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Wait for end of economic contraction continues

Ingham: 'At some point we will know we reached the true trough in the oil and gas contraction'

By Mella McEwen
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The watch continues for the end of the Midland-Odessa economic contraction.

"At some point we will know we reached the true trough in the oil and gas contraction, and once we do, that will give us a timeline for the overall economy," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corp.

"That point has not yet been reached."

The index posted its 20th consecutive monthly decline in September, down 12 percent from September 2015. The Midland portion of the index declined a similar 12 percent compared to the previous September.

Ingham said that the rate of decline slowed slightly in the third quarter. That narrowing decline could indicate the bottom of the downturn is approaching, he said.

But he said that Midland-Odessa won't see economic growth until "either we see something that has never happened before, which is a turnaround in the overall economy before a definitive turnaround in the oil and gas business, or a turnaround in the oil and gas business."

Although he expects the economy to reach bottom in early 2017, the downturn is expected to continue through the rest of this year and into "early, early 2017." Meantime, double-digit declines can be expected across many of the components of the index.

"It's what we expect to see. You have to remember, over that period of expansion from 2010 to 2014, those numbers were the same, they just didn't have a negative in front of them," he said.

Ingham said the contraction won't continue for the same five-year period of growth that saw the Midland-Odessa economy climb 71 percent.

"It won't completely unwind all that happened in that expansion," he said.

He said that area workers may continue to endure a slow labor market, which has seen thousands of jobs lost and a surging unemployment rate. Though he shows Midland with only a 0.2 percent decline in employment for September and 0.5 percent decline for the third quarter, Ingham said the rest of the economic data does not support such a low figure. He predicts that when the Texas Workforce Commission undertakes its annual data revisions in February, Midland will have larger job losses.

Third quarter retail spending continued the decline begun in the second quarter of 2015, falling 19.9 percent compared to the same quarter last year; September spending was down 19.4 percent from last September.

In Midland, retail spending was down 21.3 percent in the third quarter and 21 percent in September from the previous year.

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Area companies honored for commitment to safety

By Mella McEwen
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Safety and honoring the companies that excel in workplace safety were the focus of a luncheon Wednesday at the DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza downtown. To heighten the celebration, the city recognized the day as Work Safe, Midland Day.

Executives from Texas Mutual Insurance Co. presented safety awards to eight Midland companies and 14 Odessa companies at the event. These businesses are among the 200 policyholders that will receive the top safety honor.

Midland award recipients are Mid-West Truck Center Inc., Douglas Scott Tate, Trey Trucks Ltd., Briley Trucking Ltd., R&R Huffman Contracting LLC, Ntact Constructors Ltd., C&C Coating Inc. and Titan PetroServices LLC.

Odessa recipients are Catalyst Oilfield Services LLC, Dale Meyer Trucking Co. Inc., Great Basin Petroleum Services LP, WTB LLC, Interstate Treating Inc., Viking Coil Tubing LLC, Oil-Gas Tech Inc., Fuzion Energy Services LLC, Wayne Johnson, N&B Well Service LLC, Blue Sky Weed & Pest Control Inc., Star Electric Co. of Texas, Elco Energy LLC and C&N Trucking LLC.

"Texas Mutual has 65,000 policyholders and the highest concentration of winners is here in Midland-Odessa," said Woody Hill, vice president, safety and information services with Texas Mutual.

He said that was an impressive feat for an area and an industry with the highest exposure to risk.

He said risks to workers in the industry include moving parts, heavy machinery,

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MAZE MASTER

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Ricky Hickey, dressed in Old West cowboy attire, checks his phone outside the Saloon on Wednesday at the Old Miner's Maze. Hickey is the owner of the Old Miner's Maze, an attraction he built on his property for familes and corporate outings that includes activities, rides, and a petting zoo in addition to the maze. "People are building restaurants and people are building bars," said Hickey, "but nobody is building for the kids."

Oil producers' market manipulation aspirations likely to fail

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Negotiators from oil producing countries are stepping up talks ahead of an OPEC summit later this month, sending the rumor mill into overdrive and putting oil prices on a roller coaster for the next three weeks.

The price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate jumped almost 6 percent Tuesday.

The U.S. election, meanwhile, has thrown a wrench in the works by installing a president who has promised to make it easier for companies to pump North American oil, while also rolling back regulations that limit carbon dioxide and methane emissions.

The big problem, though, remains how to reduce the 1 million-barrel-a-day glut of crude on the 93 million-barrel-a-day global market. The United States has recently competed with Saudi Arabia and Russia for the title of world's largest crude producer, so all three have the potential to manipulate prices.

Saudi Arabia wants all OPEC members to sell less oil next year, knowing that could push up prices. Negotiators from all 14 countries are trying to reach a deal by Nov. 30.

The problem is that Iran wants to produce at levels last seen in 2006, before the world imposed punitive sanctions. Nigeria, Libya and Iraq want exemptions from cutting crude sales because they are fighting off armed rebellions. Saudi officials are willing to cut Nigeria and Libya a break but are demanding that Iran and

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WTS Posted	$38.30	▼ $0.25
Natural Gas	$2.767	▲ $0.055
Gasoline	$1.964	▼ $0.011

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Bill Ingalls/NASA via AP

NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson gets her hair cut Monday at the Cosmonaut Hotel in Baikonur, Kazakhstan. Whitson, Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy of Roscosmos, and ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet are scheduled to launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan today. All three will spend approximately six months on the orbital complex.

NASA astronaut on verge of becoming oldest woman in space

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is on the verge of becoming the oldest woman in space, adding to her long list of barrier-breaking records.

Whitson will be 56 when she rockets off the planet Thursday. She'll celebrate her 57th birthday in February on the International Space Station.

That's a far cry from John Glenn's space shuttle flight at age 77 and a few years shy of the male runners-up. But it's enough to beat Barbara Morgan's record as the world's oldest spacewoman. Morgan waited so long to fulfill her role as Christa McAuliffe's teacher-in-space backup that she was 55 when she finally flew in 2007.

This will be the third space station mission for Whitson, an Iowa-born biochemist, and her second stint as commander. She'll launch from Kazakhstan with two younger men, Russian and French. They'll join an American and two Russians at the space station.

"It is a great place to work and live, and I feel really lucky that we are going to be with friends while we're there," Whitson said Wednesday at the traditional day-before-launch news conference.

"Even if I'm just cleaning the vents in the fans, it all is important."

Whitson was the first woman to serve as commander of the space station — in 2007, nine years into its lifetime. She also was the first — and so far only — woman to head NASA's male-dominated astronaut corps. No other woman has spent more time in space.

Strict when it comes to lifetime radiation exposure, NASA insisted Whitson remain Earth-bound for a while after her last mission.

"I would have rather gone sooner, but I'll deal with it," she said over the summer.

She'll ride a Soyuz rocket with a Russian cosmonaut, Oleg Novitskiy, 45, and a French newcomer to space, Thomas Pesquet, who's 38.

Launch is 2:20 p.m. today at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

"Dear Peggy, you're such a brave woman who has won over hearts of all Baikonur residents," city administrator Anatoly Petrenko said during a ceremony Wednesday. "I admire you. All the best at launch."

During training, a French documentary crew followed Pesquet, focusing on his relative youth and fresh eyes. Whitson said the interest on her, by comparison, was for being "old and experienced."

"All right, yes, I'm old," she said in a NASA interview. She noted in a recent series of preflight interviews that it gets easier with age, knowing what to expect on a spaceflight and how to prioritize.

At Wednesday's press conference, Whitson said that while she'll miss her friends and family — biochemist husband Clarence Sams also works for NASA — probably the biggest challenge is the lack of variety in space food.

"There will be French food this time," Pesquet assured her. He and his crewmates will enjoy dishes whipped up in advance by top chefs; Pesquet said he'll prepare the New Year's feast.

Whitson already has spent 377 days in space and performed multiple spacewalks. Her upcoming six-month mission should push her beyond 534 days in space, the U.S. record set in September by 58-year-old astronaut Jeffrey Williams.

Whitson said she's had a lucky run with few regrets. But she told reporters last summer: "In terms of goals for NASA before I die, we need to be living on Mars. And I might not live that long, so they better get with it!"

Archer City students chant 'build a wall' at border town opponents

Associated Press

SNYDER — A school official in a small North Texas town has apologized to administrators of a Texas-Mexico border school district after his students chanted "build a wall" during a volleyball match between teams from the two districts.

Archer City school Superintendent C.D. Knobloch said he apologized to Fort Hancock district administrators. He said Archer City students also held Donald Trump campaign signs at the Friday regional tournament match in the West Texas town of Snyder.

Knobloch said heated emotions after the election probably were a factor and said "the whole community is torn up about it."

Fort Hancock school Superintendent Jose Franco said he accepted the apology and told his volleyball players that there "are a lot more good people than ignorant people out there."

Obituaries

Mary Juanita Chick Hale

Mary Juanita Chick Hale, 87, of Lake Brownwood, Texas, passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2015 in Brownwood.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at Heartland Funeral Home in Early, Texas with Pastor Ron Keener officiating. Interment will follow in the Blake Cemetery located in Northwest Brown County in the old Williams community The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Juanita was born in Windgate, Texas on February 26, 1929, being the second child of Ed Chick and Evelyn Ward Chick. Juanita Moved to the Williams community in Brown County at an early age and attended the Williams school for all grades except twelve. She moved to Rising Star, Texas and graduated in 1947. That same year she moved to Midland, Texas and met Bill Hale. They married on October 29, 1948.

While in Midland, Juanita worked for Shell Oil Company, Permian Corporation, and Eddins Walsher Company, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxillary.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Bill; their two children, Sharon Wagner, and Stacy Hale and wife Brenda; grandchildren, Melissa Bertoldi, Thomas Wagner, Jay Nelson, Sandi Doughman. and Robin Nelson; and great-grandchildren, Giovanni Bertoldi, Alex Nelson, Evan Nelson, Alie Doughman, and Evie Doughman.

She is also survived by her brother, Jerry Chick and wife May; her sister, Janet Taylor; sister-in-law, Rosa Chick; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Evelyn Chick; brother, Arthur Chick; brother-in-law, Bill Taylor; and by two infant siblings, David Chick and Peggy Chick.

Juanita loved fishing, the outdoors, and gardening. She was hard to beat on any fishing trip. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She also hunted with Bill and was always ready to go dancing with him.

The family would like to thank all of those who cared for Mary Juanita during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

Online condolences may be left for the family at *www.heartlandfuneralhome.net.*

Norma Prather

Norma Prather, 81, of Midland, passed away on November 11, 2016.

She was born on June 23, 1935 in Dime Box, Texas to Ada Huckaby Thomas and Charlie H. Thomas.

Norma married Bob Prather in 1977. She worked for Olan Mills and then for O.G. Wilson Jewelers. Norma and Bob both worked for Pinkerton Security and, after retiring together, sold their home and travelled the country in an R.V. for 10 years. She moved to Florida after Bob died to be closer to her son.

Norma is preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepdaughter, Bobbie Prather; brothers, Wayne Thomas and Charles Thomas; and sister, Geneva Stanley.

She is survived by her son, Steven Dixon and wife Cim; stepson, Stanley Prather and wife Sheila; sister, Vera Johnston; and grandchildren, Tracy Sadler Coker and husband Donnie, Christopher Dixon, Christi and husband Steve Barnes, Crystal and husband Hank Williams, Jason and wife Renzi Connel, Deadra and husband Michael Dorris, and Tony and wife Nicole Prather.

She is also survived by her nephews, Jimmy Johnston and wife Angie, Delbert Johnston and wife Linda, and Tommy Stanley and wife Kathy; nieces, Linda Wall, Shirley Drake and husband Don, Cynthia Koonce and husband Larry, Sherry Coombes and husband Joe, Dawn Shirley, Debby Kennedy, Denise Whipp, and Mary Ziebell; four great-granddaughters; four great-grandsons; one great-great-grandson; 17 great-nieces; 12 great-nephews; and by numerous great-great-nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with David Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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

Patricia Wilkinson Hull

Patricia Wilkinson Hull, 86, died on November 15, 2016.

The Rosary will be on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. The Funeral Mass will be on Friday, November 18, 2016 at 10:30 am at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, Texas.

She was born in Stanton to Sam and Villa Wilkinson on March 30, 1930 and married to Carlton Hull on January 7, 1947. Carlton preceded her in death on June 2, 1958.

Pat co-authored *'Martin County, the First Thirty Years'* with Fay Smithson. She worked as the Martin County Librarian for many years and also worked as a Church secretary at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland. Pat worked for 52 years and retired from her last job as Librarian for La Promesa Foundation in 2012 at the age of 82.

She is survived by her three sons, Michael Hull of Midland, Neil Hull of Stanton, and Steve Hull of Big Spring; one daughter; Toya Hall of Stanton; grandchildren, Tammy, Shawn, Blaine, Carla, Valerie, and Jason; along with 13 great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Amy Jean Elkins, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers will be Russell Elkins, Ryan Hall, Jacob Elkins, Marcus Holguin, Paul Iaquaniello, and Michael Iaquaniello.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to La Promesa Foundation, PO Box 10571, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Gilbreath Funeral Home

Robert Douglas Keegan

Robert Douglas Keegan (67) of Cleburne, Texas passed away on November 11, 2016.

Robert was born July 25, 1949 to Harry Emmett and Frances Jeanne (Frost) Keegan in Long Beach, California. He settled with his family in Midland, Texas and has claimed Texas as home ever since. Robert graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1967 and, after a tour of Texas colleges, from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Robert worked most of his life as an independent petroleum landman. His passions in life were hiking and driving, in recent years, allowing his four-legged rescue friend, Shamrock, to dictate the direction of both. Robert was a fiercely independent man, but is remembered by friends and family as a man who was always willing to lend a helping hand, was kind to all, and never judged a person by where they came from or where they had been.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Harry Keegan. He is survived by his mother, Jeanne Keegan of Murrieta, CA, his son, Christopher Keegan and wife, Lee, beloved granddaughters, Kate and Caroline of Austin, brothers Scott Keegan of Reno, NV, Russell Keegan of Reno, NV, and Gary Keegan of Murrieta, CA and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Rd, Austin, Texas with reception at the church to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army.

Sammy G. Helmers

September 13, 1937 - November 15, 2016

Sammy G. Helmers, 79, of Stephenville, Texas, died Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in Stephenville.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Harvey Baptist Church with Anthony Svajda officiating. Burial will follow at Johnson Cemetery. Visitation will be 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday at Stephenville Funeral Home.

Sammy was born on September 13, 1937 in San Angelo to the late Alfred and Nora Lee Freeman Helmers. He married Jean Bounds on August 13, 1960 in McCamey, Texas. Sammy grew up in the community of Girvin, Texas, spent several years in the Midland Odessa area, and retired to Stephenville, where he has lived many years. He was a member of the Harvey Baptist Church. Sammy retired after 30 years with the Texas A&M Extension Service as a Horticultural Specialist. He loved being an Aggie, a gardener and rancher, and playing dominos and cards.

Sammy is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Debbie and husband Ricky Carpenter of Stephenville, and Donna and husband Mike Pasquino of Aurora, Indiana; grandchildren, Kaja Carpenter, and Brent and his wife Chelsea Carpenter, and their children, Brady, Kylee and Brooks; brother, Ellis and wife Lynda Helmers of Sanderson, Texas; sister, Vicki and husband Daryl Krug of Fritch, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Sammy was also preceded in death by two nephews, 'little Alfred Helmers and Jason Helmers.

The Helmers family wishes expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to Harvey Baptist Church, Samaritan Place, Camp Summit, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at *www.stephenvillefh.com*.

Airlines beef up menus for fancier food for some travelers

By Conor Shine
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — On a recent weekday afternoon, about a dozen American Airlines employees gathered in a backroom at a Ruth's Chris Steak House in Uptown to taste their way through an array of champagnes, whites and reds in search of wines worthy of being served at 35,000 feet in the air.

The Dallas Morning News reported just like with food, the dry, pressurized cabin of a modern airliner has a warping effect on the palate, leading American's wine experts to favor bold, expressive vintages that epitomize what people expect when they order a merlot or sauvignon blanc.

"The wine tastes different, even though nothing happens to the wine itself ... as you sit in the plane longer, your palate begins to deceive you," said Ken Chase, a wine consultant for Fort Worth-based American.

The wines chosen at Ruth's Chris will make their way on board flights starting next year, where they'll be served alongside new gourmet dishes created by four chefs, including Julian Barsotti of Dallas, to elevate the in-flight dining experience.

Gone are the rubbery chicken and dry mashed potatoes of yesteryear. In their place are dishes like saffron orzo salad, coconut curry, peppercorn crusted tenderloin and melon manchego carpaccio.

Despite being the butt of jokes since the early 1960s, the in-flight meal is serious business for U.S. airlines and an increasingly major front in the battle for the high-spending customers who sit in first and business class.

At American, the most frequent fliers account for about 13 percent of total passengers, but provide about half of the airline's revenue in a given year. After waves of bankruptcy and consolidation, the three remaining legacy U.S. carriers offer essentially the same product — a seat on a plane — to mostly the same places, heightening the importance of the in-flight experience as a competitive differentiator.

Airlines have responded to this shift by investing in all aspects of their product — from improved airport lounges, faster in-flight Wi-Fi, more entertainment options and lie-flat business class seats — with premium meals emerging as a crowd-pleasing way to make a flight a bit more enjoyable.

"It's a big part of the journey and the experience. Especially on international flights, our customers spend a significant amount of time with us," said Fern Fernandez, American's vice president of global marketing. "We bring some of these great chefs that are either up and coming or have established themselves to be unique... Our end goal is not necessarily for them to design one menu but to bring different elements of what they're

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Hector Adler, vice president of flight services for American Airlines, looks at wines during a wine tasting Nov. 2 for American Airlines' new in-flight menus at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Dallas. The wines chosen at Ruth's Chris will make their way on board flights starting next year, where they'll be served alongside new gourmet dishes created by four chefs, including Julian Barsotti of Dallas, to elevate the in-flight dining experience.

FOOD

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really great at, whether it's a starter or a main plate, and to start infusing that throughout the global network."

In-flight meals trace their history back to sandwiches served to airmen during World War I, according to historian Richard Foss, but didn't reach peak luxury until the middle of the 20th century.

"The standard of service in all aircraft after World War II was more like what we would think of as first class service now. Flying was still an elite thing and elites wanted the kinds of foods they knew and liked," said Foss, author of "Food In The Air and Space: The Surprising History of Food and Drink in the Skies."

He recalled a time when Pan American World Airways roasted beef aboard intercontinental flights.

Things began to change after the airline industry was deregulated in 1978, thrusting existing carriers into a new world where they were forced to compete on price as much as service.

As airlines fought to maintain profitability in this new age, meal budgets were one of the early casualties, culminating in the possibly apocryphal tale of American's CEO Robert Crandall ordering the removal of a single olive from salads in 1987 in order to save tens of thousands of dollars.

While the decline in service was felt especially hard in coach, Foss said meals in premium cabins didn't suffer as much because of the high margins the more expensive fares provided to airlines.

As far back as 1988, American was employing what it called its "Chefs Conclave" to help design its menus.

Today, that expertise has taken on the form of celebrity chefs like Gordon Ramsay and Joël Robuchon, who have helped create menus for Singapore Airlines and Air France, as well as up-and-coming regional chefs like Barsotti and Nashville's Maneet Chauhan, who help bring local flair to the process.

New technologies have made the flash-freezing and reheating process employed by airlines less ruinous to food, preserving textures and enabling new food options that would have been impossible with older equipment.

Newer menus have also drawn on other culinary trends by incorporating organic and locally-sourced ingredients where possible. Nik Loukas, who runs the airline food review website Inflight Feed, recalls a recent trip on Delta Air Lines from Seattle that featured ingredients from the city's famed Pike Place Fish Market.

"If I asked you what was your most memorable airline meal, you could probably go back five or 10 years and say to me 'I was on this flight. I was going on a holiday. I was with my wife, partner, children whatever and I had this great steak. But if I asked you what you had for lunch last Tuesday, you probably wouldn't' be able to tell me," Loukas said. "I think airlines are starting to understand they're playing a role in creating that memory."

Loukas, who has sampled meals from airlines across the globe, said U.S. airlines have made significant strides in catching up with the quality of meals served on many international airlines, but there's still room for improvement, especially when it comes to coach meals.

"I think it's still kind of unacceptable to jump on a flight for five hours to do a transcontinental in the U.S. to not have decent food," Loukas said. "What they don't understand is today's economy traveler is tomorrow's business or first class traveler."

For those in the back of the plane, the renewed focus on in-flight food has been largely limited to the return of free snacks.

Airlines have looked to offer slightly higher-end products. Earlier this year, United introduced its stroopwafel, a Dutch, caramel-filled treat. Dallas-based Southwest Airlines partnered with Community Coffee to offer a better cup of in-flight joe.

Better economy meals could be on the horizon — at an additional cost — as foreign airlines experiment with options to pre-order food while booking a ticket that is then served during the flight. Loukas said there are even mobile apps in the works that would allow passengers to order food from an airport restaurant that would then be loaded onto the plane, reheated and served during the flight.

"I think in the last 18 months U.S. based passengers have seen an increase in the quality and quantity of offerings, the collaborations with special chefs and brands," Loukas said. "I think that's only going to get better in the next two to five years."

Blue Nile, Rent the Runway bet on shoppers wanting stores

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the end, there are some things online shoppers want to touch and see in person.

Blue Nile, a 17-year-old online jewelry company, is opening more showrooms after a trial run proved successful. Rent the Runway, a website that offers clothes for rental, is launching a showroom this week at Neiman Marcus, with plans for more, as well as standalone locations.

Why would online retailers take on the expense of overhead and store staff? And why would a department store risk seeing sales siphoned by rentals? In some cases, it's to attract a different kind of customer. And one executive says the showrooms, which are also being embraced by online companies like Warby Parker and Bonobos, typically cost less to operate than acquiring new customers by other means.

Seattle-based Blue Nile, known for its varieties of loose diamonds and choice of settings, first experimented with small kiosks inside two Nordstrom stores. It closed those but opened its first standalone "webroom" at the Roosevelt Field mall in Long Island last year, and has since expanded to malls in well-to-do suburbs of New York and Washington, D.C. It opened in September in Portland, Oregon, and next week, it will open in Bellevue, Washington. It plans to eventually have dozens.

The showrooms are appealing to Blue Nile's core customers, but offer more than the online site, said CEO Harvey S. Kanter. "Our webrooms are fresh, modern and bright. It is an experience."

At about 300 square feet of selling space, the showrooms are much smaller than traditional jewelry stores. While the diamonds themselves are still only online, shoppers can see and touch the ring settings and other jewelry, and choose a ring that can be shipped to their homes as fast as overnight. Kanter said the rent and staff costs of the showroom are less than running advertising through Google to draw in customers.

"Most people want to touch, feel and look before they make a purchase. They do like the tactile experience," said Brendan Witcher, an analyst at Forrester Research. More and more shoppers are researching online first and then buying at a store. This year, about $376 billion of the $3.4 trillion in overall retail sales will be done online. Of the overall figure, $1.3 billion is influenced by the web, and that's expected to rise to $1.6 billion by 2020, Forrester said.

Bonobos, an online men's clothing store, will have 30 physical locations called Guideshops by the end of the year. Stylists offer advice about fit, and a customer's choices are shipped in a week or less. Andy Dunn, the founder and CEO of Bonobos, said earlier this year that instant gratification only works for food and essentials. "You don't eat your shirt," he said.

Warby Parker, an eyewear company, now operates 40 retail locations where it showcases its frames and offers optical exams. Co-founder and co-CEO Neil Blumenthal says that having stores wasn't in the company's original business strategy. But, he said, "The way customers interact with brands is evolving quickly so we need to evolve quickly."

Even Rent the Runway, which began in 2009 and has had 6 million customers, is using showrooms to make renting clothes more mainstream. It has six standalone locations so far, and starting Friday, it will occupy 2,500 square feet inside a Neiman Marcus in San Francisco. The showroom will be stocked with clothes from designers that the luxury department store already carries, complemented by items like shoes, handbags and cosmetics that Neiman Marcus hopes people will buy. The staff will include both Neiman Marcus and Rent The Runway employees.

"We have learned our customer loves the physical environment," said Jennifer Hyman, a co-founder and CEO of Rent the Runway. The company tested a showroom at upscale retailer Henri Bendel in 2013.

Executives from both Rent the Runway and Neiman Marcus said the partnership is a way to expand their differing customer bases. Rent the Runway's core customers are in their 20s and 30s, while Neiman Marcus's main customers are about 20 years older.

Neiman Marcus isn't concerned about possibly losing sales by offering clothes for rent in its stores. Customers in the Rent the Runway area can browse through Neiman Marcus' other offerings on iPads if they don't like the selection of accessories in front of them, Neiman Marcus CEO Karen Katz said. They can order online there or have a sales associate bring items off the floor.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ ArtSmart: "Art and the Corporate Environment" with Dolores Vick of Chevron, 4 p.m., Arts Council Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave, acmidland.org.

■ Third Thursday Reading, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. It will have a featured book with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Eric Skonberg, trumpeter and vocalist presented by the West Texas Jazz Society, 7:30 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. wjs.org.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers, 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Diabetes support group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital: 221-3286.

■ PDAP meetings, 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas: 520-3512

Free smoke detectors to be installed

The Midland Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Program is looking to help residents in east Midland by installing donated smoke detectors at no cost today.

The smoke detector installation will take place in the area east of "A" Street, north of Highway 80, and south of Wadley Avenue. This area has been determined as one of Midland's highest-risk areas for fire incidents through a review of data over the last three years. Firefighters can provide a new smoke detector in the case an old one is not working, or provide additional smoke detectors.

The detectors will be installed 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. To inquire about receiving a smoke detector or to volunteer to help, call the Midland Fire Department at 685-7332. Appointments will be accepted outside the blitz days on a case-by-case basis.

Christmas in the city

This year's Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for Dec. 3 at Wadley Barron Duck Pond.

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. and the tree-lighting will take place at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The Rockin' Christmas Parade featuring 1950s- and 1960s-themed floats will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. The parade will follow "A" Street from Ventura Avenue near Windlands Park and conclude near Midland High School.

To enter a float visit www.midland-texas.gov.

Source: City of Midland

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are

■ Show of Support (687-2167)

■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177).

Reel Thanx (528-6633)

■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)

■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)

■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

This date in Texas

On Nov. 17, 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-9-0
Pick 3 day: 6-5-3
Pick 3 evening: 8-6-8
Pick 3 night: 5-4-7
Daily 4 morning: 9-3-8-5
Daily 4 day: 9-5-8-8
Daily 4 evening: 8-1-6-8
Daily 4 night: 2-2-1-0
Cash Five: 11-16-19-21-28
Lotto Texas: 4-5-7-37-43-51
Powerball: 28-41-61-63-65 PB: 7 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 02-03-05-07-08-10-12-14-16-17-18-22
All or Nothing day: 02-03-04-05-06-07-10-11-14-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 01-02-03-04-05-09-10-11-13-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 02-03-04-05-07-08-12-13-16-18-19-20
Triple Chance: 5-06-16-17-24-25-27-30-32-51

Courtesy photo

Texas Mutual Insurance recognized 22 Permian Basin companies — eight from Midland and 14 from Odessa — with the company's top safety award at a luncheon Wednesday.

COMPANIES

From 1A

chemicals and the elements. But the highest risk remains transportation — driving to and from the work site, he said.

"We see (traffic) fatalities taking place in the middle of nowhere, out in remote areas because they're not paying attention," Hill said.

Texas Mutual estimates that more than 90 percent of workplace accidents are preventable, and Hill said many traffic fatalities could be avoided if drivers were paying closer attention, weren't speeding and wore their seat belts.

Amputations and lacerations and struck-by injuries are also a concern, he said.

Companies such as the ones honored at the luncheon that are committed to preventing injuries, to training and educating their workforce on safety can see a return on that investment of up to 600 percent, according to Texas Mutual estimates.

"Being involved in this profession for over 30 years, I've seen more advancement, more commitment," Hill said.

He said companies are realizing that providing a safe workplace helps in the recruitment of workers and with the bottom line by controlling insurance costs. Too, companies that don't provide a safe workplace often don't get contracts from large corporations, he said.

The best-in-class companies have kept many of their best people on staff amid the layoffs caused by the downturn.

"It's nice to see companies still thinking about safe operations even through there's pressure on margins. There's a tendency to lay off the good people but the best-in-class companies keep the best workers and the individuals responsible for safety operations. That says a lot about management commitment," Hill said.

The silver lining in the downturn is that it allows workers the opportunity to receive safety education and training. Displaced workers, especially, can receive training and be prepared when the industry recovers and hiring begins again.

Hill said that Texas Mutual has provided large sums to local colleges, including Midland College, which has an outreach program in safety, that allows the school to offer safety training programs for little to no cost.

Police: Airport shooting likely case of workplace revenge

By Tim Talley
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A man who gunned down a Southwest Airlines employee outside of Oklahoma City's airport likely did so in retaliation for having lost his own job with the airline last year, police said Wednesday.

Lloyd Dean Buie, 45, killed 52-year-old Michael Winchester on Tuesday as Winchester was leaving work and walking to an employee parking lot, police Capt. Paco Balderrama said at a news conference. Buie fired the shot from the fourth floor of a parking garage when Winchester was about 50 yards away, he said. Buie was later found dead in his pickup truck in the garage. Police think he shot himself.

"We know his intention was to go to the airport to hurt someone," Balderrama said. "The suspect knew where the employees parked and where they would be walking."

Buie quit his job as a ramp agent for Southwest in April 2015 after he refused to take an alcohol screening, airline spokeswoman Brandy King said Wednesday. She said co-workers had suspected Buie was under the influence at work, but she declined to say if Winchester, a ramp supervisor who had worked for Southwest for 29 years, was involved.

"Our Southwest family is grieving, as we are deeply saddened by the loss of our family member. Our focus remains on offering support to the Winchester family and Southwest employees during this difficult time," King said.

The Associated Press tried calling four of Buie's family members, but the calls either rang unanswered or the numbers had been disconnected.

Winchester, who has a listed address in Washington, a community about 35 miles south of the airport, was a former University of Oklahoma football player whose son James is a long snapper for the Kansas City Chiefs.

