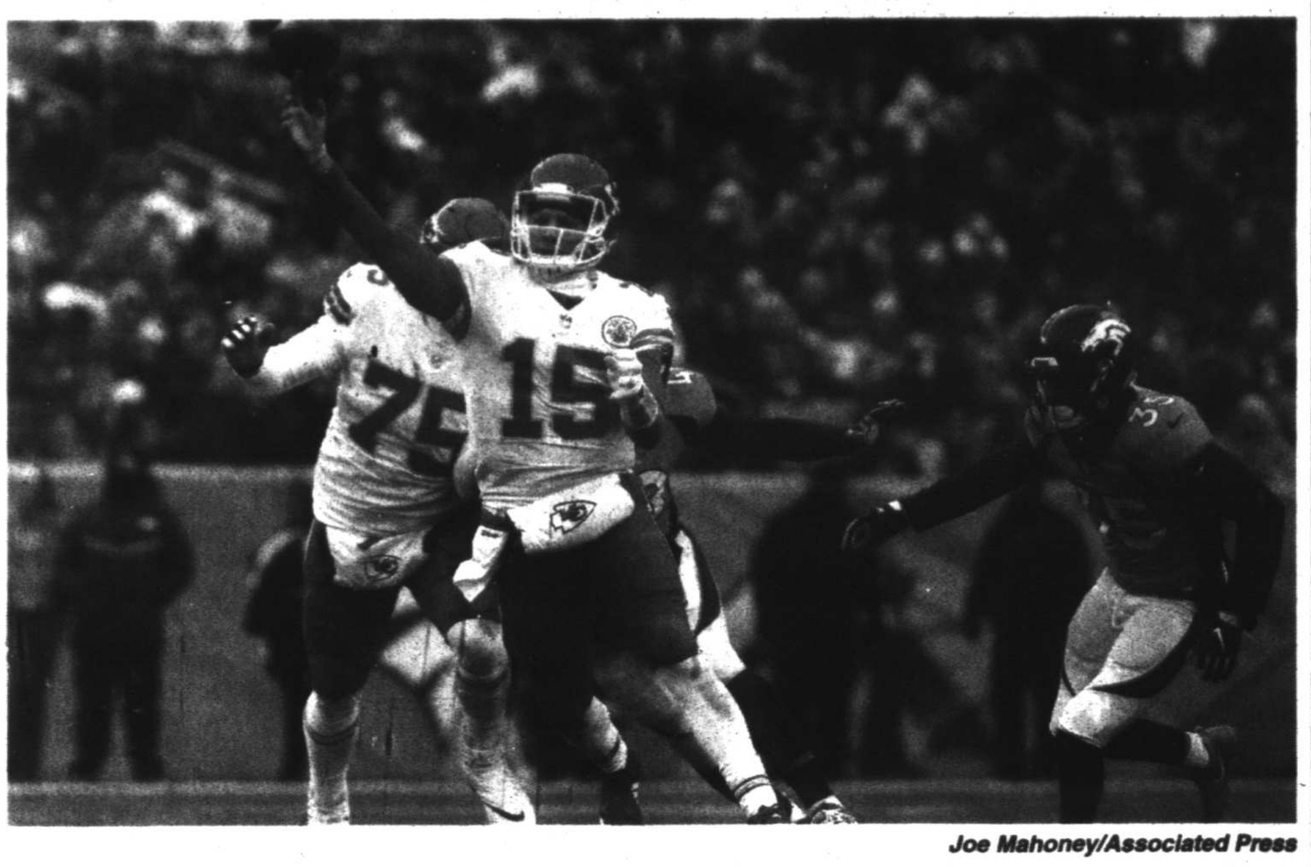
Mahomes, picked 10th overall in the 2017 draft out of Texas Tech, showed poise in the pocket all afternoon. He finished 22 of 35 for 284 yards and an interception. Just when it looked like his day was over — subbed out to give Tyler Bray some work — Mahomes was summoned back to the field. He led the Chiefs on a drive with just under three minutes remaining that set up Harrison Butker's winning 30-yard field goal as time expired.

"I thought he did a nice job. He had complete command out there," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said.

Smith played a role Sunday, too, helping the QB he's grooming to take his job one day get a handle on a Denver defense that's one of the best in the league.

For that tutorial, thanks.

"Alex is an awesome guy. He helped me the entire game, showing me what he was seeing out there, and showing me the things he was recognizing and giving me tips the entire game," said Mahomes, who showed up for his postgame news conference wearing a dazzling blue suit . "You can't ask for a guy to be in front of you as well as Alex has been for me."



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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws as Denver Broncos defensive back Dymonte Thomas (35) chases him during the first half of an NFL game Sunday in Denver.

Mahomes has spent all season watching and waiting while Smith topped 4,000 yards passing for the first time in his 13th NFL season. Having clinched the AFC West for a second straight season, the Chiefs (10-6) turned the offense over to Mahomes.

At times, he looked like a rookie, sailing a pass to a wide-open receiver that landed in the arms of Broncos safety Darian Stewart.

In other instances, he was downright electric, completing a long pass to Albert Wilson in the second quarter with safety Will Parks draped on him.

"I thought he ruined a couple of great plays," Reid joked. "Listen, he did a nice job. He did a great job. You saw that in college, right? You saw that same thing in college and for him to be able to transfer it here to this level and you've (a Denver player) draped on you and you make a throw like that, there's not a lot of guys that can do that."

Reid took out Mahomes and inserted Bray with about seven minutes left and the Chiefs up 24-10. Bray fumbled on the first play and it was scooped up by linebacker Zaire Anderson for a 38-yard TD to make it 24-17. After a three-and-out, Paxton Lynch led a tying score that culminated with a 6-yard pass to Demaryius Thomas with 2:58 remaining.

Put back in, Mahomes was at his best on the final drive. He seamlessly led the team into field goal range.

The real deal?

"I wouldn't call him the real deal, but he has an arm, though," said Broncos linebacker Brandon Marshall, whose team finished 5-11 to miss the playoffs for a second straight season. "He has a cannon. He has a cannon, man. You see him just running this way and he throws it back across his body and the guy catches it. I think he has all the talent, he has all the tools, but I'm not going to call him the real deal."

Notes: Chiefs rookie running back Kareem Hunt scored on a 35-yard run on his only carry, securing the NFL rushing title over Todd Gurley and Le'Veon Bell, both of whom were inactive Sunday. To think, Hunt wasn't even going to play, but talked Reid into it. "He told me he'd get it taken care of quick and he did that," Reid said. ... Chiefs punt returner De'Anthony Thomas broke his leg on the final play of the first quarter. He will stay behind in Denver to undergo surgery, Reid said.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	13	3	0	.813	458	296
x-Buffalo	9	7	0	.563	302	359
Miami	6	10	0	.375	281	393
N.Y. Jets	5	11	0	.313	298	382
South						
y-Jacksonville	10	6	0	.625	417	268
x-Tennessee	9	7	0	.563	334	356
Indianapolis	4	12	0	.250	283	404
Houston	4	12	0	.250	338	436
North						
y-Pittsburgh	13	3	0	.813	406	308
Baltimore	9	7	0	.563	365	303
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	290	349
Cleveland	0	16	0	.000	234	410
West						
y-Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	415	339
L.A. Chargers	9	7	0	.563	355	272
Oakland	6	10	0	.375	301	373
Denver	5	11	0	.313	289	382

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	13	3	0	.813	457	295
Dallas	9	7	0	.563	354	332
Washington	7	9	0	.438	342	388
N.Y. Giants	3	13	0	.188	246	388
South						
y-New Orleans	11	5	0	.688	448	326
x-Carolina	11	5	0	.688	363	327
x-Atlanta	10	6	0	.625	353	315
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	336	382
North						
y-Minnesota	13	3	0	.813	382	252
Detroit	9	7	0	.563	410	376
Green Bay	7	9	0	.438	320	384
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	264	320
West						
y-L.A. Rams	11	5	0	.688	479	329
Seattle	9	7	0	.563	366	332
Arizona	8	8	0	.500	295	361
San Francisco	6	10	0	.375	331	383

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Scores

N.Y. Giants 18, Washington 10
Pittsburgh 28, Cleveland 24
San Francisco 34, L.A. Rams 13
Detroit 35, Green Bay 11
Dallas 6, Philadelphia 0
New England 26, N.Y. Jets 6
Atlanta 22, Carolina 10
Minnesota 23, Chicago 10
Arizona 26, Seattle 24
Buffalo 22, Miami 16
Tennessee 15, Jacksonville 10
Kansas City 27, Denver 24
Cincinnati 31, Baltimore 27
Indianapolis 22, Houston 13
Tampa Bay 31, New Orleans 24
L.A. Chargers 30, Oakland 10

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Tennessee at Kansas City, 3:35 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 7:15 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13
New Orleans/Carolina/Atlanta at Philadelphia, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Kansas City/Tennessee/Buffalo at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 14
Jacksonville/Kansas City/Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
Los Angeles Rams/New Orleans/Carolina at Minnesota, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
TBD, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
TBD, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
At Minneapolis, Minn.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

Bills, Titans, Falcons make way into playoffs with wins

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills are in the NFL playoffs.

No, we're not kidding.

They needed some last-minute help from Cincinnati, which stunned Baltimore 31-27 after Buffalo had won at Miami 22-16 Sunday. Those results lifted the Bills into the final AFC wild-card spot and a visit to Jacksonville next Sunday.

The last time they reached the postseason, the Bills lost in the Music City Miracle game in Nashville in January 2000. Their playoff drought was the longest current string in North American professional sports.

But the happiness comes with a caveat: star running back LeSean McCoy was injured and carted off in the second half. He was seen in a walking boot after the game.

"The locker room is electric man. We have been working so hard for this," Bills guard Richie Incognito said. "So much has been said about it. And now the monkey is off our back. We're in the postseason and we've got new life."

The Jaguars are coached by Doug Marrone, who resigned as Bills coach exactly three years ago.

Baltimore's late meltdown was stunning. The Ravens needed to stop a fourth-and-12 from their 49, and Andy Dalton found Tyler Boyd with 44 seconds left to pull out the win — and send the Ravens home. Baltimore had trailed most of the game before taking a 27-24 lead with 8:48 remaining.

"Even the game, I think, epitomizes a little bit the way the season went," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We had to battle our way back the way we did, and then not to be able to finish and win the game is about as tough as it can be."

Tennessee had a win-and-get-in scenario and took advantage by beating the AFC South champion Jags 15-10. That gave the Titans their first playoff berth since 2008. They head to AFC West winner Kansas City on Saturday to open the wild-card round.

