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The Minnesota Vikings beat the New Orleans Saints 29-24 and will now head to the NFC championship game.

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Industry to face more RRC scrutiny

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

Energy lawyer John R. Hays Jr. represents oil and gas producers and pipelines before the Railroad Commission of Texas. Hays, a partner with Jackson Walker in Austin, also teaches energy law and policy at the University of Texas School of Law.

Hays recently spoke about some of the issues before the state commission that regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas. His edited comments follow.

Q: What are some of the bigger issues facing the Railroad Commission?

A: One big issue is how they are going to regulate the intrastate common carrier pipelines that transport natural gas liquids and crude oil. The commission has had the responsibility to regulate pipelines for the past 100 years, and the Legislature about 10 years ago amended the statute to give it more pricing flexibility. The commission is figuring out how to go about setting the rates, and it's a very significant issue both to producers who want pipeline transportation rates to be reasonable and pipelines, which would generally like the rates to be higher.

During the last legislative session, the commission got a budget increase to add more inspectors and plug abandoned

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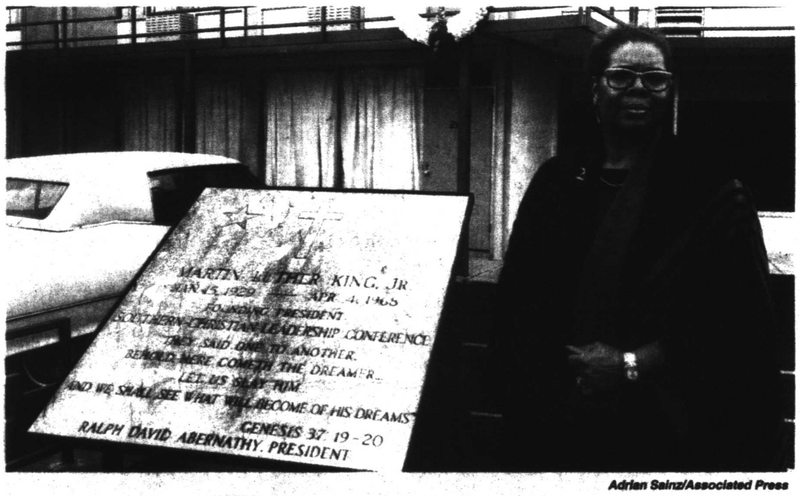

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Terri Lee Freeman, National Civil Rights Museum president, stands in front of the balcony of the old Lorraine Motel on Tuesday in Memphis, Tenn., where Martin Luther King Jr. was fatally shot. When King said returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night devoid of stars, he wasn't thinking of the world in 2018.

King's words still inspire nearly 50 years after his death

By Jeff Martin and Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Though his voice was silenced nearly 50 years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of nonviolence still resonates and inspires.

Decades ago, the famed civil rights leader — also regarded as one of America's greatest orators — recalled driving one night from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with his brother A.D. at the wheel. Most cars in the opposite lane failed to dim their lights, and his brother angrily vowed to keep his bright lights on in retaliation.

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Get information about local MLK Day events.

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"And I looked at him right quick and said: 'Oh no, don't do that. There'd be too much light on this highway, and it will end up in mutual destruction for all. Somebody got to have some sense on this highway,'" King told the congregation at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama during a 1957 sermon.

"Somebody must have sense enough to dim the lights, and that is the trouble, isn't it?" King told the congregation. "That as all of the civilizations of the world move up the highway of history, so many civilizations, having looked at other civilizations that refused to dim the lights, and they decided to refuse to dim theirs."

More than a half-century later, in a world full of contentious politics, one of King's memorable quotes remains relevant. It's from his book "Strength to Love," first published in 1963:

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Educators: Special education caps were Legislature's idea

By Aliyya Swaby
Texas Tribune

After a federal report blasted Texas for failing kids with disabilities, educators and public education advocates are pointing the finger directly at state legislators who, they argue, first suggested capping special education to keep costs low.

The U.S. Department of Education last week released a monitoring report, after a 15-month investigation, finding that the Texas Education Agency effectively capped the statewide percentage of students who could receive special education services and incentivized school districts to deny services to eligible students. Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement soon after that criticized local school districts for their "dereliction of duty" in failing to serve students — which touched a nerve for educators.

"We weren't derelict: the state of Texas was derelict, the Texas Education Agency was derelict," said HD Chambers, superintendent of Alief ISD and president of the Texas School Alliance, an advocacy group. "We were following what they put in place."

In a statement sent to TEA and Abbott on Sunday, the Texas School Alliance and school administrator groups dated the creation of a special education cap back to a 2004 Texas House Public Education Committee interim report, which surveyed how other states fund special education and which made recommendations to the Legislature for how to discourage identifying too many students with disabilities.

The governor's office and the Texas Education Agency did not immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday.

"Another method that states use to control special education costs is to impose caps either on the number of students who can be identified as eligible for special education services or amount of available state dollars," the legislative report said, as part of a breakdown of how Texas funds special education compared to other states.

The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act requires Texas to identify and provide services for all children with disabilities between

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Available land allows Odessa to grow east

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

The debate on the Odessa City Council about a proposal to restructure the board turned to the city's eastern sprawl, where the most recent oil boom brought a surge in population and a rush of new construction of buildings and homes.

Council members Malcolm Hamilton and Filiberto Gonzales argued the eastward growth stiffs other Odessans when supported by business incentives and public infrastructure investments.

And Councilwoman Barbara Graff said she would not approve public incentives for businesses moving in the part of Odessa across the Midland County line, because it "cheats" other taxing entities, such as the school and hospital districts.

But obscured in the debate were the reasons behind Odessa's outward expansion: a reality decades in the making and driven by simple realities such as available land where people can build and existing infrastructure necessary to support a new home or a new business.

Gonzales had argued, after incorrectly asserting that public coffers do not benefit from growth in the east, that: "We are not growing there because the citizens of Odessa voted on that. We are growing out there because of special interests, people that want it to grow in that area and sell their land."

Indeed, private developers generally expect to profit when they build a home. And a company builds a new restaurant or movie theater in places where they are deemed likely to succeed.

But there's more to it.

East Odessa also had viable land, while property to the south and west carries constraints. That's true, too, in north Odessa, which also saw a boom in new homes and businesses in recent years.

"There's a lot that's being generated by the cinema out there, the restaurants out there," Mayor David Turner said. "Is it perfect, no? But unfortunately we live in a city that is surrounded by ranches. Some of them want to sell, some don't. And there's an old oilfield."

In east Odessa, he added in a later interview: "That's where the land was."

Developers building east faced fewer obstacles from oilfield infrastructure, such as pipelines, than if they had built in other directions, said Drew Crutcher, a civil engineer and former economic development volunteer. Another one of the main driving factors of eastward development is access to sewer lines.

"There are possibilities for infill development but when you are talking about large portions of the city, Odessa is growing to the east," Crutcher said. "Midland is growing to the west. There are reasons for that. And it's infrastructure that can be extended."

In south Odessa, in addition to the industrial areas that include petrochemical

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Did you know? Gums and grass

don't mix. Federal law bans marijuana users from having guns. Page 4A

Missing person found

Billie Jane Lewis' body has been discovered after an almost weeklong search. Page 2A

Word of the Day: eclectic

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

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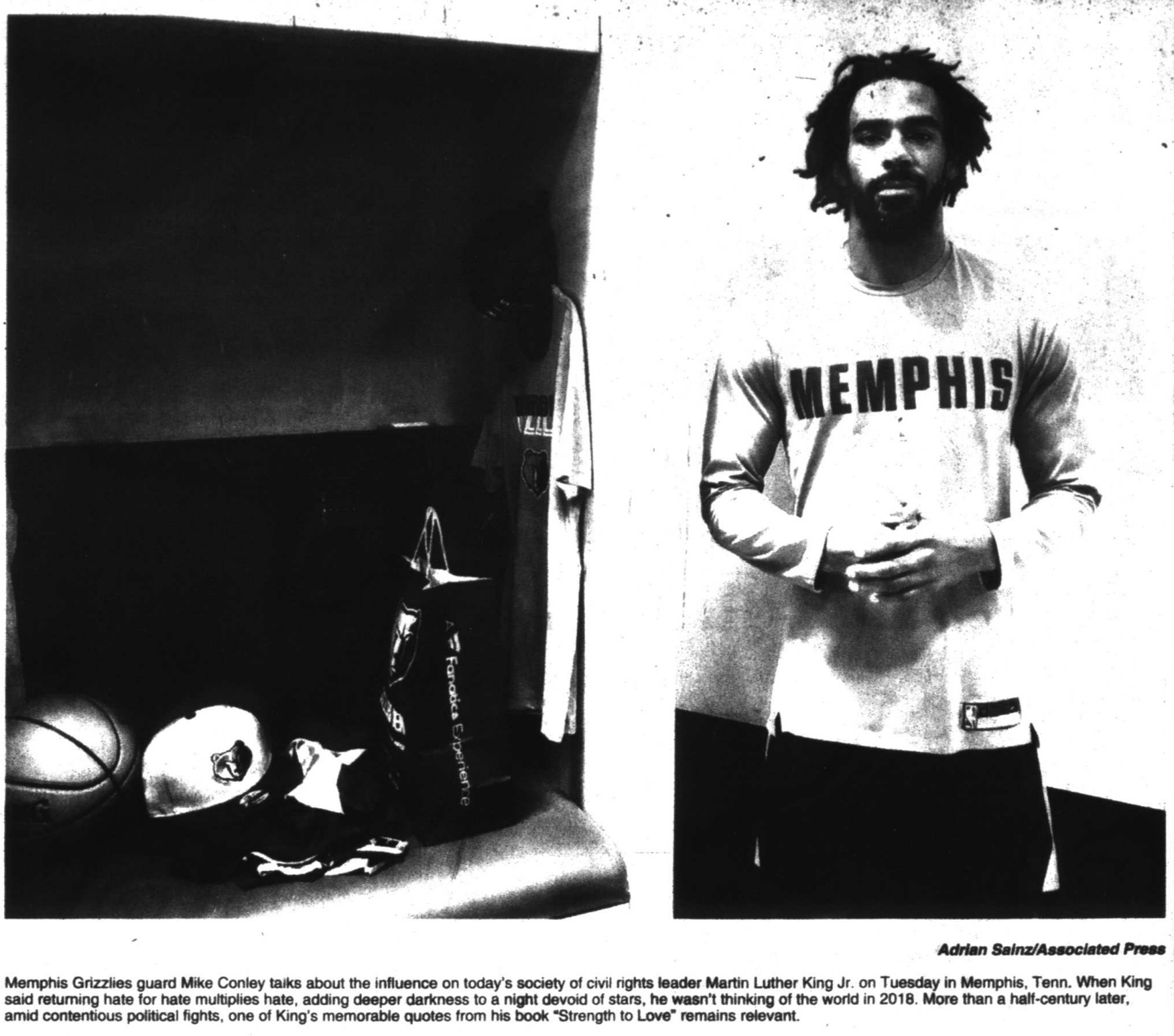

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Memphis Grizzlies guard Mike Conley talks about the influence on today's society of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday in Memphis, Tenn. When King said returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night devoid of stars, he wasn't thinking of the world in 2018. More than a half-century later, amid contentious political fights, one of King's memorable quotes from his book "Strength to Love" remains relevant.

MLK

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"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

The AP asked a half-dozen people in the cities where he was born and where he died to consider his words and talk about what they mean for today's world.

Some were interviewed in Atlanta, home to King's Ebenezer Baptist Church congregation and his office where Xernona Clayton organized protest marches and fundraisers. Others reflected on the quote in Memphis, in front of the Lorraine Motel balcony where King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

"When he says 'hate cannot drive out hate, only light can do that,' it recognizes that to be bitter about your circumstance is one thing. To retaliate based on your circumstance is quite another," said Terri Lee Freeman, president of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, at the site of the old Lorraine Motel. "So, Dr. King reminds us that it is usually through love — actionable love — that we are able to make change."

"In order to fulfill a dream, it's going to take a team that's going to demonstrate love and not hate," Cleophus Smith said.

Smith was one of the sanitation workers who went on strike in 1968 after two of his co-workers were killed by a malfunctioning garbage truck. King was in Memphis supporting the sanitation workers' strike when he was slain at the Lorraine Motel.

"You think about the grand scheme of things, you can't fight hate with hate in the world we live in today. You can't fight violence with violence," said Mike Conley, a guard for the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association.

"When people come and want to inflict hurt on somebody, you can't come back and do the same to them," Conley said. "Otherwise, we're in this never-ending spiral that we're in the middle of right now."

"This is a time of moral reckoning in our nation. We must choose to stand on the side of light and love," said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

"We have to stand up as Americans and say that we will stand on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, those who experience discrimination both historically, and presently," he added. "This is our time, this is our moment to decide what kind of nation we want to be."

"He talked about love and hate so effectively," said Xernona Clayton, King's office manager in Atlanta. "Dr. King really hated no one. He loved everyone; he really did. He practiced it, and he preached it.

"So when he talks about what hate does versus what love does, it's so applicable to today," she said. "We have to drive out hate any way we can. We have to strengthen love any way we can."

Body found of missing 70-year-old woman

From staff reports

A member of Texas Search and Rescue has found the body of a 70-year-old Midland woman who had been missing since Tuesday, according to the city's spokeswoman.

Billie Jane Lewis was found about 4 p.m. Sunday in a remote, heavily wooded area of southeast Midland, according to the press release. Foul play is not suspected at this time. Lewis' remains have been sent to Tarrant County for autopsy, which is standard operating procedure, according to the release.

"First and foremost, our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Ms. Lewis," Midland Police Chief Steve Henry said in a statement. "I would also like to thank the entire Midland community for making this search a priority — especially the tireless efforts of the men and women of the Midland Police Department and Texas Search and Rescue."

Additional details concerning Lewis' death may be released following the autopsy. She was last seen at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. In the 400 block of South Jackson Street, and a silver alert was issued.

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FORT WORTH

Authorities identify man killed by police in raid

Authorities have identified a man Fort Worth SWAT officers shot and killed during a drug raid.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday that the Tarrant County medical examiner's office said 60-year-old Jose Arroyo-Rosales Sr. died from multiple gunshot wounds about 1:40 a.m. Thursday.

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

They say a door to a room was closed and when officers entered they saw the man pointing the weapon at them.

NEW MEXICO

Secondary elevators to be out of service at Carlsbad Caverns

CARLSBAD — Officials at Carlsbad Caverns National Park say the park's secondary elevators will be out of service for required maintenance from Jan. 22-24.

The work involves shortening the cables installed on both secondary elevator cars last February.

Park officials say stretches in new hoist cables is common, especially in long hoistways like the 750-foot shaft at Carlsbad Caverns.

There are two separate elevator systems in two separate elevator shafts at the park.

LLANO

Half of Central Texas town's police force on paid leave

The police chief of a Central Texas town and two officers have been placed on paid lead as part of an ongoing investigation.

KXAN-TV in Austin reports that Llano Police Chief Kevin Ratliff and officers Aimee Shannon and Sergeant Jared Latta are under investigation by the Llano County District Attorney's office and the Texas Rangers.

No details of the investigation have been made available.

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and power plants, outward growth is constrained by sewer lines.

South of the city's sewage treatment plant at 9600 S. County Road 1325 — which is in Midland County — lines would have to flow uphill, meaning much greater cost.

To the west of Odessa's city limits, there's another problem: unincorporated West Odessa. Annexing West Odessa would come with tremendous cost. Roads are often not up to city code. Key infrastructure such as sewage lines often do not exist. Development in many cases didn't factor in drainage.

And many West Odessans would likely oppose being annexed anyway, said District 4 Councilman Mike Gardner, who grew up there. They might not want to pay the greater taxes that come with living in the city or deal with city restrictions that could affect things such as their pets or livestock.

"So isn't it logical that you would go to areas that developers want to build and people want to build up the community?" Gardner said.

For years, that has also included Gardner's district, such as the building boom in the 87th Street area. But development in north Odessa is also limited by an airport and an oilfield to the west.

Odessa's outward growth also stems from the work of city planners and a few ranching families in the 1950s on land stretching north of Yukon Road to the south below Interstate 20 and east into Midland County.

The ranchers worked with city officials and oil interests to reserve spaces for current or future development in exchange for an agreement not to drill for oil and gas on the remaining land. The arrangement would allow land owners to finance their projects, able to assure lenders that production would not encroach.

It made building homes and businesses easier.

Some of the arguments against supporting east side development Tuesday were based on incorrect or incomplete information. For example, the infrastructure costs of installing water and sewer lines that Gonzales and Hamilton railed against are chiefly paid for by developers, even though it's true that the city does bear costs of maintaining roads and utility lines once they are built.

Gonzales had pointed to the county line and said "anything and everything that we build here or that we give money to is not a benefit to Odessa. It's not a return on investment."

At one point, District 2 Councilman Dewey Bryant reminded fellow council members of the Odessans who live there.

"Are they not a part of this city?" asked Bryant, who represents them.

But Hamilton had made the same argument, ignoring realities such as sales taxes injected into city coffers to fund citywide projects, new jobs for Odessans and new homes for families that need them.

He argued for a heavier hand in development by the city.

"How about we spread out the development throughout all of Odessa so everyone can see some type of return on their investment?" Hamilton said.

Today, the city is trying to channel development into its long-blighted downtown. That strategy of enticing development costs millions: more than $30 million invested in the hotel and convention center project, plus millions more in building purchases and improvements, along with other dedicated resources. The city's long-range plan calls for similar targeted redevelopment efforts in the future throughout Odessa.

But the recent debate is poised to continue, with Gonzales saying he planned to keep bringing up the discussion at City Council meetings and the perceived influence of east Odessa forming a key part of the argument by a group opposing the plan to restructure the City Council.

And more east Odessa development lies ahead. That includes the more than 850-acre Parks Bell Ranch development in the area north of Highway 191 and east of Faudree Road.

Just before the debate on supporting east Odessa, the City Council approved a zoning request for part of the project Tuesday, with Hamilton the lone dissenting vote.

"Who are we to say where we grow the city at or we don't grow the city at?" Gardner said. "A city that's not growing is dying."

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Death Notices

Ida Mae Ross

Ida Mae Ross, 87, of Midland, passed away January 14, 2018. Services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home

Robert Richard Clohessy "Bob"

Robert Richard Clohessy, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2018 surrounded by his family. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Clohessy; children, Debraoh Zaharko, Daphne Brown, Douglas Clohessy, Roberta Clohessy and Dawn Jose.

Vernon G. Trent

Vernon G. Trent, 85, of Midland, Texas, passed away January 13, 2018.

Vernon is survived by his three children, Vickie Auld, Karla Ford and Keith Trent

A visitation will be at Ellis Funeral Home Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Denver City Memorial Park, Denver City, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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

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ages 3 and 21 in the state. The federal government is currently paying about 16 percent of special education costs across the country. The committee's report recommended the Legislature "determine what aspects of our current funding mechanism for special education encourage overidentification; and then investigate alternative methods for funding special education that decrease any incentives to overidentify students as needing special education services."

It also recommended reducing state and local administrative costs in overseeing special education in order to direct more money to students with disabilities. That same year, TEA implemented a system to monitor and evaluate how school districts were serving kids with disabilities. The percentage of students with disabilities served plunged from 11.6 percent in 2004 to 8.6 percent in 2016. The U.S. Department of Education found last week that the agency was more likely to intervene in school districts that provided services for more students with disabilities, incentivizing administrators to cut back on services.

Chambers was a central office administrator at Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in 2004 and recalls receiving direct and indirect instruction from the state to serve fewer students. "We were under the impression that we were out of compliance if we were identifying more than 8.5 percent of our population," he said. Soon after the federal report came out last week, Abbott demanded Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath develop a remediation plan for special education within seven days. "The past dereliction of duty on the part of many school districts to serve our students, and the failure of the TEA to hold districts accountable, are worth criticism," he said.

School groups immediately pushed back against that characterization, arguing that educators were following TEA's demands to cut back services, and had faced state cuts that limited the quality of special education. "Special education administrators are tasked with leading their staff to provide the best possible services with limited resources, limited training, and inconsistent guidance. It is not a dereliction of duty to follow a directive from your state regulatory agency, while at the same time trying to meet the needs of all students," said Kristin McGuire, government relations director of the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, in a statement last week.

TODAYINMIDLAND



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A panel discussion was part of a community event honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday at the Southeast Senior Center. The celebration of King continues today with a brunch, parade and program at the MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. The brunch, scheduled for 11:30 a.m., will feature guest speakers Angie Aron of Midland ISD and evangelist Gail Nelson. There also will be workshops, performances and a judged dessert contest. The march begins at 5 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. For information on brunch tickets, call 556-5453.

Today is Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of January. It commemorates the life and achievements of the influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

It is a relatively new federal holiday and there are few long-standing traditions. It is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background. Some schools mark the day by teaching students about the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In recent years, federal legislation has encouraged Americans to give some of their time on this day as volunteers in citizen action groups.

Source: timeanddate.com

Things to do

■ Open Shop Nights hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society is open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ LaVenture and The Macallan Spirits Dinner is a five-course event paired with Macallan Scotch labels. 6 p.m. at Hotel Saint George, 105 S. Highland Ave., Marfa. $75. marfasaintgeorge.com

Events this week

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

■ Brown Bag: Chihuahuan Desert Treasures with Thomas Janke from Borderlands Research Institute, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ An Evening with Gladys Knight, 8 p.m. Thursday, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $59-$89. wagnernoel.com.

Friday

■ "Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors" opens Saturday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Today in History

On Jan. 15, 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

On this date:

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In **1929**, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In **1967**, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

In **1978**, two students at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Lisa Levy and Margaret Bowman, were slain in their sorority house. (Ted Bundy was later convicted of the crime, and executed.)

Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High	58
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30

Jan. 14's records

Record high: 79 set in 1957

Record low: 13 set in 1963, repeated in 1982

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.21 in.

Winds

Wind speed: 14 mph

Gust speed: 17 mph

Today's forecast

High: 52

Low: 19, wind chill 4

Conditions: Mostly sunny today/mostly cloudy tonight

Winds: South 5-10, becoming northeast 15-20 mph today/northeast 15-25 tonight

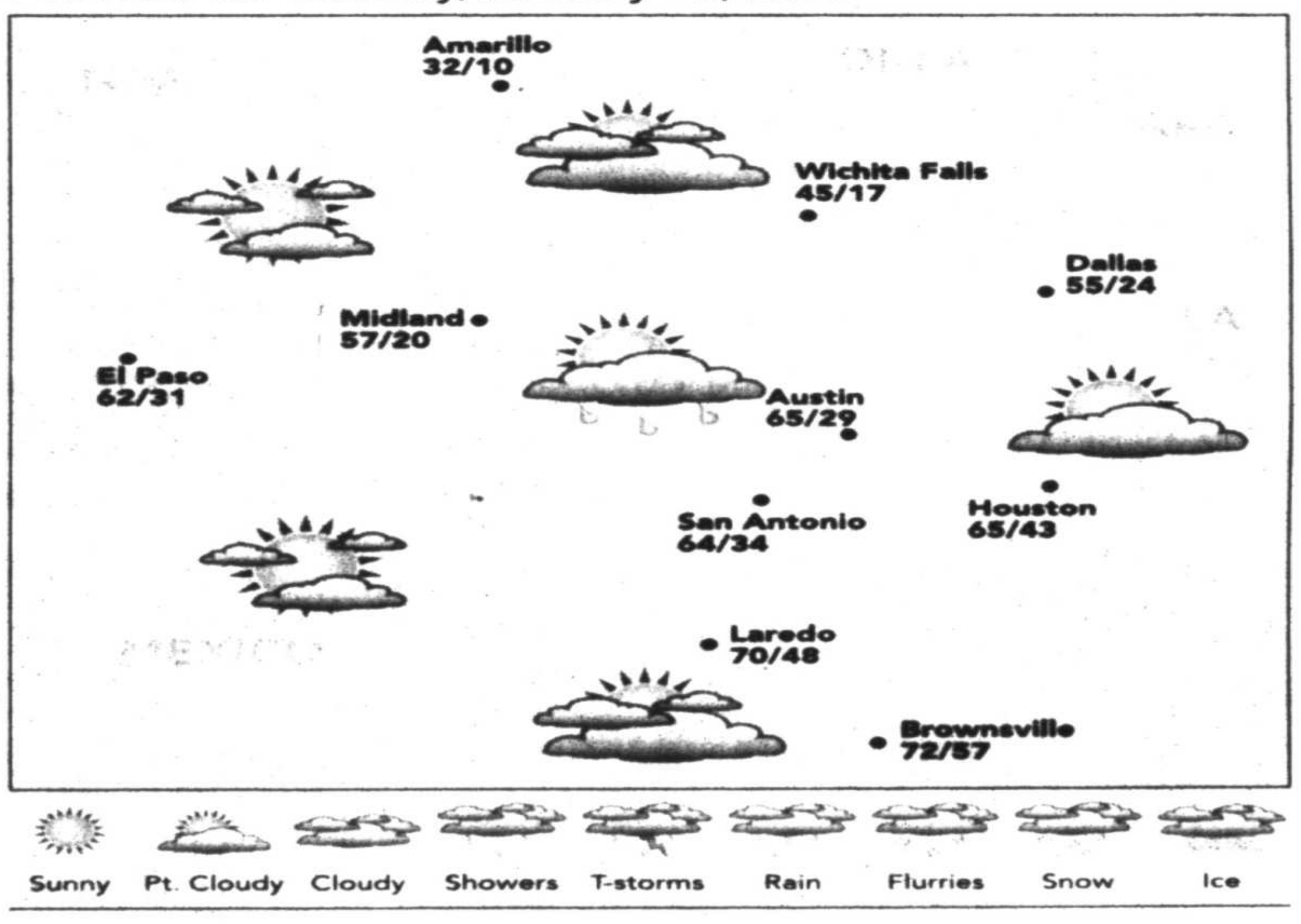
Chance of rain: Slight chance of snow and sleet tonight

Sunrise......7:49 a.m.