ASPIRATIONS

From 1A

Iraq accept new production quotas.

Saudi Arabia also needs Russian President Vladimir Putin on board, or else Russia will simply pump more and steal OPEC's customers. The Saudi and Russian oil ministers are reportedly meeting this week in Qatar to discuss a deal that would include Russian production cuts, or at least a freeze.

Russian oil companies, meanwhile, probably don't want a deal. They expect President-elect Donald Trump to lift sanctions on them, clearing the way for international oil companies to invest in boosting Russian oil production. Putin, though, may want a deal for more strategic reasons.

Together, the 14 OPEC members and Russia represent about 40 percent of the world's crude production. Getting all of them to agree to cut production, and then actually follow through, is a tall order that most analysts predict Saudi Arabia can't pull off.

"People are pretty pessimistic right now about a potential agreement," BP Chief Executive Officer Bob Dudley said in a Bloomberg Television interview from Riyadh. "You see that in the price," he said. If the talks fail, prices "will stay around the level we're at."

Watching from the sidelines, meanwhile, is a new government in the United States that could also send prices higher. U.S. companies last year produced 10 percent of the world's oil and say they could produce more with higher prices.

U.S. producers are watching OPEC closely for signs that prices will rise from $43 a barrel this week to around $60, where they can make enough money to explore and drill again. Trump has promised to repeal environmental regulations and expand drilling on federal land to help the U.S. oil industry compete with foreign oil.

Trump has also promised to implement unspecified policies to eliminate the need for about 3 million barrels of imports every day. Since U.S. oil is more expensive to extract, even if you eliminate all taxes and regulations, Trump's only option to achieve this is to somehow make foreign oil more expensive.

If any of these policies succeed, the U.S. consumer will pick up the tab for boosting the U.S. oil industry by paying higher prices at the pump. And they will be needlessly higher prices, by the way, because there is plenty of cheap oil on the global market.

The current supply and demand curves show we shouldn't pay more than $2.75 a gallon for at least another two years. OPEC and Russia are trying to manipulate the market to change that, and U.S. companies are happy to see them do it.

The next two weeks running up to the OPEC meeting on Nov. 30 will be filled with rumors and officials trying to talk up oil prices.

OPEC will almost certainly announce some kind of deal, though I doubt anyone will respect the terms. Nevertheless, oil and gasoline prices will rise for at least another week on the headlines alone.

Pretty soon, though, U.S. oil company CEOs will get excited about higher prices, hire more rigs and begin producing more oil. When traders see those statistics, and notice that Iraq and Iran are not really cutting production, oil prices will likely collapse again.

Looking at the weeks ahead, it is important for investors and business people to remember the words of Marvin Gaye: "Believe half of what you see, son, and none of what you hear."

The oil markets need more time to balance, either through wells drying up or demand growing beyond the current supply.

We're not there yet, and in today's diverse energy world, the chances of anyone successfully manipulating the market for very long are pretty slim.

Report: Midland College ranked as one of the 25 best online colleges in Texas

■ Online site: No. 1 online college in the Permian Basin

From staff reports

College Choice website has ranked Midland College as No. 12 on its list of the 25 best online colleges in Texas, according to a press release from the college.

MC also tops the list of colleges in the Permian Basin, according to the release.

Midland College currently offers one completely online program: Health Information Management, in which students may choose from an associate degree option and several certificate options. In addition, MC also offers online courses in liberal arts, humanities, history, government, social and behavioral sciences, math, natural science, kinesiology, economics, business administration and various career and technology areas. The college also offers courses that can help supplement required courses for students who are part of the Virtual College of Texas, an online consortium of regionally accredited Texas colleges, allowing students in other online programs to take courses at MC in order to complete their degree requirements.

Last week, Midland College celebrated National Distance Learning Week with online faculty presentations about effective online teaching.

"We are growing our online courses, and more online programs are expected to begin in the very near future," said Sylvia Gray, director of Distance Learning, in the press release. "In January, we will begin classes in our new baccalaureate program in Health Services Management. Upper-level required courses and specialty courses in this program are offered online."

Factors that were considered by College Choice when ranking the schools include the number of online degrees offered, academic reputation, affordability, scholarly quality of the faculty teaching online courses, engaging methods of teaching and technological resources. College Choice data came from the National Center for Educational Statistics, from the websites of the universities and colleges themselves and publications such as U.S. News and World Report.

"Students who take online courses at Midland College are treated to a top-of-the-line online learning management system, online bookstore and library, tutoring services and tech support," Gray said.

Note: College Choice describes itself as "an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college." Online: http://www.collegechoice.net

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin asks to keep 'Making a Murderer' inmate locked up

MADISON — A federal judge told Wisconsin prison officials on Wednesday that they must release an inmate featured in the Netflix series "Making a Murderer" by Friday evening.

It's unclear if Brendan Dassey will finally walk free, however. Hours after U.S. Magistrate Judge William Duffin issued his release order, attorneys with the state Department of Justice filed an emergency motion with the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, asking it to stay Duffin's order and keep Dassey behind bars.

Dassey, 27, has been serving a life sentence since he was convicted in 2007 of helping his uncle, Steven Avery, rape, kill and mutilate photographer Teresa Halbach at the Avery family salvage yard in Manitowoc County in 2005.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Duffin overturned Dassey's conviction in August. The judge ruled investigators tricked Dassey, who was 16 at the time and suffered from cognitive problems, into confessing. Duffin ordered Dassey released from prison then, but said he would stay that request if state attorneys appealed.

CONTRACTION

From 1A

Automotive spending in the third quarter was 13.1 percent from last year's third quarter and is down 22.2 percent in September from last September. In Midland, automotive spending was 6.3 percent lower in the third quarter and 6 percent lower in September compared to a year ago.

Housing continued to defy expectations in the low oil price environment, but the housing markets in Midland and Odessa painted different pictures. Sales of existing homes in Midland-Odessa fell 10.1 percent in the third quarter from last year and 8.9 percent in September from last September.

But in Midland, sales grew 1.6 percent in September, while falling 7.5 percent in the third quarter from last year's third quarter.

The sales price in Midland-Odessa averaged $250,631 in the third quarter, up 4.5 percent, and $245,831 in September, up 6.2 percent from last September.

In Midland, the third quarter average sales price was $284,031, up 8.2 percent. The September average was $270,408, up 6.8 percent from last September.

Ingham said it's not that Odessa's housing market has "fallen off a cliff," but that Midland is experiencing such a strong market.

"I'm not sure who's looking for housing at those prices," he said.

Construction remains active but at lower rates than during the expansion, according to Ingham. The value of all building permits in Midland-Odessa was down 26.1 percent in September compared to last September and is down 20 percent in the third quarter over the third quarter of 2015.

In Midland, building permit valuations were down 27.9 percent in September over last September and 6.2 percent in the third quarter over a year ago levels.

The two cities issued 80 permits for new homes in September, down 36 percent from 125 last September. In the third quarter, 274 permits were issued, down 26.9 percent from 375 in the third quarter of 2015.

In Midland, 32 new housing permits were issued in September, down 54.9 percent from 71 the previous September. For the third quarter, 157 permits were issued, down 24.5 percent from 208 a year ago.

Unusual tiff brews between Fox's Bill O'Reilly and Megyn Kelly

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill O'Reilly is questioning his Fox News Channel colleague Megyn Kelly's loyalty for writing in her just-published memoir and talking about accusations that former Fox chief Roger Ailes made unwanted sexual advances on her a decade ago.

Kelly responded that she had the support of her new bosses to write about the incidents and that "sunlight is the best disinfectant."

Meanwhile, Kelly appeared under attack Wednesday in an unusual forum: people flooding Amazon.com with negative reviews of her book, "Settle For More," in what her publisher regards as an orchestrated campaign.

The unusual back-and-forth between two prime-time hosts is a headache for Fox News, which declined comment on Wednesday. O'Reilly, 67, has long been Fox's most popular personality. Kelly, 45, is seen as a major part of Fox's future and network management is eager to sign her beyond her current contract, which expires next July.

It began Tuesday on "CBS This Morning," where O'Reilly was a guest promoting his children's book, "Give Please a Chance." Host Norah O'Donnell asked him about Kelly's book, and he said he wasn't interested in it.

"In sexual harassment?" O'Donnell asked.

"I'm not interested in basically litigating something that is finished that makes my network look bad," O'Reilly replied. "OK? I'm not interested in making my network look bad. At all."

Kelly accused Ailes of making sexually suggestive comments when she was new to Fox and trying to kiss her against her will. Ailes has denied the accusations. Her private testimony about the incident was seen as a key to Fox's parent company ousting Ailes this past summer.

Later, on his show, O'Reilly offered his "tip of the day" that "loyalty is good." He didn't mention Kelly's name but the intention seemed clear.

"If somebody is paying you a wage, you owe that person or company allegiance," he said. "You don't like what's happening in the workplace, go to HR, or leave. I've done that. And then take the action afterward if you feel aggrieved. There are labor laws in this country. But don't run down the concern that supports you by trying to undermine it."

An hour later, at the end of her show and again on CBS Wednesday, Kelly said she had discussed the chapter she wrote with Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch of Fox's parent company 21st Century Fox. Kelly told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday that she believed it was important to tell the story to empower other women who may be going through something similar and to impress upon companies the importance of being vigilant against harassment.

Asked by CBS' O'Donnell whether or not she believed she was making her company look bad, Kelly said that "I believe that Roger Ailes made the company look bad."

In an appearance with Don Imus on Wednesday, O'Reilly said that he believed Kelly is a "very smart, talented woman" and that he had no beef with her.

But he said if another network is "going to try and bait me to say bad things about my network, I am not gonna do it." While that explains his stance on CBS, it didn't address why he brought up the issue of loyalty on his own show.

Late Wednesday morning, Amazon.com noted that of more than 300 customer reviews of Kelly's book on their website, 73 percent gave it one star — the site's lowest grade. Twenty-two percent gave the book five stars, the highest possible. The book was published Tuesday.

Many of the reviews mentioned President-elect Donald Trump and did not address anything actually in "Settle For More." Trump was angered by Kelly last year because of a tough question she asked him in a debate and attacked her repeatedly on social media. Kelly told the AP that she believed things were fine now between her and Trump, but some of the incoming president's fans didn't appear over it.

"This has all the hallmarks of an orchestrated effort to discredit our book and our author," said Tina Andreadis, spokeswoman for the publisher, Harper Collins.

Such waves of negative reviews have happened on Amazon in the past, including once for comic Amy Schumer and her book published last summer, "The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo."

McConnell to lead Senate GOP, Schumer new Dem leader

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

Alex Brandon/AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., center, walks with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday after a caucus organizing meeting to elect their leadership for the upcoming 115th Congress.

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans re-elected Mitch McConnell on Wednesday to be majority leader next year while Democrats picked Chuck Schumer to lead them, setting the chief actors as the chamber prepares for an agenda that will be dominated by Donald Trump and the GOP.

McConnell, 74, is a discreet but deadly master of the Senate's legislative chess game. His role will be to steer GOP bills to the desk of a president whose name he barely spoke during a tumultuous campaign in which many Republicans viewed Trump and his incendiary comments on Muslims, veterans and others as political poison.

"It's time to accept the results of the election, to lower the tone and to see what we can do together to make progress for the country," McConnell, from Kentucky, told reporters Wednesday.

As Senate minority leader, Schumer will assume his weakened party's most powerful remaining post as it struggles to define its role in a Republican-dominated government.

The New Yorker's ascension from his No. 3 spot has been a virtual lock since last year, when he quickly cemented votes for the top job after current Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., announced he'd retire. Most of each party's leaders will remain in their posts next year, an ironic stability following an election that seemed to show a demand by voters for change.

McConnell and Schumer faced no opposition at separate closed-door meetings. Later Wednesday, Schumer visited McConnell in his office, telling a reporter afterward: "First meeting. Working out things."

Republicans will control the White House, House and Senate but their potential Achilles' heel is the Senate, which they will dominate 52-48. Assuming Republicans don't eliminate the rule allowing filibusters, Schumer should be able to keep the GOP from the 60 votes they'd need on some issues to break the procedural delays, potential leverage for bargains.

"Where we can work together we will," Schumer told reporters about Trump, with whom he shares an affection for TV soundbites and sharp elbows. But Schumer said he's also told the president-elect, "On issues where we disagree, you can expect a strong and tough fight."

Schumer has mentioned infrastructure as an area of possible cooperation.

Many Democrats will feel pressure to back Republicans on other issues, too. Twenty-five of the 33 Senate seats up for 2018 re-election are held by Democrats and their two allied independents, including several from deeply Republican states like Montana and West Virginia, and they'll have to find ways to appeal to constituents.

Underscoring Democrats' effort to understand why last week's election turned so sourly against them, Schumer announced a broad, 10-member leadership team. It ranged from liberals like Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts to moderates like West Virginia's Joe Manchin.

"We need to be a party that speaks to and works on behalf of all Americans," Schumer said.

The 65-year-old Brooklynite vaulted over No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Dick Durbin of Illinois, who will remain in that slot. Schumer has been a savvy partisan combatant willing to strike compromises, such as on a 2013 bipartisan immigration overhaul that eventually died.

McConnell has been a coolly effective leader, steering his party through a long battle over a Supreme Court vacancy and Trump's stormy presidential candidacy. McConnell distanced himself from Trump during the campaign, at times flatly refusing to discuss the race with reporters.

In what seemed like a show of independence, McConnell answered a question Wednesday about whether he backs Trump's call for a five-year lobbying ban by former executive branch officials by saying the Senate will address "the real concerns of the American people."

He cited overhauling the tax code and President Barack Obama's health care law and approving a new justice and said the Senate won't "relitigate what anybody on either side may have said during a very hotly contested presidential race."

McConnell, who's led Senate Republicans for a decade, has pushed a conservative agenda while cutting budget deals with President Barack Obama. And he enraged Democrats by refusing to let the Senate consider Obama's nomination of federal judge Merrick Garland to fill a Supreme Court vacancy that occurred last February, which paid dividends when Trump won.

In the House, Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is on track to keep his job after Republicans endorsed him Wednesday by voice vote.

House Democrats postponed their leadership election until Nov. 30 after junior lawmakers demanded more time to digest the Election Day results, a warning shot at Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

In a letter seeking support, Pelosi told fellow Democrats they must be "a strong voice for hard-working families" and "unified, strategic and unwavering." She said she is already backed by two-thirds of Democrats — more than enough to win.

Mom accused of texting video of lifeless son waives hearing

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A Pennsylvania woman will stand trial on charges she killed her toddler son and sent a video of the boy's lifeless body to his father during a jealous, vengeful argument over more than two hours of text messages.

Clark

Christian Clark, 21, of McKeesport on Wednesday waived her right to a preliminary hearing on charges including criminal homicide in the Nov. 1 death of 17-month-old Andre Price III.

Allegheny County police contend she sent a barrage of angry texts, threats, photos and videos that night because she believed the boy's father — Andre Price Jr., 23 — wasn't coming home after work so he could be with another woman instead.

"Ya kids ain't safe here I don't want them here" and "Answer me or im going to jail for child endangerment" were two of the dozens of texts listed in the criminal complaint. Then came a message at 10:01 p.m. — about an hour into the rant — that said, "I'm killing them," followed by a laughing emoji with tears coming from its eyes, police said.

Clark eventually called 911 more than an hour later, at Price's urging, and police found the lifeless boy. Clark later confessed to smothering him by holding him face-down on an air mattress, after first claiming to not know why he died, police said.

Clark is also charged with attempted homicide. Police say she threatened and tried to kill the boy's 2-year-old sister, Angel, during her texting tirade. Prosecutors added lesser offenses of aggravated assault and two counts of child endangerment at Wednesday's court appearance, which defense attorney Milton Raiford said was partly why he waived a hearing on her behalf.

"Also I'm trying to make sure, in case this goes to a jury, that they're not prejudiced by reading (media accounts) about any of the facts and testimony that may have come out of the hearing," Raiford said.

Price remains jailed on child endangerment charges. Police contend he should have called 911 after Clark first threatened the children early in the tirade.

County homicide detectives say Price not only ignored Clark's texted threats that night but also didn't alert authorities when Clark texted him other pictures of her holding the children by the throat during another argument months before.

Price posted those pictures to Facebook, and acknowledged posting a caption under the pictures that said: "These two pictures she is choking them because was (sic) ain't together ...."

Price's defense attorney hasn't returned calls for comment.

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Obsession with race is stretching beyond reason

■ The election of Donald Trump has turned safe spaces into kinds of internal refugee camps where weeping delicate flowers can wilt in terror

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Some recent headlines:

"The Electoral College is an instrument of white supremacy — and sexism," exclaimed Slate magazine.

CNN: "Math is racist: How data is driving inequality."

From the NBC affiliate in Oklahoma: "'To be white is to be racist,' Norman student offended by teacher's lecture."

Wow, things are bad here in America. Maybe I should move to Canada? Uh oh, from Heat Street: "Canoes reek of genocide, theft and white privilege, says Canadian professor."

Is there no place safe from white supremacy? Let me check the Huffington Post. "North Korea proves your white male privilege is not universal."

In other words, going by the headlines, you'd think everything is about race. Or, as the Harvard Crimson put it, "Everything is about race."

You might say this is a cheap technique. Headlines are supposed to be provocative, particularly in the age of clickbaiting that passes for much of what we call journalism. Let us look to the academy, where cool reason rules.

(Hey, stop laughing. I haven't even gotten to the punch line yet).

Over at the Journal of Applied Philosophy, we're told that condemning racism is — wait for it — racist.

"The moralization of racism that often permeates philosophical scholarship reproduces colorblind logics, which provide individualistic explanations for structural problems, thereby sustaining white dominance," writes Marzia Milazzo in an article titled "On white ignorance, white shame and other pitfalls in critical philosophy of race."

Milazzo's claim is hardly controversial in the hothouse alternative universe of higher education. What Milazzo calls "colorblind logics" hold everybody to equal standards of fact and reason. This wacky notion is the wellspring from which we got the scientific revolution, the Enlightenment, the rule of law, doctrines of universal human rights, the abolition of slavery, the emancipation of women, the civil rights movement, the concept of free speech and unprecedented material prosperity.

Reason is the tool that brings us consensus, appeals to our conscience and keeps us from returning to the jungle.

It all reminds me of that great scene from "Monty Python's Life of Brian" where a revolutionary asks, "What has the Roman Empire ever done for us?" A comrade lists a bunch of things, and the man replies, "All right, but apart from the sanitation, the medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the freshwater system and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?"

Activists today are clear-cutting vast swaths of civil society to make room for reason-free zones where feelings outrank facts — they call them "safe spaces."

And if they had their druthers, the entirety of the continent, if not the globe, would be one giant beanbag chair-strewn realm of hugging and unapologetic whining.

Seemingly every day there's another story of a college campus caving into the notion that free speech and unhappy facts are racist.

The election of Donald Trump, a man I could not have been more critical of, has turned the safe spaces into kinds of internal refugee camps where the weeping delicate flowers can wilt in terror.

I did not like how Trump talked about issues of race. Some of his most ardent supporters have views on race that I find abhorrent. But they constitute a tiny minority of his coalition. Just consider that if you subtracted from Trump's column all of the voters who had also previously voted for Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton surely would have won.

If you think everything you don't like is racist, then of course the election of a president you don't like has to be racist.

Here's some free advice for all the liberals insisting that Trump was elected by racists: The more you say that, the more you help Trump.

I can understand why this is confusing. There's a certain breed of guilty white liberal who actually enjoys being called racist, confessing their racial sins and denouncing less advanced white people. The hot new term for this is "virtue signaling" — a way of communicating how enlightened you are.

But there are a lot more white people out there who are not racist and therefore do not like being called racist or being berated about how their country is racist. They also sense that the "everything is about race" crowd is using race as a cudgel to silence critics and have their way.

That sort of thing begs for a backlash. You can call it racist if you want — some people do with everything else — but it won't play well outside the safe spaces.

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OUR VIEW

School board candidates Kennedy, Stone find out every vote does matter

Do you live in Midland ISD District 4, have a favorite for school board but didn't vote last week?

That is probably something you shouldn't tell Rachel Stone or John Kennedy. You are probably the last person they want to hear from.

On Tuesday, we learned the District 4 race for school board ended in a tie. After 3,070 voters cast a ballot, neither Kennedy or Stone could claim an advantage. What are the odds?

We can't remember a race in our community ending in such a manner. This school board election for a district inside central Midland and extending southwest has become the poster child for the idea that every vote counts.

If five provisional or overseas ballots had not been cast for Kennedy, Stone would be taking another victory lap. Had Stone not earned a ballot from the overseas/provisional pile, Kennedy would be enjoying arguably the most improbable comeback in our community's elections history.

Barring something unforeseen, there will be a recount before the date is set next week for a special election in December.

For those who don't know, District 4 includes the areas around Bowie Fine Arts Academy and Houston, Lamar, Long and Burnet elementaries.

Between now and the beginning of the early voting period for a special election, we will provide more information on each candidate and why they are the right person for an important job. Make no mistake — this is an important time for the school district, and Midland needs good people leading the way as it digs out of a hole that was around 10 years in the making.

If there is a special election, we hope turnout doesn't go south (as it often does during special elections). We hope if you took the time to cast a ballot on Nov. 8, you do so again. And if you didn't, we hope you study up on the two candidates and cast a ballot.

As we have found out, every vote does matter.

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Latinos generally don't vote as a bloc

■ How Latinos vote often depends on how they are treated

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

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Last week's presidential election has people asking: Do Latinos really vote as a bloc? Or is that just a myth intended to make America's largest minority, and one of the country's fastest-growing groups of voters, seem more important than it really is?

The answer is complicated.

It is true that — unlike African-Americans, about 90 percent of whom tend to vote for the Democratic candidate on the ballot — Latinos usually show less unity and cohesion. In fact, in 2012, they were labeled "swing" voters by Time magazine — as unpredictable a demographic as suburban moms.

While more than 60 percent of Latino voters identify as Democrats or Democratic-leaning, many of them are willing to put aside party labels and support moderate Republicans. See: former President George W. Bush, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Also, because Latinos divide into smaller categories based on country of origin, there really is no "Latino vote" per se. It's more accurate to say that there is a Mexican-American vote, a Cuban-American vote, a Colombian-American vote, a Puerto Rican vote, etc. The biggest slice of the pie belongs to those who can trace their ancestry to Mexico. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, those folks account for about 64 percent of the U.S. Latino population.

This sort of thing matters. Many voters of Mexican descent have different views than, say, Cuban-Americans, on an issue like immigration or whether to open relations with Havana.

And there is even more splintering between U.S-born Mexican-Americans and foreign-born Mexicans who are naturalized U.S. citizens.

Also, Latino voters will sometimes forsake party loyalty, go rogue and support someone based on personality, celebrity or the allure of their ideas.

Which brings us to what happened this year. According to CNN exit polls, 29 percent of Latinos voted for someone who has, for the last year and a half, been their persecutor — Donald Trump. The New York Times puts the figure at 27 percent.

The billionaire enjoyed even greater support from Cuban-Americans who, according to CNN, gave him as much as 54 percent of their votes in Florida.

Of course, not everyone agrees with those percentages. The polling firm Latino Decisions was an outlier. It put Trump's Latino support at a mere 18 percent.

This much is clear: For the most part, Latinos are independent voters who follow their conscience as opposed to simply following the herd.

Yet that doesn't stop the media, the parties and political strategists from lumping Latinos together as often as they can. Sometimes, the idea is to discern voting patterns or evaluate what kinds of marketing efforts bring out the vote. They do the same thing with other voters.

For instance, we're told that Trump earned the support of 72 percent of working-class white men who didn't attend college, and 62 percent of their female counterparts. That doesn't mean that those groups voted as a bloc. But it does mean that Trump was the kind of candidate, with the kind of message, that appealed to this demographic subset.

Think of it in terms of buying practices and consumer goods. The nation's cereal companies employ strategies and develop messaging to convince parents to choose their brand of cereal. But this doesn't mean that all moms and dads think alike or that they buy cereal as a "bloc." What it means is that they can be addressed, and even manipulated, as a group to produce a preferred outcome.

Likewise, with Latino voters, as divided as we can be because of our diverse backgrounds or differences of opinion, we have also demonstrated over the years a tendency to come together against a common enemy.

I remember what happened in 1994. In California, 78 percent of Latinos put aside their differences and came together to oppose Proposition 187, a mean-spirited and ultimately unconstitutional GOP-sponsored ballot initiative that denied education, social services and non-emergency medical care to undocumented immigrants and their U.S.-born children.

Latinos punished the Republican Party for the next two decades, and now California is dark blue.

The lesson: When the air is peaceful, Latinos will often divide up and vote our own narrow interests. But when we're attacked or provoked, we will just as often come together and show strength in numbers.

Do Latinos vote as a bloc? Well, to a large degree, that's up to you — and how you treat us.

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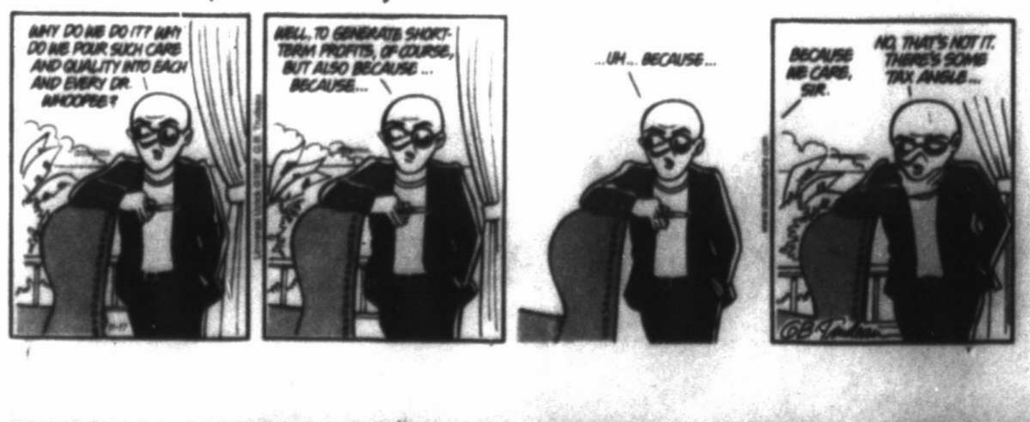

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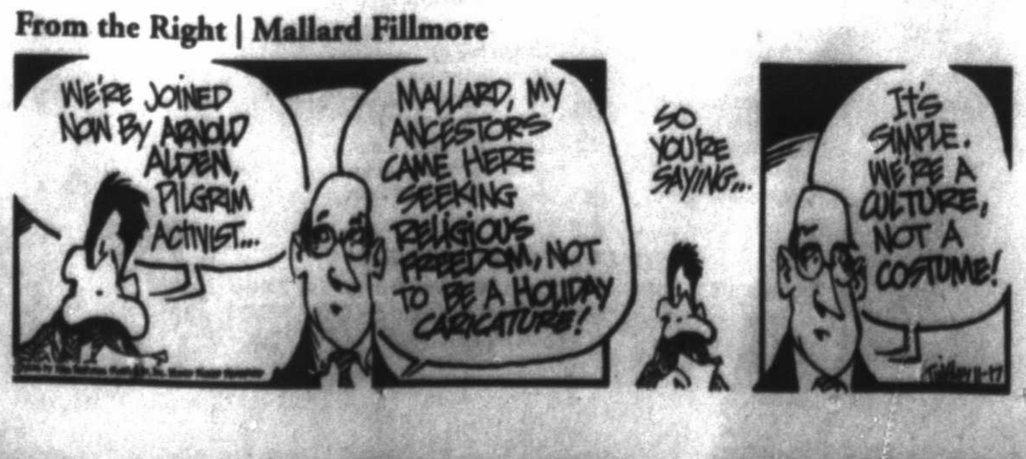


College students protest Trump's deportation plans

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

College students at campuses around the United States marched and rallied Wednesday, urging administrators to protect students and employees against immigration action under a Donald Trump presidency.

Rallying supporters on social media with the hashtag #SanctuaryCampus, organizers said actions were planned at more than 80 schools, including Vermont's Middlebury College, where about 400 people gathered, and Yale University, where demonstrators numbered about 600.

Students sought assurances that their schools would not share their personal information with immigration officials or allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on campus.

"Can you imagine the fear that it would inflict on college campuses if having ICE agents walk into a campus becomes the status quo?" organizer Carlos Rojas of the group Movimiento Cosecha, said by phone from New Jersey. "It would be terrifying."

The actions continued days of demonstrations that have broken out in cities and high school campuses following Trump's election victory last week. The Republican's campaign promises included a vow to deport millions of people who are in the U.S. illegally.

"I'm very fearful," Miriam Zamudio, whose parents brought her to the U.S. from Mexico as a child, said by phone as she prepared to join a protest at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

She worries that the family information she provided on her application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Status will endanger her parents, who are living in the country without legal permission.

"We don't know what Trump is going to do," Zamudio said. "We don't know if he is going to demand this information and we want our administration and our school to stand with us."

Several hundred people, mainly high school and college students, rallied at the federal building in downtown San Diego to protest Trump's election. Some held signs or banners saying "we are not criminals" and "make racists afraid again."

Faculty and staff at several universities have signed petitions in support of making their campuses sanctuaries for people threatened with deportation — or anyone who faces discrimination.

"We are alarmed at the vitriol that students and community members are experiencing across the United States in the aftermath of the recent election," the petition to administrators at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign said. "Reports of gross imitations of disabled youth, threats to aid in the deportation of students and their families, renewed deployments of the 'N' word, sexual aggressions against young women, bullying of Muslim and LGBTQ+ youth, reappearances of swastikas, among other acts, point to hostilities that infiltrate our campus."

At the University of Memphis, students chanted "Say it loud, say it clear, refugees are welcome here" and "No racists, no KKK, no fascist USA," The Commercial Appeal reported.

Junior Luke Wilson stood nearby, holding a sign that said "You're all cry babies."

Similar sentiments appeared on Twitter and other social media platforms, along with messages of support.

"We know that there are going to be people on both sides of the issue," Rojas said. "But I think that what no one could argue with is that a university and a college campus have a moral responsibility to make the students that are paying tuition and just want to get an education feel safe."