"We refused to go home," Brian Orakpo said. "I didn't want to be on a Southwest flight back to Texas tomorrow wondering, 'what if.'

"It's an unbelievable feeling."

The Falcons will get another chance to reach the Super Bowl, though this time as a wild card. The team that blew a 28-3 lead in the second half of the big game in February defeated Carolina 22-10 to earn a trip to the NFC West champ Rams. Los Angeles sat most of its regulars in losing to San Francisco 34-13. Falcons-Rams is Saturday night.

Seattle fell short of reaching the postseason with Atlanta's win, but lost anyway to Arizona 26-24.

"All you want is an opportunity," said Falcons defensive tackle Grady Jarrett, who had a sack and three tackles for losses. "We have one. Now it's up to us to take advantage of it."

The Panthers already were in, and they will meet NFC South foe and division winner New Orleans on Sunday to finish off the opening round. The Saints swept their two meetings with Carolina this season.

New England (13-3), as it almost always seems to do, secured home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs by beating the Jets 26-6. Pittsburgh (13-3) got the No. 2 seed — its controversial loss to the Patriots in Week 15 was the tiebreaker — with its 28-24 victory over Cleveland. They both are off next week.

Minnesota (13-3) already had qualified for the postseason, and it grabbed a wild-card round bye with a 23-10 win over Chicago. The other bye in the NFC went to Philadelphia (13-3) last week as the top seed, and the Eagles played plenty of backups in a 6-0 defeat against Dallas.

Eight of the 12 playoff teams are newcomers from last year: Buffalo, Tennessee, Jacksonville, the Rams, Philadelphia, Carolina, New Orleans and Minnesota. That includes two teams that finished last in their division in 2016 and won it this season: the Eagles and Jags.

The divisional round will open in Philadelphia on Saturday, Jan. 13. New England will host a game that night.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, Pittsburgh hosts the early game, then the round concludes in Minnesota.

LATE NFL BOXES

FALCONS 22, PANTHERS 10

Carolina	0	7	0	3—10
Atlanta	7	0	6	9—22

First Quarter
Atl—Freeman 19 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 10:32.
Second Quarter
Car—Funchess 4 pass from Newton (Gano kick), :50.
Third Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 30, 6:31.
Atl—FG Bryant 42, 3:44.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 30, 14:11.
Car—FG Gano 42, 10:34.
Atl—FG Bryant 56, 6:37.
Atl—FG Bryant 33, 2:27.
A—74,141.

	Car	Atl
First downs	15	20
Total Net Yards	248	371
Rushes-yards	24-87	26-60
Passing	161	311
Comp-Att-Int	14-34-3	28-45-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	1-6
Punts	7-47.0	5-46.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	7-60
Time of Possession	25:18	34:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina, Newton 11-59, Artis-Payne 5-16, McCaffrey 6-14, Whittaker 1-0, Clay 1-(minus 2). Atlanta, T.Coleman 11-23, Freeman 11-23, Ryan 3-14, Sanu 1-0.
PASSING—Carolina, Newton 14-34-3-180. Atlanta, Ryan 28-45-0-317.
RECEIVING—Carolina, McCaffrey 5-40, Funchess 2-48, Bersin 2-36, Dickson 2-22, Clay 1-15, Olsen 1-10, Whittaker 1-9. Atlanta, Freeman 9-85, Sanu 7-71, J.Jones 5-80, Hooper 3-35, Hardy 2-32, T.Coleman 2-14.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CHARGERS 30, RAIDERS 10

Oakland	0	10	0	0—10
L.A. Chargers	0	20	10	0—30

Second Quarter
LAC—Allen 27 fumble recovery (Rose kick), 13:09.
Oak—Cooper 87 pass from Carr (Tavecchio kick), 11:38.
Oak—FG Tavecchio 40, 7:27.
LAC—Ty.Williams 56 pass from Rivers (Rose kick), 5:12.
LAC—Allen 6 pass from Rivers (kick blocked), :24.
Third Quarter
LAC—FG Rose 25, 10:39.
LAC—Benjamin 62 pass from Rivers (Rose kick), :53.
A—25,430.

	Oak	LAC
First downs	14	26
Total Net Yards	338	495
Rushes-yards	23-105	30-115
Passing	231	380
Comp-Att-Int	19-28-1	28-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	1-7
Punts	3-45.3	2-31.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-85	7-65
Time of Possession	26:40	33:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, Lynch 19-101. Washington 2-3, Carr 2-1. Los Angeles, Gordon 17-93, Oliver 7-13, Rivers 1-5, Benjamin 2-4, Watt 1-2, Clemens 2-(minus 2).
PASSING—Oakland, Carr 19-28-1-243. Los Angeles, Rivers 28-37-0-397.
RECEIVING—Oakland, Roberts 5-46, Cooper 3-115, J.Cook 3-35, Lynch 2-18, Crabtree 2-17, Washington 2-0, Richard 1-6, Patterson 1-4. Los Angeles, Allen 9-133, Gordon 6-31, Benjamin 4-86, Gates 4-46, Ty.Williams 3-67, M.Williams 1-8, Oliver 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

49ERS 34, RAMS 13

San Francisco	10	10	7	7—34
L.A. Rams	3	3	0	7—13

First Quarter
SF—FG Gould 33, 12:08.
SF—Goodwin 8 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 5:14.
La—FG Ficken 23, 1:11.
Second Quarter
SF—FG Gould 48, 5:00.
SF—Hyde 8 run (Gould kick), 1:13.
La—FG Ficken 21, :00.
Third Quarter
SF—Hyde 5 run (Gould kick), 6:12.
Fourth Quarter
SF—Robinson 12 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 14:54.
La—Dunbar 6 run (Ficken kick), 6:40.
A—66,125.

	SF	La
First downs	25	15
Total Net Yards	463	251
Rushes-yards	30-171	26-102
Passing	292	149
Comp-Att-Int	20-32-2	20-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-20
Punts	2-43.5	7-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-23	6-46
Time of Possession	29:29	30:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Hyde 15-90, Breida 12-72, Goodwin 1-10, Garoppolo 2-(minus 1). Los Angeles, M.Brown 14-54, Austin 4-24, Dunbar 6-20, Mannion 2-4.
PASSING—San Francisco, Garoppolo 20-32-2-292. Los Angeles, Mannion 20-34-0-169.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Kittle 4-100, Juszczyk 4-19, Taylor 2-29, Bourne 2-28, Goodwin 2-28, Hyde 2-10, Breida 1-32, Celek 1-28, Robinson 1-12, Murphy 1-6. Los Angeles, M.Brown 4-7, M.Thomas 3-75, Everett 3-16, Austin 3-14, Cooper 2-30, Reynolds 2-18, Cantor 2-10, Dunbar 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CARDINALS 26, SEAHAWKS 24

Arizona	10	10	3	3—26
Seattle	7	0	7	10—24

First Quarter
Ari—Ja.Brown 25 pass from Stanton (Ph. Dawson kick), 8:55.
Sea—Lockett 99 kickoff return (Walsh kick), 8:43.
Ari—FG Ph.Dawson 49, 7:10.
Second Quarter
Ari—Penny 4 run (Ph. Dawson kick), 12:19.
Ari—FG Ph.Dawson 46, :58.
Third Quarter
Sea—Baldwin 18 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 8:59.
Ari—FG Ph.Dawson 53, 4:22.
Fourth Quarter
Sea—FG Walsh 49, 13:04.
Sea—Baldwin 29 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 10:24.
Ari—FG Ph.Dawson 42, 2:21.
A—69,078.

	Ari	Sea
First downs	19	13
Total Net Yards	259	296
Rushes-yards	33-116	22-101
Passing	143	195
Comp-Att-Int	15-34-1	18-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	3-26
Punts	6-53.2	8-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	8-100
Time of Possession	32:16	27:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Arizona, K.Williams 23-75, Penny 8-39. Foster 1-3, Stanton 1-(minus 1). Seattle, M.Davis 10-48, Wilson 5-36, McKissic 4-9, Rawls 3-8.
PASSING—Arizona, Stanton 15-34-1-145. Seattle, Wilson 18-29-0-221.
RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 8-55, Gresham 3-24, Ja.Brown 1-25, Nelson 1-18, Foster 1-17, K.Williams 1-8. Seattle, Baldwin 4-90, Graham 3-45, Lockett 3-25, McKissic 3-20, Rawls 2-20, M.Davis 2-18, Darboh 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Seattle, Walsh 48.

BILLS 22, DOLPHINS 16

Buffalo	7	3	9	3—22
Miami	0	0	3	13—16

First Quarter
Buf—O'Leary 26 pass from Taylor (Hauschka kick), 10:14.
Second Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 23, 14:46.
Third Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 49, 10:17.
Buf—K.Williams 1 run (run failed), 7:08.
Mia—FG Parkey 36, 2:30.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 33, 11:41.
Mia—Landry 1 pass from Fales (pass failed), 6:16.
Mia—Fales 1 run (Parkey kick), 1:56.
A—65,571.

	Buf	Mia
First downs	23	21
Total Net Yards	312	356
Rushes-yards	32-126	22-93
Passing	186	263
Comp-Att-Int	19-27-0	30-44-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-18	1-8
Punts	4-48.5	4-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	14-145
Time of Possession	31:04	28:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Buffalo, Murphy 7-41, Tolbert 7-39, Taylor 6-35, McCoy 11-10, K.Williams 1-1. Miami, Drake 14-75, Perry 3-8, Fales 4-8, Gray 1-2.
PASSING—Buffalo, Taylor 19-27-0-204. Miami, Cutler 1-2-0-6, Fales 29-42-1-265.
RECEIVING—Buffalo, Clay 6-64, Benjamin 2-27, Z.Jones 2-25, Thompson 2-23, McCoy 2-22, Murphy 2-7, O'Leary 1-26, Tolbert 1-6, DiMarco 1-4. Miami, Landry 9-82, Parker 6-64, Stills 3-34, D.Smith 3-27, Grant 3-26, Drake 3-15, Derby 1-9, Perry 1-3, Fasano 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

TITANS 15, JAGUARS 10

Jacksonville	0	3	0	7—10
Tennessee	0	12	3	0—15

Second Quarter
Ten—Henry 66 pass from Mariota (kick blocked), 14:04.
Jac—FG Lambo 41, 10:14.
Ten—FG Succop 25, 1:21.
Ten—FG Succop 38, :00.
Third Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 38, 7:42.
Fourth Quarter
Jac—Ngakoue 67 fumble return (Lambo kick), 10:48.
A—65,501.