Sunset......6:07 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, January 15, 2018



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 and Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 15, 2018:

This year you will want to use your natural abilities to head in the direction you want. You could be more serious-minded than you realize. If you are single, the person you choose to date today could be a lot different from the person you choose to be with three years from now. Take your time and allow this bond to evolve naturally. If you are attached, the two of you need to learn to adjust to each other's preferences. As a result, you both will be a lot happier. A fellow CAPRICORN could be demanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take charge of your day. You might want to clear out some time for a personal matter. Opportunities come through a partner or associate. This person can deal with a close friend in both of your lives. Let others call the shots for now. **Tonight:** A discussion is animated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice for inspiration. A close friend could pop in and out of your day. This person might decide to share an unusual perspective on a situation. You are likely to act on this idea later in the day. Note the feedback you receive. **Tonight**: Mull over recent happenings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. You could feel overwhelmed by everything that lands on your plate. The good news is that you have the energy to meet these demands. You might have difficulty turning a situation around until you tap into your imagination. **Tonight**: Share news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to connect with a loved one and others in general is highlighted. If a challenging situation arises, tap into your imagination to transform the matter more to your liking. You also might get a partner's agreement. **Tonight:** Go along with a friend's request.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to head down a different path. Brainstorm with someone who knows you well and with whom you feel free. What the two of you come up with might be more appropriate for you in the stage of life that you are in. Be willing to make a change. **Tonight:** Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Whatever comes down your path forces you to tap into your dynamic energy. How you see a personal matter could change substantially after a talk with the people involved. Your imagination carries you through any problems you encounter. **Tonight:** Dance the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ YYou could be frightened by someone else's message and lack of clarity. You like inspiring ideas, but you need to know that there is a practical path to that end. Be willing to revise your thinking around a concept that could affect your home life. **Tonight:** Opt for a cozy evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Keep conversations moving and open. Do not consider anyone's comment as being final. What is happening is that a process is taking place. You might adjust your ideas and feelings several times in a simple discussion. Stay open to what others have to say. **Tonight**: Return calls.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are full of fun. You seem to be on a more conservative path than you thought possible. How you view a personal matter could dramatically change as a result. Touch base with someone whose ideas generally prove to be beneficial. **Tonight**: Pay bills before heading out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ YYour imagination carries you to faraway places. Your more-practical side needs to be appeased in order to act on a risky hunch. A friend or loved one might encourage you to get past this mindset. You could find it hard to believe some news you hear. **Tonight**: Just be yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A lot is going on behind the scenes that you are not aware of. You might not be as clear as you would like to be on the details surrounding a financial matter. A deal that comes your way really could be too good to be true. Be a cynic, and you will land well. **Tonight:** Get some rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have inspired others to perform to their max. You could be driven by a long-term goal. Patience is a virtue, and you will be more comfortable if you relax and go with the flow. Honor a fast change, and embrace the moment and others' moods. **Tonight**: Find your friends.

BORN TODAY
Actor Lloyd Bridges (1913), actress Dove Cameron (1996), actress Regina King (1971)

WORD OF THE DAY
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Eclectic
[ih-klek-tik]
adjective
1. selecting or choosing from various sources.
2. made up of what is selected from different sources.

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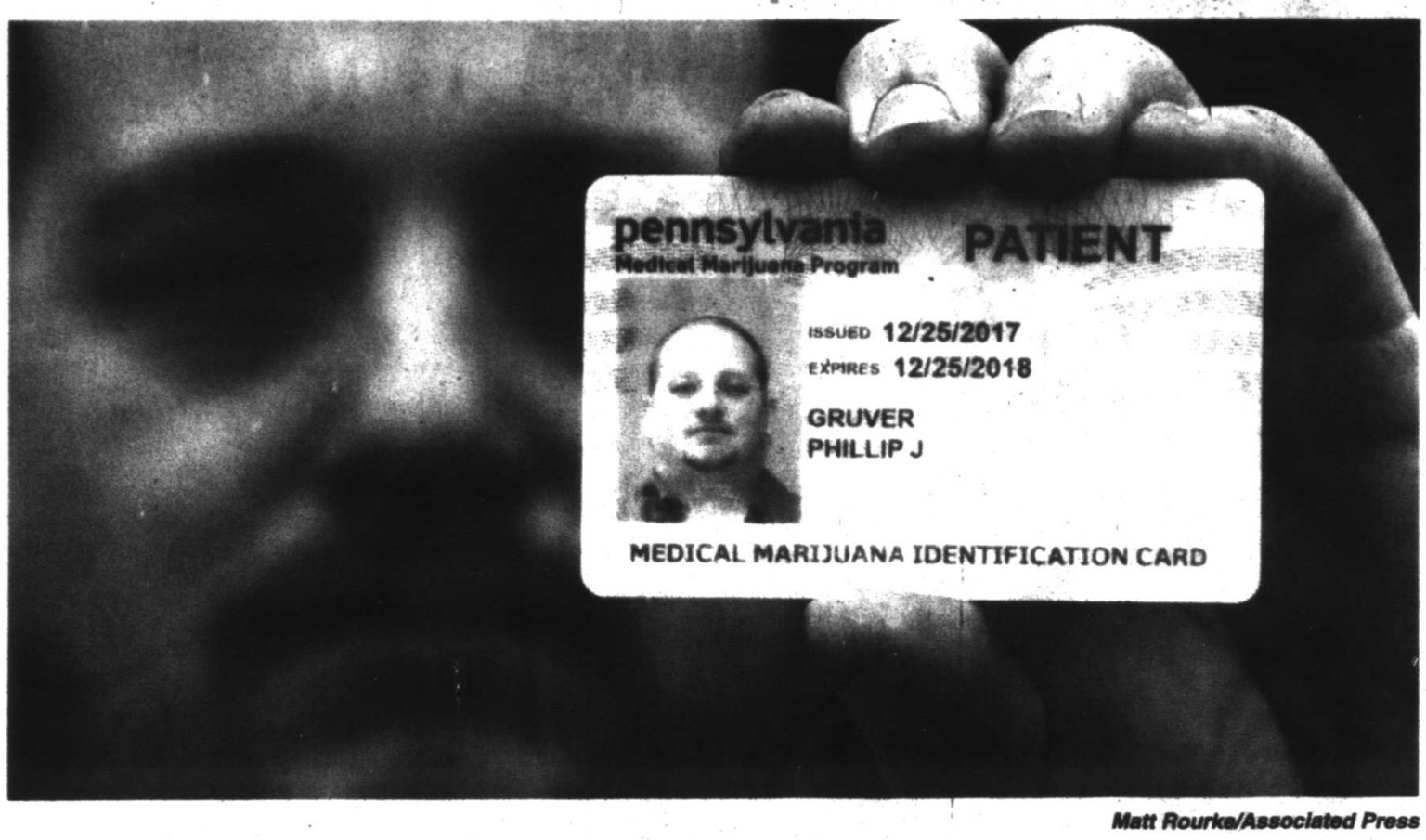

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Phil Gruver poses for a photograph with his Pennsylvania medical marijuana card on Wednesday in Emmaus, Pa. As gun-loving Pennsylvania becomes the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, with the first dispensary on track to begin sales next month, authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition. Gruver is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

My guns or my ganja? Pot fans who own firearms face a choice

By Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The federal government says grass and guns don't mix, and that is putting gun owners who use marijuana — and the strongly pro-gun-rights administration of President Donald Trump — in a potentially uncomfortable position.

As gun-loving Pennsylvania becomes the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, with the first dispensary on track to begin sales next month, authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition.

"They're going to have to make a choice," said John T. Adams, president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. "They can have their guns or their marijuana, but not both."

That's the official line, but the reality of how the policy might be enforced in Pennsylvania and other states is a little muddier. That includes the question of whether people who already own guns might have to surrender them, instead of just being prohibited from making new purchases.

The political sensitivity was underscored Friday when Pennsylvania regulators reversed themselves and announced its registry of medical-pot patients will not be available, as was previously planned, through the state's law enforcement computer network.

Phil Gruver, a professional auto detailer from Emmaus who received a state medical marijuana card in mid-December, is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

"It's a violation of my Second Amendment rights," Gruver said. "I don't know of any time anyone's been using marijuana and going out and committing acts of violence with a gun. Most of the time they just sit on their couch and eat pizza."

State laws allowing medical or, more recently, recreational use of pot have long been at odds with the federal prohibition on gun ownership by those using marijuana. But the government has traditionally taken a hands-off approach. Since 2014, Congress has forbidden the Department of Justice from spending money to prosecute people who grow, sell and use medical pot.

The picture has become murkier under Trump, a Republican whose attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has long denounced the drug. Sessions recently rescinded a Barack Obama-era policy that was deferential to states' permissive marijuana laws. Now, federal prosecutors in states that allow drug sales must decide whether to crack down on the marijuana trade.

It's not clear what impact the new policy will have on gun owners who use cannabis as medicine, or even how many people fit the bill. Nor is it clear whether any people who use legally obtained medical marijuana have been prosecuted for owning a gun, although the existence of medical marijuana registries in some states, including Pennsylvania, has some patients concerned.

More than 800,000 guns are sold or transferred in Pennsylvania annually, and more than 10,000 people in the state have signed up for medical marijuana. The registry change on Friday makes it much less likely the state's medical marijuana users will be flagged when going through a federal gun sales background check.

A spokeswoman for Dave Freed, the new U.S. attorney in Harrisburg, said only that criminal investigations and prosecutions "will be based on a fair and transparent fact-intensive inquiry of individual cases." State police said it's up to prosecutors to decide when to bring a case.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has left no doubt where it stands. Last year, the ATF spelled out the marijuana prohibition in boldface type on gun purchase forms.

"Any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana, regardless of whether his or her state has passed legislation authorizing marijuana use for medical purposes ... is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition," ATF spokeswoman Janice L. Kemp said in an email to The Associated Press.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department referred questions about medical marijuana and guns enforcement to local federal prosecutors and a recent memo from Sessions that does not specifically address the issue.

In Ohio, which has authorized a medical marijuana program, the office of the U.S. attorney for the northern part of the state, Justin Herdman, has said Sessions' guidance won't change his case-by-case approach.

The gun-ownership ban has withstood at least one legal challenge. An appeals court in San Francisco, rejecting a challenge on Second Amendment grounds, said in 2016 that Congress reasonably concluded marijuana and other drugs raise the risk of unpredictable behavior.

Meanwhile, some state and local officials, particularly in law enforcement, have sought to crack down.

William Bryson, chairman of the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council, told state lawmakers in December that people who use marijuana for medical or recreational purposes should be required to have a designation on their driver's licenses. That would make it easier, he said, for police to enforce the ban.

And last month, a police chief in Hawaii publicized and then quickly rescinded a directive that medical marijuana patients had to give up their handguns. Two people turned in their weapons.

But marijuana activists predict a backlash should federal prosecutors begin going after gun owners who use legally obtained medical marijuana.

Trump says program to protect 'Dreamers' is 'probably dead'

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Sunday that a program that protects immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children is "probably dead," casting a cloud over already tenuous negotiations just days before a deadline on a government funding deal that Democrats have tied to immigration.

At issue is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program created by President Barack Obama to shield hundreds of thousands of these individuals, known as "Dreamers," from deportation. Trump, who has taken a hard stance against illegal immigration, announced last year that he will end the program unless Congress comes up with a solution by March.

"DACA is probably dead because the Democrats don't really want it, they just want to talk and take desperately needed money away from our Military," the Republican president tweeted. "I, as President, want people coming into our Country who are going to help us become strong and great again, people coming in through a system based on MERIT. No more Lotteries! #AMERICA FIRST."

Republicans and Democrats were already at odds over funding the government, and the negotiations became more complicated after Democrats — whose votes are needed to pass a government funding bill — insisted immigration be included. Government funding expires midnight Friday without a deal in place, and some government functions will begin to go dark.

Further roiling the talks are comments by Trump during an Oval Office meeting in which he questioned the need to admit more Haitians to the U.S., along with Africans from "s---hole" countries, according to people briefed on the conversation but not authorized to describe it publicly. He also said in the Thursday meeting he would prefer immigrants from countries like Norway instead. The White House has not denied that Trump said the word "s---hole," though Trump did push back on some depictions of the meeting.

A confidant of Trump's told The Associated Press that the president spent Thursday evening calling friends and outside advisers to judge their reaction on his inflammatory remarks. Trump wasn't apologetic and denied he was racist, instead blaming the media for distorting his meaning, said the confidant, who wasn't authorized to disclose a private conversation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The president also rejected as insufficient an immigration deal drafted by the bipartisan group of lawmakers who attended that meeting. The deal had included a pathway to citizenship for the "Dreamers" that would take up to 12 years, as well as $1.6 billion for border security, including Trump's promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump's staunchest supporters consider any route to citizenship for the "Dreamers" amnesty for lawbreakers.

The president has said any deal must include funding for the wall as well as changes to make the immigration system a more merit-based structure.

The debate over DACA's fate came as lawmakers faced questioning about whether Trump is racist.

Rep. Mia Love, R-Utah, the first black female Republican in Congress and the daughter of Haitian immigrants, denounced Trump's comments as racist and called on him to apologize. "I think that would show real leadership," she said on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday.

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., who was at Thursday's Oval Office meeting, insisted Sunday that Trump did not say "s---hole" in referring to African countries.

"I am telling you that he did not use that word. And I'm telling you it's a gross misrepresentation," Perdue said on ABC's "This Week." He said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., were mistaken in indicating earlier that that was the case.

Perdue and Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., had issued a joint statement Friday saying they "do not recall the President saying those comments specifically." Cotton said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he "didn't hear" the vulgar word used.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, who also attended Thursday's meeting at the Oval Office, said, "I don't recall that specific phrase being used."

Nielsen did dispute, however, Trump's assertion that DACA was "probably dead."

"I do not believe DACA is dead," Nielsen said on "Fox News Sunday." She said that the bipartisan proposal rejected by Trump did not address core security issues facing her department and that Trump's administration was not interested in "half measures."

Perdue said that "the potential is there" for a deal to protect the "Dreamers" but that Democrats needed to get serious.

Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., defended the agreement as a "principled compromise" on NBC's "Meet the Press" and said, "I hope people will explore it."

Kennedy targets gun violence in Illinois governor campaign

By Sara Burnett
Associated Press

CHICAGO— Few people running for public office have been more personally affected by gun violence than Chris Kennedy, who was a child when his father and uncle, Sen. Robert Kennedy and President John F. Kennedy, were assassinated.

Now the 54-year-old Democrat has made the issue a centerpiece of his campaign for Illinois governor, talking often about growing up without a father and family trips to Arlington National Cemetery, and saying too many people in Chicago and elsewhere in Illinois are dealing with the same kind of pain.

The move has brought endorsements from African-American leaders, including U.S. Reps. Bobby Rush and Danny Davis, and could help Kennedy earn support in the March primary from black voters who have been disproportionately hurt by gun violence.

But it's also put him at odds with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and some others and prompted accusations of race baiting, after Kennedy said much of the violence is due to systemic disinvestment in black neighborhoods. He accused Emanuel, the former White House chief of staff, of pushing black people out of the city through a "strategic gentrification plan" that includes cutting funding for police and public schools.

"Our government needs to be held accountable for subjecting our communities to a life of crimes of survival," Kennedy told supporters. "We can reduce and control gun violence in our communities, but we need to be honest with ourselves about why it's happening."

Emanuel called the comments "hallucinatory" and said he would like to hear "ideas, not insults," while a mayoral spokesman said it was "a direct assault on one of this city's greatest strengths — our diversity."

Kennedy's other critics, including campaign rivals, called the comment hypocritical, noting he was praising Emanuel not long ago and even donated $5,000 to his campaign. The Chicago Tribune, in an editorial, called it "a cynical and divisive pitch for votes."

Kennedy is one of six Democrats seeking the party's nomination March 20 for the chance to unseat first-term Gov. Bruce Rauner, who's widely considered one of the most vulnerable Republican incumbents up for re-election this fall. Among the other Democrats running are state Sen. Daniel Biss and billionaire businessman J.B. Pritzker, who's scooped up endorsements from Democratic county officials and major unions, including the Illinois Education Association.

Rush and Davis, who have both lost family members to the city's violence, said they're backing Kennedy because he's put violence prevention and gun control at the top of his agenda.

Speaking at a campaign event this month at a church in a west side Chicago neighborhood where homicides have spiked in recent years, Rush said it was "the first time in my lifetime" Illinois has a gubernatorial candidate who knows how violence rips apart a family and a community. Kennedy's father was killed as he ran for president in 1968, years after John F. Kennedy's assassination.

"He understands. He gets it," Rush said. "We don't have to sit down and go over violence."

Joining them was Nate Pendleton, whose 15-year-old daughter, Hadiya, was shot and killed days after returning from President Barack Obama's 2013 inauguration, and Kennedy's running mate, Ra Joy, whose 23-year-old son was fatally shot last summer, apparently by someone trying to steal his cellphone.

Chicago police recorded 650 homicides in 2017, down from the year before but still more killings than in New York City and Los Angeles combined.

Kennedy criticized Chicago officials for celebrating the decrease. He said the city is using a strategy of "selective containment" in which violence is allowed to continue in certain neighborhoods and minorities are pushed out Chicago, making the city "whiter."

He says his plan to reduce violence would include more investment in neighborhoods, reducing poverty and tougher gun control measures — an approach similar to that of his opponents.

Emanuel said he has worked to reverse the decline in the city's black population and reduce violence across Chicago.

Also seeking the Democratic nomination are regional schools superintendent Bob Daiber, activist Tio Hardiman and physician Robert Marshall. Rauner faces a GOP primary challenge from conservative state Rep. Jeanne Ives.

Woman's challenge: 7 marathons, 7 days, 7 continents again

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press

BOSTON — She's already run around the planet in world-record time. So what does Becca Pizzi do for an encore?

Rinse and repeat.

The Massachusetts marathoner, who won the 2016 World Marathon Challenge — seven marathons in seven days on all seven continents — will attempt to become the only person to twice complete the odyssey, which begins in Antarctica on Jan. 30 and ends in Miami on Feb. 5.

Why? "I'm certifiably crazy," the Belmont woman jokes.

The Associated Press caught up with Pizzi, 37, a single mom with a singular mission:

AP: Why in God's name would you do this again?

Pizzi: The locations! I get to run marathons in Novo, Antarctica; Cape Town, South Africa; Perth, Australia; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Lisbon, Portugal; Cartagena, Colombia; and Miami. I love to run and I love to travel. I'm literally seeing more of the world, which is really fun for me.

AP: How is this second attempt going to be different?

Pizzi: This time I'm serving as race ambassador, which means answering fellow competitors' questions. A lot of people are asking about Antarctica: what to wear, what to expect. Also, this time they've chartered a plane, so no more commercial airlines. Leaving my gear on the plane and not having to lug it through seven different airports will be much better. The seats recline all the way and let us lie down flat.

AP: What are the greatest challenges?

Pizzi: Antarctica is the most intimidating. The wind is fierce. The sun is blinding. There are crevices you can fall through. It's bitterly cold, though actually not much colder than Boston has been lately. There's also no internet — no way to call home. You're in a different world down there. We'll cross 16 time zones — that's tough — and we'll go straight from zero degrees Fahrenheit in Antarctica to 80 degrees F in Cape Town.

AP: And the biggest thrills?



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Becca Pizzi of the United States holds an American flag after winning the seventh and final leg of the World Marathon Challenge — seven marathons in seven days on seven continents — Jan. 30, 2016 in Sydney. Pizzi, from Belmont, Mass., is preparing to tackle the odyssey again on Jan. 30 of this year. If she completes it, she'll become the first to repeat the feat.

Pizzi: The biggest thrill is that my 10-year-old daughter, Taylor, will be at the finish line in Miami to run me in. She's my biggest inspiration to get to the finish as fast as I can. I'll also have friends and family on every continent. My friends are so loyal and loving and supportive of my dreams. Whatever I need — a banana, an Advil, a hug — they'll be there for me.

AP: Celebratory drinks after you finish in Miami: mojitos or margaritas?

Pizzi: Milkshakes with a cherry on top with my daughter. We love ice cream.

AP: Are you planning to orbit the Earth a third time, or do you have another athletic quest in mind?

Pizzi: If the locations change, I'll run this race again. I'm currently trying to run a marathon in all 50 states — I've done 33 so far — and this year I ran the Volcano Marathon in Chile at an altitude of 15,000 feet. I'd like to run the Ironman triathlon world championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike leg and full 26.2-mile marathon run.) It's on my bucket list.

Former Green Beret challenges himself after heart attack

The Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Lt. Gen. Keith Huber's almost 40 years in the U.S. Army, including distinction as the longest-serving Green Beret when he retired in 2013, involved some life-threatening scenarios that he still can't discuss.

But, as MTSU's senior adviser for veterans and leadership initiatives prepared for the new year, he recently shared about what could have been a fatal heart attack last fall — and how he approaches life with renewed vigor.

"Of my other near-death experiences," Huber said, "this one was the best — because I can talk about it."

Huber described how he fell ill on the evening of Sept. 19 while attending a fundraising event hosted by country music great Charlie Daniels.

Daniels and his wife, Hazel, are the namesakes of the Veterans and Military Family Center that Huber helped create on the MTSU campus. Huber's wife, Shelley, and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee were with the general when the attack began.

As his Army career winded down, and into his retirement, Huber has lived with chronic spinal pain as a result of his combat duties and training.

But, on that night in downtown Nashville, Huber, 64, was feeling something sharper and harsher than he had experienced before.

"I was in pain, but I've been accustomed to trying to do pain management based upon surgeries I've had," he said. "But this one caused me very considerable heart pain."

He went to the men's room, vomited and then, after composing himself, returned to the reception to find his wife and McPhee.

"I think I'm going to lose consciousness," he told them, quietly. "We need to leave."

Typical for Huber, he continued to soldier on, insisting that they go home, relieve the babysitter watching their 11-year-old daughter, Alexis, and allow him to change out of his uniform. They then rushed to Vanderbilt Medical Center.

"I had the next 90 days of my life laid out," he said. "But then life grabbed a hold of me."

Doctors examining the general found a contradiction: Huber, still very fit from his Army days, did not appear to be a typical heart attack patient.

"They said, 'Hey, you look like you're in great shape; what you are describing is a heart attack. I'm going to do a (cardiac) catheterization, but looking at you, I don't think I'm going to find much,'" Huber recalled of those first moments at the hospital.

But what they did find were seven blockages. He said the one giving him the greatest pain, in his chest, was dubbed "the widow-maker." It was a 97 percent blockage, all likely due to heredity.

"Your lifestyle can allow you to potentially survive opportunities like this, but it can't change who your parents were or what your tendencies were," Huber said.

The doctors told Huber that his "disciplined approach to physical fitness" allowed him to survive without heart damage. They inserted two stints and recommended triple-bypass surgery.

They initially suggested they do the surgery in a month. But after hearing a second opinion, Huber decided it would be done the next day.

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wells. I expect to see an expansion of inspection and enforcement efforts in the oil fields.

Q: Are producers and pipelines gearing up for more scrutiny?

A: Most of the operators in the state try very hard to do a good job. There are always some that try to cut corners, and those are the ones that should be nervous. But generally, operators can likely expect more inspections.

Q: Are there any interesting cases before the commission right now?

A: There is one significant case involving common carrier pipeline rates. Some pipelines have been trying to raise their rates dramatically. The commission is trying to decide whether to change pricing regulation from rates based on cost to rates based on prevailing market rates.

Q: Does anyone know what the commission does?

A: Some people do. People in the oil and gas industry certainly do.

When the Railroad Commission was originally created in the 19th century, it was to regulate railroads. After that, the Legislature gave the commission the authority to regulate pipelines and the oil and gas production industry. The reason it was given to the Railroad Commission was probably because at the time it was the only statewide regulatory agency in Texas.

Q: Would you like to see the name of the agency better reflect its wider regulatory powers?

A: I've gone both ways. There has been an effort in every legislative session going back over the past decade to change the name to better reflect what the commission does. It does not regulate railroads any longer, and it hasn't for years.

Q: Is disposal of wastewater connected to oil and gas drilling a big issue?

A: One of the things the commission regulates is the handling and disposal of waste from oil and gas operations such as water used in the hydraulic fracturing of wells. It has to be properly disposed of. Some of it is recycled, but if it's not, it's normally injected deep underground using injection wells.

Q: Is Texas doing enough to prevent drilling-related quakes?

A: I think so. Most of the earthquakes are not related to drilling as such but the underground injection wells that are disposing waste. Some places are more susceptible than others depending on geology. In recent years, the commission began requiring anyone who wanted an injection permit to include information about seismic activity.

Q: How common is land farming as a way to dispose of oil and gas waste?

A: Fairly common. It's the process where you take certain kinds of oil and gas waste and spread them out and introduce bacteria.

Some young Americans choosing to bet it all on the farm

By Kathy Hedberg
Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON, Idaho— On Dec. 2, 38-year-old Greg Hodapp quit a full-time, good-paying job with benefits and became a self-employed small farmer who hopes to make a living selling strawberries and goat cheese.

Hodapp owns 5 sun-exposed acres along the Spiral Highway north of Lewiston where he plans, beginning in March, to open a farm store. He has banked his future on a small herd of eight dairy goats, 5,500 strawberry plants, some herbs and vegetables and eight white geese who noisily and persistently announce the arrival of visitors.

"Well, it's been a lifelong dream," Hodapp said of his decision to quit his job as a park ranger at Hells Gate State Park and give up a steady income.

