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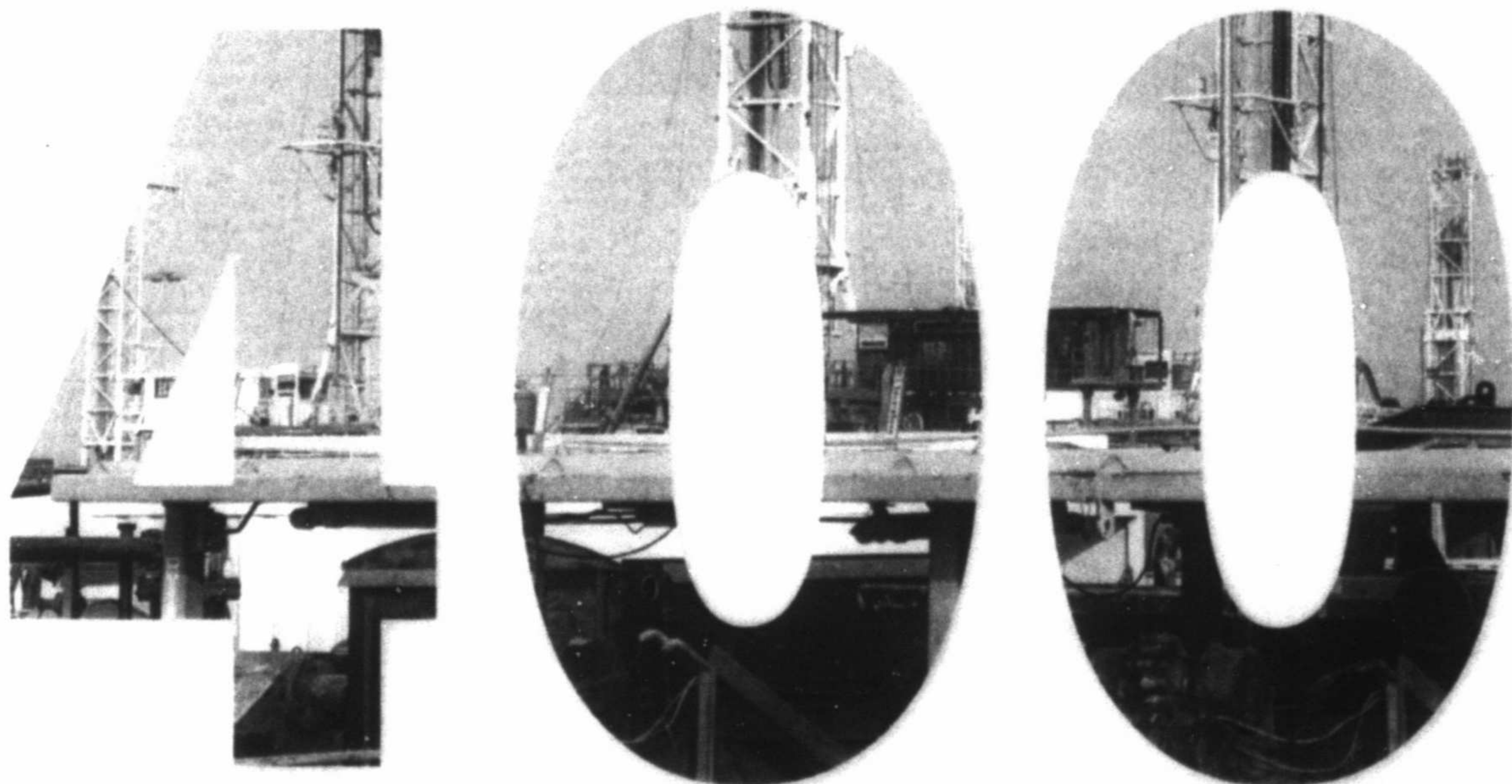
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Permian rig count rises to 400

That's an increase of 154 rigs in one year

By Trevor Hawes
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It's been almost three years since the Permian Basin rig count was in the 400 range; however, the nation's most active basin reached that mark this week.

The Permian recorded an even 400 rigs after adding three, according to Baker Hughes data. The last time the Permian rig count was in the 400s, was the week ending Feb. 8, 2015, when there were 417.

Reeves County continued to have the highest count in the Permian at 62, up one. Midland County followed with 50 rigs, down one.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Lea, New Mexico (39); Loving, New Mexico (39); Eddy, New Mexico (32); Martin (29); Howard (21); Glasscock (16); Reagan (14); Upton (14); Culberson (13); and Pecos (12).

RIG COUNT

Railroad Commission District 8 rose by one rig to 275. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B stayed at two rigs, District 7C held at 32, District 8A dropped by one rig to 19 and New Mexico rose by three to 72.

The Permian had 246 rigs a year ago.

TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas added five rigs for a statewide total of 459. The Eagle Ford in South Texas rose by three to 70, and the Barnett in North Texas had five, up one.

Thirteen of the Haynesville's 46 rigs were in East Texas; six of the Granite Wash's 10 rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas had two rigs offshore.

New Mexico had 73 rigs, up three. The state's lone non-Permian rig was in Sandoval County in the northwestern part of the state.

At this time last year, there were 303 rigs in Texas and 30 in New Mexico.

UNITED STATES

The U.S. added two rigs, both searching for oil, putting the nationwide total at 931. Oil rigs tallied 751, and natural gas rigs totaled 180.

All 20 offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico. Inland waters rigs doubled to two.

By drilling trajectory, horizontal rigs rose by four to 796.

Please see RIG COUNT/2A

Despite a two-week net drop, oil stays above \$57

By Trevor Hawes
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The price of oil was down 2 percent this week, pushed lower by a steep midweek drop. West Texas Intermediate contracts for January delivery settled Friday at \$57.36 per barrel, up 67 cents (1.18 percent) on the day but down an even \$1 (1.71 percent) for the week. The price fell for the second consecutive week.

WTI dropped by \$1.66 on Wednesday on concerns about rising domestic production, according to various reports.

The Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday crude oil production rose by 25,000 barrels per day to 9,707 million barrels per day.

Commercial crude supplies, however, fell by 5.6 million barrels to 448.1 million barrels. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve saw a 2.4 million barrel drawdown to 662.7 million barrels.

Total motor gasoline stocks rose by 6.8 million barrels to 220.9 million barrels. Kerosene-type jet fuel dropped by 1 million barrels to 40.3 million barrels.

Distillates supplies were up by 1.7 million

WEEK IN OIL

barrels to 129.4 million barrels.

Imports fell by 73,000 barrels per day to 6,044 million barrels per day.

Exports fell by 54,000 barrels per day to 1,358 million barrels per day.

The average price for WTI is \$50.42 per barrel this year. WTI is up \$5.03 (9.61 percent) for the year.

The price has risen as high as \$58.95 and fallen as low as \$42.53.

Plains Marketing posted prices were down this week. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour.

WTI posted and sour both fell a dollar this week after fetching \$53.75 and \$51 per barrel on Friday, respectively. Both were up 50 cents on the day.

The spread between WTI posted and sour has held at \$2.75 for the past six trading days. The spread between WTI futures and WTI posted was \$3.61 on Friday.

Sour is up \$7.80 (18.06 percent) this year.

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George P. Bush draws unlikely GOP challenger from predecessor

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — What some Texas conservatives are calling the "new battle of the Alamo" has triggered an unlikely, intraparty squabble involving the rising star of one of the nation's most famous political families.

Former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said Friday that he is entering next year's Republican primary against his successor and fellow Republican George P. Bush. Patterson left

the commissionership in 2014 to run unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor while endorsing Bush to replace him.

Since then, though, the 71-year-old Patterson has been highly critical of Bush's cutting hundreds of jobs at the agency, as well as his leading of a major renovation of the Alamo, the San Antonio shrine where 189 Texas independence fighters were killed by Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's troops in 1836.

"I don't need a job and I would prefer, at this point, to be

praising George P. Bush," Patterson said in a telephone interview. But "over the last three years, I've watched this agency crater."

Patterson faces an uphill climb against a well-known and well-funded incumbent.

Bush is the grandson of former President George H.W. Bush and nephew of former President and ex-Texas Gov. George W. Bush. His father, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, ran unsuccessfully for the White House last year. George P. is 41 and speaks fluent Spanish. He's seen in Texas and nationally as a possible, future political force who could help the GOP make inroads with Hispanic voters.

While relatively little-known, the land commissioner's office is powerful, overseeing 13 million acres of public lands, administering

Please see BUSH/2A

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Price of oil

\$57.36 ▲ \$0.67

January 2018

Did you know?

Midland's Christmas parade is today. It begins along "A" Street at 6:30 p.m. Get more details on Page 3A.

Word of the Day:

fractious

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

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Bush

From 1A

mineral rights for oil and natural gas exploration, and running veterans outreach programs and an endowment funded by energy revenues that helps pay for public schools. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott also tasked Bush's office with using federal funds to help thousands of Texas residents rebuild lost homes after Hurricane Harvey's devastation in Houston and other parts of the state this summer.

Bush is "arguably the most conservative land commissioner in Texas history," campaign manager Ash Wright said, noting that Bush drastically reduced the agency's size and sued President Barack Obama's administration over a dispute involving land near the Texas-Oklahoma border.

