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ALL-STATE FOOTBALL

Three MISD football players made all-state.

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HEARTWARMING

Donna Garcia, a member of the Child Nutrition Services team at Bonham Elementary, received quite the Christmas surprise from her son Vincent, an active duty Army soldier.

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Houston Elem. could go through format change

MISD envisions central Midland campus could become college preparatory elementary

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD board heard details Wednesday of a plan that will turn Sam Houston Elementary School into a "college preparatory elementary."

Houston has been in an academic slump, having received failing grades from the Texas Education Agency during the past three years. MISD officials said this week that leading indicators show that Houston Elementary is making academic progress.

The turnaround plan, as it was

described, will lead to an overhaul of the entire staff, including school leadership, a new student body and an academic transformation using Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) programming.

AVID, according to the organization's website, is "dedicated to closing the

achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities."

"College Preparatory Elementary is exciting," wrote Elise Kail, executive director of Accountability and Information

Please see HOUSTON/2A

HOGWARTS HOLIDAY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Gabby Rodriguez, 4, reaches into the sorting hat during a Harry Potter-themed holiday event Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. More photos on Page 2A.

MPD officer arrested, terminated for 'official oppression'

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department announced it has "terminated" the employment of officer Michael A. Pool after his arrest Thursday.

MPD reported that Pool, 33, was arrested Thursday afternoon on a charge of "official oppression." According to the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Pool was arrested, paid his bond and then released by the afternoon.

The arrest, according to MPD, followed a criminal investigation that began about two weeks ago. At that time, information was received that Pool mistreated a man in custody during a prisoner transport.

An arrest warrant shows that at about 10:10 p.m. on July 7, Pool arrested a person for an outstanding warrant and other charges. Upon arrival at the Midland County Jail, "Pool — while acting in the course of his employment as a police officer with the city of Midland — did then and there subject the person to mistreatment through verbal and physical contact."

No other details were provided. Pool, according to MPD, was employed with the department for seven years.

The criminal investigation was turned over the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

According to the state of Texas, "official oppression" happens when a public servant acting under color of his office or employment commits an offense if he:

Please see MPD/2A



Pool

Online

MPD searching for shoplifting suspects.

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Midland again has highest gas prices in Texas

Associated Press

COPPELL — The most expensive gas for the third straight week is in Midland, according to AAA Texas.

The association survey reported the average price of gas in Midland is \$2.49. The cheapest gas (\$2.06 a gallon) can be found in San Antonio.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump statewide was down 4 cents to settle at \$2.17 per gallon. Drivers across the U.S. are paying an average \$2.43 per gallon, which is 2 cents less than a week ago.

AAA experts say drivers can expect gasoline prices to continue declining into the end of the year as supply strengthens and demand weakens.

Association officials predict 8 million Texans will hit the road this week for holiday-related travel.

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest:	\$2.20 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest (non-membership store):	\$2.26 (four stores in west, central and northwest Midland)
Most expensive:	\$2.59 (Alon, US 60 near SCR 1257; Chevron, Rankin Highway/ERC 135)
Most common price:	\$2.55
Cheapest prices in West Texas:	San Angelo \$1.97, Lubbock \$2.04, Abilene \$2.13, Midland \$2.20, Odessa \$2.26
	Midland-Odessa Texas
Thursday	\$2.467 \$2.133
Last week	\$2.475 \$2.209
Last month	\$2.502 \$2.282
Last year	\$2.125 \$2.055

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

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Price of oil

\$58.36 ▲ \$0.27

January 2016

Did you know?

The UN denounces

the United States' recognition of Jerusalem as Israel capital. Page 8A

Word of the Day:

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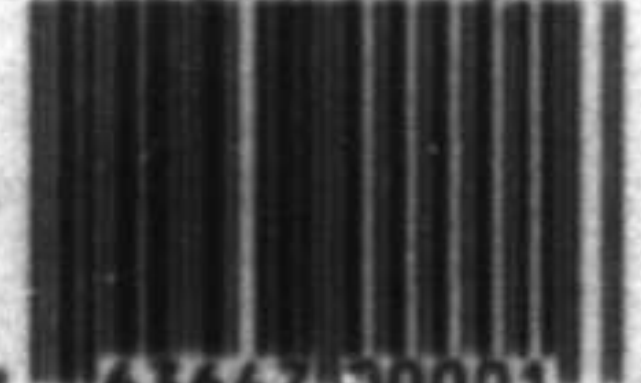
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Earthquakes recorded in Oklahoma

Associated Press

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Three small earthquakes were recorded overnight in central Oklahoma.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports a magnitude 3.4 quake struck shortly before 10:30 p.m. Wednesday near Guthrie, about 30 miles north of Oklahoma City. Magnitude 3.0 and 2.3 quakes were recorded in the same area later Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

No injuries or damage are reported.

Thousands of earthquakes recorded in Oklahoma in recent years have been linked to underground wastewater injection from oil and gas production. State regulators have directed several oil and gas producers to close some injection wells and reduce volumes in others.

Former boys ranch residents say they suffered abuse

Associated Press

AMARILLO — The head of a ranch that houses at-risk children in the Texas Panhandle issued an apology after several former residents said they were abused by staffers there from the 1950s until at least the 1990s.

Former residents told The Guardian, a British newspaper, about abuse they suffered at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Steve Smith, a 68-year-old from Amarillo, told the newspaper for the Wednesday story that after his mother left him there as a boy, he was beaten many times and had to watch helplessly as his younger brother, Rick, was beaten.

A statement from the organization Wednesday said it was aware of the claims regarding "harmful encounters they experienced at Boys Ranch years ago."

"For those who left Boys Ranch having experienced abuse of any form, I am truly sorry, both as the leader of this organization and as a man," Dan Adams, president and CEO of Cal Farley's, said in the statement. "It is for these reasons that regulatory oversight and strength-based models of care in this field evolved, and Cal Farley's strives to be a leader in observing both."

Adams told The Guardian that since he took over in 1996, corporal punishment has been phased out.

The privately funded, faith-based residential community is open to children ages 5 to 18 and currently supports about 250 boys and girls. The ranch said at-risk boys and girls can be placed there by their parents, a managing conservator or guardian.

Rick and Steve Smith and others told The Guardian that the abuse was systemic

and affected hundreds. Ed Cargill of New Mexico, whose time at Cal Farley's overlapped with Rick Smith's, said he made repeated escape attempts from the place he called "a paradise for adult abusers." He said that after one escape attempt he was made to run back in front of horses.

"Anytime I floundered, they'd hit me with coiled-up rope or run over me with the damn horse," said Cargill, who said his dorm parent would also encourage other boys to administer physical punishment.

Bill Varnado, who was there at the same time as Steve Smith, said "you really didn't have to 'get in trouble' for them to beat the hell out of you." Normally, he said, "they used a belt, but as you got older they used their fists on boys."

Rick Smith said he was raped by another boy at the ranch. Cargill said that the wife of a staff member was having sex with him and three other boys.

Smith told the Amarillo Globe-News they want more than an apology. Smith leads a Facebook group of other survivors that presented Adams in April with a proposal of how to deal with the past abuses. The proposal included Boys Ranch issuing a public statement acknowledging wrongdoing, the creation of a fund for survivor care, utilization of best practices for abuse prevention and a review of marketing material to make sure information about the past is not misleading.

Smith also wanted the organization to stop honoring past staff accused of abuse. Cal Farley's dedicated a new dormitory to a former superintendent at the ranch alleged to be one of the worst abusers.

MPD

From 1A

■ intentionally subjects another to mistreatment or to arrest, detention, search, seizure, dispossession, assessment, or lien that he knows is unlawful;

■ intentionally denies or impedes another in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power, or immunity, knowing his conduct is unlawful; or

■ intentionally subjects another to sexual harassment.

An official oppression charge, according to the affidavit, is a Class A misdemeanor.

Earlier this year, the Reporter-Telegram reported that three MPD officers resigned from September of 2016 through March 2017. Reported offenses were making inappropriate and unwanted comments to a woman, assault and intoxication.

Attorney Brian Carney said the person allegedly subjected to mistreatment is "still considering the possibility of a civil rights lawsuit given his assault while handcuffed and the Midland Police Department's failure to

hold themselves to the same standards that they hold the rest of Midlanders to."



Magical moments



Children dressed up in their favorite Harry Potter-themed attire for the Hogwarts Holiday event Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial Branch. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Houston

From 1A

Management Services, in an email to the Reporter-Telegram, "Due to the targeted focus of the AVID system in implementing sustainable academic and culture changes on a campus through student success skills, organizational skills, WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading) and partnerships with stakeholders."

The new school format could take place as early as August 2018 and, according to MISD, would become pre-K through fifth grade. The current maximum capacity of the school is 601 students. The district would hold a "weighted lottery" to determine student population. Current students at Sam Houston and those living inside the current Sam Houston zone would have "extra weight."

This campus turnaround would be considered a "comprehensive change" in an academically unacceptable campus that produces "significant and sustainable gains in achievement within two years," according to the district. Midland ISD staff

told the board that current Houston staff was made clear of the school's status as an improvement required campus and that a turnaround plan needed to be "radical and bold toward transforming the educational opportunities for students." They also noted that 87.5 percent of the staff agreed a "college preparatory elementary" would best radically transform Sam Houston Elementary by "changing the academic, behavioral and exceptional culture of the campus for both students and staff."

Every teacher would have to be "AVID certified," district leaders said.

District officials also said there would be collaborative planning with San Jacinto Junior High, Early College at Midland College and Midland College so students from the new Sam Houston would be able to access AVID programs when they enter the secondary ranks. Depending on the success of the college prep elementary format, there also might be a need to create a second elementary

in a different part of town and then have secondary programs at Alamo Junior High. Planning also is expected for students who want to attend Midland High or Lee.

Superintendent Orlando Riddick said AVID provides opportunities or options for students and a district that is rebounding academically. Riddick said there will be a need to examine the middle school model and even what the possibilities are at the high school level, even an honors college academy format, where students can build up college principles.

District officials also said 87.5 percent of Sam Houston staff understand that "to be transformed, Houston (Elementary) all staff should be required to reapply for a position" at the school and that those teachers who don't apply or are not hired will be "placed at another MISD campus that meets (their) certification requirements."

School district officials said this week that information has been sent home to parents of current students about Sam Houston's future plans. District leaders also said there will be a parent and community meeting to discuss the plan on Jan. 11.

The MISD school board is scheduled to vote on the approval of the turnaround plan on Jan. 16. The turnaround plan deadline must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency commissioner for approval by Jan. 29.

Sam Houston would be the second school in two years to be reopened under different circumstances. The former Crockett Elementary was closed after the end of the 2016-17 school year. It was reopened as Gen. Tommy Franks Elementary.

Crockett, at the time of its closure, had failed seven straight years, which was the second longest streak in the state. There are no plans to rename Sam Houston, according to information provided by the district.

AVID programs are not foreign to the district, but funding problems have limited its use in recent years.

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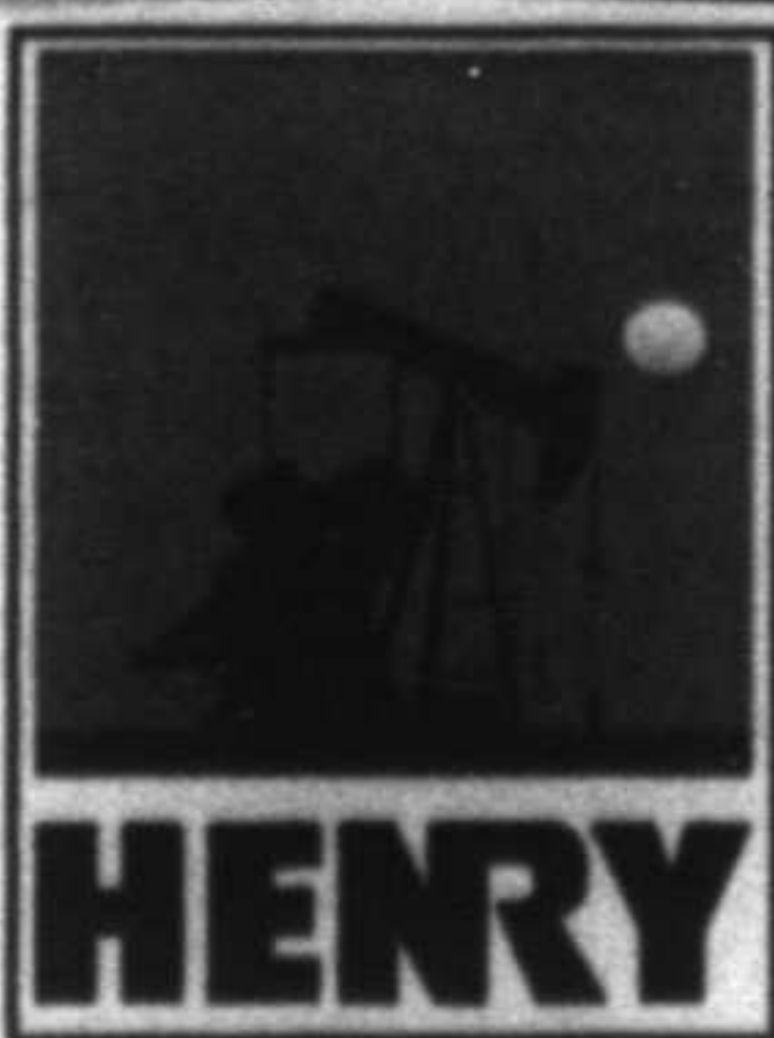
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WORD OF THE DAY
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Fastidious

[fa-stid-ee-uh s, fuh-]

adjective

1. excessively particular, critical, or demanding; hard to please

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Things to do

■ Santa's Workshop Art Camp,
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kids and Canvas
Parties, 3303 N. Midway Road, \$55.
kidsandcanvasparties.com.

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

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

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

■ Whiskey and Wild Game
Dinner will feature four courses
with whiskey pairings, 7 p.m.,
Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. \$95.
opalstable.com.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., Ameri-
can Legion, 501 Veterans Airport
Lane, 682-5511.

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

■ Randy Rogers acoustic,
7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N.
Golden Ave. \$17 advance, \$20 door.
josamigos.com.

■ T.J. Broccoli, 9 p.m., Lone
Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ The Trip, 9 p.m., Your Place,
3704 W. Wall St.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on
7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ Santa's Magic Key Storytime
will also include activities, 11
a.m. Saturday, Barnes and Noble
Bookellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
barnesandnoble.com.

Holiday closing

Midland County Public Libraries
will be closed Saturday through
Tuesday.

TODAY IN MIDLAND
Hero Plaza veteran memorial

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders gather Wednesday for the dedication ceremony of the new Hero Plaza at ClayDesta Plaza.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-0-9
Pick 3 day: 6-2-1
Pick 3 evening: 2-4-4
Pick 3 night: 7-4-9
Daily 4 morning: 0-9-2-5
Daily 4 day: 2-5-1-2
Daily 4 evening: 5-3-7-2
Daily 4 night: 8-5-8-5
Cash Five: 11-15-19-24-28
Triple Chance: 2-3-10-14-44-45
47-50-54-55

Texas Two Step: 8-20-25-26
88-11
All or Nothing morning: 1-5
6-7-8-10-11-13-15-18-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-8
10-11-14-15-17-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4
5-6-9-10-11-12-15-18-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-8
9-10-11-14-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High: 78
Low: 47
Normal high: 57
Normal low: 30

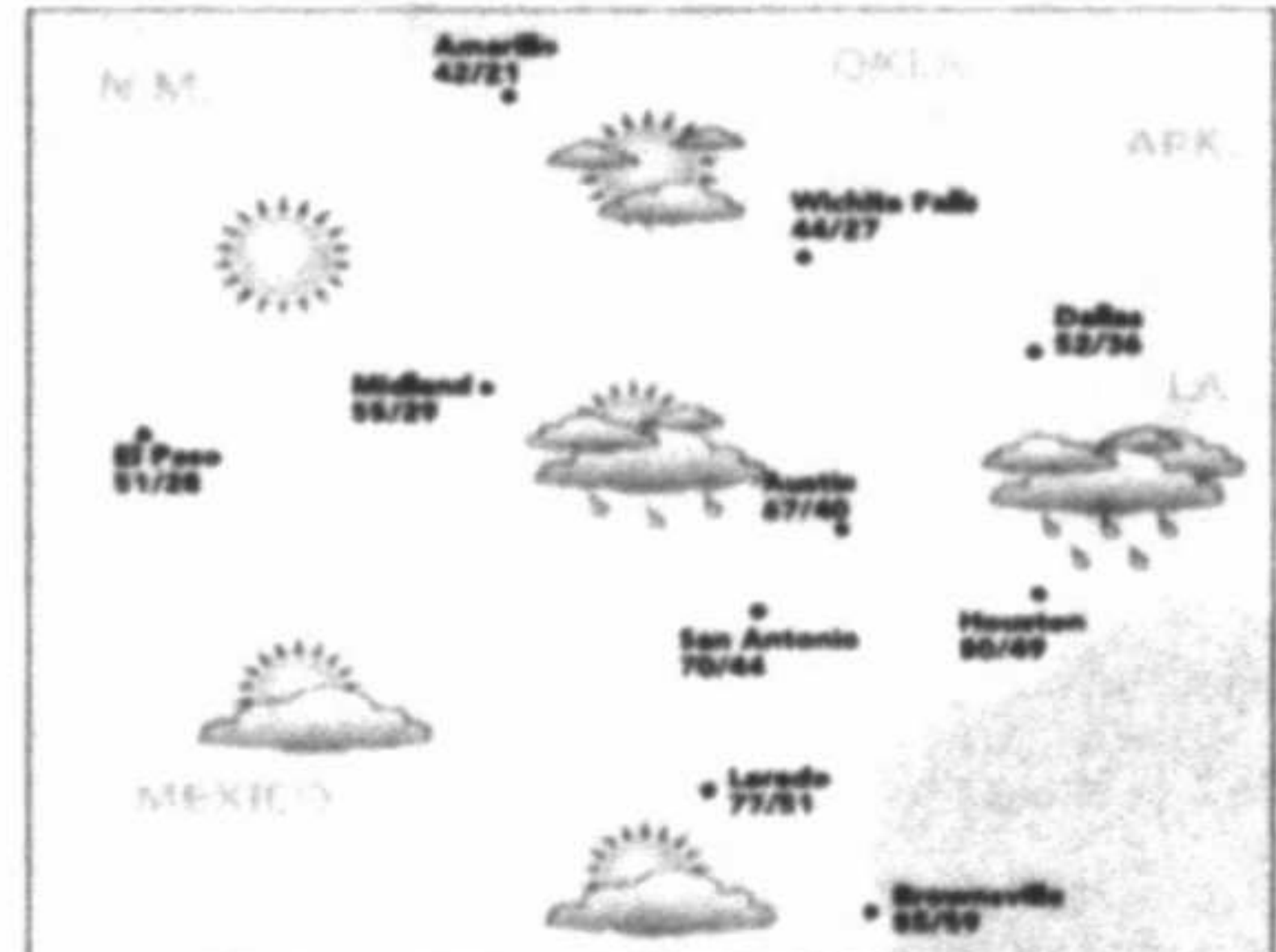
Dec. 21's records
Record high: 81, set in
1981 and equaled in 2010
Record low: 8, set in 1989

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.39 in.
Year total: 17.73 in.
Normal total
(year to date): 14.42 in.