"I even cashed out my retirement," he told the Lewiston Tribune . "Not something I would recommend people do, because it was a really good retirement. But I've wanted to start a small farm since I was a kid back in Ohio. And then when I lived in Wisconsin I did start a farm, but life changes just eventually led me here."

Risky though it seems — Hodapp is also the father of two young children, ages 7 and 5, and shares custody with his ex-wife — he is part of what is seen as a national trend of mainly younger people quitting or augmenting their day jobs and branching out into small-scale farming.

"In the last month, I have heard from two or three people who are doing the same thing," said Chanel Tewalt, a spokeswoman for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. "People who have left long-standing, established careers and gone into farming."

Those who make that leap, Tewalt said, face stark challenges, especially if they do not come from farming backgrounds or don't already own the land.

"Agriculture is tough, financially, and also from a knowledge base," Tewalt said. "It's one of those industries, if you come from (a farming background) you have a little bit of an advantage, but without it, it's cost-prohibitive. So I'm glad we have various loans for small and disadvantaged farmers, because otherwise it can be tough to get into farming."

In recent years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made a broad spectrum of agriculture loans available, not only to established, large-scale commodity farmers, but also to help those like Hodapp who are starting from scratch.

Some of the loans target women, minority groups and people with certain health or financial disadvantages. Those loans have made it possible for people who otherwise would not be able to start a farm to cultivate their dream.

Leah Clark, head of the Idaho Preferred marketing arm of the state agriculture department, said there is a growing demand for locally grown fresh produce, and that has helped spark more interest among small farm owners.

"I do see that the use of local food in food service, and the demand in retail continues to be a very strong trend, and we need to be listening to the chefs and the retailers when they would like us to grow and try to plant accordingly," Clark said.

The call for locally produced food has a variety of reasons.

"Our research shows (the demand) is to support local farms and the local economy — that's the No. 1 issue," Clark said. "Food safety is on the list, but it's in the middle of the pack. These other issues of supporting the local economy with freshness and flavor always comes in on the top."

Clark said there also is a desire among some larger commodity farmers to begin diversifying their farms in order to keep the next generation at home. That sometimes means taking the raw product of the farm and making it into a value-added resource, such as a mint grower in southern Idaho whose daughter is now creating mint oil and other items from the crops her family raises.

"The next generation coming home wants to take it to the next level, and (diversifying) has allowed them to bring their children back on the farm," Clark said.

Hodapp did not make his move without careful thought. He participated in the University of Idaho Extension's Cultivating Success program (see companion story) that helped him develop a business plan.

He's also been tinkering on his acreage for a couple of years, preparing to make the switch to full-time.

"I would rather have the work that I do reflect the income that I make," Hodapp said. "I did work hard at the park ranger job, but there wasn't any avenue for advancement (because of his parenting obligations and lack of opportunity to move into a supervisor's role).

"There was no way to make any more money than I already did, and I've wanted to start farming for a very long time. So the pieces have all just kind of come together to sort of speak for themselves, and it's time to give it a shot."

Because he has farming and marketing experience from his days in Wisconsin, Hodapp is confident he can make a go of his enterprise selling his produce on-site.

He plans to do some marketing at regional farmers markets this spring in order to get his name out, but only for a short while.

"Farmers markets are good, but it's a lot of work to take all of your harvest, put it all together, load it up, take it to the market, sell it, then pack it all up at the end of the day - and you're only getting one day of the week for profit. So it seems like you make a whole bunch of money at one time, but spread out over an entire week, it's about the same as if you're slowly selling off-site."

He's had friends help him plant the strawberries and with other odd jobs, but for the most part Hodapp plans to do the work himself. Part of the business plan includes advertising and outreach to let people know about the fresh produce he will offer.

"It seems like there are a lot of people my age and younger that are looking for something that gives them more a sense of adventure or value," Hodapp said. "I hear people always talking about 'living with intention,' which I don't know what that means, but it seems like a word that people my age and younger use a lot - living with intention.

And this is the lifestyle that suits those people's needs. But what people do need to be aware of, it's not just the romantic aspect. It's lots and lots of hard work."

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OPINION

Census racial data can unite instead of divide

■ The only thing that makes lifeless data a political weapon is people who use it to make others feel scared and threatened



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According to conservative thinkers Ward Connerly and Mike Gonzalez, the Census Bureau should stop collecting data about race and ethnicity.

Writing in a Washington Post op-ed titled "It's time the Census Bureau stops dividing America," they argue that the classifications are divisive and amount to "arbitrary racial straitjackets."

It's an interesting read. It also contains this kernel of truth: "[T]he official categories often shed little light on policymaking," write Connerly and Gonzalez, the president of American Civil Rights Institute and a senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, respectively. "Groups such as 'Asians' and 'Hispanics' do not capture the different life experiences of Indian Americans and Korean Americans or Mexican Americans and Cuban Americans."

Oh, those pesky kernels of truth — always acting like Rorschach inkblots upon which any number of wild ideas can be projected!

Let's just agree on this: Official U.S. census race and ethnicity designations are broad and general. They were created before data granularity and analysis were as sophisticated as they are today.

But, as it happens, the only ones complaining much about them are young people who turn their noses up at anything giving off even a slight whiff of racial or gender specificity.

Just a few years ago, the term "Hispanic" was devalued in favor of "Latino." How quaint.

In the past year or so, the navel gazing about that term exploded into something of a culture war that sped through the iterations "Latino/a," then "Latin@" and, most recently "Latinx."

Yawn.

Obviously, words matter. But they don't matter more than issues like the high prevalence of obesity and Type 2 diabetes among Hispanics, segregated schools with few resources, professional pay disparities, the Trump-era insecurity about immigration status, and so many other challenges Hispanics face.

Still, the census uses certain terms to collect broad data about who lives in the country. Those terms should neither be politicized nor erased.

"It's well past time to recognize that the four-decade experiment has failed and has put our nation on the road to becoming merely a collection of tribes rather than one 'indivisible,' as our creed proclaims," the authors assert. They conclude: "Reforming the outmoded census would reflect the reality of our population and accentuate our identity as Americans."

This is some seriously pie-in-the-sky thinking.

The fact that census data has been used by a variety of actors with their own agendas to underscore our differences and pit people against each other isn't a sound reason to cut ourselves off from information that illustrates who makes up the country and where and how they live.

I believe that a stable-over-time data set will eventually show what census data has always shown: The U.S. is a melting pot.

The very notion of "the melting pot" has become anathema to a vocal minority who believe that it is somehow synonymous with colonialization, white supremacy and forced assimilation, but it's just a plain fact: People come here from all over and simultaneously become more like the group they joined and make the group a little bit more like themselves.

Don't believe me?

Even as some in this country are terrified that a mass Hispanization of the U.S. will irrevocably brown the face of America, Latinos are dropping out of the identity club like flies.

A recent Pew Research Center report found that even though more than 18 percent of Americans identify as Hispanic or Latino, a long-standing high rate of intermarriage and a decade of declining immigration from Latin America are reducing the likelihood that people with Hispanic ancestry identify as Hispanic or Latino.

(For the record, my two sons — who are half-white, quarter-Mexican and quarter-Ecuadorean — do not identify as Hispanic or Latino.)

In fact, "among adults who say they have Hispanic ancestors (a parent, grandparent, great grandparent or earlier ancestor) but do not self-identify as Hispanic, the vast majority -- 81 percent -- say they have never thought of themselves as Hispanic," according to the Pew survey.

Hardly different than the Irish, the Italians, the Germans and so many others before them.

Sure, to some, it might seem like the census data is divisive. But the only thing that makes lifeless data a political weapon is people who use it to make others feel scared and threatened.

Racial and ethnic data, if it is collected with the same fidelity over time and allows for people to self-identify in more expansive ways, is likely to ultimately tell a tale of people who have more in common than not.

OPINION EXTRA

President Trump's harsh views could sink Republican Party

What will be the long-term electoral effect of a president who acts as a bigot?

We can't definitively explain why Trump had the worst approval numbers of any first-year president, but it seems like that this is at least one major factor. It obviously wasn't enough to prevent his election — but then again, it was almost certainly part of why Trump underperformed fundamentals models and received only 46 percent of the vote and almost 3 million fewer votes than the unpopular Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton.

Almost certainly, Trump's support from the groups he's attacked since beginning his presidential campaign in 2015 has been capped at very low levels. It's also presumably responsible for permanently alienating people from groups he didn't attack who simply reject prejudice.

Will Trump's alienation of these groups hurt Republicans even if they don't act like bigots? There's really no way to know because Trump's style of governing is unprecedented. We've never had a president who was willing to write off such a large percentage of his constituents.

On the one hand, memories are short. Watergate destroyed the Republican Party from 1972 through 1974, but by 1978 the party had re-emerged and won big in 1980. Similarly, Democratic landslides in 2006 and 2008 as George W. Bush seemed to have ruined the party's reputation yielded a major reverse in 2010, and by last year Republicans were as strong as they had been for almost a century.

But on the other hand, we know that groups can vote in close to unison, and we know that voting habits are sticky. Ten years ago I believed that the theory of an emerging Democratic majority was wrong, because Latino voters and other growing immigrant groups would, over time, begin voting less with their ethnic group. Trump's bigotry complicates that, and may well delay it indefinitely. Of course, this isn't new with Trump; Asian Americans have trended sharply towards Democrats for some time, for example. But Trump almost certainly accelerates it.

Republicans could overcome this, if it happens, in one of two ways: Manage to turn what we in Texas call the Anglo vote (white non-Hispanic) into a solid bloc for Republicans — or reverse the demographic trends. Neither seems very likely. But if everyone else turns sharply against the party for a generation, leading Republican may see few good choices. Perhaps they should have fought harder against Trump during the nomination process in 2016.

Fair or not, Trump has been consistent on his racist views for decades. Nominate someone with a record like that, and it's likely the whole party will be held responsible in the short run. In the long run? I guess we'll just have to wait to see.

— Jonathan Bernstein, Bloomberg

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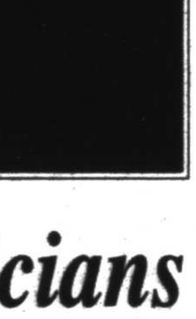

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Twenty-three years ago, I arrived at the Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau as a congressional reporter at about the same time as a scruffy and perpetually untucked fellow named Glenn Simpson.

I've been friends with "Shaggy," as I dubbed him, ever since. Over the years, I've watched him make mischief: exposing the Clintons' campaign finance abuses, including the "Chinagate" scandal of 1996; scoring a key scoop in the Clinton travel office scandal; bedeviling Clinton financier Terry McAuliffe; and forcing the resignation of James Johnson, a top Obama adviser in 2008, over the Countrywide scandal.

Now Simpson is accused of being a left-wing hit man for Hillary Clinton. Right. And I'm the editorial director of Breitbart News.

President Trump has been leading the charge to portray Simpson and Fusion GPS, the opposition-research firm Simpson started in 2009 when he left the Journal, as puppets of the Democratic Party and the Clinton campaign, "colluding" with Russia to find dirt on Trump. Trump has been tweeting about pay received by Fusion from Clinton and other Democrats, and the "COMPLETE FRAUD" of a dossier produced by a Fusion contractor.

I get it. Trump's best defense in the Russia probe (perhaps his only defense other than repeating "there's no collusion" ad infinitum) is to go on offense, saying Clinton and the Democrats were the ones who colluded with Russia, using a double bank shot involving Simpson, Fusion and their contractor, former British spy Christopher Steele.

The Journal's editorial board attacked Simpson and Fusion last week as "political hit men" who produce "dirt for hire," and accused them of smears and "obfuscation." Journal columnist Kimberly Strassel postulated that Fusion has "alarming ties to Russia and potentially facilitated a disinformation campaign during a presidential election."

This is the same Journal editorial page that repeatedly praised Simpson's work when he was bringing down Democrats. It hailed "enterprising reporters such as the Journal's own Glenn Simpson" for exposing the hypocrisy of the Clinton fundraising operation.

Also attempting to paint Simpson as a leftist contract killer is Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, and his Judiciary Committee staff. The newly released transcript of the staff interview with Simpson is full of suggestions that Simpson was politically motivated. Grassley has suggested that Fusion's work is "dirty," not "reliable" and "Russian propaganda."

But surely Grassley knows that Simpson spent years probing Clinton money scandals as a journalist and at Fusion, looking into whether they took official actions in exchange for contributions and whether the Clintons (and the Obama administration) abused EB-5 visas, which essentially allow wealthy foreigners (and potential contributors) to buy U.S. citizenship.

If Grassley doesn't know this, he might want to check with Jason Foster, Grassley's chief investigative counsel, who has received information Simpson dug up during Foster's time on Judiciary and Foster's previous stint as an investigator for Republican Rep. Dan Burton's House Government Reform Committee.

A Grassley spokesman said Foster "has not had any significant working relationship with Glenn Simpson."

David Bossie, a conservative activist who worked with Foster on the Burton committee, praised Simpson to Bill O'Reilly back then for exposing that McAuliffe protected himself from probes by giving "a lot of information to reporters." Simpson had shown how McAuliffe "cashed in" on labor ties.

Simpson's foreign-money investigations infuriated politicians of all stripes. With Jill Abramson, he helped break key stories about John Huang, Webb Hubbell and overseas Asian interests giving big campaign gifts to Democrats.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Simpson probed terrorism financing. Then he went to Brussels under Journal bureau chief Peter Fritsch (now his Fusion partner) and became fascinated with Russian money. In March 2007, he wrote to Paul Manafort with a prescient inquiry, saying he had "credible information" that the future Trump campaign manager represented Ukrainian official Viktor Yanukovych without registering as a foreign agent. A decade later, Robert Mueller indicted Manafort over exactly that.

At Fusion, Simpson has investigated political money for clients of all persuasions, including a hedge-fund manager and more than a few Trump supporters. So it follows that when conservative Paul Singer's Washington Free Beacon and then the Democrats wanted Trump research, Simpson used his intelligence contacts from Brussels to probe Trump's financial ties to Russia.

I don't share Simpson's interest in journalism for hire, nor do I approve of his willingness to take distasteful clients.

But I do know he's a dogged gumshoe with one overriding ideology: distrust of all politicians.

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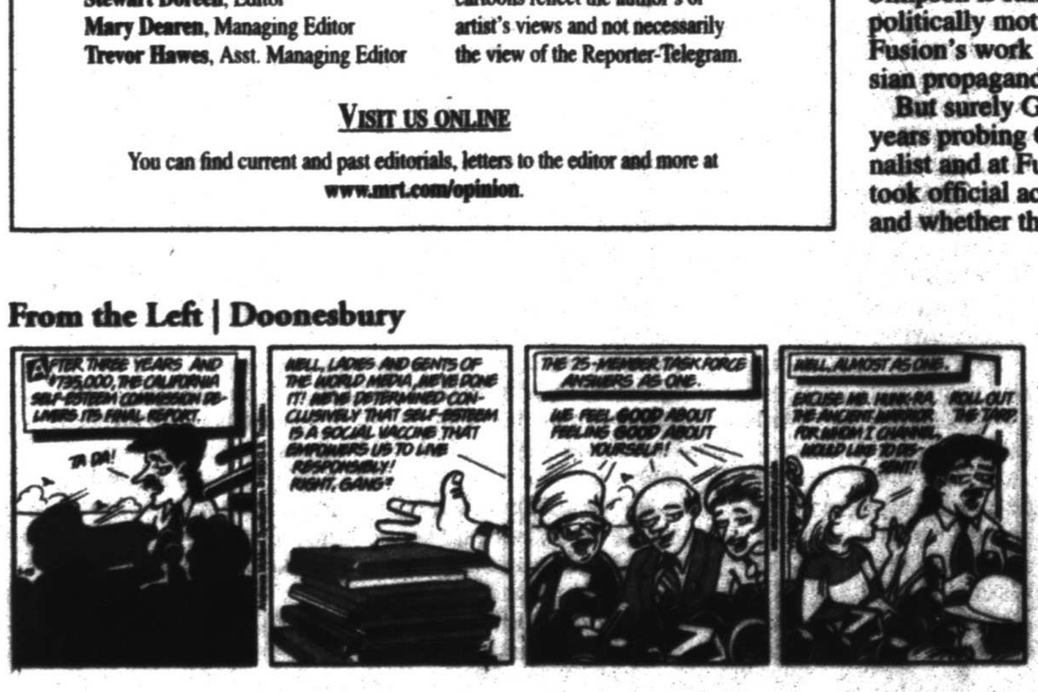

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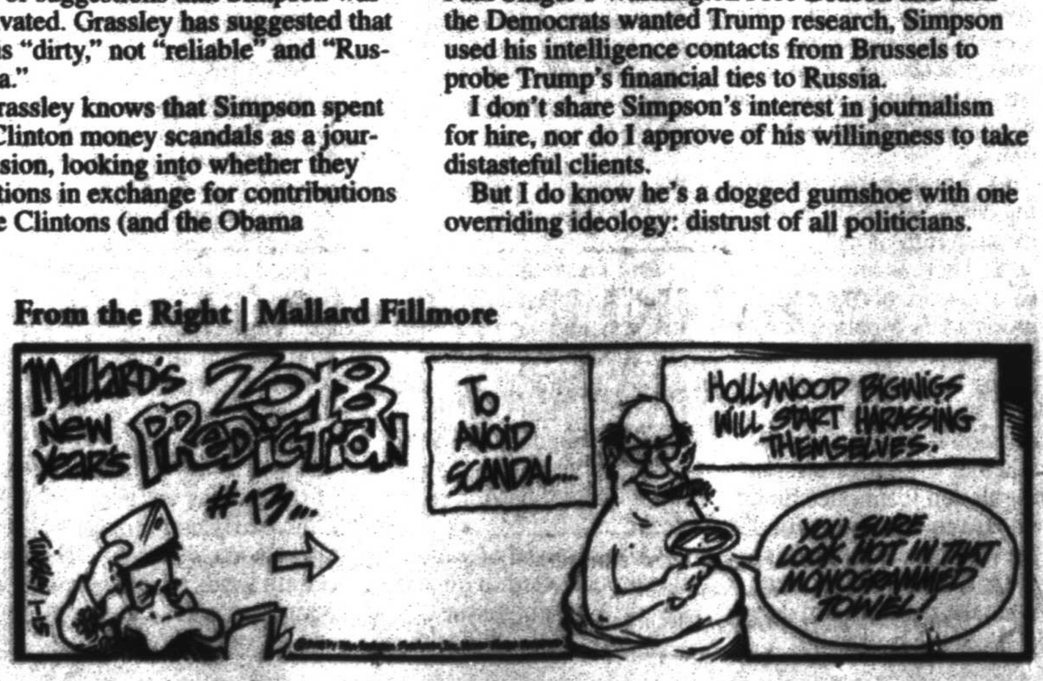

Missile-alert mistake feeds doubts about a real emergency

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher and Brian Melley
Associated Press



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This smartphone screen capture shows a false incoming ballistic missile emergency alert sent Saturday from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency system.

HONOLULU — A blunder that caused more than a million people in Hawaii to fear that they were about to be struck by a nuclear missile fed skepticism Sunday about the government's ability to keep them informed in a real emergency.

Residents and tourists alike remained rattled a day after the mistaken alert was blasted out to cellphones across the islands with a warning to seek immediate shelter and the ominous statement "This is not a drill."

"My confidence in our so-called leaders' ability to disseminate this vital information has certainly been tarnished," said Patrick Day, who sprang from bed when the alert was issued Saturday morning. "I would have to think twice before acting on any future advisory."

The erroneous warning was sent during a shift change at the state's Emergency Management Agency when someone doing a routine test hit the live alert button, state officials said.

They tried to assure residents there would be no repeat false alarms.

The agency changed protocols to require that two people send an alert and made it easier to cancel a false alarm — a process that took nearly 40 minutes.

The error sparked a doomsday panic across the islands known as a laid-back paradise. Parents clutched their children, huddled in bathtubs and said prayers. Students bolted across the University of Hawaii campus to take cover in buildings. Drivers abandoned cars on a highway and took shelter in a tunnel. Others resigned themselves to a fate they could not control and simply waited for the attack.

The 911 system for the island of Oahu was overwhelmed with more than 5,000 calls. There were no major emergencies during the false alarm, Mayor Kirk Caldwell said.

An investigation into what went wrong was underway Sunday at the Federal Communications Commission, which sets rules for wireless emergency alerts sent by local, state or federal officials to warn of the threat of hurricanes, wildfires, flash flooding and to announce searches for missing children.

The state of Hawaii "did not have reasonable safeguards or process controls in place to prevent the transmission of a false alert," FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said in a statement, calling the mistake "absolutely unacceptable."

"False alerts undermine public confidence in the alerting system and thus reduce their effectiveness during real emergencies," he said.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen urged Americans not to lose faith in their government.

"I would hate for anybody not to abide by alerts and warnings coming from government systems," Nielsen said on "Fox News Sunday." "They can trust government systems. We test them every day. This is a very unfortunate mistake, but these alerts are vital. Seconds and minutes can save lives."

With mobile phones ubiquitous, wireless alerts can quickly disseminate information to a wide number of users, but there have been concerns about creating a panic if they are sent too broadly.

Authorities were criticized for not sending an alert to mobile phones when fires ripped through Northern California in October, killing 40 people. Officials had decided not to use the system because they couldn't target them precisely enough and feared a wider broadcast would lead to mass evacuations, including people not in danger, snarling traffic that would hamper firefighting and rescues efforts.

Lisa Foxen, a social worker and mother of two young children in east Honolulu, said she expects Hawaii officials to make necessary changes and restore trust in the system. The best thing to come out of the scare, she said, was that it pushed her family to come up with a plan if there is a real threat.

"I kind of was just almost like a deer in headlights," she said. "I knew what to do in a hurricane. I knew what to do in an earthquake. But the missile thing is new to me."

The false alarm triggered a broader discussion about national security at a time when North Korea has been flexing its muscles by launching test missiles and bragging about its nuclear capability. Its leader, Kim Jong Un, has also exchanged insults on Twitter with President Donald Trump about their arsenals.

The standoff has whipped up nuclear fears on Hawaii and led the islands to revive Cold War-era siren tests that drew international attention.

Rep. Tusi Gabbard, a Hawaii Democrat, said officials should be held accountable for the "epic failure of leadership" behind the warning.

She said the nuclear threat underscored the need for Trump to meet with Kim to work out differences without preconditions.

"The people of Hawaii are paying the price now for decades of failed leadership in this country" by setting "unrealistic preconditions," she said.

"The leaders of this country need to experience that same visceral understanding of how lives are at stake."

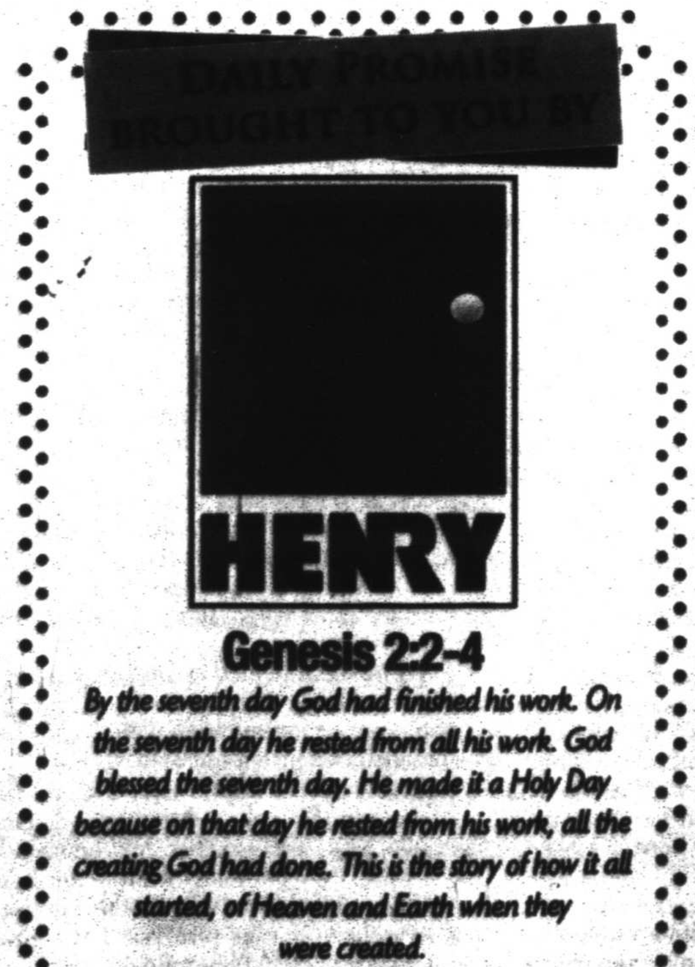
Philip Simmons, an orchestral conductor, said the false alarm was one of the most horrifying events of his life, and he had no idea what to do.

He said everyone from Gov. David Ige to the president should resign.

"The government has totally blown this," Simmons said. "They're completely inept at protecting the people of this country and notifying them of what's happening."

The mistake was not the first for the state's warning system.

During a test last month, 12 of the state's 386 sirens played an ambulance siren. In the tourist hub of Waikiki, the sirens were barely audible, prompting officials to add more sirens and reposition ones already in place.



Genesis 2:2-4

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Prayers for California mudslide victims; death toll hits 20

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

MONTECITO, Calif. — Parishioners prayed Sunday for those killed and for families still searching for missing relatives in a Southern California community ravaged by mudslides, and authorities announced another body had been found, increasing the death toll to 20.

The body of 30-year-old Pinit Sutthithepa was discovered Saturday afternoon. His 2-year-old daughter, Lydia, remained missing. His 6-year-old son, Peerawat, nicknamed Pasta, and his 79-year-old father-in-law, Richard Loring Taylor, also were killed in the mudslides.