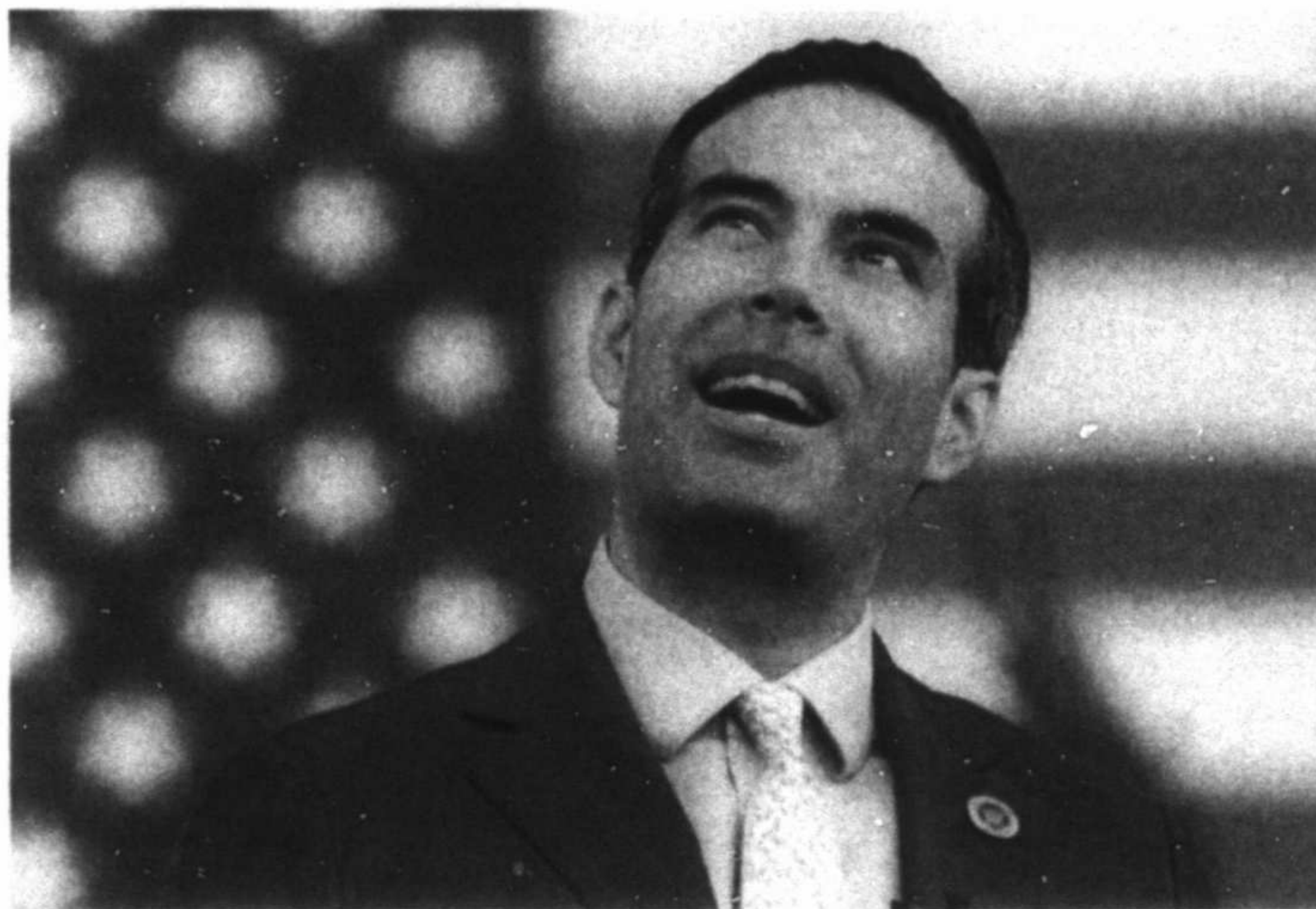
He said Bush also used his notoriety to oppose abortion and promote voucher proposals seeking to offer parents public money to send their children to private schools.

"He is proud of his conservative record," Wright said in a statement. "And he is working hard to produce even more conservative victories."

Patterson's challenge is built on an issue that is deeply personal for Texas residents. Bush's office wants to reimagine the Alamo and enhance the experience of the 2.5 million annual tourists who make it the state's most-visited site.

Plans include excavating and restoring historical structures, closing nearby streets and building a sprawling new museum for artifacts donated by pop star and Alamo enthusiast Phil Collins.

Some conservatives worry that the revamp will see the Battle of the Alamo sanitized by "political



AP file photo

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush attends a Veterans Day celebration Nov. 11, 2016 in Dallas. Former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is making the unusual move of running again for his old office against Bush, his successor and fellow Republican. Patterson said Friday that he's entering the Republican primary. He ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2014 and endorsed Bush for land commissioner that year.

correctness," given that some of the battle's key participants were slaveholders and that the overhaul come as Confederate monuments are being removed across the country.

Construction has yet to start. San Antonio has pledged \$38 million for the project; the Texas Legislature has approved \$106.5 million since 2015.

Its total cost could reach \$450 million, much of which may be

raised privately.

Texas' Republican Party's executive committee voted 57-1 in September to urge Bush to keep the focus of the renovation on the battle itself while also calling for more transparency in how the effort is funded.

This week, Bush drew sharp, bipartisan criticism from members of the Texas Senate about a lack of transparency after he said that a staff of around 70 was handling

the Alamo renovation for a private endowment that may be exempt from Texas open records laws and other requirements that it publicly account for how funding is spent.

Also Friday, Bush drew his first major Democratic opponent, as 36-year-old energy attorney Miguel Suazo filed paperwork to run. Suazo faces an even tougher challenge than Patterson: A Democrat hasn't won statewide office in Texas since 1994.

Rig Count

From 1A

vertical rigs fell by two to 64 and directional rigs held at 71.

The U.S. had 624 rigs a year ago.

MOST ACTIVE

Basins with the most rigs were the Permian, the Cana Woodford (73), the Eagle Ford, the Williston (47) and the Haynesville.

States with the most activity were Texas, Oklahoma (121), New Mexico, Louisiana (63) and North Dakota (46).

CANADA & NORTH AMERICA

Canada's rig count rose

Rig Count			
The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending Nov. 8.			
DISTRICT 7B			
Fishers	1	Andrews	8
Nolan	1	Crane	2
Total	2	Culberson	13 (+2)
DISTRICT 7C			
Irion	2	Ector	2
Reagan	14	Glasscock	16
Tom Green	2	Howard	21 (+1)
Upton	14	Jeff Davis	1
DISTRICT 8			
		Loving	39
		Martin	29
		Midland	50 (-1)
		Mitchell	1
		Pecos	12
		Reeves	62 (+1)
		Sterling	1
		Ward	9 (-2)
		Winkler	9

by three this week to 219, a tally lower than the year-ago count of 230.

This week, there were 112 oil rigs, up one, and 107 natural gas rigs, down

four. The total number of rigs in the North America region

fell by one to 1,150. At this time last year, there were 854 rigs in North America.

Attorney general cracks down on tech support scam

By Samantha Ehlinger
San Antonio Express-News

Travis County District Court granted a temporary injunction "halting the deceptive practices" of nine Texas-based tech support companies, three others and four of the owners after they allegedly used "deceptive sales tactics to convince consumers to pay for unnecessary computer repair services," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Friday.

The temporary injunction, he said in a news release, also froze the assets of two of the people while the case is pending.

One of the defendants, Mohit Arora, lives in San Antonio and another, Anna Shellner, lives in Bulverde, according to the suit. The other two, Ritika Arora and Dilip Bose — whose personal assets were frozen in the injunction — appear to live together in North Texas.

Bose, who was reached at a number listed online for WAP IT Services, referred the call to an attorney and said "I'm not answering any questions."

The lawsuit alleges that the group "conspired with one another and others to operate a sophisticated scheme throughout Texas and the rest of the United States to deceive and scare consumers into paying hundreds — sometimes thousands — of dollars for unnecessary computer services."

Consumers were

allegedly hit with calls or pop-ups that claimed their computers were infected with a virus, or malware, according to the lawsuit. The pop-ups were designed to look like they came from legitimate technology companies, and alleged scammers also usually led the person to believe they came from a legitimate company, according to the complaint.

The messages "often included loud alarms or locked the consumers' computers and urged consumers to immediately call a toll-free number for assistance," according to the news release.

The messages allegedly warned that if consumers didn't do so they could lose their data.

When a worried consumer called the number, the scammers allegedly convinced them to give them remote access to their computers, or just guided them through the steps to give it, according to the lawsuit. They used fake diagnostic tests to make the consumer think his or her computer had a virus, or had been hacked, according to the lawsuit.

The consumer would be pressured, then, to pay "hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars," for the fake fix, according to the news release. Sometimes the scammers would even "leave the consumer's computer in a worse condition than it started," according to the lawsuit, by removing or disabling existing security software and replacing it with a free downloaded alternative.



Nathan Lambrecht/The Monitor/Pool

John Bernard Feit enters the 92nd state District Court with his lawyer O. Rene Flores as he walks past Lynda de la Villa, seated right, and Nick Cavazos, both family members of Irene Garza before the start of the sentencing phase of his trial for the 1960 murder of Garza in the 92nd state District Court on Friday at the Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg.

Ex-priest gets life in prison for 1960 parishioner slaying

Associated Press

EDINBURG — A jury on Friday sentenced an 85-year-old former priest to life in prison for the 1960 killing of a school-teacher and former beauty queen who was a member of the parish he served.

The same jurors in Hidalgo County in South Texas found John Bernard Feit guilty of murder Thursday night. Prosecutors asked jurors Friday for a 57-year prison term — one year for each year he had walked free since killing Irene Garza after she went to him for confession at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen, Texas.

The 25-year-old Garza disappeared April 16, 1960. Her bludgeoned body was found days later. An autopsy revealed she had been raped while unconscious, and beaten and suffocated.

The jury deliberated just over four hours Friday before deciding on the maximum sentence. Afterward, Garza said at a news conference that he wished that he could take credit for the conviction and sentence, "but it was God-driven."

"I can say this: Pigs are flying, and Irene is resting," he said.

Feit, then a priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, came under suspicion in the investigation early on. He told police that he heard Garza's confession in the church rectory rather than in the confessional, but denied he had killed her.

Among the evidence that pointed to Feit as a suspect over the years: Two priests told authorities that Feit had confessed to them. One of them said he saw scratches on Feit soon after Garza's disappearance. His portable photographic slide viewer was found near Garza's body.

Feit had also been accused of attacking another young woman in a church in a nearby town just weeks before Garza's death. He pleaded no contest and was fined \$500.

Obituaries



Marty Hearn

Mickey Martin Hearn (Marty), 72, died on December 4, 2017, in Midland, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

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Death Notices

Kietamae Geraldine (Broom) Scheible

Kietamae Geraldine (Broom) Scheible passed away at the age of 101 on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Vi sitation will be held Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Marguerite Clark Aldana

Marguerite Clark Aldana, 47, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Elevate Church in Midland.