Winds
Average speed: 13.2 mph
Highest speed: 24 mph
Highest gust speed: 29 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Friday, December 22, 2017



High: 50
Low: 32
Conditions: Mostly sunny
during the day; mostly clear
at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during

the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:46 a.m.
Sunset: 5:49 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

Friday, Dec. 22, 2017:
This year you present a
strong personality. Others in-
stantly know that you are not
a person to fool around with. You
also have an offbeat quality that
draws a diverse group of people
toward you. If you are single,
you could find several of your
potential suitors to be overly
possessive. While their neediness
might not have bothered you
a few years ago, today you
have little tolerance for that
behavior. If you are attached,
you and your significant other
make a major purchase that you
both have desired for a while.
As a couple, you are emotional
spenders. AQUARIUS knows
how to present new ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April
19)
You might want to
move away from a heavy work
agenda or a difficult associate
who is causing you unneces-
sary problems. Be receptive to
a friend's request, as this person
wants you to join him or her in
making plans. You'll be happy
with the outcome. Tonight:
TGIF with friends!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Look at the big
picture when making plans.
Stay on top of a loved one or a
close associate to get through
what is necessary. Read be-
tween the lines with an offbeat
proposition that heads your
way. Be a cynic as you look the
idea over. Tonight: Leader of
the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Reach out to friends
at a distance, and spread some
holiday cheer. Your calls will
be appreciated more than you
realize. Listen to feedback. You
might be busy handling last-
minute details. Help children
get into the Christmas spirit.
Tonight: Drop in on a holiday
gathering.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Remind yourself
that you have just a few more
days until Christmas arrives.
You even might start giving out
some gifts. Reach out to some
people you might not see this
holiday season. Complete any
last-minute shopping. Tonight:
Get as much sleep as possible
right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might have
to be at work or handling a
work-related issue. However,
your mind is already on the last-
minute holiday details. Catch up
on one person's news, but also
seize an opportunity to clear out
a recent hassle. Tonight: Others
seek you out, no matter where
you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your thoughts
seem to be all over the place
at the moment. Have you done
what is needed to feel satis-
fied with the coming holiday
celebrations? Make sure you
complete as much as you can.
If you're working, take an
extended lunch break. Tonight:
Be in the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You might opt to
take the day off or work from
home. Don't be surprised if
loved ones run interference with
your plans. A loved one seems
to act as though he or she can't
get enough of you. Be willing
to adjust your schedule, if
needed. Tonight: Drop in on a
Christmas party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21)
You might be
dealing with lots of calls and
unexpected visits. Even if you
went to a library, you probably
would run into someone you

know. Use home as your base of
operations. Make sure you have
all the gifts you need. Tonight:
Go Christmas caroling with a
friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)
You might opt to
express some of your deeper
thoughts to friends over the
phone. Make a point of touch-
ing base with some friends
whom you have not heard from
in a while. Catching up on
everyone's news is likely to pro-
vide some surprises. Tonight:
Play the role of Santa.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)
Your high energy
makes all the difference in
getting through the day. You
have many errands and calls
to complete. Drop in on a last-
minute gathering. You're likely
to stay detached to some extent,
but you still might express some
emotional thoughts. Tonight:
Don't switch gifts!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18)
You care more about
a particular situation than you
thought you would. Someone's
thoughtfulness could elicit
an emotional response. Don't
sabotage a special moment.
Check in with an older friend
who needs to hear from you.
Tonight: Make it an early night,
if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20)
Touch base with
friends you might not be seeing
over the weekend. You don't
want to spend too much time
alone, as strong feelings could
come in from out of left field.
Don't replay someone else's
negative words over and over in
your mind. Tonight: Out with a
loved one.

BORN TODAY
Former U.S. first lady Lady
Bird Johnson (1912), singer
Robin Gibb (1949), singer/song-
writer Meghan Trainor (1993)

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What households need to know about the tax bill's impact

By Sarah Skidmore
Sell and Ken Sweet
Associated Press

Federal taxes can be confounding in any typical year. But the Republican-led Congress' mad dash to approve the most sweeping tax overhaul in three decades has left many households unsure of what changes might await them come Jan. 1 and what they should do — if anything — before or after then.

Here are some things to know.

RATE CHANGE

For individuals, the legislation generally lowers rates across income levels. It retains the number of tax brackets — seven — but changes the rates that apply to particular income levels. For a couple filing jointly, the brackets will be 10 percent for taxable income up to \$19,050, 12 percent on \$19,050 up to \$77,400, 22 percent on income up to \$165,000, 24 percent up to \$315,000, 32 percent up to \$400,000, 35 percent to \$600,000 and 37 percent on income above \$600,000.

These rates don't include the effects of deductions, which could change someone's marginal tax rate. The marginal rate is the highest rate that applies to a taxpayer's income. But under the bill, the individual tax rate cuts aren't permanent; they're set to expire in 2026.

Taxpayers, on average, would receive a \$1,600 tax cut in 2018, according to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, though about 5 percent of households would pay more. The policy center says middle-income households would receive a tax cut of about \$900 while the top 1 percent would get a tax cut of about \$50,000.

By 2027, after most individual income tax provisions expire, more than half of taxpayers would pay more tax than under current law.

One potential way to take advantage of next year's lower tax rate would be to defer income, if possible, from 2017 into 2018. An employee could, for example, ask her employer to defer an annual bonus until next year. Or freelancers or business owners could delay submitting invoices until 2018, so that the eventual payment would become part of next year's income and be subject to a lower tax rate.

STANDARD DEDUCTION

The bulk of Americans don't itemize their tax deductions. They instead benefit from claiming the standard deduction. Under the bill, the standard deduction will roughly double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples. As a result, a greater share of these taxpayers' income will be shielded from tax. And because of the new cap on itemizing state and local tax deductions, households that previously itemized may now fare better by taking the standard deduction. (The increased standard deduction is also

scheduled to expire in 2026.)

Taxpayers who have itemized their deductions but will likely take the standard deduction next year might consider making full use of their deductions during 2017. This could include making charitable contributions or paying for unreimbursed business expenses before year's end.

But if a household's deductions — for charitable giving, mortgage interest, state and local taxes of up to \$10,000 and other items — exceed \$12,000 (or \$24,000 for a couple), it can still itemize and claim the higher amount.

Yet the bill doesn't just provide new benefits; it also takes away some. An example is the personal exemption. A taxpayer can now deduct from his income a \$4,050 exemption for himself, his spouse and each dependent. So while the standard deduction is doubling, that benefit could be offset for families by the elimination of the personal exemptions.

CHILD TAX CREDIT

The child tax credit, which helps parents offset the cost of raising children, will double from \$1,000 per child to \$2,000. The bill also makes up to \$1,400 of the credit refundable. This means you can claim that portion of the credit even if your income is too low for you to owe tax.

This is a credit, so it's particularly valuable because it directly reduces your tax bill — not just your taxable income. Taxpayers don't have to itemize to receive it. The credit will begin to phase out once a household's adjusted gross income hits \$200,000 for individuals, or \$400,000 for couples.

Still, because of how it's written and because of other tax changes, the increased child credit won't provide much help for low- and middle-income families. About 10 million children in the lowest-income working families would receive a token increase of \$75 at best, if any at all, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. That's because the size of the credit depends on a taxpayer's income; lower-income workers don't earn enough to receive much of a credit. And about 1 million children will be denied the credit because they lack a Social Security number, another new addition to tax law under the bill.

On top of that, the child tax credit also expires in 2026.

MORTGAGE INTEREST

The bill limits the deduction to interest paid on the first \$750,000 of a loan for a newly purchased first or second home. The current limit is \$1 million. That means people who would like to buy a home in an expensive market may encounter a tax disincentive to do so. This could also make it harder for home owners in those markets to sell their houses.

A homeowner who is

affected by this tax change might consider making an extra mortgage payment in 2017 before the tax changes reduce the portion of their mortgage interest that they can deduct next year.

STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

The tax plan ends the unlimited federal deduction for state and local income and sales taxes. Taxpayers will now be allowed to deduct only up to \$10,000 in combined property and state and local income taxes.

This could hurt people with heavy tax burdens in such high-tax states as New York, New Jersey and California. And the architects of the Republican bill barred taxpayers from prepaying in 2017 any state or local income taxes that will face next year.

While the bill doesn't expressly address the prepayment of property taxes, doing so might be ill-advised.

You can only pay property taxes that you have already been assessed for, says Mark Steber, chief tax officer at Jackson Hewitt. Every taxing authority runs on a different schedule, so the timing of your assessment will vary by location.

So if you have a bill for property taxes due now or early next year, go ahead and pay it now, he says. What you shouldn't do, Steber says, is pay this year for taxes that haven't been assessed yet because that runs against the intent of tax law.

Check with your local taxing authority to see what your options are.

PASS-THROUGH INCOME

The legislation cuts taxes on business income — specifically for business people whose profits are "passed through" and taxed at their personal tax rate. Many experts argue that this will provide an incentive for taxpayers to become independent contractors and restructure their salaries as business income. A high-income earner who would otherwise have to pay the top rate of 37 percent would pay roughly 30 percent on pass-through income.

The bill tries to prevent the abuse of this provision through various measures. One will bar some occupations, such as lawyers, from exploiting this provision. Still, clever accountants may find a way around those rules. If so, it might be worth checking with your accountant next year to see if it makes sense to set up an LLC or other partnership and reap the benefits.

HEALTH CARE

The bill retains deductions for medical expenses not covered by insurance for 2018 and 2019 once expenses exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. That rises to 10 percent starting in 2020.

And it repeals the requirement in Barack Obama's health care law that people pay a tax penalty if they don't buy health insurance.



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Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., right, shakes hands after presenting a pen to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, left, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., second from left, watches after signing the final version of the GOP tax bill Thursday during an enrollment ceremony at the Capitol in Washington.

House backs temporary spending bill to avert shutdown

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House narrowly passed a temporary spending bill to avert a government shutdown Thursday, doing the bare minimum in a sprint toward the holidays and punting disputes on immigration, health care and national security to next year.

The vote was 231-188 with Democrats criticizing Republicans' inability to complete the dozen spending bills for the current fiscal year and relying on a third stopgap bill since the year's Oct. 1 start. The Senate was expected to vote on the short-term legislation late Thursday.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., called the result "an epic failure of governing," adding "the Republican majority has made a complete mess of the basics of governing."

The wrap-up measure allows Republicans controlling Washington to savor their win on this week's \$1.5 trillion tax package — even as they kick a full lineup of leftover work into the new year. Congress will return in January facing enormous challenges on immigration, the federal budget, health care and national security along with legislation to increase the government's authority to borrow money.

Each of those items is sure to test the unity that Republicans are enjoying now. "The more stuff that's pushed into January, it's unfortunate because we'll have to do this all over again," said Republican Sen. John Thune of South Dakota. "But at some point we've got to make the hard decisions."

The House then passed, by a bipartisan 251-169 tally, a \$81 billion measure to deliver rebuilding aid to hurricane victims in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean as well as fire-ravaged states. But the Senate was unlikely to go along as both Republicans and Democrats want changes.

The stopgap legislation would keep the government from closing down at midnight Friday. It has traversed a tortured path, encountering resistance from the GOP's most ardent allies of the military, as well as opposition from Democrats who demanded but were denied a vote on giving immigrants brought to the country as children and in the country illegally an opportunity to become citizens.

President Donald Trump rescinded a Barack Obama order giving these so-called Dreamers protection against deportation, kicking the issue to Congress with a March deadline.

"They embody the best in our nation: patriotism, hard work, perseverance," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California told the chamber's Rules Committee on Thursday. "We should not leave them to celebrate the holidays in fear."

Trump and Republicans are pushing for additional border security and other immigration steps in exchange.

The vast majority of Republicans want to see a DACA solution. They just want

to see a DACA solution that's balanced," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., referring to the program's name, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Also left unfinished were bipartisan efforts to smash budget limits that are imposing a freeze on the Pentagon and domestic agencies, a long-term extension of the popular Children's Health Insurance Program for 9 million low-income kids and Senate legislation aimed at stabilizing health insurance markets.

Instead, lawmakers struggled to achieve the bare minimum: A \$2.1 billion fix for an expiring program that pays for veterans to seek care outside the Department of Veterans Affairs system; a temporary fix to ensure states facing shortfalls from the Children's Health Insurance Program won't have to purge children from the program, and a short-term extension for an expiring overseas wiretapping program aimed at tracking terrorists.

Failure to pass the temporary spending measure would trigger a government shutdown at midnight Friday, which would amount to a political pratfall just after the GOP scored a major win on the landmark tax bill.

Trump weighed in on Twitter Thursday morning to offer a boost — and a slap at Democrats.

"House Democrats want a SHUT-DOWN for the holidays in order to distract from the very popular, just passed, Tax Cuts. House Republicans, don't let this happen. Pass the C.R. TODAY and keep our Government OPEN!" Trump tweeted.

GOP lawmakers insisted the legislation was crucial to keep operations running and give negotiators more time to finalize a spending blueprint.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said the legislation was essential for the "stability of our economy, and the security and well-being of the American people."

Among Republicans, opposition to the temporary measure came mostly from the party's defense hawks, who had hoped to enact record increases for the military this year and force the Senate to debate a full-year, \$658 billion defense spending measure. But that idea was a nonstarter with the Senate, especially Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who will only agree to Pentagon increases if domestic programs get a comparable hike.

The short-term spending bill does contain about \$5 billion to upgrade missile defenses to respond to the threat from North Korea and to repair two destroyers damaged in accidents this year in the Pacific.

The legislation also has a provision to turn off automatic cuts to many "mandatory" spending programs, including Medicare, that would otherwise be triggered by the tax cut bill. Democrats had sought to highlight the looming spending cuts in arguing against the tax measure.



AP file photo

A family walks to their condo in 2015 in Santa Clarita, Calif. Taxes can be confusing in any normal year. But the mad dash to overhaul U.S. tax law may have some families wondering what will actually change for them come Jan. 1, 2018, and what they should do.

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US economy grew at solid 3.2 percent rate in third quarter

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a solid 3.2 percent annual rate from July through September, slightly slower than previously estimated but still enough to give the country the best back-to-back quarterly growth rates in three years.

The figure was revised down from last month's estimate of 3.3 percent, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The change reflected a bit less spending by consumers, which was offset somewhat by increased spending by state and local governments.

Still, the 3.2 percent growth followed a 3.1 percent gain in the second quarter, the first consecutive quarters that growth has topped 3 percent since 2014.

President Donald Trump has pointed to these gains as evidence his economic program is producing results. Many economists believe GDP growth this quarter could hit 3 percent or better.

Congress this week passed a major tax overhaul, giving Trump the biggest legislative achievement of his first year in office. Economists believe the proposal will boost growth temporarily in 2018 and possibly 2019. But then they forecast that the positive effects will fade, with slower growth going forward due to higher interest rates stemming from the bigger government deficits.

But at the moment, economists are optimistic about growth prospects. The Federal Reserve's Atlanta regional bank is forecasting GDP growth could hit 3.3 percent this quarter. If GDP does top 3 percent, it would mark the first time that has occurred since three quarters in late 2004 and early 2005.

Trump has predicted the tax cuts will be "rocket fuel" for the economy and many economists are looking for a growth spurt

next year.

"The economy is rock solid for now and with fiscal stimulus kicking in next month, the economy's afterburners could put this economy's rocketing growth rate into even higher orbit," Chris Rupkey, chief financial analyst at MUFG Union Bank in New York, said in reaction to the new GDP report.

For all of 2017, the economy is expected to grow around 2.3 percent, a marked improvement from the slight 1.5 percent gain in GDP in 2016. For 2018, economists believe growth will be even better, helped by the boost from the Republican tax cuts and a stronger global economy.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, is forecasting growth of 2.9 percent for 2018, reflecting tax cuts that he predicts will add 0.4 percentage point to GDP next year. He expects the tax cuts to add 0.2 percentage point to growth in 2019. But even with that boost, he sees GDP slowing to a 2.2 percent rate in 2019 before slowing to 1 percent growth in 2020 as the higher interest rates drag on growth.

This forecast is in line with other analysts who see only a temporary gain from the tax cuts. They are at odds with forecasts of the Trump administration that the tax cuts will spur significant momentum that will lift the economy to sustained annual GDP gains of 3 percent or better.

The report on third quarter growth was the government's third and final look at the quarter. The economy showed resilience last quarter in the face of two hurricanes: Harvey, which hit Texas in late August, and Irma, which battered Florida in September.

The U.S. economy is benefiting from a pickup in global growth, a healthy job market, which supports consumer spending, and a drop in the value of the dollar against other major currencies, which makes U.S. products less expensive in foreign markets.

AP-NORC Poll: Health care is the issue that won't go away

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WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump completes his first year in office, Americans are increasingly concerned about health care, and their faith that government can fix it has fallen.

A new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 48 percent named health care as a top problem for the government to focus on in the next year, up 17 points in the last two years.

The poll allows Americans to name up to five priorities and found a wide range of top concerns, including taxes, immigration and the environment. But aside from health care, no single issue was named by more than 31 percent.

And 7 in 10 of those who named health care as a top problem said they had little to no confidence that government can improve matters. The public was less pessimistic in last year's edition of the poll, when just over half said they lacked confidence in the problem-solving ability of lawmakers and government institutions.

"We are way up there on the cost, and as far as giving good health care, we are way down," said Rebekah Bustamante of San Antonio, a retired medical imaging technician. "Now in health care, you're a number."

Bustamante said she voted for Trump, but "he's learning on the job, and he's got a long way to go."

Trump initially promised his own plan that would deliver "insurance for everybody" and "great" health care, "much less expensive and much better." But the White House never released a health care proposal from the president.

GOP legislation to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law failed in Congress, although the tax bill scraps the Obama requirement that most people get health insurance. Bloodied on both sides, Republicans and Democrats seem to have battled to an uneasy draw on health care.

Meanwhile, conflicting policy signals from Washington, including an abrupt White House decision to cancel insurer subsidies, roiled insurance markets. Premiums on health plans purchased by individuals jumped by double digits. Progress reducing the number of uninsured stalled,

and one major survey found an uptick this year.

"There is zero bipartisanship, and it's frustrating," said Eric Staab, a high school teacher from Topeka, Kansas. "It seems like we have thrown everything at this dartboard, and nothing is improving the coverage."

Rumblings of discontent have political repercussions for next year's midterm elections and the presidential contest in 2020, said Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, who follows opinion trends on health care.

"It's the issue that won't go away," said Blendon. "Given the news cycle, taxes should be first, the economy should be second, and this health care thing should be buried."

Three in 10 Americans listed taxes among their top priorities, about double the percentage who said that last year. About a quarter mentioned immigration, and just under 2 in 10 mentioned environmental issues and education. Meanwhile, concerns about unemployment plunged to 14 percent, about half the mentions as last year.

Health care was by far the top issue mentioned by Democrats and independents. Republicans were about equally likely to mention immigration, health care and taxes.

Democrats were more likely than Republicans to say they have little to no confidence that the government will make progress on

health care, 84 percent to 57 percent.

The reason health care doesn't fade away is that costs aren't getting any more manageable, said some people who took part in the AP-NORC survey.

Bustamante said she is planning a trip to Mexico for some dental work, because she can obtain quality service for much less there. "Thank God I live in Texas, where getting to Mexico isn't that far away," she said. "But everybody doesn't have that option."

ShyJuan Clemons of Merrillville, Indiana, said he's currently uninsured because his previous health plan was costing too much money for the benefit he got from it. He faced his insurance plan's annual deductible when he went to the doctor, so he'd wind up paying out-of-pocket for visits, on top of premiums.

"You are not constantly worried about taxes, but you are constantly worried about health care — be it major or minor," said Clemons, a personal care attendant who works with disabled people. "You catch a cold, and you just think about it in passing — 'I hope it doesn't develop into a problem.'"

Clemons, a Democrat, said he's disappointed that Trump and Republicans in Congress seem to be trying to tear down "Obamacare" instead of building on it. "I would like to see them make the thing run smoothly so we can do better, instead of just trying to cripple it," he said.

Famed conductor accused of sexual misconduct

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Three opera singers and a classical musician say that world-renowned conductor Charles Dutoit sexually assaulted them — physically restraining them, forcing his body against theirs, sometimes thrusting his tongue into their mouths, and in one case, sticking one of their hands down his pants.

In separate interviews with The Associated Press, the accusers provided detailed accounts of incidents they say occurred between 1985 and 2010 in a moving car, the two-time Grammy winner's hotel suite, his dressing room, an elevator and the darkness of backstage.

The women accuse the 81-year-old artistic director and principal conductor of London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of sexual misconduct on the sidelines of rehearsals and performances in five cities — Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Saratoga Springs, New York.

"He threw me against the wall, shoved my hand down his pants and shoved his tongue down my throat," retired mezzo-soprano Paula Rasmussen recounted of an incident she said occurred in his dressing room at the LA Opera in September 1991.

Dutoit, who holds the titles of conductor laureate of the Philadelphia Orchestra and conductor emeritus of the NHK Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, did not respond to multiple attempts to reach him through the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and his office in Montreal. The Royal Philharmonic said Dutoit was currently on vacation, but that it had forwarded the AP's emailed requests for comment directly to him. The AP also reached out to Dutoit's office with several phone calls and emails.

In a long, distinguished career, he also has led highly regarded orchestras in Paris and Montreal, and traveled the globe as a guest conductor. He is scheduled to conduct the New York Philharmonic next month in a four-day program honoring Ravel.

All four women said the Swiss-born conductor either lured them to a private place to discuss or practice music, or simply seized a moment alone to make his move. The women all said they resisted him and escaped.

The AP spoke with colleagues and friends of each accuser who confirmed the women shared details of their experiences at the time.

The women said they never filed formal complaints because they were young and Dutoit was the maestro, but felt inspired to come forward now by all the women speaking out about sexual misconduct by powerful men in other industries and by the Metropolitan Opera suspending conductor James Levine earlier this month after misconduct accusations surfaced.

Rasmussen said Dutoit summoned her to his dressing room repeatedly after attacking her, but that she never again went alone.