"This family is one of several that lost multiple family members," Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said. "And we know that the suffering of those who knew and loved all of the victims is immense."

The list of those still missing in the mudslides has shrunk to four.

Because most churches in Montecito are in an evacuation area, many worshippers attended services in nearby towns. At a church in Santa Barbara, they carried flowers, lit candles and prayed for the families who have lost loved ones. The victims were their friends and neighbors, they said.

"Our whole community is devastated," Hannah Miller said at the Trinity Episcopal Church. "There isn't anyone who doesn't know someone who has been affected by this disaster. It is truly awful. We can just pray they find those poor missing people."

In the disaster area, firefighters went door to door to check the structural stability of the houses damaged by a powerful rainstorm that preceded the mudslides and scoured what's left of toppled homes and mangled cars as they searched for the missing.

Search and rescue operations ended Sunday and authorities transitioned to a search and recovery phase, Brown announced. The move allows officials to release resources that are no longer needed and allow search operations to slow to a safer pace, he said.

The storm sent flash floods cascading through mountain slopes that were burned bare by a huge wildfire in December. Workers used backhoes, jackhammers and chain saws to clear away masses of mud, boulders and toppled trees.

Crews have made it a priority to clear out debris basins and creek canals before another rainstorm. Long-range forecasts gave the crews about a week before the next chance of rain — and potential new mudslides — although the precipitation was expected to be disorganized and light. Another system was possible two days later.

The mudslides on Jan. 9 ravaged the tony community, destroying at least 65 homes and damaging more than 460 others, officials said. They also forced the indefinite shutdown of U.S. 101, the only major freeway between Santa Barbara and points east.

The rest of the community's infrastructure also was damaged. Some streets were cracked in half, and authorities closed bridges and overpasses because they were unstable. Amtrak said it was adding rail cars to each of its five daily roundtrip trains between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara to accommodate commuters grappling with the ongoing closure of U.S. 101.

A candlelight vigil for the victims and an interfaith service were planned for Sunday evening at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Garden.

Sutthithepa, whose body was discovered Saturday, immigrated from Thailand, leaving behind his wife and two children but sending them money for years until he could bring them to the United States, a friend, Poy Sayavongs, told the Lee Central Coast News.

"They finally were able to make it to the states in the summer of 2016," Sayavongs said. "It's cruel — they only had a short time together before this tragedy struck."

A month earlier, the family had evacuated to a Red Cross shelter for a night as a devastating wildfire that went on to blacken nearby mountains threatened their home and many others.

More than 2,000 searchers and recovery workers have remained in the community, carrying out backbreaking work in the summerlike weather that has made the stretch of Santa Barbara County coast about 90 miles (145 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles a haven for the wealthy, celebrities and tourists.

Much of the community of about 9,000 residents remained under mandatory evacuation orders, even unscathed areas, as crews removed debris and worked to restore water, sanitation, power and gas. There was no timeline for allowing residents to return, Assemblywoman Monique Limon said.

Limon, a Democrat, said she's working with other legislators to address concerns about flood and fire insurance and issues with emergency cellphone alerts.

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Casino shuttle boat engulfed by flames, dozens safely escape

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.— Fire swiftly engulfed a shuttle boat Sunday afternoon used to ferry patrons to a casino ship off Florida's Gulf Coast, forcing the crew and dozens of passengers to jump into chilly waters close to shore, authorities said.

Fifteen people complaining of chest pain, smoke inhalation and other minor injuries were taken to the hospital to be checked, authorities said, adding no injuries were life-threatening after the huge fire consumed the boat close to a residential neighborhood.

Port Richey Chief of Police Gerard DeCanio said all 50 passengers and the crew reached land safely as the fast-spreading flames devoured the shuttle boat. Huge flames leaped from the vessel and a dark plume of black smoke cut across sunny skies on an unusually chilly winter day in the Tampa Bay region.

"It looked pretty dramatic because the shuttle boat burned really fast," DeCanio told The Associated Press by phone.

DeCanio said the shuttle boat was close to shore when it began having engine problems after leaving its moorings at Port Richey, a suburban community about 35 miles (55 kilometers) northwest of Tampa. He said the crew decided to turn back veering close to a residential neighborhood as smoke belched and then flames kicked up.

A witness told the Tampa Bay Times the shuttle boat passes regularly passes by his family's home, carrying patrons to and from a casino ship offshore. But this time, he said he saw the clouds smoke billowing from the shuttle vessel and heard shouts and screams.

"They didn't have much time to decide whether or not to jump," said Bakr Jandali, 19, adding he watched from his home as huge flames rapidly spread. "The fire was moving fast. It was a hard jump."

Jandali said passengers had to jump down about 12 feet (3 meters) into chilly and somewhat shallow water. He said those escaping had to wade through waist-deep water to land. Local residents there offered them towels, socks and water to drink.

"All of us, my family and the neighbors, brought them towels and water," Jandali said. "They were so cold."

The shuttle boat regularly carries people back and forth from the Tropical Breeze Casino Cruise, which is offshore because it can't legally operate close to land, according to authorities. They said the shuttle vessel was headed out to the casino ship at the time of the fire.

Tropical Breeze Casino Cruises didn't immediately respond late Sunday to calls for information.

Pasco County Fire Rescue official Shawn Whited said that after passengers jumped into the water they made their own way or where plucked up by other boats.

Local television news footage at the site showed survivors cloaked in blankets trying to warm themselves after their ordeal.

Larry Santangelo, 57, said he had just driven into his neighborhood Sunday afternoon when he saw smoke and fire.

He told the Tampa Bay Times that he then saw people wandering about confused, wet and cold. One woman collapsed on reaching shore and vomited, he said, adding he took about 30 of the passengers into his garage to warm them up.

"It was so windy and they were soaking wet," said Santangelo, adding he worried some would suffer from hypothermia.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the fire.

Authorities said the Coast Guard, sheriff's office, police and other agencies took part in rescue operations.



Tambrey Laina/Pasco County via AP

Flames engulf a boat Sunday in the Tampa Bay area. The boat ferrying patrons to a casino ship off the Florida Gulf Coast caught fire near shore Sunday afternoon, and dozens of passengers and crew safely made it to land, authorities said.

Earthquake in Peru destroys homes, kills 1 man

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — A powerful earthquake struck off Peru's coast early Sunday, tumbling adobe homes in small, rural towns, killing at least one person and injuring dozens, officials said.

The sole fatality was a man crushed by a falling rock, officials said.

They said many of those injured were in Caraveli province, a coastal area dependent on fishing and mining that is popular with tourists.

Sixty-five people were injured, the national chief of civil defense, Jorge Chavez, said.

The earthquake destroyed 171 homes, displacing the same number of families, Peru's National Emergency Operations Center said on its website Sunday night. It added that 736 families had been affected in some way by the tremor.

Emergency crews responded by bringing in tents and mattresses to displaced families, officials said.

"Everything that is needed is going to be sent," President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said.

"We are already responding at full speed."

The U.S. Geological Survey said the early morning quake had a magnitude of 7.1 and was centered 25 miles from Acari in the Arequipa department of southwestern Peru.

The quake jolted people awake as far away as the capital city of Lima, some 350 miles from Acari.

Workers used large tractors to clear away boulders and debris that crashed down and blocked some roads.

The quake caused some damage in communities that Pope Francis is scheduled to visit this week, and officials said the damage would not change the pontiff's tour.



Andina Agency via AP

Residents Sunday in Chala, Peru after an earthquake struck the area. The powerful earthquake struck off Peru's coast early Sunday, tumbling adobe homes in small, rural towns, officials said.

Plane dangles off cliff after skidding off runway

By Zeynep Bilginsoy
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A commercial airplane that skidded off a runway after landing in northern Turkey dangled precariously Sunday off a muddy cliff with its nose only a few feet from the Black Sea.

Some of the 168 people on board the Boeing 737-800 described it as a "miracle" that everyone was evacuated safely from the plane, which went off a runway at Trabzon Airport.

Images show the aircraft on its belly and perched at an acute angle just above the water.

If it had slid any further along the slope, the plane would have likely plunged into the sea in the Turkish province of Trabzon.

Pegasus Airlines said no one was injured during the incident late Saturday, despite the panic among the 162 passengers on board Flight PC8622.

The six-member crew, including two pilots, was also evacuated. Flights were suspended at Trabzon Airport for several hours before resuming again Sunday.

Passenger Yuksel Gordu told Turkey's official Anadolu news agency that words weren't enough to describe the fear on the aircraft.

"It's a miracle we escaped. We could have burned, exploded, flown into the sea," Gordu said.

"Thank God for this. I feel like I'm going crazy when I think about it."

Another passenger, Fatma Gordu, told private Dogan news agency that there was a loud sound after landing.

"We swerved all of a sudden," she said.

"The front of the plane crashed and the back was in the air. Everyone panicked."

Trabzon Gov. Yucel Yavuz said investigators were trying to determine why the plane had left the runway. The prosecutor's office launched an investigation.

The flight originated in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

Airport officials would not discuss the status of plane Sunday and whether it had been towed off the slope.



Lee Jin-man/Associated Press

A bus carrying the South Korean delegations passes as South Korean soldier salutes at Unification Bridge, which leads to the Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone on Monday, Jan. 15 in Paju, South Korea.

2 Koreas discuss Northern art troupe's visit

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Officials from the Koreas met Monday to work out details about North Korea's plan to send an art troupe to the South during next month's Winter Olympics, as the rivals tried to follow up on the North's recent agreement to cooperate in the Games in a conciliatory gesture following months of nuclear tensions.

In a development that still shows their bitter animosities, the North issued a veiled threat on Sunday indicating it could cancel its plans to send an Olympic delegation to protest what it called South Korea's "sordid acts of chilling" the prospect for inter-Korean reconciliation. The threat is relatively milder than the North's typical fiery, bellicose rhetoric and it didn't appear to put the recent reconciliatory mood in imminent danger.

"They should know that train and bus carrying our delegation to the Olympics are still in Pyongyang," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said. "The South Korean authorities had better ponder over what unfavorable results may be entailed by their impolite behavior."

The KCNA criticized South Korean President Moon Jae-in for crediting President Donald Trump for getting the North to sit down with the South. Trump has contended his tough stance helped persuade the North to hold talks. KCNA also accused South Korea of letting the United States deploy aircraft carriers and other strategic assets near the Korean Peninsula on the occasion of the Olympics.

Monday's talks at the border village of Panmunjom will likely focus on the makeup of an art troupe and when and where in South Korea they would perform, according to South Korean officials.

Drawing keen attention is whether the North would send its famous "Moranbong Band," an all-female ensemble hand-picked by the North's leader Kim Jong Un. One of the North Korean delegates to the talks is Hyon Song Wol, the head of the Moranbong Band, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

Trump defends self after comments

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump, on the defensive in the wake of recent disparaging comments about Haiti and African nations that have revived questions about whether the leader of the world's melting pot is a racist, declared Sunday that he is not one.

"No, No. I am not a racist," Trump told reporters who asked for his response to those who think he is a racist. "I am the least racist person you have ever interviewed. That I can tell you."

Trump also denied making the statements attributed to him, but avoided delving into the specifics of what he did or did not say.

"Did you see what various senators in the room said about my comments?" he asked, referring to lawmakers who were meeting with him in the Oval Office on Thursday when Trump is said to have made the comments. "They weren't made."

Trump stands accused of using "s---hole" to describe African countries during an immigration meeting with a bipartisan group of six senators. The president, in the meeting, also questioned the need to admit more Haitians to the U.S., according to people who were briefed on the conversation but were not authorized to describe the meeting publicly.

Trump said in the meeting that he would prefer immigrants from countries like Norway instead.

The White House has not denied that Trump said "s---hole" though Trump has already pushed back on some depictions of the meeting.

A confidant of Trump's told The Associated Press that the president spent Thursday evening calling friends and outside advisers to judge their reaction to his remarks. Trump wasn't apologetic and denied he was racist, instead blaming the media for distorting his meaning, said the confidant, who wasn't authorized to disclose a private conversation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the only Democrat at Thursday's meeting, said Trump had indeed said what he was reported to have said. Durbin said the remarks were "vile, hate-filled and clearly racial in their content." He said Trump used the most vulgar term "more than once."

Trump commented as Durbin was presenting details of a compromise immigration plan that included providing $1.6 billion for a first installment of the president's long-sought border wall.

Trump took particular issue with the idea that people who'd fled to the U.S. after disasters hit their homes in places such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti would be allowed to stay as part of the deal, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly describe the discussion.

When it came to talk of extending protections for Haitians, Durbin said Trump replied, "We don't need more Haitians.'"

"He said, 'Put me down for wanting more Europeans to come to this country. Why don't we get more people from Norway?'" Durbin said.

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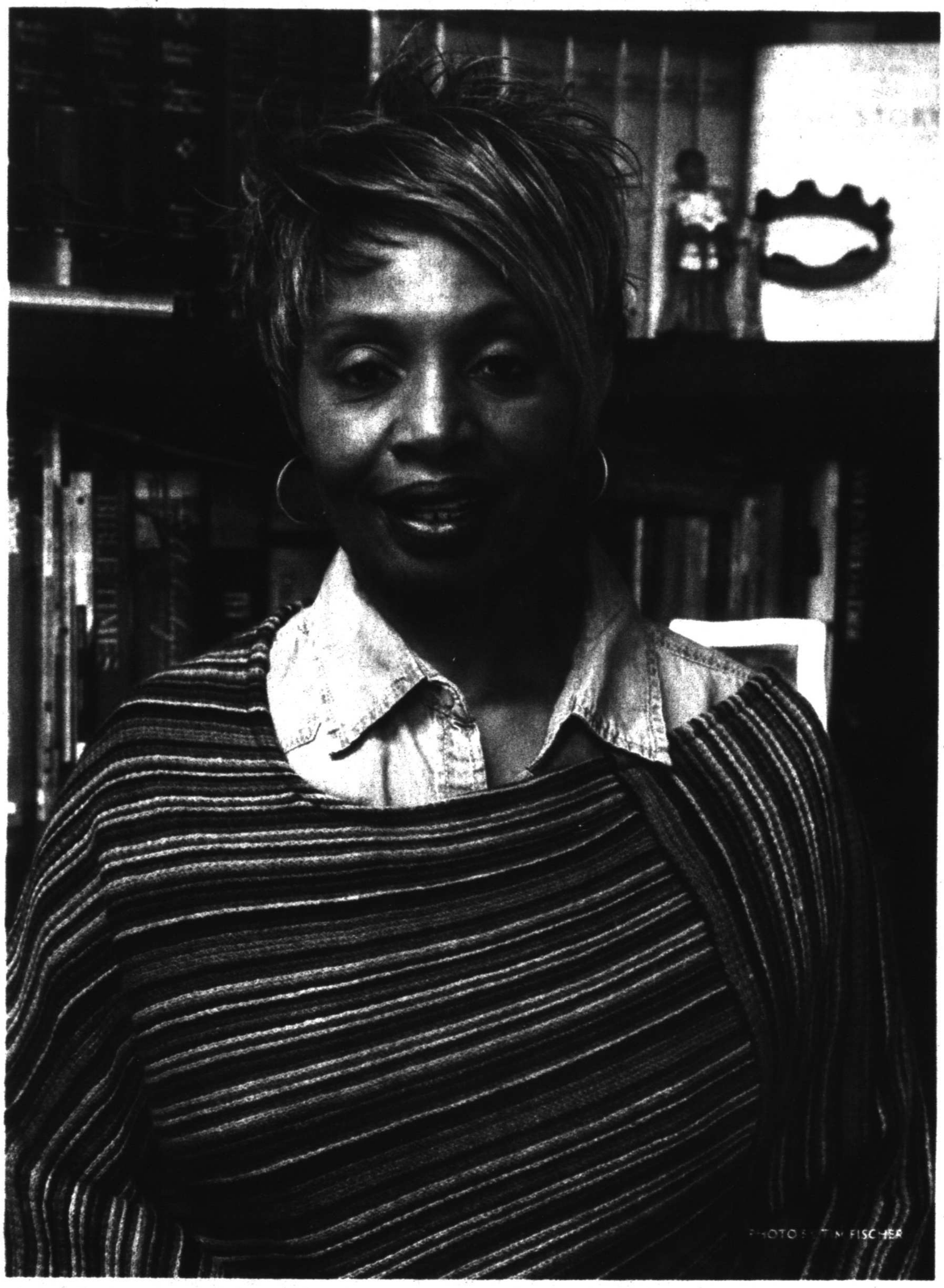

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DR. ROSALIND PERKINS

GREATER IDEAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Professional and community involvement: Executive director of Greater Ideal Family Life Center, Educate Midland board member and a Core Value Culture Club coach.

How did you decide to serve the community as executive director of Greater Ideal Family Life Center? I decided to serve because of my teaching/counseling experience. The life center has been a great way for us to build relationships and boost visibility and awareness of the services that have benefited this community at large.

What talents and skills do you share through your role at the center and your other community involvement? I have used my talents and skills to empower teachers, students and parents to be able to solve problems, self-direct, self-reflect and lead. I network with colleagues in other organizations and agencies in an attempt to increase public awareness of key issues.

What unexpected lesson have you learned in your role at the center? I've learned that the smallest blessings often become the greatest treasures.

Why is community involvement and volunteerism important to you? Community involvement and volunteerism are important to me because they afford me the opportunity to advocate for causes I am passionate about.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? Midland has been my home for 41 years, and I stayed because I realized there was a need for my gifts and talents at the family life center.

"SHE IS A SERVANT TO THE PEOPLE OF HER COMMUNITY"

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

— Luke 6:45

This Scripture came to mind immediately when thinking about Rosalind. I believe it refers to our words reflecting the content of our character. Rosalind serves the community around Greater Ideal Family Life Center with ferocity. Her words are filled with the love in her heart supplied by her faith in the God she serves.

As a good leader, she chooses words to encourage, to teach and to provide correction when needed. Any of her students know that her words of correction come from a desire for them to be their best self.

Rosalind Perkins is my colleague in nonprofit service. She is a servant to the people of her community and a force of nature. The greatest lesson her life demonstrates to me is the relationship between what is in my heart and what my mouth speaks. It is a powerful lesson. Our words can bless, and they can destroy.

Rosalind, thank you, for your life of service and your example. You are an amazing woman!

***Mark Palmer,** executive director, Abell-Hanger Foundation*

"ROSALIND HAS HELPED TO MAKE SURE THE LIFE CENTER IS A VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE"

Affectionately called "The General," Rosalind Perkins goes about her calling as the director of the Greater Ideal Family Life Center and as one of the ministry leaders of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church.

Rosalind commands her position with direction, precision, resourcefulness and creativity, taking on assignments and making sure they are executed. She manages the facilities and staff with duties that include creating education and after-school programs; providing meals and provisions for the less fortunate; counseling with those who are despondent, displaced and needing a lift; and many other roles.

When I look back, I think she sacrificed a lot to transition from her fairly predictable and secure job as a counselor with Midland Independent School District to the director of the life center. For the last 14 years or so, Rosalind has helped to make sure the life center is a valuable community resource.

Rosalind's position at the church is also one of service. She is creative, an organizer and even artistic in handling her administrative and educational duties at the church. She has completed an advanced degree in biblical studies to enhance her role as Educational Ministry director and to encourage others to excellence in proclaiming Christ and the mission. She handles the administrative role with particular devotion and loyalty to her pastor, Dr. George A. Bell, and the ministry team.

Sometimes I look at Rosalind and say she has such a strong personality, not just because she wants something done in a certain way, but because of her conviction and commitment to excellence. She balances her attention to the ministries, family and community.

She is one of the original founders of the Educate Midland project. She was even a great entrepreneur with her startup and successful business, Eddies' Catfish, which closed over a year ago. (I sure miss the meals). As a fellow board member and friend, Rosalind is definitely useful to the ministry and a great asset to the community.

Roy Nelson

Rosalind Perkins is the final 52 Faces of Community honoree. Beginning Feb. 12, Chevron will be presenting a feature devoted to local educators.

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Facebook edits feeds to bring less news, more sharing

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is changing what its users will see to highlight posts they are most likely to engage with and make time spent on social media more "meaningful."

By cutting back on items that Facebook users tend to passively consume, the change could hurt news organizations and other businesses that rely on Facebook to share their content.

The idea is to help users to connect with people they care about, not make them feel depressed and isolated.

"The research shows that when we use social media to connect with people we care about, it can be good for our well-being," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote in a post Thursday.

"We can feel more connected and less lonely, and that correlates with long term measures of happiness and health. On the other hand, passively reading articles or watching videos — even if they're entertaining or informative — may not be as good."

Shares of Facebook slid more than 5 percent to $177.31 in premarket trading Friday after the change was unveiled.

Under the revised regime, there will be fewer posts from brands, pages and media companies and more from people. There will be fewer videos, which Facebook considers "passive." People will likely spend less time on Facebook as a result, the company says.

That's because even if people read such content on Facebook, they don't necessarily comment or interact with it in other ways.

But Facebook gave scant details about how it would define what's "meaningful."

The changes could shrink the social media giant's role as a major news source for many people.

"It's in the same direction that Facebook has been pursuing for a while: offering a place for discussion among individuals, a community space, rather than being a news source," said Oh Se-uk, a senior researcher on digital news at the Korea Press Foundation.

"It wants people who have been friends to become even closer, to have deeper discussions (on Facebook). Traffic to news media's websites via Facebook will likely fall," he said.

The move will not affect advertisements — users will continue to see the same ads they have before, "meaningful" or not. But businesses that use Facebook to connect with their customers without paying for ads will also feel the pain.

Facebook has long been criticized for creating "filter bubbles," the echo chambers of friends and like-minded people whose views are reinforced by their friends' posts on the platform.

The company says that's similar to how people make friends and interact with each other offline. Facebook says its research shows that users are exposed to more divergent views on its platform than they would be otherwise, but that's hard to verify independently since the company is

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PEPPER GAMES ALLOWED



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A robot named Pepper stands in the lobby of the Mandarin Oriental on Nov. 15, 2017, in Las Vegas. Pepper is programmed to interact with guests and answer pre-programmed questions.

Las Vegas hotels bet on technology to attract and dazzle its guests

By Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — It takes just minutes for a room service attendant to respond to a text message asking for a soda, bringing the Diet Coke on a tray with a glass of ice and lime wedges, no need for the modern hassle of placing a phone call.

Thousands of guests at some of Las Vegas' casino-hotels also can get towels, food and toiletries delivered with just a few taps on their smartphone. It comes as the staples of hotel-room technology — a phone on a nightstand and a flat-screen TV — aren't cutting it anymore in the hypercompetitive world of Sin City tourism.

Guests can use tablets to control room features like lights and temperature. Shower infusers and special lights promise travelers a chance to recharge. And a 4-foot-tall robot can point visitors to the nearest ATM. In the battle for millions of Las Vegas' tourists, voice-assisted speakers and purification systems also are part of the push to attract ever-more-demanding customers and keep them coming back.

"The hotel brands or the casino brands are trying to make themselves evolve to become more relevant to a younger audience that is highly technologically enabled," said Robert Rippee, director of the Hospitality Lab at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Las Vegas hotels are not the only ones using such technology. The Acme Hotel Co. in Chicago put an Amazon Echo in every room and the Waldorf Astoria in Beverly Hills, California, has equipped rooms with iPads. But what sets Sin City properties apart is the volume of guests they handle, which can test the technology that must be easy to understand.

"Let's say the tablet is a Microsoft Surface, but the tablet you use is an iPad, so you immediately have a gap," Rippee said. "You, as the user, now have to learn to use a product an operating system you are unfamiliar with. If you are here for two nights, you are going to discard it."

Caesars Entertainment launched a texting service at its 3,976-room Caesars Palace casino-hotel on the Las Vegas Strip in August, months after rolling it out at two boutique hotels. Senior vice president and chief experience officer Michael Marino said the service aims to improve guests' stay after the company noticed a dip in phone calls.

"It's not like they have less needs, it's just that something has happened over the last couple of years where people just don't like to call people anymore," Marino said.

Four properties now have the service named Ivy, which the company credits for higher scores of two of its hotels on travel review website TripAdvisor.

The service uses artificial intelligence to automatically answer common questions and requests, such as gym location and hours of operation. But trained staffers type back responses to more complex inquiries such as where Muslims should face to pray in the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca.

"The window of your room faces to the East. If you pray facing the window, you will be oriented towards Mecca," Ivy answered within two minutes.

The Cosmopolitan casino-hotel also launched a chatbot a year ago, around the same time Wynn Resorts announced that an Amazon Echo would be installed in every room of the Wynn Las Vegas casino-hotel.

At the Aria and Vdara hotels, each room is equipped with a tablet with applications that allow guests to schedule breakfast delivery, access thousands of publications and adjust temperature and lights. Travelers also can choose special rooms at the MGM Grand and The Mirage with several lighting options, including one that helps the body's internal clock, and a device that infuses the shower's water with vitamin C.

Meanwhile, a shiny white, wide-eyed standing robot named Pepper in the lobby of the luxury Mandarin Oriental hotel can answer a set of preprogrammed questions, including checkout time, how to connect to the Wi-Fi network and the location of the spa.

"I've seen robots on TV, but never in person. It's so cute," said Ana Rosa Santiago, a Miami resident who took a selfie with Pepper. "I already sent it to all my family."

Coding clubs give students a head start on technology and life skills

By Elvia Limón
Dallas Morning News

IRVING — Hemant Pachà hopes to be a doctor and a part-time video game designer when he's older. But until then, the 11-year-old is keeping busy by learning how to code his own mobile video games.

His most recent creation has the player move a small yellow dot away from several black dots on a white backdrop, which the sixth-grader said was inspired by Pac-Man.