Floral offerings can be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Bobbie Aldana; daughters, Victoria "Tori" Aldana and Alexandra "Alex" Aldana; and mother, Carol Ann Clark.

Oil

From 1A

It has an average price of \$43.10 per barrel, has been priced as high as \$52.15 and as low as \$35.60.

WTI posted is up an even \$5 (10.26 percent) this year.

Its year high is \$55.50, and its low is \$39. It has an average price of \$46.89 per barrel.

In other futures trading Friday, February contracts rose by 69 cents to \$57.44 per barrel.

March and April contracts were both up 79 cents to \$57.46.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Fractious

[frak-shuh s]

adjective

1. refractory or unruly.

2. readily angered; peevish; irritable; quarrelsome.

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Things to do

■ Breakfast with Santa Claus,
8:30-10:30 a.m., Chick-It-A, 3805 E.
42nd St. Odessa.

■ Christmas at the Mansion
2017: An illustrated Christmas open
house, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Museum of
the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Free, museumsw.org.

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

■ Nature Club: Christmas Bird
Count. Nature Club is a drop-off
program for children grades K-3.
10-11:30 a.m., Sibley Nature Center,
1307 E. Wadley Ave. \$5 members, \$8
nonmembers, sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m.,
Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley
Ave. \$6. For more information call
682-8595.

■ Child Paint for Fun: Handprint
Christmas Tree, 10:30 a.m., Kidd's
and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midland
Road. \$20. KiddsandCanvasParties.com.

■ Christmas at the Mansion 2017:
Fifth Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater
Run, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of
the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
\$35 members, \$40 nonmembers; \$40
members, \$45 nonmembers day of
event, museumsw.org.

■ Community Horse Ride at
the Barn, noon, Restoration Farm,
7401 Briarwood Ave. Facebook: @
restorationfarmmidland.

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive
adventure features a maze, rock
walls, mechanical bull and more.
10-11:30 p.m., 4305 N. County Road
1140, oldminersmaze.com.

■ Santa, Milk and Cookies, 1-5
p.m., Miss Cayce's Christmas, 1012
Andrews Highway.

■ Yuletide at the Yucca featuring
performances by Absolute Dance,
Alpha O'Leary, Ballet Folklórico and
more, 1:30 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208
N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

■ Saturday Movie: "The Night-
mare Before Christmas," 2 p.m., Mid-
land County Public Library Centennial
branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Saturday Movie: "Rise of the
Guardians," 2 p.m., Midland County
Public Library downtown, 301 W.
Missouri Ave.

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

■ Christmas at Fountaineville with
games, prizes, activities and holiday-
themed treats such as candy cane

TODAY IN MIDLAND

CHRISTMAS PARADE TODAY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

City of Midland Christmas Parade — Midland's Merry Emoji Christmas — along "A" Street from Ventura Avenue (near Windlands Park) to near Midland High School. Parade is scheduled to begin around 6:30 p.m. Road closures along "A" Street will begin at 4 p.m.; drivers are advised to use an alternate route

ice cream and hot chocolate, 4 p.m.,
Fountaineville, 1307 N. Loop 250. Toy
donations accepted to benefit Safe
Place.

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

■ Grasslands Carriage Rides take
guests on a tour of Christmas lights
via horse-drawn carriage, 6-15-7-15
p.m., Lower's Home Improvement,
3315 N. Loop 250 W. The rides
benefit Vicky's Kids, a nonprofit home
in Odessa for terminally ill children.
For reservations and prices, call
940-3161.

■ Midland Community Band
Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Midland
College Allison Fine Arts Center,
3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

■ "The Nutcracker" by Midland
Festival Ballet, 7:30 p.m., Wagner
Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N.
Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$18-\$59
midlandfestivalballet.org.

■ "A Place Called Christmas"
and "Twelve Days of Christmas," 7:30
p.m., Permian Playhouse, 310 W.
42nd St. Odessa. \$10, permianplay-
house.com.

■ "Miracle on 34th Street: The
Musical" runs through Dec. 16, 7:30
p.m., Midland Community Theatre,
2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28, mctmid-
land.org.

Today in Midland
History

On Dec. 9, 1913, the Midland
Christian football team defeated
Katy Pope John Paul XXII, 28-20, to
capture the program's third consecu-
tive TAPPS title (and seventh overall).
The Mustangs finished with its first
undefeated season under head coach
Greg McClendon.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-2-9
Pick 3 day: 1-4-9
Pick 3 evening: 5-7-0
Pick 3 night: 9-8-6
Daily 4 morning: 8-6-0-3
Daily 4 day: 7-7-9-4
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-5-4
Daily 4 night: 4-8-9-6
Cash Five: 4-8-26-31-37
Triple Chance: 3-13-14-22-30
36-40-41-44-54

Mega Millions: 6-37-48-60-70
BB: 24 MP 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-5-
7-8-10-11-15-17-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 2-4-7-9-
10-12-13-15-16-17-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-9-
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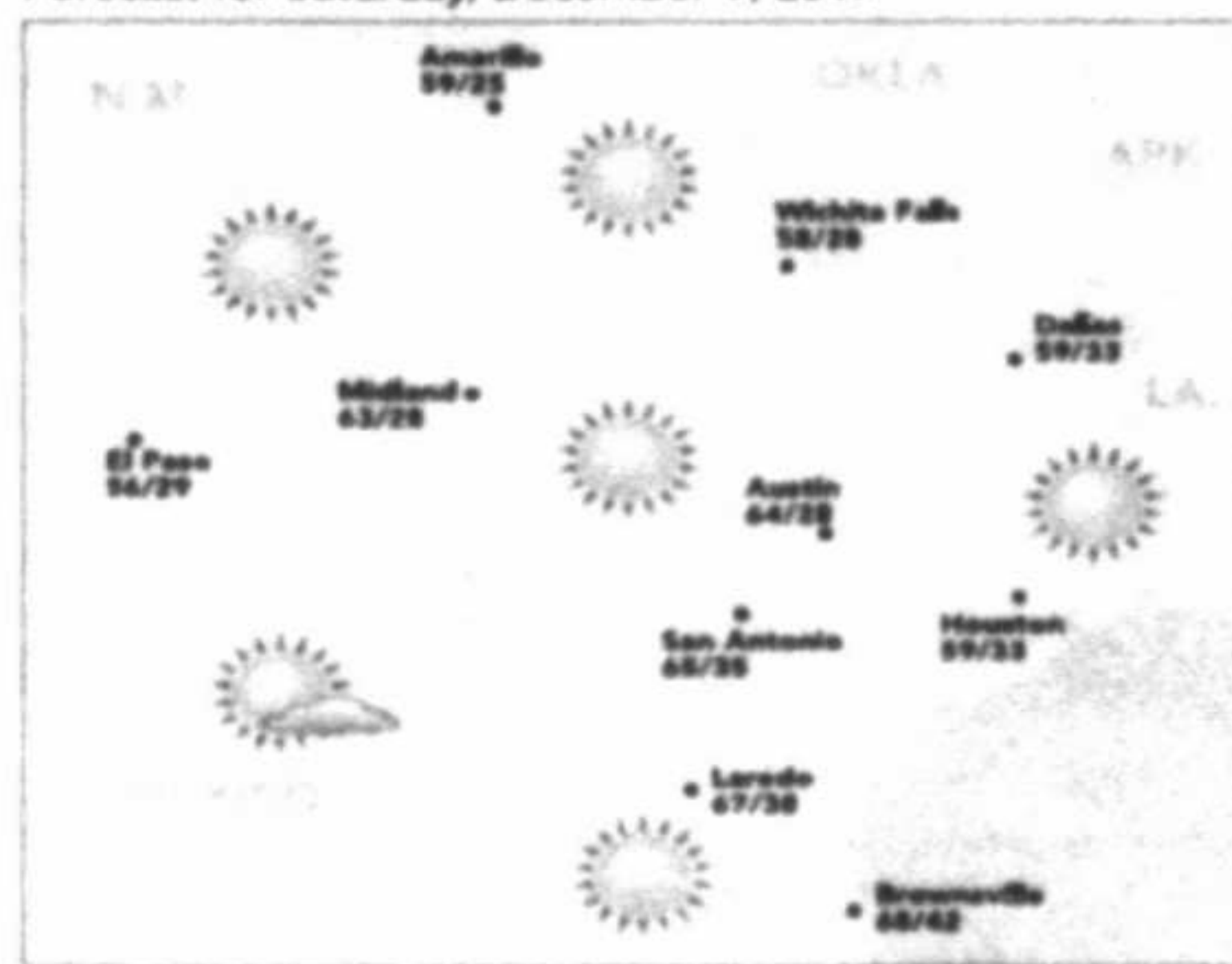
Friday's temperatures
High.....56
Low.....28
Normal high.....59
Normal low.....32

Dec. 9's records
Record high: 83, set in
1977
Record low: 6, set in 2005

Precipitation
Thursday.....0.02 in.
Friday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.36 in.
Year total.....17.70 in.
Normal total
(year to date).....14.16 in.