Baritone John Atkins, who was part of the production, said he stood guard for her after the incident "as a witness, for lack of a better term." Atkins said he still remembers the cold stare from Dutoit. "He looked at me like, 'Why are you standing here?'" And I looked at him like, "You know why..."

Soprano Sylvia McNair, 61, herself a two-time Grammy winner, said Dutoit "tried to have his way" with her at a hotel after a March 1985 rehearsal with the Minnesota Orchestra.

"As soon as it was just the two of us in the elevator, Charles Dutoit pushed me back against the elevator wall and pressed his knee way up between my legs and pressed himself all over me," said McNair who was 28 at the time. "I managed to shove him off and right at that moment, the

American Ballet Theatre dancer resigns amid investigation

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marcelo Gomes, a high-profile principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, has resigned amid an investigation into an allegation of sexual misconduct eight years ago, abruptly leaving the second ballet company in the city to be rocked by misconduct allegations.

American Ballet Theatre said Thursday it initiated an independent investigation after learning of a "highly concerning" allegation about Gomes on Saturday. "ABT does not tolerate the alleged behavior," the company said.

American Ballet Theatre said the alleged misconduct did not involve any current or former members of the company and did not occur while he was an employee. "Amid the investigation, Mr. Gomes put forth his resignation," said the statement from Chairman Andrew F. Barth.

Gomes, who is a native of Brazil, was invited to join ABT in 1997 at age 18 and was promoted to principal dancer in 2002. He's danced Twyla Tharp's "Sinatra Suite" and has been allowed to leave ABT for different projects, including as a guest artist with the Kirov and The Royal Ballet. He made his debut with the Bolshoi Ballet in 2013. Gomes has appeared in Matthew Bourne's "The Car Man" and "Swan Lake," and as Carabosse in "The Sleeping Beauty." He received a Dance Magazine Award in 2015 and choreographed the Under Armour "I Will What I Want" TV campaign starring ballerina Misty Copeland.

His resignation comes less than a month after New York City Ballet said its longtime leader Peter Martins was taking a leave of absence during an investigation into a sexual harassment.

The company hired a law firm to conduct the investigation after receiving an anonymous letter accusing Martins of past harassment. Martins referred to the allegations as "false claims."

elevator door opened. I remember saying, 'Stop it!' And I made a dash for it."

McNair went on to perform with many of the world's major orchestras and opera companies and said she does not feel traumatized by Dutoit's behavior 32 years ago. "But what he did was wrong," she said.

The other two accusers — both of whom say Dutoit assaulted them in 2006 — did not want to be identified, saying they feared speaking up because the power the famous maestro wields could lead to them being blacklisted from the industry.

One was a 24-year-old musician with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago when Dutoit arrived to conduct. She said he invited her to lunch at a restaurant, but then changed the venue to his suite at the Four Seasons Hotel, where he forced himself on her.

"He was just pushing himself against me, trying to kiss me, grabbing hold of my body, pushing his body on me," she said. "I absolutely said no, pushed him away, went to the other side of the room."

The other woman, a soprano, said Dutoit attacked her a few months later when she sang with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Saratoga Springs.

After a rehearsal, she said Dutoit called a meeting in his dressing room and, when others left, pressed her against the wall, restrained her wrists and pushed himself against her. He grabbed her breasts on two other occasions, she said — while they were riding in a car and also backstage, right before they walked on stage to perform.

Four years later, when the soprano performed again with Dutoit in Philadelphia, she said he pushed her against a wall and forced his mouth on hers.

"There is nothing wrong with him as a musician," she said. "But he has been allowed to operate as a predator off the stage."

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The South will rise again under GOP plan

It's hard to find controlled experiments in finance, but they exist: East and West Germany, North and South Korea, Chile and Venezuela. In crossing a border, you can immediately see the difference in economic output and financial well-being from one country to the next, based on variations in tax and regulatory policy.

The same goes for within the U.S. Tax policy drives economic behavior in this country, because people respond to incentives. As taxes in high-tax states have gone higher, there's been a migration out of states like New York, New Jersey, and California, and into places like Texas and Florida. Consider York, Pennsylvania, home of a great deal of agriculture, and some manufacturing on the border with Maryland. As taxes went up in Maryland in the late 2000s, including the addition of a "millionaires' tax" of 6.25 percent, people discovered that you could live right across the border in Pennsylvania (where the state income tax rate is 3.07 percent) and enjoy a short 45-minute commute to Baltimore. York, which used to be a fairly awful place, economically speaking, has enjoyed an economic renaissance, seeing an increase of about \$784 million in annual adjusted gross income over a period of 24 years, according to howmoncywalks.com.

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With the proposed Republican tax reform bill comes a \$10,000 limit on state and local tax deductions for individuals. Some of the impact has been offset by lower marginal tax rates, but the net effect makes low-tax states more attractive on a relative basis, which is a bit of an understatement: the difference between living in New Jersey and living in Florida could amount to tens of thousands of dollars for high income households.

Many analysts say the U.S. is a low-tax country, mostly on the idea that taxes paid as a percentage of gross domestic product are lower than most other developed economies. But whether the U.S. is a low- or high-tax country is a matter of perspective, and depends a lot on your income, as the tax code is steeply progressive. With a top federal rate of 39.6 percent, plus a state income tax of 9 percent to 13 percent, plus property taxes — which are no longer fully deductible — the tax burden

for high earners approaches Scandinavia, where tax rates are in the high 50 percent range.

People used to complain about high taxes before, but for the most part, they tolerated them. I suspect that now they are going to do something about it because capping the deductibility of state and local taxes (SALT, as it is known) has the potential to result in a population migration so large that it would result in profound economic and social changes. For starters, the South could become home to some of the nation's largest cities. Many businesses will flee high-tax states in favor of low-tax states. This has been happening for years, but SALT will accelerate the trend. Of bigger concern is how the leadership of high-tax states will respond.

If individuals and businesses leave, eroding the tax base, states will face a choice between cutting spending or raising taxes. Less spending is hard with existing pension obligations, so there's a strong possibility that a state like New York or Connecticut could enter a "death spiral" where residents leave, the state raises taxes, more leave, and so on. Since the governments of the high-tax states are nearly all Democratic, I doubt many have the desire to cut services when faced with net migration out of the state.

It goes further. People are starting to

figure out that an inability to fully deduct property taxes results in lower real estate valuations. If there is more tax on your house, your house is worth less. This is just math. I suspect the market is rather efficient and real estate values will drop in high-tax jurisdictions, and the drop will accelerate as people leave and bids evaporate.

My prediction: Over time, New York City will lose its status as the intellectual and cultural capital of America. The real estate market in California, at stretched valuations, will suffer. Minnesota, Oregon, Iowa, Maine and others will also feel the pain. Florida and Texas will become the new centers of finance and innovation, with real estate values in Austin and Miami — and even Nashville — reaching valuations once reserved for California and New York over the course of a few decades.

There's a saying on Wall Street that capital flows to where it is treated best. Certain states have been getting away with high taxes because there are frictional costs associated with moving. It is a simple calculation: if the benefit from moving exceeds the costs, both financial and emotional, people will do it. Many New Yorkers will be shocked when they go to Zillow and see what they can get for their money elsewhere.

OPINION EXTRA

Will the 2018 elections be about Trump or peace and prosperity?

If Democrats do well in the 2018 midterm elections, it won't be because of the Trump tax cuts. Democrats' hyperbole notwithstanding, voters are not going to vote against Republicans for putting more money in their pockets. There may be other reasons to vote against Republicans, but if President Trump can somehow keep from making himself the issue and the 2018 election is mostly about peace and prosperity, Republicans may have a chance of holding onto the House and Senate majorities.

Democrats have somehow deluded themselves into thinking that Republican tax cuts are akin to what they did in 2010 in passing Obamacare. But, no — taking away somebody's health plan, often denying them the doctor of their choice and compelling them to buy something at the government's insistence while simultaneously killing jobs and raising the cost of health care is not the same as letting Americans keep more of the money they earn and giving a lift to the overall economy.

The Democrats' spin has gotten wildly out of control. Surely, the more reasonable, thoughtful and less-committedly socialist members of the party know it.

Just ask yourself: How many Democrats in competitive House and Senate seats will be running in November 2018 on the promise to reverse the Trump tax cuts? Answer: Probably none. I will be eager to see which Democrats make undoing the Trump-era economy in favor of something like the Obama-era economy a key component of their campaigns.

The fact is, Democrats don't have much to say. Those running in competitive races have been reduced to mostly hoping that the economy goes bad, that maybe there will be a foreign fiasco and that the natural midterm cycle leads to their election without exposing them as mindless minions of House and Senate Minority Leaders Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., respectively.

While we are at it, it will be interesting to see how active the Clintons are on the campaign trail next year and how many Democrats will publicly be wistful about what might have been. Seriously, if Hillary Clinton had been elected, what exactly would we be celebrating today? An expansion of the global Paris climate accord? A new round of labor regulations? Illegal immigrants flooding our borders? What would be happening that might make the United States more prosperous?

While Clinton thought of Trump supporters as deplorables, just imagine the parade of self-righteous, smug and condescending insufferables who would be filling her administration right now. Speaking of that, when it comes to comparing Trump's version of peace with Clinton's, a glimpse of what could have been was revealed Wednesday in The New York Times when former Obama administration national security adviser and Clinton ally, Susan Rice, criticized Trump's National Security Strategy as a "dramatic departure" from the mission of "expanding prosperity, freedom and security." Well, exactly where in the world does Rice think the Obama-Clinton foreign policy expanded "prosperity, freedom and security"? I can't think of any place. The amnesia among Democrats is remarkable to witness.

Anyway, it is easy to take shots at Trump's foreign policy. Much of the criticism is well-deserved. But would President Hillary Clinton, aided by an uninhibited and expanded Clinton Foundation, somehow serve the United States better? I'm not so sure.

So, as we approach 2018, all Democrats have going for them is hyperbole, amnesia and the historical cycle of midterm elections. But their hyperbole on tax cuts is failing and amnesia won't attract independents. Their only strategy now is to ride the wave of the historical cycle and hope that what is supposed to happen does.

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Trump: Health care will change

■ Trump just told the truth; he may wish he hadn't

On Wednesday, the 335th day of his presidency, Donald J. Trump did something most extraordinary and uncharacteristic. He told the truth.

The president, celebrating his \$1.5 trillion tax cut with fellow Republicans at the South Portico of the White House, was midway through his remarks when he veered sharply off message. "I shouldn't say this," Trump said, "but we essentially repealed Obamacare."

No, he probably shouldn't have said it. But it's true. Republicans, in rushing the tax bill to passage, kept fairly quiet about the fact that they were killing the "individual mandate" and thereby removing the engine that made the Affordable Care Act work. In doing so, they threw the health-care system into chaos without offering any remedy. And Trump just claimed paternity of the destruction.

Trump, in a Cabinet meeting earlier Wednesday, let his fleeting encounter with honesty get the better of him when he read aloud the stage directions that called for Republicans not to advertise that they were killing Obamacare. "Obamacare has been repealed in this bill. We didn't want to bring it up," he said. "I told people specifically, 'Be quiet with the fake-news media because I don't want them talking too much about it.' Because I didn't know how people would..." Trump didn't finish that thought, but he said he could admit what had been done "now that it's approved."

With those admissions now on tape, Trump has officially claimed full ownership of the health-care system for himself and fellow Republicans. Whatever it is now — or isn't — is Trumpcare. Here are some of its features:

■ Premiums for the most popular health insurance on the individual market exchanges are estimated to rise 34 percent on average next year, according to the consulting firm Avalere Health, because of previous sabotage done by the Trump administration. Premiums in Iowa would be up 69 percent, Wyoming 65 percent and Utah 64 percent.

■ Employer-based health insurance costs are forecast to rise in 2018 by the most since 2011, at 4.3 percent, according to the human resources consulting firm Mercer, and overall medical costs will be up 6.5 percent, the first increase in the rate in three years, according to the consulting firm PwC. Assuming those increases are passed along to workers, they would eat up half of the \$910 tax cut received next year by households with income between \$55,000 and \$93,000 and all of the tax cut

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received by households earning \$27,000 to \$54,000.

The more Trump claims to have done away with Obamacare, "the more he owns problems in the health system of his making or not," says Drew Altman, head of the Kaiser Family Foundation and an authority on health care and public opinion. Altman tells me Trump will "certainly own" responsibility for premium increases on the former Obamacare exchanges and for the up to 13 million who no longer have coverage under the new tax plan.

The new system also belongs to Republicans such as Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who, in exchange for her vote for the tax bill, was hornswoggled into believing Congress will take action before year end on subsidies to stabilize the former Obamacare exchanges. That has now been put off until next year, and it will meet stiff resistance from Collins's fellow Republicans.

This will be but one source of division among Republicans now that they have secured the tax cut, which was a rare source of unity within the party — and the main reason many GOP lawmakers who find Trump distasteful have stuck with him until now.

Trump and congressional leaders, walking along the White House driveway Wednesday afternoon to "Hail to the Chief," applauded GOP lawmakers around the South Portico, and the lawmakers applauded back. But soon they will be fighting about immigration, funding the government, cutting Medicare and attacking special counsel Robert Mueller. The divisions will only worsen if Trump continues to have bouts of unaccustomed honesty, as he did Wednesday.

In addition to his confession about Obamacare, he also acknowledged that "the tax cuts supersede" reform in the tax bill and that "the biggest factor in this plan" is the cut in the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Trump did not trespass long in the land of truth. He also renewed his claim that the tax bill is "the largest tax cut in the history of our country." It isn't that, by a long shot. But it is many other things, including a huge shock to the health-care system, with no remedy in sight.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Shoppers browse a Toys R Us store in 2016 in Miami. The toys your kids unwrap this Christmas could invite hackers into your home. That Grinch-like warning comes from the FBI, which said this summer that toys connected to the internet could be a target for crooks who may listen in on conversations or use them to steal a child's personal information. AP file photo



Got a toy that can spy? Here's how to know and what to do

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The toys your kids unwrap this Christmas could invite hackers into your home.

That Grinch-like warning comes from the FBI, which said earlier this year that toys connected to the internet could be a target for crooks who may listen in on conversations or use them to steal a child's personal information.

The bureau did not name any specific toys or brands, but it said any internet-connected toys with microphones, cameras or location tracking may put a child's privacy or safety at risk. That could be a talking doll or a tablet designed for kids. And because some of the toys are being rushed to be made and sold, the FBI said security safeguards might be overlooked.

Security experts said the only way to prevent a hack is to not keep the toy. But if you decide to let a kid play with it, there are ways to reduce the risks. Below, some tips:

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH

Before opening a toy, search for it online and read reviews to see if there are any complaints or past security problems. If there have been previous issues, you may want to rethink keeping it.

Reputable companies will also explain how information is collected from the toy or device, how that data is stored and who has access to it. Usually that type of information is found on the company's website, typically under its privacy policy. If you can't find it, call the company. If there isn't a policy, that's a bad sign.

"You shouldn't use it," said Behnam Dayanim, a partner at Paul Hastings in Washington, and co-chair of the law firm's privacy and cybersecurity practice.

Companies can change their privacy policies, so read them again if you're notified of a change.

USE SECURE Wi-Fi

Make sure the Wi-Fi the toy will be connected to is secure and has a hard-to-guess password. Weak passwords make it easier for hackers to access devices that use the Wi-Fi. Network. Never connect the toy to free Wi-Fi that's open to the

public. And if the toy itself allows you to create a password, do it.

POWER IT OFF

When the toy is not being used, shut it off or unplug it so it stops collecting data.

"They become less of an attractive target," said Alan Brill, who is a cybersecurity and investigations managing director at consulting firm Kroll in Secaucus, New Jersey.

And if the item has a camera, face it toward a wall or cover it with a piece of tape when it's not being used. Toys with microphones can be thrown in a chest or drawer where it's harder to hear conversations, Brill said.

REGISTER, BUT DON'T GIVE AWAY INFO

A software update may fix security holes, and you don't want to miss that fix, says Brill.

But when registering, be stingy with the information you hand over; all they need is contact information to let you know about the update. If they require other information, such as a child's birthday, make one up. "You're not under oath," said Brill. "You can lie."

BE VIGILANT

If the toy or device allows kids to chat with other people playing with the same toy or game, explain to children that they can't give out personal information, said Liz Brown, a business law professor at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, who focuses on technology and privacy law.

Discussions are not enough: Check the chat section to make sure children aren't sending things they shouldn't be, Brown said. People could be pretending to be kids to get personal information. "It can get creepy pretty fast," said Brown.

Reputable companies that make toys with microphones will offer ways for parents to review and delete stored information. Take advantage of that.

REPORT BREACHES

If a toy was compromised by a hacker, the FBI recommends reporting it online through its internet crime complaint center at IC3.gov.

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A run at a polling station casts her ballot Thursday for the Catalan regional election in Barcelona, Spain. Catalans are choosing new political leaders in a highly contested election called by central authorities to quell a separatist bid in Spain's northeastern region.

Catalan parties that want split from Spain leading election

By Aritz Parra
and Claran Giles
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Catalan political parties that support independence from Spain were poised to regain a majority in Catalonia's regional parliament, according to provisional results with more than 90 percent of votes counted Thursday.

Unless the results change after the final votes are counted, the three secessionist parties together have won enough votes for 70 seats in the 135-seat assembly.

However, the pro-union Citizens party looks set to become the biggest single party, with 35 seats in the parliament.

The result would mean that the pro-independence parties would once again get a chance to form a regional government, nearly two months after Spain dismissed the previous government following a unilateral declaration of independence by Catalan lawmakers.

Catalan voters turned up in force Thursday for a regional election seen as a crucial test of strength for the powerful movement that wants Catalonia to split from Spain.

The vote was called by the Spanish government in an attempt to end the political crisis that erupted in October over a banned referendum on independence.

Opinion polls before the vote had predicted a close race between the separatist and unionist parties. Voters chose between parties who want Catalonia to remain part of Spain and those who want to continue the push for turning the northeastern region into an independent republic.

Catalonia's election board said that 68.3 percent, or 3.75 million of 5.5 million eligible voters, had cast ballots by 11 a.m., more than 5 percentage points higher than in the last regional election in 2015. Surveys in recent weeks had predicted record turnout numbers, but a final figure wasn't immediately given so it's not clear if that milestone had been reached.

The election was held under highly unusual circumstances, with several pro-independence leaders either jailed or in exile for their roles in staging the Oct. 1 independence vote that was declared illegal by Spain's highest court. Former Catalan President Carles Puigdemont campaigned from Belgium, where he is evading a Spanish arrest warrant in a rebellion and sedition probe.

"It's not normal, an election that takes place with candidates in prison and candidates in exile," Puigdemont said in the Belgian capital. In a tweet, he thanked an 18-year-old woman who cast a vote on his behalf in a town near Barcelona.

Weeks of campaigning involved little debate about regional policy on issues such as public education, widening inequality and unemployment. At the heart of the battle instead was the recent independence push that led to Spain's worst political crisis in decades.

Tensions have been high in Catalonia since the referendum, when Spanish police used rubber bullets and batons against voters who tried to block them from removing ballots from polling stations. Separatist regional lawmakers made a unilateral declaration of independence on Oct. 27, prompting Spain's national government to take the dramatic step of firing the regional government and dissolving the Catalan parliament. Courts later ordered the arrest of the former Catalan leaders.

No incidents were reported during the election Thursday.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy called the early election, which he is hoping will keep the separatists out of power. The strategy could backfire, however, if the election delivers a pro-independence majority of lawmakers in the Catalan parliament.

Even so, Rajoy says Catalan independence would go against the Spanish Constitution and he refuses to accept the possibility.

Ines Arrimadas, leader of the pro-Spanish unity party Ciutadans, said she wanted to end the bitter disputes over independence that have divided Catalans and caused upheaval.

"We are going to fight very hard for Catalonia to return to normalcy," Arrimadas told reporters after casting her vote in Barcelona.

Across the Catalan capital, citizens lined up to cast their votes.

Manuel Abella, a 64-year-old retiree, said he voted for Ciutadans, which has fared well in polls. Abella said he didn't like how the split between separatists and pro-unity Catalans has become so unpleasant.

"The problem we have is that now people are

divided, you are either with us or against us," he said. "I have experienced this in my own family. We have arrived at the point that we can't talk politics now."

Sergi Balateu, a 37-year-old marketing director, voted at Barcelona's Ramon Llull school, where less than three months ago police in riot gear used force to stop him and others voting in the independence referendum.

Balateu said he voted for Puigdemont's ticket, Together for Catalonia. "It is a strange feeling to vote here today," he said, because of the memories of the October clash, when he and other separatists held hands and tried to protect the referendum ballot boxes.

"For me it is a question of identity. I feel more Catalan than Spanish," he said.