"My parents work with computers, so I thought it would be cool to program my own game and start what I would be doing later in life," Hemant said. "It would be a fun experience."

Hemant is one of nearly 20 Barbara Bush Middle School students who participate in the school's Afterschool Coding Clubs for School Students (ACCESS) program. It was created by the University of Texas at Dallas Department of Computer Science and Technology as a way to introduce elementary and middle school students to the basics of computer programming.

UT-Dallas assigns about 75 of its computer science students per semester to lead the clubs at 50 elementary and middle school across North Texas, including Barbara Bush in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

Deyonna Davis, a career and technology teacher at Barbara Bush and sponsor of the coding clubs, said she's seen a range of students join the clubs — from those who have the latest technology to some who may not even have internet access at home.

She said the coding clubs expose the children to new technology and helps bridge that gap.

"Everyone gets something out of this," Davis said."Students who don't have exposure to computers can be around computers while learning the basics, and those who do have that background knowledge can elevate the knowledge they already have."

'A VERY HUMAN EXPERIENCE'

Jey Veerasamy, UT-Dallas professor and director of its Center for Computer Science Education & Outreach, said the clubs last 10 weeks and cost about $20 per semester. But a recent corporate grant of $50,000 helped pick up the costs at certain schools — like Barbara Bush Middle — where many of the students live in poverty.

The coding clubs cater to students from all backgrounds, from beginners to more advanced coders, and helps them learn to try new things.

"The one thing about coding is that we cannot be afraid to make mistakes, because that's the only way to learn,"

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Amazon looks to build on 1st season of NFL streaming

By Josh Dubow
Asociated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Amazon had a mostly successful debut into live streaming of major sports events, with increased audience and an improved viewing experience in its first season showing NFL games.

The question looking ahead is how aggressively will Amazon be in the sports streaming landscape?

"It's too soon to say," said Jim DeLorenzo, the head of Amazon Sports. "We're just in the early stages here. We were definitely pleased with the way things played out. It was great to partner with the NFL on this, and we were really happy with how our customers reacted to it. But it's too soon to say this impacts our strategy going forward."

Amazon.com Inc. already had smaller deals with the ATP Tour to air last year's Next Gen ATP Finals and the rights to show some men's tennis tournaments to customers in the United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as an upcoming deal to show beach volleyball events.

But the NFL is the biggest endeavor Amazon has made so far after paying $50 million for the rights to stream 10 Thursday night games and an additional one on Christmas.

Amazon built on the audience Twitter had in 2016 in the first year of streaming on Thursday nights, with the averaging per-minute audience for the 11 games hitting 310,000, a 17 percent increase from Twitter's numbers.

On a per capita basis, the biggest audience was in the District of Columbia, followed by Washington, Colorado, Oregon and Utah. Prime members in Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and North Carolina watched for the longest amount of time.

Viewers who already are used to watching movies and scripted shows on Amazon's various platforms stayed longer on the NFL, with the average viewer watching for 63 minutes.

The feed was usually much cleaner than on Twitter or some other streaming services and was delivered even faster than some cable systems, as opposed to the usual delay for online streaming.

"This was really our first step into distributing live sporting events at scale on a global basis," DeLorenzo said. "Of course there was learning. Because we're

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N) "	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Bachelor Eight women to battle it out in the wrestling arena. (N)				The Good Doctor "Islands Part Two" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	Donuts (N)	9JKL (N)	Scorpion "The Bunker Games" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Gifted "eXtraction" (N)		The Gifted "X-roads" (SF) (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern "Fizbo"	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
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FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00) ★ The Illusionist		★★★ Splash ('84, Fant) Tom Hanks.				★★ Forces of Nature			(:45) ★ The Legend of Bagger...		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★ Back to the ...		★★★★ Logan ('17, Act) Hugh Jackman.				Divorce	(:50) ★★ I Love You, Beth Cooper				Crashing
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:45) ★ All the Way		Crashing	★ Hidden Figures ('16, Dra) Taraji P. Henson.				(:45) ★ King Arthur: Legend of the Sword				
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★ Wish I Was Here Zach Braff.				★★ The Informant! Matt Damon.				★ David Bowie: The Last Five...		Movie	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:45) ★ The Fugitive		★★★★ Kiss Kiss Bang Bang				(:45) ★★★ Speed ('94, Act) Keanu Reeves.			(:40) ★★★ Dolores Claiborne		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:35) ★★ Passenger 57			★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.				★★ Invincible Billy Zane.			
PLEX			96			(5:05) ★ The Conver...		★★★ Fat Man and Little Boy				(:10) ★★ Jakob the Liar Robin Williams.			(:15) ★ The Messen...		
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AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Kill Bill: Vo...		★★★ Demolition Man ('93, Sci-Fi) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★★ Dredd ('12, Act) Karl Urban.				Movie	
BET	58	-		40		D.World	(:40) D.World	(:15) Different World		D.World	D.World	D.World	D.World	D.World	D.World	(:20) Different World	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R. (N)		RelationShep (N)		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit "Rayjus"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo (L)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		OutlawsMemphis (N)		(:15) Street Outlaws		(:15) Memphis	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Raven's.	Andi Mack	Andi Mack		Underc.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi Mack		Underc.	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Duke at Miami (L)				NCAA Basketball Kansas at West Virginia (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Connecticut at Texas (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's First Round Site: Melbourne Park (L)							
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Kids Baking (N)		Cakes (N)	Cakes	Vegas Ca	Vegas Ca	Baking "Lemon Biffs"	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Brave				★★★ Finding Nemo ('03, Ani) Albert Brooks.				The 700 Club		★ Freaky Friday	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	H.S. Football Classics 2017 UIL State Championship 6A Division 1 Allen vs. Lake Travis						H.S. Football Classics 2017 UIL State Championship 6A Division 2 Waco Midway vs. Cy-Fair					
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Selma ('14, History) Tom Wilkinson, Tim Roth, David Oyelowo.						★★★ Selma ('14, Hist) Tom Wilkinson, Tim Roth, David Oyelowo.					
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	Love It or List It		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Home Town (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Home Town	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★★ The Bucket List		★★★ The Holiday Cameron Diaz. Two women with romance issues swap homes and fall for men in their new neighbourhoods.						(:05) Married at First Sight "Weddings"		★★★ The Holiday	
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				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	New York Islanders at Montréal Canadiens (L)				(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		USSA Ski & Snow		Super High Roller	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Henry Danger (N)		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ Ghost Rider		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
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TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ A Patch of ...		★★ A Warm December Sidney Poitier.				★★ Daughters of the Dust				★ Trouble Man	
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52	The Boy With No Brain		Dr. Pimple Popper "Dr. Pimple Popper"		My Legs Won't Stop Growing		My Baby's Head Keeps Growing		My Legs Won't Stop Growing		My Baby's Head Keeps Growing	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) NBA Basketball L.A. L/Mem. (L)		NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)				NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Chicago "The Song of Gregory William Yates"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) NFL Fanatic	(:35) NFL Fanatic	(:20) CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
WGN	19	85				M*A*S* H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	★★ Hulk ('03, Act) transforms a geneticist into a powerful giant green brute.		Nick Nolte, Eric Bana. An accidental experiment			

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Neighbor wants to reach out after death of young mother

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that a neighbor lost his wife. She died during childbirth. As a wife and mother, all I can think about is that newborn baby boy and his two beautiful sisters. It breaks my heart. I have never spoken to him, but I did chat from time to time with his wife.

I would like to offer help to the father, but I don't know how I should approach him or even if I should. Please offer me some advice. — GRIEVING FOR THEM IN HAWAII

DEAR GRIEVING: Reach out to your neighbor by writing him a short note saying that you heard the tragic news and would like to offer your condolences. Explain that although you didn't know his wife well, you had spoken with her occasionally. Then offer the kind of help you are willing to give — perhaps meals for his freezer or child care if the need arises. I am sure if you do, the gesture will be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I enjoy going to estate sales. Recently, we were shocked when we heard an estate sales representative ask an older lady if she could afford what she was looking at. The woman answered "yes." Shortly after that, as the woman was leaving, the estate representative asked her if she could search the pockets in her jacket! She said "yes," and nothing was found on her. The estate sales representative followed up with, "You know how it is."

We were appalled, to say the least. We had been browsing right along with the older lady and saw nothing suspicious. What do you make of this? Should we have said something? — GRACIE IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR GRACIE: Since I wasn't there, I can't guess at what may have triggered the sales rep's suspicions, but her treating a prospective customer in such a heavy-handed manner is surprising. I have seen wealthy shoppers at more than one estate sale who "dressed down" to enable themselves to get a better bargain. That said, I think you were wise not to intervene. To have done otherwise might have caused a scene and embarrassed the shopper even more than she already was.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are driving me crazy. About six months ago they opened a little store close to where we live. Every day since it opened, they have made me work with them, on the weekends as well as after school until 6 p.m., when Dad gets there.

I'm tired of working there. They don't pay me and are very strict. I want to tell them I don't want to work there anymore, but I'm afraid if I do they will punish me. Can you tell me what to do? — DRIVEN CRAZY IN ILLINOIS

DEAR DRIVEN CRAZY: I don't know how old you are, but your parents wouldn't be doing this if they didn't need your help. Please try to step up to the plate with less resentment.

By being involved in the family business, you are learning not only responsibility, but also skills that will be valuable when you are older.

What you need to do now is recognize that your parents need you and, provided the work doesn't conflict with your schoolwork and normal social life, be proud that you are capable enough to contribute in a meaningful way.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 8 7 4 ♡ A 8 2 ◇ 7 ♣ K 10 7 2

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

A — The excellent spot cards in spades would make us try to penalize them. Playing negative doubles, pass and wait for partner to re-open with a double. If he doesn't double, never play with him again.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 8 ♡ A K Q 10 9 8 ◇ J 3 ♣ Q 10 9 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3◇	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Partner's rebid "broke" the three level and showed extra values. You are now in a game force, so just bid three hearts.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 6 ♡ Q 9 6 3 ◇ K 10 3 ♣ A J 8

Partner opens one no-trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Completely balanced hands, especially with extra values, are likely to play just as well in no-trump as in a suit. Don't bother with Stayman. Bid three no-trump.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q 10 7 ♡ K Q 8 5 2 ◇ 7 2 ♣ K 10

Partner opens one no-trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — The biggest advantage of transfer bids is that they give you a two-bid sequence to describe your hand. Bid two diamonds, transferring to hearts, and continue with two spades.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Jan. 7:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. 1 Second Everyday: Video Diary, 1SE
4. NBA 2K18, 2K
5. Getting Over It, Bennett Foddy
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
7. The Game of Life, Marmalade Game Studio
8. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
9. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
10. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Twisty Road!, Voodoo
2. YouTube - Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
4. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
5. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
6. Run Sausage Run!, Crazy Labs
7. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
8. Bitmoji, Bitstrips
9. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
10. Word Connect <, Zentertain Ltd.

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Toca Life: Pets, Toca Boca AB
3. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
5. Getting Over It, Bennett Foddy
6. The Game of Life, Marmalade Game Studio
7. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
8. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd.
9. NBA 2K18, 2K
10. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
2. YouTube - Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
3. Pixel Art - Color by Number, Easybrain
4. Color by Number: Coloring Book, Fun Games For Free
5. Kick the Buddy, Chill Fleet
6. Word Connect <, Zentertain Ltd.
7. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
8. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
9. Bowmasters - Multiplayer Game, Playgendary
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.



David James/ Universal Pictures via AP

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Tom Cruise as Barry Seal in a scene from "American Made."

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Jan. 7:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. American Made
2. Dunkirk (2017)
3. Kingsman: The Golden Circle
4. Battle of the Sexes
5. The Mountain Between Us
6. Blade Runner 2049
7. Home Again (2017)
8. Despicable Me 3
9. Brad's Status
10. Baywatch

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Home Again (2017)
2. Brad's Status
3. Wind River (2017)
4. The Killing of a Sacred Deer
5. It Comes At Night
6. Stronger
7. Marshall
8. The Layover
9. Brawl In Cell Block 99
10. Score: A Film Music Documentary

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Jan. 11

Top Songs
1. Finesse (Remix) (feat. Cardi B), Bruno Mars
2. Filthy, Justin Timberlake
3. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
4. Havana (feat. Young Thug), Camila Cabello
5. Meant to Be (feat. Florida Georgia Line), Bebe Rexha
6. Thunder, Imagine Dragons
7. rockstar (feat. 21 Savage), Post Malone
8. For You (Fifty Shades Freed), Liam Payne & Rita Ora
9. Him & I, G-Eazy & Halsey
10. River (feat. Ed Sheeran), Eminem

Top Albums
1. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
2. ÷, Ed Sheeran
3. Revival, Eminem
4. Beautiful Trauma, P!nk
5. Evolve, Imagine Dragons
6. reputation, Taylor Swift
7. Pitch Perfect 3 (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
8. DAMN., Kendrick Lamar
9. Life of a Dark Rose, Lil Skies
10. From A Room: Volume 2, Chris Stapleton

Source: Apple Inc.



Matt O'Brien/Associated Press

Musician Stevie Wonder plays a so-called "smart" piano, an internet-connected device designed to teach people how to play, while piano teacher Gabie Perry stands next to him at The One Music Group's CES booth Wednesday in Las Vegas. Wonder spent about 15 minutes playing tunes as a crowd gathered at the booth. Wonder says he likes to visit the conference to see new things and meet people.

Stevie Wonder wows crowd on 'smart' piano at Consumer Electronics Show

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Trying to distinguish your product among the thousands at the CES gadget show is no easy feat, so it helps when music legend Stevie Wonder pays an unexpected visit.

Especially when your product is a "smart" piano designed to teach people how to play.

Piano teacher Gabie Perry was demonstrating the internet-connected device, made by a California startup, when someone told her that Wonder asked to try it. She thought it was a joke.

Wonder spent about 15 minutes playing tunes as a crowd gathered at The One Music Group's CES booth in Las Vegas. Wonder says he likes to visit the conference to "see new things" and meet people. He's among several celebrity musicians attending, including rapper Iggy Azalea and Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry.

AMAZON

From 2B

so early on in that process of distributing this kind of content to our customers, there are a number of things we can look at along the way."

Even though television audiences for the NFL dropped for the second straight year as people cut the cord and drop cable or satellite service, the streaming audience on Amazon was still a small fraction compared with the more than 10 million viewers who watched on average the Thursday night games on NBC, CBS or the NFL Network. CBS and NBC pay about $45 million per game for the rights to their Thursday night broadcasts.

The NFL will decide soon its plans for Thursday night games next season, but it is expected to once again split the package between a broadcast and streaming partner.

Amazon offered alternate language feeds for the broadcast to cater to some of the fans from more 220 countries who tuned into the games, with feeds in Spanish, Portuguese and "U.K. English," for those less familiar with the American version of football.

"That was a fun component of what we were doing and we were glad to see customers reacted well to that as well," DeLorenzo said.



Associated Press file photo

Chicago Bears' Deonte Thompson gets past Green Bay Packers' Morgan Burnett during the first half of an NFL football game Sept. 28, 2017, in Green Bay, Wis. Amazon had a mostly successful debut into live streaming of major sports events with increased audience and an improved viewing experience in its first season showing NFL games.

CODING

From 2B

Veerasamy said. "We encourage students to try things out, and if they don't like what they see, then they change it. It's a very human experience."

Mikey Shands said he hopes the skills he gained in his coding club last fall will help him become a cartoon illustrator one day. He said he wants to design cartoons on his computer similar to those on his favorite show, Dragon Ball Z.

With the help of the UT-Dallas students, the 11-year-old was able to code a Microsoft Paint-like mobile app that he can use to draw images with his fingertips. He said he also came up with new settings for the app during the coding process.

"I created this app because it was one of the ones that they guided us on, but I added my own twists to it," Mikey said. "I added an eraser so you don't have to reset your whole drawing."

New possibilities

But the middle school youngsters aren't the only ones who learn something new from the coding clubs. Sathya Pooja Remireddy, a UT-Dallas graduate student who led her first coding club at Barbara Bush in the fall, said the program helped reassure her of her ability to teach.

She said she will continue working with the coding clubs this spring.

"I wasn't sure about it for the first two classes, but as time went on, it became easier," said Remireddy, 27. "I realized that even I can teach. That's a possibility now."

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FACEBOOK

From 2B

cautious about providing data to outsiders.

Oh, the researcher at Korea Press Foundation, said it was too early to say whether the latest measure would reinforce Facebook's "filter bubble" effect or not. "We won't know until we see what happens."

The changes come after a tough year for Facebook that included congressional hearings on how Russia used it to influence the 2016 U.S. elections. Former executives and Facebook investors have spoken out about how it and other social media sites might be hurting rather than helping society and users' psyches.

Last week, Zuckerberg said his "personal challenge" for 2018 (something he's done every year since 2009), will be to fix Facebook.

"Facebook has a lot of work to do — whether it's protecting our community from abuse and hate, defending against interference by nation states, or making sure that time spent on Facebook is time well spent," he wrote.

Tweaking users' feeds may cause the social media platform to lose some of its luster for content producers or media companies, especially video makers that cannot make money on Facebook regardless of how many of their videos go viral, said Cho Sodam, founder of Dotface, a youth-oriented media startup based in Seoul, South Korea.

"No matter how well we do on Facebook and how great our videos are, making high-quality videos itself does not bring us any profit," said Cho.

The 1-year-old Dotface has 110,000 fans on its Facebook page, its primary channel for reaching viewers.

Dotface's videos about a South Korean mother giving a hug to young sexual minority people who could not tell their parents about their sexual orientation struck a chord with viewers around the world, accruing 5 million views and many shares, comments and likes. But those views, comments or share generated no revenue for Dotface.

Cho said her company is expanding links to other platforms, such as YouTube, that share profit with content creators.

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Greenwood's Groeschel commits to UTPB football

By Oscar LeRoy
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Matthew Groeschel was looking for the best fit for him and his family and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin was the ultimate choice.

The 6-foot-6, 320-pound Greenwood offensive lineman chose to stay close to home when he announced his commitment on Twitter Saturday to play for the UTPB football team.

"It felt like it was the right place and the right time," Groeschel said on Sunday afternoon.

Groeschel said the Falcons, especially offensive line coach Boone Feldt, had been communicating with him for the past year. A few months ago, he got an official offer from UTPB after an official visit.


Groeschel

Groeschel was also looking at fellow Lone Star Conference programs Eastern New Mexico, Western New Mexico University and Midwestern State and had gotten preferred walk-on offers from a few NCAA Division I programs.

Staying close to home, though, proved to be a big factor.

"You don't see a lot of West Texas kids get recruited because we're sort of isolated from the rest of the state but it means a lot to get to stay and play for West Texas program," he said.

He added that he's also excited about the direction of the program despite only being around two seasons.

"I'm really excited about where it's going, especially with all the things they have coming and the players who are being recruited," Groeschel said. "It's going to be a big program and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Groeschel said while the recruiting process was fun, it was also stressful at time having to decide his future college choice. He's relieved he's come to a decision.

"You have to determine where you will maximize you're potential, where you have a chance to play and it's just got to be the best fit for you and your family," he said.

Groeschel was an anchor at left tackle on a good Rangers' offensive line that helped paved the way to 269.8 rushing yards per game. Greenwood went 6-5 and made it to Class 4A Division II playoffs in 2017.

The two-year varsity starter was a first team All-District 2-4A Division II selection, a Class 4A APSE All-State honorable mention pick and was a first team pick on MRT's first Football Postseason All-Stars this past season.

National Signing Day is Feb. 7.

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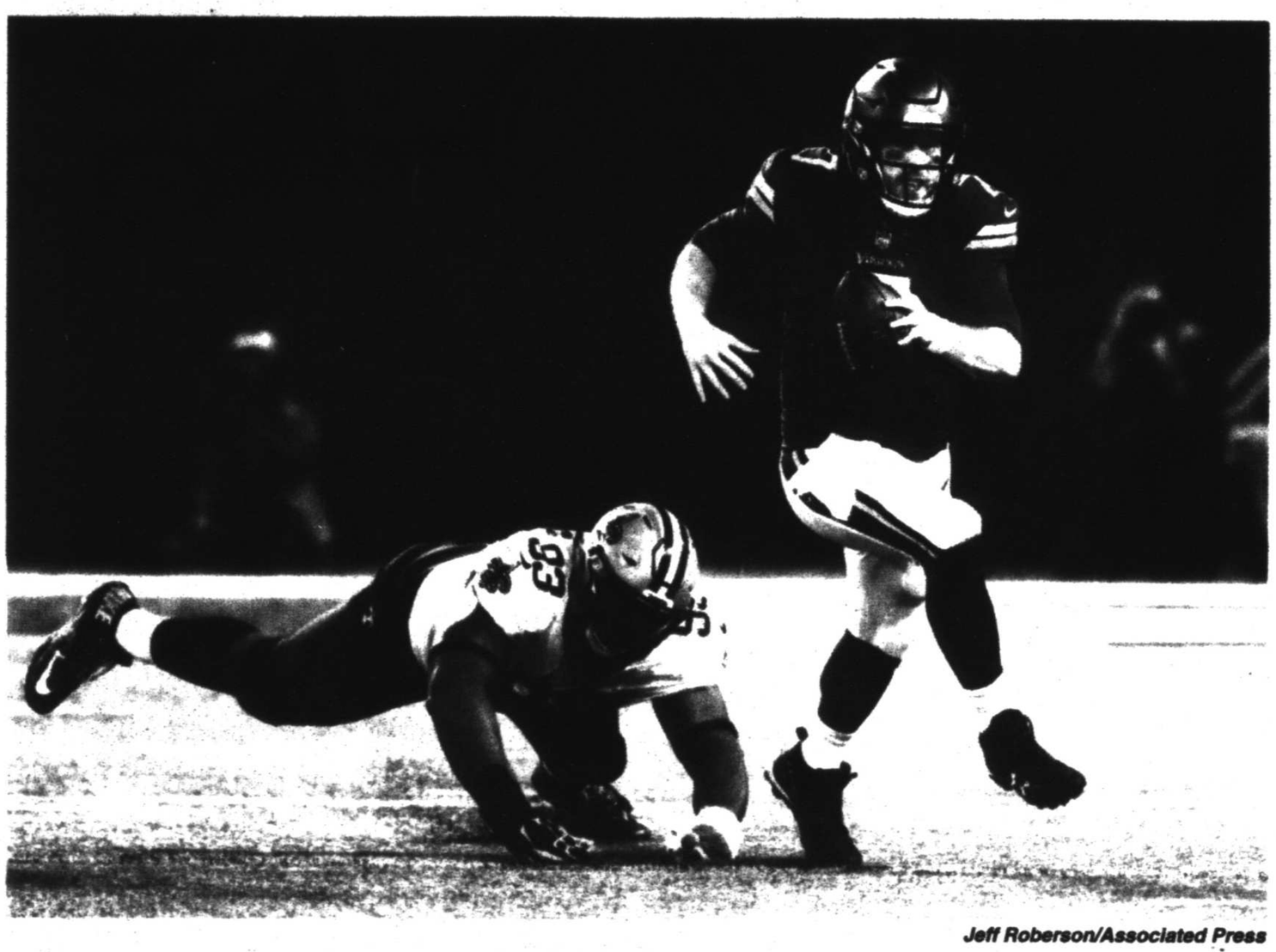
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Minnesota Vikings quarterback Case Keenum (7) runs from New Orleans Saints defensive tackle David Onyemata (93) during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff game Sunday in Minneapolis.

Keenum-Diggs TD on last play; Vikes win 29-24

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — There wasn't much left for Case Keenum to do but to fling the ball deep and hope for a miracle.

Miracle answered.

Keenum completed a last-ditch heave near the sideline Sunday on the game's final play, and Stefon Diggs slithered away for a 61-yard touchdown to give Minnesota a 29-24 victory over New Orleans and send the Vikings to the NFC championship game, with one more win needed to become a first-time Super Bowl host.

Drew Brees had driven the Saints in position for Wil Lutz's go-ahead 43-yard field goal with 25 seconds remaining, punctuating a steely rally from a 17-point deficit that stood until 1:16 was left in the third quarter.

The Vikings were out of timeouts and nearly out of options when Keenum dropped back with 10 seconds to go from his 39 and threw high into a crowd. Diggs jumped in front of Marcus Williams, who rolled awkwardly underneath Diggs during an ill-fated attempt at a tackle.

Diggs held his ground, kept his feet in bounds and raced untouched into the end zone as the crowd at U.S. Bank Stadium erupted.

"I'm just thankful," Diggs said. "They count us out all the time. Nobody thinking we can do it. This game was over. I don't stop playing till the clock hit zero. That's it."

This wasn't quite Franco Harris and the Immaculate Reception for Pittsburgh in the 1972 playoffs, but these Vikings are on some kind of special path. They finished 13-3 during the regular season, giving the career backup Keenum the keys to the offense after Sam Bradford went down with a knee injury after the opener.

The Vikings will play at Philadelphia next weekend, after Jacksonville takes on New England for the AFC title. The Super Bowl is in Minnesota two weeks later.

"A heck of a game, wasn't it?" coach Mike Zimmer said. "And the good guys won."

Now the Vikings have spun an unprecedented scenario in NFL history. Next weekend, instead of the usual win-or-go-home stakes, they're in a win-and-go-home situation with the Super Bowl set for Feb. 4 under the reverberating translucent roof of U.S. Bank Stadium.

Though only defensive end Brian Robison remains from the 2009 team that lost in overtime of the NFC championship game at New Orleans, the Vikings exacted some revenge on Brees and the Saints, at least for their long-frustrated fans.

They put them through quite the emotional finish to complete it.