Winds
Average wind speed: 14.1
mph
Highest wind speed: 24
mph
Highest gust speed: 30 mph

Forecast for Saturday, December 9, 2017



Today's forecast
High: 62
Low: 32
Conditions: Sunny during
the day/clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during

the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:38 a.m.
Sunset.....5:45 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based
on the degree of your sun at
birth. The sign name is simply
a label astrologers put on a set
of degrees for convenience. For
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

This year you become more
aware of what is not working for
you in your life. Be willing to
make meaningful changes. You
might not always see what needs
changing, so be sure to ask those
closest to you for feedback. If
you are single, a person you
meet this year could elicit an
intense emotional reaction from
you. You might learn a lot about
yourself as a result. If you are
attached, the two of you enjoy
each other's company, but a haze
of confusion often surrounds you.
VIRGO often makes you feel
tense, as you know how
critical he or she can be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Look at a problem
from a brighter perspective.
You might see a new approach,
which could benefit you. You
can't always be as controlling as
you'd like. A loved one will
come through for you as you had
hoped. Tonight: Get into a fun
project or a game of cards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your creativity
allows more positive interactions
to emerge. A partner might be
upset not to be sure whether you
are sure as you'd like to be
about what this person wants or
expects from you. Remain more
upbeat as you try to determine a
course of action. Tonight: Sur-
round yourself with good music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You could be too tired
to get upset about someone
else's fussiness. You might not
be as sure as you'd like to be
about what this person wants or
expects from you. Remain more
upbeat as you try to determine a
course of action. Tonight: Sur-
round yourself with good music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Keep communication
flowing. Reach out to someone
at a distance whom you don't
often see. This person might not
be very clear about his or her
expectations. Initiate a conversa-
tion, as it might help to clarify
the issue. Be as observant as
possible. Tonight: In the whirl-
wind of living.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Be willing to let go
of certain concerns, at least for
the moment. You could find it
difficult to concentrate or even
have a light conversation with
everything that is going on.
Maintain a sense of humor, and
don't let a personal matter alter
your mood. Tonight: Curb pos-
siveness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You have a great deal

of flexibility. You will want to
communicate your bottom line to
an irritated friend or associate.
You might not be sure whether
you can help the situation, but
you'll find out soon enough!
Tonight: Do not allow anyone to
push you beyond your limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You know when you
have had enough or are ready to
approach a personal matter dif-
ferently. You might need some
more time to lighten the mood
between you and a loved one.
Make sure you give this issue as
much thought as possible before
acting. Tonight: Keep a low
profile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mars moves into
your sign, making all the dif-
ference in what goes on. You
easily could jump the gun or be
volatile without even realizing it.
Your imagination emerges in a
conversation. Note that your
sixth sense is intact; listen to it.

Tonight: Where your friends

are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Your efforts have
not been in vain, though you
might feel that way. Confu-
sion weaves around you and
influences your perspective.
Consider your alternatives care-
fully. Allow greater give-and-
take between you and a loved
one. Don't become so upset.
Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You might want to
hold back your feelings, but they
will come out anyway. You do
not have as much control over
a loved one as you'd like. You
and this person don't often see
eye to eye. Extremes mark your
emotions. A friendship is lucky
for you. Tonight: Where the
action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

You could be tired

of indulging an older relative.
Sometimes this person is child-
like in his or her demands. You
might feel confused by what
someone shares; try to gain clar-
ity before responding. You can
work out the tension that exists
between you. Tonight: Accept an
offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ You could create
another barrier between you
and someone else. Perhaps
you're not sure how to respond
to this person. You'll need to
clarify your thoughts more care-
fully. Reach out to someone at a
distance whom you care about.
Tonight: Remain responsive to a
close loved one.

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Snow falls in front of downtown Houston on Thursday. Snow covers part of a street sign Friday in Katy. People throw snowballs at Huebner Oaks Shopping Center on Thursday night in San Antonio. Siblings Ivan Moncada (from left), Luis Barrientos and his younger sister Sofia, make a snowman as snow falls Thursday in San Antonio. Matt Debrizzi and his dog, Huey, enjoy the snowfall near the intersection of Hurbner and Interstate 10 on Thursday in San Antonio. Amanda Lance plays in the snow, from the overnight snowfall, on the back of her father's truck on Friday in Spring.



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Time allows man to see role he played in divorce

DEAR ABBY: After 16 months of casual dating, I married my ex-wife. We met through Facebook. Unfortunately, we couldn't make the marriage work, and after two years, we divorced.

That was two years ago. It was my first marriage and her second. I was angry that we couldn't make it work, and I blamed her for it. I felt hate and disgust for her and blocked her out of my life.

One night, I was bored and decided to go back through all my old Facebook posts. When I reached the year my ex and I began talking and reread the posts from after we were married, I realized that it was my fault our marriage failed. My ex-wife loved me so much you could feel it through her posts to me, but I didn't reciprocate that love. I feel horrible that I didn't recognize it during our time together.

She has since moved on and is getting married next year. I want her to know how sorry I am for giving up on us and apologize for all the hateful things I said about her. My feelings have nothing to do with her moving on. I am truly happy for her.

Should I tell her how sorry I am, or must I continue to live with the shame I feel? It's tearing me up, but I think it may be best to leave her alone.

— IT WAS MY FAULT
DEAR MY FAULT: I don't think it is ever too late to offer an apology. You and your ex have both grown since the divorce, albeit in opposite directions. Write her a letter, tell her you are sorry and wish her well. It's the right thing to do, but do not expect absolution.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my two BFFs had milestone birthdays within a few weeks of each other. Wanting to do something special, I splurged for a weekend in Vegas for the three of us. I bought first-class plane tickets, high-end hotel rooms, spa appointments, the best seats at a show, and paid for all our meals — including dinner at an expensive steak house. While I could afford it, the weekend cost me several thousand dollars.

Fast-forward a couple of years to MY milestone birthday. One of them sent me a card, and they split the tab for my lunch at a fast-food restaurant. There were promises of something more special to come. While I didn't expect the extravagant experience I gave them (our financial situations are different), I thought they might plan lunch or dinner at a nice restaurant. Since then, nothing more has been said or done.

This was a couple of years ago, and I still can't let go of my hurt and disappointment. We've been friends for more than 20 years, but I'm thinking of ending the relationships. Every time I see them, I wonder if our friendship is one-sided. How can I get past this? — **DALLAS DEAR DISAPPOINTED:** Your mistake was going over the top with their

birthday splurges. When you do something nice for someone, you shouldn't EXPECT reciprocation. Concentrate on the positive aspects of your relationship with them, and let the rest go.

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Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South,	What call would you make?
you hold:	Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South,
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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	♠ A 8 3 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ K 4
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What call would you make?	Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you
Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as	hold:
South, you hold:	♠ 6 5 ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ A 10 6 4
♠ K J 5 4 ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A K Q 5	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	2♠ 3♥ 4♠ ?
1♠ Pass INT ?	What call would you make?



A stronger global economy is helping boost the US job market

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. job market is benefiting from an unlikely source: Other countries.

The global economy is showing renewed strength, with Europe, Japan and many developing nations growing in tandem for the first time in a decade. The brightening international picture is encouraging more hiring in the United States — even among manufacturers, which have been hurt in the past by global competition.

"We're seeing demand coming from where we haven't seen it in a long, long time," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "We're riding the wave of that added global growth."

In November, U.S. employers added a substantial 228,000 jobs, the Labor Department said Friday. It was the 86th straight month of gains, the longest on record, and a sign of the job market's enduring strength in the economy's ninth year of expansion. The unemployment rate held at 4.1 percent, a 17-year low.

Friday's jobs report coincided with other signs that the U.S. economy remains on firm footing. In the past six months, economic growth has exceeded an annual rate of 3 percent, the first time that's happened since 2014. Consumer confidence has reached its highest level since 2000.

Europe's economy is poised to grow at the fastest pace in a decade, and its unemployment rate has reached its lowest level in nearly nine years. Japan's economy expanded in the fall for the seventh straight quarter, its longest period of growth since 2001. Such developing economies as China and India are

growing steadily.

The overall global economy is expanding at its fastest pace in seven years, according to the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, a Paris-based think tank. It should fare slightly better in 2018, the OECD says.

Stronger economies overseas have helped boost profits at U.S. multinational corporations, a key reason why the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index has climbed 18 percent this year. U.S. companies in the S&P index derive about half their revenue from abroad.

Exports contributed 0.43 percentage point to economic growth in the July-September quarter, the most in nearly four years. Factories are making more goods for overseas markets, including agricultural and mining equipment. Exports of aircraft engines are up 13 percent, overseas shipments of semiconductors up 8 percent.

Manufacturers have stepped up hiring. In November, they added 31,000 jobs. Over the past year, they've added 189,000.

"More than anything, a marked improvement in the global economy is what is driving a better U.S. manufacturing picture," said Cliff Waldman, chief economist at MAPI Foundation, a manufacturing research group.

Still, solid hiring and a low unemployment rate have yet to accelerate wages, which rose 2.5 percent in November compared with a year earlier. The last time unemployment was this low, average wages were growing at a 4 percent annual rate.

The November jobs data make it a near-certainty that the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates for the third time this year when it meets next week, economists said. Hiring last month went



Keith Srakucic/Associated Press

A recruiter from a driller in the shale gas industry, left, speaks with an attendee at a job fair Nov. 2 in Cheswick, Pa. On Friday, the U.S. government issues the November jobs report.

well beyond manufacturing. Construction firms added 24,000 jobs. Retailers added nearly 19,000 positions, a sign that physical stores are hiring for the holiday shopping season even in the face of brutal competition from e-commerce companies.

Transportation and warehousing companies, which are benefiting from the e-commerce boom, added 10,500.

Hiring has slowed slightly since last year, which is typical when unemployment falls to low levels. Employers have added an average of 174,000 a month this year, a bit below last year's monthly average of 187,000.

There are also welcome signs that the recovery is finally benefiting workers who were enjoying little benefit in earlier stages of the economic rebound, said Jed Kolko, chief economist at job listing website Indeed.

Workers with just a high school diploma are much more likely to have jobs than they were a year ago. And employees in some of the lower-paying industries are receiving the biggest pay gains. Average hourly pay has risen a healthy 3.8 percent for workers in a category that includes hotel

and restaurant employees. "In a tight labor market, employers may look to a wider set of candidates than they would when unemployment was higher," Kolko said.

Brian Ernest, who owns a small home renovation and contracting firm in Edgewater, Maryland, just hired a project manager to help him

keep up with his fast-growing business. He advertises through the Thumbtack website and relies on word of mouth among Realtors.

When he has advertised jobs this year, he hasn't found many takers, given the low unemployment rate. Rather than raise base pay, he started providing profit-sharing.

"I offered what everybody is really looking for: Incentives to increase their salaries," he said. Some government measures of income growth don't always capture bonuses.

Rising confidence among consumers is translating into major purchases. Auto sales rose at a solid pace last month.

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Ex-aide: Rep. Franks offered \$5m to carry his child

By Juliet Linderman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former aide to Republican Rep. Trent Franks has told The Associated Press the congressman repeatedly pressed her to carry his child, at one point offering her \$5 million to act as a surrogate mother.