A new Catalan attempt to secede would be an unwelcome development for the European Union, which is already wrestling with legal complications from Britain's planned exit from the bloc. Senior EU officials have backed Rajoy, and no EU country has offered support for the separatists.

Catalonia's independence ambitions also have scant support in the rest of Spain.

The outcome of the political battle is crucial for a region that accounts for 19 percent of Spain's gross domestic product.

An economic slowdown has been the most immediate consequence of the Catalan independence push. Spain's central bank last week cut its national growth forecasts for next year and 2019 to 2.4 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively, cutting a percentage point off its previous predictions and citing the conflict in Catalonia as the cause.

The parties of Puigdemont and his former deputy, Oriol Junqueras, held a slim majority in the previous parliament together with a smaller anti-capitalist group, enabling them to push ahead with the independence drive.

UN denounces US recognition of Jerusalem as Israeli capital

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly Thursday to denounce President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, largely ignoring Trump's threats to cut off aid to any country that went against him.

The nonbinding resolution declaring U.S. action on Jerusalem "null and void" was approved 128-9 — a victory for the Palestinians, but not as big as they predicted. Amid Washington's threats, 35 of the 193 U.N. member nations abstained and 21 were absent.

The resolution reaffirmed what has been the United Nations' stand on the divided holy city since 1967: that Jerusalem's final status must be decided in direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Trump administration made it clear the vote would have no effect on its plan to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said afterward that he completely rejects the "preposterous" resolution.

Palestinian U.N. Ambassador Riyad Mansour called the vote a victory not only for the Palestinians but for the United Nations and international law, saying U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley "failed miserably" in persuading only seven countries aside from the U.S. and Israel to vote against the resolution.

"And they used unprecedented tactics, unheard of in the diplomatic work at the U.N., including blackmail and extortion," he said.

The United States and Israel had waged an intensive lobbying campaign against the measure, with Haley sending letters to over 180 countries warning that Washington would be taking names of those who voted against the U.S. Trump went further, threatening a funding cutoff: "Let them vote against us. We'll save a lot. We don't care."

But in the end, major U.S. aid recipients including Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Tanzania and South Africa supported the resolution. Egypt received roughly \$1.4 billion in U.S. aid this year, and Jordan about \$1.3 billion.

The nine countries voting "no" were the U.S., Israel, Guatemala, Honduras, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, the Marshall Islands and Togo. Among the abstentions were Australia, Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic and Mexico.

The absent countries included Kenya, which was the fifth-largest recipient of U.S. aid last year, Georgia and Ukraine, all of which have close U.S. ties.

The U.S. is scheduled to dispense \$25.8 billion in foreign aid for 2018. Whether Trump follows through with his threat against those who voted "yes" remains to be seen.

After the vote, Haley tweeted a photo

naming the 65 nations that voted no, abstained or were absent, and said: "We appreciate these countries for not falling to the irresponsible ways of the U.N."

But within hours, the Trump administration appeared to be backing away from its funding threats. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said cuts to countries that opposed the U.S. are not a foregone conclusion.

"The president's foreign policy team has been empowered to explore various options going forward with other nations," Nauert said. "However, no decisions have been made."

During the debate, Arab, Islamic and non-aligned nations urged a "yes" vote on the resolution, which was sponsored by Yemen and Turkey.

Yemeni Ambassador Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany warned that Trump's recognition of Jerusalem undermines any chance for peace in the Mideast and "serves to fan the fires of violence and extremism."

He called Trump's action "a blatant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people and the Arab nations, and all Muslims and Christians of the world," and "a dangerous violation and breach of international law."

On Wednesday, Trump complained that Americans are tired of being taken advantage of by countries that take billions of dollars and then vote against the U.S. Haley echoed his words in her speech to the packed assembly chamber, threatening not only member states with funding cuts, but the United Nations itself.

Haley said the vote will make no difference in U.S. plans to move the American Embassy, but it "will make a difference on how Americans look at the U.N., and on how we look at countries who disrespect us in the U.N."

"And this vote will be remembered," she warned.

Trump's pressure tactics had raised the stakes at Thursday's emergency meeting and triggered accusations from the Muslim world of U.S. bullying and blackmail.

"It is unethical to think that the votes and dignity of member states are for sale," said Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. "We will not be intimidated! You can be strong but this does not make you right!"

The Palestinians and their supporters sought the General Assembly vote after the U.S. on Monday vetoed a resolution supported by the 14 other U.N. Security Council members that would have required Trump to rescind his declaration on Jerusalem.

The resolution adopted by the assembly has language similar to the defeated measure.

It "affirms that any decisions and actions which purport to have altered the character, status or demographic composition of the holy city of Jerusalem have no legal effect, are null and void and must be rescinded."



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley speaks Thursday at the U.N. General Assembly at United Nations headquarters. President Donald Trump's threat to cut off U.S. funding to countries that oppose his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital has raised the stakes in Thursday's U.N. vote and sparked criticism of his tactics, with one Muslim group calling it bullying or blackmail. Mark Lennihan/Associated Press

Attention Readers:

The Midland Reporter-Telegram Circulation department will not take calls on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.

All vacation stops for Christmas weekend will need to be placed by Wednesday, December 20th. Vacation stops for New Year's weekend will need to be placed by Wednesday, December 27th.

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THIS WEEK

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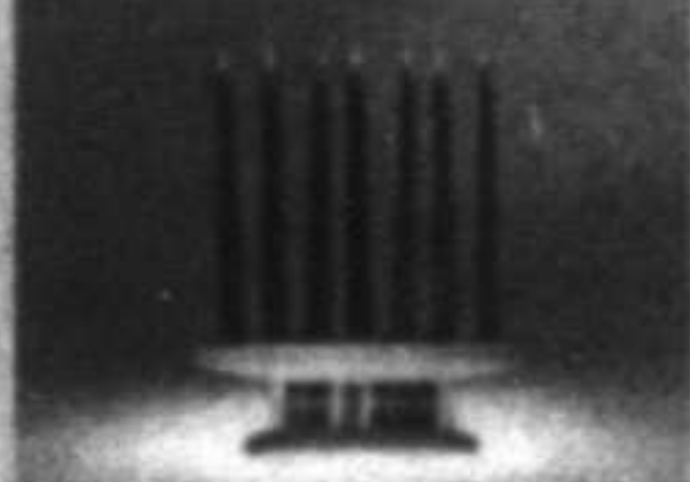
SHORT DAY
Celebrate the Winter Solstice with Tree of Life Open Circle at the Yule Ritual. Take a candle gift for the event at Unitarian Universalist Church. 7 p.m.

MONDAY



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TUESDAY



HAPPY KWANZAA!

WEDNESDAY



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Learn how to chill out at the free Sahaja Yoga Meditation Stress Relief and Relaxation Workshop at MCPL Centennial branch. 10 a.m.

See more calendar items on page 4B.

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The Salvation Army is looking for more volunteers to serve on its Red Kettle team. For information on volunteering call 683-3614.

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

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RETAIL SKILLS
Habitat ReStore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old. bbmidland.org.



CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is a select list of Christmas church services in Midland on Sunday and Monday. (Services are listed according to starting time.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- Christmas Eve services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Spanish service, 12:30 and 7 p.m., Children's Mass, 5 p.m., bilingual service, midnight at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. ststephensmidland.com.
- Rite II, 8 a.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Festival of Lessons and Carols with the Lone Star Brass ensemble, 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. ccanglican.com.
- Christmas Eve service, 10 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 Midland Drive. alamoheightsmidland.com.
- Rite II, 10 a.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Holiday Worship Service, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.
- Combined service, 10 a.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road. gccchurch.com.
- Christmas Eve service, 10:15 a.m. Candlelight service, 6:30 p.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.
- Christmas Eve service, 10:30 a.m. at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Road. ccofm.com.
- Christmas Eve services, Worship, 10:30 a.m., children's service at 6 p.m. Christmas service at 10 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road. gracelutheranmidland.org.
- Combined Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.
- Christmas Eve at St. Luke's: Saint Luke's Youth and the youth choir will perform a La Posada-inspired service, 10:50 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.
- Christmas Eve service, 11 a.m., Candlelight Service, 6 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield St. gracemidlandtx.org.
- Christmas Eve service will feature music by Lone Star Brass, 11 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. uucmidland.org.
- Christmas Eve services with candlelight, carols

- and refreshments to follow, 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Sunday at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191. midcities.org.
- Christmas Eve service, 2 p.m. Sunday by First Methodist Midland at The Village at Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W. firstmethodistmidland.com.
- Family worship with children's program, 4 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. ccanglican.com.
- Christmas Eve candlelight services, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org.
- Children's Mass beginning with children's live Nativity, 4:35 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. stannparish.us.
- Reflective candlelight service, 5 p.m. at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. ccofm.com.
- Christmas Eve service and children's pageant, 5 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Christmas Eve services, 5 and 8 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.
- Christmas Eve at St. Luke's family service, 5 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.
- Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St. fanninbaptist.org.
- Sanctuary Christmas Eve services, 5:30 and 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.
- Christmas Eve service with refreshments to follow, 5:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran, 2003 N. "A" St.
- Christmas Eve service, 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist, 1701 N. Main St. stmark.com.
- Christmas Eve service with prelude music featuring choirs and soloists led by Darryl Knapp, 5:45 p.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stnicksmid.org.
- Candlelight and communion service, 6 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. fccmidland.org.
- Children's Christmas Mass at 6 p.m., traditional Mass at 9 p.m. and midnight at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1301 E. Garden Lane.
- Unwrapping Christmas: Christmas Eve service by

- Redeemer Church with child care available for children up to 3, 6 p.m. at Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Ave. redeermidland.org.
- Modern Christmas Eve service, 6:30 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.
- Bridge Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. fpcmid.org.
- Candlelight and communion service, 7 p.m. at Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave. midlandlutheranchurch.org.
- Pre-worship music, 7:30 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass preceded by carols, 7:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. stannparish.us.
- Christmas Eve service with chorists and soloists. Nursery available, 8 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Traditional Worship with carols and the Holy Eucharist, 8 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. ccanglican.com.
- Christmas Eve at St. Luke's: Candlelight service, 11 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.
- Christmas Eve Mass preceded by carols with choir and brass, 11 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. stannparish.us.

CHRISTMAS DAY

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- Christmas Mass, 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1301 E. Garden Lane.
- Holy Eucharist Service, 10 a.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. ccanglican.com.
- Christmas Day services: Rite II 10 a.m., Healing Service 5:15 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holymidland.org.
- Christmas Mass, 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. stannparish.us.

Former Midlander's son inspires first children's book on faith education

By Rich Lopez
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What began as a simple lesson between former Midlander Susanna Jackson and her son, Tyler, has turned into her first book, "If You Were a Commandment" which was released in October.

Before her book signing Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Jackson, who is an elementary school teacher in Lubbock, discussed the process of creating her first picture book and what lessons she hopes to impart to readers.

MRT: As a teacher by trade, it must be something to turn a learning experience into your first book. Could you elaborate on its inception?

Jackson: My second oldest son, Tyler, was working toward receiving his First Reconciliation and First Communion sacraments while we were living in Ohio. His school (Parochial



Susanna Jackson

If you go:

Susanna Jackson signs copies of her new book "If You Were a Commandment" 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

School of Religion) was

closed often because of heavy snow and ice that year so he had difficulty reciting his Commandments prior to Reconciliation. To help him remember the Commandments, I wrote them in prose, and we read them together.

MRT: Was it there and

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Attorney general: Guns allowed in some churches

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' attorney general says licensed handgun owners can legally carry firearms into some churches in the wake of a gunman killing 26 worshippers during a Sunday service.

Republican Ken Paxton said Thursday exceptions are churches with posted signs banning firearms. He issued the opinion nearly two months after the massacre in the town of Sutherland Springs.

Paxton suggested after the Nov. 5 shooting that churches need armed parishioners or professional security. He also clarified Thursday that a state law passed this year exempts churches from paying certain private security fees.

U.S. House Republicans this month rammed through a bill that would make it easier for gun owners to legally carry concealed weapons across state lines. The vote was the first significant action on guns in Congress since the church shooting.

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Living Way Church Foursquare
415 Alta
432-683-1750

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

Full Gospel
Living Hope Church
2911 CR 1140
432-693-6398

Voice of Victory - A Word Church
1508 S. Main St
432-686-7566

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

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

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

Sovereign Grace Church
(formerly Christian Life Center)
2901 W. Kansas
432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
432-488-8588

Jewish
Temple Beth El
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-550-5111

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moslem
Bait Haderokh
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-264-8976

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Gathering @ Midland
(A Church of the Nazarene)
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
432-689-9178

Non-Denominational
The Seed
4201 W. Illinois
432-269-6988

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432-279-0198

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432-689-7284

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432-689-7284

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

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-5412

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

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
432-553-1400

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-8898

Crossroads Fellowship
6901 East State Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-366-2500

Family Faith Christian Center
7909 Hwy 307
432-686-9468

The HUB Outreach Ministry & Church
4201 W. Illinois, Midland, TX
432-269-6988

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

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-1111

Manna of the Word Ministry
1312 S. Jackson, Odessa, TX
432-230-0599

Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W. Hwy 191
432-563-9444

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

New Harvest Fellowship Church
4010 North County Road 1130
(432) 853-9830 and (432) 894-6281

Our Savior's Christian Fellowship
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
3900 N. FM 1788
432-563-0028

Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

Beacon Light Outreach Ministries
410 S. Lee
432-599-0793

Christian Motorcyclists Association
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

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

Church in the Wind
1001 Austin St.
432-556-2062

Crossway Church Adult
1000 Upland
432-528-8541

Destiny by Grace Christian Worship Center
3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-6638

Elevate Church
200 Baldwin
432-685-1981

Faith Apostolic Church
4001 W. Illinois Ave.
432-520-5371

Faith Country Church
Exit 143 off I-20 E. to FM 1208, 5 miles
432-458-3580

Footprints Redemption Church
6005 E. Hwy 80 (Bus I-20)
432-684-9113

Greater Grace Temple Christian Faith Center
Midland Center Room 3
866-544-7223

Harvest Time Church
8300 State Hwy 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
1306 E. Taylor
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3110 W. C.R. 116
432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
200 N. Lincoln
432-682-7186

Temple Gloriosa Matiana
511 S. Stonewall
432-684-0803

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

This Generation OPC (United Pentecostal Church)
409 W. Price
432-685-3919

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W. Pennsylvania
432-620-0882

Southern Baptist
Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor
4712 Shadylane
432-684-5490

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5711 Whitman
432-553-1053

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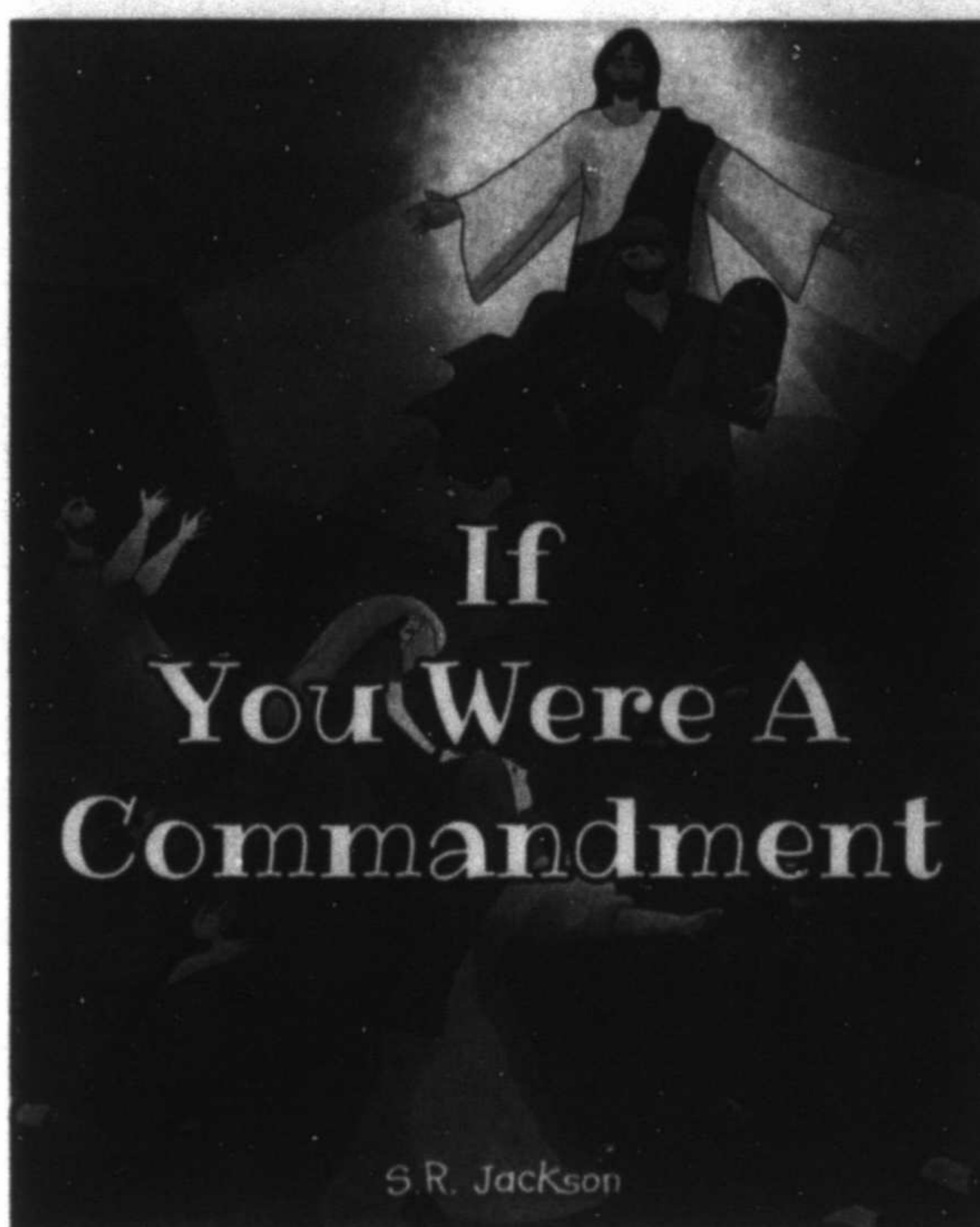
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then that you decided to turn that into a book?

Jackson: With the encouragement of my dad, I sent the manuscript several years later to Christian Faith Publishing and they accepted it for publication.

MRT: Would you say the goal with your son is the same for readers now?

Jackson: My original goal was to help my own children learn the Commandments and to understand how they are applied to today's world. Now, I hope to help educate young children learn the basics of the Christian faith so that they can construct a foundation on which they can grow both morally and responsibly.

MRT: Did you feel prepared to write a book?

Jackson: My experience as a student, an educator and mother, as well as my Catholic upbringing, gave me the tools necessary to write the book. The Bible then provided me with the blueprint for construction, and my love of poetry and music provided me with the lyrical voice through which I could speak to young readers. The book is geared toward readers K through third grades.

MRT: Your family has deep roots in Midland.

Jackson: I am the youngest of seven children. My parents are Joe and Georgia Reed. Dad and my grandfather, Ed L. Reed owned a local environmental consulting company called Reed and Associates, which would later become Arcadis. It still operates in Midland today. My father also

served on the MISD Board of Trustees from 1984-1988.

MRT: How was it growing up or going to school?

Jackson: (My siblings and I) all swam for Brad Swendig at COM and attended Lee High School. We were in band under Randy Storie, and we lettered in swimming at Lee. I also lettered in basketball and in softball.

I graduated from Lee in 1996 and then went to Texas A&M. I graduated in 2000 with a degree in history and a minor in English.

MRT: Did you return to Midland?

Jackson: I moved to Houston and became the high school swim coach/English teacher at North Shore Sr. High School. I also met my husband in Houston. After our first child was born, we moved to Cleveland, Ohio. I taught English at Shaker Heights High School for eight years before returning to Texas. Now we live in Lubbock with our four children, Trey (13), Tyler (10), Emma (8), and Ellis (8). I teach fourth-grade science and social studies at Maedgen Elementary, and we are parishioners at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

MRT: What's been the response to your book?

Jackson: People are excited about the book because it is a helpful tool to educate young readers about the Ten Commandments. The approach allows the reader to interact with the text by choosing which Commandment he or she connects with the most. It promotes discussion because, rather than listing examples for

each, the book provides an overview of what each Commandment means and allows the parent and child to discuss ways in which they apply to today. The text also gently approaches Commandments such as adultery and coveting thy neighbor. The approach has been received favorably by readers.

MRT: Are there new titles in the pipeline people can look forward to?