Department of Homeland Security Press Secretary Gillian Christensen said existing ICE and Customs and Border Protection policies guide enforcement at "sensitive locations," which include colleges and universities.

"The ICE and CBP sensitive locations policies, which remain in effect, provide that enforcement actions at sensitive locations should generally be avoided, and require either prior approval from an appropriate supervisory official or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action," Christensen said by email. "DHS is committed to ensuring that people seeking to participate in activities or utilize services provided at any sensitive location are free to do so without fear or hesitation."

Yale Ph.D. student Ramon Garibaldo told the crowd to remain hopeful.

"I fear for my existence every day," said Garibaldo, whose parents brought him from Mexico. "My mom, my dad they crossed borders for me to be here. So we aren't going to bow down to the orders of one man."

Trump: No transition turmoil, efforts going 'so smoothly'

By Julie Pace and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President-elect Donald Trump and his team on Wednesday vigorously rejected charges of turmoil and infighting roiling efforts to set up his White House, national security and economic teams. A week after his upset victory, Trump said the enormous endeavor was proceeding "so smoothly."

Trump dished out his rebuttal on Twitter, spending yet another day ensconced in his New York skyscraper, beyond the public eye. Aides and allies vouched for the transition efforts on his behalf, suggesting some commotion was to be expected.

"The beginning of any transition like this has turmoil because it's just the nature of the process," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said as he left Trump's transition headquarters in Washington. He said the picture of Trump's administration would become clearer over the next two or three weeks.

Others close to the transition process described advisers "fighting for power." Trump has long stoked internal rivalries among his staff — both in his businesses and his campaign — and has created ambiguity in his transition about who has authority to make key decisions.

Eric Trump, one of the president-elect's sons, raised expectations of imminent progress Wednesday, telling reporters in the morning that appointments were "likely" to come during the day. Then, other Trump aides suggested a slower pace.

"We're not going to rush to put names forward until we're absolutely sure," Trump spokesman Jason Miller said hours later. "We're going to make sure that they're people we're confident will pass confirmation and we think can implement the president-elect's vision."

Trump's team noted that President Barack Obama waited until a few weeks after the 2008 election to announce many of his Cabinet appointments.

And former Michigan Rep. Pete Hoekstra, who has informally advised members of Trump's national security team, blamed Trump's detractors for the reports of drama.

"When you're doing a transition that is trying to push the kind of change that Mr. Trump wants to be doing, it's going to be even harder," said Hoekstra, a former House Intelligence Committee chairman.

The incoming Republican administration also got a boost of support from outgoing Vice President Joe Biden, who met with his successor, Mike Pence, continuing the Obama administration's show of public support for the transition.

"No administration is ready on Day One," Biden said following the meeting at the Naval Observatory, which serves as the vice presidential residence. He expressed confidence that by Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration, "everything will be in good hands."

Trump's team was essentially starting from scratch, scrapping much of the preliminary transition work New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie conducted during the campaign. After winning the election, Trump demoted Christie and put Pence in charge.

The result has been a series of new additions to the transition team and several departures, mainly among those aligned with Christie. Kevin O'Connor, a former senior Justice Department official, joined that group.

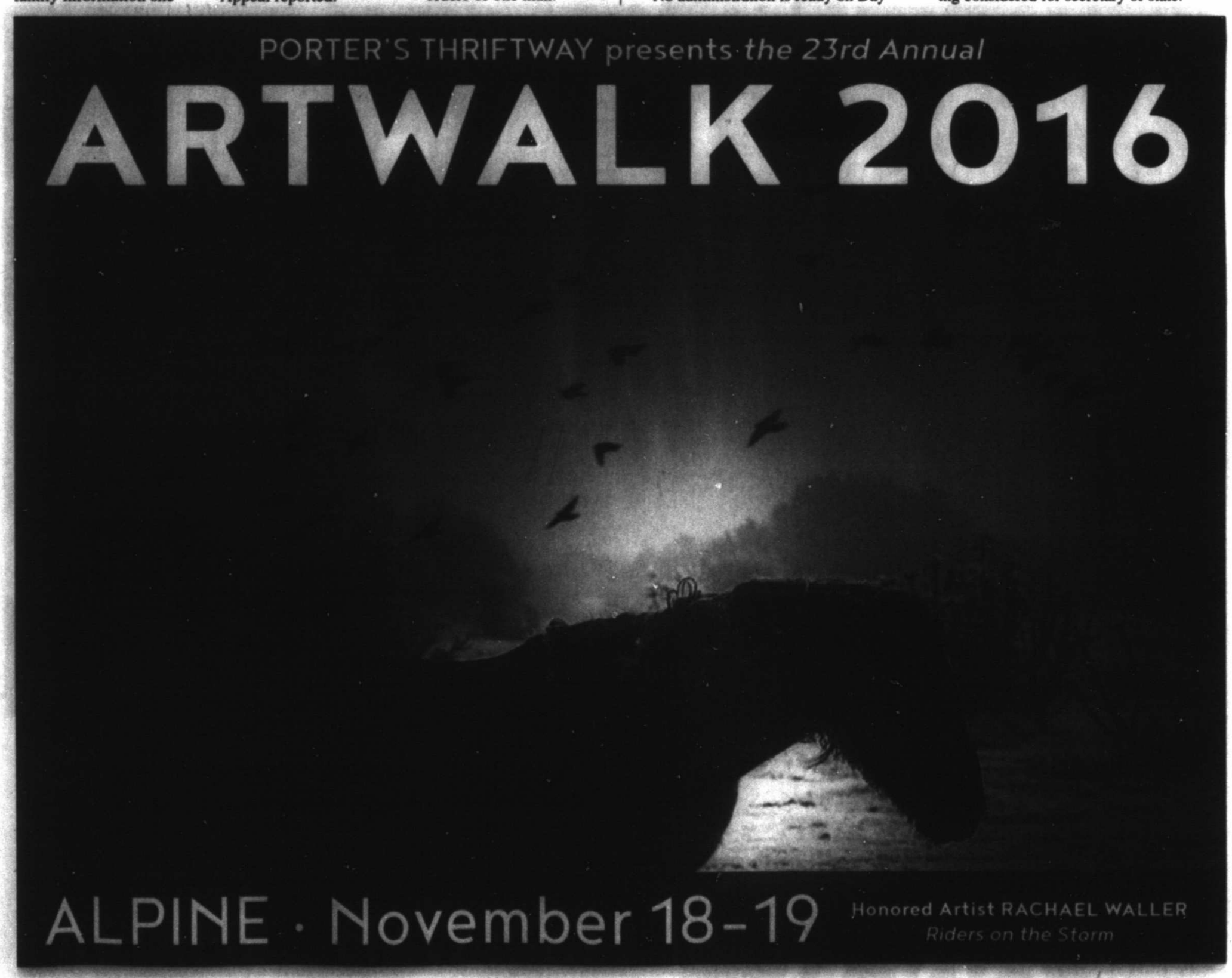
Trump appeared to be weighing an eclectic mix of individuals for top Cabinet posts, including longtime loyalists, former rivals and even a Democrat. A senior transition official said Trump's team met Wednesday with Eva Moskowitz, a former New York councilwoman and charter school founder who is being considered for education secretary.

Others who passed through the marble lobby of Trump Tower included Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., a potential pick for Health and Human Services, and Ray Washburne, a Dallas businessman and top GOP fundraiser in the mix for Commerce secretary. New England Patriots' owner Robert Kraft also entered the gilded elevators for meetings.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who arrived Wednesday afternoon, has been angling for secretary of state, though his consulting work for foreign governments has emerged as a potential roadblock. Trump is also said to be seriously considering John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, for the top diplomatic job.

Sen. Ted Cruz, who tangled ferociously with Trump during the Republican primary but ultimately endorsed the businessman, could get a top job such as attorney general. An official said, however, Cruz is not viewed as a top contender. The official, like others, wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the transition talks and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Others mentioned for Cabinet posts: Rep. Tim Huelskamp, a Kansas Republican, said someone close to the transition contacted him about becoming agriculture secretary. South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a former U.S. attorney and state attorney general, said he was asked if he would be interested in being attorney general. McMaster also said he was told South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was being considered for secretary of state.



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Oil trades near $46 as US crude use grows; Russia is optimistic

By Mark Shenk
Bloomberg

Crude traded near $46 a barrel in New York after a government report showed U.S. refinery demand surged and Russia's oil minister expressed optimism that OPEC would reach a deal.

Refiners used 16.1 million barrels a day last week, up 309,000 barrels from a week earlier, according to the Energy Information Administration. Crude stockpiles rose 5.27 million barrels. A 1.5 million barrel gain was forecast by analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. Russia is ready to support an OPEC decision to stabilize the market, Energy Minister Alexander Novak said. OPEC ministers are meeting on Nov. 30 to discuss how to implement production cuts.

Oil retreated for much of the past three weeks amid skepticism about the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' ability to implement a production cut at the upcoming summit in Vienna. Officials from the group and Russia are meeting in Doha today for another round of talks without ministers from Iran and Iraq, the two countries that pose the biggest obstacle to an output accord.

"You would have expected to see more selling after such a big build in crude," said Gene McGillian, manager of market research for Tradition Energy in Stamford, Connecticut. "There's a feeling that OPEC will come to some sort of an agreement later this month, which makes selling risky."

West Texas Intermediate for December delivery slipped 1 cent to $45.80 a barrel at 12:28 p.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after dropping 1.7 percent earlier. Prices rose 5.8 percent to $45.81 on Tuesday, the biggest gain since April 8. Total volume traded was 52 percent above the 100-day average.

Brent for January settlement slipped 8 cents to $46.87 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. Prices rose 5.7 percent to $46.95 on Tuesday. The global benchmark traded at a 51-cent premium to January WTI.

The gain left U.S. crude supplies at 490.3 million in the week ended Nov. 11, according to EIA data. Stockpiles are at the highest seasonal level in more than 30 years.

Refineries boosted operating rates by 2.1 percentage point to 89.2 percent of capacity, the biggest gain since February. Plants usually increase operations in November as they prepare to meet winter-fuel demand.

"There was a significant recovery in refinery demand," said Thomas Finlon, director of Energy Analytics Group in Wellington, Florida. "The fact that there was a crude build while refinery runs were growing is very bearish for the market."

OPEC reopens talks on oil cuts without Iran, Iraq ministers

By Nayla Razzouk, Khalid Al-Ansary and Stephen Bierman
Bloomberg

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Khalid Al-Falih, Saudi Arabia's new minister of energy and industry (center) speaks to journalists ahead of the 169th Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting in Vienna, Austria, on June 2. OPEC and Russia will meet in Doha today for another round of talks without ministers from Iran and Iraq, the two countries that pose the biggest obstacle to a deal to cut production.

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Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are "all hands on deck" to reach an agreement by the group's Nov. 30 meeting in Vienna, Secretary-General Mohammed Barkindo said in an interview in Marrakech, Morocco on Tuesday. Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran remain at odds over how to share output cuts, said an OPEC delegate, who asked not to be identified because the information isn't public.

The latest round of diplomacy reflects OPEC's struggle to finalize the deal reached in Algiers on Sept. 28, which would end a two-year policy of pumping without limits. More than 18 hours of talks last month in Vienna failed to overcome internal disagreements, which in turn prevented a wider pact with non-OPEC producers. Without an accord, the International Energy Agency predicted a fourth consecutive year of oversupply in 2017.

Brent crude rallied to a one-year high following the announcement of OPEC's preliminary accord to reduce production, but has since fallen back as doubts over the deal grow. The international benchmark rose 5.7 percent to $46.95 a barrel Tuesday, the biggest gain since the surprise agreement in Algiers, as the fresh talks prompted speculation the group can overcome its differences.

"Freeze diplomacy continues in full swing," Olivier Jakob, managing director of Zug, Switzerland-based consultant Petromatrix, said in a note Wednesday. "We think that Saudi Arabia wants to make sure that everything is done before the November 30th meeting."

Russia will hold informal consultations with OPEC representatives, potentially including Saudi Minister of Energy and Industry Khalid Al-Falih, at the Gas Exporting Countries Forum in Doha on Nov. 17-18, Energy Minister Alexander Novak told reporters in Moscow. There's a high chance of an agreement by the Nov. 30 meeting and Russia is ready to support a decision, he said.

Neither Iran, Iraq nor Nigeria will send oil ministers to Doha. Hamed Al-Zobaie, Iraq's deputy minister for natural gas affairs, will represent the country, Oil Ministry Spokesman Asim Jihad said by phone. Iran will send OPEC Governor Hossein Kazempour Ardebili and National Representative Behrooz Baikalizadeh, said an Oil Ministry official. Emmanuel Kachikwu, Nigeria's minister of state for petroleum, won't attend, said a person familiar with the matter.

Iraq has sought an exemption from joining any production cuts, arguing that its fight against Islamic State justifies special treatment. Iran has insisted it won't accept any limits on its production until it has returned to the pre-sanctions level of about 4 million barrels a day.

The talks in the Qatari capital run alongside behind-the-scenes diplomacy, including an unannounced meeting in recent days in London between Barkindo and Al-Falih. After traveling to Venezuela to meet with President Nicolas Maduro, OPEC's top official will also visit Ecuador and Iran, two people familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

OPEC pledged in Algiers to bring its production down to a range of 32.5 million to 33 million barrels a day, which compares with the group's own output estimate of 33.6 million last month. It's also seeking cooperation from Russia and other non-members, although so far none have committed to curbing output.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's de-facto leader, is ready to cut production, but only if the effort is built around four pillars, said one delegate. All members must agree to collective action, pledge to share the burden of cuts equitably, and do so in a way that is transparent and has credibility with the market. The latter can be achieved by using OPEC estimates of how much each member pumps, rather than relying on the countries' own figures, the delegate said.

In practice, that means Saudi Arabia still thinks Iraq needs to cut output and Iran has to freeze production around current levels, the person said. Neither country has so far agreed to do that.

Three countries — Libya, Nigeria and Iran — have been granted "special considerations" to implement the Algiers accord, Barkindo said. Iraq is not among these members, he said.

In Libya and Nigeria, production is still recovering after a spate of violence and militant attacks targeted oil infrastructure. Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran are the largest producers within OPEC, accounting for about 55 percent of the group's output, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

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BEST BETS

FRIDAY

COMEDY NIGHT Comic Anthony "A.J." Johnson headlines a night of laughs at the Yucca Theatre. The comedian/actor has also starred in "Friday" and "I Got the Hook Up." Trinard Woodard opens. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

CREEPY CRAWLIES Visit with Michael Price of Wild About Texas will give a free talk about and showcase live tarantulas, scorpions and snakes at Sibley Nature Center. 11 a.m.

MONDAY

PIG OUT If you like bacon, then check out the pork-based dining event Angel's Pig Dinner by Hight Foods. Visit hightfoods.com to make reservations. 7 p.m.

ONLINE

Read about food and restaurant news every Friday in Small Bites on mrt.com

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk (pictured)," "Bleed for This," "The Edge of Seventeen," "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."
Closing: "Boo! A Madea Halloween," Jack Reacher: Never Go Back."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

COMING SOON

The Museum of the Southwest's annual Christmas at the Mansion kicks-off Dec. 3 with an open house and mother-daughter brunch. The fourth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater run will be on Dec. 10. For a list of events, visit museumsw.org.

'Fantastic Beasts' a crowd-pleasing 'Potter' prequel

PETER HARTLAUB
San Francisco Chronicle

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" protagonist Newt Scamander is amiable, sheepish and surprisingly capable, as if he's trying to simultaneously channel Harry, Ron Weasley and Hermione from the "Harry Potter" series at the same time.

Eddie Redmayne's performance is emblematic of a spinoff that manages to clone the vibe of the "Potter" films (especially the latter ones) even as it aggressively distances itself from Hogwarts. It's a safe, crowd-pleasing and frequently enchanting experience.

But there's also a sense that the filmmakers were locked in their own Azkaban-style prison, forced at wand-point to meticulously replicate a product that has become its own industry.

"Fantastic Beasts" previously existed as a Scamander-penned textbook in the Harry Potter universe, which was expanded into a J.K. Rowling-penned faux manual in real life. From these spare guidelines, "Harry Potter" creator Rowling will reportedly write at least five movies.

Redmayne is the first of many safe choices made in the "Fantastic Beasts" movie, which takes place in the 1920s, at least 70 years before the events in the first "Harry Potter" book. The beast-wrangling wizard is introduced walking into Ellis Island, with a magical suitcase and its unreliable latch that conveniently launches most of the mischief in the film.

David Yates, who directed the final four installments of the "Harry Potter" films, also returns, already in an urgent "Deathly Hallows" mood.

While "Fantastic Beasts" is a lively piece of cinema, it is also scary and frequently bleak. There will be no PG-rated Chris Columbus-directed chapters to allow young children to grow up with the films. Stay woke, kids. Pure PG-13 evil has already crossed the doorstep.

Scamander's allies are a trio of adults: human comic relief Jacob (Dan Fogler), psychic Queenie (Alison Sudol) and overachieving witch Porpentia (Katherine Waterston). Scamander is sent to wrangle magical beasts, who are being spotted by the paranoid No-Maj crowd (that's the American word for "muggle," which is the Rowling word for human). Colin Farrell is the surly director of the American version of Scamander's British Ministry of Magic, charged with finding Newt.

The fact that we're leaving about two-thirds of the plot out, and the exposition is still confusing, should bode poorly for the first half of "Fantastic Beasts." And yet under the seasoned management of Rowling and Yates, plot density isn't a detriment. The movie feels like cramming for an examination from the coolest textbook, guided by the most engaging professor at the school.

Pre-Depression New York is cold and hard but oddly sanitized — more like a Harry Potter amusement-park facsimile than an actual place. But it blends well with the goblins, house elves and brand-new beasts that run amok for most of the movie's 133-minute running time.

A money-hoarding platypus thing, lock-picking anthropomorphic seedling and a dragon that adapts to its environment are three of the more memorable creature designs.

The middle parts of "Fantastic Beasts" are the draggiest, when all the slapstick, chase scenes and whimsical smashing and breaking of things mask a lack of character development. A romance between Jacob and Queenie is particularly shallow and labored. For a movie so long, our heroes don't travel very far.

But Rowling, Yates and their crew recover by the end, which gathers some emotional momentum, even as it gets busier to watch. Through the noise and flash of visual effects, "Fantastic Beasts" sticks its landing with a combination of sadness, fear, hope and beauty. (And effectively sets up the next film with even higher stakes.)

"Fantastic Beasts" is neither the amazing new direction that fans were hoping for, or the bloated "The Hobbit"-style disaster that they feared. It's a solid first step into the magical world of the familiar.

Running time: 133 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13 (fantasy violence)

Spirits rise in MCT's 'A Christmas Carol'

By Rich Lopez
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IF YOU GO

"A Christmas Carol." This will be the 25th production of the holiday favorite by Midland Community Theatre. Through Dec. 18. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Some might consider Midland Community Theatre's "A Christmas Carol" a bit early for the season. Considering retailers have already inundated us with decorations, music and gift ideas, "early" is relative. But walking into opening weekend with carolers singing from the lobby's balcony and the Christmas tree fully decorated, it's clear that MCT is in the holiday spirit, and director Tim Jebsen wants its audiences to be in it as well.

The theater brings back its holiday tradition of the Charles Dickens seasonal favorite for its 25th production. MCT stages the show every three years. This year, it came at the right time.

At its heart, the show is about compassion and forgiveness, which resonated here just days after a divisive election.

As Ebenezer Scrooge (David Thomas) journeys through time with the Ghosts of Christmas Past (a sprightly Jane Moore), Present (Bill Kersh) and the very creepy and silent Christmas Future (manned by Jerry Tilley), he resolves his feelings on the holiday, his holdings and his fellow man.

Thomas' choices for Scrooge were appealing. He didn't — nor was he made — to look like many a Scrooge with a villainous profile and bad posture. Thomas simply made him grumpy and Napoleonic. Physically he wasn't intimidating, but Thomas gave Scrooge a proper air of bluster.

The dynamic of real life husband and wife Cody and Jena Tumlin and their son, Gunner, as Tiny Tim added a tender sweetness to the Cratchit family.

The set and special effects were remarkable, particularly the entrance of the ghost of Jacob Marley (played with bellowing aplomb by Carl Beery Moore who alternates roles with Thomas). His loud and eerie appearance prompted a few loud cries from children in the audience and some gasps by the adults. The clever use of Christmas Future was appropriately ominous while the old English town was Christmas-card-ready.

Familiar carols and fresh choreography by Caitlin Miles peppered the show with delight and, OK, joy. But it is a Christmas show and MCT hit all the right marks with "A Christmas Carol" to get the holiday spirit going. Apologies to the Scrooges out there for that.

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By Rich Lopez
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BRIA SKONBERG AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

The New York Times described trumpeter and singer Bria Skonberg as "the shining hope of hot jazz." Thus, it makes sense that the 32-year-old helped found the New York Hot Jazz Festival. The West Texas Jazz Society snagged the millennial musician for a stop in Midland. The native Canadian and newlywed will bring the sounds of her 2016 release "Bria" to town for a one-night only performance.

8 p.m. tonight at 501 W. Wall St. $40 for nonmembers, $5 students with ID, free for society members. wtjs.org.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE WAREHOUSE SALE

If you've ever seen a show at MCT and couldn't take your eyes off that set couch or lamp, this might be your chance. The theater is quite literally cleaning house by selling off scene elements, decor, furniture and even the riding bull from Summer Mummers. Hopefully, that leg lamp from "A Christmas Story: The Musical" is up for grabs. They will accept only cash or check, so head to the ATM first or dust off the checkbook before heading to the sale.

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday at 3320 N. Edwards St.

FALL FESTIVAL AT LA HACIENDA EVENT CENTER

Evan Rogers knows how to throw a

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Art Smart: "Art and the Corporate Environment" with Dolores Vick of Chevron. 4 p.m. today at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. RSVP to info@acmidland.org.

The Business of Art: "Sacrifice in the Ancient Andes" with Dr. Kimberly Jones of the Dallas Museum of Art. 6 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Floral Pumpkin" painting event, 6:30 p.m. Friday at The Art of Texas, 4410 N. Midkiff Road. $35. theartoftx.com.

"Richie Pena: Persona" student show presented by Arts Council of Midland. Friday-Dec. 11 at 1506 W Illinois Ave. Free and open to the public. artscouncilmidland.com.

"Just for Now" featuring works by Ryan Rassmussen. Closes Friday at UTPB's Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa. facebook.com/nfcgallery.

Works by Ana Colomo. Fridays through Nov. 25 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Herblock: Presidents" is an exhibition of Washington Post editorial cartoonist Herb Block and his presidential caricatures. Through Nov. 30 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Mary Tucci, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-todays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout November. Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

"Mars: Adrift on the Hourglass Sea" featuring the collaborations between Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick through Dec. 30 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. Noelartmuseum.org.

EVENTS

Artizen Pop-Up local art and gift show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Grassland Club House, 5800 Crowley Blvd.

Fall Festival Car Show and Shine is a benefit for the Church Under the Bridge. The event will feature a variety of cars, food trucks, raffles and live music by Matt Kimbrow, Kacey Toliver, Chris Brazeal Band and Twisted Texas. 10 a.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. CUTBmidland.org.

Creepy Crawlies with Michael Price of Wild About Texas will feature live tarantulas, scorpions and snakes. 11 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Wildcatters Ball is a boots and jeans fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters Midland. 8 p.m. Saturday at Rolling 7s Ranch Center, 11700 W County Road 122, Odessa. $80-$150. BBBSmidland.org.

FAMILY FUN

Third Thursday Reading will have a featured book with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. today at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Storytime with Miss Texas 2016. The library will host Miss Texas Caroline Carothers who will share her passion for math and reading. 4:15 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Caring Santa, a private photo experience for families and children with special needs. Adjustments to the environment have been made to support sensory, physical and other needs of children for their visit with Santa. 10 a.m. Sunday at Midland Park Mall (Kirkland's), 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Fiddlesticks Farms features its famous Corn Maze, the Cow Train, hay rides, farm animals, games and more. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays through Friday9. 5610 E. County Rd 120. $15. fiddlesticksfarms.com.

Pretend and Play provides a structured environment for caregivers and their children. For ages 2-6. 10:30 a.m. Mondays at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Fridays 6-10 p.m., Saturdays noon-8 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

FOOD AND DRINK

Flounder's Food Truck Festival will feature more than a dozen area trucks serving food. 4 p.m. Saturday at Haverty's Furniture, 4110 W. Loop 250 N.

Angel's Pig Dinner will feature an entire menu based around pork. The dining event menu includes charcuterie and cheese, chorizo and egg, pork-steamed bun, pork brochettes, ribs with hoese sauces. Dessert will be chocolate terrine with candied bacon. 7 p.m. Monday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive . $50. hightfoods.com.

Thanksgiving Cooking Class will instruct on making classic side dishes to feed up to eight people. Dishes include stuffing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole and pecan pie. 6 p.m. Tuesday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $55. hightfoods.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. todays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and todays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

LECTURES, MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Ready, Set Sing by Acapella Harmony is a series of voice lessons for men as well as an introduction to the Barbershop Harmony Chorus. 7-9 p.m. Monday. Free. 699-2596 or 303-875-5499.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Cami Maki, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 W Hwy 80.

CLASSICAL

Allegro Chorale, 7 p.m. Saturday at Reagreathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. FM 1788. $10. wagnernoel.com.

COUNTRY

Aaron Watson, Jon Wolfe, 6 p.m. Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa.

Jeremy Steding, 10 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Grindstone, 5 p.m. Friday and 19 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

HIP-HOP

Pre-Thanksgiving Bash with Lil Boosie, Dmann, Woodlife. Doors at 8 p.m. Sunday at Far West Event Center, 5850 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $30-$125.

JAZZ

Bria Skonberg, trumpeter and vocalist presented by the West Texas Jazz Society. 7:30 p.m. today at Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. wtjs.org.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. todays at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

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

LATIN

Que Buen Cumbiazo 2016 with Chicos de Barrio, Massore, Sonora Skandalo, 8 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

POP

Short Stories, 7 p.m. Friday at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

ROCK

Whiskey Dick, Tail Light Rebellion, Doomy Blues, 6 p.m. Sunday at Some Place Else Club, 7409 W. Industrial Ave.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnutyroller.com.

Thanksgiving Camp with activities for both Pre-K and Elementary camps available. Monday-23 at COM Aquatics Learn to Swim. 3003 N. A St. $45 per day, $120 for three days. Comaquatics.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Anthony "A.J." Johnson, Trinard Woodard. The actor/comedian has appeared in "Menace II Society," "Friday" and "Lethal Weapon 3." 7 p.m. Friday at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. $15-$30. Mspnsc.wixsite.com.

"A Christmas Carol." This will be the 25th production of the holiday favorite by Midland Community Theatre. Friday-Dec. 17. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Night Comes Early" by Maverick Players. Closes Sunday at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. maverick players.com.

"The Three Little Pigs" with music from Mozart's "The Magic Flute." The children's opera is adapted by Odessa College's David Corman and performed by OC students. 7 p.m. Saturday at Jack Rogers Auditorium, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. odessa.edu.

Anjelah Johnson, Mal Hall, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35.50-$73. Wagnernoel.com.

COMING SOON

NOVEMBER

Fifth Annual Midland County Greater Works Turkey Trot, 7 a.m. Nov. 24 at Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert Ave. $35-$45. active.com.

La Arrolladora, La Energia Nortena, Maximo Norte, 8 p.m. Nov. 24 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50. haciendamidland.com.

Drake Hayes, 11 p.m. Nov. 26 at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Jesse and Joy, 7 p.m. Nov. 27 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $35 advance, $50 door. haciendamidland.com.

Date and Paint: "Kissing Claus," 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at The Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield St. $60 per couple. 21 and older. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays preview party, 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $75. museumsw.org.

DECEMBER

Midland College Holiday Evening will feature a Frito Pie chili supper, complimentary baked goods and hot chocolate, visits with Santa Claus and a musical performance of "Sounds of Christmas" by the MC Music Department. 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

Holiday Celebration by UTPB. 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Free but tickets required. wagnernoel.com.

Knit and Stitch, 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Very Merry Midland: Walking in a Winter Wonderland will feature a walking tour of holiday window displays, hot chocolate, a giant snow globe and more. Dec. 2-23 in downtown Midland. goyourcity.us/wonderland.

Relativity Lecture Series: "The Search for Asteroids" with Dr. Patrick Miller of Hardin Simmons University, 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Art for Africa, a show featuring works by Ugandan artists. Proceeds from the show benefit Africa Bridges of Hope. 5-10 p.m. Dec. 2 at Palladium Arts Studio, 1408 Cotton Flat Road.

First Friday featuring works by Morphic Inc. The collective consists of artists Cynna Guerrero-Fuentes, Callie Deming and Andrea Valencia. 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"The Polar Express" Pajama Storytime, 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

Fourth annual Party with a Purpose coincides with Torino's Pizzabar's sixth annual toy drive. Donations are now being taken for new, unwrapped toys or money donations at Torino's through Dec. 2. The toy drive benefit party will feature food, live music and a silent auction. A donation will cover admission. 8 p.m. Dec. 2 at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Jack Nelson, 9 p.m. Dec. 2 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays open house. Dec. 3 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Christmas at the Mansion 2016: Home for the Holidays Mother-Daughter Brunch, 10 a.m. Dec. 3 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $60 per mother and daughter. $20 per additional child. museumsw.org.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" Storytime, 11 a.m. Dec. 3 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

Signno, 8 p.m. Dec. 3 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $25. haciendamidland.com.

MOSC Pops & Family Series: Sounds of the Seasdn, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Jingle Jam kicks off the Christmas season with Santa Claus, hot chocolate, photo booths and more. 5 p.m. Dec. 4 at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250. Free. crestview.church

Chris Tomlin's Adore Christmas with Matt Redman, 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $28.50-$76. wagnernoel.com.

"Riders on the Orphan Train" with Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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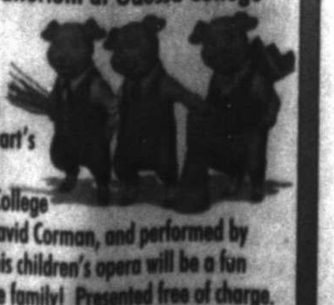
PRESENTS

Artists in Recital
Monday, November 14, 2016 • 7:30pm
First United Methodist Church in Odessa

Presented as part of our Opera Live series, Permian Basin Opera is proud to bring you a delightful evening of music performed by tenor Dane Suarez and soprano Kerriann Otano. These young singers are quickly establishing themselves in the opera world, and are in demand with companies around the world. This recital is presented free of charge, and will be an evening for the entire family!