	Jac	Ten
First downs	13	11
Total Net Yards	229	232
Rushes-yards	24-93	39-116
Passing	146	116
Comp-Att-Int	15-34-2	12-21-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	3-18
Punts	8-42.0	9-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-41	2-15
Time of Possession	28:33	33:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Fournette 19-89, Bortles 1-6, Yeldon 4-5. Tennessee, Mariota 10-80, Henry 28-51, Taylor 1-5.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Bortles 15-34-2-158. Tennessee, Mariota 12-21-0-134.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Fournette 4-67, Cole 4-33, Hurns 3-36, Lewis 2-13, Westbrook 1-9, Yeldon 1-(minus 2). Tennessee, D.Walker 3-10, Decker 3-18, J.Smith 3-12, Henry 1-66, Stocker 1-12, Matthews 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CHIEFS 27, BRONCOS 24

Kansas City	7	7	10	3—27
Denver	7	7	0	14—24

First Quarter
KC—K.Hunt 35 run (Butker kick), 14:03.
Den—FG Middleton 36, 5:22.
Second Quarter
Den—Henderson 29 pass from Lynch (McManus kick), 4:56.
KC—Sherman 1 run (Butker kick), 1:07.
Third Quarter
KC—FG Butker 20, 3:58.
KC—R.Wilson 11 fumble return (Butker kick), 3:04.
Fourth Quarter
Den—Z.Anderson 38 fumble return (McManus kick), 6:52.
Den—Dem. Thomas 6 pass from Lynch (McManus kick1), 2:53.
KC—FG Butker 30, :00.
A—75,928.

	KC	Den
First downs	23	22
Total Net Yards	379	336
Rushes-yards	27-110	29-110
Passing	269	226
Comp-Att-Int	22-36-1	21-31-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	5-28
Punts	5-51.2	4-39.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	4-30
Time of Possession	29:03	30:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, Sherman 14-40, K.Hunt 1-35, A.Hunt 4-25, Mahomes 7-10, Bray 1-0. Denver, C.Anderson 18-61, Booker 3-21, Henderson 5-15, Lynch 3-13.
PASSING—Kansas City, Mahomes 22-35-1-284, Bray 0-1-0-0. Denver, Lynch 21-31-2-254.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, A.Wilson 10-147, Robinson 4-31, D.Harris 3-73, Sherman 3-21, Chesson 1-8, A.Hunt 1-4. Denver, Taylor 6-65, Dem.Thomas 6-57, Fowler 4-56, Henderson 1-29, Booker 1-25, Heuerman 1-9, McKenzie 1-7, Green 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BUCCANEERS 31, SAINTS 24

New Orleans	14	0	3	7—24
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	18—31

First Quarter
TB—Barber 1 run (Murray kick), 9:42.
NO—Kamara 106 kickoff return (Lutz kick), 9:29.
NO—Kamara 7 run (Lutz kick), 2:36.
Second Quarter
TB—Winston 1 run (kick failed), 5:50.
Third Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 48, 2:44.
Fourth Quarter
TB—I.Johnson 7 fumble return (Murray kick), 14:04.
NO—Line 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 7:07.
TB—FG Murray 42, 4:31.
TB—Godwin 39 pass from Winston (Evans pass from Winston), :09.
A—55,378.

	NO	TB
First downs	18	28
Total Net Yards	323	455
Rushes-yards	26-92	26-110
Passing	231	345
Comp-Att-Int	22-30-0	28-51-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	2-18
Punts	4-46.3	2-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-38	2-15
Time of Possession	28:27	31:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Kamara 9-44, Ingram 13-35, Lite 1-5, Lutz 1-4, Brees 1-2. Ginn 1-2. Tampa Bay, Barber 17-71, Winston 5-32, Sims 1-6, Wilson 2-4, Martin 3-(minus 3).
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 22-30-0-245. Tampa Bay, Winston 28-51-3-363.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Thomas 5-94, Kamara 5-94, Ingram 4-19, Ginn 3-33, J.Hill 1-8, G.Griffin 1-4, Lite 1-3. Tampa Bay, Godwin 7-111, Humphries 7-102, Evans 5-65, Brate 3-37, Rodgers 2-20, Barber 2-18, Cross 1-11, Martino 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BENGALS 31, RAVENS 27

Cincinnati	7	10	7	7—31
Baltimore	0	10	7	10—27

First Quarter
Cin—Kroft 1 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 10:55.
Second Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 46, 11:13.
Cin—Kroft 5 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 4:14.
Cin—FG Bullock 32, :23.
Bal—Moore 6 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), :04.
Third Quarter
Cin—Dennard 89 interception return (Bullock kick), 10:17.
Bal—Collins 17 run (Tucker kick), 6:16.
Fourth Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 34, 13:08.
Bal—Wallace 8 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 8:48.
Cin—Boyd 49 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), :44.
A—70,507.

	Cin	Bal
First downs	22	19
Total Net Yards	389	312
Rushes-yards	30-146	26-118
Passing	213	194
Comp-Att-Int	23-44-0	25-47-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	1-9
Punts	6-42.8	8-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	5-47
Time of Possession	28:39	31:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cincinnati, Mixon 18-98, Bernard 10-52, Dalton 2-(minus 2). Baltimore, Collins 20-78, Allen 5-37, Woodhead 1-3.
PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 23-44-0-222. Baltimore, Flacco 25-47-1-203.
RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Kroft 6-53, Bernard 6-18, Boyd 5-91, LaFell 2-35, Green 2-17, Uzomah 1-7, Mixon 1-1. Baltimore, Watson 7-61, Wallace 5-43, Woodhead 4-16, Campanaro 3-38, Boyle 2-24, Collins 2-18, Moore 1-6, Ricard 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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wisdom held that he might not be asked to return.

He met with owner Mike Brown on Monday, but no conclusions were reached.

Lewis said the decision was more complicated than management simply asking him back, and that the owner and the front office need to be on the same page.

The five vacancies (six counting the Giants, who fired Bob McAdoo earlier in December) naturally triggered a flurry of speculation about which assistant coaches might be moving on to take over the teams.

Panthers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks confirmed that the Colts, Lions and Giants had asked him to interview. Patriots coordinators Josh McDaniels and Matt Patricia were, as usual, on a number of lists, and Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz was considered one of New York's top candidates.

Maybe most intriguing was the prospect of Jon Gruden leaving the broadcasting booth and returning to the Raiders. ESPN reported that Raiders owner Mark Davis was trying to lure Gruden back to the sideline with an offer that could include an ownership stake.

In Houston, Texans general manager Rick Smith said he would leave the team for at least a year while his wife, Tiffany, fights breast cancer.

There had been speculation that coach Bill O'Brien might lose his job, though it appeared O'Brien would stay on. Smith dismissed the notion that he and O'Brien don't get along, saying they have a great working relationship.

"We continue to do that and that's another reason why this is a decision that I can make," Smith said.

Gionta named captain as US unveils Olympic roster

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Troy Terry waves to the crowd as the roster for the men's USA Olympic team is announced at the NHL Winter Classic hockey game between the Buffalo Sabres and the New York Rangers at CitiField on Monday in New York.

Without the ability to pick from a generation of young American stars, USA Hockey is leaning on a longtime NHL winger as captain and hopes a diverse roster can capture an Olympic medal.

At the Winter Classic in New York on Monday, the U.S. named veteran Brian Gionta captain as it unveiled its roster for the Pyeongchang Olympics, the first games without NHL players since 1994. There's no Patrick Kane, Johnny Gaudreau, Auston Matthews, Jack Eichel or Jonathan Quick, so the U.S. men's hockey team is made up of Gionta, four college players, three from the American Hockey League and 15 playing in professional leagues across Europe.

"We really like our roster," general manager Jim Johannson said. "It's a group that brings versatility and experience and includes players who have a lot of passion about representing our country."

Denver's Troy Terry, Boston University's Jordan Greenway, St. Cloud State's Will Borgen and Harvard's Ryan Donato are the NCAA players who should give the U.S. a shot of youth. Terry and Greenway won World Junior gold with the U.S. last year.

"I get the opportunity to go over there and show everyone what I can do," Greenway said. "I would have never (thought I'd) been saying to myself I will probably be playing in the Olympics in my junior year of college."

This isn't a rag-tag bunch of college kids like the 1980 "Miracle On Ice," the last time the U.S. men's hockey team won the Olympic gold medal. The goal was to build a team of varying talents that could compete with two-time defending champion Canada and favored Russia, so much of the roster is seasoned.

With 1,006 games played over 15 seasons, the 38-year-old Gionta has by far the most NHL experience of the 23 players named. A total of 15 players have appeared in the NHL, including AHL star Chris Bourque and European-based forwards Mark Arcobello and Jim Slater and defensemen James Wisniewski and Bobby Sanguinetti .

"I think it's a great mix of young talent and veteran players with a lot of international experience," said Sanguinetti, who was a first-round pick of the New York Rangers in 2006. "Excited to get together in a month."

Tony Granato, who played at the 1988 Olympics and now coaches at Wisconsin, will be behind the bench in South Korea. The U.S. lost the bronze medal game to Finland in 2014 and got the silver in Vancouver in 2010.

But this is an entirely different dynamic with the NHL choosing not to send players, as national federations couldn't pick any player with an active NHL contract. The initial U.S. roster includes the admittedly "semi-retired" Gionta, three players from the AHL in Bourque, Bobby Butler and John McCarthy, five from Russia's Kontinental Hockey League, five from Switzerland's National League A, three from the Swedish Hockey League and two from multiple levels of Germany's Deutsche Eishockey Liga.

"I think we put together an outstanding group of players that will represent us well come February and give us a great chance to do really well," Granato said. "There was consideration of a lot of players who were there that have had good years and made it hard on us. That is the good thing about the depth of USA Hockey now. There are a lot of players out there that could potentially be Olympic athletes."

Ryan Zapolski, who plays for Finnish-based Jokerit in the KHL, is the only goaltender on the roster so far, with two more to be added later this month. Granato said after the pre-Olympic Deutschland Cup in November that Zapolski had the tools to be the Americans' starting goalie even though it was too early to name him as such.

Canada is expected to announce its roster on Jan. 11. Because NHL players aren't going, Gionta called the tournament "wide open," something Canada coach Willie Desjardins and others have said in recent months.

To that end, the U.S. roster is a blend of youth and experience that also takes into account the wider, international-sized ice that the tournament will be played on.