Jackson: There are eight more manuscripts waiting in the wings — four secular and four nonsecular. The manuscripts continue with the same inquiry-based method of learning. They are "If You Were a Dinosaur," "If You Were a Season," "If You Were a Sense," "If You Were a Saint," "If You Were a Sacrament," "If You Were a Corporal Work of Mercy," and "If You Were a Spiritual Work of Mercy." The first six manuscripts have been approved for publication. The last two manuscripts have recently been written and will be submitted for approval by Christian Faith Publishing.

MRT: How does it feel to come home for this book signing?

Jackson: It is wonderful to have the opportunity to return to my hometown. The city has grown in size, but it still maintains the warmth and hospitality often associated with a small town. It is nice to get to know the city again. Midland will always be my home away from home.

Obituaries



Jeff W. Rawls

Jeff W. Rawls, Jr., 78 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Ashton Medical Lodge.

Jeff was born on February 4, 1939 in Ranger, Texas to Jeff W. Rawls, Sr. and Helen Ruth Yung Rawls.

He has resided in Midland since he was 10 years old. He graduated from Midland High School in 1957 and was a proud Bulldog. He also attended Odessa Junior College.

He enjoyed watching sports on television and was an avid University of Texas Longhorn and Dallas Cowboy fan. He enjoyed many years of playing golf and playing in golf tournaments with friends.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2006 after 16 years of service due to health problems.

Jeff was a proud United States Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years Mary of Midland, Texas; his children, son Jeff W. Rawls III, daughters, Joni Thompson, Helen Schumacher, Charlee Dunn and DeAngela Callison; stepchildren Larry Tidwell, Mike Tidwell and Sherry Roberts; sister, Bekki Welch; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Jeff W. Rawls, Sr. and Helen and Jack Maier, sister, Barbara Atchison; nephew Chuck Price and stepson Terry Tidwell.

The family of Jeff Rawls would like to thank Dr. P.K. Patel, Dr. David Watkins, the staff of Texas Oncology, Nurs EX Home Healthcare Services, Ashton Medical Lodge, Hospice of Midland, caregivers, friends and family

who showed compassion and concern during this difficult time.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of your choice.

There was a visitation on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. A graveside service was held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017 with Reverend Clark Racca officiating.

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

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Rose Ann Pejaszek McWilliams

Rose Ann Pejaszek McWilliams, 87, of Big Lake, Texas, passed away on December 19, 2017. She was born in Sheridan, Illinois on June 19, 1930. "MaMac" graduated from Presbyterian School of Nursing, receiving her diploma and her Registered Nurse license. She was married to Erwin Sherwood McWilliams, who preceded her in death in 1990. Rose, more affectionately known as "MaMac", initiated the first and only LVN classes at Reagan Memorial Hospital, then continued as Director of Nursing, and as interim Administrator for a period of time, until she retired, and then continued at the hospital as Pharmacy and Materials Manager part-time, until she decided to retire from the hospital and continue with her passions at home. These included a voracious reading appetite, and she was well-known and cherished for her cooking and baking skills. During the Christmas season, she made her own homemade spiced tea and hot chocolate mixes, pumpkin bread, peanut and chocolate peanut butter fudges. Her list of those she made these for grew as she began to regard more and more people as family, and who treated her as family as well. Many also requested her pies and cakes as well as her hot chocolate and spiced tea mixes for birthday and other celebrations or as gifts throughout the year. MaMac was a member of The First United

Methodist Church in Big Lake, where she enthusiastically enjoyed communing with Pastor Larry Young, other members and celebrants in the church, especially the children. She also enjoyed Bible Study Classes coordinated by Karen McDonald, who MaMac respected greatly for her spiritual strength. MaMac is survived by her children, Karen Oliver and husband Jack, Karla Egger, Gary McWilliams and wife Amy, and grandchildren Cody Gore, Marty Gore, Cheryl Hisey and husband Joe, Kady McWilliams, Gyna Mae McWilliams, and Mallory Plagens and fiancé Brady Willis, great-grandchildren Reese and Parker Gore, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Gore, Porter Hisey and Gunner Plagens, and sister-in-law (more closely regarded as her sister), MaMac also had many close friends and neighbors who she felt to be more as family, including Deona Thompson, Mary Bobb, Elynor Webb and daughter Cheryl Neill, Chad, Amy, Brittany and Hannah Armstrong, Ronnie, Karen and Katie, Angel and Selma Oliveras, Jeff and Molly Bobb and sons. She is preceded in death by her parents, Colonel Stanley and Frances Pejaszek, sister, Jean Jordan and her brother, Ron Pejaszek.

Funeral arrangements will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, December 22, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church of Big Lake with graveside services to follow at Glen Rest Cemetery in Big Lake. The family would like to extend a special word of appreciation to the staff of 4 north of Shannon Medical Center for the wonderful care extended to their mother. They would also like to thank the Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, and the Respiratory therapy departments at Shannon Medical Center an all other specialty units who helped in providing care to their mother as well as all of the staff and Doctors at Reagan County Medical Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Robert Pryor

Robert Pryor, 91, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017 at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland. All floral arrangements may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Survivors include wife, Bettie Pryor and daughters, Robin Bishop and Judy Fellows.

CALENDAR

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DEC. 22-28

TODAY

Holiday Dive Show by COM Aquatics Diving.

The event is the first charity event for High Sky Children's Ranch. Donations will be taken for the organization. A special guest appearance will be made by Santa Claus. 5 p.m. at 3003 N. "A" St. Free.

Yule Ritual celebrates the Winter Solstice.

Visitors are asked to bring an unwrapped candle gift for the event hosted by Tree of Life Open Circle. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave.

SATURDAY

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

Suzie Jackson will be signing copies of her new book "If You Were a Commandment." 11:30

a.m. Dec. 23 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

SUNDAY

Christmas Eve

MONDAY

Christmas Day

TUESDAY

Kwanzaa begins

Winter Camp includes swimming, games and activities for 3 to 13. Half-day and full-day options available. Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5 at COM Aquatics Learn to Swim, 3003 N. "A" St. \$25-\$175. Facebook: @comits

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.

com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

WEDNESDAY

Sahaja Yoga Meditation Stress Relief and Relaxation Workshop.

10-11 a.m. Dec. 27 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Free.

Caregiver Support group.

noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

THURSDAY

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

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

Next-generation donors will revolutionize giving

We are engaged in the largest wealth transfer in history. Between 2007 and 2061, an estimated \$59 trillion will pass from older to younger generations.

In addition, many wealthy millennials, like Mark Zuckerberg and his peers, are generating their own substantial wealth. It is expected that up to half of this wealth will be donated to charitable causes.

A timely and thought-provoking new book explains the powerful ways in which the next generation of philanthropists will use their inherited and earned wealth to impact issues and causes, nonprofits and themselves — with a new and distinct approach to philanthropy.

They will create a revolutionary "golden age of giving." "Generation Impact: How Next Gen Donors Are Revolutionizing Giving" is written by Sharna Goldseker and Michael Moody.

Goldseker is founder of 21/64, a nonprofit dedicated to improving next-generation and multigenerational philanthropy.

Moody is a cultural sociologist who is the Frey Foundation Chair at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University.

BRUCE DEBOSKEY

On Philanthropy, Tribune News Service

As a basis for the book, Goldseker and Moody surveyed more than 300 major donors in their 20s and 30s, and interviewed more than 75.

They then combined the original research with their own significant experience in the philanthropic sector to reach a number of important findings. Among these are:

■ Recognizing the urgency of today's social and environmental challenges, next-generation donors are unwilling to wait until their hair turns gray to become philanthropists; rather, they're giving what they can and getting engaged — now.

■ Next-generation donors want to be personally connected with the missions of the charities they support, supporting organizations not only with their money, but also by rolling up their sleeves and offering their expertise to help with the

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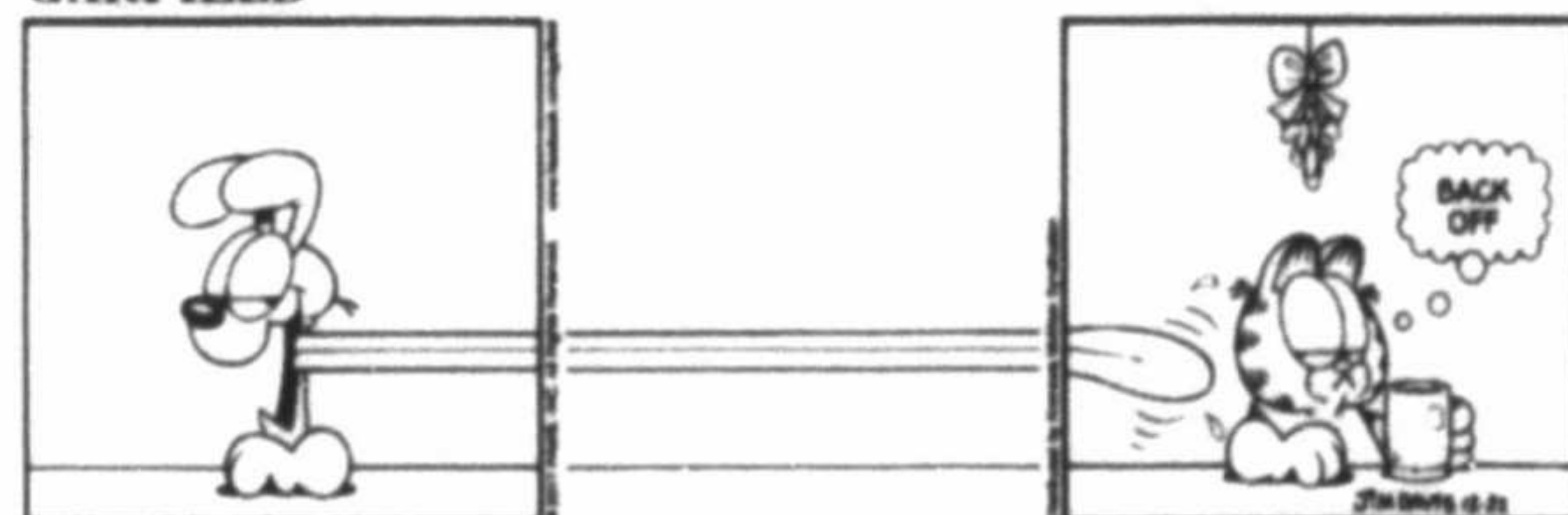
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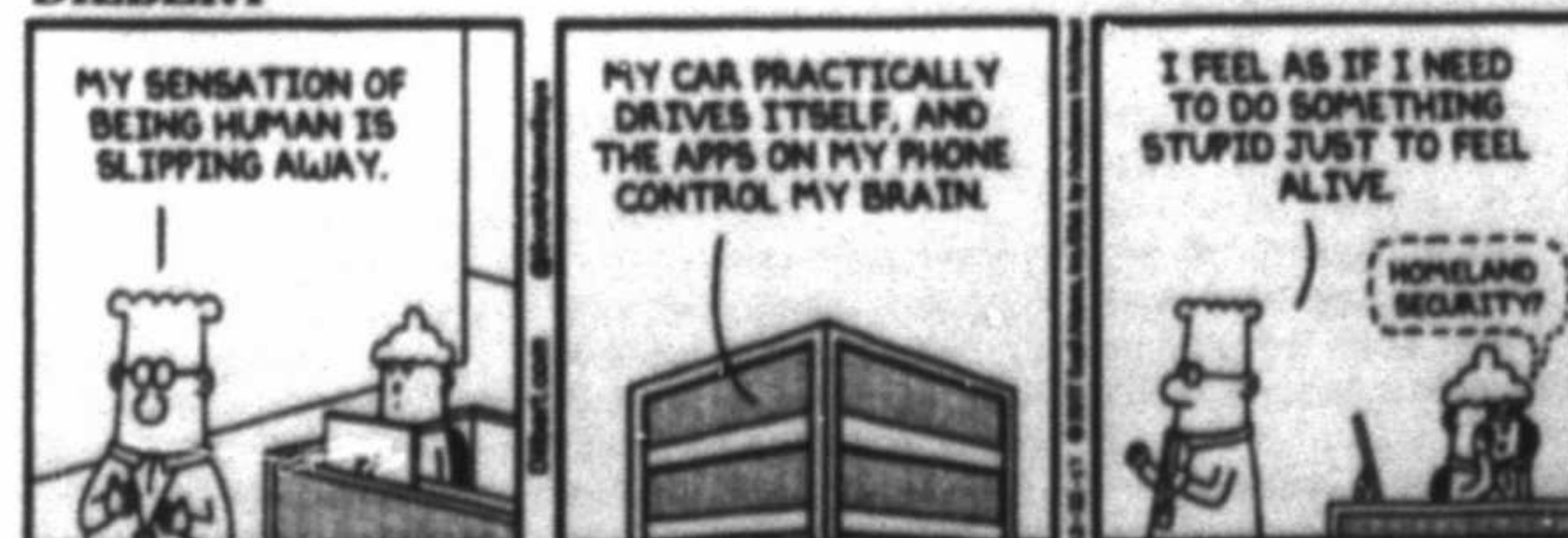
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Wisconsin priest tells parishioners he is gay, gets ovation

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A Roman Catholic priest in Milwaukee has come out as gay, writing that he will no longer live in the shadows of secrecy and plans to be authentic to his gay self.

The Rev. Gregory Greiten disclosed his sexual orientation on Sunday to the St. Bernadette Parish and was greeted with a standing ovation from his parishioners, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

He also wrote a column that was published Monday in the National Catholic Reporter.

It's rare for a priest to come out. Greiten said he revealed his sexual orientation because he wants to be a role model for others.

He said he's helping to break the silence of gay men in the clergy so he could reclaim his own voice.

"I will embrace the person that God created me to be," Greiten wrote. "In my priestly life and ministry, I, too, will help

you, whether you are gay or straight, bisexual or transgendered, to be your authentic self — to be fully alive living in your image and likeness of God.

Greiten wrote that he has decided to stand with the "few courageous priests who have taken the risk to come out of the shadows and have chosen to live in truth and authenticity."

The church's silent stance on gay priests perpetuates toxic shaming and systematic secrecy, Greiten wrote.

The church needs healthy role models for priests who are struggling to come to terms with their sexual orientation, he said.

Greiten met with Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listek before coming out, according to an archdiocese spokeswoman.

"We support Father Greiten in his own personal journey and telling his story of coming to understand and live with his sexual orientation," Listek said in a statement Monday. "As the Church teaches, those with same-sex attraction must be treated with understanding and compassion."



St. Bernadette Parish via AP

Rev. Gregory Greiten poses for a photo at the Parish on Tuesday in Milwaukee. The Roman Catholic priest was greeted with a standing ovation from parishioners when he told them of his sexual orientation. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports that Rev. Greiten came out as gay to the St. Bernadette Parish on Dec. 17. He then came out in a column in the National Catholic Reporter on Monday. Greiten says he revealed his sexual orientation because he wants to be a role model for others.

FAITH&PHILANTHROPYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KERRVILLE Nonprofit gets \$90,000 grant to help deaf and hard-of-hearing children

Aid the Silent, a Boerne-based nonprofit, received a \$90,000 grant from the Baptist Health Foundation to assist deaf and hard-of-hearing children and teens by providing access to resources, services and opportunities through the organization's Deaf Resources and Deaf Ministry programs.

Aid the Silent supports deaf/hard-of-hearing youth and their families by providing financial assistance to enhance communication methods such as hearing aids, American Sign Language lessons, speech therapy and assistive hearing devices; education resources for individuals and their teachers; and opportunities to build relationships with others in a faith-based environment such as Deaf Young Life — a nondenominational outreach program inviting pre-teens and teens to follow Christ.

The funds will go toward providing deaf/hard-of-hearing children/teens with the financial means to enhance their ability to communicate through listening, spoken or sign language methods.

In addition, part of the \$90,000 grant will

go toward the organization's ministry program to expose deaf/hard-of-hearing preteens and teens to faith-based events and camps, offering kids the opportunity to grow spiritually and socially in a Christian environment with the accommodations they need to be included in activities, discussions, excursions and events while at camp.

"It's an amazing feeling to be awarded such a generous grant like this to help us carry out our mission of providing deaf and hard-of-hearing youth with a very practical need of communication and a very spiritual need of knowing Christ," said founder of Aid the Silent Emma Faye Rudkin.

"There is a large deaf community here in need of assistance, with this grant, we will be able to impact this community in a very empowering way."

SAN ANTONIO

Family: Boy injured in Texas church shooting in good spirits

The family of a 5-year-old boy who remains hospitalized after being injured in the November shooting rampage inside a Texas church said Monday that his recovery is going well and he remains in good spirits.

Ryland Ward has been hospitalized since the

Nov. 5 shooting inside the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs.

He was shot five times. His stepmother, Joann Ward, and his two sisters, 5-year-old Brooke Ward and 7-year-old Emily Garza, were three of the 26 people killed in the shooting.

KSAT-TV reports that Ryland's great uncle, Earl McMahan, says the boy has had several surgeries and that doctors at University Hospital in San Antonio continue treating his arm and intestines.

"From day one they fought to keep him alive and harder to actually stay alive," McMahan said. "We really can't put into words how we feel about that. These people here are awesome — just awesome."

Doctors planned to perform surgery to make sure one of his kidneys is functioning well and will later treat Ryland's leg, which has a brace with screws and pins from his hip down to his femur. Ryland has also received skin grafts for his arm.

Ryland will likely be released from the hospital before February, McMahan said.

Ryland's family says they haven't talked to the boy about the shooting and will do so when he is ready.

McMahan said the boy woke up after one of his surgeries and said that, "Bad man shot JoJo and shot me." Family members said Ryland called

his stepmother "JoJo."

Earlier this month, Ryland's grandmother, Sandy Ward, said that the boy's Christmas wish was to receive Christmas cards with a dollar inside.

Ryland has received between 2,000 and 3,000 Christmas cards from across the nation.

"I brought him a couple cards the other day and I had a bag that had a little gift in it and he looked at it real quick and he wanted the cards," Earl said. "He just loves tearing into them and reading them."

McMahan said his family is holding up well and that as long as Ryland is in good spirits, they will be too.

Eastern New Mexico mosque vandalized

Associated Press

CLOVIS, N.M. — Officials say a mosque in New Mexico has been vandalized.

The Eastern New Mexico News reports vandals recently spray-painted "Happy Birthday Jesus Christ" on the Golden Mosque in Clovis. Photos show that the vandals also spray-painted "From a real Christian" — apparently misspelling the word "Christian."

Photos also show the vandals sprayed "Trump" near the door at the front of

the building.

Clovis cardiologist Mahamadu Fuseini, who oversees the mosque, said nothing inside appeared to be damaged or stolen.

Fuseini says the mosque regularly hosts up to 20 Muslim families who worship there during Ramadan and also weekly for short prayer services on Fridays.

Police indicated the incident could be considered a hate crime but declined to say so definitively pending further investigation.

No arrests have been made.

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From 4B

work.

■ As the most-networked generation in history, donors in their 20s and 30s want to integrate their valuable networks with their philanthropic endeavors.

They want to contribute their time, treasure, talent and ties to make a difference.

■ New donors will go beyond grants to deploy innovative approaches to philanthropy.

They will expand the use of program-related investments, impact investing, crowdfunding, giving collaboratives, social enterprises and advocacy, policy and movement giving.

■ These donors will continue to press businesses to become more socially and environmentally responsible.

They will invest their assets accordingly.

■ Next-generation philanthropists respect the charitable commitment of their elders and want to be good stewards of their family's legacy.

They want to learn from them, work alongside them, and will continue to focus on a wide range

of key issues, including the elimination of poverty and homelessness, improvement of educational opportunities and access to food.

As a group, however, the next generation of givers will focus more on civil rights, advocacy groups and environmental issues.

They will focus less on religious and arts organizations and traditional big-box charity aggregators like United Way.

■ The authors observe: "Making a tangible difference is their top philanthropic focus. They want an Impact Revolution."

They want to reshape philanthropy in ways they believe can finally lead to meaningful progress on our toughest challenges."

These findings raise key challenges for both nonprofits and affluent families.

Nonprofit organizations must work to understand the changing philanthropic landscape.

They must adapt their reporting, programming, leadership models and fundraising techniques to the needs and objectives of the rising generation of new and influential

donors.

In addition, affluent families must respond to this changing landscape by engaging their rising-generation family members in meaningful, transparent and strategic philanthropy as soon as possible, so philanthropic values, expertise and opportunities are more likely to transfer along with wealth.

My experience working with families has taught me the importance of creating a "safe zone" in which all adult family members are given an equal seat at the table to participate in family giving — contributing their unique individual and generational perspectives.

People on both sides of the philanthropic coin — donors and nonprofits alike — will benefit from the insights available in this important new book.

The philanthropic world is changing in dramatic ways. In the words of Charles Darwin, "It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive, but those who can best manage change."