Please see **VIKINGS/4C**

AP source: Arizona to hire Kevin Sumlin as football coach

By John Marshall
Associated Press

A person familiar with the decision says Arizona will hire former Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Sunday on condition of anonymity because details of a five-year contract to replace Rich Rodriguez as coach of the Wildcats were still being finalized. Rodriguez was fired Jan. 2 amid sexual harassment allegations.


Sumlin

Sumlin was fired after six seasons at Texas A&M in November and had reportedly been in the mix for numerous jobs, including Arizona rival Arizona State.

The Sun Devils hired former NFL coach and ESPN analyst Herm Edwards.

The Aggies went 51-26 and went to a bowl game every season under Sumlin, but were 25-23 in SEC play and never matched his first season in College Station, when they were 11-2 with Heisman Trophy quarterback Johnny Manziel.

Texas A&M hired former Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher to replace Sumlin.

Sumlin also spent four years at Houston, going 35-17, including 12-1 his final season in 2011.

The 53-year-old Sumlin is known as an adept recruiter and inherits a talented roster, led by quarterback Khalil Tate, who became a breakout star after replacing injured starter Brandon Dawkins the fifth game of the season.

Arizona finished 7-6 in Rodriguez's sixth season in Tucson, losing five of its final six seasons.

The Wildcats lost 38-35 to Purdue in the Holiday Bowl.

Arizona fired Rodriguez after a notice of claim was filed with the state attorney general's office alleging he ran a hostile workplace.

The claim filed by Rodriguez's former assistant alleged the coach fondled himself in front of her and he forced her to cover up an extramarital affair with another woman.

Rodriguez acknowledged the affair, but denied the allegations.

Jaguars stun Steelers 45-42 to earn trip to AFC title game

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Jacksonville Jaguars, yes those Jacksonville Jaguars, are heading to the AFC championship game.

Rookie running back Leonard Fournette ran for 109 yards and three touchdowns, Blake Bortles added 214 yards passing and a vital fourth-quarter score as the relentless Jaguars stunned the Pittsburgh Steelers 45-42 on Sunday.

The third-seeded Jaguars (12-6) will face top-seeded New England next week in Foxborough, Massachusetts after jumping on Pittsburgh early, then holding on late. Jacksonville raced to a 21-point lead, fended off a Steelers rally and responded every time Pittsburgh (13-4) challenged.

"The guys played with confidence all day long," Bortles said. "Obviously, what they have on their side of the ball, it's a good team. We know they got a good offense. We knew we were going to have to be efficient, hold on to the ball for a little bit, so we did it."

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 469 yards and set a franchise record with five touchdown passes, but was also intercepted once and had a fumble returned for a score. All-Pro Antonio Brown caught seven passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns in his return from a left calf injury. Le'Veon Bell had 155 yards of total offense and two scores.

But Pittsburgh's vaunted "Killer Bs" couldn't keep pace with Jacksonville, one of four NFL franchises to never make the Super Bowl.

The Jaguars dominated the Steelers back in October, winning by three touchdowns in a performance so overwhelming Roethlisberger only half-jokingly wondered aloud whether he still had "it' after throwing a career-high five picks.

Roethlisberger and his teammates left little doubt they hoped for a rematch, one that came to fruition after Jacksonville outlasted Buffalo in an ugly wild-card victory; the Jaguars survived in spite of an 87-yard passing performance by Bortles.

Jacksonville cornerback A.J. Bouye cautioned Pittsburgh to be careful what it wished for, and the Jaguars hardly appeared intimidated by the 18-degree chill or trying to earn their first road playoff win in a decade.

Fournette's ever-churning legs set the tone early. He soared for a 1-yard touchdown run on fourth down on Jacksonville's first possession.

He sprinted for an 18-yard score on the first play following a Roethlisberger pick, and bulled over from 3 yards in the fourth quarter after the Steelers cut the lead to a touchdown.

Bortles has found himself a touchstone during Jacksonville's resurgence following a decade of losing, even allowing last week that he'll never be able to silence all of his critics no matter what.

Might be time to test that theory.

"I'm sure there will still be tons of people that are going to disapprove and talk negative or hate or do whatever they want," Bortles said. "But we get to keep playing and we get an opportunity to play in Foxborough

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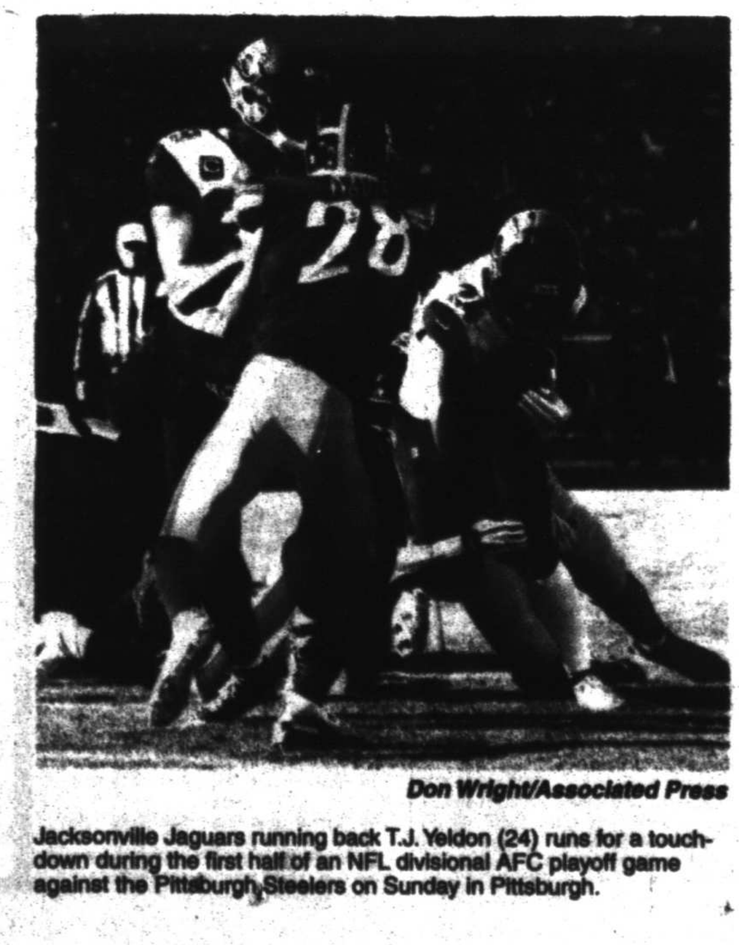
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Jacksonville Jaguars running back T.J. Yeldon (24) runs for a touchdown during the first half of an NFL divisional AFC playoff game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

High School Basketball
Mater Dei (CA) vs. Montverde (FL), Noon, ESPNU
University School (FL) vs. Oak Hill Academy (VA), 2 p.m., ESPNU

Golf
Web.com: Bahamas Great Exauma Classic, Final Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF

Hockey
ECHL: 2018 ECHL All-Star Classic, Noon, NHL

Men's College Basketball
Butler at Providence, 3:30 p.m., FS1
Maryland at Michigan, 5:30 p.m., FS1
Duke at Miami-FL, 6 p.m., ESPN
Florida State at Boston College, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Minnesota at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN
Bucknell at Colgate, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Kansas at West Virginia, 8 p.m., ESPN
Oklahoma State at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPNU
DePaul at Marquette, 8 p.m., FS1
Illinois at Nebraska, 8 p.m., BTN

Men's Soccer
La Liga: Real Betis vs. Leganes, 1:50 p.m., beIN, beIN E
PL: Manchester United vs. Stoke City, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Liga NOS: Estoril vs. Porto, 3 p.m., GolTV

National Basketball Association
Charlotte at Detroit, 11:30 a.m., NBAtv
San Antonio at Atlanta, 2 p.m., FSSW+
LA Lakers at Memphis, 4:30 p.m., TNT
Golden State at Cleveland, 7 p.m., TNT
Houston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
Dallas at Boston, Noon, FSSW
San Jose at Los Angeles, 3 p.m., NHL
NY Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
Australian Open, 2 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Women's College Basketball
UConn at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Kentucky at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., SEC

RADIO

Men's College Basketball
South Plains at Howard, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM; KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Atlanta, 2 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Women's College Basketball
South Plains at Howard, 5:45 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 1B Adrian Gonzalez on a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with LHP Brad Hand on a three-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Mike James to a two-way contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Trey Burke.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned G Jonas Johansson from Rochester (AHL) to Cincinnati (ECHL).
CALGARY FLAMES — Placed F Jaromir Jagr on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 31. Recalled F Ryan Lomberg from Stockton (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F J.C. Beaudin from Colorado (ECHL) to San Antonio (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled F Jonny Brodzinski from Ontario (AHL).

American Hockey League
BINGHAMTON DEVILS — Returned F Phil Lane on loan to Atlanta (ECHL).
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled F Kellen Jones and D Mike Cornell from Worcester (ECHL).
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Recalled F Mitchell Heard from Florida (ECHL).
PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Recalled D Ben Marshall from Atlanta (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled F Shawn St. Amant from Colorado (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS — Assigned F Francois Beauchemin to Manchester (ECHL).
TORONTO MARLIES — Recalled F Jean Dupuy from Orlando (ECHL).
WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Assigned F Cody Wydo to Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Released G Joe Spadaccini as emergency backup. Added G T.J. Sherwood as emergency backup.
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Signed F Tommy Kelley.
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Signed F Keegan Bruce.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Released G Doug Melvin as emergency backup.
ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released G Gordon Defiel as emergency backup.

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Men's Basketball

Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

MCS GRAD CROOKS GETS BIG HONOR

Midland Christian grad and Lubbock Christian senior pitcher Daniel Crooks has been named a 2018 NCAA Division II Preseason All-American by Collegiate Baseball.

Crooks, who also played at Midland College, went 9-2 with a 2.88 ERA last season for LCU and garnered ABCA and D2CCA All-Region honors. He also led the Chaps in strikeouts with 96 and held opponents to a .211 batting average. He also allowed an average of 6.5 hits per game to lead the Heartland Conference and averaged 9.2 strikeouts per nine innings to lead the team.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	10	.773	—
Toronto	29	12	.707	3½
Philadelphia	19	20	.487	12½
New York	19	24	.442	14½
Brooklyn	16	27	.372	17½
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	17	.595	—
Washington	25	18	.581	½
Charlotte	16	25	.390	8½
Orlando	12	31	.279	13½
Atlanta	11	31	.262	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	16	.619	—
Detroit	22	19	.537	3½
Indiana	23	20	.535	3½
Milwaukee	22	20	.524	4
Chicago	16	27	.372	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	11	.732	—
San Antonio	29	15	.659	2½
New Orleans	22	20	.524	8½
Dallas	15	29	.341	16½
Memphis	13	28	.317	17
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	28	16	.636	—
Oklahoma City	23	20	.535	4½
Portland	22	20	.524	5
Denver	22	21	.512	5½
Utah	17	25	.405	10
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	35	9	.795	—
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	13
Phoenix	16	28	.364	19
L.A. Lakers	15	27	.357	19
Sacramento	13	29	.310	21

Sunday's Scores
Miami 97, Milwaukee 79
New Orleans 123, New York 118, OT
Indiana 120, Phoenix 97
Portland at Minnesota, late

Today's Games
Charlotte at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, noon
Milwaukee at Washington, 1 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 4:30 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	44	31	10	3	65	161	112
Boston	41	24	10	7	55	135	105
Toronto	45	25	17	3	53	146	131
Detroit	43	18	18	7	43	117	131
Florida	43	18	19	6	42	122	141
Montreal	43	18	20	5	41	111	133
Ottawa	42	15	18	9	39	117	149
Buffalo	44	11	24	9	31	99	151
Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	45	28	14	3	59	140	127
Columbus	46	25	18	3	53	124	129
New Jersey	42	22	12	8	52	133	130
Pittsburgh	46	24	19	3	51	135	141
N.Y. Rangers	44	22	17	5	49	132	129
Philadelphia	43	20	15	8	48	128	125
N.Y. Islanders	44	22	18	4	48	153	160
Carolina	45	20	17	8	48	126	140

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	46	26	13	7	59	153	127
Nashville	42	25	11	6	56	131	114
St. Louis	46	26	17	3	55	134	122
Minnesota	46	24	17	5	53	133	131
Dallas	44	24	17	3	51	133	122
Chicago	45	22	17	6	50	136	123
Colorado	42	23	16	3	49	139	125
Colorado	42	23	16	3	49	139	125
Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	42	29	10	3	61	145	116
Calgary	45	25	16	4	54	131	125
Los Angeles	43	24	14	5	53	128	103
San Jose	41	22	13	6	50	116	111
Anaheim	44	20	15	9	49	121	122
Edmonton	46	20	23	3	43	126	147
Vancouver	45	18	21	6	42	119	147
Arizona	45	10	28	7	27	105	160

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
Detroit 4, Chicago 0
Calgary 4, Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Vancouver 3, Minnesota 2, OT

Today's Games
Dallas at Boston, Noon
Anaheim at Colorado, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

PRO GOLF SCORES

BMW SA Open Leading Scores
Sunday
At Glendower Golf Club
Gauteng, South Africa
Purse: $1.21 million
Yardage: 7,594; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Chris Paisley, England	66-65-70-66—267
Branden Grace, South Africa	65-71-66-68—270
JC Ritchie, South Africa	72-70-65-65—272
Scott Vincent, Zimbabwe	70-66-71-67—274
Jacques Kruyswijk, South Africa	69-67-71-69—274
Jacques Blaauw, South Africa	68-70-66-70—274
Renato Paratore, South Africa	71-67-69-68—275
Adrien Saddier, France	68-63-73-71—275
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	70-71-64-70—275
Chase Koepka, United States	65-71-68-71—275
Charlie Ford, England	71-72-67-66—276
Hennie Otto, South Africa	71-72-70-64—277
Marcus Kinhult, Sweden	70-72-66-69—277
Jorge Campillo, Spain	70-70-67-70—277
Neil Schietekat, South Africa	70-72-69-67—278
Ryan Evans, England	74-67-68-69—278
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	69-70-69-70—278
a-Kyle McClatchie, South Africa	68-71-68-71—278
Trevor Fisher Jnr, South Africa	69-70-67-72—278
Also	
Retief Goosen, South Africa	69-67-73-70—279
Dylan Frittelli, South Africa	70-71-67-71—279
Ernie Els, South Africa	71-70-70-69—280
Zack Byrd, United States	69-71-74-74—288

Venus Williams, US champion Stephens out in 1st round of Australian Open

By John Pye
Associated Press



Vincent Thian/Associated Press

United States' Venus Williams makes a forehand return to Switzerland's Belinda Bencic during their first round match at the Australian Open tennis championships Monday in Melbourne, Australia.

MELBOURNE, Australia — In her first match at the Australian Open since a Williams sister was guaranteed to win the title, Venus Williams lost in the first round to Belinda Bencic and ensured it cannot happen in 2018.

Venus lost last year's final at Melbourne Park to younger sibling Serena, who clinched an Open era-record 23rd major but hasn't played a Grand Slam tournament since because of her pregnancy and the birth of her first child.

The 6-3, 7-5 loss for Venus Williams was her first in five career meeting with Bencic, who lost to Serena Williams in the first round here last year.

The 20-year-old Bencic saved five break points in the eighth game before a rain delay caused an almost half-hour suspension of play as the roof was closed on Rod Laver Arena. She returned on a roll, winning the next six points to hold serve and then clinch the set.

Bencic teamed up with Roger Federer to win the Hopman Cup for Switzerland in the first week of the season, and had the 19-time major winner's parents in the crowd supporting her on Monday.

It must have helped, having overcome the surprise when the draw was made that she'd have to play another Williams in the first round.

"Honestly, the first reaction of everyone was 'Oh, bad luck.' But of course, it would be nice to play somebody easier first round and get your rhythm a little bit," Bencic said.

"It's amazing, when I was a little girl, I was watching them on TV. I never thought I'd get a chance to play them."

Williams' exit followed U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens' 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2 loss to Zhang Shuai.

No. 13-seeded Stephens was serving for the match in the 10th game of the second set but dropped her serve. She was outplayed in the tiebreaker and in the third set.

It always shaped as a tough opener for Stephens, who hasn't won a tour-level match since her Grand Slam breakthrough triumph at the U.S. Open last year and facing a player ranked No. 34, two spots off being seeded for the first major of the season.

Stephens didn't play last year's Australian Open because of a left foot injury that kept her out of action until Wimbledon. Since beating Madison Keys in the U.S. Open final, Stephens has lost eight matches.

"Sloane she plays so well, won the U.S. Open — everyone knows — she's a great player," Zhang said. "I know how hard I'm working ... coming to Australia I'm ready for every match, every player. That's why I won today."

French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko made a positive start with a 6-1, 6-4 win over 37-year-old Francesca Schiavone, the 2010 French Open winner.

Ostapenko saved two break points in the third game of the opening set and clinched the set with an ace. After an exchange of service breaks in the second, Ostapenko got the decisive break in the ninth game, then served out the match after double-faulting on her first match point.

Three other Americans went out in earlier matches, with 10th-seeded CoCo Vandeweghe losing to Timea Babos 7-6 (4), 6-2, 12th-seeded Julia Goerges extended her winning streak to 15 matches with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Sofia Kenin, and No. 19 Magdalena Rybarikova beating Taylor Townsend 6-0, 7-5.

Kizzire outlasts Hahn on 6th hole of Sony Open playoff

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Patton Kizzire outlasted James Hahn in six extra holes to win the Sony Open to become the first multiple winner on the PGA Tour this season.

Kizzire, who won the OHL Classic in Mexico last fall, closed with a 2-under 68.

That turned out to be the easy part.

James Hahn shot 62 in the final round Sunday and got into a playoff with Kizzire at 17-under 263.

They matched two pars and two birdies on the par-5 18th. They matched pars when they went to the par-3 17th. It ended on the par 3 along the Pacific Ocean when Hahn putted from right of the green to about 8 feet, and his par putt caught the lip.

"It wasn't pretty," Kizzire said. "I'll take it any way I can get it."

Hahn, who won both his PGA Tour events in playoffs at Riviera and Quail Hollow, had birdie putts from 10 feet and 6 feet on the par-5 18th hole at Waialae Country Club that would have won it. He made a 6-foot birdie another time to extend the playoff.

Kizzire had to get up-and-down from a bunker for par on the first extra hole, making a 7-footer to stay alive.

This was the longest playoff on the PGA Tour since Bryce Molder won the Frys.com Open in 2012 in eight extra holes.

It nearly was the most exciting tournament of the year (it's only the second week) that no one saw. Union workers for video and audio production at Golf Channel events walked out Sunday over a labor dispute, and the network had to scramble to provide limited coverage. They had enough cameras to at least cover the final three holes and the entire playoff, with commentary coming from headquarters in Florida.

Missing from the playoff was Tom Hoge, who did everything right in his bid to win for the first time on the PGA Tour except for one swing. He had a one-shot lead when he was between clubs on the 16th hole, and opted to hit a draw to the back-left pin. He turned it too much and it found the bunker. His next shot got hung up in the shaggy rough, he chipped that to 12 feet and missed to make double bogey to slip one shot behind.

Hoge gave himself two good chances with putts of about 7 feet. Both burned the edge. He shot 70 and had to settle for third place, his best finish on the PGA Tour.

"This sets me up a lot better for the rest of the year, and hopefully made the FedEx Cup playoffs," said Hoge, a 28-year-old from North Dakota who hasn't kept his full card his previous three years on tour. "More so just the confidence I had to play in the final group and play well today."

Brian Harman, who played in the final group at both Hawaii events, was two shots behind after a tap-in birdie at No. 12. But he three-putted for bogey from long range on the 13th, took two shots to get out of the bunker left of the 16th green and had to settle for a 70. He tied for fourth.

Defending champion Justin Thomas closed with a 68 and tied for 14th. Jordan Spieth finished with eight straight pars for a 66 and tied for 18th, ending his streak of seven consecutive top 10s dating to the PGA Championship in August.

Kizzire, starting the final round one shot behind Hoge, made all pars on the front nine until his fortunes turned on the short par-4 10th. From the rough behind a bunker just to the right of the 10th green, his chip was running hot and looked as though it might not stay on the green until the hole got in the way and it dropped for eagle. Then, he holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-3 11th for his first lead of the round.

Hahn finished nearly an hour ahead of the last group. He ran off seven birdies in an eight-hole stretch starting at No. 8 to reach 17 under, only to make three pars coming in, including the par-5 18th.

Kizzire saved par from behind the 17th in regulation and could have won with a birdie on the final hole. But from short of the green in two, his chip ran about 15 feet by the hole and he missed it on the low side to take par.

Six more holes later, he had no complaints.

PGA-Sony Open Scores
Sunday
At Waialae CC
Honolulu
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70
(x-won on sixth playoff hole)
Final

x-P. Kizzire (500), $1,116,000	67-64-64-68—263
James Hahn (300), $669,600	67-69-65-62—263
Tom Hoge (190), $421,600	65-65-64-70—264
Webb Simpson (115), $256,267	67-70-63-65—265
Brian Stuard (115), $256,267	67-66-67-65—265
Brian Harman (115), $256,267	64-63-68-70—265
Gary Woodland (85), $193,233	67-67-68-64—266
Ben Martin (85), $193,233	69-66-66-65—266
O. Schniederjans (85), $193,233	66-65-67-68—266
Ryan Blaum (68), $148,800	66-68-68-65—267
Chris Kirk (68), $148,800	63-67-67-70—267
Russell Knox (68), $148,800	69-64-65-69—267
Kyle Stanley (68), $148,800	64-67-65-71—267
Daniel Berger (54), $108,500	67-68-69-64—268
Zach Johnson (54), $108,500	63-67-71-67—268
Jerry Kelly (54), $108,500	66-67-69-66—268
Justin Thomas (54), $108,500	67-67-66-68—268
Austin Cook (43), $75,463	67-71-65-66—269
Jason Dufner (43), $75,463	69-65-69-66—269
Daisuke Kataoka, $75,463	65-68-69-67—269
Chez Reavie (43), $75,463	68-69-65-67—269
Jordan Spieth (43), $75,463	69-68-66-66—269
Talor Gooch (43), $75,463	64-66-70-69—269
Cameron Smith (43), $75,463	66-67-66-70—269
Jonathan Byrd (31), $46,323	68-68-67-67—270
Brandon Harkins (31), $46,323	67-68-69-66—270
Kevin Kisner (31), $46,323	68-64-71-67—270
Keith Mitchell (31), $46,323	70-66-67-67—270
Xinjun Zhang (31), $46,323	72-65-66-67—270
Scott Piercy (31), $46,323	69-67-65-69—270
Sam Saunders (31), $46,323	67-67-66-70—270
Charles Howell III (21), $33,569	67-68-69-67—271
Wesley Bryan (21), $33,569	68-66-70-67—271
Stewart Cink (21), $33,569	70-64-69-68—271
Tony Finau (21), $33,569	70-67-67-67—271
N. Lindheim (21), $33,569	66-70-67-68—271
Rory Sabbatini (21), $33,569	71-65-65-70—271
X. Schauffele (21), $33,569	68-64-72-67—271
Ryan Armour (14), $23,560	67-67-67-71—272
Dominic Bozzelli (14), $23,560	70-67-67-68—272
Keegan Bradley (14), $23,560	70-68-67-67—272
Corey Conners (14), $23,560	70-66-67-69—272
Matt Jones (14), $23,560	67-68-68-69—272
Nate Lashley (14), $23,560	68-67-66-71—272
J. Randolph (14), $23,560	69-68-69-66—272
Adam Schenk (14), $23,560	70-65-69-68—272
Marc Leishman (9), $15,925	68-66-71-68—273
John Peterson (9), $15,925	66-64-74-69—273
Roberto Diaz (9), $15,925	70-67-70-66—273
Emiliano Grillo (9), $15,925	68-67-67-71—273
Jason Kokrak (9), $15,925	67-70-68-68—273
Conrad Shindler (9), $15,925	66-72-67-68—273
J.J. Spaun (9), $15,925	67-70-70-66—273
Shugo Imahira, $14,198	67-71-70-66—274
Stephan Jaeger (6), $14,198	68-70-70-66—274
Seamus Power (6), $14,198	68-68-71-67—274
Hudson Swafford (6), $14,198	66-68-73-67—274
Brian Gay (5), $13,578	70-68-67-70—275
Lanto Griffin (5), $13,578	67-70-66-72—275
Si Woo Kim (5), $13,578	67-71-70-67—275
Ryan Palmer (5), $13,578	71-64-71-69—275
Sam Ryder (5), $13,578	68-70-68-69—275
Tyrone Van Aswegen (5), $13,578	68-68-69-70—275
Harris English (4), $13,144	69-65-70-72—276
Scott Brown (4), $12,958	69-67-66-75—277
William McGirt (4), $12,958	66-72-72-67—277
Blayne Barber (4), $12,710	68-69-72-69—278
John Oda, $12,710	68-70-69-71—278
Steve Allan, $12,338	68-70-72-69—279
Colt Knost (3), $12,338	68-70-73-68—279
Andrew Putnam (3), $12,338	71-66-71-71—279
Kevin Tway (3), $12,338	71-66-71-71—279
Joel Dahmen (3), $11,966	68-70-74-68—280
D.A. Points (3), $11,966	68-70-72-70—280
Matt Every (3), $11,780	65-71-71-74—281
Vaughn Taylor (2), $11,656	64-73-72-73—282

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2/12 6:00 pm Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
2/16-18 PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend

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Brad Tollefson/Associated Press

Texas Tech fans celebrate on the court after the second half of an NCAA basketball game against West Virginia on Saturday in Lubbock.

West Virginia reviewing court storm incident at Texas Tech

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia's athletic department said Sunday it is reviewing an incident in which a player is seen striking a Texas Tech fan who had joined thousands of others in a postgame celebration.