"We have a decent amount of players that are already used to playing in Europe on the big ice, which can be helpful," said defenseman Ryan Gunderson, one of the eight players on the roster without NHL experience and who currently is playing in Sweden. "(We have) some younger, college guys, which I'm sure will bring a lot of skill and energy, then proven AHL players that can produce, as well. Gio, of course, has experienced the Olympics before and will lead the way."

Gionta put up 588 points for the New Jersey Devils, Montreal Canadiens and Buffalo Sabres. He played for the U.S. at the 2006 Olympics and has been practicing with the AHL's Rochester Americans to stay in shape for Pyeongchang.

"It's one thing I don't have, I haven't been able to achieve, is an Olympic medal," Gionta said. "I would love to end my career with something like that."

The U.S. faces Slovenia in its Olympic opener on Feb. 14.

Sports in 2018: Long on hype, short on new faces, suspense

By Jim Litke
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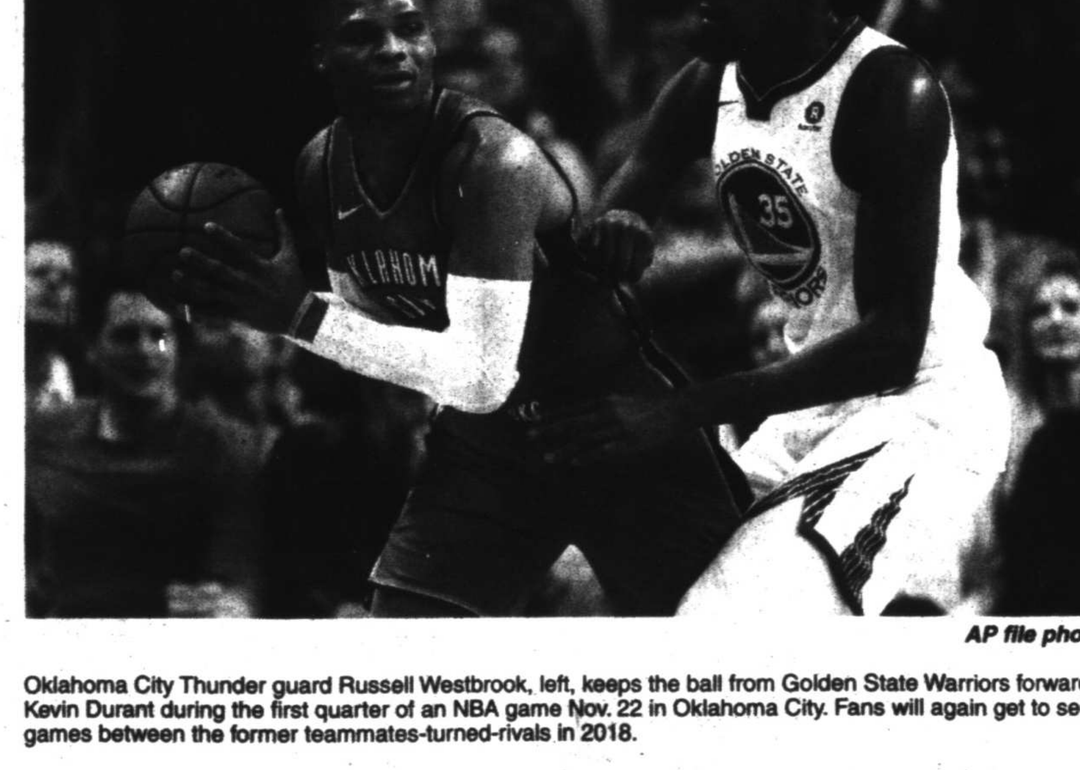

AP file photo

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, left, keeps the ball from Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant during the first quarter of an NBA game Nov. 22 in Oklahoma City. Fans will again get to see games between the former teammates-turned-rivals in 2018.

If you liked the spectacle that was Mayweather-McGregor, you're going to love 2018.

The coming year in sports will be long on hype, short on fresh faces, and just like Floyd Mayweather Jr. taking his sweet time to dismantle Conor McGregor, shorter still on suspense by the end.

We'll see a few favorites do what they do well: Alabama, Serena Williams, the New England Patriots, Golden State Warriors, Jordan Spieth, Germany's World Cup side and hot dog-eating king Joey Chestnut will all win championships and polish their reputations as dynasties.

The Russians, meanwhile, will tarnish theirs by getting caught doping at the Winter Olympics. Just as predictably, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will look overmatched at several points in the season, QB Colin Kaepernick will still be on the lookout for work and the Tennessee Vols will be looking for yet another football coach when December rolls around.

There will be people playing out of position, too.

Michael Jordan, 54, who owns the Charlotte Hornets and used to be a fair NBA player, will return to the court just long enough to shut up LaVar Ball — basketball's version of a stage-dad-from-Hades — in a pay-per-view event during All-Star weekend.

Their beef began in June , when 50-year-old LaVar said, "Back in my heyday, I would kill Michael Jordan one-on-one."

Considering Ball's "heyday" was one season at Washington State exactly 20 years ago — he averaged 2 points and 2 rebounds — Jordan simply ignored him. But then a kid asked MJ about the matchup at a basketball camp in August.

"I don't think he could beat me," Jordan replied, "if I was one-legged."

"Well guess what," Ball shot back, "I can beat him with one hand."

So let's get ready to . stumble?

Yet for all the imagined "beefs" spilling over into the new year, several real ones are going to be settled. Without further ado, here's a look ahead:

■ Jan. 8 — Alabama coach Nick Saban dozes off mid-answer explaining how the Tide shut down Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield and Oklahoma to become the first repeat winner of the College Football Playoff.

"Sorry," Saban says after a player gently nudges him awake. "I've been watching film on every team in America on a loop for ... actually, I don't remember how long. Pretty much since we lost to Clemson in this game exactly a year ago."

Saban spots his wife, Terry, at the back of the interview room and asks how their kids are doing. She smiles back, he says, "Great!" and heads for the exit.

"Enough celebrating," Saban announces, checking his watch. "Recruiting season begins ... now!"

■ Jan. 15 — Unbeknownst to fans and foes, Serena Williams was two months pregnant when she won the 2017 Australian Open. She opens defense of her title with a 6-0, 6-0 win over wild-card entry Jessica Ponchet of France with 4½-month-old daughter Alexis strapped into a baby sling on her back.

"No disrespect to Jessica," Williams explains, "but Venus was busy with her own match and every working parent knows how hard it is to find a baby sitter. So this was just an emergency fix. As soon as my mom gets here, I promise, Alexis will go back to watching my matches from the stands."

■ March 29 — Washington's Bryce Harper homers three times on opening day at Cincinnati, then tells reporters afterward he won't spend "even one minute" thinking about free agency until the season is over.

On his way down the tunnel, he texts Kris Bryant, the Chicago Cubs third baseman and Harper's BFF since they were dominating little leaguers together in Las Vegas.

"Wassup?"

■ April 2 — With FBI agents posted outside the Final Four locker rooms as part of an ongoing federal corruption probe, Gonzaga beats Duke and finally rewards long-suffering coach Mark Few.

"I've waited a long time for this, but let's be frank," Few says. "It didn't hurt that Arizona, Louisville, USC and who-knows-how-many other powerhouse programs and players were probably feeling some heat from the feds.

"It can't be easy to coach or play your best," he adds, "in a mask."

■ June 17 — Golden State beats Cleveland again in a rough-and-tumble, seven-game series to repeat as NBA champions. The Finals cap a combative round of playoffs that includes constant scuffling between former teammates-turned-rivals LeBron James and Kyrie Irving in the Eastern Conference and Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook in the West.

"My calendar has exactly one event left on it: vacation," jubilant Golden State coach Steve Kerr says afterward. But just to be sure, the Warriors launch a pre-emptive Twitter strike saying they won't be visiting to the White House this year, either.

"Wasn't gonna invite you, anyway!" President Trump tweets back. "#LOSERS!"

■ July 15 — Germany wraps up its dominant monthlong campaign by defeating Russia, its surprisingly tough hosts, 5-0 in the World Cup final in Moscow.

President Vladimir Putin hands over the trophy and then, seeking to sooth the restive home crowd, he smiles and adds: "Don't forget. We beat you here the last time — when it really mattered."

■ Aug. 12 — Spieth becomes the only golfer ever to complete the calendar Grand Slam and the youngest in the bargain by winning his fourth straight major, the PGA Championship.

The 24-year-old Texan took advantage of the rules after an errant drive in the final round left him seemingly stranded in the Bellerive Country Club parking. Thanks to a free drop, he banged a 3-wood off the grille of a Cadillac Escalade and over the clubhouse to within six feet of the flag, then made the birdie putt to seal it.

"I was having trouble picturing the shot," Spieth smiled, "until Michael (Greller, his caddie) told me Tiger used to drive one of those."

■ Sept. 28 — Prized Yankee import Giancarlo Stanton and sophomore phenom Aaron Judge, both poised to break baseball's home run record, go hitless as the final series of the regular season begins in Boston.

Red Sox starter Chris Sale explains his decision afterward to intentionally walk Stanton and Judge every at-bat despite pitching a complete-game no-hitter.

"Every time I looked into their dugout, I saw their manager and thought, 'That's Aaron Bleepin' Boone.' The last thing I was going to do is get beat by a home run."

■ Nov. 9 — Magnus Carlsen successfully defends his World Chess Championship in London against New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who competed under protest after an attempt to list both rooks, both knights and several pawns as "probable" for the first game is denied by the international federation.

TABC HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RANKINGS

SUGAR LAND — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Jan. 1:

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Class 6A

1. Denton Guyer, 22-1; 2. Austin Westlake, 20-3. 3. Cypress Falls, 17-3; 4. Spring Dekaney, 18-3; 5. SA Wagner, 15-4; 6. DeSoto, 14-5; 7. South Garland, 20-3; 8. Klein Forest, 12-3; 9. Allen, 17-3; 10. South Grand Prairie, 15-6; 11. North Crowley, 16-4; 12. Houston Sam Houston, 15-3; 13. Killeen Ellison, 19-2; 14. Lake Travis, 18-4; 15. Cibolo Steele, 18-1; 16. Katy Tompkins, 15-6; 17. Houston Westside, 18-2; 18. Aldine Eisenhower, 15-5; 19. Fort Bend Bush, 15-4; 20. **Odessa Permian, 15-3**; 21. Dallas Jesuit, 15-2; 22. Duncanville, 16-4; 23. Dickinson, 19-6; 24. Houston Clear Lake, 18-4; 25. SA MacArthur, 17-3.