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December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast in The Commons

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel

5:30 p.m. - Family Worship with Candle lighting in the Sanctuary

Nursery available

7:30 p.m. - Worship in the Chapel, Nursery available

9:00 p.m. - Worship with Communion and Candle lighting in the Sanctuary

December 25 - Christmas Day, No Services

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Lee's Nunez leads MISD nods to APSE all-state team

From staff and wire reports

Three Midland ISD football players received recognition on the 2017 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 6A all-state football team, released Thursday morning.

Leading the group was Lee senior linebacker and Air Force commit Isaiah Nunez, who was named to the second-team defense.

Despite missing two games to injury and dealing with the tragic passing of his father in September, Nunez posted 145 total tackles, 19 tackles for a loss, nine sacks, two pass breakups, a caused fumble and an interception this season.

Nunez was particularly a force in the season's second half, as he notched at

least one sack in each of Lee's final five games of the year. Of District 2-6A's 12 total selections to the all-state team, Nunez was the only player to be named to either the first or second team.

Rebels' junior running back Josh Traylor was named to the honorable mention offense, while Midland High junior linebacker Smith Essman earned a selection to the honorable mention defense.

Traylor ran 150 times for 1,443 yards and a team-high 18 touchdowns for the Rebels this year. Traylor's 1,443 yards stands as the 13th greatest individual



Nunez

rushing yardage season in Lee history, as he helped advance the program to the regional round of the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

Traylor began the season on a near historic pace, as he rushed for 150 yards or more in each of Lee's first five games. He also scored two or more touchdowns in each of the Rebels' first six games.

Essman, a steady presence in the middle of the field for the Bulldogs, recorded 134 total tackles to go along with 14 tackles for a loss, two sacks, two caused fumbles and a fumble recovery.

In the Bulldogs' 49-42 road win at



Traylor

Amarillo Tascosa on Oct. 27, Essman produced a herculean effort with 29 total tackles (24 solo), a tackle for a loss and a fumble recovery.

Essman's efforts helped MHS recover from an 0-5 start to the season and earn a playoff berth for the fourth consecutive year. The Bulldogs nearly pulled off an incredible comeback in a 42-35 loss to El Paso Montwood in the bi-district round.

Odessa Permian led District 2-6A with six selections — all honorable mentions — represented by offensive lineman Dawson



Essman

Please see MISD/2C

Clutch time!



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Braydyn Hill (10) dribbles against Greenwood's Natalie Karcher (15) on Friday at Lee High School.

Hill provides sparks, Lee topples Greenwood

By Will Korn
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When the Lee girls basketball team needed a boost Thursday night, junior guard Braydyn Hill was ready and eager to deliver.

Whether it was a nifty pass, a dive for a loose ball or a smooth layup in traffic, Hill's heroics helped the Lady Rebels separate at the end of the first quarter and then maintain a fourth-quarter lead in a 43-36 victory over visiting Greenwood at the Lee High School gym.

Hill scored a team-high 13 points for Lee, which has now won six of its past eight games. Senior teammate Quinci Strambler added eight points for the Lady

Rebels (9-9).

Greenwood senior guard Natalie Karcher led all scorers with a game-high 14 points, while post Cassi Mebane pitched in with 11.

Lee head coach Alfred Acosta said in a chippy, physical game such as Thursday's, hustle plays are often the turning point for the team that isn't able to control tempo or take a commanding lead.

"That's one of those things we're trying to preach to the girls, is that games aren't always going to go the way we want them to go," Acosta said. "But we've got to continue to be tough, try to contribute in different ways and we did a good job of that."

The Lady Rebels opened the evening

out of sync and managed just two points over the first nearly five minutes. The basket was unkind to both teams, who combined to produce as many turnovers (8) as total points in the frame.

But with the game knotted at 2-2 and 19 seconds to play in the first, it was Hill who took charge and put her team ahead with a hard drive and layup on back-to-back possessions.

Lee carried a 6-2 lead and an extra dose of energy into the second, as they opened the period on a 6-0 run.

"We came out very slow, so I had to be the one that got us ready and got us hyped so we could all do it together as a

Please see LEE/2C

Zeke's return major test for Seahawks struggling run defense

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle's Michael Bennett was clearly paying attention when news started circulating of the workouts Ezekiel Elliott was doing to stay in shape during his suspension.

"He definitely going to have fresh legs," Bennett said Thursday. "I've seen the pictures. He looks like he's been working out every single day on the beach. I know he's ready to go out there and run."

Healthy, motivated and still with playoff aspirations, Elliott will make his return on Sunday against the Seahawks, and the timing could not be worse for Seattle.

They are battered by injuries on defense, fatigued from a long season that has seen their defensive line wear down and have no room for error needing wins in their final two games to have any playoff hopes.

Those factors don't even take into account some fundamental problems that have plagued the Seahawks the past two weeks and allowed the Jaguars and Rams to run wild.

"We made some misses in some reads and some things that could be a lot sharper, and it just leads to the easy yardage for them," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "Good running backs take advantage of that."

While Leonard Fournette and Todd Gurley are outstanding running backs that took advantage of their opportunities against Seattle, a healthy, rested Elliott is not what the Seahawks wanted to see with their season on the line.

The Seahawks problems first surfaced in the second half against Jacksonville after Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright were injured. Fournette rushed for 101 yards in the game, with 84 of those coming in the second half.

It was a similar story against the Rams, just a different point of the game. With Wagner limited because of a hamstring injury and Wright out because of a concussion, Gurley ran for 144 of his 152 yards in the first half of the Rams' 42-7 rout.

While Gurley's 57-yard TD sprint in the final minute of the first half got most of the attention, the bigger issue was the huge chunk plays Gurley had well before his long run.

The Rams had eight run plays of 10 yards or more in the rout. The Seahawks allowed 10 total run plays of 10 yards or more during a five-game span from late October and November when they were ranking among the best run defenses in the league.

"I'm excited for him, Todd Gurley is

Please see ELLIOTT/3C

Oklahoma defense faces CFP challenge in Georgia

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Each year, Oklahoma's defense has major lapses that make their fans grumble about coordinator Mike Stoops.

Almost every time, Stoops bounces back.

Stoops has been a popular figure to blame for the team's few failures during his second stint at Oklahoma, which began in 2012. For much of his run, the offense has been a consistent strength while the defense has been shaky on occasion. Last season, the Sooners beat Texas Tech 66-59 despite giving up 854 yards. This season, after the Sooners held on to beat Oklahoma State 62-52, some wondered whether Stoops' defense would cost the team a shot at a championship of any kind.

Well, look at the Sooners now. The Big 12 champions will face Georgia in a playoff semifinal at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and the defense has been key in getting this far.

Second-team All-America linebacker Ogbornia Okoronkwo helped the unit respond with a solid finish to

the regular season. Oklahoma held TCU to 20 points in a critical showdown, Kansas to three points, West Virginia to 10 points in the first half of a 59-31 win and TCU to 17 points in a Big 12 title game victory.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said he appreciates what Stoops has accomplished in the face of criticism.

"He's a true professional," Riley said. "That whole staff, they've done a great job. We had some young guys at some really, really key positions throughout this year. That side was certainly, especially early on, really hit hard with injuries. A lot of different lineups and a lot of different guys playing. They've had some challenges, but they've continued to coach their tails off."

Stoops said he hears the critics but keeps the comments in perspective.

"You're never as good as people think you are, and you're never as bad as people think you are, I can tell you that's as honest as it can be," Stoops said, days after the regular-season win over TCU. "Whether I say it, somebody



Ken Maule/Tulsa World via AP

Oklahoma cornerback Tre Norwood (13) tackles West Virginia running back Kennedy McKay (4) during an NCAA football game in Norman, Okla. on Nov. 25.

else says it, whether I want to explain something or not, it doesn't matter, you know what I mean?"

Stoops said he understands that he doesn't control how the story is told. He reminds players to focus on what they can control instead.

"You got all the ink, you got all the ink, you got all the ink," he said, pointing to reporters. "You can write whatever you want. The narrative is what it is. All we worry

about is how we're going to approach the next game, and that's what we do. So there's good, there's bad, but like I said, we know we're not that far away. We're just going to keep pushing ourselves to get better."

Okoronkwo leads the team with eight sacks and 17.5 tackles for loss and is second with 71 tackles. Linebacker Emmanuel Beal leads the

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Louis DeLuca/Dallas Morning News/TNS

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) practices with teammates on Wednesday at the Star in Frisco.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Football
Bahamas Bowl: UAB vs. Ohio, 11:30 a.m., ESPN
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: Central Michigan vs. Wyoming, 3 p.m., ESPN
High School Football
4A D1 Championship: Kennesaw vs. Carthage, 11 a.m., FSSW, FCSC
4A D2 Championship: Texarkana vs. Pleasant Grove vs. West Orange-Stark, 3 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
5A D1 Championship: Dallas Highland Park vs. Marvell, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Men's College Basketball
UTRGV at Oklahoma State, Noon, FSSW+
Temple at Georgia, Noon, SEC
Abilene Christian at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW+
Pacific at Arizona State, 2 p.m., P12, P12 AZ
Middle Tennessee vs. Princeton, 4:30 p.m., ESPN
Sacred Heart at Providence, 5:30 p.m., FS1
Northwestern at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Incarnate Word at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC
Rider at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN
FGCU at Wichita State, 6 p.m., CBSN
Southeast Missouri at St. Louis, 6 p.m., FCSA
Akron vs. USC, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Villanova vs. Hofstra, 7:30 p.m., FS1
San Francisco vs. Duquesne, 7:30 p.m., FS2
Texas vs. Alabama, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Colorado vs. Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN
Xavier at Northern Iowa, 8 p.m., CBSN
Bethune-Cookman at Washington State, 8 p.m., P12, P12 WA
Prairie View A&M at New Mexico, 8 p.m., ATTSW+
Northern Colorado at UNLV, 9 p.m., Facebook
Southern Illinois vs. Nevada, 10 p.m., FS1
Davidson vs. New Mexico State, 10 p.m., ESPN
Montana at Washington, 10 p.m., P12, P12 WA
Miami-FL vs. Hawaii, 12 a.m., ESPN
Men's Soccer
La Liga: Real Betis vs. Athletic Bilbao, 12:20 p.m., beIN, beIN E
PL: Arsenal FC vs. Liverpool FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU
La Liga: RCD Espanyol vs. Atlético Madrid, 2:25 p.m., beIN, beIN E
La Liga: Real Madrid vs. FC Barcelona, 5:40 a.m., beIN, beIN E
NBA
LA Clippers at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m., FSSW
LA Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE
Women's College Basketball
Montana State at BYU, 3 p.m., BYUtv
Duquesne at UConn, 6 p.m., SNY
RADIO
NBA
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHATS ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball

Big Spring vs. Fort Stockton, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Alex Ogilvie and OF Mike Lyster Jr. on minor league contracts.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Will Lutz, RHP Romy Rodriguez and OF Jason Kintan and Remy Wilson on minor league contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Bieber, RHP Justin Deaton and OF Scott and OF Brett Eber on minor league contracts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
MIAMI MARLINS — Signed RHP Jacob Turner to a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jhoulys Chacin on a two-year contract and RHP Brian Gupton on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Promoted Dave Newberry to special assistant, player development.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Promoted RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach and RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Promoted RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach and RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Promoted RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach and RHP Ryan Anderson to bullpen coach.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Kintan on a two-year contract.
FOOTBALL
CLEVELAND COLTS — Agreed to terms with QB Russell Wilson during a game in November (GREENSBORO PACKERS) — Signed RB Joe Knapik to the practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed NT Marcus Houston and OT Josh Rodriguez to the practice squad.
COLLEGE
AUSTIN PEAY — Signed football coach Will Hays to a four-year contract through the 2021 season. Named Norm Roberts women's soccer coach.
DEPUE — Named Mark Probin men's soccer coach.
PURDUE — Promoted men's soccer coach F. Eden Ewing to a position of team manager.

NHL GLANCE

Standings	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	34	25	7	2	52	130	87
Toronto	36	21	14	1	43	119	102
Boston	35	18	16	1	39	108	108
Montreal	34	15	15	4	34	108	108
Detroit	34	13	14	7	33	95	110
Florida	34	13	16	5	31	98	111
Ottawa	33	11	14	8	30	92	113
Buffalo	34	6	19	7	23	72	114
Metropolitan Division							
New Jersey	34	20	9	5	45	109	102
Washington	35	22	12	1	45	112	101
Columbus	36	21	13	2	44	101	98
N.Y. Rangers	35	19	12	4	42	115	101
N.Y. Islanders	35	18	13	4	40	125	125
Pittsburgh	36	18	15	3	39	104	114
Philadelphia	34	12	17	5	31	96	97
Carolina	34	15	12	7	37	95	107
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Nashville	34	21	9	4	46	113	91
Winnipeg	36	20	10	6	46	110	100
St. Louis	37	22	13	2	46	110	91
Dallas	36	19	14	3	41	108	105
Chicago	34	18	13	3	39	100	99
Minnesota	34	17	12	5	39	102	90
Colorado	33	10	15	2	24	105	109
Pacific Division							
Vegas	33	22	9	2	46	116	100
Los Angeles	35	21	10	4	46	107	92
Calgary	35	18	14	3	39	105	102
San Jose	32	17	11	4	38	98	80
Anaheim	36	15	13	8	38	97	108
Edmonton	35	16	17	2	34	104	112
Vancouver	35	15	16	4	34	95	113
Arizona	36	7	24	5	19	80	125

Scores & Schedule

Thursday's Games	Score
Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 2, SO	
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT	
Anaheim 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO	
Boston 2, Winnipeg 1, SO	
Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3, SO	
Colorado 4, Nashville 1	
Dallas 4, Chicago 2	
Edmonton 3, St. Louis 2	
Colorado at Los Angeles, late	
Vancouver at San Jose, late	
Today's Games	
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at Florida, 6:30 p.m.	
Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.	
Washington at Arizona, 8 p.m.	

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FAVORITE	OPEN	COLLEGE FOOTBALL TODAY	OU	UNDERDOG
Ohio	7	Bahamas Bowl UAB vs. Bahamas	(58)	UAB
Wyoming	7K	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Central Michigan vs. Wyoming	(40%)	Central Michigan
South Florida	2K	Stratford Stratford vs. Birmingham, Ala.	(58%)	Texas Tech
San Diego St.	6	Armed Forces Bowl At Fort Worth	(40%)	Army
Texas	8	Outback General Bowl At Miami, Fla.	(51)	Appalachian St.
Houston	1K	Sunday Houston vs. Houston	(48)	Florida St.
Utah	4K	Heart of Dallas Bowl At Dallas	(26)	West Virginia
Duke	2K	Outback Lane Bowl At Detroit	(47)	N. Illinois
Kansas St.	2K	Cactus Bowl At Phoenix	(55)	UCLA
Florida St.	14	Independence Bowl At Birmingham, Ala.	(48)	Southern Miss
Missouri	1K	Phoenician Bowl At New Orleans	(48)	Boiler College
Arizona	4K	Tejas Bowl At Houston	(50%)	Texas
Navy	3K	Foster Farms Bowl At Santa Clara, Calif.	(55)	Purdue
Oklahoma St.	6K	Thursday Military Bowl At Annapolis, Md.	(55)	Virginia
TCU	2	Campbell World Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.	(48)	Virginia Tech
Washington St.	4K	Alamo Bowl At San Diego	(48)	Stanford
Water Power	2K	Friday, Dec. 29 Bells Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.	(55)	Texas A&M
NC State	5	San Jose Bowl At San Jose, Calif.	(58%)	Arizona St.
Northwestern	6	Waco Bowl At Waco, Texas	(51)	Kentucky

LEE

From 1C

team," Hill said. "It's not just one person."

The Lady Rebels took advantage of abysmal shooting by Greenwood to stretch the lead to 19-8 at halftime, as the Rangerettes had difficulty creating offense attacking the basket.

"The girls fight hard and they always fight hard," said Greenwood head coach Ginger Hartman. "They play hard no matter what. The offense just didn't take hold at the very beginning. (Lee) did some things to keep Natalie from driving and we finally adjusted to that."

The Rangerettes, who trailed by as much as 17, cut their deficit to nine points heading into the fourth.

That's when Hill made another stand.

Lee opened the quarter with a beautiful pass to Alaysha Green for a layup. On the next possession, Hill battled through traffic for an and-1 basket, before

coming up with a steal and, later, another loose ball with a full body dive.

Acosta said his guard definitely left her stamp on the win that will send the Lady Rebels home merry for the holidays.

"We needed some sparks (Thursday)," Acosta said. "It was just one of those games. It was weird — there was not a lot of energy in the gym, so Braydyn definitely provided those sparks for us. The biggest thing now is continuing to carry (the momentum of the win) over."

Greenwood shot just 28 percent (12-for-43) in the loss.

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LEE 45, GREENWOOD 36
Greenwood (9-11) — Natalie Kachler 14, Kaitlin Keel 2, Kristine Ellis 3, Annela Lyles 4, Cassie Melrose 11, Bradie Good 2
Lee (20-9) — Kaitlyn Edwards 8, Alaysha Green 7, Braydyn Hill 13, Quinn Stevenson 8, Madeline Ross 3, Paige Lee 6
Greenwood 2 6 12 16 36
Lee 6 13 10 10 43
Free throws — Greenwood 9-18, Lee 8-12
3-point goals — Greenwood 3 (Kachler 2, Lyles), Lee 3 (Edwards 2, Ross, Good) — Greenwood 11, Lee 18, Fouled out — None
Next Greenwood at Lubbock Caprock Theatre, TBA, Thursday, Lee vs. El Paso Pecos Hills, 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 28 at the Bryan Johnson Holiday Classic



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Mackenzie Ross (23) passes against Greenwood on Thursday at Lee High School.

Greenwood falls short, sees 8-game winning streak snapped

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Bushland boys basketball team used a 19-11 advantage in the fourth quarter to slip past Greenwood, 51-44 in non-district action Thursday at Rip Griffin Center.

Omarion Jameson and Bram Mathes scored 11 points each for the

Rangers (10-8), who led 26-23 at halftime but couldn't hang on. The loss snapped Greenwood's eight-game winning streak dating back to Dec. 7.

Logan Jarvis scored seven points in support for Greenwood, which next competes in the Brownwood Texas Bank Holiday Classic beginning Thursday.

BUSHLAND 51, GREENWOOD 44
Bushland — Moore 4, Jeffrey 16, Orcutt 2, Suggitt 2, Watson 2, Hensford 20
Greenwood (10-8) — Brady Ray 6, Max Montes 4, Ryan Snowgrass 2, Seth Wauwhatchy 3, Omarion Jameson 11, Logan Jarvis 7, Brian Mathes 11
Bushland 16 7 9 19-51
Greenwood 16 10 7 11-44
Free throws — Bushland 14-24, Greenwood 15-22, 3-point goals — Bushland 1 (Jeffrey), Greenwood 1 (Wauwhatchy 1), Total points — Bushland 51, Greenwood 44
Next Greenwood at Brownwood Texas Bank Holiday Classic, TBA Thursday

Seguin scores 2, Stars blank Blackhawks 4-0 behind Bishop

Associated Press

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin scored two goals in the second period, Ben Bishop earned his 22nd career shutout and the Dallas Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 on Thursday night.

Bishop made 24 saves for his third shutout of the season.

Dallas had lost its previous three games and Chicago arrived with a five-game winning streak, but the Stars improved to 3-0 against the Blackhawks this season.

The win was the 800th of coach Ken Hitchcock's career.

Jamie Benn scored the only goal of the first period. Antoine Roussel scored barely a minute into the second before Seguin's two goals made it 4-0.

Corey Crawford stopped 18 shots. He won all five games during the Blackhawks' streak, allowing only seven goals. Crawford hadn't lost in regulation since Nov. 12.

The Blackhawks dominated early. They had the best scoring chance at 11:44 of the first period when Connor Murphy's wrist shot hit Bishop in the chest. On the rebound, the puck sat in the paint with an easy chance for Patrick Kane, but his tap-in hit the

right post.

Kane, who leads Chicago with 34 points in 34 games, had seven points in his previous four games.

Dallas scored three seconds after the only first-period power play ended. Remi Elie passed from the left side through the slot to Benn, who put a wrist shot into the open right side of the net at 17:11.

Roussel scored 1:07 into the second period when he redirected Dan Hamhuis' shot from the left point into the net off Crawford. Hamhuis had two assists.

Seguin scored on the power play at 5:55. He picked up a partially blocked shot by Jason

Spezza at the left of the net and backhanded the puck past Crawford.

Seguin set up his second goal himself, at 16:14. He dug the puck out of the right corner and passed to Devin Shore. While Shore skated toward the net, Seguin crossed over to the left side and was in position for a short wrist shot when the puck came to him.