The 3 Little Pigs
(a children's opera)
Saturday, November 19 • 7:00pm
Jack Rogers Auditorium at Odessa College



The Three Little Pigs with music from Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Adapted by Odessa College Instructor of Music David Corman, and performed by students from OC, this children's opera will be a fun evening for the entire family! Presented free of charge.

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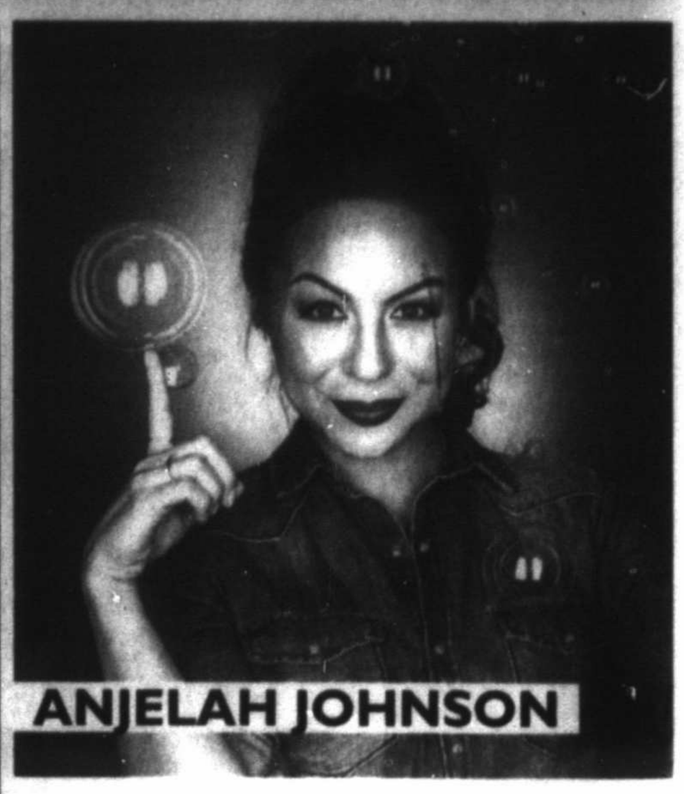
EVENTS & MORE

'THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN'


ANJELAH JOHNSON

Steinfeld's angst shines in 'The Edge of Seventeen'

LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

When's the last time you saw a truly fresh talent on screen? Someone so charismatic that you couldn't wait to find out who they are, what they've done before and why you've never noticed? That's what it feels like to watch Hayden Szeto as the sweetly dorky love interest to Hailee Steinfeld's lead in "The Edge of Seventeen," a charmingly sardonic coming-of-age story from the promising writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig in her feature debut.

There are other reasons to go see "The Edge of Seventeen," of course. Szeto, a relative newcomer, is just one of them. He actually has a fairly small part. But it's the kind of introduction to a should-be star that's not to be missed. Also, that the small "love interest" role had such an impact is a testament to the care with which this movie was put together. From the first shot of a grungy maroon sedan door splattered with mud screeching to a halt outside of a high school where our heroine Nadine (Steinfeld) informs her teacher (a terrific Woody Harrelson) that she plans to kill herself, it's clear that this is no sanitized high school nostalgia trip. It's a movie with a bite and one for the people who would never actually want to go back to that part of life.

Nadine (Steinfeld) is a sarcastic, often inappropriate, occasionally blue and perpetually aggrieved young woman who exists on the peripheries of the high school ecosystem. It's been this way since childhood for her, and hasn't been helped by the fact that her brother Darian (Blake Jenner) is at the top of the social ladder. He's handsome and popular and good at sports and would probably be real annoying if it weren't for the fact that he's also a decent, kind person who seems to have his head on straight.

But he's the bane of Nadine's existence, and just a consistent reminder how other she is. It certainly doesn't help when her best friend Krista (Haley Lu Richardson) takes up with her brother, but that pivotal moment does send her into a story-propelling spiral of action, screw-ups and self-discovery.

There is, of course, the perpetual problem in the Hollywood treatment of high school outcast stories whereby we're asked to believe that beautiful movie stars are capable of being invisible, but "The Edge of Seventeen" even does a reasonable job making us buy into Nadine's apartness. She had some unfortunate skin and haircuts when she was younger and never quite got comfortable with kids her own age. Sure, she can throw down with her mom, her brother, her teacher and her friend, but at a party with peers, she slinks out to the porch alone where another loner likens her to the Danny DeVito in "Twins."

Steinfeld carries the movie effortlessly, walking that fine line of making a somewhat bratty, entitled and self-absorbed character endearing, funny and even empathetic. Her comedic timing is first-rate and reminiscent of Emma Stone's star-turn in "Easy A" just a few years ago.

Sure, some of it is cliche, and Nadine's troubled relationship with her widowed mother (Kyra Sedgwick) is underdrawn for the amount of emotional depth the movie seems to be wanting the audience to glean from it. Perhaps it should have stayed lighter. But "The Edge of Seventeen" also has enough good that it might just become a new classic in the high school comedy genre.

"The Edge of Seventeen," a STX Entertainment release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sexual content, language and some drinking — all involving teens." Running time: 104 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

'Bleed for This' lacks some punch

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

It doesn't seem likely that filmmakers will ever grow tired of making boxing films, or that they'll run out of inspiring athletes to make them about. What's not to love about a boxing film, anyway? The stories are rife with colorful characters, outsize egos, braggadocious smack talk, personal perseverance, and lots and lots of blood. They write themselves, practically, and "Bleed for This," the true story of Vinny Paz (Pazienza), slips easily into the already established oeuvre.

There are times when you almost might wonder if you're watching another version of "The Fighter," the David O. Russell film starring Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale. The story of a hotheaded New England boxer with a wild family in the 1980s is certainly familiar, though Ciaran Hinds, playing Paz's father Angelo, bellows, "We're from Providence!" early on, which helps make the distinction clear. Toto, we're not in Boston anymore.

The film, written and directed by Ben Younger, follows a fairly standard-issue boxing movie formula: the charismatic and cocky young fighter, the inevitable adversity, the rousing comeback, the down-on-his-luck trainer (a paunchy and bald Aaron Eckhart), the moms and sisters and parade of anonymous girlfriends cheering him on.

The unique thing about Vinny Paz's story is just how extreme his adversity was — a head-on car wreck that left him with a broken neck and six months with a halo screwed into his skull. They said he might not walk again; he vowed to box again, and he did, through sheer will and poor risk management. Despite the halo screwed into his head, he's got a bit of a screw loose.

Miles Teller takes to the role of the sweet, swaggering dirtbag Vinny with relish, and a scraggly pencil mustache to boot. It's fun to watch him boast and strut as the Pazmanian Devil in his prime, but the real heart of the film is the middle, when Vinny is relegated to his cramped family home in Rhode

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fundraiser. The founder of Church Under the Bridge presented a huge concert with Tenth Avenue North and Hawk Nelson last month at Stonegate. This time, he's pulled together some major Texas country acts alongside a car show, a selection of food trucks and raffles for a variety of hun g gear. With a lineup that includes Hunter Hutchinson, Matt Kimbrow, Twisted Texas and the Chris Brazeal Band, this all-day affair has the potential to be another successful benefit with all proceeds going toward CUTB.

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ANJELAH JOHNSON AT WAGNER NOEL

Comic Anjelah Johnson might be best known for her MadTV character Bon Qui Qui, the fast food employee turned pop star. But she shines in her stand-up specials, particularly her latest, "Anjelah Johnson: Not Fancy" released on Netflix in October 2015. Her sweet and sass routine will be on display for two performances with opener Mal Hall.

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FILM CAPS

"The Accountant" (R) Ben Affleck plays a numbers wizard whose work for organized crime draws the attention of the Treasury Department at the same time he takes on a high-tech robotics firm as a new client. With Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons, Jon Bernthal, Jean Smart, Cynthia Addai-Robinson, Jeffrey Tambor, John Lithgow. Written by Bill Dubuque. Directed by Gavin O'Connor.

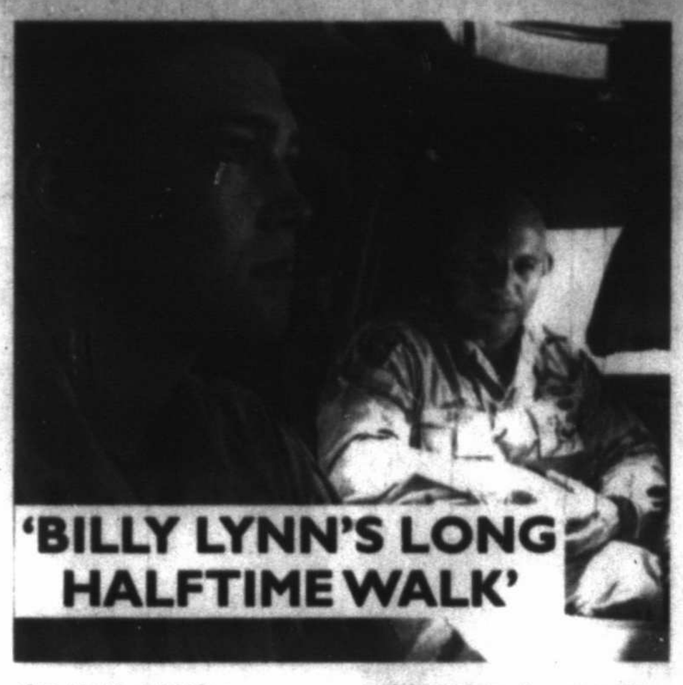
"Almost Christmas" (PG-13) In the spirit of the holiday, a family patriarch asks his family to get along for five days. With Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps, Danny Glover, Romany Malco, Mo'Nique, Nicole Ari Parker, J.B. Smoove, Gabrielle Union, Jessie Usher and DC Young Fly. Written and directed by David E. Talbert.

"Arrival" (PG-13) Amy Adams stars as an expert linguist who leads a team attempting to communicate with an alien spacecraft as the world teeters on the brink of war. With Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker. Written by Eric Heisserer. Directed by Denis Villeneuve.

"Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" (R) A U.S. war hero, returned from Iraq, remembers the horror and brutality that led him to be honored during a football game. With Joe Alwyn, Kristen Stewart, Chris Tucker, Garrett Hedlund, Vin Diesel, Steve Martin. Written by Jean-Christophe Castelli, based on the novel by Ben Fountain. Directed by Ang Lee.

"Bleed for This" (R) Miles Teller stars as Vinny "The Pazmanian Devil" Pazienza, a boxer who suffered a death-defying car accident that severed his spine, only to battle back and reclaim his world title with the help of trainer Kevin Rooney. With Aaron Eckhart, Katey Sagal. Written by Ben Younger; story by Younger & Pippa Blanco and Angelo Pizzo. Directed by Younger.

"Deepwater Horizon"



(PG-13) Mark Wahlberg stars in this dramatization of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico disaster and the men and women who acted heroically in its wake. With Kurt Russell, John Malkovich, Gina Rodriguez, Kate Hudson. Written by Matthew Michael Carnahan and Matthew Sand; screen story by Sand; based on a New York Times article by David Barstow, David Rohde and Stephanie Saul. Directed by Peter Berg. Imax 2-D.

"Doctor Strange" (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the role of the world-famous neurosurgeon severely injured in a car accident and transformed through mysticism into a potent superhero magician. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Benedict Wong, Michael Stuhlbarg, Tilda Swinton. Written by Jon Spaihts and Scott Derrickson & C. Robert Cargill. Directed by Derrickson. Imax 3D.

"The Edge of Seventeen" (R) Adolescence gets worse for a teenage girl when her impossibly perfect older brother starts dating her best friend. With Hailee Steinfeld, Woody Harrelson, Kyra Sedgwick, Haley Lu Richardson. Written and directed by Kelly Fremon Craig.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (PG-13) Eddie Redmayne stars as Magizoologist Newt Scamander, whose misadventures in New York City include the escape of recently collected creatures. With Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol, Ezra Miller, Samantha Morton, Jon Voight, Ron Perlman, Carmen Ejogo and Colin Farrell. Written by J.K. Rowling. Directed by David Yates.

"Hacksaw Ridge" (R) U.S. Army medic and conscientious objector Desmond Doss saves 75 men without using a weapon during the bloody Battle of Okinawa in World War II. With Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey. Written by Robert Schenkkan and Randall Wallace and Andrew Knight. Directed by Mel Gibson.

"Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (PG-13) Tom Cruise stars for the second time as the nomadic investigator who must break a former Army colleague out of military prison to unravel a governments conspiracy. With Cobie Smulders, Aldis Hodge, Danika Yarosh, Patrick Heusinger. Written by Richard Wenk and Edward Zwick & Marshall Herskovitz, based on the book "Never Go Back" by Lee Child. Directed by Zwick. Imax 2D.

"Ouija: Origin of Evil" (PG-13) In this sequel set in 1965 Los Angeles, a single mother and her two daughters unwittingly unleash a terrifying spirit when they add a twist to their bogus seance routine. With Henry Thomas, Elizabeth Reaser, Doug Jones. Written by Mike Flanagan & Jeff Howard. Directed by Mike Flanagan.

"Shut In" (PG-13) A child psychologist believes she and her son are being haunted by the spirit of a patient who disappeared. With Naomi Watts, Oliver Platt, David Cubitt, Jacob Tremblay. Written by Christina Hodson. Directed by Farren Blackburn. Europacorp

"Trolls" (PG-13) Animated comedy featuring the happily musical title creatures as they avoid being eaten by the perpetually dour Bergens. With the voices of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Russell Brand, Zooey Deschanel. Directed by Mike Mitchell, co-directed by Walt Dohrn.

"Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween" (PG-13) The multi-hyphenate filmmaker wrote, directed and stars as his most famous character, who spends the holiday supervising ghosts, goblins and most frightening of all, teenagers. With Bella Thorne, Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely.

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Sizzling 'Sausage Party' brings tears of laughter, shame

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Sausage Party" (R) Not since "Team America: World Police" has an R-rated animated film been so shocking, scintillating and downright funny, although it's laughter you will feel guilty about, thanks to the film's general depravity. We've come to expect these things from Seth Rogan and Evan Goldberg but nothing tops seeing Alan Menken's name in the credits. Wonder why the songs are so bouncy and catchy? The four-time Academy Award winner and Disney's go-to guy for many of its musicals including "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast" lent his talents to this film. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Uncle Nick" (R) Brian Posehn is a comedian and character actor known for his droll demeanor. Recently, he's been seen on "The Big Bang Theory" as Bert. It was nice to see him get a chance to star in a feature. Sadly, this material is way beneath him. In fact, it's way beneath us all. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Bad Moms" (R) Imagine the women of "Bridesmaids" a few years later, married with kids, and you have this hilarious film. **B+**

"Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders" (PG) Adam West, Burt Ward and Julie Newmar return to DC for this fabulous animated retro return to Gotham City. It's funnier than the original TV series, which always had a comic approach, but the volume is cranked up to 11 for this unexpected delight. **A-**

"Deadman Apocalypse" (unrated) There's low-budgets and then there's this. Most of the film takes place in Labrynthia, which is comprised of dozens of wood pallets nailed together to look like tunnels. If you don't suffer from claustrophobia now, you will after 10 minutes stuck in a room with this film. **D**

"Going to America" (unrated) Eddie Griffin does nothing in this film to remind us that he used to be funny. **D**

"Indignation" (R) A most refreshing departure from the usual coming-of-age films features smart dialogue and terrific acting. **B+**

"Morris From America" (R) Another departure from the run-of-the-mill coming-of-age films, this little gem follows an African-American boy living with his dad in Germany, where the language isn't the only barrier he faces. **B+**

"Nine Lives" (PG) Kevin Spacey's voice-over as a cat is the only bright spot in this otherwise disappointing comedy. Of note, however, is the featurette on the DVD showing how the cats for the film were trained. **B-**

"Phantom Boy" (PG) Remarkable animated story of a boy in a coma who becomes a superhero in out-of-body experiences. Clever film is another wonderful achievement from the French filmmakers behind "A Cat in Paris." **B**

"Ouija Summoning" (unrated) Nothing about this film is scary or believable, which may be why the distributor waited until after Halloween to quietly release it. **D**

'Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk' is a mesmeric trip

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Associated Press

'Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" is not a war movie in the traditional sense. There are battle scenes, and brothers in arms banter, sure, but like its pioneering technology, on a pure story level "Billy Lynn's" also pushes the boundaries of what we can expect from this genre.

The film is a precisely observed portrait of a young man slowly realizing his own trauma and agency over the course of a single football game. In other words, not the movie one might peg to usher in an entirely new way of experiencing images on the big screen, with its hyper-real 120 frames per second. But that's Ang Lee for you, one of the rare filmmakers adept at both embracing and enhancing a story's literary origins with measured spectacle.

Adapted from Ben Fountain's 2012 novel, "Billy Lynn's" chronicles a day in an all-too-brief victory tour of a unit of soldiers who faced a particularly harrowing skirmish in Iraq that resulted in the death of one of their own.

Billy Lynn (played by the captivating newcomer Joe Alwyn) has been singled out by the media as the one to celebrate. It was he who ran headfirst into the danger and faced hand-to-hand combat, all caught on camera. So for a moment he gets to be everyone's reluctant rock star as Bravo Squad is paraded around the most vulgar display of Americanness possible — a Thanksgiving Day NFL game in Texas.

The film draws you in quickly and consistently upends expectations about where it's going. The men of Bravo Squad, for instance, are introduced as a rowdy group, talking about strip clubs and drinking and which big Hollywood star is interested in a film adaptation of their story — Matt Damon? Leonardo DiCaprio? No, Hollywood producer Albert (Chris Tucker) tells them in their stretch Hummer limo: It's Hilary Swank. (It's 2004.)

But the tone shifts abruptly. After this comical, upbeat scene, they're suddenly memorializing a fallen comrade at his funeral, reminding the audience that yes, these are soldiers and yes, there are stakes.

The whole movie plays out in stream of consciousness, flitting between flashbacks of war, Billy's visit home (where his sister, played by Kristen Stewart, urges him to leave the conflict behind) and the bizarre spectacle of the game itself, resulting in near-constant tonal shifts. But instead of feeling disjointed, it moves along smoothly, from a funny and poignant press conference to a grotesquely lavish buffet with team owner Norm Oglesby (Steve Martin) and his wealthy peers. It's here that we're treated to a barnburner of a speech from Garrett Hedlund's Staff Sgt. Dime — an excellent supporting performance.

It's all building, of course, to the dazzling halftime show — a garish display of prosperity, artifice, rah-rah patriotism, sex, showmanship and sincerity. And yet as the fireworks explode and sparkle in the black sky and Destiny's Child and an army of backup dancers gyrate to a pulsating pop song, all you can focus on is Billy Lynn's haunted face. We are watching the moment that this appointed hero come to grips with both what he experienced and what he wants. Whether it's the high frame rate, fine acting or a combination of the two, it works beautifully.

For as much as has been made of that hyper-real imaging, the experience is surreal. The film isn't perfect, and certainly not Lee's strongest — you can almost feel certain sequences being rushed due to complications with this technology. But there's also a looking-down-at-your-own-life quality to the entire experiment. Maybe we do dream in 120 frames-per-second. Maybe the movies will catch up with that.

"Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," a Sony Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language throughout, some war violence, sexual content, and brief drug use." Running time: 110 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

'BLEED'

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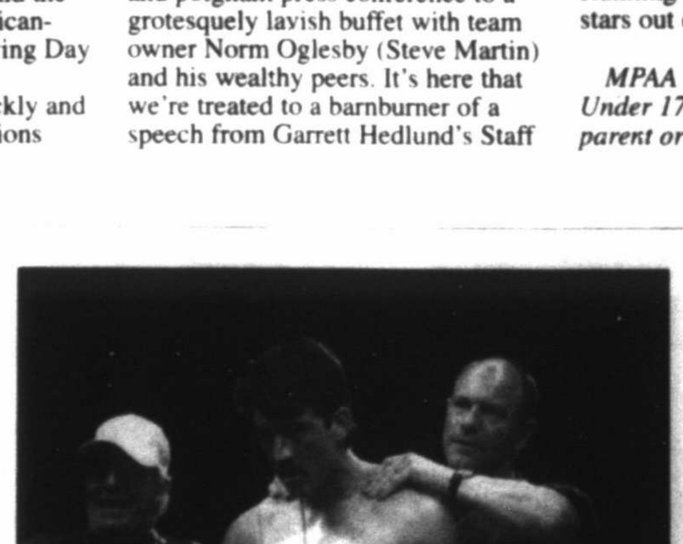
Island, nearly immobile from the halo, unsure if he'll ever fight again. A scene wherein he awkwardly achieves a single bench press alone in his basement has the most emotional impact of the entire film.

Younger and cinematographer Larkin Seiple take a hand-held, observational style with the camera, and when it sits back and watches the effort and determination of this feisty fighter, it works. Other times, the camera wanders and peeks on its own — over autumn leaves to a smoking automobile carcass, through a doorway where a phone endlessly rings. There's a feeling that often it can't keep up with the characters and scenes into which we are dropped, mid-rapid-fire conversation. Not everything lands with enough heft. The boxing matches are lightweight too — the camera takes a ringside viewpoint, cutting often, and the punches whoosh and squeak, rather than thud.



The kernel at the heart of the film is inspirational — Vinny's dogged determination to do the simplest thing, which is the hardest thing: just to do it at all. That's the real meat of the story, and it's there, buried underneath acid wash denim and plastic aviators and undulating strippers. It's just that what surrounds it is overly busy, cliché and rote: a story that we've seen before. You can't shake the sense that the real Vinny Paz is far more fascinating than this basic boxing biopic.

'Bleed For This'
2.5 out of 4 stars
Cast: Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart, Ciarán Hinds, Katey Sagal, Amanda Clayton
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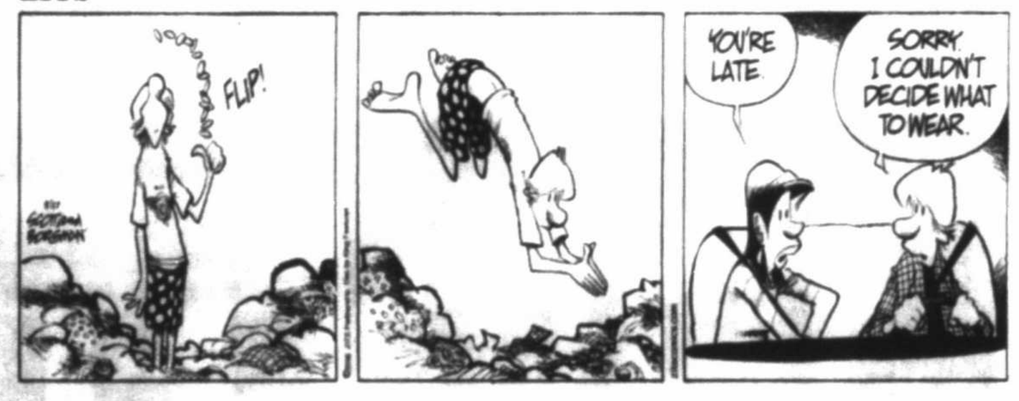

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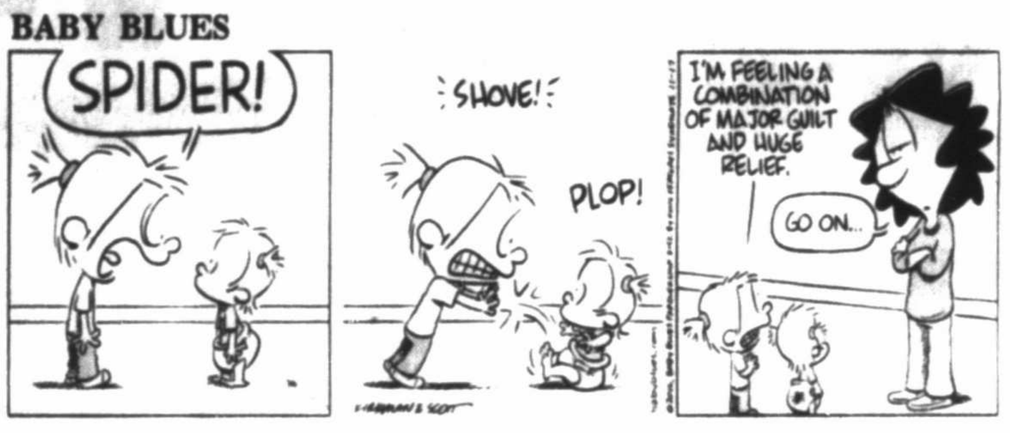

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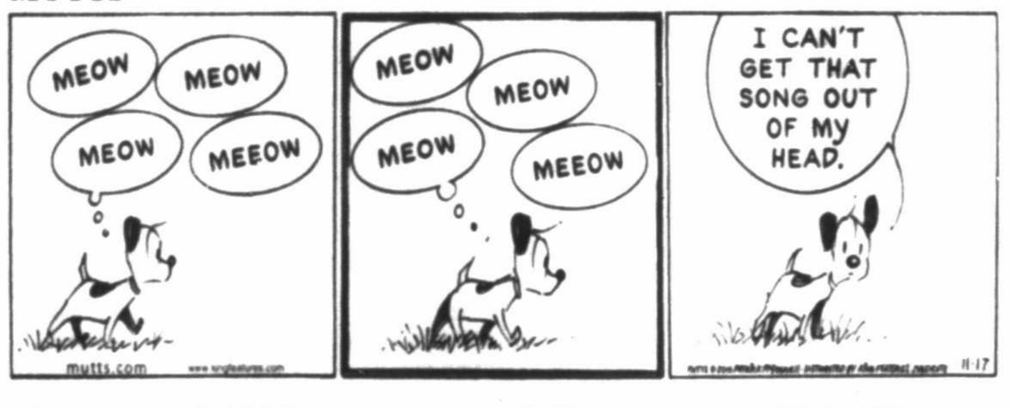

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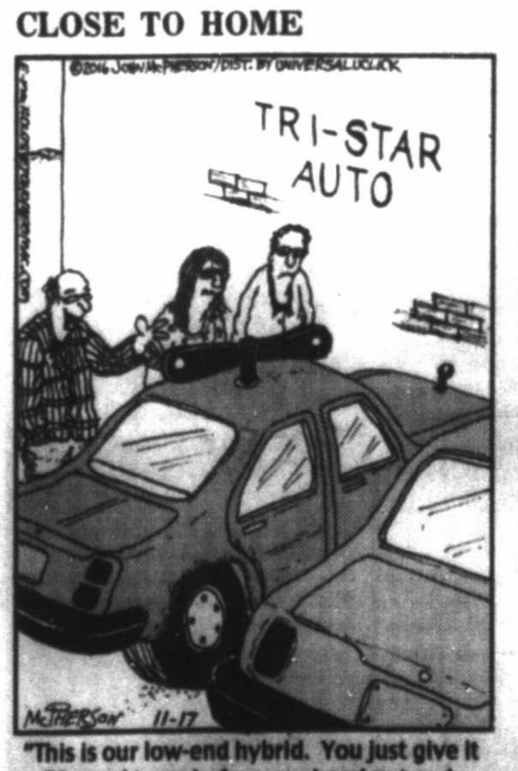

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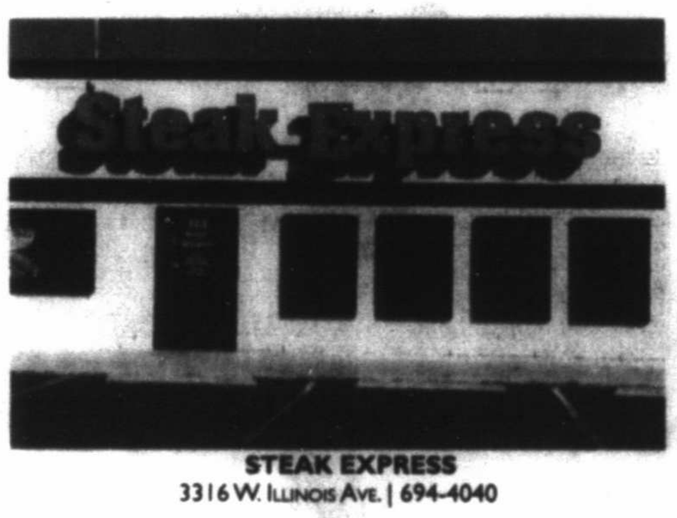

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RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB Renovated club restaurant doesn't require a membership. Go for breakfast or try steak seafood at dinner. 1600 E. Wadley Ave. 682-3729 www.Ranchlandhills.com | $$ | 4 spoons

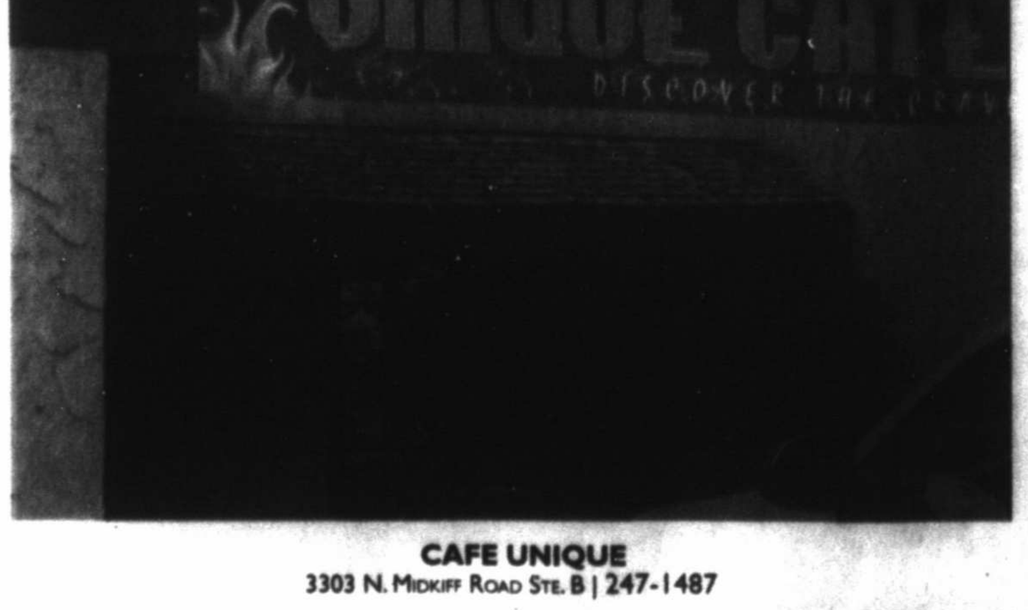
SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | not yet reviewed

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant on Loop 250 offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and more. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. 684-8686 | $$ | 5 spoons



CAFE UNIQUE
3303 N. MIDKIFF ROAD STE. B | 247-1487

VENEZUELAN

CAFE UNIQUE Chef Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a varity of arepas, empanadas and other unique specialities. Try any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

Lady Chaps set to host competitive WNIT

By Oscar LeRoy
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"I think there's less separation than any year we've had the tournament. I expect a bunch of close games."