The eight-term lawmaker abruptly resigned Friday, bowing to an ultimatum from House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. Ryan told Franks that he would refer the allegations to the Ethics Committee and urged him to step aside.

The former staffer said the congressman at least four times asked if she'd be willing to act as a surrogate in exchange for money. Franks, in his statement announcing his resignation, said he and his wife, who have struggled with infertility, have twins who were carried through surrogacy.

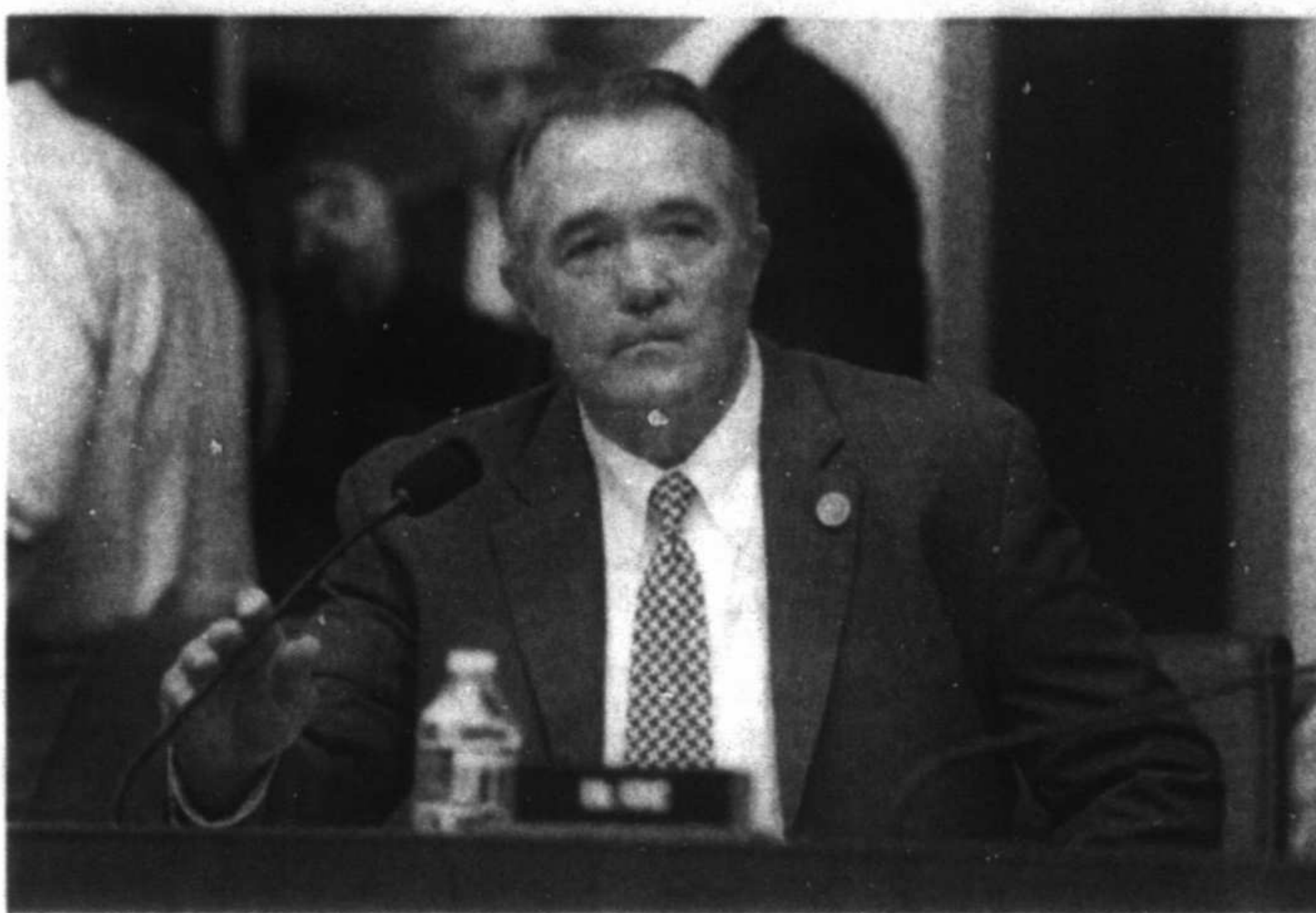
The former aide said the conversations took place in private, sometimes in the congressman's car, and that she repeatedly told him she wasn't interested. She said she never filed a formal complaint because until recently she didn't know where to go, but that his behavior had made her feel uncomfortable.

The Associated Press verified the identity of the staffer and confirmed that she worked in Franks' office. She asked that her name be withheld out of concern for her privacy.

"During my time there, I was asked a few times to look over a 'contract' to carry his child, and if I would conceive his child, I would be given \$5 million," she said, adding that she refused to look over the contract and has never seen a copy.

The woman said the requests shocked her, and made her feel afraid that if she didn't agree, she would face professional consequences. She said she spoke to another aide in the office, who had also been approached about surrogacy.

The aide cited the surrogacy requests as "a main reason" for leaving the office, adding that she felt retaliated against after turning down the congressman, ignored by Franks and not given



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., takes his seat before the start of a House Judiciary hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday on Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Franks says in a statement that he never physically intimidated, coerced or attempted to have any sexual contact with any member of his congressional staff. Instead, he says, the dispute resulted from a discussion of surrogacy. Franks and his wife have 3-year-old twins who were conceived through surrogacy.

many assignments.

A spokesman for Franks would not comment on whether the congressman offered aides money in exchange to act as surrogates.

Franks, a staunch conservative, said in his statement Thursday that he never physically intimidated, coerced or attempted to have sexual contact with any member of his congressional staff.

The surrogacy process typically involves removing an egg from the mother, fertilizing it with sperm from the father, then placing the fertilized egg in the uterus of the surrogate, who carries it to term.

Franks, 60, said he had become familiar with the surrogacy process in recent years and "became insensitive as to how the discussion of such an intensely personal topic might affect others."

He said he regrets that his "discussion of this option and process in the workplace" with two female staffers made them

feel uncomfortable.

Ryan on Thursday said in a statement that he was briefed on the allegations last week, and found them to be "serious and requiring action."

Ryan said that he presented Franks with the allegations, "which he did not deny," and filed them with the House Committee on Ethics.

A senior congressional official said Ryan's general counsel was contacted about two weeks ago by someone with information about "troubling behavior" by Franks involving a former staffer. Ryan's lawyer interviewed two women with similar complaints and verified them through a third party. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the deliberations.

Andrea Lafferty, President of Traditional Values Coalition, said she is the one who reported Franks' conduct to the speaker's office. Lafferty told AP that the former aide came to her about a

year ago and told her about the surrogacy requests. Lafferty said she contacted Ryan's office last month, after the staffer agreed to discuss the incident with leadership.

"I was approached last year about the situation, she came to me wanting some advice about how to handle this. She came to me shaking and sobbing, and she shared a story that I think is horrific, a powerful man hiring young women, procuring staff, to potentially surrogate children for him," Lafferty said. "I accompanied (the former aide) to the meeting in the speaker's office where she said Congressman Trent Franks offered her \$5 million if she conceived him a child."

Franks' net worth of nearly \$33 million makes him one of the wealthier members of Congress. While surrogacy regulations and costs vary from state to state, services typically run in the range of the low hundreds of thousands of dollars. The former

aide said she never received details about payment or where the process would occur.

Franks is one of three lawmakers to step aside in a week as sexual misconduct allegations rocked the Capitol.

He said in a statement Friday: "Last night, my wife was admitted to the hospital in Washington, D.C., due to an ongoing ailment. After discussing options with my family, we came to the conclusion that the best thing for our family now would be for me to tender my previous resignation effective today, December 8th, 2017."

On Thursday, liberal Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., announced his resignation after facing allegations of sexual harassment by at least eight women. Franken said some of those accusations were false and that he remembered others differently than his accusers did. He said he'd depart in a few weeks.

On Tuesday, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., resigned effective immediately. He faced accusations from women of improper sexual behavior that he's contesting.

Franks, an abortion opponent, drew a sharp response from Democrats during a 2013 House committee debate when he said, "The incidence of rape resulting in pregnancy are very low." He sought to clarify the comment, saying later-term abortions linked to pregnancies caused by rape are infrequent.

Franks is a strong backer of President Donald Trump, represents a district encompassing suburbs north and west of Phoenix.

Before winning election to Congress, he served in the Arizona Legislature and founded the Arizona Family Research Institute, an organization associated with Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family." The group later changed its name to the Center for Arizona Policy, and continues to be a force at the Arizona Capitol. It pushes anti-abortion, religious freedom and school choice legislation and publishes a yearly scorecard tracking how lawmakers vote on its proposed bills.

Prominent 9th Circuit judge accused of sexual misconduct

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Six women who served as clerks or externs at the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals allege to The Washington Post that Judge Alex Kozinski subjected them to inappropriate sexual comments or conduct, including asking them to watch pornography in his chambers, the newspaper reported Friday.

Heidi Bond, who clerked for the Pasadena, California-based judge from 2006 to 2007, told the newspaper she recalled three instances in which he asked her to look at images of naked people. She said one set of images was of college-age students where some were "inexplicably naked while everyone else was clothed." Another set was a type of digital flip book that allowed users to mix and match heads, torsos and legs to create an image of a naked woman.

Bond said the judge asked if she thought the pornography was photo-shopped or if it aroused her sexually.

"I was in a state of emotional shock, and what I really wanted to do was be as small as possible and make as few movements as possible and to say as little as possible to get out," said Bond, now 41.

Kozinski, who is 67 and still serving as a judge on

the court, said in a statement to the newspaper that he has had more than 500 employees in his chambers over a 35-year career as judge. "I would never intentionally do anything to offend anyone and it is regrettable that a handful have been offended by something I may have said or done," he said.

A spokesman for the court, David Madden, referred further comment to Chuck Winner of Winner & Associates. Winner did not immediately return a request for comment.