Class 5A

1 Mansfield Timberview, 17-3; 2. Waxahachie, 14-4; 3. Justin Northwest, 16-5; 4. Port Arthur Memorial, 14-5; 5. N Richland Hills Birdville, 15-3; 6. Prosper, 17-2; 7. Little Elm, 14-6; 8. Sulphur Springs, 18-3; 9. EP Burges, 18-2; 10. Dallas Wilson, 7-4; 11. Midlothian, 15-5; 12. FB Elkins, 16-9; 13. Alvin Shadow Creek, 11-5; 14. Austin LBJ, 13-5; 15. Lancaster, 11-8; 16. CC Veterans Memorial, 19-4; 17. FW Trimble Tech, 14-5; 18. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 11-7; 19. Laredo Nixon, 18-5; 20. WF Rider, 16-4; 21. Dallas Kimball, 11-7; 22. Rosenburg Terry, 18-3; 23. Boerne Champion, 16-3; 24. SA Houston, 12-7; 25. Marvel, 5-13.

Class 4A

1. Center, 19-1; 2. Dallas Carter, 17-2; 3. Silsbee, 11-7; 4. Houston Yates, 11-2; 5. Freeport Brazosport, 15-5; 6. Lubbock Estacado, 12-4; 7. WF Hirschi, 9-6; 8. Abilene Wylie, 17-3; 9. Dallas Lincoln, 10-8; 10. Wilmer Hutchins, 11-7; 11. Seminole, 11-6; 12. Midlothian Heritage, 17-6; 13. Dallas Roosevelt, 15-6; 14. Argyle, 15-5; 15. Waxahachie Life, 22-5; 16. Boerne, 19-4; 17. CC West Oso, 14-7; 18. Houston North Forest, 8-6; 19. Waco Connally, 12-7; 20. Sour Lake Hardin Jefferson, 20-6; 21. Athens, 16-1; 22. Mexia, 17-1; 23. Krum, 16-5; 24. Huffman Hargrave, 17-7; 25. Somerset, 12-9.

Class 3A

1. Jarrell, 13-4; 2. Brock, 21-2; 3. SA Cole, 22-1; 4. Nacogdoches Central Heights, 17-6; 5. Palestine Westwood, 20-2; 6. Bowie, 12-6; 7. Ponder, 18-5; 8. East Chambers, 18-1; 9. Peaster, 13-8; 10. Edgewood, 15-2; 11. Dallas Madison, 3-15; 12. Nocona, 15-4; 13. Wall, 16-1; 14. Hitchcock, 10-10; 15. Van Vleck, 6-4; 16. Mount Vernon, 18-1; 17. Kountze, 8-6; 18. Van Alstyne, 13-8; 19. Schulenburg, 12-7; 20. La Marque, 7-11; 21. Pollok Central, 15-6; 22. Teague, 4-3; 23. Commerce, 8-8; 24. Canadian, 4-1; 25. Santa Rosa, 8-8.

Class 2A

1. Thorndale, 15-3; 2. Tenaha, 3-1; 3. Martins Mill, 17-3; 4. Big Sandy, 11-4; 5. Stinnett West Texas, 18-1; 6. Lufkin Pineywoods, 15-3; 7. Shelbyville, 16-3; 8. Muenster, 1-3; 9. San Augustine, 2-2; 10. Cushing, 16-3; 11. Grapeland, 11-7; 12. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 15-6; 13. Neches, 12-8; 14. Port Aransas, 13-10; 15. Kenens, 10-5; 16. Snook, 12-5; 17. Clarksville, 8-6; 18. Albany, 10-0; 19. Broaddus, 11-6; 20. Mumford, 15-4; 21. Celeste, 15-3; 22. Sanford Fritch, 12-3; 23. Memphis, 15-2; 24. SA Lee Academy, 12-0; 25. Ivanhoe Rayburn, 11-6.

Class 1A

1. Lipan, 19-1; 2. Nazareth, 12-5; 3. Laneville, 14-6; 4. Gail Borden County, 2-2; 5. Moulton, 18-3; 6. Milford, 3-1; 7. New Home, 15-2; 8. Sidsel, 14-5; 9. Grafford, 10-7; 10. Slocum, 13-7; 11. Leggett, 23-3; 12. Texline, 11-6; 13. Meadow, 10-4; 14. Dime Box, 12-7; 15. Turkey Valley, 4-1; 16. Happy, 5-6; 17. Shamrock, 7-3; 18. **Lenorah Grady, 11-4**; 19. Yantis, 15-2; 20. Imperial Buena Vista, 7-4; 21. Eula, 16-5; 22. Coolidge, 9-2; 23. Calvert, 3-6; 24. May, 5-4; 25. Ropesville, 11-3.

BOYS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/SPC

1. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 23-4; 2. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 27-1; 3. Houston Christian, 19-4; 4. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 13-6; 5. Bellaire Episcopal, 18-3; 6. SA Antonian, 25-6; 7. FW Nolan Catholic, 11-4; 8. Addison Trinity Christian, 12-8; 9. Dallas St. Mark's, 7-3; 10. SA Central Catholic, 12-7.

TAPPS 5A

1. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 18-4; 2. Houston 2nd Baptist, 18-6; 3. Tyler All Saints Episcopal, 15-3; 4. Houston Westbury Christian, 8-18; 5. SA St. Mary's Hall, 14-7; 6. CC St. John Paul II, 21-5; 7. FW Southwest Christian, 15-9; 8. Bullard Brook Hill, 12-6; 9. SA Cornerstone Christian, 9-7; 10. Frisco Legacy Christian, 11-10.

TAPPS 4A

1. Arlington Grace Prep, 19-5; 2. Colleyville Covenant, 8-10; 3. The Woodlands Christian, 14-12; 4. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 11-18; 5. Waco Reicher, 16-10; 6. **Midland Trinity, 8-2**; 7. Austin Texas School for Deaf, 12-3; 8. Dallas Shelton, 6-8; 9. Kennedale Fellowship, 10-8; 10. Flower Mound Coram Deo, 10-10.

Class 3A

1. Dallas Yavneh, 17-0; 2. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, 16-3; 3. Dallas Covenant, 12-2; 4. Willow Park Trinity, 13-2; 5. SA St. Gerard, 13-1; 6. Spring Frassati Catholic, 12-5; 7. Abilene Christian, 8-4; 8. SA Lutheran, 10-9; 9. EP Faith Christian, 6-2; 10. SA Castle Hills, 3-1.

Class 2A

1. Huntsville Alpha Omega, 19-0; 2. Sherman Texoma Christian, 12-2; 3. Conroe Covenant, 13-2; 4. Lubbock All-Saints Episcopal, 11-3; 5. Houston Beren, 10-3; 6. Spring Providence Classical, 16-6; 7. New Braunfels Christian, 14-8; 8. Garland Christian, 9-4; 9. Dallas Cambridge, 11-7; 10. FW Bethesda, 15-3.

Class 1A

1. Granbury North Central Texas, 15-2; 2. SA Legacy, 17-1; 3. SA Gateway, 15-5; 4. Lubbock Kingdom Prep, 10-6; 5. Longview Trinity, 9-2; 6. Spring Founders Christian, 10-7; 7. Irving Faustina, 5-0; 8. Houston Family Christian, 7-3; 9. Athens Christian Prep, 8-4; 10. Alamo Macedonian, 7-5

GIRLS PUBLIC

Class 6A

1. Duncanville, 24-1; 2. Cibolo Steele, 21-3; 3. Converse Judson, 19-3; 4. Houston Jersey Village, 16-1; 5. Richardson, 19-3; 6. SA East Central, 20-2; 7. Plano, 17-5; 8. DeSoto, 15-2; 9. Killeen Ellison, 14-7; 10. Dallas Skyline, 17-6; 11. Cypress Creek, 19-4; 12. Allen, 20-5; 13. Cypress Ranch, 16-4; 14. Cedar Hill, 15-5; 15. McKinney, 17-8; 16. Copperas Cove, 19-5; 17. Austin Westlake, 17-7; 18. Arlington Bowie, 17-6; 19. Pflugerville, 20-4; 20. Rockwall, 13-5; 21. Waco Midway, 20-4; 22. FW Timber Creek, 18-4; 23. Humble Atascocita, 14-5; 24. Weslaco, 21-4; 25. Fort Bend Hightower, 16-8.

Class 5A

1. Mansfield Timberview, 23-2; 2. Canyon, 16-2; 3. Barbers Hill, 24-2; 4. Frisco Lone Star, 20-2; 5. Amarillo, 22-2; 6. Prosper, 18-3; 7. Houston Madison, 11-2; 8. Temple, 17-5; 9. Sulphur Springs, 17-3; 10. Denison, 19-4; 11. Lucas Lovejoy, 17-5; 12. Aledo, 16-1; 13. Grapevine, 20-4; 14. Wylie East, 16-4; 15. CC Flour Bluff, 18-3; 16. Leander Rouse, 19-6; 17. N Richland Hills Birdville, 14-8; 18. Cedar Park, 17-7; 19. FW Boswell, 22-4; 20. Lubbock Cooper, 20-2; 21. Arlington Seguin, 17-6; 22. CC Veterans Memorial, 21-4; 23. Austin High, 18-6; 24. Kerrville Tivy, 18-5; 25. Georgetown, 15-7.

Class 4A

1. Levelland, 21-1; 2. Navasota, 20-0; 3. Liberty Hill, 18-3; 4. Glen Rose, 21-1; 5. Argyle, 17-6; 6. Dallas Lincoln, 19-3; 7. Brownwood, 22-3; 8. Denver City, 16-5; 9. Houston Wheatley, 18-3; 10. Gilmore, 19-4; 11. Canton, 19-5; 12. Tatum, 17-4; 13. Midlothian Heritage, 20-3; 14. Abilene Wylie, 15-6; 15. Melissa, 18-3; 16. Bushland, 13-6; 17. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 19-4; 18. Geronimo Navarro, 18-5; 19. Bridgeport, 14-2; 20. Bullard, 20-6; 21. Sanger, 20-4; 22. Comal Canyon Lake, 19-4; 23. SA Veterans Memorial, 17-9; 24. CC West Oso, 15-5; 25. Hondo, 18-5.

Class 3A

1. Canadian, 16-4; 2. Pittsboro, 20-3; 3. Tuscola Jim Ned, 15-6; 4. Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill, 21-2; 5. Wall, 14-5; 6. Little River Academy, 12-3; 7. Italelou, 18-5; 8. Brock, 17-6; 9. Winnsboro, 13-9; 10. Leonard, 17-3; 11. Teague, 13-2; 12. Mount Vernon, 14-7; 13. Sunnyvale, 18-3; 14. Shallowater, 17-3; 15. Poth, 14-3; 16. Cisco, 17-3; 17. Yoakum, 14-3; 18. Odem, 18-6; 19. Woodville, 22-5; 20. Vanderbilt Industrial, 18-5; 21. Hitchcock, 19-6; 22. Grandview, 14-8; 23. Karnes City, 15-2; 24. Ponder, 13-6; 25. Franklin, 20-3.