NOTES: Since ending a 12-game stretch in which they scored only one goal on the power play, the Stars have connected three times in the last four games. The Blackhawks are 0 for 15 on the power play in the last five games.

HS FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3A DIVISION I
ROCKDALE RALLIES,
RUNS BY BROCK

ARLINGTON — Trailing 21-0 early in the second quarter, Rockdale rallied off 45 unanswered points the rest of the way to speed past Brock, 45-29 Thursday in the Class 3A Division I state championship game at AT&T Stadium.

Quarterback Tony Locklin led the charge for Rockdale (13-3), as he rushed 32 times for 256 yards and three touchdowns, while adding two yards and another score through the air.

For Brock (13-3) Tanner Patton amassed 161 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries. Teammate Dawson Littlepage added 97 yards and the Eagles' first three touchdowns — runs of 60, 1 and 2 yards — of the game.

3A DIVISION II
NEWTON UNSEATS
GUNTER

ARLINGTON — Newton scored 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to charge past defending champion Gunter, 40-16 in the Class 3A Division II state championship game on Thursday at AT&T Stadium.

Newton's defense limited Gunter (15-1) to just 184 total yards of offense on the night and only six points in the second half.

Darwin Barlow paced Newton (15-0) with 137 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries, while Tamauzia Brown added 118 yards and a TD.

Dylan Jantz ran for 67 yards to lead Gunter.

2A DIVISION I
MUESTER EDGES
TENAH

ARLINGTON — Parker McGrew ran for a 1-yard touchdown with one second left in the third quarter to lift Muester to a 27-20 win over Tenaha, Thursday in the UIL Class 2A Division I state championship game at AT&T Stadium.

The Hornets (15-3) led, 10-7 at halftime and then outscored Tenaha, 17-13 in the third quarter.

McGrew led Muester with 90 yards and the score on 21 carries, while passing for 193 yards and two more touchdowns.

Tal Gardner paced Tenaha (15-1) with 54 yards rushing and touchdown on two carries,

while also catching six passes for 108 yards and a pair of scores.

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Wednesday

Class 1A: St. Maes District 1 — Bosdon County
60, Jewettville 22
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Thursday
Class 2A Division I — Muester 27, Tenaha 20
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Class 3A Division I — Rockdale 14-1 vs. Collette (15-0), 11 a.m.

Saturday
Class 4A Division I — Allen (15-0) vs. Austin Lane 19-0, 2 p.m.
Class 4A Division I — Waco 14-0 vs. Cy-Fair 14-0, 7 p.m.

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Reynolds, running back Ed Williams, kicker/punter Carson Roberts, defensive lineman Matt Jones, linebacker Tanner Adams and linebacker Preston Ellison.

In addition, San Angelo Central had three selections to honorable mention in offensive lineman Gunnar Couch, receiver Henry Teeter and quarterback Maverick McIvor.

Wolfthorpe Freshman, Amarillo Tascosa and Odessa High didn't have any selections.

2017 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A all-state high school football team

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE
QUARTERBACK: GARRETT RYAN, Austin Westlake, Sr. — 58 percent yards, 49 p.m., 20 touchdowns, 1 sack allowed
RUNNING BACK: BRANSON BROWN, SA Northlake O'Connor, Jr. — 109 percent, 18 sacks, 10 touchdowns, 1 sack allowed
FULLBACK: JOSHUA JONES, Dallas, Sr. — 95 percent yards, 6 sacks allowed, 20 touchdowns, 1 sack allowed
TIGHT END: MATT LEBLANC, Southlake Carroll, Sr. — 85 percent yards, 100 touchdowns, 0 sacks allowed
WR: NATHAN COOPER, Sr. — 87 percent yards, 44 percent

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No. 10 Oregon defeats No. 19 Texas A&M 84-62

By W.G. Ramirez
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — For the second time in a little more than a month, Oregon had no problem handling Texas A&M.

Maite Cazorla scored 26 points, Sabrina Ionescu added 25, and the 10th-ranked Ducks beat the No. 19 Aggies 84-62 on Thursday in the Duel in the Desert.

Oregon won at Texas A&M 83-68 on Nov. 16 in the semifinals of the Pre-season Women's NIT.

Oregon coach Kelly Graves told his players the Aggies would be looking for revenge, and he emphasized attacking the basket from the opening tip. Texas A&M took its only lead at 2-0 before Oregon went on a 10-0 run in less than two minutes, getting seven

points from Satou Sabally. "We were as good as we could've been, certainly offensively," said Graves, whose Ducks hit 14 of 17 (82.4 percent) from the floor in the first quarter to take a 34-17 lead. "We talked about having a quick start. And since we've inserted Satou Sabally into the starting lineup, we've actually started better, so I think that's helped. Defensively, we had a little bit to be desired. But offensively everything was clicking. We spaced the floor well, we made shots. We played well, but could even maybe do it a little bit better."

Ruthy Hebard had 10 points and eight rebounds for the Ducks, who played their third straight SEC opponent after losing at No. 5 Mississippi State and beating Mississippi.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

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Arizona 73, UConn 58
Pitt 85, Iowa 77
Grand Canyon 86, Longwood 56
Portland 80, Sacramento 51, 75

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Charlotte 70, Jacksonville 51, 57
East Carolina 76, Georgia 58
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Notre Dame 86, SE Louisiana 50
Purdue 87, Tennessee 58, 48
South Dakota 88, North Dakota 42

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Houston 82, George Mason 73
Chapman 84, 112, Louisiana-Monroe 58
Creighton 84, Texas A&M 62
Rice 88, Prairie View 69
Texas Tech 80, Indiana West 54
Texas-Arlington 66, San Francisco 54

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 76, SE Louisiana 74
Arkansas 81, Middle 60
Belmont 111, Vanderbilt 74
Baylor 80, Arkansas 63, Richmond 50
California 62, Kentucky 52
Campbell 58, NC Central 51
Clemson 67, FIU 65
Cleveland 68, Charlotte 66
Dayton 65, MVU 48
Duke 63, Wyoming 40

FAR WEST

Arizona 73, UConn 58
Pitt 85, Iowa 77
Grand Canyon 86, Longwood 56
Portland 80, Sacramento 51, 75

MIDWEST

Baylor 77, Green Bay 79, 77
Butler 107, W. Illinois 46
Cincinnati 81, Cleveland 52
Illinois 74, St. Francis 52, 58
Fort Wayne 75, Liberty 64
Indiana 87, Tennessee Tech 59
Kent 57, Oregon 78
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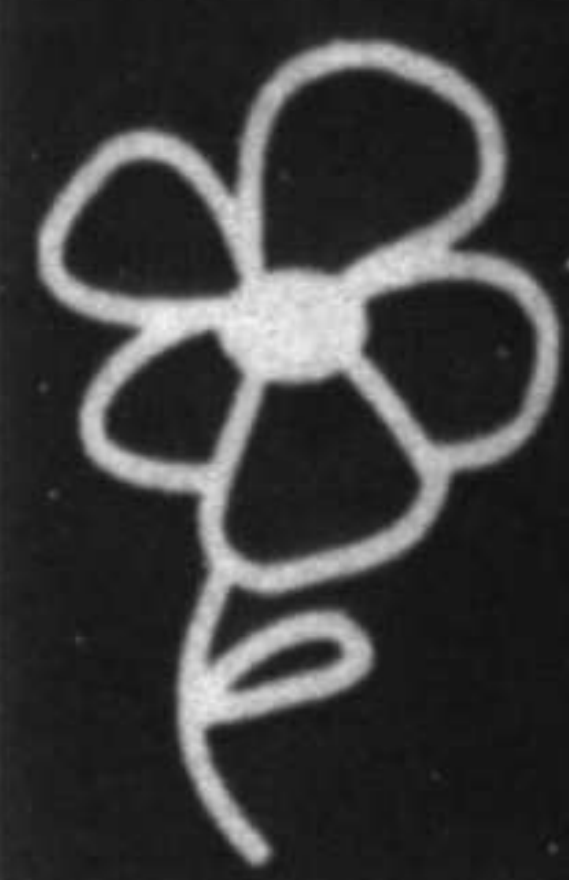
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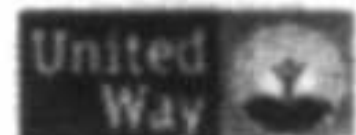
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European vacation plans are tripped up by broken ankle

DEAR ABBY: I had planned a trip to Europe with my friend "Elizabeth," a friend of hers and Elizabeth's daughter. The plan was I would share rooms with Elizabeth. We paid for the hotels in advance.

Shortly before our scheduled departure I fell, broke my ankle and couldn't go. We tried unsuccessfully to obtain some kind of refunds, and travel insurance paid only if the accident happened while we were actually traveling.

I was out \$2,000. Elizabeth's friend offered me \$500. Elizabeth, feeling some obligation, also offered me \$500.

I feel guilty taking Elizabeth's money because she paid for herself and her daughter. I think the other woman should give me at least half — not just \$500 — because she derived 100 percent of the benefit.

Also, she has never reached out to me directly at all.

No money has been received at this point. Should I just write it off? Or am I wrong to expect some of the money back? — **MONEY WOES IN THE EAST**

DEAR MONEY WOES: Yes, you are wrong. Nobody owes you anything. Accidents happen, but the broken ankle was your bad luck. It was generous of Elizabeth and her friend to offer you any money at all. My advice is to accept it graciously, write the rest off, and stop looking for someone to be mad at.

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: One of my relatives has bipolar disorder, and as far as I know he takes medicine for it. However, at our Christmas celebration last year he became verbally aggressive and abusive toward a family member who had done nothing to provoke it. Needless to say, it put a damper on the festivities.

Some people make excuses for him because he's bipolar, but I don't want another holiday ruined because of his behavior (which can be unpredictable). Must the rest of us sit on pins and needles hoping he doesn't explode this Christmas? I'd prefer not to invite him until he has better control of himself. Your opinion, please? — **HOPING FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

DEAR HOPING: You have a point. A solution might be to talk directly with your relative and explain that if he's taking his medication — which means there will be no unpredictable outbursts — he is welcome to be your guest for Christmas. If not, however, he should make other plans.

DEAR ABBY: On Veterans' Day I visited my family's cemetery plot and noticed my closest uncle does not have a military service marker like his two older brothers do. "Uncle Claude" had frequently mentioned to me how important a service marker was to him. I discussed it with his two out-of-state children several times after his death.

Almost two years have passed now, and it appears getting the marker might not happen. Should I inquire about this with my cousins, offer to assist them in getting and placing the marker or let it go? I did place a small flag on his grave later in the day. — **MILITARY SERVICE MARKER**

DEAR M.S.M.: Discuss this with your cousins once more and ask if they would like you to pursue getting the marker for your uncle. There may be reasons why it hasn't happened — including that they may not be able to afford the expense. You will never know unless you inquire.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bad split ... no problem

Both vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ A J 10 8 4
♥ A J 5
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ 4

WEST
♠ 9 7
♥ K 10 9 7
♦ K J 8
♣ A Q 8 7

EAST
♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ J 10 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ Q 8 6 3 2
♦ Q 4
♣ K 9 3 2

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ 1♠ 4♣ 3♣
Pass 4♣ All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

West had no appealing lead. Spades was the only suit that wouldn't give away a trick, so it was a good start for the defense. South won in his hand with the king and took stock.

There would be 10 easy tricks if the missing trumps split 3-2, so South led a heart to the jack at trick two. That won

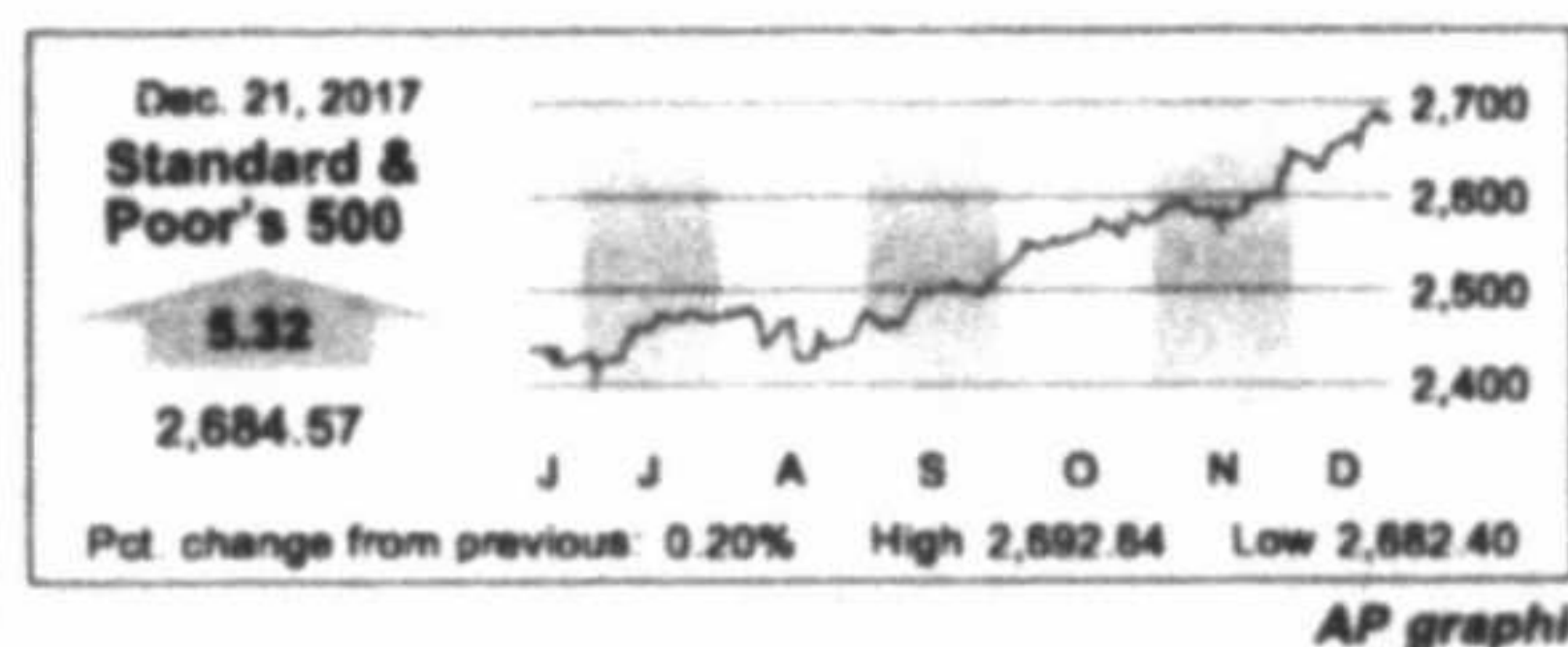
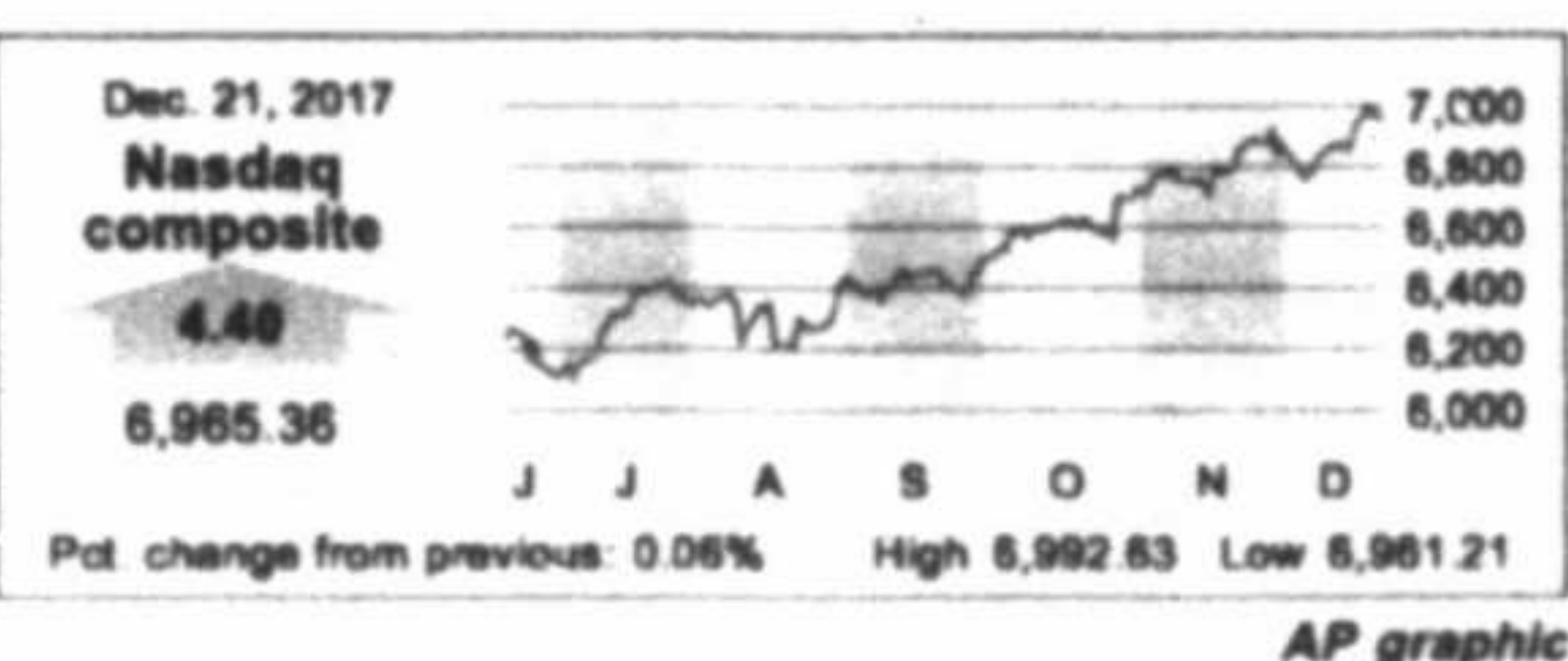
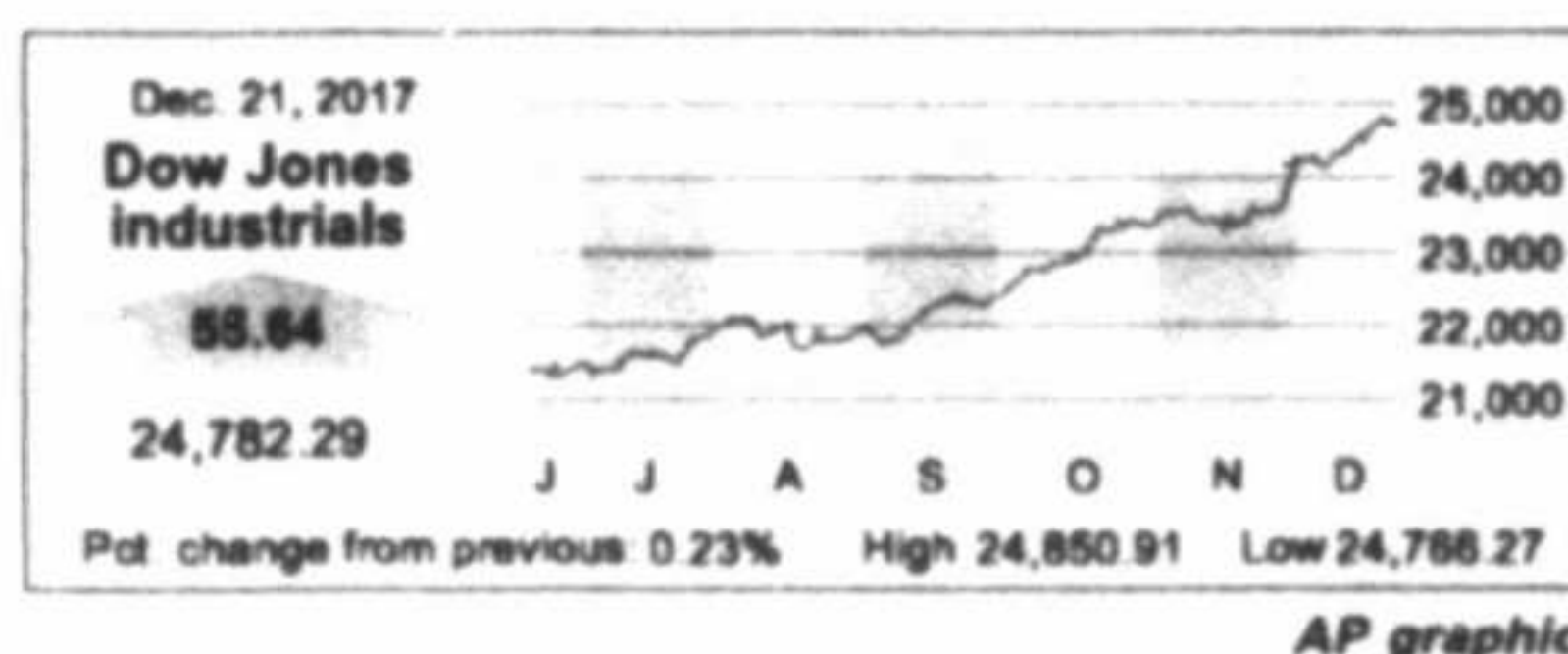
the trick, so he continued with the ace of hearts, getting the bad news. What now? West had to hold both the king of diamonds and the ace of clubs to justify his opening bid, so South set out to end-play him in hearts.