Kozinski is a prominent judge who was chief judge from 2007 to 2014 of the 9th Circuit, the largest federal appeals court circuit in the country. He is known for his irreverent opinions and his clerks often win prestigious clerkships at the Supreme Court.

The Post interviewed Bond and Emily Murphy, a law professor who worked for a different judge on the 9th Circuit, in on-the-record interviews. The four other women were not named out of fear they might face retaliation.

Murphy said she was discussing training regimens with other clerks at a San Francisco hotel in 2012 when Kozinski approached her and said the gym in the 9th Circuit courthouse was nice because other people were seldom there.

NEW YORK Lawyer says CNN producer who lost job did not harass

The lawyer for a CNN producer who was fired last month following complaints about his behavior says the man was not accused of sexual harassment.

The network said Teddy Davis, a senior producer on Jake Tapper's program, was let go following an investigation that found his conduct "does not align with the standards and values of the network."

A network representative later confirmed the circumstances were related to sexual misconduct.

Michael Weinstein, Davis' lawyer, says his client "was not accused of sexual harassment. Nor was he ever accused of any physical contact, language of a sexual nature or any sort of lewd conduct."

What Davis did that actually led to the action remains a mystery, however. Neither Weinstein nor CNN would provide any details about the behavior.

DENMARK Ex-husband of Norway royal says Spacey groped him in 2007

COPENHAGEN — The former husband of Norwegian King Harald's daughter is alleging that actor Kevin Spacey groped him during the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize concert in Oslo.

Ari Behn, Princess Martha Louise's husband for 14 years, told Norwegian radio that Spacey, who

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sat next to him, suddenly said "hey, let's go out and have a cigarette," before "he touched me" on the genitals.

He said Wednesday that he declined Spacey's approach by saying "maybe later."

Behn, 45, married Martha Louise, fourth in line to the Norwegian throne, in 2002. Last year, they decided to split but share custody over their three daughters.

NEW YORK Second actress steps forward to accuse Dustin Hoffman

A second actress has come forward to accuse Dustin Hoffman of allegations of sexual harassment, calling the Oscar-winner's conduct "a horrific, demoralizing and abusive

experience"

Kathryn Rossetter, who co-starred with Hoffman in "Death of a Salesman" on Broadway in 1984, said the Oscar-winner would grope her nightly, demand foot rubs and once pulled her slip over her head to expose her breasts in front of the backstage crew. She said she cried nightly.

Rossetter told her account in The Hollywood Reporter on Friday, a month after actress Anna Graham Hunter alleged Hoffman groped her and made inappropriate comments when she was a 17-year-old intern on the set of the 1985 TV movie "Death of a Salesman," in which Rossetter reprised her stage role. Rossetter filmed her part in three days and said she had no knowledge of how Hoffman treated anyone on the set.

Hoffman's representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But Hoffman has previously denied abusing Hunter, saying her allegations were "not reflective of who I am."

Rossetter, who went on to have roles in "Speed 2: Cruise Control" and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," wrote that Hoffman "left dirty fingerprints on my soul."

Hunter's allegations against the actor recently prompted comedian and "Last Week Tonight" host John Oliver to publicly question Hoffman during an anniversary screening of his film "Wag the Dog." During a panel discussion, Oliver said Hoffman's reply that harassment was not reflective of who he is was a "cop-out," adding: "It is reflective of who you were."

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Fire crews search for hot spots among destroyed homes in the Rancho Monserate Country Club community Friday in Fallbrook, Calif. The wind-swept blazes have forced tens of thousands of evacuations and destroyed dozens of homes in Southern California.

Fast-moving flames force people to flee on a moment's notice

By Julie Watson and Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

FALLBROOK, Calif.

Flames were practically on top of Dick and Joan Marsala's home when they got an urgent knock on the door and were told to leave.

The couple, in their mid-80s, grabbed only a change of clothes and medications before fleeing Thursday through wind gusts and smoke as fire swallowed the row of mobile homes behind their place in the Rancho Monserate Country Club north of San Diego.

It's a story that has played out in communities across much of Southern California this week as ferocious winds whipped sparks into massive infernos that have destroyed more than 500 buildings, killed dozens of horses and forced hundreds of thousands of people to run from fires that have burned nearly 250 square miles since Monday.

The flames that tore through Fallbrook, self-proclaimed "Avocado Capital of the World," and nearby Bonsall, home to a premier racehorse training facility, traveled so far that even people who found temporary refuge had to move again when the fires got too close.

Flames sprang up so quickly and moved so fast that three people were burned Thursday trying to escape. Many of those who managed to get out unscathed did so with only the clothes on their backs after abandoning a lifetime of possessions to fate.

The Marsalas and other unlucky homeowners returned Friday to find their homes in ruins.

Dick Marsala was too overwhelmed to speak as he searched through the smoldering remnants in search of his wallet. It was still too hot, so he climbed back out. Peering through a broken window, he spotted a framed photo still hanging on a blackened wall. It was a picture of him golfing.

"I'll be darned," he said, his eyes tearing up as he

put on sunglasses.

The charred gray remains of much of the 55-and-over community stood in stark contrast to the bright green nine-hole golf course where Marsala and others in the community played regularly.

Many residents were on the course when the fire swept into the area, driven by dry desert Santa Ana winds that surpassed 35 mph (56 kph). That was too fast for firefighters to stop the flames.

"The crews were trying to stay out ahead of this as quickly as they could," said Capt. Kendal Bortisser of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention. "As we know, when a tornado hits the Midwest, there's no stopping it. When a hurricane hits the East Coast, there's no stopping it. When Santa Ana winds come in, there's no stopping them."

Tom Metier was brushing his teeth to get ready for a doctor's appointment when sheriff's deputies pulled up and yelled, "Get out now!" He grabbed the key to

his safety deposit box, prescription pills and some cash. Winds were howling outside, and flames leaped through the brush on a nearby hillside.

Metier, who expected to lose everything, was surprised to find his place intact Friday. He zipped through the mobile home park in a golf cart, fielding calls from neighbors and reporting whose home, survived and whose were gone.

More than a third of the community's 213 mobile homes burned as the fire zigzagged along a hillside, skipping some streets and razing others. On one street, all 24 mobile homes were gone, with only hulls of cars and stoves left.

"It's really horrible to see some of these little streets look like a moonscape," he told a friend whose home was reduced to black rubble.

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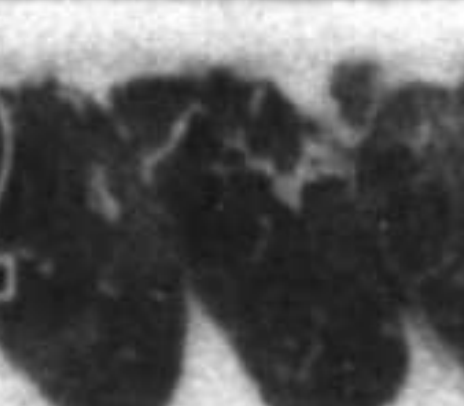
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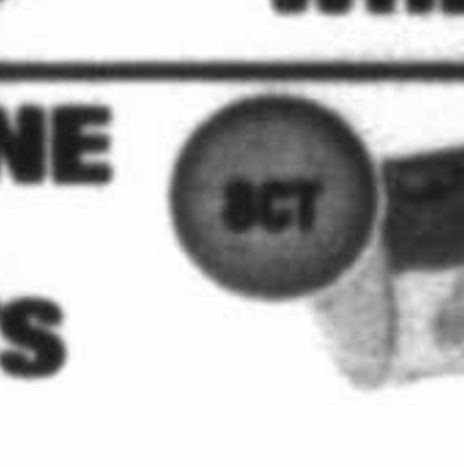
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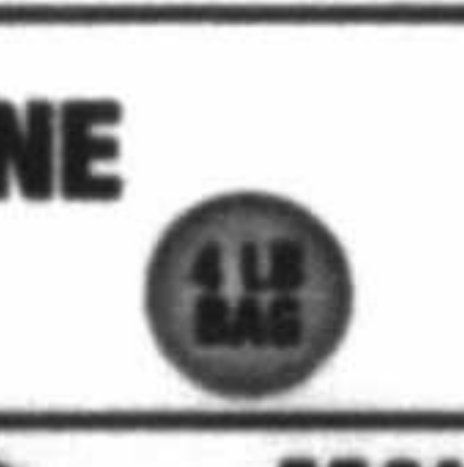
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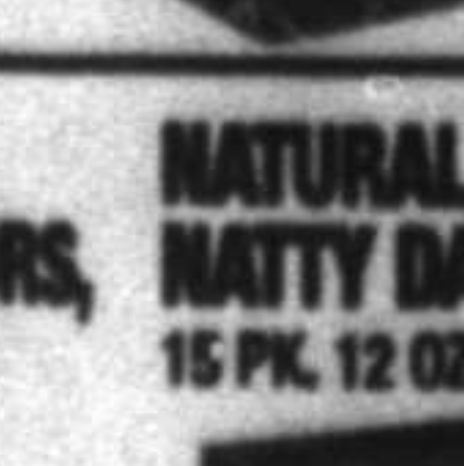
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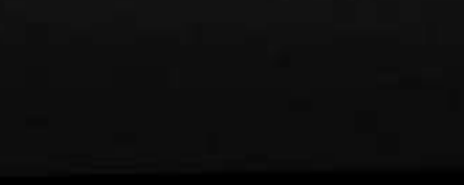
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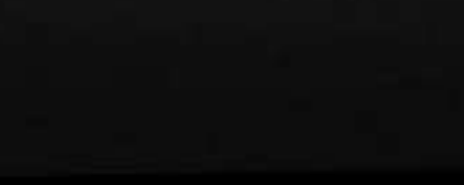
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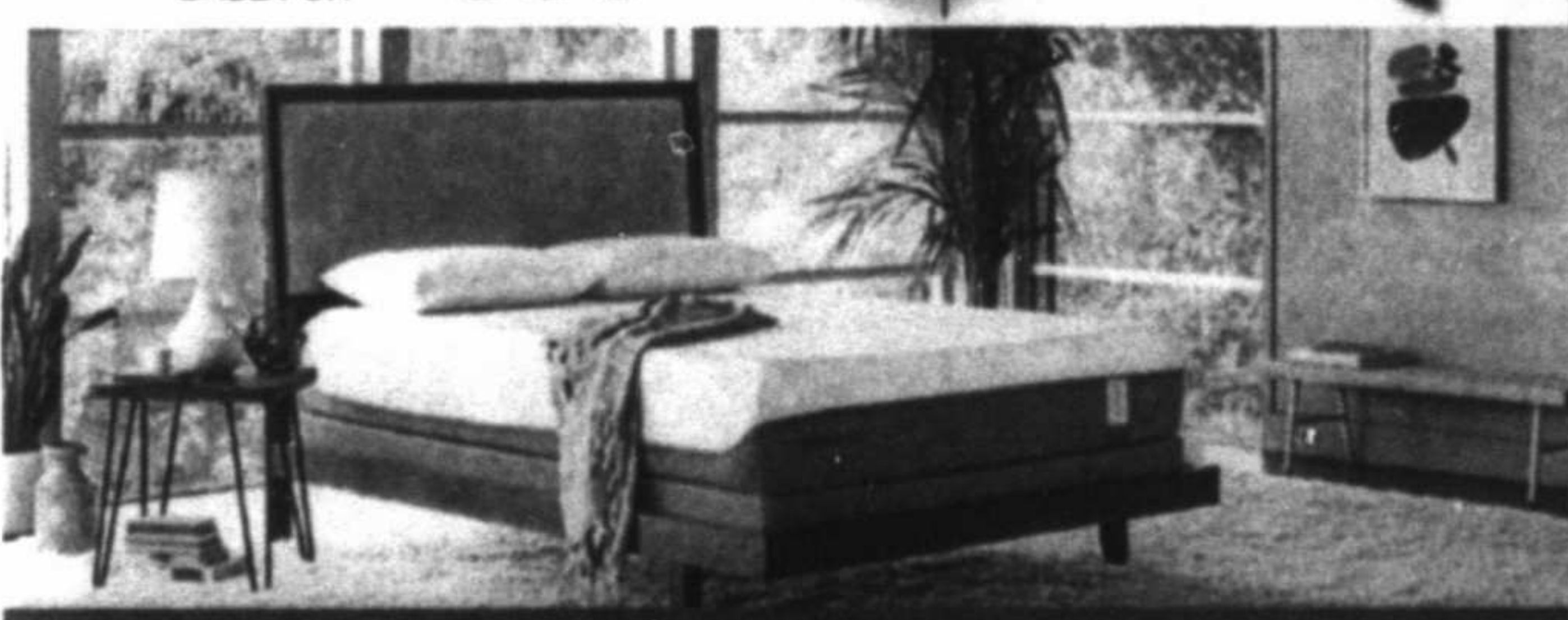