Class 2A

1. Martins Mill, 22-1; 2. Woden, 20-2; 3. La Pue La Poynor, 19-2; 4. Panhandle, 18-3; 5. Windthorst, 19-1; 6. Stratford, 15-4; 7. Hico, 21-1; 8. Claude, 18-3; 9. Era, 18-3; 10. Grapeland, 16-7; 11. Tenaha, 18-4; 12. Wellington, 17-4; 13. Archer City, 17-5; 14. Haskell, 21-1; 15. Vega, 21-2; 16. Lovelady, 18-5; 17. Centerville, 17-2; 18. Campbell, 17-5; 19. Seymour, 15-5; 20. San Saba, 19-5; 21. Douglass, 17-3; 22. Timpson, 18-5; 23. Snook, 18-1; 24. Harper, 17-6; 25. Mason, 19-7.

Class 1A

1. Nazareth, 18-3; 2. **Garden City, 20-1**; 3. Dodd City, 20-1; 4. Moulton, 21-3; 5. Huckabay, 14-4; 6. Ropesville, 19-0; 7. Eula, 17-6; 8. Jayton, 17-4; 9. Bartlesdale Nueces Canyon, 16-2; 10. McMullen County, 16-1; 11. Robert Lee, 15-2; 12. Rankin, 23-4; 13. Roby, 12-5; 14. Leakey, 13-3; 15. May, 16-3; 16. Westbrook, 12-3; 17. New Home, 17-4; 18. Slocum, 10-6; 19. Rocksprings, 14-3; 20. Hermleigh, 16-6; 21. Spur, 14-8; 22. Iraan, 11-7; 23. Cumby Miller Grove, 11-5; 24. Iredell, 10-3; 25. Groom, 13-4.

GIRLS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/SPC

1. Houston Kinkaid, 15-2; 2. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 13-7; 3. Plano Prestonwood, 15-6; 4. Houston Christian, 20-5; 5. Houston St. Agnes, 17-7; 6. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 13-2; 7. Argyle Liberty Christian, 20-4; 8. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 18-5; 9. Houston The Village School, 16-4; 10. SA Incarnate Word, 13-8.

TAPPS 5A

1. SA Christian, 17-8; 2. Mesquite Dallas Christian, 11-10; 3. Corpus Christi IWA, 14-7; 4. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 14-7; 5. Austin St. Michael's, 15-5; 6. Houston Second Baptist, 12-9; 7. **Midland Christian, 10-4**; 8. Tyler Grace Community Christian, 12-5; 9. Tyler All Saints Episcopal, 14-6; 10. CC John Paul II, 17-8.

TAPPS 4A

1. Houston Lutheran North, 6-6; 2. FW Lake Country Christian, 15-7; 3. Marble Falls Faith, 14-4; 4. Austin Brentwood Christian, 16-8; 5. Austin Texas School for Deaf, 15-4; 6. Dallas Shelton, 11-2; 7. Lubbock Christian, 20-8; 8. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 7-15; 9. Flower Mound Coram Deo, 14-3; 10. The Woodlands Christian Academy, 12-4.

Class 3A

1. Beaumont Legacy, 12-6; 2. Temple Central Texas Christian, 15-4; 3. SA Castle Hills, 13-5; 4. **Midland Classical, 10-5**; 5. Spring Preston Catholic, 10-4; 6. Mission Juan Diego, 11-4; 7. Round Rock Christian, 10-4; 8. Arlington Burton Adventist, 8-4; 9. Bryan Brazos Christian, 6-4; 10. Hallettsville Sacred Heart, 3-0.

Class 2A

1. Austin Waldorf, 12-1; 2. Lubbock All-Saints, 10-5; 3. Shiner St. Paul, 8-4; 4. Red Oak Ovilla, 7-1; 5. The Woodlands Legacy, 13-2; 6. Bryan St. Joseph, 8-9; 7. Lubbock Southcrest, 8-2; 8. Bryan Allen, 6-2; 9. New Braunfels Christian, 6-10; 10. Sherman Texoma, 4-8.

Class 1A

1. Lubbock Kingdom, 11-8; 2. Edinburg Harvest, 8-3; 3. SA Legacy, 12-3; 4. WF Notre Dame, 12-6; 5. Houston Southwest Christian, 7-2; 6. Waxahachie Prep, 7-1; 7. DeSoto Canterbury, 4-4; 8. Longview Trinity, 7-7; 9. Alamo Macedonian, 5-8; 10. San Angelo Cornerstone, 8-8.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1 More hot under the collar
7 Topper with a tassel
10 Managed care gp.
13 Repetitive World Cup cheer
14 Commuter vehicle
15 Alley __
16 Celebrate with abandon
18 Boring routine
19 Teen sleuth Nancy
20 Exchange for cash
21 Deep opera voice
23 Razor sharpener
25 Corn serving
26 "Uh-huh"
27 Lift a few weights
31 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
34 High-priority task
35 __ Jones' locker
36 Mob enforcer
38 Girls in the family
40 Island off Tuscany
41 Arts and __: summer camp activity
45 Before, poetically
46 Sunday NBC public affairs show
49 "The Well-Tempered Clavier" composer
50 Long-armed primate
51 Bit of prevention
55 Soak in the tub
56 Ignoring, with "to"
58 Parliament member
59 Ride for Jesus on Palm Sunday
60 Like a shirt condition suggested by the ends of 16-, 27- and 46-Across
63 Edge of a glass
64 One shaken to seal a deal
65 Keen judgment
66 SSW's opposite
67 Tweeter's "Wow!"
68 Parable messages

DOWN

1 Jell-O shapers
2 Warn
3 Ward off
4 "Grease" music genre
5 Munchkin kin
6 Gridiron zebras
7 Nuclear reactor tube
8 H-like Greek vowel
9 "Shaun of the Dead" creature
10 Kentucky Derby, e.g.
11 Position the cursor without clicking
12 Vision: Pref.
14 "About time!"
17 Goes (through) slowly
22 "All kidding __ ..."
24 Saucony rival
28 Chew noisily
29 Three-card game
30 Wall St.'s "Big Board"
31 "Pardon me"
32 River drainage region that covers 11 African countries
33 "I haven't a clue!"
37 Fire lighter
39 "That __ awesome!"
42 Poetry performance
43 Add as a supplement
44 Flip (out)
47 "Pinball Wizard" band
48 Gunpowder element
52 Bellini opera
53 Angler's basket
54 Utopian places
55 Place for a Deere, but not deer
57 Hoax
61 Crash into
62 Green prefix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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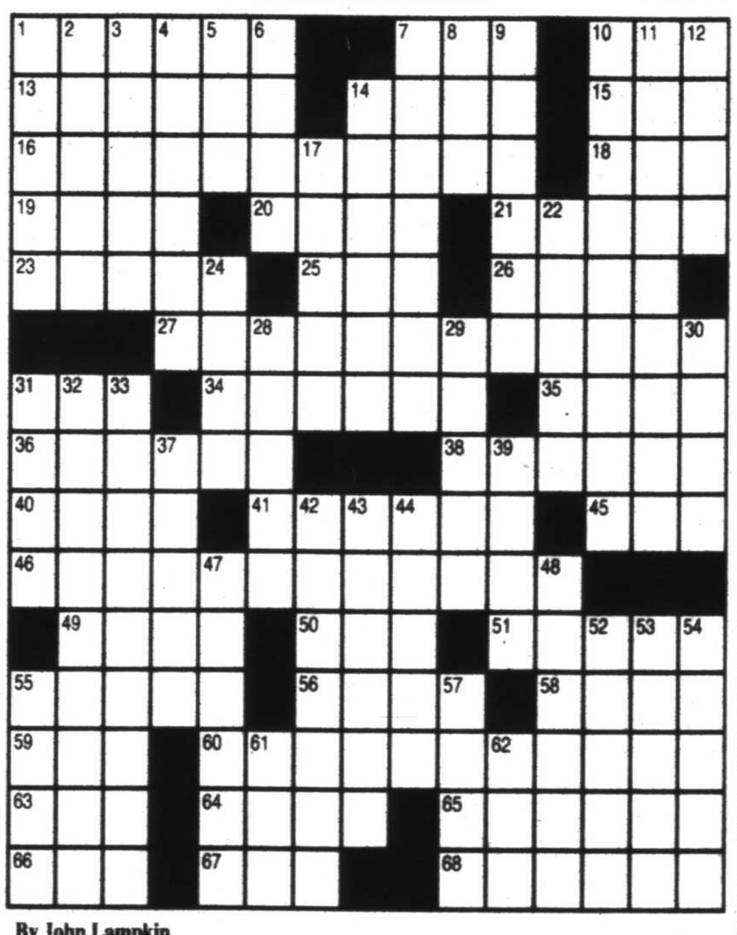

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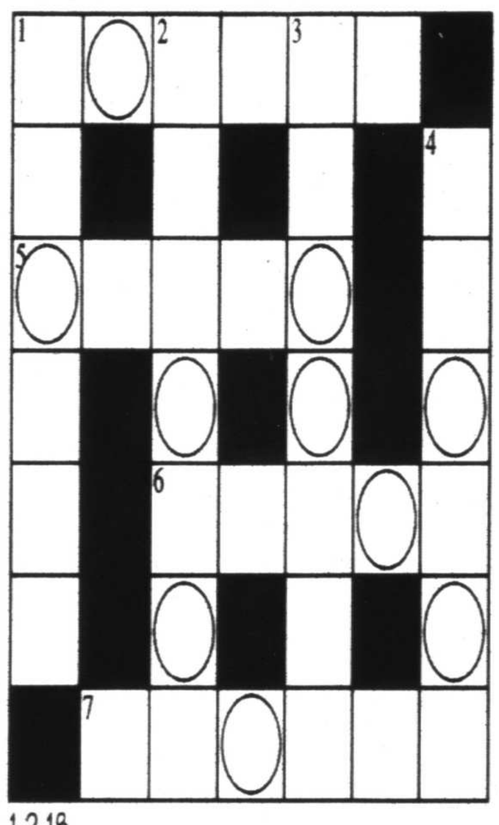