Ron Jones, Midland College women's basketball coach

The primary goal of the Midland College Women's National Invitational Tournament each year is to provide great early season competition among some of the best NJCAA Division I women's basketball teams in the country.

Midland College head coach Ron Jones believes this year's field many be the best the tournament has had in its seven years of existence as six teams ranked in the NJCAA women's basketball poll will be playing at Chaparral Center over the next three days.

"I think there's less separation than any year we've had the tournament," Jones said. "I expect a bunch of close games."

In addition to the No. 11 Lady Chaparrals (5-0), No. 2 Trinity Valley Community College (which played for a national championship last year), No. 6 Salt Lake Community College, No. 8 College of Southern Idaho, No. 13 Eastern Arizona College, No. 25 Iowa Western Community College, Odessa College and Arizona Western, will be competing in what has become a coveted early season JUCO tournament.

Of the eight teams, five are back from last year's tournament, including defending champion Salt Lake CC.

Jones said teams are willing to come back because of the quality of the competition.

"It's a lot of fun for all of us and it's a chance for all of us to try and get better at this time of year," Jones said.

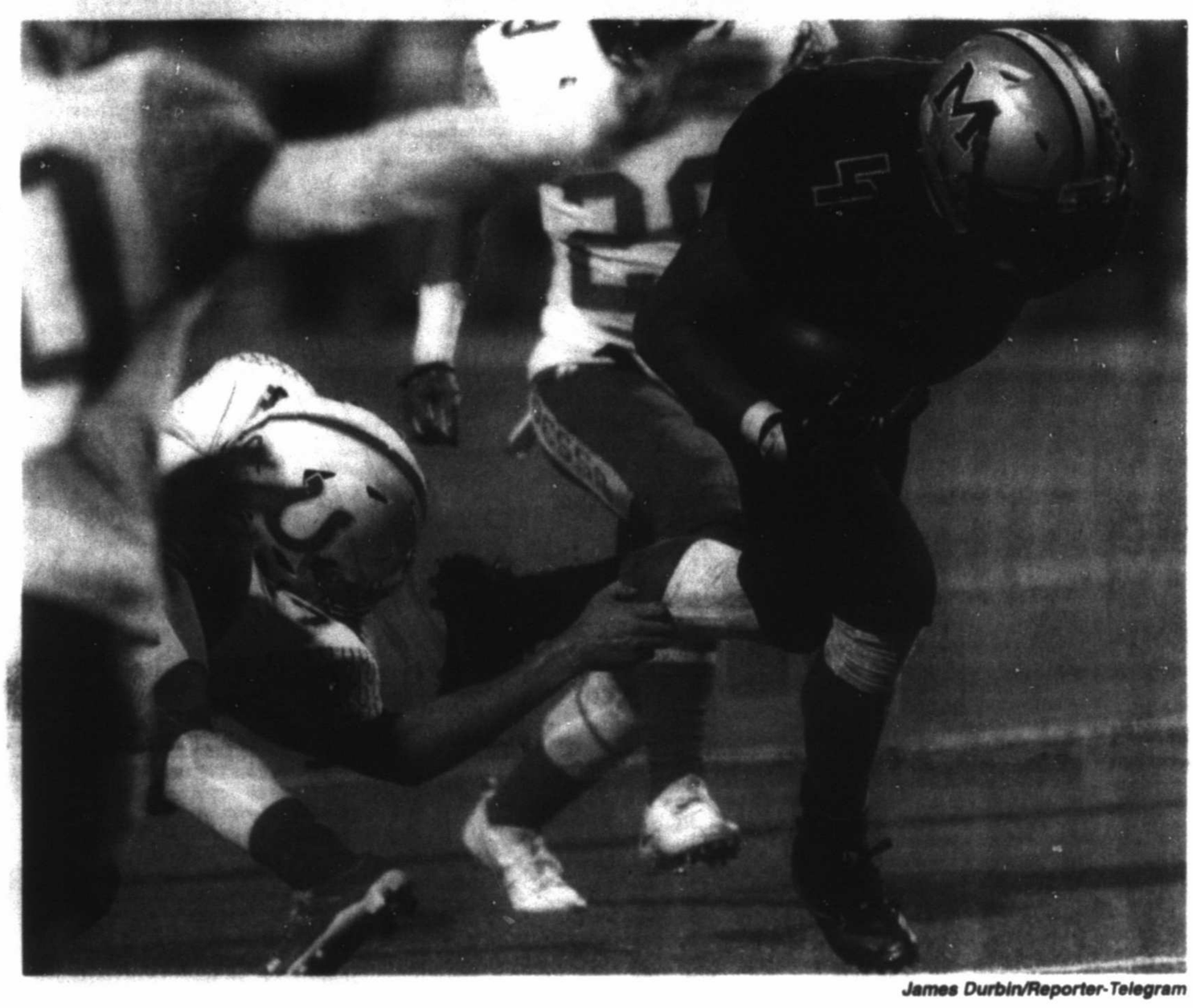
The Lady Chaps, who will be playing at home for the first time this year at 7 p.m. today against College of Southern Idaho (3-0), are off to a good start and are coming off a pair of wins at the Trinidad State Classic over the

Please see **WNIT**/2C

Midland College's Lisa Kaempf (44) attempts to run past Mesa's Allies Fuller (left) and Jenessa Aukward (24) on Nov. 19, 2015, at Chaparral Center.

MRT file photo

READY FOR THE VOLS



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Ricky Hubert (4) runs through the Odessa High defense to score a touchdown on Nov. 4 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Bulldogs to prep for stout Bowie defense

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High needed an extraordinary offensive performance in order to prevail in last Thursday's wild shootout against El Paso El Dorado.

The Bulldogs outlasted the Aztecs, 73-52 to take the Class 6A Division I bi-district playoff game at Socorro ISD Student Activities Complex in El Paso.

Midland High's 73 points scored was its highest point output since it clobbered Monahans, 95-0 in 1928.

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer said he had never had a team score that many points in any of his coaching stops.

"It was pretty fun, that was a neat deal," Yenzer said. "It was one of those games you never felt comfortable as far as the score was concerned and you really kind of lose track. You're just concentrating on calling plays and the kids are executing. They score and they say 'OK let's go. We got to go score again.' That was kind of the attitude of the coaches and the players."

BULLDOG REPORT

The Bulldogs (9-2) could play a different style of game when they clash with Arlington Bowie (9-2) in Saturday's 2 p.m. area playoff at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

The Volunteers have limited opponents to a respectable 250 points this season, and have held their foes to 18 points or less in five of their last eight games.

In contrast to MHS, the Vols defeated Keller Central, 20-17 in a defensive battle during last week's bi-district playoff.

Bowie has a 3-4 defense that could matchup well against Midland High's speed and quickness on offense.

"They're really athletic," Yenzer said. "You don't spend a whole lot of time running side to side on them. It's not a good plan to try to run reverses and things out wide because they've got closing speed, let's put it that way. They've got great size. They're very athletic at the linebacker position. Their corners are physical. They're 6-foot, 6-foot-1 type of kids."

The Vols figure to be a formidable matchup for a Bulldogs offense that has amassed an eye-popping 5,098 total yards this season.

One aspect that Yenzer has been proud of has been the offense's balance between the run and the pass, which creates flexibility.

Although Midland High quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz has made headlines with his illustrious season of 2,841 yards passing and 34 touchdown passes, the Bulldogs have actually run the ball more this season. MHS has rushed on 55 percent of its total plays.

In the victory over El Dorado, the Bulldogs stayed true to that consistency, rushing the ball on 56 percent of their plays, with 185 of their 264 rush yards occurring in the second half.

Please see **BULLDOGS**/3C

Dak Prescott: Status quo for Cowboys after Romo's concession

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dak Prescott's interaction with his new backup wasn't much different after Tony Romo's heartfelt speech that conceded the Cowboys' starting job to the rookie quarterback.

Dallas coach Jason Garrett talked matter-of-factly to the 36-year-old about being No. 2 for the first time since Garrett joined the staff in 2007. And tight end Jason Witten, Romo's best friend on the team, wasn't sure what to make of all the fuss.

Prescott

Although the outside world spent two days pondering Romo's retirement or relocation — sometimes both — the Cowboys had another couple of workdays in a regular week.

"I think that was more for y'all than for me or for this team," Prescott said Wednesday , a day after Romo said the 23-year-old had earned the right to keep the job that Romo took from Drew Bledsoe in the middle of the 2006 season.

"We know each other, how we feel about the situation. He's been a great leader, a great model for me to look up to and watch every day. So I'm not surprised."

Prescott will start Sunday against Baltimore (5-4) looking for a franchise season-best ninth straight win, a run that has carried the Cowboys (8-1) to the best record in the NFL.

Romo, whose back injury in a preseason game created the opening for Prescott, is expected to be his backup for the first time in the four-time Pro Bowler's first game on the active roster since last Thanksgiving.

A surprising success as a fourth-round pick that started training camp as a third-stringer, Prescott frequently said early in the winning streak that he was piloting Romo's team. He can't do that anymore since Romo himself has said otherwise. But Prescott still won't call it his team.

"This is our team," said Prescott, who is fourth in the NFL in passer rating with 14 touchdowns and just two interceptions. "I said that two minutes ago and I'll say it again. Everybody plays a part in our success in what's happened and they'll play a part in the adversity that comes."

Please see **PRESCOTT**/4C

Nationals' Scherzer, Boston's Porcello win Cy Young Awards

Porcello

Scherzer

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer celebrated aboard a boat off the British Virgin Islands, doused by college pals on a floating party.

Rick Porcello enjoyed the moment at his parents' home in New Jersey, surrounded by family, friends and a few bottles of wine.

As for Justin Verlander, well, fuming supermodel Kate Upton brought the heat for her fiance.

Rotation mates for five seasons in Detroit, the three right-handers topped the Cy Young Award talk Wednesday: Scherzer easily won the NL prize, Porcello edged out Verlander for the AL honor.

"That's just the weird thing about these," said Scherzer, who ruled the majors with 284 strikeouts and topped the NL with 20 wins for Washington. "It's the voting."

Porcello led baseball with 22 wins for Boston, and had a 3.15 ERA.

Porcello won despite getting just eight of the 30 first-place votes from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America — this was the first time the AL Cy winner didn't get the most firsts.

Verlander went 16-9 with a 2.40 ERA while leading the AL in strikeouts and other categories. He got 14 first-place votes, but didn't draw as much support across the board — he was left off two ballots, too.

Overall, Porcello won 137-132 in the second-closest vote since 1970 (Verlander lost by four points to David Price in 2012).

Voters list their five picks in order. A first-place vote is worth seven points, four for second, three for third, two for fourth and one for fifth. Verlander needed to pick up five more points to match Porcello.

Upton fired off three tweets, one of them rather saucy, telling Porcello "you didn't win."

Asked whether he was bothered by the brouhaha, Porcello simply said, "No, I honestly don't care."

"I'm not the one who made the decision," he said on a conference call.

Porcello got a $100,000 bonus for winning the Cy. Verlander, who won the 2011 award, would've gotten $500,000 for this win.

Porcello bounced back from going 9-15 in his first season with the Red Sox, finishing 22-4 for the AL East champs.

He shared this last win of 2016 with those who "never wavered" in their support, admitting, "It was hard not to start balling and crying."

Cleveland's Corey Kluber was third and got three first-place votes. Baltimore reliever Zach Britton, who went 47 for 47 on save chances with a 0.54 ERA, had five first-place votes and was fourth.

Scherzer breezed, drawing 25 first-place votes to beat out Chicago Cubs teammates Jon Lester and Kyle

Please see **CY YOUNG**/4C

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Liberty at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPNews

Louisville at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN

Houston Baptist at Incarnate Word, 7 p.m., FCSC

Arkansas State at Troy, 8:30 p.m., ESPNU

GOLF

PGA: The RSM Classic, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF

PGA: Australian Emirates Open, 2nd Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: DP World Tour Championship, 2nd Round, 2 a.m., GOLF

KHL HOCKEY

Slovan vs. Dinamo Riga, 10 a.m., OWSPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Clemson vs. Davidson, 10 a.m., ESPNU

Villanova vs. Western Michigan, 10:30 a.m., ESPN2

Xavier vs. Missouri, 12:30 p.m., ESPNU

Arizona State vs. Northern Iowa, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU

Mississippi State vs. UCF, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Arkansas State at Georgetown, 5:30 p.m., FS1

SMU vs. Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Oklahoma vs. Tulane, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Furman at Georgia, 6 p.m., SEC

Providence at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN

Eastern Washington at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Eastern Illinois at St. Louis, 7 p.m., FCSA

Rutgers at DePaul, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Eastern Kentucky at Auburn, 8 p.m., SEC

Marquette vs. Michigan, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S SOCCER

FA Cup: Dover Athletic vs. Cambridge United, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Portugal: Sporting CP vs. SC Praiense, 2 p.m., GolTV

Brazil Serie A: CA Mineiro vs. Sociedade Esportiv Palmeiras, 5 p.m., GolTV

NBA

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m., TNT

Chicago at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NFL

New Orleans at Carolina, 7:25 p.m., NBC, NFL

NHL

Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals, Doubles Round Robin, 6 a.m., TENNIS

ATP World Tennis Tour, Singles Round Robin, 8 a.m., TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals, Doubles Round Robin, Noon, TENNIS

ATP World Tennis Tour, Singles Round Robin, 2 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Baylor at Connecticut, 6:30 p.m., SNY

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS BASKETBALL

Midland Christian at Austin Brentwood Tournament

MCA at Westbrook Tournament

Trinity at Westbrook Tournament

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Greenwood at Frenship Tournament

Midland Christian at Brentwood Tournament

Trinity, Coahoma, Garden City at Westbrook Tournament

Junior college

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College vs. Glendale College, 2 p.m., Tucson, Ariz.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College WNIT, MC vs. College of Southern Idaho, 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

LATE HS BASKETBALL

LATE TUESDAY

At Imperial

MCS 61, PRESIDIO 60, OT

MCS (1-0) — Colton Snively 32, Bryce Waters 13, Gunner Griffin 14, Tommy Beebe 2

Presidio — Stone 18, Munoz 9, Galindo 3, Cervantes 2, Ciniveros 7, Montoya 16, Guerrero 3

MCS	19	15	15	10	6 —61
Presidio	16	11	14	18	5 —60

Free throws — MCS 7-17, Presidio 13-25. 3-point goals — Presidio 5 (Guerrero, Montoya 3, Stotler). Total fouls — MCA 25, Presidio 20. Fouled out — Griffin, Galindo, Munoz. Technical — Jorden Riley.

Record: MCS 1-0

Next: MCS at Austin Brentwood Tournament, TBA, Thursday

HS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

LSL State Volleyball Tournament
Curtis Culwell Center, Garland

Class 6A

State semifinal

Connor Oak Ridge (46-0) vs. Lewisville Hebron (44-8), 5 p.m. Friday

League City Clear Creek (46-4) vs. San Antonio Reagan (42-4), 7 p.m. Friday

State final

Winners, 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 5A

State semifinal

Lucas Lovejoy (41-7) vs. Cedar Park (41-10), 1 p.m. Friday

Amarillo High (41-6) vs. Corpus Christi Tolusa-Midway (40-8), 3 p.m. Friday

State final

Winners, 4 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A

State semifinal

Bushland (41-3) vs. Liberty Hill (36-15), 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Geronimo Navarro (44-4) vs. Aryle (40-9), 11 a.m. Friday

State final

Winners, 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A

State semifinal

Goliad (42-2) vs. Callisburg (35-11), 11 a.m. Thursday

Jewett Leon (46-0) vs. Peaster (42-8), 1 p.m. Thursday

State final

Winners, 11 a.m. Saturday

Class 2A

State semifinal

Iola (42-1) def. Weimar (31-12), 3-2

Archer City (38-7) vs. Thrall (37-11), 3-0

State final

Iola (42-1) vs. Archer City (38-7), 5:30 p.m. Thursday

Class 1A

State semifinal

Tioga (30-14) def. Laird Hill Leverette's Chapel (31-14), 3-0

Bronte (34-9) def. Round Top-Carmine (24-17), 3-0

State final

Tioga (30-14) vs. Bronte (34-9), 3 p.m. Thursday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Richard Dotson pitching coordinator and Mike Gellinger hitting coordinator; Mark Grudzielanek manager and Steve McCatty pitching coach for Charlotte (IL); Julio Vinas manager for Birmingham (SL); Willie Harris manager for Winston-Salem (Carolina); Justin Jirschele manager for Kannapolis (SAL); Tim Esmay manager and John Orton pitching coach for Great Falls (Pioneer) and Ryan Newman manager of the Arizona League White Sox.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Charlie Morton on a two-year contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Mike Redmond bench coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Assigned C Ivica Zubac to Los Angeles (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled Gs Jerryd Bayless and Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot from Delaware (NBADL).

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Assigned F Daniel House to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed TE Geoff Swaim on injured reserve. Signed WR Vince Mayle. Signed G Clay Defford to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Claimed RB Christine Michael off waivers from Seattle. Placed RB Don Jackson on injured reserve.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Marcus Leak to the practice squad. Released G Adam Redmond from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS Signed PK Kai Forbath. Signed OT Rashod Hill off Jacksonville's practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed FB Glenn Gronkowski from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Mario Alford to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Claimed DT Sealver Siliga off waivers from Seattle. Waived DE Channing Ward.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Acquired F Logan Shaw from Florida for F Michael Spacek.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F A.J. Greer from San Antonio (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned G Juuse Saros to Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Taylor Hall on injured reserve. Recalled F Blake Pietila from Albany (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW SC — Re-signed M Hector Jimenez and G Brad Stuver.

DC UNITED — Acquired M Luciano Acosta from Boca Juniors and will occupy a designated player spot.

MINNESOTA UNITED — Named Amos Magee director of player personnel.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Named Ned Grabavoy director of scouting and recruitment.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed M Benny Feilhaber to a two-year contract through 2018 and D Ike Opara to a one-year contract.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Placed Southern University athletic teams on probation for five years and reduced scholarships after the school failed to monitor eligibility requirements. Teams losing scholarships include football, which loses five for three years, and men's basketball, which loses one for three years. Placed Thomas More College on probation for two years because women's basketball player Sydney Moss lived with an assistant coach's family for eight months while rehabilitating a knee injury before the 2014-15 season. The school had its 2014-15 Division III title vacated.

DELAWARE — Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach Scott Gorenflo.es Walker left the program and will enter the NFL draft.

OREGON — Announced Olympic hurdler and WR Devon Allen will forgo his remaining eligibility with the school to pursue a professional track career.

TENNESSEE — Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Mike Patrick.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	17	13	2	2	28	56	39
Ottawa	16	10	5	1	21	38	37
Tampa Bay	17	10	6	1	21	54	45
Boston	16	10	6	0	20	41	38
Florida	16	8	7	1	17	44	42
Toronto	16	7	8	1	15	44	47
Detroit	17	6	8	1	17	44	47
Buffalo	16	5	7	4	14	30	41

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	16	12	4	0	24	65	38
Pittsburgh	15	10	3	2	22	47	39
New Jersey	15	9	3	3	21	37	31
Washington	15	9	4	2	20	38	36
Columbus	14	8	4	2	18	47	33
Philadelphia	17	7	7	3	17	57	62
Carolina	15	5	6	4	14	39	46
N.Y. Islanders	16	5	8	3	13	40	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	17	11	4	2	24	54	43
Winnipeg	18	9	7	2	20	54	50
St. Louis	17	8	6	3	19	41	46
Minnesota	15	8	6	1	17	41	39
Dallas	17	6	6	5	17	45	57
Nashville	15	6	6	3	15	41	43
Colorado	14	6	8	0	12	37	41

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	16	9	6	1	19	46	41
San Jose	16	9	7	0	18	37	35
Anaheim	17	9	7	1	19	41	40
Los Angeles	16	7	8	1	15	39	41
Vancouver	16	6	9	1	13	33	48
Calgary	17	6	10	1	13	40	59
Arizona	14	2	9	3	7	30	49

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

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores

Washington 7, Pittsburgh 1

Arizona at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Florida at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Nashville at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Arizona at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

TEXASNBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CELTICS 90
MAVERICKS 83

BOSTON — The Celtics don't want to rely solely on Isaiah Thomas to win.

But on some nights, putting the ball in the All-Star guard's hands is simply the best option.

Thomas scored 22 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter in Boston's 90-83 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

He scored 20 of Boston's final 24 points to help the Celtics beat back a late Mavericks' surge.

Avery Bradley added 18 points and 13 rebounds.

THUNDER 109
ROCKETS 105

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook scored 30 points, including a vicious left-handed hammer dunk over Clint Capela in the closing seconds, to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Houston Rockets 105-103 on Wednesday night.

Oklahoma City led by three when Westbrook dunked over the 6-foot-10 Capela with 5.5 seconds left to put the Thunder up five.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	4	.636	—
Boston	6	5	.545	1
New York	5	6	.455	2
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	3
Philadelphia	2	9	.182	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	9	2	.818	—
Charlotte	7	3	.700	1½
Orlando	5	7	.417	4
Washington	2	9	.200	6½
Miami	2	8	.200	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	2	.818	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	2
Detroit	6	6	.500	3½
Milwaukee	5	6	.500	3½
Indiana	5	6	.500	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	3	.727	—
Houston	6	5	.545	2
Memphis	5	5	.500	2½
Dallas	5	6	.455	3½
New Orleans	2	10	.167	6½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	7	5	.583	—
Portland	7	5	.583	—
Utah	7	5	.583	—
Denver	6	6	.500	1
Minnesota	3	7	.300	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	10	1	.909	—
Golden State	9	2	.818	1
L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	3½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	6
Phoenix	3	9	.250	7½

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores

Indiana 103, Cleveland 93

Orlando 98, New Orleans 82

Philadelphia 109, Washington 102

Atlanta 107, Milwaukee 100

Boston 90, Dallas 83

New York 105, Detroit 102

Golden State 127, Toronto 121

Oklahoma City 105, Houston 103

Denver 120, Phoenix 104

Memphis at L.A. Clippers, late

San Antonio at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

New York at Washington, 6 p.m.

Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST

Houston 84, Angelo St. 72

Oklahoma St. 117, New Orleans 72

Texas A and M-CC 84, Texas Rio Grande Valley 72

Texas Southern 71, Pizo 68

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 75, Kennesaw St. 72

Carson-Newman 98, Virginia-Wise 91, OT

Chattanooga 102, Hiwassee 54

Christian Brothers 74, Texarca Nazarene 65

Coastal Carolina 89, Coppin St. 59

Florida Gulf Coast 85, Texas-Arlington 72

King (Tenn.) 83, Young Harris 81, OT

Limestone 78, Colar 75

Louisiana Tech 87, Alabama St. 56

Marshall 85, Morehead St. 77

Memphis 65, Milwaukee 54

Miami 84, North Florida 58

NC Central 67, W. Carolina 59

Radford 91, Cent. Pennsylvania 89

Rhodes 74, Centre 70

SE Louisiana 86, Jackson St. 71

Tenn. Wesleyan 84, Milligan 66

Transylvania 85, Thomas More 82

Union (Ky.) 86, Bryan 49

Virginia Union 90, Cheyney 83

W. Kentucky 74, Jacksonville St. 67

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 84, Fort Lewis 75

Lamar 63, Oregon St. 60

Montana St. 83, Rocky Mountain 76

N. Colorado 94, Colorado Christian 73

New Mexico St. 58, Samford 48

Utah St. 96, Bristol 83

Utah Valley 82, Idaho St. 73

MIDWEST

Aquinas 85, Lourdes 59

Butler 70, Northwestern 68

Cornerstone 86, Marygrove 49

Grand Valley St. 91, Great Lakes Christian 36

Grand View 90, Clarke 83

IL-Chicago 86, UTSA 76

Illinois St. 75, IPFW 57

Indiana 100, Mass.-Lowell 78

Indiana Tech 87, Madonna 85

Kent St. 93, MVSU 63

Michigan-Dearborn 80, Davenport 79, OT

Minnesota 80, Mount St. Mary's 59

Minot St. 85, Dickinson St. 73

Notre Dame 92, Seattle 49

S. Dakota St. 74, Wayne (Neb.) 67

S. Illinois 85, Missouri Southern 84

SE Missouri 74, W. Illinois 71

Siena Heights 68, Concordia (Mich.) 67

South Dakota 99, Presentation 60

Viterbo 78, Edgewood 66

Wichita St. 80, Tulsa 53

William Penn 103, Mount Mercy 85

Wis. Lutheran 76, Lawrence 68

EAST

Albany (NY) 87, Oneonta 59

Binghamton 72, CCSU 70

Bucknell 75, Robert Morris 62

Chestnut Hill 72, Georgian Court 62

Colgate 67, Cornell 62

Duquesne 89, St. Francis (Pa.) 75

LIU Brooklyn 65, Loyola (Md.) 61

Philadelphia 70, Goldey Beacom 54

Rhode Island 78, Brown 54

Rider 84, Hartford 66

UMBC 80, Delaware St. 58

Vermont 76, Marist 72

Women

SOUTHWEST

Texas 98, Houston Baptist 46

SOUTH

Carson-Newman 107, King (Tenn.) 71

Cumberland (Tenn.) 78, Pikeville 65

East Carolina 75, UNC Wilmington 69

Maryland 105, Mt.-Eastern Shore 61

Miami 80, Charlotte 48

Milligan 87, Tenn. Wesleyan 67

NC State 81, Hampton 58

SE Louisiana 87, Mobile 52

Troy 81, Belmont 74

UT Martin 84, W. Carolina 72

Union (Ky.) 73, Bryan 71

Virginia Union 97, Mount Olive 72

MIDWEST

Aquinas 82, Lourdes 50

Butler 70, IPFW 64

Central Methodist 69, Baker 68

Concordia (Mich.) 78, Siena Heights 72

Cornerstone 87, Marygrove 52

Davenport 75, Michigan-Dearborn 54

Dickinson St. 73, Minot St. 63

E. Michigan 68, Ferris St. 60

Grand View 69, Clarke 65

Lawrence Tech 52, Northwestern Ohio 39

Madonna 86, Indiana Tech 81

Missouri Valley 64, Peru St. 61

St. Norbert 76, Carroll (Wis.) 49

W. Illinois 100, SE Missouri 67

William Penn 86, Mount Mercy 56

EAST

Binghamton 61, Penn 49

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Goldey Beacom 68, Philadelphia 50

Hartford 68, CCSU 58

Iona 58, Saint Joseph's 57

Lehigh 91, Delaware St. 80

Providence 86, N. Dakota St. 63

St. Francis Brooklyn 87, Monmouth (NJ) 78

WNIT

From 1C

weekend. They beat host Trinidad (68-56 in overtime) and rolled past Otero Junior College (74-52).

"I'm excited that we're playing against this level of competition," Jones said. "It's going to make us grow up a little. I'm really looking forward to it."

Jones added: "We're still kind of in the beginning stages as a team. We've improved each week since the start of practices and scrimmages and our goal is to improve day by day. We're just trying to clean some things up, so that by the end of the year we should be a pretty good team. Right now we're just trying to figure all that out."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

Midland College National Invitational Tournament
at Chaparral Center

"Midland College will play 7 p.m. game regardless of being in winner's bracket or consolation

First round

Today

1 p.m., Iowa Western vs. Salt Lake C.C.

3 p.m., Trinity Valley C.C. vs. Arizona Western

5 p.m., Odessa College vs. Eastern Arizona

7 p.m., Midland College vs. College of Southern Idaho

Friday

Consolation bracket

1 p.m., Iowa Western-Salt Lake loser vs. Odessa College-Eastern Arizona loser

*3 p.m. or 7 p.m., Midland-Southern Idaho loser vs. Trinity Valley-Arizona Western Arizona loser

Winner's bracket

5 p.m., Iowa Western-Salt Lake winner vs. Odessa College-Eastern Arizona winner

3 p.m. or 7 p.m., Midland-Southern Idaho winner vs. Trinity Valley-Arizona Western Arizona loser

Saturday

Noon, 7th place game

2 p.m., Consolation championship

4 p.m., Third place game

6 p.m., Championship game

PARTICIPATING TEAM CAPSULES

No. 11 Midland College Lady Chaparrals

Head coach: Ron Jones

2016-17 record: 5-0

Players to watch: So. 6-3 P Janae Bunn (13.0 ppg), 6-2 So. P Lisa Kaempf (9.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg), 5-1 So. P Teneshia Dixon (8.6 ppg, 6.2 rpg)

Notes: The Lady Chaps are looking for their first ever WNIT title in the seven years of hosting the tournament. They have made it to the championship game the last two years, losing to Iowa Western in 2014 and then losing to Salt Lake CC last year. ... MC made it to the second round of the NJCAA National Tournament, losing to Walters State 42-41.

No. 2 Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals

Head coach: Gerald Ewing

2016-17 record: 3-1

Players to watch: 6-0 So. G/F Naomi Davenport (20.3 ppg), 5-7 So. G Christaliah Lyons (18.7 ppg)

Notes: The Lady Cardinals have won eight national titles and were in the national title game last year before losing, 63-47, to Gulf Coast State. ... TVCC finished third in last year's WNIT and has been a regular participant in the tournament since the beginning.