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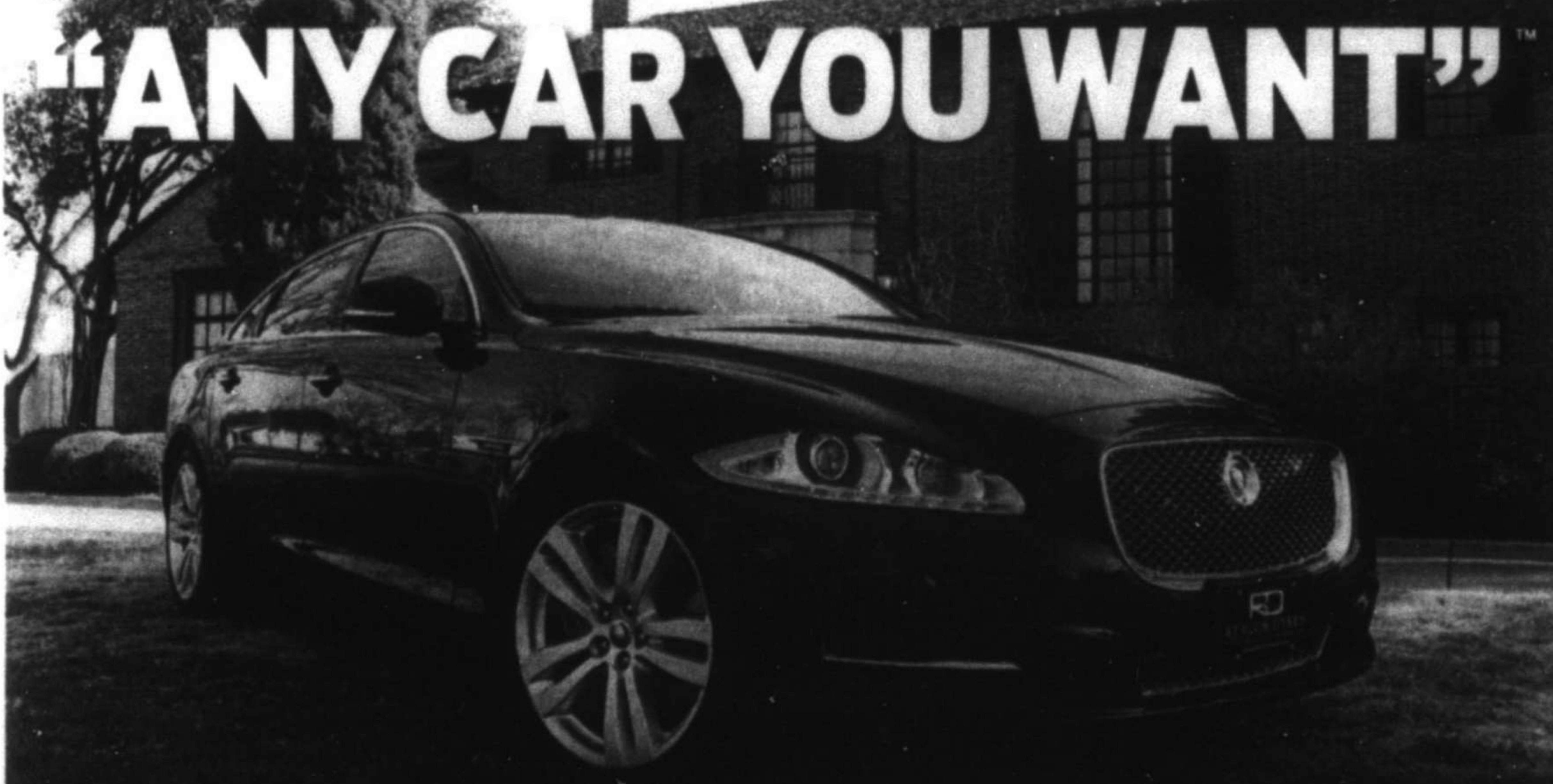
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Japanese pitcher-hitter Ohtani chooses the Angels

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani has decided he's on the side of the Angels. The Japanese two-way star announced Friday he will sign with the Los Angeles Angels, ending the sweepstakes surrounding his move to the majors in a surprising destination.

Ohtani, who intends to be both a starting pitcher and an everyday power hitter,



Ohtani

turned down interest from every other big-league club to join two-time MVP Mike Trout and slugger Albert Pujols with the Angels, who are coming off their second consecutive losing season and haven't won a playoff game since 2009.

The Angels' combination of a promising core and a beautiful West Coast location clearly appealed to

the 23-year-old Ohtani, who has confounded baseball experts at almost every step of his move to North America as one of the most coveted free agents in years.

Ohtani and his agent, Nez Balelo, issued a statement Friday announcing the decision after meeting with several finalists for his services earlier in the week.

Balelo said the 2016 Japanese MVP "felt a true bond with the Angels. He sees this as the best environment to develop and reach the next level and attain his career goals."

After his unusual courtship, Ohtani will attempt to chart an even more unique career path as the majors' first regular two-way player in several decades. Ohtani already has drawn numerous comparisons to Babe Ruth, who excelled as a hitter and a pitcher early in his Hall of Fame career. Ohtani is expected to be both a right-handed starting pitcher and a left-handed designated hitter for the Angels, who are expected to give him ample playing time.

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TALL CITY OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL

Hawks get best of Dawgs

Hot shooting pushes No. 9 Birdville past MHS

Hawks 89
Bulldogs 59

By Will Korn
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Things may have felt like an extended shootaround for the North Richland Hills Birdville boys basketball team Friday morning.

Despite an 8 a.m. tip-off, the Class 5A No. 9-ranked Hawks quickly heated up the Lee High School gym with an impressive scoring barrage, shooting 57.1 percent from the field and 12-for-20 from beyond the arc to trample Midland High, 89-59, in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational.

Birdville senior guard Noah Wheelless poured in a game-high 32 points and nailed seven treys in the win. Guard Tre Hester added 17 for Birdville, while Nathaniel Rodriguez paced the Bulldogs (2-7) with 11 points.

Wheelless, whose team won Pool 4 with a 2-0 record by beating MHS, said the Hawks' sweet shooting has tended to set the tone for them this season. Birdville didn't just settle for the outside shot — defensively they also forced 18 Bulldog turnovers and limited MHS to 40 percent shooting (22-for-55).

The Bulldogs finished second in Pool 4 with a 1-1 mark.

"We just feed off our offense," Wheelless said. "On days like this when we can't miss, it picks the whole team up, our defense picks up and we're just a hard team to beat."

The Hawks wasted no time taking control of the contest, hitting six of their first nine



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Suddik Sapien puts up a shot in the paint over Fort Worth Birdville's Tanner Rhodes on Friday during a matchup in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at Lee High gym.

Please see DAWGS/3B

NOTEBOOK

Rebels respond with convincing win at tourney

By Will Korn and Christopher Hadorn
Reporter-Telegram

After falling flat in a 57-47 loss to Kyle Lehman earlier in the day, the Rebels bounced back with authority and used a strong second half to roll by Class 5A Fort Worth Boswell, 72-50, Friday evening at Chaparral Center.

Lee (4-8) led 31-27 but used a 9-0 run to open the second half and grab control of the affair. Junior guard Avery Chambers scored a game-high 25 points on the strength of five 3-pointers, while freshman guard Zhuric Phelps added 20.