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ field	NOCTOT
5. Emergency ___	KBAER
6. Glorify	ATXEL
7. Disguised	LIVDEE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Atomic element 27	TLOCAB
2. Type of performer	AZETRPE
3. In general	VALOLER
4. Created, cast, forged	TMIDNE

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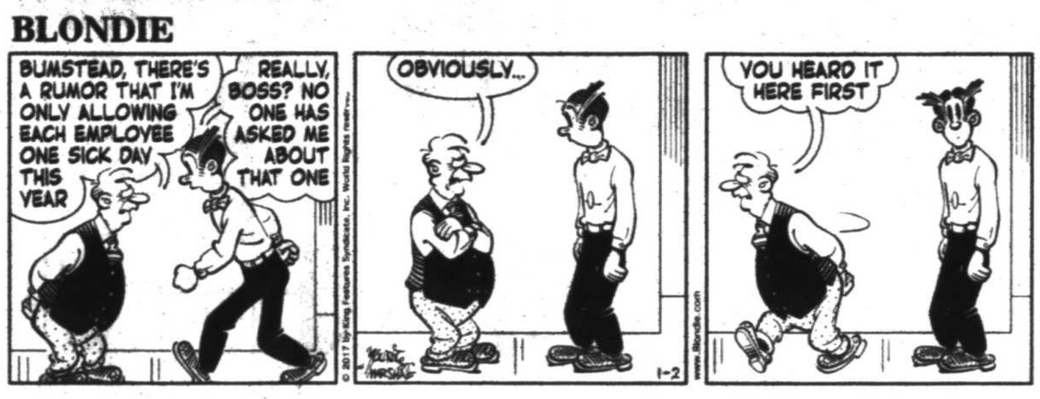

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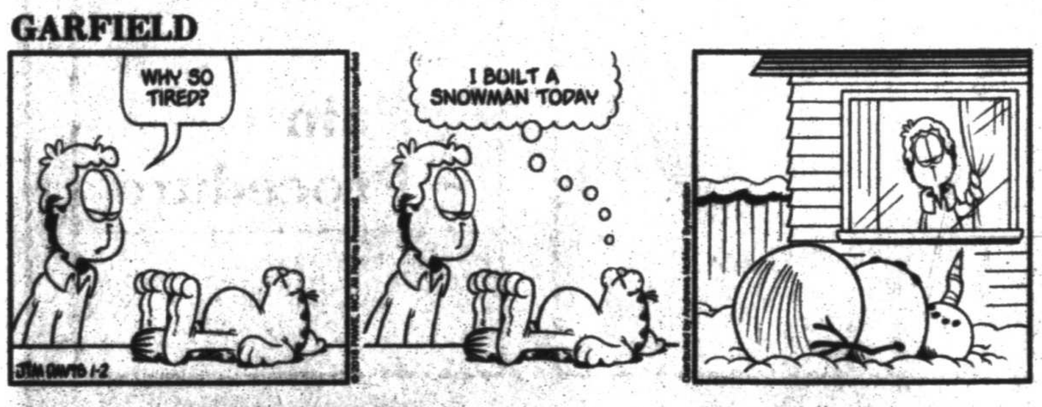

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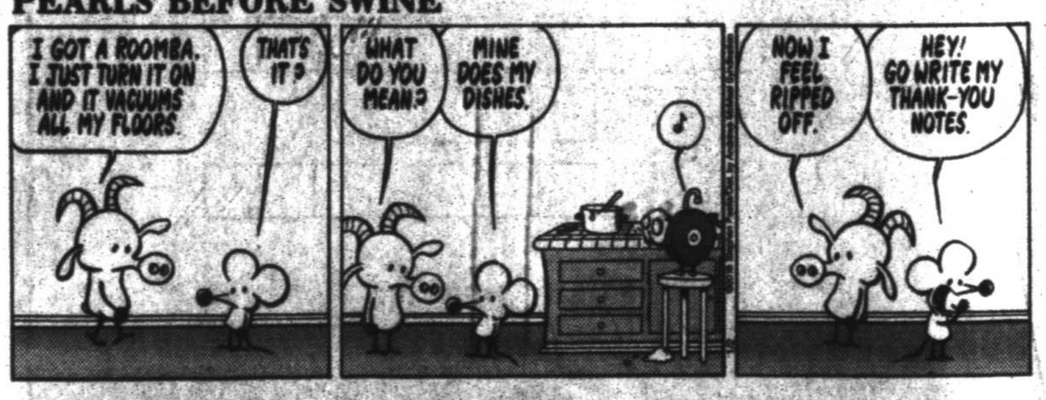

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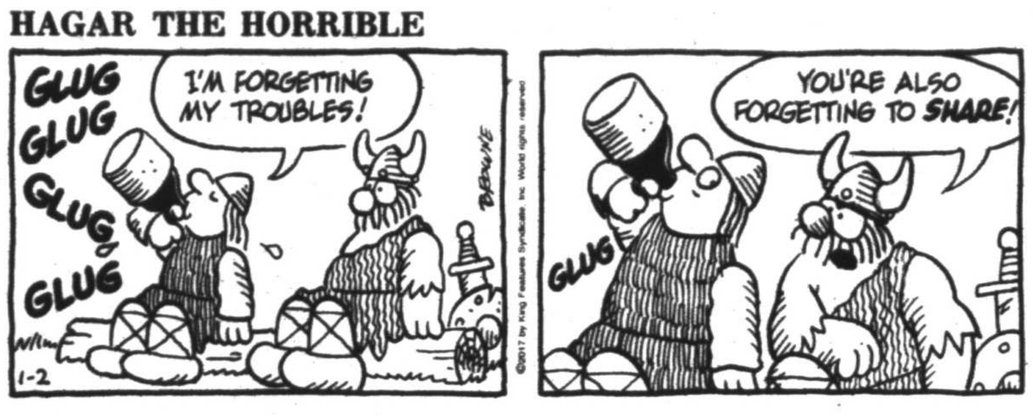

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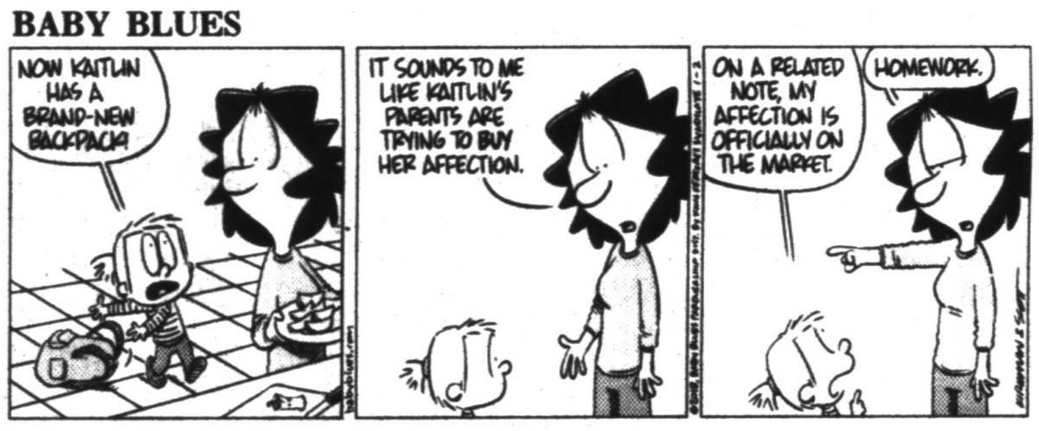

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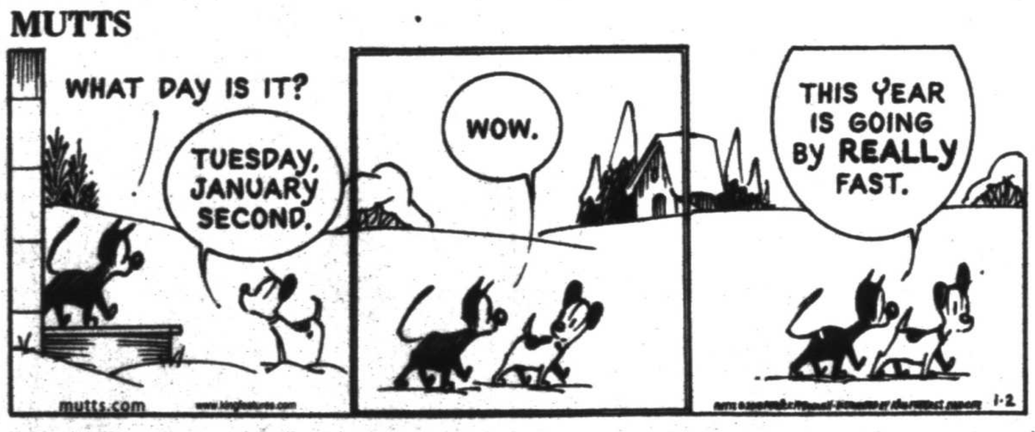

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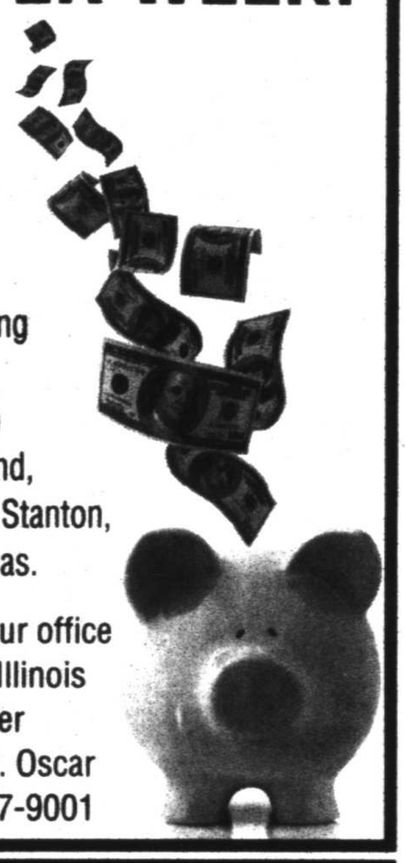

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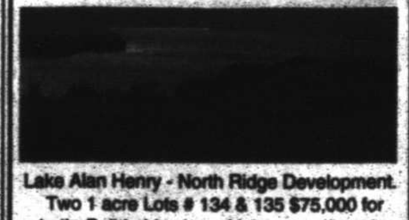