No. 6 Salt Lake Community College Lady Bruins

Head coach: Betsy Specketer

2016-17 record: 2-0

Players to watch: 5-10 So. G Ebony Norman (10.5 ppg), 5-7 Fr. G Tia Hay (16.0 ppg)

Notes: Salt Lake defeated Midland College 74-54 in last year's WNIT championship game. The Lady Bruins also made it to the quarterfinals of the national tournament before falling to Trinity Valley, 63-54.

No. 8 College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles

Head coach: Randy Rogers

2016-17 record: 3-0

Players to watch: 5-9 So. G Brianna Osorio (14.0 ppg), 5-9 So. G Jamie Nelson (12.0 ppg)

Notes: CSI made it to the quarterfinals of last year's NJCAA National Tournament before losing to New Mexico Junior College 63-56.

No. 13 Eastern Arizona College Gila Monsters

Head coach: Ryan McAdams

2016-17 record: 1-1

Players to watch: 6-3 So. F Tania Pierre-Emile (20 ppg, 7 rpg), 5-7 So. G Veronica Preciado (10.5 ppg), 6-3 Fr. F Seraiah Tyller (8.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg)

Notes: The Gila Monsters' two games this season have come against teams out of the WJCAC. They defeated Howard College 73-55, but lost to Odessa College, 61-59. ... Eastern Arizona reached the second round of the NJCAA National Tournament, losing 90-77 to No. 2 seed Shelton State.

No. 25 Iowa Western Community College Reivers

Head coach: Lindsey Vande Hoef

2016-17 record: 3-1

Players to watch: 6-0 Fr. P Jazza Johns (10.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg), 5-10 So. F Lade Adepoju (9.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg), 5-7 So. G Alicia Mountain (9.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 2.0 apg), 6-0 Fr. G Meghan Luper (9.0 ppg)

Notes: Iowa Western won the 2014 WNIT title by defeating Midland College in the championship game. ... Iowa Western placed fourth in last year's tournament.

Arizona Western College Matadors

Head coach: Patrick Cunningham

2016-17 record: 2-1

Players to watch: 6-2 So. G Mathilde Diop (11.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 2.7 apg), 6-0 So. F Krieynthia Sampson (10.7 ppg, 6.0 rpg)

Notes: Diop has signed a letter-of-intent with Robert Morris University. ... The Matadors' lone loss was against WJCAC's South Plains College, 76-70. .. Arizona Western is new to the WNIT.

Odessa College Lady Wranglers

Head coach: Ara Baten

2016-17 record: 5-0

Players to watch: 5-10 Fr. G Chinna Fair (17.4 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 3.0 apg), 5-8 Fr. G Mariah McCully (12.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 2.2 apg), 6-1 So. F Sadie Russell (12.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.4 apg), 6-1 Fr. F Leticia Soares (9.4 ppg, 4.0 rpg)

Notes: Odessa College has been a regular participant in this tournament since the beginning. ... OC won the consolation championship last year by defeating McLennan Community College, 84-82.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	241	163
Miami	5	4	0	.556	204	209
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	237	203
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	179	244

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	3	0	.667	181	169
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	264	251
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	239	256
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	174	239

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	182	160
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	.444	214	206
Cincinnati	3	5	1	.389	187	210
Cleveland	0	10	0	.000	175	301

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	205	168
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	246	223
Denver	7	3	0	.700	239	169
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	252	278

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	1	0	.889	253	170
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.667	182	184
Washington	5	3	1	.611	212	209
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	226	160

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	320	283
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	210	242
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	265	283
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	221	226

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	205	230
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	175	182
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	223	234
Chicago	2	7	0	.222	141	215

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	2	1	.722	193	176
Arizona	4	4	1	.500	202	160
Los Angeles	4	4	1	.444	139	172
San Francisco	1	8	0	.111	187	283

Scores and schedules

Today's Game

New Orleans at Carolina, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Dallas, noon

Chicago at N.Y. Giants, noon

Jacksonville at Detroit, noon

Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon

Arizona at Minnesota, noon

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon

Buffalo at Cincinnati, noon

Tampa Bay at Kansas City, noon

Miami at Los Angeles, 3:05 p.m.

New England at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Open: San Diego, Atlanta, Denver, N.Y. Jets

Monday's Game

Houston at Oakland, 7:30 p.m.

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Week 13
Nov. 17–Nov. 20

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 16-4
Season: 165-54-1
Percent.: .770

Chris Hadorn
Last week: 15-5
Season: 165-54-1
Percent: .770

John Tee
Last week: 16-4
Season: 176-63-1
Percent: .733

Will Korn
Last week: 17-3
Season: 172-67-1
Percent: .716

Evan Winston
Last week: 14-6
Season: 166-73-1
Percent: .691

High school					
Midland High vs. Arlington Bowie	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High
San Angelo Central vs. Keller Timber Creek	Central	Central	Central	Central	Central
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Mansfield	Mansfield	Mansfield	Mansfield	Mansfield	Mansfield
Andrews vs. Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Forsan vs. New Deal	New Deal	New Deal	New Deal	Forsan	New Deal
Midland Christian vs. Tyler Grace Community	Tyler Grace	MCS	MCS	MCS	Tyler Grace
Trinity vs. Dallas Lutheran	Dallas Lutheran	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Dallas Lutheran
Garden City vs. Marfa	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Monahans vs. Graham	Monahans	Monahans	Monahans	Monahans	Monahans
Seminole vs. Iowa Park	Iowa Park	Iowa Park	Iowa Park	Seminole	Seminole
College					
Texas Tech at Iowa State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Oklahoma State at TCU	Oklahoma State	TCU	Oklahoma State	TCU	Oklahoma State
Louisville at Houston	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Houston
Texas at Kansas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Oklahoma at West Virginia	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	West Virginia	Oklahoma
Kansas State at Baylor	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Baylor	Baylor
NFL					
Baltimore at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Baltimore
Houston at Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland
Philadelphia at Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Green Bay at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Green Bay

Davis resigns as Frenship football coach

From staff reports

Brad Davis has resigned as Wolfforth Frenship's head football coach, Frenship ISD announced on Wednesday.

Davis could not be reached for comment.

Under Davis' direction, the Tigers went 5-6 overall and finished fourth at 3-3 in District 2-6A this season. Last Friday, El Paso Americas defeated Frenship, 30-16, in the Class 6A Division II bi-district round of the playoffs.

Davis went 102-34 in 11 seasons with the Tigers, won eight district championships, qualified for the playoffs 10 times and made an appearance in the 2006 state semifinals and three state quarterfinal appearances in 2007, 2008 and 2012.

Prior to taking over in 2006, Davis' father Bobby Davis was the head coach of the program between 1981-2005.

No. 3 Cardinals look to handle Houston, boost playoff hopes

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Last season, Houston outlasted Louisville 34-31 thanks in part to miscues by Cardinals quarterback Lamar Jackson in his first career start.

Things have changed.

Jackson is now the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy and has No. 3 Louisville (9-1) in the hunt for a spot in the College Football Playoff as the Cardinals visit Houston on Thursday night .

Jackson threw for 168 yards and a touchdown against the Cougars last season. But also tossed two interceptions, and a late touchdown pass by Greg Ward helped Houston to the victory.

"We're a much different team than we were last year," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "Right then we were trying to even find out who we are and what we were doing and everything was new to Lamar when he was out there ... just understanding the difference between high school football and college football. So I don't think last year's game will play into this game at all."

This season, Jackson has thrown for 2,898 yards and 27 touchdowns. He has added 1,334 yards rushing and leads the nation with 19 rushing touchdowns.

His performance has helped the Cardinals rise to No. 5 in the CFP rankings with two games remaining. But Petrino insists that they aren't overly concerned with the rankings and are instead focused on the Cougars.

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Bobby Petrino, Louisville head coach

"They just have to understand that they need to go out and play well, and play the type of football we are capable of playing," Petrino said. "Really, that's what we need to do our last two games, and then whatever happens, happens. We can't control any of that."

The Cougars (8-2) will counter with Ward, their dual-threat quarterback. He has 2,608 yards passing with 16 touchdowns and 429 yards rushing and nine more scores. Coach Tom Herman said he'll play on Thursday despite leaving Saturday's game against Tulane after aggravating a shoulder injury he's been dealing with for several weeks and being bothered by an ankle injury.

"He is pretty banged up, as he has been most of the year," Herman said. "He still gets treatment three times a day on his ankle that really slowed him down in the SMU game and in that stretch in October ... (but) he's going to play."

Some things to know about the Louisville-Houston game:

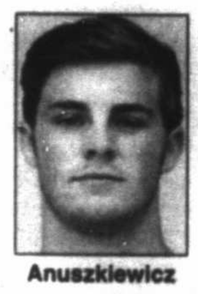
STREAKING: The Cougars have the second-longest home winning streak in the nation at 14 games. They haven't lost at home since a 31-24 defeat by Tulane on Nov. 8, 2014. They have won five straight games over Top 25 teams and opened their 2016 campaign with a 33-23 win over then-No. 3 Oklahoma.

THE 'OTHER' BACK: Somewhat overshadowed by Jackson's running success is senior RB Brandon Radcliff, whose 141-yard, three-TD effort helped ignite Louisville's comeback over Wake Forest last week. His first 100-yard performance in six games gave him 768 for the season and an outside chance at giving the Cardinals their first pair of 1,000-yard rushers.

BACKING UP WARD: Ward will have a new backup on Thursday after Kyle Postma broke his arm last week. Postma had surgery to insert a plate and screws in his arm on Monday, leaving D'Eriq King to back up Ward for the rest of the season. The freshman was a high school quarterback, but has appeared in 10 games with four starts at receiver this season. He has 228 yards receiving and a touchdown.

NOTHING DOING: Louisville's defense has stiffened since losing to Clemson, yielding of average of just 14.2 points and under 246.4 yards in five games. The Cardinals held Wake Forest to 214 yards — just 37 in the second half — and rank sixth nationally in total defense at 285.2 yards per contest.

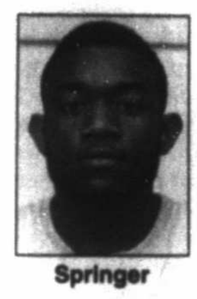
MHS MVPs



Anuszkiewicz

OFFENSE
Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Sr., QB

Anuszkiewicz completed 15 of 25 passes for 307 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions during the Bulldogs' record-setting 73-52 win over El Paso El Dorado. Anuszkiewicz averaged 21.9 yards per completion.



Springer

DEFENSE
Dillon Springer, Sr., DE

Springer was a disruptive force, registering four tackles for loss and being credited with eight hurries in Midland High's playoff win over the Aztecs.

Ritchie

SPECIAL TEAMS
Andre Ritchie, Sr., WR

Yenzer said Ritchie was a big part of the kickoff and kickoff return teams in the Bulldogs' victory over El Dorado. Yenzer calls Ritchie a tough kid who has embraced his special teams roles.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

"You still have to be able to run the football," Yenzer said. "We don't want that to be taken away from us. Running the football turns into the great equalizer when it comes to athleticism. Now don't get me wrong, we like our athleticism. I think we have some nice speed. I think people underestimate that at times so certainly that's something I would say we do have.

"But on the other side of the coin, we like to just knuckle down and get in there toe-to-toe and move the football. I think that's huge and I thought at some point Friday night, it finally made the difference for us in the fourth quarter and it gives you something to go to."

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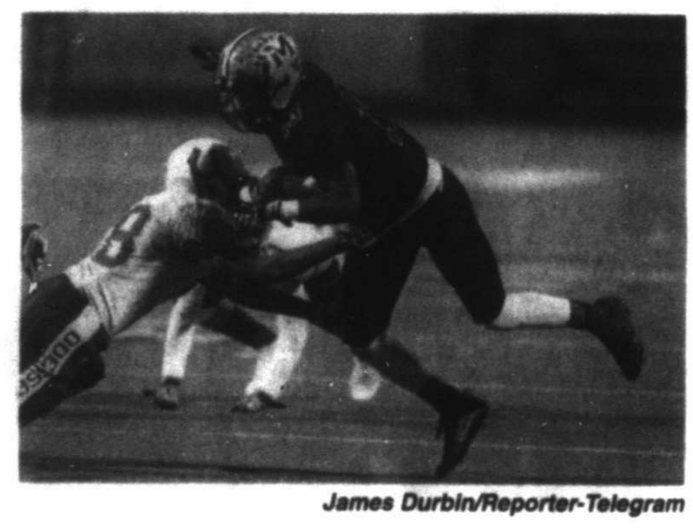

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Midland High's Juleion Bowers (13) avoids a tackle from Odessa High's Omer Loya (18) on Nov. 4 at Grande Communications Stadium.

BULLDOG BITES

■ Jalen Childress (887 receiving yards) and McLane Mannix (845 receiving yards) are within reach of Zack Sledge's single season school-record of 933 receiving yards, which was set in 2002.

■ MHS linebacker Smith Essman was held out of the El Dorado playoff game with an illness. Essman has since returned to practice and is expected to play Saturday against Arlington Bowie.

■ Bulldogs right offensive tackle Noah Payan was recognized by the coaching staff as the offensive lineman of the week for his performance against the Aztecs.

■ With 19 career touchdown receptions, Courtney McMaryion needs one TD catch to tie Anwtan Goodley at 20 for most by a Bulldog in a career. McMaryion already holds the school's career record for receptions (99) and receiving yards (1,813).

■ The 1,173 combined yards of total offense between Midland High and El Paso El Dorado fell just short of the single-game record in Bulldogs' history. In 2013, MHS and Lubbock Coronado combined on 1,188 total yards during the Bulldogs' 63-55 victory.

2016 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS
(9-2, 5-1)

Opponents	94	91	48	109
MHS	143	136	107	101

				–342
				–487

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ricky Hubert	171	1,142	6.7	17
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	89	500	5.6	6
Nick Hernandez	46	248	5.4	3
Jalen Childress	7	92	13.1	3
Tim Gates	6	47	7.8	0
Ryan Perales	5	33	6.6	1
Juleion Bowers	3	31	10.3	1
McLane Mannix	1	12	12.0	0
Gyren Scurlark	1	7	7.0	0
Caedon McDonald	1	3	3.0	0
Team	1	-8	-8.0	0
Totals	331	2,107	6.4	31

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	164	257	13	2,841	34
Ryan Perales	13	14	0	150	1
Totals	177	271	13	2,991	35

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jalen Childress	42	887	21.1	10
McLane Mannix	42	845	20.1	11
Courtney McMaryion	37	533	14.4	7
Juleion Bowers	32	509	15.9	6
Michael Galindo	4	100	25.5	1
Greyson Brockington	4	66	16.5	0
Caedon McDonald	3	24	8.0	0
Damien Fuentes	2	12	6.0	0
Greyson Brockington	1	11	11.0	0
Michael Hailey	1	8	8.0	0
Ricky Hubert	5	2	0.4	0
Trystin Pallanes	1	2	2.0	0
Nick Hernandez	1	1	1.0	0
Andre Ritchie	1	-4	-4.0	0
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	1	-5	-5.0	0
Totals	177	2,991	16.9	35

PUNTING

Player	No.	N.Yds.	N. Avg.	Long	In20
McLane Mannix	30	1,015	33.8	87	4

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Ricky Hubert	17	0	0	0	102
Jalen Childress	13	0	0	0	78
Ignacio Correa	0	58	0	5	73
McLane Mannix	11	0	2	0	70
Courtney McMaryion	7	0	0	0	42
Juleion Bowers	7	0	0	0	42
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	6	0	0	0	36
Nick Hernandez	3	0	1	0	20
Jacoby Thornton	2	0	0	0	12
Michael Galindo	1	0	0	0	6
Ryan Perales	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	68	58	3	5	487

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	S	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Sims	75	38	114	0	2	2	3	10
Barron	67	32	99	4	8	1	0	2
Essman	67	27	94	1	4	3	0	2
McCalister	60	26	86	0	6	2	0	6
Springer	45	13	58	3	14	0	0	4
Wood	45	26	71	0	4	1	1	1
Thornton	30	9	39	0	0	0	4	6
Abney	26	13	39	2	3	1	0	1
N. Marquez	25	5	30	0	0	0	0	4
Echols	22	21	43	2	3	0	0	1
Klattenhoff	18	9	27	0	0	0	1	0
Mannix	18	4	22	0	0	0	0	1
McCullough	15	12	27	1	2	1	0	0
Taylor	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	12	13	25	1	4	0	0	0
Hernandez	8	1	9	0	0	0	1	0
Marker	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
I. Marquez	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0
Zarate	6	1	7	0	1	0	0	0
Nabarrete	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sapien	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Reaves	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hubert	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Montoya	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1
Bowers	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tagle	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Correa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chandler	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gates	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Acrey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCarty	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle. AT - assisted tackle
TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss.
FR - fumble recovery, PBU - pass breakup

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,107	191.5	2,991	271.9	5,098	463.5

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
3,095	281.4	1,642	149.3	4,737	430.6

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

UIL
CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Midland (9-2) vs. Arlington Bowie (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Lewisville Hebron (8-3) vs. Duncanville (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field
San Angelo Central (11-0) vs. Keller Timber Creek (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Keller ISD Stadium
Allen (11-0) vs. Baytown (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
EP Americas (8-3) vs. Abilene (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Southlake Carroll (10-1) vs. DeSoto (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Murphy's Kimbrough Stadium
Amarillo Tascosa (7-4) vs. Mansfield (9-2), 7 p.m., Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Denton Guyer (9-2) vs. Cedar Hill (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
EP Eastlake (7-4) vs. Lubbock Monterey (8-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Glenda Dawson Stadium
Denton Ryan (11-0) vs. N. Richland Hills (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Justin's Northwest ISD Stadium
EP Chapin (9-2) vs. Lubbock Coronado (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Justin Northwest (10-1) vs. Colleyville Heritage (11-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
EP Parkland (8-3) vs. Lubbock Cooper (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Saginaw Boswell (7-4) vs. FW Dunbar (5-6), 7 p.m. Friday, FW Chisholm Trail HS
Carrollton (11-0) vs. Abilene Cooper (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Aledo (11-0) vs. Grapevine (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Saginaw's Rough Rider Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Levelland (8-3) vs. Decatur (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Moore Stadium
Andrews (10-1) vs. Brownwood (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Abilene Wylie (9-1) vs. Pampa (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Argyle (10-0) vs. Lubbock Estacado (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Burkburnett

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Seminole (7-3) vs. Iowa Park (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth
Monahans (8-3) vs. Graham (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Krum (10-1) vs. Sweetwater (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Stephenville
Glen Rose (7-4) vs. Bushland (8-4-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Littlefield (8-3) vs. Bowie (8-5), 6 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater
Wall (8-3) vs. Clyde (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Breckenridge (5-6) vs. Muleshoe (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring
Brock (11-0) vs. Amarillo River Road (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Canadian (9-2) vs. Eastland (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Vernon Midlo (9-3) vs. Coleman (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Greenwood HS
Sonora (10-1) vs. Spearman (7-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Cisco (9-1) vs. Childress (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, WF City View HS

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Area
Stratford (10-1) vs. Post (9-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Abernathy (9-2) vs. Hawley (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Forsan (8-3) vs. New Deal (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denver City
Anson (9-3) vs. Sundown (8-5), 5 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Crosbyton (5-6) vs. Roscoe (7-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Post
Memphis (10-1) vs. Seagraves (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Fenwell (10-1) vs. Wellington (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Hamlin (9-2) vs. Wheeler (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Seymour

Region II
Area
Iraan (11-0) vs. Santo (9-3), time TBD Friday, Fredericksburg
Albany (10-1) vs. Electra (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Graham
Munday (10-1) vs. Cross Plains (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Colorado City
Muenster (10-1) vs. Van Horn (9-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
Region II
Regional
Borden County (10-1) vs. Imperial Buena Vista (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Andrews
Marfa (7-4) vs. Garden City (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rankin

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
Region II
Regional
Balmorhea (11-0) vs. Jayton (10-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Garden City
Guthrie (7-4) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee

TAPPS
Division II Quarterfinal
Midland Christian (7-4) vs. Tyler Grace Community (9-3), 4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 19, Graham
Six-Man Division I Quarterfinal
Trinity (8-3) vs. Dallas Lutheran (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Stanton

No. 1 pick Jared Goff to debut Sunday for Los Angeles Rams

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Jared Goff is ready to show the Los Angeles Rams he was worth the wait.

Goff will make his NFL debut Sunday when the No. 1 pick faces the Miami Dolphins as the Rams' starting quarterback.

Goff watched the first nine games of his rookie season on the sideline for the Rams, who have scored an NFL-worst 15.4 points per game with one of the league's least productive offenses.

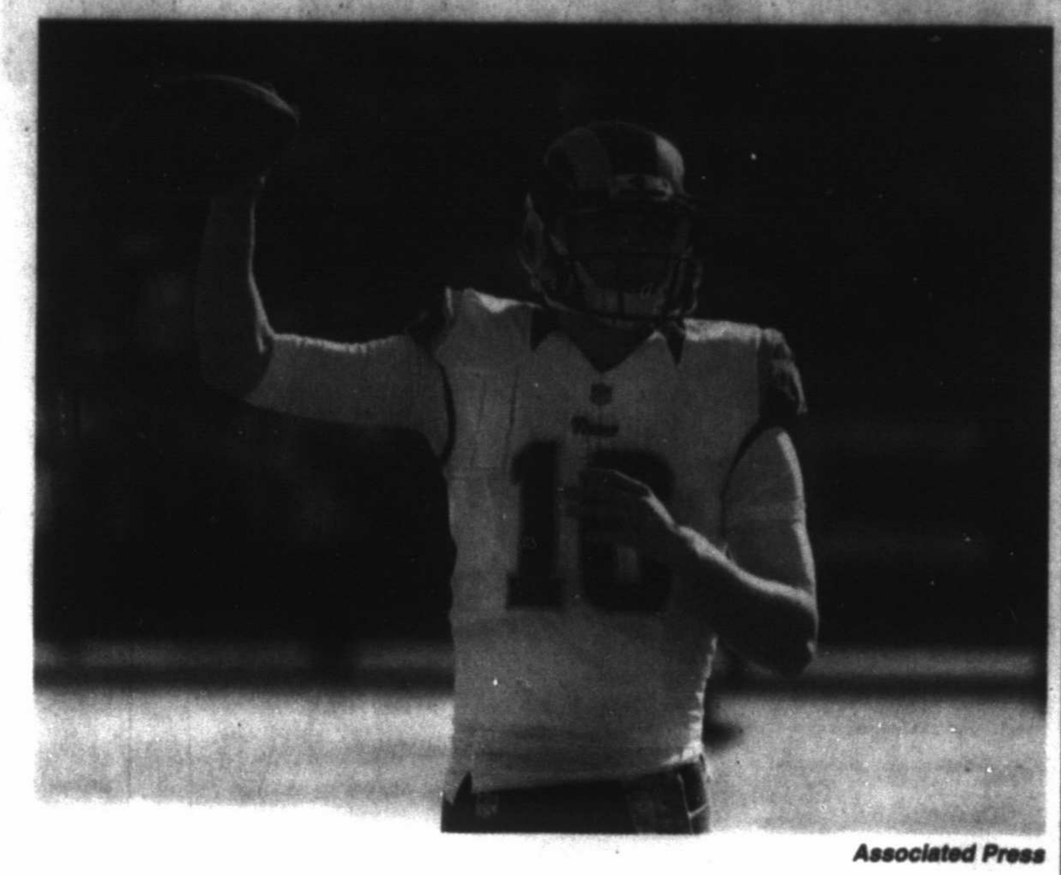
Veteran Case Keenum has started every game, passing for 2,169 yards with 11 interceptions and nine TDs.

Goff will debut in front of his home fans at the Coliseum, where Rams fans frustrated by a dismal offensive season chanted "We want Goff!" two weeks ago during a loss to Carolina.

"We're expecting him to play well and win games for us, so it's an exciting time for us," Rams coach Jeff Fisher said.

After weeks of increasing scrutiny on the offense's struggles, Fisher finally decided to see what they've got in Goff. Los Angeles couldn't score a touchdown in last weekend's 9-6 victory over the New York Jets, failing to reach the end zone for the third time in nine games.

Los Angeles traded several high draft picks to Tennessee in April to move up to draft Goff, hoping to solve years of underperformance at the NFL's most important position. The Rams also traded up to make a splash in their return to Los Angeles after a 21-year sojourn in St. Louis, where they hadn't made the playoffs since 2004 or had a winning record since 2003.



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Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jared Goff (16) warms up before a game against the New York Jets, in East Rutherford, N.J., on Nov. 13. A person with knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press that quarterback Jared Goff will make his NFL debut on Sunday when the No. 1 pick starts for the Los Angeles Rams.

But after Goff didn't beat out Keenum for the job in the preseason, Fisher repeatedly declined to promote the rookie over the past two months even while his offense struggled on almost a weekly basis, saying he wanted Goff to be in an ideal position to succeed.

It's increasingly clear that the Rams' offense doesn't provide an optimal opportunity for any quarterback, but at least Goff will now be learning on the job.

"It wasn't a spontaneous decision," Fisher said. "It was a progression. It's a gut feel. It's not an easy thing. It takes time, and we gave it time, and it was the right decision. We're looking forward to watching him play. ... He's going to have some moments, like all young quarterbacks do, but he's going to do well."

The Rams' offense is 31st in the NFL with just 308.0 yards per game. Their passing game is ranked 25th with 225.4 yards per game, increasing in recent weeks because of Los Angeles' profound struggles running the ball.

The Coliseum crowd has been eager for a change, booing the offense and chanting for the rookie while the Rams struggled through a 13-10 loss to Carolina two weeks ago. Los Angeles couldn't score against the Panthers until midway through the fourth quarter.

The Rams then failed to reach the end zone against the Jets, but the defense carried them to their first win since early October.

Fisher had finally seen enough on the field — and from Goff in practice — to warrant the inevitable change.

Goff, who turned 22 last month, was a three-year starter at California in a spread offense bearing little resemblance to the Rams' more pro-style schemes. That additional learning curve persuaded the Rams to be patient, but Keenum has struggled along with the Los Angeles offense, repeatedly failing to make big plays in important situations.

The veteran has thrown eight interceptions and five TD passes over the past five games for the Rams, who endured a four-game skid before last weekend's win.

Goff will get his first shot against the Dolphins, who have the NFL's ninth-ranked passing defense with potent pass-rushers Ndamukong Suh and Cameron Wake, who have combined for 12 sacks.

Prescott

From 1C

Garrett, a backup to Troy Aikman when the Cowboys were winning Super Bowls in the 1990s, was the new offensive coordinator in Romo's first full season as the starter before replacing fired coach Wade Phillips three years later, in the middle of the 2010 season.

They have been seen together frequently at sporting events in the offseason, but Garrett had little interest in discussing the impact of Romo's words.

"Our focus is getting ready to play the Ravens," Garrett said. "Tony is a professional. He's done an outstanding job preparing himself for whatever role he's been in since I've been here and that's what the expectation is. He's going to embrace it fully."

Witten was a third-round pick in 2003, the same year Romo signed as an undrafted free agent. He said he was in the weight room when he found out Romo was addressing reporters , and Witten finally let his exasperation show when someone offered the "what if" of Romo having taken his last snap with the Cowboys.

"C'mon guys," Witten said. "I mean, he embodies everything you want. He said it. Let's move forward with the football team. I don't think that's entered my mind and it hasn't entered anybody's mind."

The 34-year-old Witten was mindful of the difficulty Romo faced in making the speech. And while he and Romo share the reality that their careers are winding down, Witten also has become a valuable target for Prescott. Two weeks ago, he had his first 100-yard game in three years.

"We've been together a long time and Tony's been hurt before," Witten said. "Things come up, so I think you just encourage him and he's always felt like a key part of this team."

NOTES: TE Geoff Swaim was placed on injured reserve with a pectoral injury, ending his season. WR Vince Mayle was elevated from the practice squad and is expected to be used as a tight end. The Cowboys signed G Clay DeBord to the practice squad.

Cy Young

From 1C

Hendricks.

Scherzer became the sixth pitcher to earn the Cy Young in both leagues. After earning the AL honor in 2013 with the Tigers, Scherzer joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, Gaylord Perry and Roy Halladay as winners in both leagues.

This award, Scherzer said, meant even more than the first one.

Scherzer posted a record-tying 20-strikeout performance for the NL East champion Nationals, a year after he threw two no-hitters in his first season with Washington.

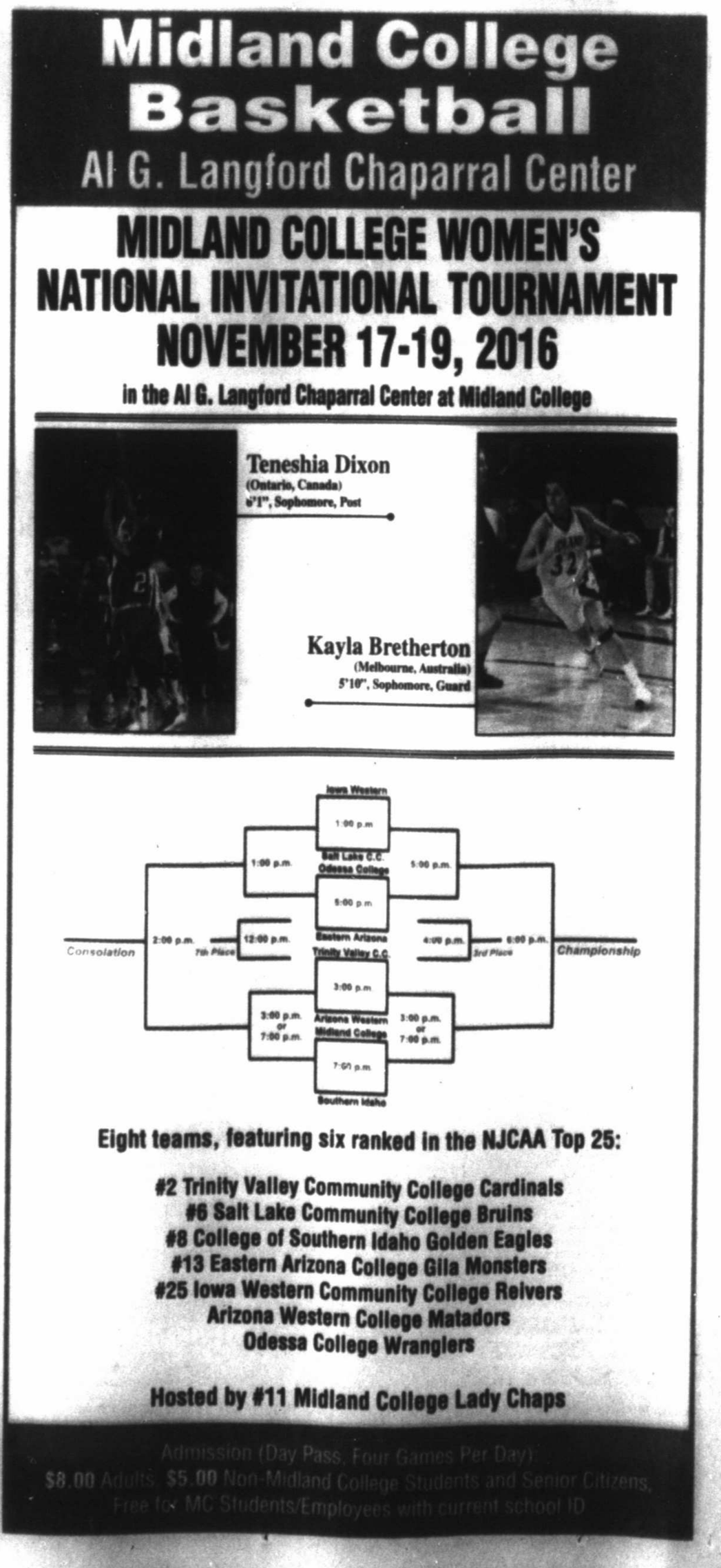
"I want to find a way to be better," he said.