Video posted on social media by fans at the game in Lubbock, Texas, show forward Wes Harris and other West Virginia players trying to reach the sideline as fans swarmed the court Saturday in celebration of No. 8 Texas Tech's 72-71 win over No. 2 West Virginia.

The videos appear to show Harris striking a fan who had run into him before Harris is pulled away.

Other players were involved in a separate skirmish trying to protect a teammate in the swarm.

"We have been in contact with the Big 12 Conference and Texas Tech and are gathering information regarding yesterday's court storming in Lubbock," West Virginia's athletic department said in a statement.

The incident highlights the potential dangers of fans storming the court.

In 2015, the Big 12 passed a measure giving commissioner Bob Bowlsby broad authority to fine schools that fail to keep fans off the court following games.

Big 12 spokeswoman Joni Lehmann said Sunday the league is following its protocols for sportsmanship and ethical conduct and declined further comment.

In 2014, Oklahoma State guard Marcus Smart was suspended three games for going into the stands and shoving a Texas Tech fan in Lubbock.

Last January, the Big East Conference fined Marquette $5,000 after fans stormed the Bradley Center court following an upset of top-ranked Villanova.

The Southeastern Conference fined both Auburn and Vanderbilt $100,000 after wins over Kentucky in 2016.

That season, a Des Moines Register sports writer broke his leg after being knocked over when fans rushed the court in Ames, Iowa, following Iowa State's win over rival Iowa.

It's also long been an issue in college football.

In 2002, a Miami, Ohio, assistant coach was led off the field in handcuffs for allegedly shoving a Marshall fan who ran onto the field after a game in Huntington, West Virginia. The fan fell, hit his head on the artificial turf and was hospitalized with a concussion.

The assistant coach, Jon Wauford, later resigned and a misdemeanor battery charge was dropped.

Cohen's 16 lead No. 5 Baylor women past Oklahoma 74-52

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Baylor survived an off game from star center Kalani Brown but failed to escape coach Kim Mulkey's wrath.

Dekeiya Cohen scored 16 points and Kristy Wallace added 15 to help the fifth-ranked Lady Bears defeat Oklahoma 74-52 on Sunday afternoon.

Brown finished with nine points, four fewer than her previous season low. The 6-foot-7 junior, who entered averaging 21.5 points per game, played just 15 minutes because of foul trouble. Lauren Cox, a sophomore forward, stepped into Brown's role for much of the game and had eight points and 10 rebounds.

Still, the frontcourt play wasn't up to Mulkey's standards. When asked if the Lady Bears won with defense, Mulkey said, "Well, we didn't win it with Cox and Kalani."

Mulkey liked the defensive effort. The Lady Bears held Oklahoma to 17.9 percent shooting after the break.

"Sometimes, you have to win ugly," Mulkey said. "I thought that we tried our best to not let them get on a roll and hit a lot of threes. I thought that we rebounded in spurts, where we only gave them one look and didn't stop the clock a whole lot. I thought our defense was pretty good."

Mulkey said Cohen had one of the best games of her career. The senior forward finished two points short of her career high.

Natalie Chou added 12 points for the Lady Bears (15-1, 5-0 Big 12), who won their 12th straight, all by at least 22 points. It was Baylor's fourth straight win against Oklahoma.

Ana Llanusa scored 19 points and Vionise Pierre-Louis added 14 for Oklahoma (8-9, 3-3).

Baylor got off to a rough start but dominated the second half.

"I thought Baylor looked way more confident in the second half than we did and that's something, with four seniors on your team, that you'd like to see a little bit more confidence there, for sure," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

Baylor did not make a field goal until the 5:36 mark in the first quarter. Brown got a technical after she hit Pierre-Louis with an elbow and went to the bench with her second foul. Oklahoma took advantage and led 22-16 at the end of the first quarter. It was just the second time all year the Lady Bears trailed after the opening period.

Baylor rallied and took a 33-30 lead at halftime with Brown sitting out the entire second quarter. The Lady Bears held the Sooners to eight points in the period.

Baylor scored the first four points of the second half and remained in control the rest of the way. The Lady Bears led 51-38 at the end of the third quarter.

"In the second and third quarter we didn't punch it inside like we usually do, and then we were getting it inside, we weren't finishing layups, so that doesn't open much of our driving lanes and it doesn't open our guards to shoot," Pierre-Louis said.

Big picture

Baylor: The Lady Bears were tested for the first time in two months and fought through it. They had won their previous four conference games by an average of 38.3 points.

Oklahoma: The Sooners have looked at times like the Top 25-caliber team they have been in recent years, and they looked like that again early against Baylor. The defense was solid throughout, but the offense often struggled to convert late in the shot clock.

Shutdown defense

The Lady Bears have held all five conference opponents to 35 percent shooting or worse, and none have scored more than 58 points. Baylor had held three straight Big 12 opponents under 50 points before Sunday's game.

1,000-Point club

Wallace, the senior co-captain, went above 1,000 points in her career.

"It's pretty special," she said. "But it's just a credit to my teammates and the way we played tonight. I think it was a messy win, but we were able to reverse the ball and move it to both sides of the floor."

Quotable

Mulkey, on her team making up for its offensive struggles with strong defense: "When it got ugly on one end, make sure you make it just as ugly on the other end."

Up next

Baylor: At Iowa State on Wednesday.

Oklahoma: At Kansas State on Wednesday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTH
Houston 65, East Carolina 49
Virginia 69, NC State 51
MIDWEST
Indiana 66, Northwestern 49
Missouri St. 78, Indiana St. 73
EAST
Army 64, Navy 62
Boston U. 84, Holy Cross 40
Canisius 94, Monmouth (NJ) 79
Davidson 75, Fordham 45
Iona 91, Rider 84
Lehigh 76, American U. 66
Loyola (Md.) 83, Lafayette 77
Niagara 73, St. Peter's 70
Ohio St. 88, Rutgers 46
UMass 72, Saint Joseph's 69
FAR WEST
Hawaii 77, UC Santa Barbara 76
Southern Cal 84, Utah 67

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (18-1) beat No. 10 Xavier 89-66; beat St. John's 79-71.
2. West Virginia (15-2) beat Baylor 87-84; lost to No. 8 Texas Tech 72-71.
3. Virginia (16-1) beat Syracuse 69-61; beat N.C. State 69-51.
4. Michigan State (16-3) beat Rutgers 76-72, OT; lost to Michigan 87-72.
5. Purdue (17-2) beat Michigan 70-69; beat Minnesota 81-67.
6. Wichita State (15-2) beat East Carolina 85-60; beat Tulsa 72-60.
7. Duke (15-2) beat Pittsburgh 87-52; beat Wake Forest 89-71.
8. Texas Tech (15-2) lost to No. 9 Oklahoma 75-65; beat No. 2 West Virginia 72-71.
9. Oklahoma (14-2) beat No. 8 Texas Tech 75-65; beat No. 16 TCU 102-97, OT.
10. Xavier (16-3) lost to No. 1 Villanova 89-66; beat No. 25 Creighton 92-70.
11. Arizona State (14-3) lost to Oregon 76-72; beat Oregon State 77-75.
12. Kansas (14-3) beat Iowa State 83-78; beat Kansas State 73-72.
13. Seton Hall (15-3) lost to Marquette 84-84; beat Georgetown 74-61.
14. Cincinnati (15-2) beat South Florida 78-55.
15. Gonzaga (16-3) beat Portland 109-57; beat San Francisco 75-65.
16. TCU (13-4) lost to Texas 99-98, 2OT; lost to No. 9 Oklahoma 102-97, OT.
17. Arizona (14-4) beat Oregon State 82-53; beat Oregon 90-83.
18. Miami (13-3) lost to No. 19 Clemson 72-63.
19. Clemson (15-2) lost to N.C. State 78-77; beat No. 18 Miami 72-63.
20. North Carolina (14-4) beat Boston College 86-66; beat Notre Dame 89-88.
21. Kentucky (14-3) beat Texas A&M 74-72; beat Vanderbilt 74-67.
22. Auburn (16-1) beat Mississippi 85-70; beat Mississippi State 75-68.
23. Florida State (13-4) lost to Louisville 73-69; beat Syracuse 101-90, 2OT.
24. Tennessee (12-4) beat Vanderbilt 92-84; beat Texas A&M 75-62.
25. Creighton (14-6) beat Butler 85-74; lost to No. 10 Xavier 92-70.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 74, Oklahoma 52
Georgia 92, Texas A&M 84
SOUTH
Arkansas 68, Auburn 59
Davidson 68, Richmond 65
Duke 55, Virginia 46
Florida St. 107, Virginia Tech 62
Fordham 84, VCU 54
LSU 86, Florida 59
Miami 72, Clemson 60
Mississippi St. 75, Alabama 61
NC State 60, Syracuse 56
North Carolina 79, Wake Forest 76
South Florida 92, UCF 45
Tennessee 86, South Carolina 70
William & Mary 81, Elon 75
MIDWEST
Dayton 101, Saint Louis 78
DePaul 87, Butler 65
Drake 107, Evansville 69
Illinois St. 49, S. Illinois 46
Marquette 88, Xavier 67
Missouri St. 71, Bradley 65
N. Iowa 59, Indiana St. 53
Notre Dame 89, Boston College 60
Penn St. 69, Wisconsin 62
FAR WEST
California 68, Washington St. 60
Oregon St. 88, Arizona 49
Southern Cal 58, Utah 47
EAST
American U. 82, Lehigh 64
Bucknell 77, Colgate 57
Delaware 51, Towson 49
Drexel 66, UNC-Wilmington 42
Georgia Mason 82, Rhode Island 53
Hofstra 65, Coll. of Charleston 60
Lafayette 85, Loyola (Md.) 54
Navy 79, Army 44
Pittsburgh 68, Georgia Tech 62
Seton Hall 70, Georgetown 65
St. John's 70, Villanova 64

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (16-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Texas, Monday.
2. Notre Dame (16-2) beat Boston College 89-60. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Thursday.
3. Louisville (19-0) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
4. Mississippi State (19-0) beat Alabama 75-61. Next: at No. 6 Tennessee, Sunday.
5. Baylor (15-1) beat Oklahoma 74-52. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
6. Tennessee (16-1) beat No. 9 South Carolina 86-70. Next: at No. 2 Notre Dame, Thursday.
7. Texas (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Monday.
8. Oregon (17-2) beat No. 18 Arizona State 74-64. Next: at No. 22 Oregon State, Friday.
9. South Carolina (14-3) lost to No. 6 Tennessee 86-70. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
10. Ohio State (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Michigan, Tuesday.
11. Maryland (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
12. Missouri (15-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
13. Florida State (16-2) beat Virginia Tech 107-62. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
14. UCLA (13-4) beat Colorado 93-55. Next: vs. No. 24 California, Friday.
15. West Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
16. Duke (14-4) beat Virginia 55-48. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
17. Texas A&M (14-5) lost to Georgia 92-84, OT. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
18. Arizona State (13-5) lost to No. 8 Oregon 74-64. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
19. Iowa (15-3) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Tuesday.
20. Oklahoma State (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 West Virginia, Wednesday.
21. Rutgers (17-3) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
22. Oregon State (13-4) beat Arizona 88-48. Next: vs. No. 8 Oregon, Friday.
23. Michigan (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Ohio State, Tuesday.
24. California (13-4) beat Washington State 88-60. Next: at No. 14 UCLA, Friday.
25. Green Bay (14-2) did not play. Next: at IUPUI, Monday.

MC MEN'S BASKETBALL

MEN

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO MILITARY

When/where: 8 p.m. (CST), Cahoon Armory, Roswell, N.M.

Records: Midland College 5-13, 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Military Institute 10-7, 1-3

Last game: Odessa College 71, Midland College 61; New Mexico Military Institute 79, South Plains College 73

Notes: The Chaparrals look to bounce back after a loss at rival Odessa College on Monday. OC had as much as a 17-point lead in the first half before MC pulled to within six with more than 4 minutes left in the game. MC coach Pat Rafferty said his team played hard for 15 minutes which allowed the Chaps to cut the margin but was frustrated that his team play harder for a longer period of time and added that if they would have played hard during that final stretch, they might have had a chance to win. ... Marquell Fraser led MC with a game-high 19 points, while Amari Hale and Kayo Goncalves each added 11. ... NMMI is coming off an upset of South Plains College in Levelland as the Broncos had a 53-point second half. ... The Broncos will look to push the ball up the floor as they have been a high scoring team, averaging just a little more than 100 points per game. ... Sophomore 6-foot-6 guard Travelin Queen is averaging 27.1 ppg, which ranks as the best in the NJCAA, 6-5 sophomore guard Rosel Hurley is averaging 16.1 ppg, while 6-7 sophomore forward Atem Bior, 6-3 sophomore guard Davis Steelman and 6-5 freshman guard Kaleb Morton are each averaging just more than 11 ppg.

Next: Midland College at Western Texas College, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22; New Mexico Military Institute at Frank Phillips College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

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

Thursday's Scores

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

Monday's Games

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

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

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

Thursday's Scores

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

Monday's Games

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

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoyv

NBA ROUNDUP

PELICANS 123, KNICKS 118

NEW YORK — Anthony Davis scored a season-high 48 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, leading the New Orleans Pelicans back from 19 points down late in the third quarter to a 123-118 overtime victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday.

Jrue Holiday added 31 points, and DeMarcus Cousins had 15 points, 16 rebounds, seven steals and five assists and for the Pelicans. They were down 16 after one, even further back late in the third and still down nine with 4 1/2 minutes left in regulation. But they kept coming and Holiday had three baskets and a couple free throws in OT to help them finish it off.

Kristaps Porzingis and Tim Hardaway Jr. each scored 25 points for the Knicks, who lost their third straight and 10th in their last 12 games.

HEAT 97, BUCKS 79

MIAMI — Goran Dragic scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and Miami ran its winning streak to seven games.

Josh Richardson scored 16 points, and Hassan Whiteside added 15 points and 10 rebounds. The Heat trailed 43-41 at the half, then took control with a 41-21 run in the first 16 minutes of the second half.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 22 points for Milwaukee.

PACERS 120, SUNS 97

PHOENIX — Darren Collison scored 19 points to help Indiana rout Phoenix.

Victor Oladipo scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half for the Pacers, who were coming off a home victory over Cleveland and have won four of five after a five-game losing streak.

Rookie Josh Jackson scored a career-best 21 points for Phoenix, which has lost four of five. Devin Booker added 15, but on 5-of-16 shooting. In an otherwise bad night for Phoenix, 17-year NBA veteran Tyson Chandler grabbed 14 rebounds to become the 40th player in league history to top 10,000 (10,003).



Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Case Keenum, left, celebrates after a 29-24 win over the New Orleans Saints during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff game Sunday in Minneapolis.

Showdowns set: Jags-Patriots in AFC, Vikings-Eagles in NFC

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Watch out, New England. Here comes Sacksonville.

Get ready, Philly. The Vikings are sailing into town.

Tom Brady and the big game-tested Patriots (14-3) square off against the sack-happy Jacksonville Jaguars (12-6) next Sunday in the AFC championship game in Foxborough, Massachusetts — with the winner headed to the Super Bowl.

"It's been an awesome year," Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles said, "and we want to keep it going."

In the NFC, Nick Foles and the resilient Philadelphia Eagles (14-3) host Case Keenum and the surprising Minnesota Vikings (14-3) — in a matchup of teams that overcame losing their starting quarterbacks.

"They count us out all the time," said Minnesota's Stefon Diggs, whose 61-yard touchdown catch as time expired Sunday gave the Vikings a stunning 29-24 victory. "Nobody thinking we can do it. This game was over. I don't stop playing till the clock hit zero. That's it."

The Eagles open as a 3 ½-point favorite against the Vikings, while the Patriots open favored by 9 1/2 in their game.

Being here is nothing new, of course, for New England, which has advanced to the Super Bowl in three of the past six seasons.

For fresh-faced Jacksonville, however, this is all rare territory.

The Jaguars are playing in the conference title game for just the third time in franchise history, and first since losing to Tennessee during the 1999 season. Jacksonville is also one of four franchises to never play in the Super Bowl.

"I'm sure there will still be tons of people that are going to disapprove or talk negative or hate or do whatever they want," Bortles said. "But we get to keep playing. We get an opportunity to go play in Foxborough for another week, so I'm just honored to be able to do this and especially with this group of guys."

And, it has all come full circle for Tom Coughlin, who was Jacksonville's coach the previous time the franchise got this far in the postseason.

He went on to win two Super Bowls with the New York Giants — both against Bill Belichick's Patriots — but is now the Jaguars' executive vice president of football operations. He helped assemble a squad with coach Doug Marrone that has been powered by a tenacious defense that ranked second in the NFL during the regular season in sacks.

After a few ho-hum games, Bortles, running back Leonard Fournette and the Jaguars offense showed it isn't too shabby, either, outslugging Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers in a stunning 45-42 victory Sunday.

"Obviously, with what they have on their side of the ball, it's a good team and we know they've got a good offense," Bortles said. "We knew we had to keep scoring."

There's also this neat nugget: Jacksonville's first AFC championship game appearance came during the 1996 season — against New England, which went on to play in the Super Bowl under then-coach Bill Parcells and lost to the Brett Favre-led Green Bay Packers.

The Patriots have made it to the AFC championship game for seven straight seasons, clinching this trip with a 35-14 drubbing of the Tennessee Titans on Saturday night.

"The reality of the NFL is what we did this week will have nothing to do with what happens next week," Brady said. "We're going to have to go repeat it, so you've got to get right back to work, right back to the process of trying to figure out how to break down our opponent.

"Everyone's got to feel good physically and mentally and go out there and try to cut it loose one more time in a huge game."

The Patriots know how to do that, and they're masters of tuning out distractions. Despite a published report during the week that raised questions about the relationships between Brady, Belichick and team owner Robert Kraft, New England was all business on the field against the Titans.

"It's pretty incredible to be a part of that," Brady said. "I think the thing is that we don't really take it for granted around here. I know how hard it is to get to this game. We're very blessed to do it."

Meanwhile, Philadelphia is playing for the NFC title for the 10th time, but hasn't won it since the 2004 season — when the Eagles went on to lose to the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

"We'll be ready for next week," defensive tackle Fletcher Cox said.

The Eagles used steady play by Foles and a late goal-line stand by their defense to beat the Atlanta Falcons 15-10 on Saturday. It set up Philadelphia's first conference championship appearance since the 2008 season.

And it comes despite the Eagles losing starting quarterback Carson Wentz, a leading MVP contender, to a season-ending knee injury last month.

"Our team never wavered, defense did an amazing job, special teams," Foles said. "That's just been the story this year is that we just all stuck together."

The same can be said of the Vikings, who entered the season with Sam Bradford as their quarterback and had big playoff hopes. But he went down with a knee injury after the first week — and it appeared Minnesota's dreams might be dashed.

Enter Keenum, an unheralded and undrafted backup who ended up having the best season of his career.

To top it off, Keenum combined with Diggs on one of the most stunning plays in NFL playoff history, a winning TD that sent the Vikings to their 10th NFC title game and first since the 2009 season.

"I don't even know right now," Keenum said. "I have no words."

And now, the Vikings, Eagles, Patriots and Jaguars are all one win away from the Super Bowl.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13
Sunday, Jan. 7
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13
Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10
New England 35, Tennessee 14
Sunday, Jan. 14
Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42
Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
Jacksonville at New England, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 5:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
At Minneapolis
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

VIKINGS

From 1C

Brees connected with Michael Thomas for two of his three touchdown passes in a span of 3:09 of the second half. The first score came after a 12-play, 80-yard drive. The second was set up at the Minnesota 40 by an interception by Williams after an off-balance throw by Keenum, his one costly moment of either inexperience or recklessness.

When George Johnson blocked Ryan Quigley's punt, the Saints took over at the Vikings 40. Four plays later, rookie Alvin Kamara, whose breakout was a major factor in the team's NFC South title and breakthrough from three straight 7-9 finishes, caught a 14-yard pass from Brees for a 21-20 lead with 3:01 left.

Forbath's 53-yard field goal, his third make of the evening against his former team, gave the Vikings their lead back with 1:29 left. That was more than enough time for Brees, the sure-bet Hall of Famer with a Super Bowl ring and all kinds of records.

But after Brees got Lutz in position, there were just enough seconds remaining for Keenum — the undrafted and undersized all-time leading passer in NCAA history at Houston whose first career playoff start ended in spectacular fashion. He finished with 318 yards, going 25 for 40, with Diggs catching 137 yards on six catches.

"This will take a while to get over," said Payton, who fell to 1-5 on the road in playoff games.

Brees saw his 13th career postseason game end in a crushing final moment, his 25-for-40 performance for 294 yards tainted a bit by two interceptions before halftime. One came on a leaping grab by safety Andrew Sendejo, the other off a tip by Everson Griffen that landed in Anthony Barr's arms at the Minnesota 10-yard line midway through the third quarter.

First-half force

The Vikings came roaring out of their first-round bye, forcing punts by the Saints on their first three possessions and moving 55 yards in eight plays for a touchdown on their first drive. The shrewd play calling by offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, culminating with a pitch to Jerick McKinnon for a 14-yard run after a fake jet-sweep, showed again why he was interviewed by four teams last week for head coaching vacancies.

VIKINGS 29, SAINTS 24

New Orleans	0	0	7	17—24
Minnesota	10	7	0	12—29

First Quarter
Min—McKinnon 14 run (Forbath kick), 9:45.
Min—FG Forbath 20, 4:42.
Second Quarter
Min—Murray 1 run (Forbath kick), 9:58.
Third Quarter
NO—Thomas 14 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 1:18.
Fourth Quarter
NO—Thomas 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 13:09.
Min—FG Forbath 49, 10:12.
NO—Kamara 14 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 3:01.
Min—FG Forbath 53, 1:29.
NO—FG Lutz 43, :25.
Min—Diggs 61 pass from Keenum (run failed), :00.
A—66,612.

	NO	Min
First downs	23	24
Total Net Yards	358	403
Rushes-yards	24-80	29-95
Passing	278	308
Comp-Att-Int	25-41-2	25-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	2-10
Punts	4-48.0	4-31.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-97	4-30
Time of Possession	26:43	33:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Kamara 11-43, Ingram 10-25, Ginn 1-11, Brees 2-1. Minnesota, Murray 19-50, McKinnon 8-34, Ham 1-7, Keenum 1-4.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 25-40-2-294, Snead 0-1-0-0. Minnesota, Keenum 25-40-1-318.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Ginn 8-72, Thomas 7-85, Kamara 4-62, J.Hill 3-54, Snead 2-18, Ingram 1-3. Minnesota, Diggs 6-137, Thielen 6-74, Rudolph 5-28, Wright 3-55, McKinnon 3-6, Murray 2-17.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Lutz 58. Minnesota, Forbath 49.

JAGUARS

From 1C

next week for another week. Just honored to be able to do this especially with this group of guys.

"It's been an awesome year. Just want to keep it going."

While he wasn't flawless, he also wasn't afraid. Having the burly Fournette certainly helped, but Bortles also never hesitated — the Steelers led the NFL with a franchise-record 55 sacks but never once got to Bortles. If he wasn't scrambling for extra yardage he was using play-action or deftly executed screen passes. His 45-yard completion in the fourth quarter set up Fournette's final score, and his 14-yard flip to Tommy Bohanon with 4:19 left vaulted the Jaguars to the NFL's final four for only third time in team history.

The Jaguars did it on a day the NFL's top-ranked defense hardly looked like it. Though Jacksonville forced a pair of first-half turnovers, including Roethlisberger's fumble that Telvin Smith returned 48 yards for a score and a 28-7 lead, Pittsburgh rolled up 545 yards.

Still, it's 2 yards the Steelers didn't get that helped send them into an offseason filled with questions.

Twice Pittsburgh had fourth-and-1 in Jacksonville territory. Twice it did something other than have the 6-foot-5 Roethlisberger sneak. The Steelers ran wide in the first quarter and Bell was stuffed for a 4-yard loss. The Jaguars responded immediately by going 75 yards in 11 plays, the final one a 4-yard sprint by T.J. Yeldon that put them up 21-0.

The Steelers were down a touchdown early in the fourth quarter and had fourth-and-inches at the Jacksonville 39. Roethlisberger checked at the line of scrimmage, faked a handoff to Bell and instead threw incomplete to diving rookie JuJu Smith-Schuster.

Up next

The Jaguars travel to New England, where they were beaten in the 1996 AFC title game.

The Steelers, despite tying for the league's best record, head home.

JAGUARS 45, STEELERS 42

Jacksonville	14	14	0	17—45
Pittsburgh	0	14	7	21—42

First Quarter
Jac—Fournette 1 run (Lambo kick), 10:40.
Jac—Fournette 18 run (Lambo kick), 5:26.
Second Quarter
Jac—Yeldon 4 run (Lambo kick), 11:31.
Pit—A.Brown 23 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 8:20.
Jac—Smith 50 fumble return (Lambo kick), 2:20.
Pit—Bryant 36 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), :25.
Third Quarter
Pit—Bell 19 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 9:09.
Fourth Quarter
Jac—Fournette 3 run (Lambo kick), 10:34.
Pit—A.Brown 43 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 9:05.
Jac—Bohanon 14 pass from Bortles (Lambo kick), 4:19.
Pit—Bell 8 run (Boswell kick), 2:18.
Jac—FG Lambo 45, 1:45.
Pit—Smith-Schuster 4 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), :01.
A—64,524.