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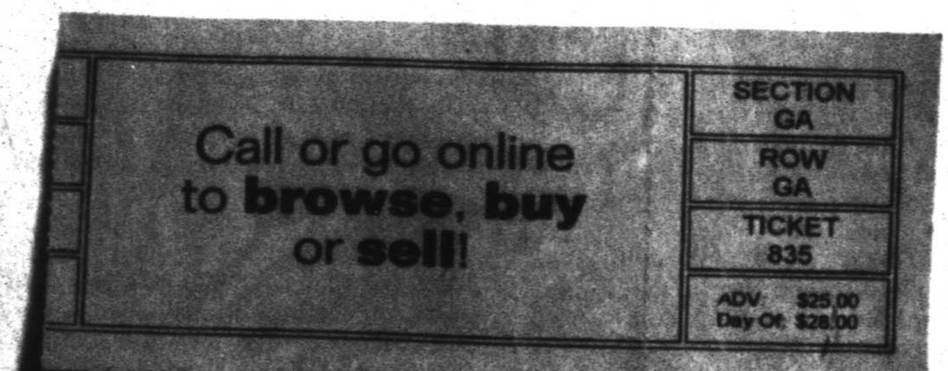

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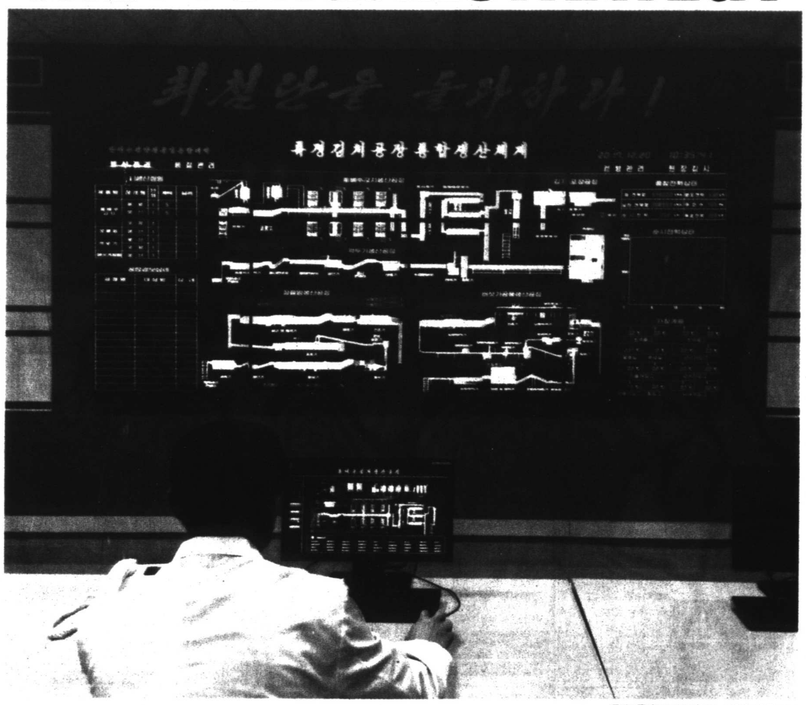

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An employee monitors production from the control room of the Ryugyong Kimchi Factory on Dec. 20, 2017, in Pyongyang, North Korea. The factory is a showcase of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's efforts to boost the country's domestic economy and produce more, and better, consumer products. The strategy, known as "byungjin," is intended to simultaneously develop the national economy and North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Secret Sauce? Kim Jong Un applies science to kimchi-making

By Eric Talmadge

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Kim Jong Un wants to turn the art of kimchi-making into a science. And the North Korean leader is putting his money where his mouth is.

On the outskirts of Pyongyang, surrounded by snow-covered farms and greenhouses, stands one of Kim's latest pet projects, the Ryugyong Kimchi Factory, which produces 4,200 tons of the iconic Korean pickled vegetable dish a year. The shiny new facility replaces an older factory and opened in June last year after getting Kim's final seal of approval, according to manager Paek Mi Hye.

The factory is intended to showcase Kim's efforts to boost North Korea's domestic economy and produce more, and better, consumer products. His strategy, known as "byungjin," aims to simultaneously develop the national economy and North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

North Korea's repeated underground nuclear tests and launches of long-range missiles that could conceivably reach the U.S. mainland have brought more sanctions down on the North than ever before. But outside experts believe the country — while still struggling in many areas — is showing signs of modest economic growth and improved agricultural production. It could be just a year or two away from having an operational, nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile.

Applied science, according to the North's policymakers, is absolutely essential on all fronts.

Kim has transformed the Pyongyang skyline with high-rise apartments to house his prized rocket scientists and nuclear engineers, and Paek repeatedly stressed while giving a tour of the facility to The Associated Press how even an ancient delicacy like kimchi can benefit from scientific innovation.

Paek, who accompanied Kim on his "on-the-spot guidance" visits, said the factory has 150 workers but is for the most part automated.

She said the primary objective of the factory is to operate in a "scientific manner at every stage." In kimchi-making, that means inspections all along the production line to ensure quality and hygiene. The factory boasts of a one-of-a-kind "kimchi analyzer" to maintain the proper levels of saltiness and lactic acid — its signature ingredient.

Koreans North and South have been making kimchi for generations, often passing family recipes down from mother to daughter or mother-in-law to daughter-in-law.

In 2015, UNESCO added kimchi to its "intangible cultural heritage of humanity" list, noting that the traditional sharing of know-how and materials to prepare large quantities of kimchi for the winter months "boosts cooperation among families, villages and communities, contributing to social cohesion."

Paek acknowledged that some people might resist giving up the cherished tradition of communal kimchi-making. "But they also recognize the quality and reliability of our factory-made product," she said.

The factory produces eight kimchi products, from the very spicy staple "tong kimchi," which has a red tint and is made of whole cabbages, to a milder variety designed for children. Its kimchi products are distributed to restaurants and grocery stores around Pyongyang.

"This is the model," Paek said. "Other factories like ours are being planned in every province."

Ice cream flavor part of university's legacy

By Megan Raposa
Argus Leader

BROOKINGS, S.D. — There wasn't a patent, but there were witnesses.

In 1979, Joe Leedom was a dairy science student at South Dakota State University when he helped make the very first batch of cookies-and-cream ice cream.

The idea is credited to Shirley Seas, a manager at the campus dairy plant.

"He was an institution in the dairy science department," Leedom said.

Seas was also a regular dairy products judge, and Leedom recalled a story from Seas about a time in the mid-'70s when he stopped at an ice cream shop after a day of judging products. His scoop was served with cookie crumbles on top.

Months later, Leedom recalls, he was working in the campus dairy plant with his friend and classmate Joe Van Treeck when Seas asked the two students to go buy some Oreos from a nearby grocery store.

"We're both kind of looking at him with puzzlement in our faces, and he says 'I have an idea for a new ice cream flavor, and I want you guys to make the first batch."

Leedom and Van Treeck left the lab in their dairy white uniforms, hopped into one of the plant's delivery vans and drove to the grocery store at 6th Street and Medary Avenue.

"We pretty much cleared them out of all of the Oreo cookies that they had," Leedom said.

Back at the plant, they crushed up the Oreos in a machine called a fruit feeder.

"We incorporated the cookies into the ice cream and a new flavor was born," Leedom said.

It didn't take long to see the three men had created something great.

The first batch of cookies and cream ice cream went to the campus Dairy Bar, and it was an instant hit.

"(Seas) used to say that it was like a wildfire going through dry grass once the word got out about this new flavor," Leedom said.

Today, that wildfire continues to spread.

The SDSU Davis Dairy Plant produces about 8,000 gallons of cookies and cream ice cream each year, about 16 percent of the total 50,000 gallons of ice cream produced.

The true origins of the famous flavor remain contested.

"We never patented it or trademarked it, but from the records that we have seen, we've not been able to find anything else (invented earlier)," said Vikram Mistry, head of the Dairy and Food Science Department at SDSU.

Texas Blue Bell advertises their cookies and cream flavor as the "original," and Edy's ice cream website claims they invented the flavor in 1982. But for SDSU students and alumni, there's no contest.

"I think we really were the first," Leedom said.

The SDSU Davis Dairy Plant processes about 18,000 pounds of milk each week.

In addition to cookies and cream ice cream, that milk forms the base for cheese, butter and more than 60 flavors of ice cream.

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A: Well, there are a number of possibilities that could have caused this that come to mind and none have anything to do with malware. You may not have used the computer much, but can you say that for anybody else?

Did your son install some BitTorrent software to download free movies? Maybe Kenneth Branagh will knock on your door one day looking for his missing royalties.

Or perhaps your wife is chatting (or worse) with an old high school flame she friended on Facebook at last year's class reunion? These are probably melodramatic, but first make sure "you" covers all of you.

I'll also assume you have a wireless router. And just how many devices are connected to that exactly? Maybe they're hogging the line. Or maybe your friendly neighbor is so friendly because he's piggybacking on your internet?

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Let's start there with the router. Any self-respecting router will be able to list what devices are connected to it. How-To-Geek has a reasonable article on this topic (bit.ly/2o4QV9J). With computers, phones, printers, TVs, Amazon, thermostats, watches, lightbulbs I wouldn't be at all surprised if you have a couple dozen legitimate connections on your Wi-Fi.

However, if you do see something suspicious, upgrade the router's firmware and change your Wi-Fi password at the very least. You may also look into something called MAC Address Filtering; however, that is a time-consuming, tedious, and ,in-the-end, frustrating process that, with the advent of MAC Address Spoofing, provides only minimal improvement to overall security.

Next, you have heard of anti-virus software, haven't you? If you don't have any installed, there are a number of free options you can try (see our latest article on anti-virus software at bit.ly/2BqHS9v). Install one and see if it finds anything suspicious.

If you are still out of luck at this point, you will now have to put on your best Mr. Robot costume and commune with fsociety. Head over to NirSoft (www.nirsoft.net) and click on Network Monitoring Tools. There are a number of programs there that you will find useful.

Wireless Network Watcher. In the event you couldn't figure out how to get into your router, this program will provide much the same detail as I discussed above.

CurrPorts. This little program will show you what ports are currently open on your computer and what processes opened them. You should set it up to automatically refresh every few seconds after filtering out 0.0.0.0 and 127.0.0.1. If you do see connections from something other than "System" or your web browser, you might want to take a look and see what's going on there.

NetworkTrafficView. This program is very similar to CurrPorts, but is good for looking at historical usage as opposed to "in-the-moment" usage. This will allow you to identify the network hogs.

Another program that has acquired a following is GlassWire (glasswire.com, $49-199). Think of GlassWire as a more user-friendly version of the NirSoft software above. It is more visual and provides the ability to create alerts so that you are notified of suspicious activity in a timely manner.

Hopefully one of these ideas will help you solve the Mystery of the Suddenly Escalating Internet Usage. And if Kenneth comes a knocking, at least you have something to pitch him.

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