Scherzer is the first pitcher from a Washington franchise to win a Cy Young. The award was first presented in 1956.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw got three first-place votes and finished fifth. Jose Fernandez, the Miami star killed in a boating accident in September, was seventh.

The final major postseason awards will be presented Thursday when the MVP honors are announced.

Cubs slugger Kris Bryant, Washington's Daniel Murphy and newly presented Rookie of the Year Corey Seager of the Dodgers are up for the NL award. Mike Trout of the Angels, Mookie Betts of the Red Sox and Jose Altuve of the Astros are the AL contestants.



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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 17, 2016

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's "You Haven't Done Nothin'" (N)		Notorious "Choice" (N)		Away With Murder "Who's Dead" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10 Live	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) News Nightline	
KOSA	CBS	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoor (N)	Mom (N)	Life In Pieces (N)	Pure Genius (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden	
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H "Images"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	F. Mason "The Case of the Flighty Father"	Twilight Zone	
KPEJ	FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood (N)		Pitch (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Dollars & Sense	Hidden in Sight	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	News-West 9	Football Night (L)	(:20) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers Site: Bank of America Stadium -- Charlotte, N.C. (L)							(:35) News	(:05) The Tonight Show	
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		Survive Thanksgiving		The Guilty		Soundbreaking "Going Electric" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	Noche de Estrellas: Latin Grammy		Latin Grammy Awards						Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	Last Man	Last Man	X-Files "Duane Barry"	X-Files "Ascension"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.		Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		(5:10) Blass the C...		(6:55) State Property 2		(7:55) Fold In Full				(8:55) Post Beach		Movie	
HBO		Movie	Vice News	(6:45) Batman Returns Michael Keaton.		Divorce	Insecure			(11:15) Underfire		Movie	
HBO2		(5:15) I Am Legend	Divorce	Fight	Cavalier (6:55)	Cavalier (8:55)	Super Man			(10:45) Gods of Egypt Gerard Butler.			
HBO3		(:05) Ghost World Thora Birch.				(7:55) Dog Day Afternoon Al Pacino.				(11:15) Point Break ('15, Act) Luke Bracey.			
MAX		(5:20) The Happe...		(6:45) Crimson Peak Mia Wasikowska.				(8:55) Scream 2 ('97, Hor) Neve Campbell.		(10:45) The Witches of ...			
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PLEX				(6:30) True Women		(8:30) True Women				(10:30) Fat Man and Little Boy			
SHOW		(5:15) Masters of Sex		(7:15) One and Done: Ben Simmons				Shameless		Gigolos	Gigolos	Masters of Sex	
TMC		(5:30) Wrong Side...		(7:30) The Stanford Prison Experiment				(9:30) Pulp Fiction ('94, Cri) John Travolta.				Movie	
A&E		The First 48 "M.I.A."		The First 48 "Snapshot"		60 Days In		To Be Announced		(:05) The First 48: Love Kills		(:05) The First 48 "Snapshot"	
AMC		(4:00) Batman Re...		(6:30) The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.								(:30) The Matrix Reloaded Keanu Reeves.	
BET		Browns	Browns	Brotherly Love ('15, Dra) Larry Hamlin, Romeo Miller, Criss Palmer.								(:30) The Gospel ('05, Dra) Boris Kodjoe.	
BRAVO		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Listing (N)		Yourtime	YourMine	Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		VanderK
CNBC		The Profit in Cuba		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Millionaire (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Outlaws "OH-HI-NO"		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws	
DISNEY		Adventures in Babysitting		MiloLaw	Bunk'd	Girl M.	Lodge	Bizaard.		StuckMid	Underc.	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN		(5:00) SprtC	Football C.	NCAA Football Louisville at Houston Site: TDECU Stadium (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		NCAA Basketball 2K Classic MLSMLS (L)		Score.		NCAA Basketb. 2K Classic Mich./Marquette (L)				Sports		Drone Racing	
FNC		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM		Movie		(6:00) The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Dra) Jennifer Lawrence.						The 700 Club		Mindy	Mindy
FSSW		TexansH-uddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Cowboys Insider	WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	
FX				(6:00) The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.						(10:00) The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			
HALLMARK		(5:00) Christmas ...		Home and Family	Lacey Chabert					Christmas Cookies ('16, Rom) Jill Wagner.		Royal Christmas	
HGTV		FlipHop	FlipHop	FlipHop	FlipHop	FlipHop	FlipHop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipHop	FlipHop
HISTORY		Counting	CounCars	Counting	Counting	CounCar	Counting	(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.	(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.	(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.
LIFETIME		Project Runway "Project Pop Up"		Project Runway		Project Runway "A Power Trip" (N)		TBA		PR Start "Where's All the Cash Going?" (N)		PR Startup "Girls Just Wanna Have Funds!"	TBA
MSNBC		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		NASCAR The Season		Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Nitro (N)	Nitro	Motoclub	Motoclub	Grudge	Grudge
NICK		Paradise	Thunder	(6:30) Marmaduke ('10, Fam) Owen Wilson.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail
SYFY		(6:30) Oculus ('14, Hor) Karen Gillan.						(9:30) Annabelle ('14, Hor) Alfre Woodard, Annabelle Wallis.		400 Days	Brandon Routh.		
TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Billy on the Street	Conan
TCM		(6:15) Send Me No...		(8:00) The Lady Eve		(9:45) Blonde Crazy				(11:15) Trouble in Paradise		Movie	
TELE		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		Sin Senos Sí Hay Par		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par	
TLC		Unichef (N)		My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Charity's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Charity's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Charity's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Charity"	
TNT		Bones "Boy in the Time Capsule"		NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Minnesota Timberwolves Site: Target Center -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)				NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)					
TVLAND		(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray		(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Secrets Exhumed"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Community Policing"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Maternal Instincts"		Falling Water "The Swirl" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dissonant Voices"		Shooter "Point of Impact"	
WGN		Elementary "Murder Ex Machina"		Elementary "Alma Matters"		Elementary "A Study in Charlotte"		Elementary "Who Is That Masked Man?"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Klinsmann questioned as US slumps to 0-2 start in qualifying

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Looking a bit shocked, Jurgen Klinsmann called it a "bitter moment" four times in 14 minutes and also a "bitter pill to swallow" during his post-match news conference. He described the 4-0 wipeout in a World Cup qualifier against Costa Rica as "the defeat that hurts most" during his five-year tenure as U.S. coach.

Time for a new leader?

Outside the room, U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati expressed patience.

"We don't make any decisions right after games," Gulati said. "We'll think about what happened today and talk with Jurgen and look at the situation."

The U.S. is 0-2 in the final round of World Cup qualifying for the first time following a 2-1 home loss to Mexico last week and its ninth straight defeat in a qualifier at Costa Rica. Given a rare opportunity to coach a national team for a second World Cup cycle, Klinsmann is under renewed scrutiny by critics who claim his reign has gone stale.

"I obviously understand that when you lose two games and especially two World Cup qualifiers right after each other, that there will be a lot of your comments," he told reporters after the match. "That is just part of the job."

A World Cup champion with West Germany in 1990 and the coach who led Germany to the 2006 semifinals at home, Klinsmann replaced Bob Bradley after a poor U.S. performance in the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup, where Mexico beat the Americans 4-2 in the final.

Klinsmann coached the U.S to the 2013 Gold Cup title and the second round of the 2014 World Cup, where the Americans lost to Belgium in extra time, but the U.S. was upset by Jamaica in the 2015 Gold Cup semifinals and lost a playoff to Mexico for a Confederations Cup berth, sparking skepticism of personnel decisions and tactics.

Play improved again at this year's Copa America, where victories over Paraguay and Ecuador advanced the U.S. to the semifinals — and a 4-0 loss to Lionel Messi and Argentina.

Then came the start of the hexagonal, as the final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region is known, and it could not have gone much worse.

"When you lose 4-nil, there are issues, absolutely," Klinsmann said.

Soccer powers traditionally have little tolerance for defeat.

When Mexico lost a World Cup qualifier at home against Honduras in September 2013, coach Jose Manuel De la Torre was fired about 4 1/2 hours after the final whistle and replaced by Luis Fernando Tena. When El Tri lost a few days later in the United States, Tena was replaced within 48 hours by Victor Manuel Vucetich. Two games later, Vucetich was supplanted by Miguel Herrera.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained up river; 74 degrees; 1.42 feet low. Black bass are good on black buzzbaits at first light and last light with lots of small bass on baby bass wacky worms with chartreuse tips fished around grass. Blue flack 7- and 10-inch Power Worms have been productive on the 25-35 foot drops. Spoons are catching schooling bass all day in 25-50 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on jugliners baited with goldfish, perch or minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 71-76 degrees; 0.47 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and flukes. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 0.21 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, chrome Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-77 degrees; 0.35 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigged Baby Brush Hogs and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 71-75 degrees; 1.03 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 72-75 degrees; 0.89 feet low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse tube Worm-Gits nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 73-76 degrees; 34.20 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and split shot weighted flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 73-76 degrees; 0.1 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics early and late, Texas rigs, jigs and shallyhoods. Crappie are good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on live shad and jigs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

STAMFORD: 0.05 feet low. Black bass and crappie are fair to good, but mostly undersized. White bass are fair to good on minnows and Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 69-74 degrees; 19.23 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 18.60 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, Senkos, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are good on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and pet spoons. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 74-78 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

BELTON: Water stained; 75-77 degrees; 0.21 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps in coves. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 78-79 degrees; 0.44 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 2.14 feet low. Black bass are fair on black/chartreuse soft plastics and deep running crankbaits early and late. Striped bass are good on swim baits, Red Fins, and silver striper jigs early. White bass are fair on minnows and Tiny Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows and pink/white Curl's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp, minnows, and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on live shad.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 73-75 degrees; 0.22 feet high. Black bass are good on shad colored crankbaits, white spinnerbaits, and Texas rigged watermelon green Whacky Sticks and watermelon Plukes over brush piles early. Striped bass are good on Pink Minnows and chartreuse striper jigs over humps at daylight. White bass are fair on minnows and Pink Minnows on tidal points. Smallmouth bass are good on watermelon Curl's jigs, green pumpkin tubes, and smoke JDC curl tail grubs. Crappie are good on minnows and green tube jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines baited with live perch.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 78-80 degrees; 0.59 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are good on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

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LEVEL

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the letter after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a nation.

GLUTAMATE + A

AVOIDANCE + M

GOVERNMENT + O

NASALIZED + W

Yesterday's Answer: CIRCUS, CITRUS, STRICT, SITTER, TITLES, LATEST, TALENT

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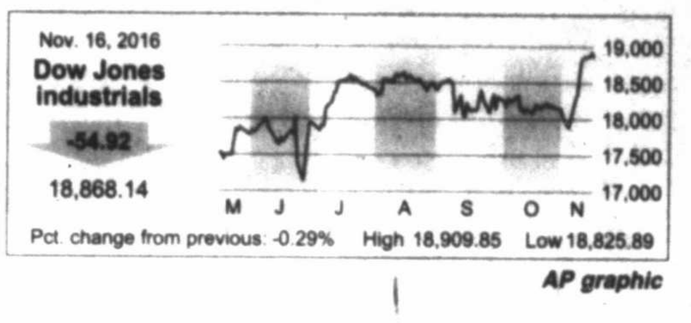

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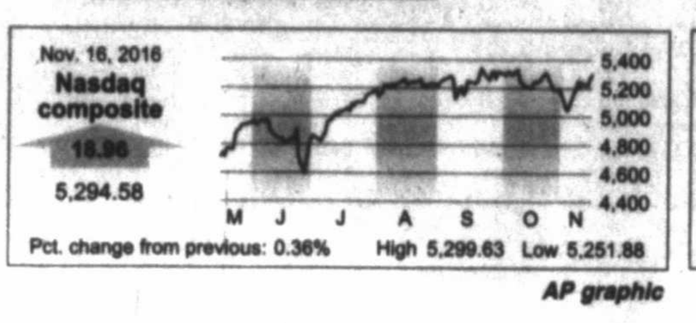

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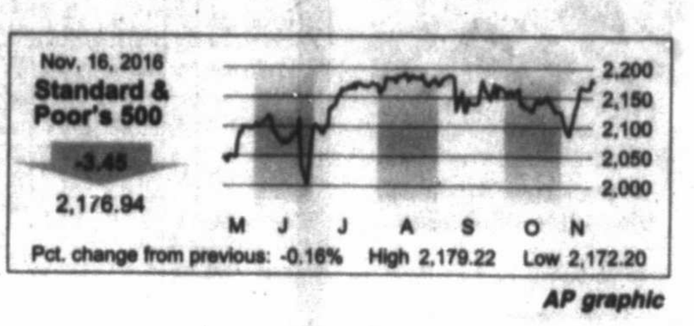

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $45.57
Previous: $45.81

POSTED

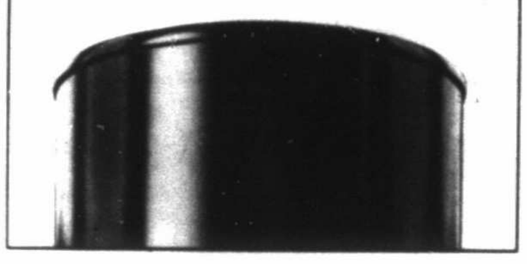
Wednesday: $42.00
Previous: $42.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $38.30
Previous: $38.55

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.767
Previous: $2.709



4 things to know about United's new cheaper fares

Associated Press

NEW YORK — United Airline fliers will soon get the chance to buy cheaper fares on some of the airline's flights. But as good as that sounds, those tickets will come with strict rules that might not make it appealing for some passengers.

The airline's new fare option, disclosed Tuesday, is called Basic Economy and limits what bags you can bring on board and doesn't allow you to choose your seat. United said Basic Economy fares will cost less than its regular economy class, but declined to say by how much. The new fares are expected to go on sale early next year for flights taking place in the spring. At first, Basic Economy will only be available for U.S. flights between certain cities. The airline will continue to offer its regular economy fares, as well as Economy Plus with more leg room and its first class options.

Here's what you need to know about Basic Economy fares:

No seat choice

Your seat will be automatically chosen for you when you check in. That means you'll likely be stuck with the seat that other economy passengers didn't want — so be prepared to squeeze into a middle seat. And if you plan to fly with friends or family, and want to sit next to them, Basic Economy is not for you. The airline said it's unlikely you'll be able to sit together. Also keep in mind, Basic Economy passengers will be the last to board the plane.

No carry-on bags

Carry-on bags that need to be stuffed into the overhead compartments won't be allowed on the plane. Basic Economy fliers can only bring a bag on board that fits under the seat, like a purse, laptop bag or backpack. If you bring anything bigger, you will be charged a fee and the bag will be checked in. That's much different from regular economy fliers who can still bring a carry-on aboard for free, as well as a small bag.

No ticket changes

Once you buy a Basic Economy ticket, it can't be changed or refunded. If you do need to switch flights, you'll lose the money you paid and have to buy another flight. That's much different from United's other fare classes, which allow fliers to make changes for a fee.

Same in-flight service

Basic Economy fliers will get free snacks or drinks if they're offered on the flight, just like other economy passengers. They'll also be able to buy meals or WiFi access, if it's available.

Stocks climb

U.S. stocks finished barely lower Wednesday as banks return some of the huge gains they've made since the presidential election last week, but technology and consumer stocks climbed. The dollar continued to appreciate against other currencies and reached its highest mark in 13 years.

Banks took the biggest losses as a seven-day rally in that sector petered out. Industrial companies, also big gainers since the election, traded lower as well. The price of oil gave back some of its enormous gain from the day before. Graphics processor maker Nvidia and household names like Apple and Microsoft led technology companies higher. Rising stocks outnumbered decliners.

The dollar has been very strong in recent years, just not this strong, and it's been pretty stable compared to other currencies. But in the wake of the election, investors think the U.S. economy might grow a bit faster and inflation might pick up.

The Dow Jones industrial average slid 54.92 points, or 0.3 percent, to 18,868.14. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.45 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,176.94. The Nasdaq composite picked up 18.96 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,294.58.

Metal prices fall

The price of gold slipped 60 cents to $1,223.90 an ounce. Silver fell 12 cents to $16.93 an ounce. Copper fell 4 cents to $2.47 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1225803	19.75	-.41
SPDR Fncl	1152015	21.86	-.32
iShEMkts	630734	34.70	-.29
S&P500ETF	590494	217.87	-.41
WealthInt	570677	5.25	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlbShipLs	2.00	+.44	+28.2
NaviosMar	2.10	+.36	+20.7
EKodak wt	4.40	+.70	+18.9
HalconRes wt	2.65	+.40	+17.9
GencoSh rs	11.55	+1.20	+11.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Invitae n	6.97	-1.56	-18.3
PSBMetDS	14.20	-2.25	-13.7
Mallinckdt	59.65	-8.15	-12.0
DrCvbSec	28.35	-3.65	-11.4
StoneEng rs	4.83	-.62	-11.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,590
Declined	1,419
Unchanged	88
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	116
New Lows	20
Volume	3,741,979,147

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	132985	1.32	-.08
NwGold g	71750	3.83	-.21
SynergyRs	44966	8.14	-.21
LucasE rs	41054	1.88	+.67
Shindia bt	37142	26.28	.44

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnvenSte	14.20	+2.25	+18.8
Zedge n	3.60	+.38	+11.8
PacGE pfC	28.90	+2.40	+9.1
AsterriasBio	4.80	+.40	+9.1
AvalonHld	2.63	+.20	+8.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SnchzPP rs	13.23	-1.98	-13.0
BdFTr	45.01	-4.99	-10.0
SP Asrn	7.20	-.63	-8.0
CCA Inds	7.65	-.20	-7.7
AtlsrcAst	10.25	-2.25	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	169
Declined	177
Unchanged	23
Total issues	369
New Highs	11
New Lows	10
Volume	107,430,415

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	582540	116.99	+2.88
SiriusXM	438364	4.52	-.06
Facebook	306452	116.94	.86
Microsoft	262961	59.65	-.78
FrontierCm	244361	3.43	-.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlobusM rs	14.23	+9.29	+188.1
ChinaNRes	4.82	+3.12	+183.4
SinoGlobl	6.73	+4.31	+178.1
DianaCn h rs	12.86	+6.72	+109.4
WrisFin	109.00	+52.20	+91.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ConyPh wt	2.50	-1.50	-37.5
AxensBios	2.30	-.71	-23.5
Endologx	7.82	-2.02	-20.5
PDL Bio	3.95	-.67	-14.5
ExactSci n	14.53	-2.74	-15.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,475
Declined	1,319
Unchanged	219
Total issues	3,013
New Highs	206
New Lows	35
Volume	1,966,914,893

Drug prices don't budge even after pressure from Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress's routine of publicly shaming drug company executives over high prices works no better than a placebo: It may make some people feel better, but it doesn't treat the problem.

In the last two years, House and Senate committees issued more than a dozen subpoenas to price-hiking drugmakers, collecting hundreds of thousands of documents and berating executives for more than 16 hours of public hearings.

But a review by The Associated Press of the list prices of nearly 30 brand-name medications and generic versions targeted by congressional investigators shows most haven't budged since coming under federal scrutiny, according to figures from Truven Health Analytics.

"These companies have made clear that they are not going to change course on their own — they will keep bilking the American people for all they can unless Congress acts," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Maryland, the ranking member on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Unlike most countries, the U.S. doesn't regulate drug prices. That means drugmakers, like other businesses, are largely free to set prices as high as the market will bear.

Congress has avoided passing laws that would change how drugs are priced, in keeping with the wishes of the powerful pharmaceutical lobby. That leaves lawmakers with few options beyond hauling executives before their committees.

Cummings helped kick off Capitol Hill's latest round of pharmaceutical bashing in the fall of 2014 with a flurry of letters to makers of prescription drugs that had seen dramatic price spikes. Since then, the AP counted 29 drugs that were specifically mentioned either in letters from lawmakers or during congressional hearings. The list prices of 22 of those drugs did not change at all. Five fell, and two went up.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $113.29 Down 1.73

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $131.50 Down 2.09

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.00 Up 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $97.54 Up 0.88

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.85 Up 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.38 Up 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.00 Up 0.40

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $79.78 Down 0.34

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.05 Up 0.27

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.22 Down 0.26

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		23	7.91	.16	+253.1
AT&T Inc	1.96f	14	37.15	+.38	+8.0
Abraxas			1.80	-.06	+69.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e		13.10	+.02	+2.1
AMD			7.67	+.70	+167.2
AlonUSA	.60		8.70	+.06	-41.4
Ambev	.19e		5.17	+.01	+15.9
Amgen	4.00	13	147.23	+.17	-9.3
Anadarko	.20		61.94	-.62	+27.5
Apache	1.00		62.45	-.94	+40.4
Apple Inc	2.28	13	109.99	+2.88	+4.5
ApldMatl	.40	23	30.02	+.41	+60.8
Archrock	.48f		12.85		+70.9
ATMOS	1.68	21	71.28	-.17	+13.1
AutoData	2.28f	28	93.27	+.93	+10.1
BP PLC	2.40a		33.30	-.31	+6.5
BakrHu	.58		61.17	+.15	+32.5
BcoBrad s	.29e		8.64	.22	+97.6
BkofAm	.30f	16	19.75	-.41	+17.3
B /PVxST rs			30.10	+.16	
BarringsCp s	1.20		16.21	.42	-6.0
BarrickG	.08	35	15.60	+.02	+111.4
BasicEnSv			33	.02	-87.7
BerkHa A			15235470.00	-530.00	+19.0
BlkHillsCp	1.68	20	58.21	-.47	+25.4
BrMySq	1.52	39	56.20	-.49	-18.3
BrownFA s		30	47.72	+.07	
BrownFB s			45.50	-.06	-9.7
CVS Health	1.70f	13	74.56	-.48	-23.7
Caterpillar	3.08	25	93.35	-1.09	+37.4
Celestic g	16	10	12.55	+.23	+13.8
Cemex	.29f		7.71	+.04	+44.0
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.52	-.20	-2.5
ChesEng			5.91	-.14	+31.3
Chevron	4.28		108.35	+.47	+20.4
Chicos	32	85	14.45	+.04	+35.4
Cimarex	32		128.43	+.41	+43.7
Cisco	1.04	15	31.57	-.13	+17.2
Citigroup	.64	15	54.63	-.82	+5.6
ClayEng			113.29	-1.73	+285.1
CocaCola	1.40	25	41.26	-.18	-4.0
ColgPalm	1.56	24	66.74	+.15	+.2
ConAgra	1.00	21	36.27	+.45	+10.5
ConchoRes			131.50	-2.09	+41.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhill	1.00		44.38	-.90	-4.9
CrackerB	4.60	21	155.04	+.58	+22.2
CSVelVST			40.45	.32	+56.8
CSVLgCrd rs				19.08	-.62
CrosTim	1.11e	13	17.95	+.29	+38.0
DCP Mid	3.12	19	33.58	.89	+36.1
DTE	2.92	20	97.96	1.43	+14.7
Dataram rs			9.95	.03	-54.5
DevonE	.24		43.98	-1.02	+37.4
DianaCn h rs				12.86	+6.72
+100.9					
DrGMBll s			7.61	.79	
DrGBull s			9.31	.24	
Disney	1.42	17	99.12	+1.42	-5.7
DowChm	1.84	17	53.18	+.01	+3.3
EOG Resrc	.67		95.22	+.65	+34.5
EmpDist	1.04	24	34.42	+.05	+22.6
EnCana g	.06		11.24	+.10	+120.8
Energen	.08		57.86	.48	+41.2
EngyTsfr	4.22		37.64	.99	+11.6
EnPro	.84	43	59.59	-.34	+35.9
EntProdPt	1.62f	19	25.19	.40	-1.5
Ericsson	.46e		5.11	.01	-46.8
Euroseas rs			4.85	+.49	+90.2
ExxonMbl	3.00	34	85.75	-1.07	+10.0
Facebook		41	116.34	.86	+11.2
FordM	.60a	6	12.00	.04	-14.8
FrptMcM			13.80	+.19	+103.8
FrontierCm	.42	49	3.43	+.13	-26.6
GATX	1.80	7	50.72	-.89	+19.2
GabMultT	.94e		7.44	-.06	-.8
GAInv	1.15e		30.26	+3.09	+5.5
GenElec	.92	27	30.74	-.01	-1.3
GtPlainEn	1.10f	16	27.16	-.21	-.5
Groupon			4.09	+.07	+33.2
Halliburtn	.72		48.76	-1.00	+43.2
HuntBnsh	.32f	17	11.93	-.03	+7.9
ICICI Bk	.16e		7.71	-.44	-1.5
iShBrazil	1.03e		33.07	-.40	+59.9
iShChinaLC	.76e		35.83	-.43	+1.5
iShEMkts	.84e		34.70	-.29	+7.8
iS Eafe	1.70e		56.39	-.60	-4.0
iShR2K	1.77e		129.54	-.01	+15.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Intel	1.04	16	34.84	-.07	+1.1
interDig	1.20f	13	77.90	+.20	+58.8
ItauUnibH	.32e		10.52	.07	+61.8
JPMorgCh	1.92	13	77.40	1.96	+18.0
JohnJn	3.20	18	116.36	+.04	+13.3
Keycorp	.34	15	16.73	.36	+26.8
KimbClk	3.68	19	113.34	-.53	-11.0
LegacyRes	.60m		1.85	+.05	+5.7
Lowes	1.40	18	67.02	-2.03	-11.9
Lubys			4.12	+.01	-7.8
MarathnO	.20		15.56	.14	+23.6
McDnlds	3.76f	23	119.21	+.89	+.9
Merck	1.84	16	62.63	-1.02	+18.6
MerltMed		30	22.90	-.20	+23.2
MexcoEn			4.41	+.11	+36.5
MicronT			18.24	+.14	+28.8
Microsoft	1.56f	25	59.65	+.78	+7.5
MorgStan	.80	16	39.19	.81	+23.2
Nabors	.24		13.58	+.05	+59.6
NatGrid	3.38e		58.60	-.26	-15.7
NOilVarco	.20	19	35.25	-.79	+5.3
NDynMn g			1.32	+.08	+331.4
NSTFB	.55e		14.01	-.18	-3.6
NTXQI	.65		13.90	+.00	-3.6
Nvidia	.56f	56	91.63	+5.44	+178.0
OcciPet	3.04f		66.93	+.44	+2.0
OceanRig			1.78	+.43	+9.2
PDL Bio	.20	3	3.05	.67	-13.8
ParTech		15	5.03	+.32	-25.3
PerkDrl			2.00	-.05	+8.9
PetIdTI	.08	7	23.66	+.06	+86.0
Penney			9.18	+.06	+37.8
PennaRE	.84		19.55	-.49	-10.6
Primian	.34e	20	7.14	+.04	+41.1
Petrobras			9.83	-.16	+128.6
Pfizer	1.20	13	31.96	-.27	-1.0
PloNtrl	.08	53	178.53	-.20	+42.4
PlatinaAAP	1.20m	31	31.16	-.00	+34.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		116.91	+.69	+4.5
Prxair	3.00	22	117.15	+.07	+14.4
PrmEgy			49.86		-6.8
PUVixST rs			12.39	+.09	
ProctGam	2.68	22	83.19	-.43	+4.8
RangeRs	.06		34.39	-.30	+39.7
RegionFn	.28f	17	12.89	-.84	+34.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RiteAid		52	7.82	+.34	-3
Rowan	.40	5	15.11	-.44	-10.9
RoyDShlA	3.76	75	49.27	-.63	+7.6
SpdrDJIA	3.99e		188.98	-.36	+8.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e		217.87	-.41	+6.9
SpdrLehHY	2.30		35.72	-.14	+5.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e		38.16	-.31	+26.3
SabnR	1.99e	17	35.45	-.05	+35.0
SanderPm	.98f	14	85.84	-.40	+10.5
Schlmbrg	2.00	53	81.04	-.12	+16.2
SinoGlobl			6.73	+4.31	+647.8
SiriusXM	.01p	38	4.52	-.06	+11.1
Smucker	3.00f	18	129.95	+1.15	+5.4
SwstnEngy			10.81	-.36	+52.0
Sprint			7.68	-.06	+112.2
SP CnSt	1.28e		50.77	+.01	+.6
SP Engy	2.04e		71.32	-.50	+18.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e		21.86	-.32	+13.0
SP Inds	1.12e		61.19	-.35	+15.4
SP Util	1.55e		46.42	-.32	+7.3
SunocoLog	2.00f	57	26.80	-.69	+4.3
Target	2.40f	13	76.03	+4.59	+4.7
TelefEsp	1.69e		8.84	-.13	-22.8
Tesoro	2.20	11	85.74	-.29	-18.6
TevaPhrm	1.36e	14	38.07	+.47	-42.0
3M Co	4.44	21	172.01	-1.12	+14.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.56	16	69.20	-.79	+21.4
TriContl	.82e		21.26	-.04	+6.2
Twitter			18.63	-.35	-19.5
TylerTech		54	182.34	+3.55	-12.6
UBSI	1.32	23	44.70	-.60	+29.8
US OilFd			10.23	-.11	-7.0
USSteel	.20		28.47	-.06	+256.8
Vale SA	.29e		7.31	-.01	+122.2
Vale SA pf	.29e		6.65	-.10	+160.8
ValeantPh		20	17.86	-.36	-82.4
ValeroE	2.40	14	63.63	+.48	-10.0
VanEGold	.12e		21.84	-.18	+59.2
VanE JrGld			35.55	-1.31	+85.1
VangEngy	1.10e		95.45	-.29	+8.4
VerizonCm	2.31f	13	47.93	+.56	+3.7
VulcanM	.80	46	130.29	-4.37	+37.2
WEC Engy	1.98	19	55.14	+.06	+7.5
WalgBoots	1.50	19	83.19	-.09	-2.3
WealthInt			5.25	+.11	-37.4
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.68	-.91	-4.9
WstnRefin	1.52	21	30.50	+.54	-14.4
WhitingPet			9.14		-3.2
WmsCos	.80m	70	30.29	-.68	+17.9
XcelEngy	1.36	19	39.01	-.24	+8.6
Xerox	.31	12	9.85	-.04	-10.2
Yamana g	.00m		3.15	-.01	+69.4

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We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,934.05	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	18,868.14	-54.92	-.29	+8.28	+6.39
8,844.53	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	8,749.08	-65.42	-.74	+16.52	+6.81
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	630.47	-5.06	-.80	+9.11	+12.02
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,699.43	-46.08	-.43	+5.48	+2.59
5,342.66	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,294.58	+18.96	+.36	+5.73	+4.32
2,193.81	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,176.94	-3.45	-.16	+6.51	+4.46
1,597.56	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,585.53	-1.10	-.01	+14.08	+10.61
22,765.41	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,723.36	-35.89	-.16	+7.35	+5.02
1,308.56	943.09	Russell 2000	1,302.20	+.06		+14.64	+11.13

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 80 Low: 42	High: 80 Low: 32	High: 86 Low: 38	High: 85 Low: 43	High: 72 Low: 50	High: 68 Low: 45

Local forecast

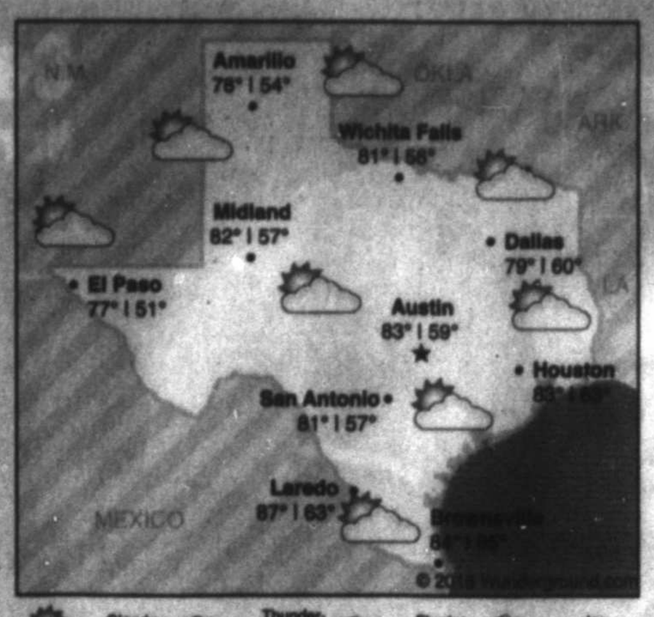
The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of a 32-degree evening — the first freeze of the fall — on Friday. Otherwise, expect things to cool down below average for this time of year on Friday and Saturday. The NWS also expects a chance of showers on Monday night.