	Jac	Pit
First downs	22	28
Total Net Yards	378	545
Rushes-yards	35-164	18-83
Passing	214	462
Comp-Att-Int	14-26-0	37-58-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-7
Punts	4-32.8	2-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-40	4-25
Time of Possession	28:50	31:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Fournette 25-109, Bortles 5-35, Yeldon 5-20. Pittsburgh, Bell 16-67, Roethlisberger 2-16.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Bortles 14-26-0-214. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 37-58-1-469.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Yeldon 3-57, Lee 3-28, Fournette 2-10, Cole 1-45, Koyack 1-21, O'Shaughnessy 1-19, Bohanon 1-14, Hurns 1-12, Westbrook 1-8. Pittsburgh, McDonald 10-112, Bell 9-88, A.Brown 7-132, Rogers 5-42, Smith-Schuster 3-5, Bryant 2-78, James 1-12.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



Brandon Wade/Associated Press

Dallas Stars and Colorado Avalanche players scuffle during the third period of an NHL game Saturday in Dallas. Colorado won 4-1.

Kerfoot assists as Avalanche beat Stars 4-1

Associated Press

DALLAS — When Alexander Kerfoot looks at the Central Division standings, he'll still see his Colorado Avalanche at the bottom.

On Saturday night, the rookie had a big hand in moving the Avalanche within two points of the Dallas Stars for the second wild card in the Western Conference.

Kerfoot scored in the first period and assisted on Nathan MacKinnon's winner in the third, helping Colorado win its sixth straight game, 4-1 over the Dallas Stars.

"It just seems that every night the teams in our division don't lose," Kerfoot said. "If you're following the standings day in and day out, it can get a little frustrating."

Both teams were playing for the first time in a week. The Stars had won four of their previous five games.

MacKinnon made it 2-1 with 13:27 to play on a snap shot from the inside edge of the left faceoff circle. The puck went off goalie Ben Bishop and into the net.

Blake Comeau scored with 1:40 left, and Mark Barberio added an empty-net, short-handed goal with 13 seconds to play.

Colorado's Jonathan Bernier made 27 saves for his fifth straight win while filling in for injured goalie Semyon Varlamov. Bernier has allowed only six goals in those five games.

"He's been incredible," Kerfoot said. "You can just tell from watching him how much confidence he has. He just stepped in when (Varlamov) got hurt."

Jamie Benn had tied it with a rebound goal in the second period.

Dallas had chances to score during two power plays to start the third, but Bernier and Colorado's penalty killers stopped the Stars. Eleven of his saves came during power plays.

"Game turned on the missed power play opportunities in the third period," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "When you get back to back power plays like that and you have that many quality looks, you're hoping that one of those goes in."

Colorado coach Jared Bednar credited his goalie.

"(Bernier) was really good, especially in the third period when we needed him on some of those penalty kills. For our PK to come up big and kill all four of those off tonight was excellent."

Colorado took a 1-0 lead 14:09 into the first period. Kerfoot skated down the left side to low in the faceoff circle and lifted a snap shot over Bishop.

"It was just a good play by (A.J. Greer) to chip me the puck up," Kerfoot said, "and I think their D-man was a little flat-footed, so I tried to take it to the net."

Dallas outshot the Avalanche 9-6 in the first. On the Stars' best chance, Bernier stopped Benn's backhand on a breakaway.

The Stars won a challenge that disallowed an apparent Colorado goal at 7:03 of the second period. Referee Tim Peel announced that there had been "significant contact" with Bishop by Comeau. Bishop was down behind the goal when Matt Nieto appeared to tip a pass into the empty net.

"I liked our team's composure when our goal got taken away," Bednar said. "You've got to be able to stay composed through some of those calls, and find a way to get the job done."

NOTES: Colorado's Nikita Zadorov had two assists. ... During a six-game points streak, MacKinnon has 13 points (four goals, nine assists). . The Avalanche won the season series, three games to two. ... The Avalanche have successfully killed 45 of 47 power plays in 15 games. . The Stars won 68 percent of the faceoffs, including 10 of 11 taken by Benn. ... Hall of Fame goalie Ed Belfour dropped the ceremonial first puck as the Stars and their fans continued to recognize the top players during their 25 years in Dallas.

Ethiopians win Houston Marathon; Huddle sets American record

By Joshua Koch
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bazu Worku held up three fingers as he headed down the final stretch of the Houston Marathon.

Worku, trailing Ethiopian countryman Yitayal Atnafu by 23 seconds with about two miles left, turned on the jets Sunday to win the event for the third straight time.

"Yitayal, my competitor, we train together," Worku said through a translator. "I know that he is a very strong person and trains very well . When he put so much into his pace after 25 kilometers, then I realized he cannot finish with that pace. Then I applied my strategy."

Biruktayit Degefa won the women's race and two-time Olympian Molly Huddle broke the record for the fastest half-marathon by an American woman.

It was 34 degrees for the start of the race and Worku won with a time of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 30 seconds. With victories in 2013 and 2014, he became the third runner to win the race three times, joining David Cheruiyot of Kenya and Stephen Ndungu of Ethiopia.

"It was exhilarating," Worku said.

This is the third straight year Atnafu finished second at the Houston Marathon.

Degefa captured her second women's title at the Houston Marathon, finishing with a time of 2:24:51. She has competed in this race five years in a row.

"When I come to Houston I feel a special joy," Degefa said. "I consider Houston as my hometown. As if I'm coming to a family. These five years, I know Houston very well. I come very prepared and I knew I would win today."

An Ethiopian runner has won the woman's title for 12 straight years.

Huddle crossed the half-marathon finish line in 1:07:25. Her time, a personal best, broke the previous record by 9 seconds, set by Deena Kastor in 2006.

Jake Robertson of New Zealand won the men's half-marathon in 1:00:01, tying a personal record. He finished 39 seconds off the race record.

"Since winning the race, everybody's reminding me of the time, I get more and more upset with the time," Robertson said with a laugh. "Thinking about the caliber of the field I beat today, I'm ecstatic still. It was amazing racing and the way I felt doing it."

Ethiopia's Ruti Aga won the women's half-marathon in a personal-best 1:06:39, beating her previous mark of 1:08:07.

"I was happy that I achieved that, in the future I hope to do even better," Aga said through a translator.

Huddle crossed in a personal-best 1:07:25, topping her previous mark of 1:07:41 in 2016. She broke the American record by nine seconds, a mark set by Deena Kastor in 2006.

"Just to be in the company of Deena Kastor, who had such a great marathon career, gives me a lot of confidence," Huddle said. "It's a really special thing. I really think the women's marathoners and half-marathoners in the (United States) are so good right now, I still don't feel like that record is out of reach."

"I moved it down a little bit but I still think there's a couple of women that can gun for it," she said.

4 years on in Sochi, cocktails replace steroid samples

By James Ellingworth
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Would you drink a sample from the Sochi doping lab?

The building at the center of a Russia doping scandal that rocked the 2014 Winter Olympics now hosts a restaurant celebrating its notoriety amid a tourism boom.

Former lab director Grigory Rodchenkov has testified to doping Russian stars and covering up for them, but four years on, the cocktails offered in the same space contain only alcohol, not steroids.

There's the B Sample, named after the second test that often confirms whether a doping athlete is guilty. It's a punchy shot of tequila, Sambuca and hot sauce. Meldonium, the substance for which tennis star Maria Sharapova tested positive in 2016, now lends its name to a mixture of absinthe and Red Bull.

Performance-enhancing? Probably not.

The unusual menu is "so as not to forget the story of this building ... it's (about) history," manager Elena Dyatlova told The Associated Press, though she considers the doping scandal is "really unpleasant for Russia."

Rodchenkov says he served a different kind of cocktail back in 2014. He has testified he dispensed steroids dissolved in vermouth or whiskey to top Russian athletes ahead of the Sochi Olympics in a state-backed doping program, then covered up their drug use by swapping tainted samples for clean ones through a hole in the wall of the lab's supposedly secure storeroom.

Any evidence of that hole seems long gone after remodeling to create the restaurant and space for other businesses.

The International Olympic Committee has upheld Rodchenkov's testimony despite objections from the Russian government. The IOC banned 43 Russian athletes from the Olympics for life and forced Russia to compete under a neutral flag at next month's games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Away from the lab, Sochi is a city defined by its Olympic legacy.

Tourists flock for selfies in front of plaques in the Olympic Park bearing the names of 2014 medalists, including those sanctioned by the IOC. Time and weather have nearly erased some names, just as the IOC has erased 13 Russian medals from its 2014 records.

For many visitors, the banned athletes are still champions.

"I react very badly to this. I think our athletes shouldn't be left like this and shouldn't be competing under a neutral flag," said Karina Tolmachyova, a lawyer from the industrial city of Saratov on her first skiing holiday in Sochi.

The Russian government spent an estimated $51 billion on the Olympics and related infrastructure for Sochi, and the city is seeing the benefits.

Deputy mayor Sergei Yurchenko says the population has boomed by 50 percent to 600,000 people since the Olympics, with Russians tempted to move south for better weather. The rapid growth is forcing local authorities to build more schools.

Sochi offers skiing in winter and beaches in summer, and Yurchenko says 6.5 million tourists visited last year, around 85 percent of them Russians.

"The Olympics was a big boost to the whole development of the city," he told the AP. "We consider the city's become practically like new, as if it were built all over again." That's certainly true of its tourism attractions, though many older houses remain.

Political turbulence has affected other once-favored destinations, indirectly helping to boost Sochi's profile. Russian visitors spurned Turkey for much of 2016 when the two countries' governments clashed over the Turkish shootdown of a Russian fighter plane in November 2015. Flights to Egypt were suspended in 2015 and will start again only next month after an airliner carrying Russian tourists was destroyed in a suspected bombing.

In the Caucasus mountains above Sochi, business is strong, too.

During the Olympics, the mountain village of Rosa Khutor was the base for many snow sports. However, numerous new shops were unfinished, prompting visitors to wonder if they'd ever open once the Olympics were finished.

Now there's an array of businesses chiefly aimed at the wealthier Russians who can afford ski lessons, while a casino draws visitors from Turkey — where gambling is severely restricted — and a concert hall advertises shows by star Russian musicians.

The next step for Sochi is the soccer World Cup in June and July. The seafront stadium that held the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies is now reconfigured as a soccer stadium to welcome teams including Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal and world champion Germany.

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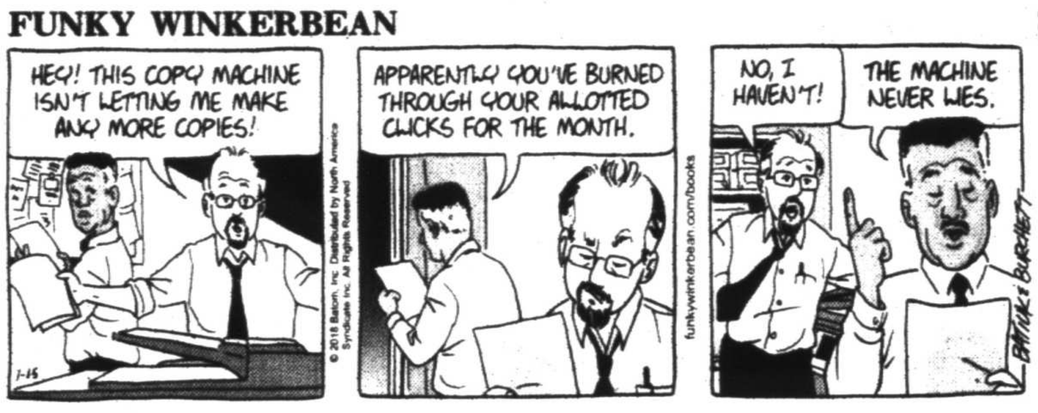

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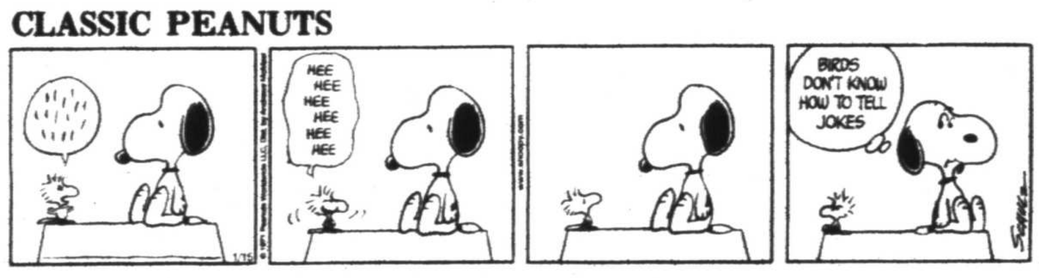

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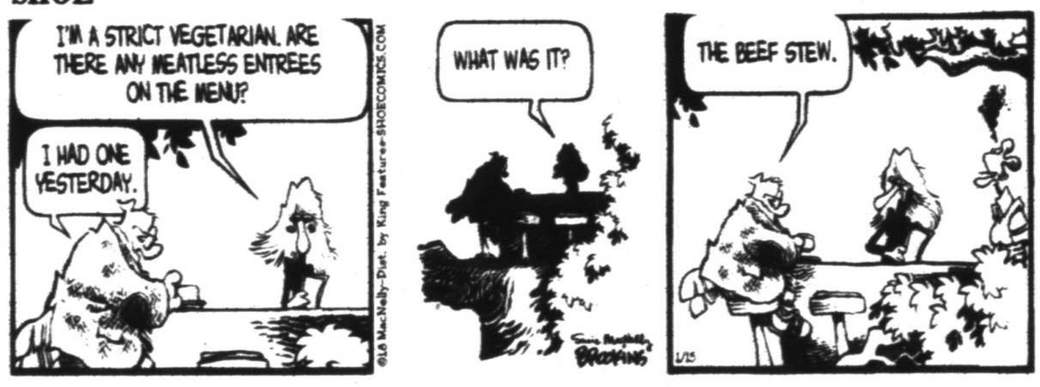

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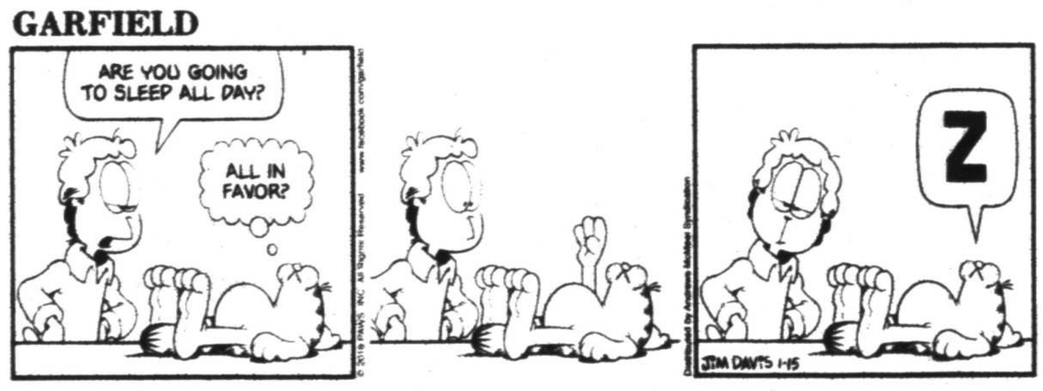

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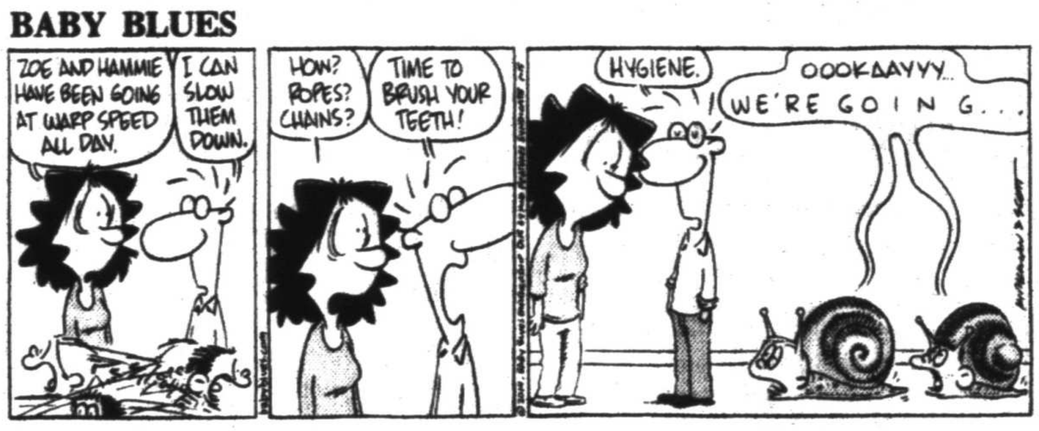

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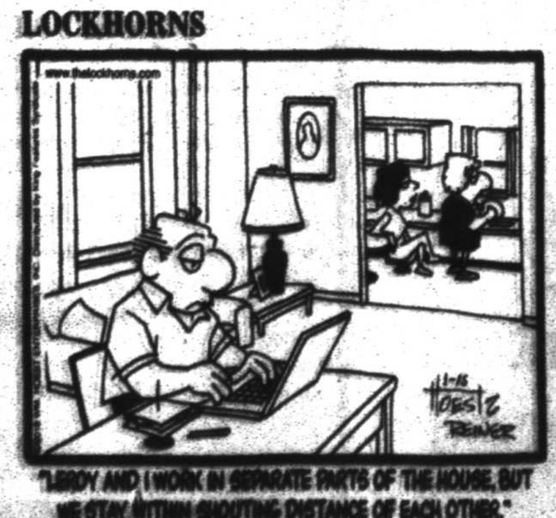

"LEROY AND I WORK IN SEPARATE PARTS OF THE HOUSE, BUT WE STAY WITHIN SHOUTING DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER."

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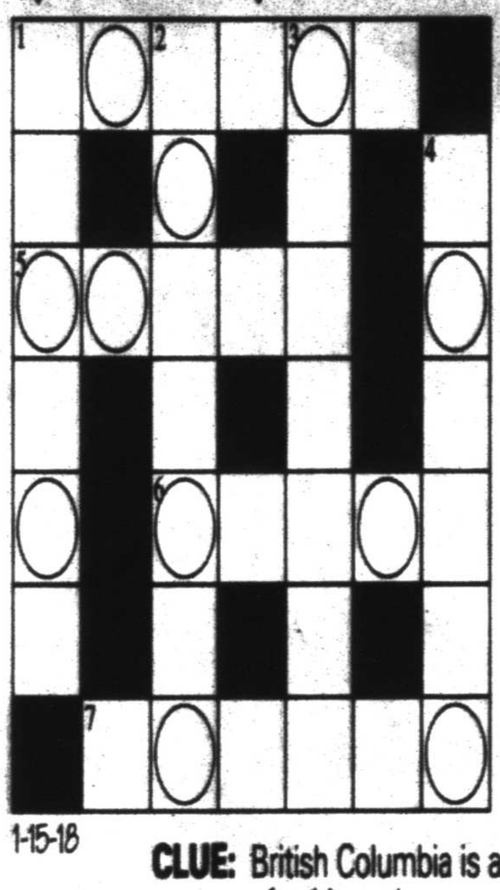

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ down	LTSETE
5. Offspring, flock	DROBO
6. Chilly, refreshing	RBSKI
7. Association	GLEEUA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Turn in	MTUISB
2. Difficulty	BTELOUR
3. Hotel or motel	GIGNLDO
4. ___ down	CLUKBE

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1 Ear part
5 Hamper load
9 Blow in a dojo
13 Former Twitter CEO Williams
14 Actress Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
15 Pickle juice
16 NAACP co-founder
18 One who lassoes dogies, say
19 Martini order
20 Sgt. or cpl.
21 Military zone division
22 Pioneer suffragist on some dollar coins
26 Hindu community
28 Open the faucets onstage, so to speak
29 "Who's Afraid of Virginia __?"
30 Rocky peak
31 Celebratory cry two days after hump day
35 Cry at the World Cup
36 "Stuart Little" author
40 Prefix with cycle
41 Red ink
43 Singer Peggy or comic-book writer Stan
44 Winner's gesture
46 Warrior on the court, for short
48 Given temporarily
49 "The Greatest Show on Earth" producer/director
53 Bolts and ties the knot?
54 Ltr. holder
55 Cleo's killer
58 Talks like Daffy
59 Apiculturist ... and, playfully, what 16-, 22-, 36- or 49-Across is
62 __ Park, Colorado
63 Ultimatum close
64 Marathon segment
65 Top of the line
66 Bound with rope
67 "This could get __"

DOWN

1 Bawdy
2 (See other side)
3 Bootees
4 Close or complete
5 Selfie video device
6 Crazy as __
7 Enjoy the slopes
8 Guys
9 Make bootees, perhaps
10 Aware of
11 Situation before a two-run homer
12 Actor Luke or Matthew
15 Quarterback Favre
17 Hazardous
21 Bull's sound
23 Clickable address
24 Start of a party invitation phrase
25 Mine, to Marcel
26 GI gone missing
27 Piano recital piece, e.g.
32 Recipe tester, facetiously
33 "Picnic" playwright
34 Discovery
37 Says too much
38 Lawn intruder
39 Develop slowly
42 Bit, as of news
45 Cantina condiment
47 "God __ America"
48 Like chain rings
49 Hollywood VIP
50 Beethoven dedicatee
51 Expenses
52 1980s attorney general Edwin
56 Wall Street bear's suggestion
57 Mice, to owls
59 One placed in Vegas
60 Yale alum
61 Grounded Aussie bird

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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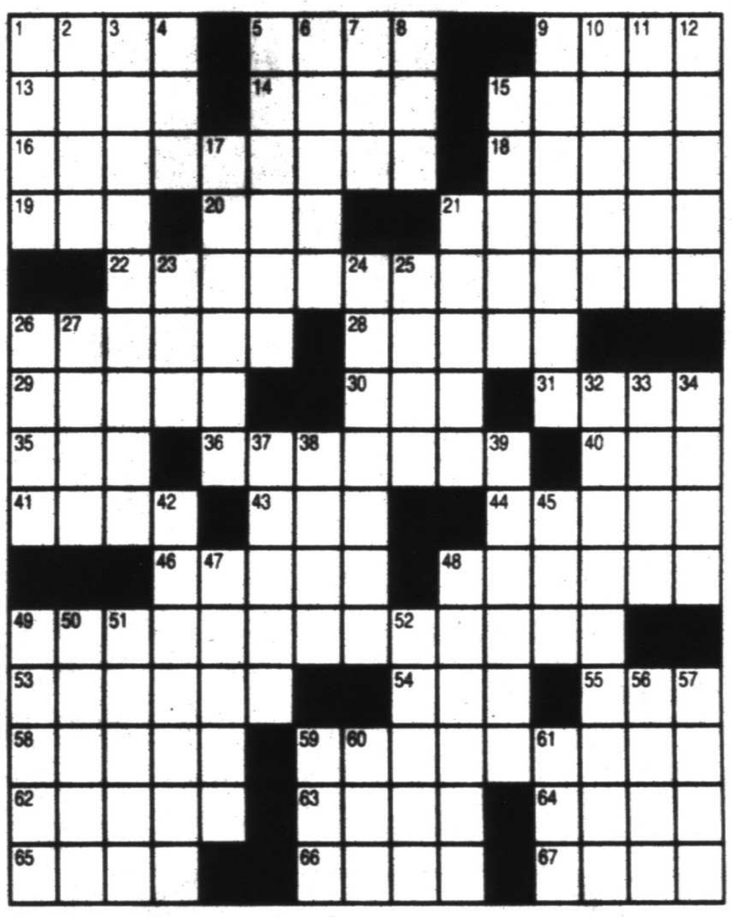

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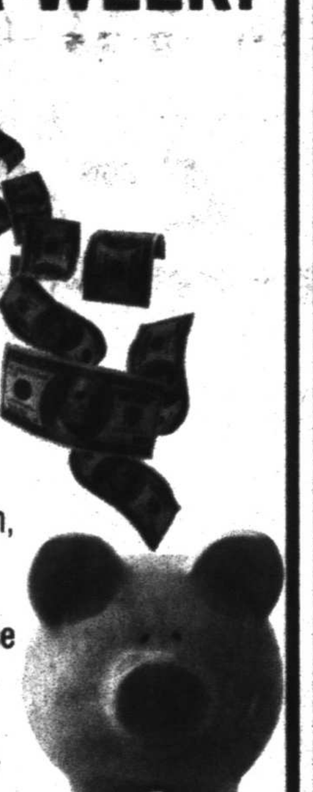

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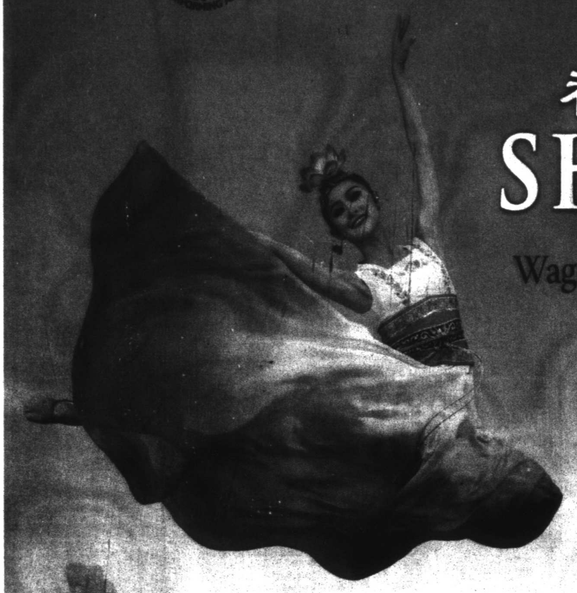



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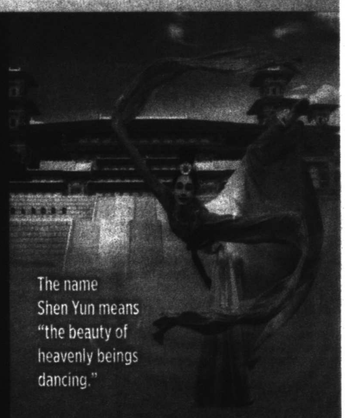

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