South cashed dummy's ace of spades, crashing his own queen, and continued with the jack of spades, discarding a club. West also discarded a club, so South led dummy's 10 of spades and shed another club. West also parted with another club, but he was just postponing the inevitable. Declarer led a heart from dummy, losing the trick to West's 10. West cashed the king of hearts, but then had to lead one of the minors. West couldn't escape his fate, but he made a good effort by leading the king of diamonds, which might have been the winner if South had started with a singleton diamond. South won this with dummy's ace and cashed the eight of spades, discarding a club. He crossed to his hand with the queen of diamonds and conceded a club to West, but he made his contract. Well done!

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A DAY ON WALL STREET



OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Thursday: \$58.36
Previous: \$58.09

POSTED

Thursday: \$54.75
Previous: \$54.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: \$52.00
Previous: \$52.00

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: \$2.598
Previous: \$2.637



NYSE				
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)			GAINERS (\$2 on stock)	
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioAm	710,559	29.82	+34	+1.13
GenElec	641,547	17.47	+02	+0.11
SAPPHIRE	545,102	17.56	+55	+3.12
PG&E	504,111	44.50	+42	+0.94
SPDR	448,338	28.13	+24	+0.85

AMEX				
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)			GAINERS (\$2 on stock)	
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg
Parsons	10,857	1.36	+15	+11.19
Digital	12,085	4.65	+51	+10.97
Global	69,009	1.31	+06	+4.62
NYMEX	61,362	1.83	+11	+6.01
NewGold	40,616	3.29	+12	+3.65

NASDAQ				
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)			GAINERS (\$2 on stock)	
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg
Micro	483,141	44.42	+133	+3.00
Intel	395,438	46.76	+80	+1.71
Comcast	335,851	40.81	+143	+3.50
Sirius	247,581	5.27	+01	+0.19
Bethel	215,676	21.51	+07	+0.33

Major US companies say workers will see some of tax windfall

Associated Press

The Trump administration has halted an independent scientific study of offshore oil inspections by the federal safety agency created after the 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine was told to cease review of the inspection program conducted by the federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. Established following the massive BP spill, the bureau was assigned the role of improving offshore safety inspections and federal oversight.

The order marks the second time in four months that the Trump administration has halted a study by the National Academies. In August, the Interior Department suspended a National Academies study of potential health risks for people living near Appalachian surface coal mines.

Part of the Interior Department, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement is also tasked with improving offshore drilling environmental protections. It was established in 2011 to separate enforcement of offshore drilling from federal revenue collection and permitting to avoid possible dysfunction and conflicts in enforcement against violations.

Bureau spokesman Greg Julian said Thursday a new "risk-based" component to the inspection program is being developed

within the bureau, and the academies study "was paused ... to allow time to ensure that there are no duplicate efforts." The bureau focus is increasing the safety of offshore oil and gas operations, he said.

The Dec. 7 bureau letter ordering the suspension of all work under the contract said that within 90 days the department would decide whether to lift the order or terminate the study altogether.

"The National Academies are grateful to the committee members for their service and disappointed that their important study has been stopped," spokesman William Kearney said Thursday.

The committee of scientists examining the inspection program held its only meeting in late October in Washington, D.C., Kearney said. Future meetings planned for the Gulf region have been put on hold.

The explosion of the Deepwater Horizon platform in April 2010 killed 11 people at a BP oil well site about 40 miles off Louisiana's coast. The massive spill that followed gushed an estimated 3.1 million barrels of oil into Gulf waters before the well was capped 87 days later.

"I think this is an example of Trump demonstrating he wants to open up federal waters to more drilling at the expense of people on the planet," said the Sierra Club's Kelly Martin. "He is much more supportive of corporate polluters than protecting people's safety."

Papa John's founder exiting as CEO weeks after NFL comments

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Papa John's founder John Schnatter will step down as CEO next month, about two months after he criticized the NFL leadership over national anthem protests by players — comments for which the company later apologized.

Schnatter will be replaced as chief executive by Chief Operating Officer Steve Ritchie on Jan. 1, the company announced Thursday. Schnatter, who appears in the chain's commercials and on its pizza boxes, remains chairman of the board. He is also the company's biggest shareholder.

Earlier this year, Schnatter blamed slowing sales growth at Papa John's — an NFL sponsor and advertiser — on the outcry surrounding football players kneeling during the national anthem. Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick had knelt during the anthem to protest what he said was police mistreatment of black men, and other players started kneeling as well.

"The controversy is polarizing the customer, polarizing the country," Schnatter said during a conference call about the

company's earnings on Nov. 1.

Papa John's apologized two weeks later, after white supremacists praised Schnatter's comments. The Louisville, Kentucky-based company distanced itself from the group, saying that it did not want them to buy their pizza.

Ritchie declined to say Thursday if the NFL comments played a role in Schnatter stepping down, saying only that it's "the right time to make this change."

Shares of Papa John's are down about 13 percent since the day before the NFL comments were made, reducing the value of Schnatter's stake in the company by nearly \$84 million. Schnatter owns about 9.5 million shares of Papa John's International Inc., and his total stake was valued at more than \$560 million on Thursday, according to FactSet. The company's stock is down 30 percent since the beginning of the year.

"I think it's possible that this was a conscious decision to get him out of the line of fire," said restaurant analyst John Gordon, who is the founder and CEO of Pacific Management Consulting Group. "The focus of the brand needs to be the pizza."

Banks, energy companies lead rebound in US stocks

Banks and energy companies led U.S. stocks higher Thursday, erasing modest losses from the day before.

Retailers and makers of consumer products also posted solid gains. Small-company stocks rose more than the rest of the market, and technology stocks lagged. Trading was mostly subdued as investors looked ahead to the long holiday weekend.

"Most of the optimism of the tax plan was probably built into the market already and I thought we might be in a little bit of a sideways mode here for a while," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading & derivatives at Charles Schwab. "But we've pretty much gained back almost what we gave up in the last two days. It's a pretty good sign to see that."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.32 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,684.57. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 55.64 points, or 0.2 percent, to 24,782.29. The Nasdaq composite added 4.40 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,965.36. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 7.03 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,547.11.

Metal prices mix

Gold rose \$1 to \$1,270.60 an ounce. Silver fell 4 cents to \$16.24 an ounce. Copper added 2 cents to \$3.22 a pound.

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Closing Price \$5.19 Up 0.15
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Closing Price \$123.10 Up 5.86
Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$1.18 Down 0.02
Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$4.28 Up 0.30
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$26.15 Up 0.40
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$19.85 Down 0.04
RSP Permian (RSP)
Closing Price \$39.82 Up 1.84
Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$14.50 Up 0.54
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$22.40 Up 0.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AT&T Inc	2.00	15	38.88	+33	+8.6	38.88
Abrams	56	2.24	+86	+12.8		
AdiaVine	1.32	15.87	+15.87	+15.87		
AMD	10.80	09	4.0	+4.0		
Alibaba	50	175.32	+2.68	+99.7		
AlphaMPL	1.35	10.71	+03	+15.0		
Amber	05	6.26	+02	+27.5		
Anagen	5.28	16	176.68	+43	+24.8	
Andarito	20	51.96	+123	+35.5		
Apeche	1.80	43.31	+2.85	+31.8		
Apple Inc	2.52	20	175.01	+86	+51.1	
ApplMkt	49	16	51.89	+148	+28.8	
Archrock	48	10.50	+25	+20.5		
ATROS	1.50	24	84.86	+1.89	+2.2	
AutoData	2.52	31	117.40	+46	+39.2	
BP PLC	2.38	30	41.68	+73	+17.5	
BioAm	48	17	29.62	+34	+14.9	
BioPharm	27	80	20	+20		
Barrick	1.20	15.75	+07	+1.7		
BioCrn	45					
BioCrn	8	21.51	+3.07	+14.1		
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BioCrn	1.78	17	58.28	+48	+8.1	
BioCrn	14	11.80	+37	+31.3		
BioCrn	1.88	22	61.50	+30	+4.8	
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BioCrn	2.00	13	74.64	+108	+1.4	
BioCrn	3.12	40	154.64	+12	+0.8	
BioCrn	7	10.50	+09	+10.6		
BioCrn	29	7.54	+02	+2.3		
BioCrn	09	1.97	+07	+3.5		
BioCrn	2.16	8	17.47	+32	+18.5	
BioCrn	6	3.64	+06	+1.6		
BioCrn	4.32	62	124.82	+83	+6.6	
BioCrn	33	12	8.70	+09	+10.3	
BioCrn	32	31	118.78	+380	+3.2	
BioCrn	1.16	20	38.33	+21	+5.5	
BioCrn	1.28	15	75.82	+1.16	+1.5	
BioCrn	6	7.15	+27	+3.8		
BioCrn	1.48	28	45.60	+46	+10.0	
BioCrn	1.88	28	74.68	+14	+1.9	
BioCrn	63	20	40.81	+143	+3.5	

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephem Group

Level:

1 2
3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	2	5	7	4	3	1	9
9	3	7	8	1	2	5	6	4
4	5	1	6	3	9	7	2	8
8	1	4	9	5	7	6	9	2
7	9	3	2	6	8	1	4	5
2	6	5	4	9	1	8	7	3
3	7	8	9	4	6	2	5	1
1	2	9	7	8	5	4	3	6
5	4	6	1	2	3	9	8	7

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

CLUE ACROSS

1. Breathe in
5. Blue
6. Salivate
7. report

CLUE DOWN

1. Bodily harm
2. Pack rat
3. Roped
4. Boneless cut

ANSWER

HENIAL
JNSAE
RODLO
DTIRCE

ANSWER

RNIJYU
ARHRODE
ASDESLO
ITEFL

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: There are about 200 species of ____

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-while 5A-Jeanne 6A-Dread 7A-Credits 2D-Jury 2D-Homework 3D-Jawed 4D-Films 5D-Jeremy
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NANLU

BKALE

AGAMDE

CYWRES

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: INEPT KNELT IMPACT NOTARY
Answer: The marsupial couple vacationed together to get some — "KOALA-TY" TIME

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Plodded (through)
6 Dies down
10 Not quite shut
14 Where something can be set for later
15 Protected at sea
16 Queen of Heaven
17 "The terrible tsar has arrived," either way?
20 Gambit
21 Field: NYC stadium
22 QB Peyton Manning has an NFL passing record 539 of them
23 "I could horse!"
25 "Sommersby" actor
27 Disappointed reaction to the censored version of "Fifty Shades of Grey," either way?
32 Amused initialism
33 Clumsy boats
34 Sweethearts
37 Eponymous virologist
39 Part of NAFTA
42 39-Across, perhaps
43 Hawaiian greeting
45 "The Americans" actress Russell
47 Magic org.?
48 Query about the Cheshire's grin, either way?
52 Chipmaker's prefix
53 A, in many orgs.
54 "who?"
57 DEA agent
59 Slip away
63 Mrs. Claus' remark about what she did to keep Santa home, either way?
66 Domini
67 Calendario units

DOWN

1 Measure of power
2 Tibet's place
3 jockey
4 Polished words
5 Nowhere near the norm
6 Ending with Tyrol
7 Common-interest group
8 Harmless
9 Ready for the curtain to open
10 Sushi tuna
11 Kid
12 Moistureless
13 Traitors
18 Rebel, in a way
19 Like some memes
24 ERA or RBI
25 Coaches' headaches
27 Big cat of film
28 Certain score
29 Give the okay

30 City near Kobe
31 Roulette bets
35 Actor Idris
36 Sandwich side
38 Medieval Tatar chief
40 Ten up front?
41 Undid
44 Pose in yoga
46 Words just before leaving
49 How Rome wasn't built?

50 Piemonte city
51 Ready to be shipped
54 ERA or RBI
55 An eternity
56 Pass (out)
58 Food on the trail
60 Wine named for an Iberian city
61 grapes
62 Sicilian mountain
64 Derek and Peep
65 U.K. component

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	R	E	D	I	T	T	H	A	W	S	M	S
T	E	R	E	S	A	A	I	D	A	H	E	W
S	P	I	N	N	I	N	G	T	O	Y	A	D
S	T	P	A	U	L	A	M	I	N			
S	A	F	E	A	L	P	I	N	E	P	E	A
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C	A	S	H	M	E	R	E	S	W	E	A	T
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E	L	M		M	E	E	T		G	N	O	M
S	T	Y		I	M	P	S		S	O	N	A

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WUZZLES

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1. off

2. I AM CALORIE DIET

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

2. I am on a low calorie diet

1. A write-off

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Answers

2. I am on a low calorie diet

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WUZZLES

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly

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CARVING STATION

Herb Crusted Prime Rib | Honey Baked Ham

BUFFET LINE

Turkey and Dressing | Chicken Cordon Bleu | Mango Chutney Salmon | Hungarian Pork Chops
Giblet Gravy | Candied Yams | Loaded Mashed Potatoes | Primavera Mixed Vegetables
Peel & Eat Shrimp | Fried Shrimp | Omelet & Waffle Stations
Menudo | Beef Soup | Tamales | Biscuits & Gravy | Bacon & Sausage | Salad Bar

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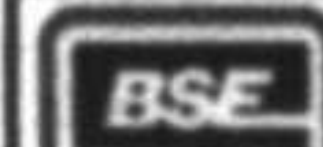
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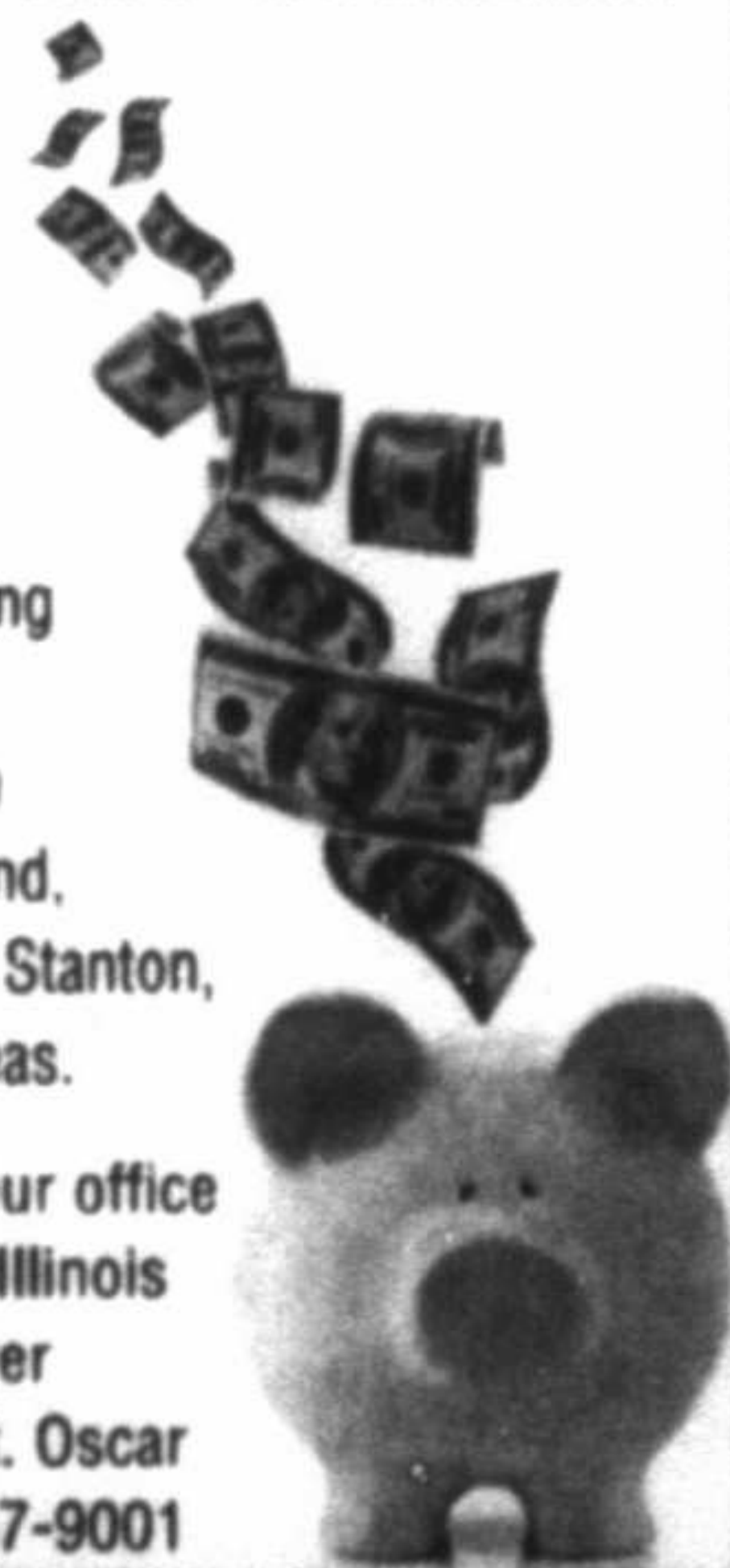
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308091
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 15, 2017 Status/Permit No. 833684
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 19, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO., LLC, [RRC Operator No. 655805] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 12, Bk. 39 T2S, GARDNER, J E Survey, A-662, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 2.4 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	BULLDOG
Lease/Unit Well No	H140UX
Lease/Unit Acres	180.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	30.0
Lease Lines	590.0 F NW L 2380.0 F NE L
Survey Lines	590.0 F NW L 2380.0 F NE L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines	10.0 F SE L 430.0 F NE L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 36	Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 1
Survey: T&P RR CO/MOODY, JM	
Lease Lines	100.0 F NW L 215.0 F NE L
Survey Lines	1380.0 F NW L 2413.0 F NE L

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Debbie Whiting, at (432) 662-6685, x357.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308091
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 4, 2017 Status/Permit No. 828806
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 5, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
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Lease/Unit Well No	H115UH
Lease/Unit Acres	203.9
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Lease Lines	720.0 F NW L 890.0 F SW L
Survey Lines	720.0 F NW L 890.0 F SW L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
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Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, on a request by Texas Roadhouse for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption in a restaurant, on the following described property: Lot 2E, Block 35, Northgate Addition, Section 21, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of West Loop 250 North, approximately 695 feet west of North Midland Drive (Council District 1).

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Zac Garth for a zone change from PD, Planned District for a Transition District, to O-1, Office District on the following described property:

Lot 1, Block 2, Bent Tree Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Generally located northwest of the intersection of Almond Place and Gunnison Drive. (Council District 1)

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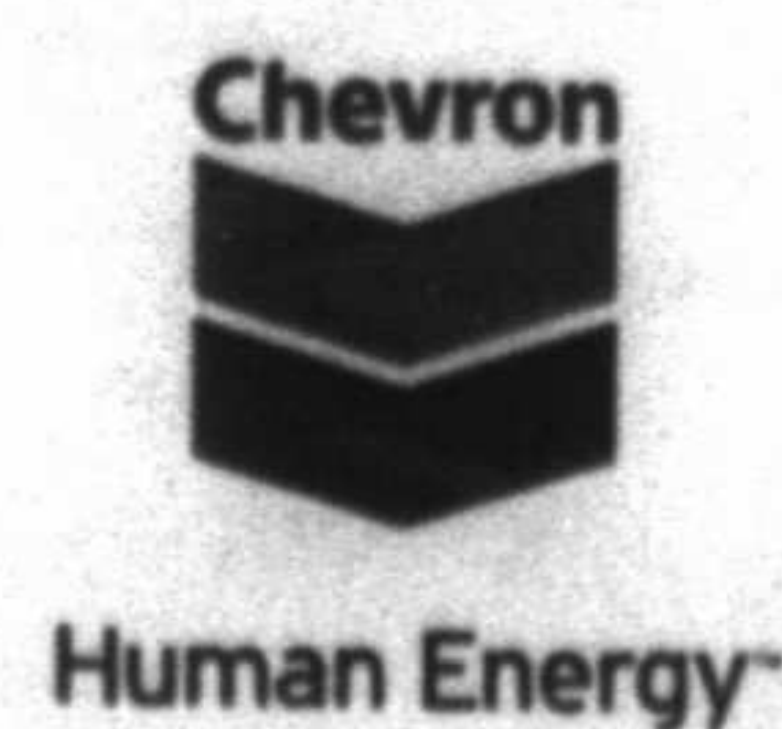
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