The record high for Nov. 16 is 86, set in 1963. The record low is 15, set in 1932. On Nov. 16 of last year, the high was 74 and the low was 49.

Weather brief

Wet weather affected the Northeast on Wednesday, while a trough of low pressure brought a pattern change to the West Coast.

A low pressure system shifted north northeastward across the coast of New England. This system ushered moderate to locally heavy rain over New England on Wednesday. Greenville, Maine, reported a midday total of 1.74 inches of rain. Bangor, Maine., reported a midday total of 1.26 inches of rain. Scattered showers also developed along the eastern tier of the Midwest and the northern Mid-Atlantic as a cold frontal boundary moved across the region.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.74 in.
Year total	14.50 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.70 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	82
Low	49
Normal high	66
Normal low	39
Sunrise	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Nov. 17

Kids lobby mom to return long-overdue child support

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced and remarried mother of two adult children. Both live on their own and have decent jobs. After the divorce, I managed to keep a roof over our heads, food on the table and provide college for my children. My ex-husband, their father, sporadically paid child support, which resulted in an arrearage owed for the past nine years.

Recently, I received a substantial sum of the balance I was owed for back child support. My dilemma is that my children feel that because their father is having financial problems (finances were always his issue), I should give the money back to him because I am financially secure.

Abby, they are ignoring everything I had to do to support them while they were still dependents and my responsibility. Add into that their health care, extracurricular activities, Christmases and birthdays, etc., when he said he didn't have money.

I feel I have every right to keep the money. I have told this to my kids, but they are mad at me because I can't seem to get the message across. Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated. — FLUSTERED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FLUSTERED: You were divorced from this man for good reason. Your responsibility to him ended when the divorce was finalized. What you have received for shouldering the entire responsibility for raising your children is yours and yours alone. Do not apologize to anyone for what you prefer to do with the money. And for your sake, please don't allow yourself be trapped or guilted into doing anything against your better judgment.

DEAR ABBY: I love my sister. She's well-educated, intelligent and fun, but she has let herself go. We are both in our 60s and, unfortunately, those pesky whiskers are starting to appear on our faces. She recently had surgery and when I visited her, I noticed a lot of hairs sprouting from her chin. I offered to pluck them or take her to a spa and have them removed when she had a facial. She refused!

My friends and I have made a pact to pluck each other's whiskers if we are ever in a hospital and can't do it ourselves. Should I just let it go or, the next time I see her, remind her that many people would be put off if they saw her? Or is it just me? — WHISKERLESS SISTER

DEAR WHISKERLESS: It's not "just you." Depilatories are popular because most American women wouldn't want to be caught dead with obvious facial hair.

Your letter brought back memories, one of which was my mother telling me that her first executive assistant, Katie, had made Mama promise that in the event of Katie's demise, Mama would bring a razor to the viewing and, while standing at the casket, "whisk" off her mustache so no one would see it.

Not knowing your sister, I can't say whether she was in so much pain from her surgery that she didn't want to add to it by being plucked. Talk to her again when she's feeling better and she may offer up her chin. If not, love her the way she is — fur and all — because she's happy that way.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016:

This year you follow your sixth sense, and you come out A-OK. You might have a tendency to overthink and get caught up in a dilemma. You discover the importance of taking more downtime alone; you see issues in a different light when you do. If you are single, be skeptical of anyone you meet between now and next fall. After that point, someone well-suited to you will head in your direction. If you are attached, the two of you love to do a vanishing act together. Know that this kind of one-on-one relating is the bread and butter of your relationship. CANCER is as emotional as you are, but expresses it more frequently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might feel as if an emotional tidal wave has headed in your direction. You could be overwhelmed by all of the sensitivity expressed by those around you. You'll want to change your perspective in order to work on a project that demands completion. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You'll have a lot to say, no matter what the topic is. You could be energized by all the various thoughts occupying your mind. Avoid a power play at all costs. Walk away from a control game; you could win, but the damage would be too great. Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be aware of how much you are spending. You know how to handle a personal matter; however, know that you will need to have a firm hold on your money situation first. Pressure builds from various people with whom you have a connection. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You respond emotionally to others, while also expressing a unique idealistic quality of your personality. You might not be as grounded as you would like, but those around you find you inspiring anyway. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You seem to be able to head down a unique path that often works well for you. You might feel intimidated by all the emotions flowing around you. You could opt to do your own thing and stay away from the current heaviness of everyone's feelings. Tonight: Take a night just for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what you desire and what is important to you. You are likely to witness a financial change for the better. You'll need to deal with this matter as soon as it occurs. Remember that these types of opportunities don't come along every day. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might not be able to handle the heavy feelings that surround an authority figure whom you care a lot about. You could be quite controlling in your interactions. You tend to be more comfortable like that, but you need to learn to take a step back. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Follow your intuition, and know what is important for you to follow through on. Enjoy the luxury of not overthinking and just following your gut. You will land like a cat, on all fours. Manifest a long-term desire. Tonight: Where there is music is where you want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ One-on-one relating gets you to a new point of understanding with an important person in your life. Your imagination doesn't seem to know limits. Test out an offbeat idea on a trusted confidant. Your positive attitude helps you see past a problem. Tonight: Opt for teamwork.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Defer to others, and you'll get to see what they are all about. You also will gain recognition among your peers. However, you might not want get too involved with these people, as their support comes with expectations and demands. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take care of your concerns; stay mellow and pace yourself. You might have a lot of ground to cover. You are able to detach from an issue and get feedback, which will prove to be meaningful. Resist someone else's need for control. Tonight: Get as much sleep as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination and creativity flourish. You intuitively know which way to land on heavy issues. A child or loved one might be involved in your decision-making process. A friend could become difficult. Listen to this person carefully. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny DeVito (1944), actor Tom Ellis (1978), film director Martin Scorsese (1942)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Young ideas

East-West vulnerable, West deals.

NORTH
♠ 3
♡ Q 10 7 5
◇ A Q 7 2
♣ K Q 10 2

WEST
♠ Q J 9 8 5
♡ 2
◇ K J 9 8
♣ A 7 5

EAST
♠ A 7 2
♡ A J 9 8
◇ 6 5 4
♣ 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10 6 4
♡ K 6 4 3
◇ 10 3
♣ J 9 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	2♠	3♡
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Augustin Madala, originally from Argentina, moved to Italy some years ago. In his early 30s today, he is a member of the top Italian team — one of the best in the world. Madala was South in today's deal, played when he was 13 years old!

East won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned the suit. Madala won with his king and discarded a low club from dummy. A low heart went to dummy's queen and East's ace. East led a low club to West's ace as Madala played dummy's queen, to preserve an entry to his hand. West continued with a low spade.

Madala could have run this around to his 10, but he had a better plan. Madala ruffed in dummy and crossed to his hand with the jack of clubs. A diamond to the queen was followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. A club back to dummy's king left this position:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ 10 7
◇ 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ J 9
♡ Void
◇ K
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Void
♡ J 9 8
◇ Void
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ 10
♡ K 6
◇ Void
♣ Void

Madala led dummy's remaining diamond and discarded his spade when East ruffed. East was forced to lead away from his jack of hearts and Madala had his doubled contract! Well played!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Touch off
6 Electrical unit
9 What wind ensembles usually tune to
14 Actress Anouk whose last name means "beloved"
15 Place for grazing
16 Appreciative cry
17 Travelocity ad figure
18 "Hotel du __": Anita Brookner novel
19 Still
20 Fabulous writer?
21 Roth __
22 Washer function
23 Production capacity review
26 Refused
29 Very deep places
33 Shore soarer
34 Bellyachers
38 Excessively
39 Work (on), as 9-Down
41 "__ Romance": Jerome Kern song
42 TV princess
43 Radamès' love
44 Cover letter letters
45 Far from bold
46 Pentax competitor
48 Cholesterol initials
49 Hides
50 "U slay me!"
51 Chorus syllable
52 Travelers' bus.
53 Teddy's Mount Rushmore neighbor
55 Kitchen appliance
58 Inflation fig.
61 Office fasteners
64 Like battleships
65 Get by the sentry
66 Looked inside, in a way
67 Show the ropes

DOWN

1 It's a long story
2 Flooring wood
3 "The Cookie Never Crumbles" co-author Wally
4 Alter the shape of
5 Custody
6 Kukla cohort
7 With 36-Down, what you can't do regarding this puzzle's circled letters
8 Portuguese territory until 1999
9 Pitmaster's offering
10 Like dessert wines
11 "... this skull has __ in the earth ...": Hamlet
12 Urban rites.
13 Membership drive gift
24 "The Thin Man" role
25 Have what it takes
26 "The Goldbergs" actor George
27 Links legend, familiarly
28 Conflicted
30 Classic golf shoe feature
31 "Haystacks" series painter
32 Overcharges
35 "That really depressed me"
36 See 7-Down ... or, with "a," what you can see in this puzzle's circled letters
37 Isolated communities
40 City south of Fort Worth
42 Magneto's enemies
47 Sharer of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize
49 One of a gripping tool pair
53 Trojan War hero
54 "Hamilton" role
56 Mocked
57 Puzzlemaker Rubik
59 Go around
60 Hall & Oates' "Say It __ So"
62 Son
63 My __, Vietnam

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

P	A	T	S		S	T	A	F	F		T	A	C	O
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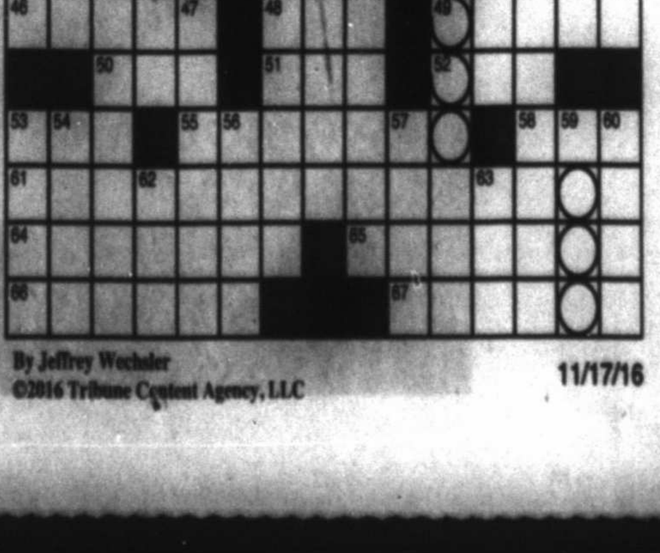

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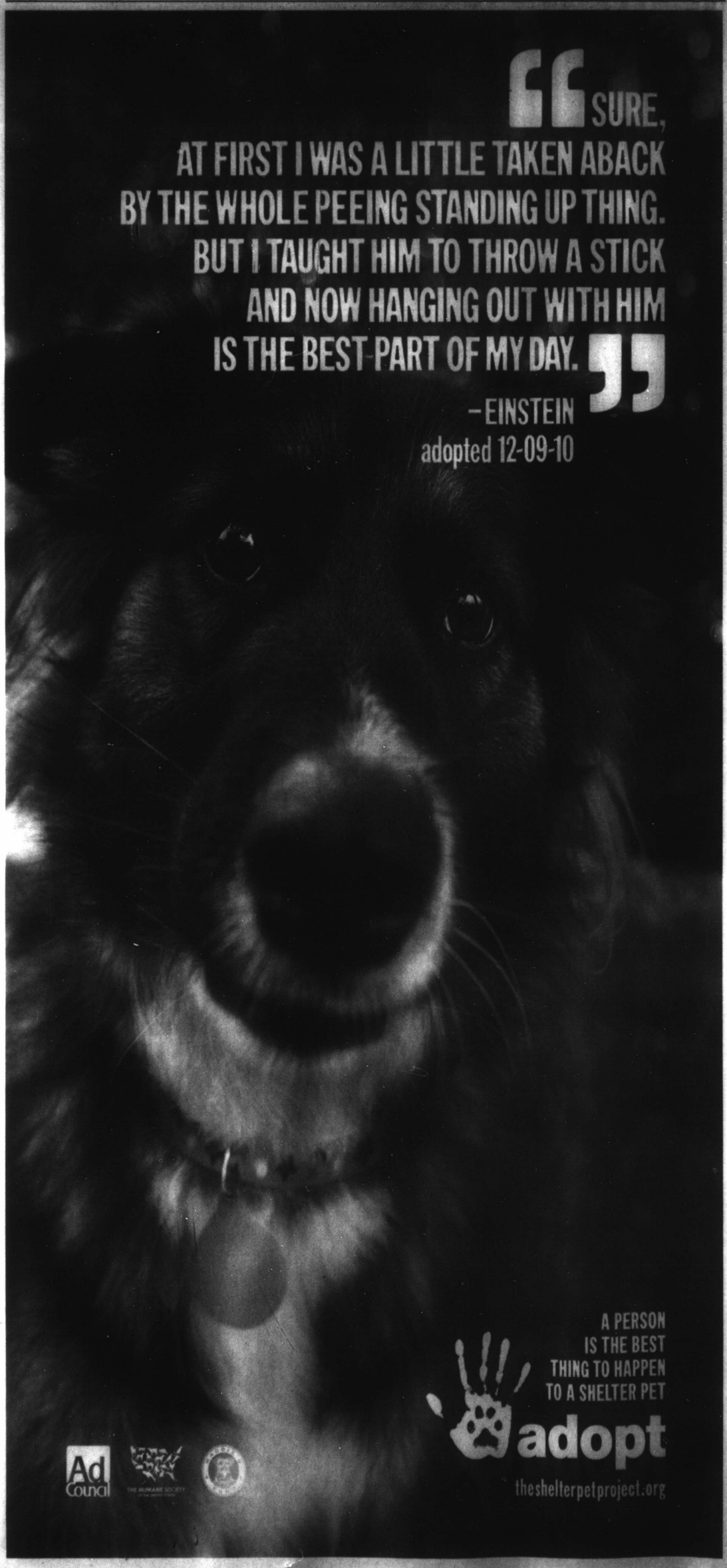
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Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 10:25am.

Aztec A-1 Storage
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Midland TX 79703

#328 Maria Puente - Household Goods
#330 Cheryl Smith - Household Goods
#210 Wendel Lewis - Household Goods

Permian Basin MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: November 21, 2016 3:00 p.m.
Place: Centennial Library
2503 W Loop 250 N
Midland, TX 79705

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to hear a presentation on the draft NE Corridor study; and to hear updates on planning projects. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Para asistencia en español por favor llame a 432-617-0129.

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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500 S Midland DR
Midland TX 79703
Time 10:00 am

124 Jessie Dalton

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1131 E 52nd
Odessa TX 79762
Time 11:00 am

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES WALTER ADAMS, JR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of James Walter Adams, Jr. deceased, were issued to Terry F. Adams, on November 15, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of James Walter Adams, Jr. Deceased," Cause No. P18881 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Terry F. Adams, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Terry F. Adams, as Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Walter Adams, Jr Deceased, Cause No. P18881 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ANNA BETH FARR, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Anna Beth Farr, deceased, were issued to Ann Eschberger Ritchie, on November 15, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Anna Beth Farr, Deceased," Cause No. P18891 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Ann Eschberger Ritchie, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Ann Eschberger Ritchie, as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Anna Beth Farr, Deceased, Cause No. P18891 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

SUDOKU

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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

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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Attention Readers

In Observance Of The

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Midland Reporter-Telegram's Holiday Hours will be:

Wednesday, November 23rd - 8am-1pm
Thursday, November 24th - CLOSED
Friday, November 25th - 8am-1pm

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

CLASSIFIED WORD ADS PUBLISHING ON:	DEADLINE IS:	
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CIRCULATION HOURS

Customer Service calls will be taken November 24th from 7AM to 11AM only.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bids will be received at Community Development Institute Head Start ("CDI HS") Serving Midland County, Texas, 2811 La Force Blvd., Midland TX 79706, until 2:00PM on Thursday, December 1, 2016 for:

Project Title: Architectural services for the renovation of a 7500sf daycare facility for use as a Head Start/Early Head Start Center.
Issuing Agency: CDI HS
Location: Midland, Texas

The Request for Proposal ("RFP") documents may be obtained from Mr. Arlin Tangen, facilities coordinator at 432-438-1985 beginning November 8, 2016.

An optional pre-bid conference will be held at 10AM on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at the project site.

The RFP is available in digital format. Proposal preparation will be in accordance with instructions found in the RFP. CDI HS reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois , Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid, and gas into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Grayburg, San Andres Formations in the Means/ San Andres/ Unit Lease, well number: 1378. It is located in Blk A35, Section 1, which is approximately 7 miles North from the city of Andrews and is in the Means Field in Andrews, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 5000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
2102 Rosita - Midland, Texas
Thurs. November 17th & Fri., November 18th , 8:30am-3:00pm
Saturday, November 19th, 8:30am-12:00pm

This is a very nice sale with lots of quality household merchandise including bedroom sets, fridge, washer/dryer, sectional, concrete patio set, much more.
Go to EstateSales.Net to view picture

Estate Sales

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View full details at EstateSales.NET:
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Estate Sale: ONE DAY ONLY! EVERYTHING MUST GO! Saturday, November 19th, from 8am to 2pm. 2401 Stanolind, Midland, Texas. Tempur-Pedic Mattress, King Size Mattress, Furniture, Books, Tools, Christmas Decor, Glassware, China Sets, Medical Walkers/Canes/Seats, and more.

Yard - Garage Sales

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2017-001

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 and close on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer=s website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning a golf cart, desk, chairs, tables, file cabinets, slats for chain link fence and many more items. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to http://www.renebates.com.

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Automotive 1x.625 Picture

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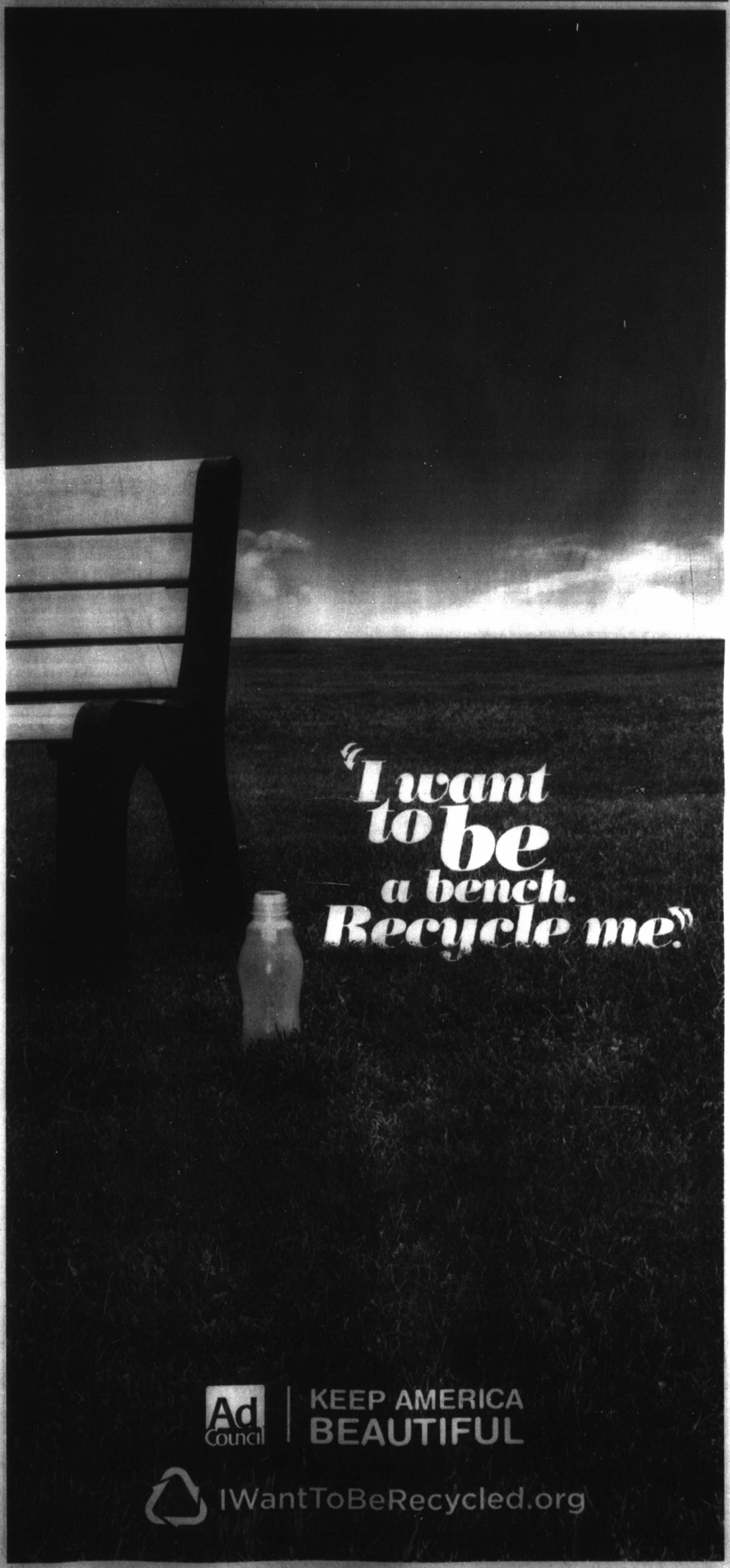
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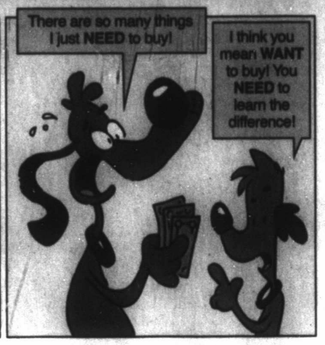
"Buddy & Bubba" WANTS vs. NEEDS



What is the difference between WANTS and NEEDS?

A **NEED** is something you must have in order to survive or function. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes things like medicine or school supplies.

A **WANT** is something you would like to have, but can live without. A music player, computer, television and bike are **wants not needs.**

Look around your room. Make a list of all the things you can see from your doorway. Then, write **W** next to each thing that can be considered a **WANT.** Write an **N** next to each item that can be considered a **NEED.** Do you have more **WANTS** or **NEEDS** in your room?

Thrifty says:

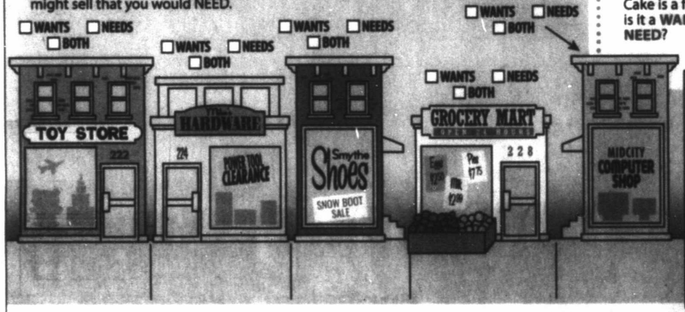
"Knowing the difference between WANTS and NEEDS is the best way to make sure your saving plan SUCCEEDS!"

Fritter needs some help sticking to his saving plan. Write **NEED** next to each of the items below he must buy for his health or safety. Then write **WANT** by things that might be fun to have, but that he could do without.

THINK ABOUT IT: Cake is a food, but is it a **WANT** or a **NEED?**

"I NEED TO GO SHOPPING."

Look at these stores. Check the box above each store to show if it contains more things that you would WANT, NEED or BOTH. Below each store, list a few things it might sell that you would NEED.



Extra! Extra!

Wants and Needs in the Newspaper

Look through today's newspaper for five examples of things you need to survive. Then find five things you want.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Weekly Writing Corner

Needs & Wants

Students describe things they NEED and things they WANT.

What I need is good food, my mom because she's the one who gives me food and my dad because he has lots and lots of jokes and cares about me. What I want is a M3 for PS3. I would also like a baby sister! I would be so happy!

Damian, 3rd grade

I need food, shelter and water. I want money, toys and light bulbs.

Timothy, 1st grade

I need water to help me survive. I also need food so that I won't starve to death. The last thing I need is air to help me breathe and survive. I want a guinea pig for companionship. I also want unlimited texting so that way I know I can't go over my limit. The last thing I want is three feet of snow so that we could have no school for a month. That would be cool.

Morgan, 4th grade

I need water, food and fruit because it will keep you from getting sick. I want a flying squirrel, an iPad, and an iPod because they are so cool and you could play with them.

Nina, 1st grade

I need a bed. I need a school. I need a teacher. I want a doll. I want a ball. I want stuffed animals.

Lexi, 1st grade

We need caves, paper, and rings. I want dresses, shoes, and to be a princess.

Ariana, 2nd grade

I need water, skin, and shelter because they help keep me alive. I want toys, an X-box 360 and a Nintendo DS because they are fun. Be careful what you wish for … you might get it!

Walker, 1st grade

I need my whole family because they take care of me and watch out for me every day. The things I want are a 3D DS, all the Big Nate books and I want tickets to a professional wrestling match.

Andre, 3rd grade

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Fritter's Puzzle

I've been working hard this month! Put a check in the box next to each job I did. If you check the right boxes, they add up to exactly $10!

- ☐ Mowed the lawn: $3
- ☐ Made my bed (mom expects me to do that): $0
- ☐ Picked up the neighbor's newspaper: $2
- ☐ Took out the trash: $1
- ☐ Did the dinner dishes: $5
- ☐ Swept the floor: $4

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

AMUSEMENT
SUPPLIES
SUCCEEDS
SURVIVE
SHELTER
SAVING
HEALTH
WANTS
NEEDS
WATER
ITEMS
THINK
CAKE
BIKE
BEST

T	R	E	T	A	W	K	C	N	O
N	E	S	H	T	L	A	E	H	W
E	T	E	B	I	K	E	N	T	H
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E	E	P	E	G	N	I	V	A	S
S	H	P	S	M	E	T	I	D	B
U	S	U	R	V	I	V	E	R	E
M	E	S	U	C	C	E	E	D	S
A	N	C	E	K	N	I	H	T	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Quantity

Find an ad in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad and substitute the words "many," "few," "several," etc. for the numbers used in the ad. Are the numbers necessary? Why or why not?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Leadership

What are the qualities of a good leader? Who do you know that is a good leader? Why do you think of that person?

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