The Rebels outscored the Pioneers, 41-21 a second half that was perhaps one of their best 16-minute stretches of basketball this season.

"It was a good half," said Lee head coach Justin Boswell. "They kind of got challenged at halftime a little. The boys responded — they bounced back from playing pretty flat earlier in the day and played even with a team. The boys were really patient, shared the ball, got to the foul line and made free throws at a pretty good rate. We had some and-1s, some 3-pointers on some good passes. Everybody contributed."

Lee was originally scheduled to play Midland High in the silver bracket championship game at 11 a.m. today at Chaparral Center. But Boswell and MHS head coach Shan Hooker agreed to switch opponents.

The Rebels will now take on Fort Stockton at 11 a.m. today at Lee, while the Bulldogs will play Fort Worth Boswell at 11 a.m. at Chaparral Center.

BULLDOGS PICK UP GRITTY WIN

Midland High faced an inspired effort from Class 4A Fort Stockton, but ultimately prevailed 82-73 against the Panthers on Thursday evening at Lee.

Please see REBELS/3B

Defense propels Midland High to victory

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High girls basketball team is typically the shorter team whenever it steps foot on the court.

But Friday, the Lady Bulldogs faced a fellow Class 6A foe that was a mirror image of themselves in El Paso El Dorado.

The Lady Aztecs had comparable length, were flushed with speed and quickness and ran an aggressive transition offense like MHS.

The Lady Bulldogs got the best of this affair with a 41-33 victory over El Dorado in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational played at Lee High School.

Point guard Taysa Rushton scored a game-high 13 points to lead MHS (9-8) to its only win in three games in pool B play.

Lady Bulldogs head coach Wes Torres thought the Lady Aztecs (5-8) would be a good matchup for his team when assistant coach Edi DeLucas and him scouted the El Paso squad against Wall Thursday.

"I thought that they were probably the best matchup for us size-wise, speed-wise," Torres said. "We run the same kind of systems."

Leading 35-25 through three quarters, MHS could only manage one field goal made in the fourth quarter, but it ended up

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Midland High's Jurnee Williams (21) dribbles against El Paso El Dorado's Rebecca Davila (23) in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational on Friday at Lee High School.

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REBELS

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The Panthers, who weren't able to travel into Midland for Thursday's action due to icy weather, trailed the Bulldogs (3-7) just 41-36 at halftime and matched MHS, 21-21 in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs went 7-for-11 from the free throw line in the final quarter to help pull away for the victory.

Junior guard Rahkeim Peterson paced MHS with 25 points, including five 3-pointers. Nathaniel Rodriguez pitched in with 13 for the Bulldogs.

LEE GIRLS FINISH POOL PLAY WITH FLURRY

The Lee girls basketball team earned a spot in today's Tall City Oilman's Invitational third-place game after it won its final three games in pool B play, finishing with a 3-1 mark.

The Lady Rebels (7-8) will meet Class 3A power Wall at 9:30 a.m. at Chaparral Center.

Lee started its host tournament on a sour note as it fell 56-51 to Midland Classical in Thursday's opener.

But the Lady Rebels rebounded to edge tournament finalist Jim Ned 48-46 on Thursday, squeaked past Denver City 47-45 in

their early Friday game, and upended Class 6A Montwood 40-35 in the pool finale.

Lee won the three games by a total margin of nine points.

"They're a lot closer than I would like them to be," Lady Rebels head coach Alfred Acosta said. "I'm going to be (age) 33 going on 50 in the next couple of weeks. Yes, we are definitely pleased."

In the win over Denver City, Lee sophomore post Paige Low recorded a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

In the night cap, Low stepped up again by recording a team-high 16 points against the Lady Rams.

MCA MISSES CHANCE TO PLAY IN TITLE GAME

The Midland Classical girls basketball team was in a good position to reach the Tall City Oilman's Invitational championship game heading into the afternoon on Friday.

The Lady Knights defeated Class 6A program El Paso Montwood 53-46 in the Friday morning game at Lee High, improving their pool A record to 2-0 with one game to play.

With a championship game berth at stake, MCA couldn't close the deal as

Class 3A No. 11-ranked Jim Ned beat the Lady Knights 56-42.

MCA (6-2), which finished pool A play with one loss along with Lee (3-1) and Jim Ned (2-1), lost the point differential tie-breaker and will face cross-town foe Midland High in today's 12:30 p.m. fifth-place game at Lee High School.

The Lady Knights trailed the Lady Indians 28-24 at halftime, but faced a big deficit after being outscored 20-4 by Jim Ned in the third quarter.

The Lady Knights defeated two Class 6A schools in pool play, which included a 56-51 win over Lee Thursday.

Jim Ned, the pool A winner via point differential tiebreaker, will face pool B champion North Richland Hills Birdville in today's 12:30 p.m. girls tournament championship game at Chaparral Center.

TALL CITY OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL

THURSDAY-SATURDAY

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Lee 100, Big Spring 39

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Fort Worth 66, Lee JV
Lee JV 66, Fort Worth 66

Pool 3
Amarillo 58, El Paso 47
El Paso 47, Amarillo 58

Pool 4
Midland High 91, Denver City 57
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North Richland Hills 96, Denver City 46
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

FRENSHIP 63 GREENWOOD 41

Wofford Frenship used an 11-4 run in the second quarter to propel the Class 6A Lady Tigers to a non-district win over Greenwood at Greenwood High School.

Natalie Karcher had a game-high 22 points for the Class 4A Rangerettes (8-10).

FRENSHIP 40, GREENWOOD 41
Frenship — Madson 21, Hesse 6, Aust 16, Beales 3, Elliott 4, Wilson 11, Godfrey 2, Greenwood (8-10) — Natalie Karcher 22, Karcher 16, Arnesen 14, Cane Melrose 4, Brad Good 2, Teresa Rodriguez 2, Frenship 40, Greenwood 41

Free throws — Frenship 7-15, Greenwood 11-18. 3-point goals — Frenship 4 (Brad Good, Karcher, Arnesen, Cane Melrose), Greenwood 4 (Karcher, Cane Melrose, Arnesen, Cane Melrose). Total fouls — Frenship 10, Greenwood 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: Loveland at Greenwood, 9:30 p.m. Oct. 15

GARDEN CITY 66 RANKIN 30

Headings had a game-high 29 points to lead No. 3-ranked Garden City to a blowout win over Rankin in the Garden City Tournament on Friday.

Lyndee Walker added 11 points for the Lady Cats.

The tournament concludes today.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 66, RANKIN 30
Rankin — Nait 2, Wyatt 12, Newsum Watson 10, Carley Stanford 6, Garden City — Madison Headings 29, Lyndee Walker 11, Peyton Headings 8, Rachel Soto 8, Angelica Munguia 5, Ally Burnett 3, Jordan Dwyer 2, Rankin 30, Garden City 66

Free throws — Rankin 5-11, GCHS 7-11. 3-point goals — Rankin 3 (Wyatt, Soto, Munguia), GCHS 7 (M. Headings, S. Walker, J. Soto). Total fouls — Rankin 15, GCHS 10. Fouled out — None.

Next: Abilene High at Garden City, 9 p.m. Saturday

THURSDAY-SATURDAY
Thursday
Ottawa Permian 52, Lamesa 52
Shafter 50, Big Spring 28
Kendrick 41, Odessa High 29
Amarillo 68, Amarillo 28

Friday
Permian vs. Shafter, late
Kendrick vs. Amarillo, late
Ottawa Permian vs. Lamesa, late
Ottawa Permian vs. Lamesa, late

Saturday
Championship, 6:30 p.m.
3rd place game, 3:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Championship, Lamesa vs. Ottawa Permian, 12:30 p.m.
3rd place game, 9:30 a.m.

PINKY JONES HOOPTOWN CLASSIC

AT STANTON
COAHUILA 41, REAGAN COUNTY 19
Reagan County — 2 2 9 9 — 10
Coahuila — 18 12 7 7 — 41
Reagan County — Score 5
Coahuila — Quarter 15, Quarter 12

COLORADO CITY 81, SLYDER 26
Colorado City — 12 10 13 18 — 53
Slwyder — 5 2 13 6 — 26
Colorado City — Quarter 11, Epperson 10
Slwyder — Martinez 10

PECOS 41, STANTON 30
Pecos — 10 9 14 13 — 41
Stanton — 3 10 9 2 — 30
Pecos — Soto 10
Stanton — Coahuila 11

SYNDER 52, REAGAN COUNTY 27
Synder — 11 9 20 10 — 52
Reagan County — Astley 7, Soto 7
Synder — James 16, Martinez 12

STANTON 52, PECOS 30
Stanton — 10 10 10 12 — 32
Pecos — 10 10 10 10 — 30
Stanton — Quarter 15, Quarter 12
Pecos — Martinez 10

COLORADO CITY 73, PECOS 36
Colorado City — 10 10 10 12 — 32
Pecos — 12 6 7 11 — 36
Colorado City — Quarter 10, Epperson 9
Pecos — Martinez 10

THURSDAY-SATURDAY
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Stanton vs. Fort Stockton JV vs. Coahuila, vs.
Stanton 51, Reagan County 40
High School game
Colorado City 73, Reagan County 10
Pecos 42, Coahuila 30

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OHTANI

From 1B

in both roles.

Many baseball observers have long assumed Ohtani would choose a higher-profile franchise such as the Yankees or Dodgers, who would have both welcomed him into their rotation and lineup. He received serious attention from Seattle and Texas, who both could have given him more money than the Angels.

Ohtani listened to his suitors' final pitches in Los Angeles before choosing the Angels, who play about 28 miles from downtown L.A. in laid-back Orange County. Most of the Angels live in coastal Newport Beach and enjoy a comfortable, warm-weather lifestyle with ample big-market media attention, but without the withering scrutiny of other top destinations.

Yet Angels general manager Billy Eppler is very serious about winning, and he has spent several years scouting Ohtani, ever since his previous job with the Yankees.

"We are honored Shohei Ohtani has decided to join the Angels organization," the franchise said in a brief statement. "We felt a unique connectivity with him throughout the process and are excited he will become an Angel. This is a special time for Angels fans."

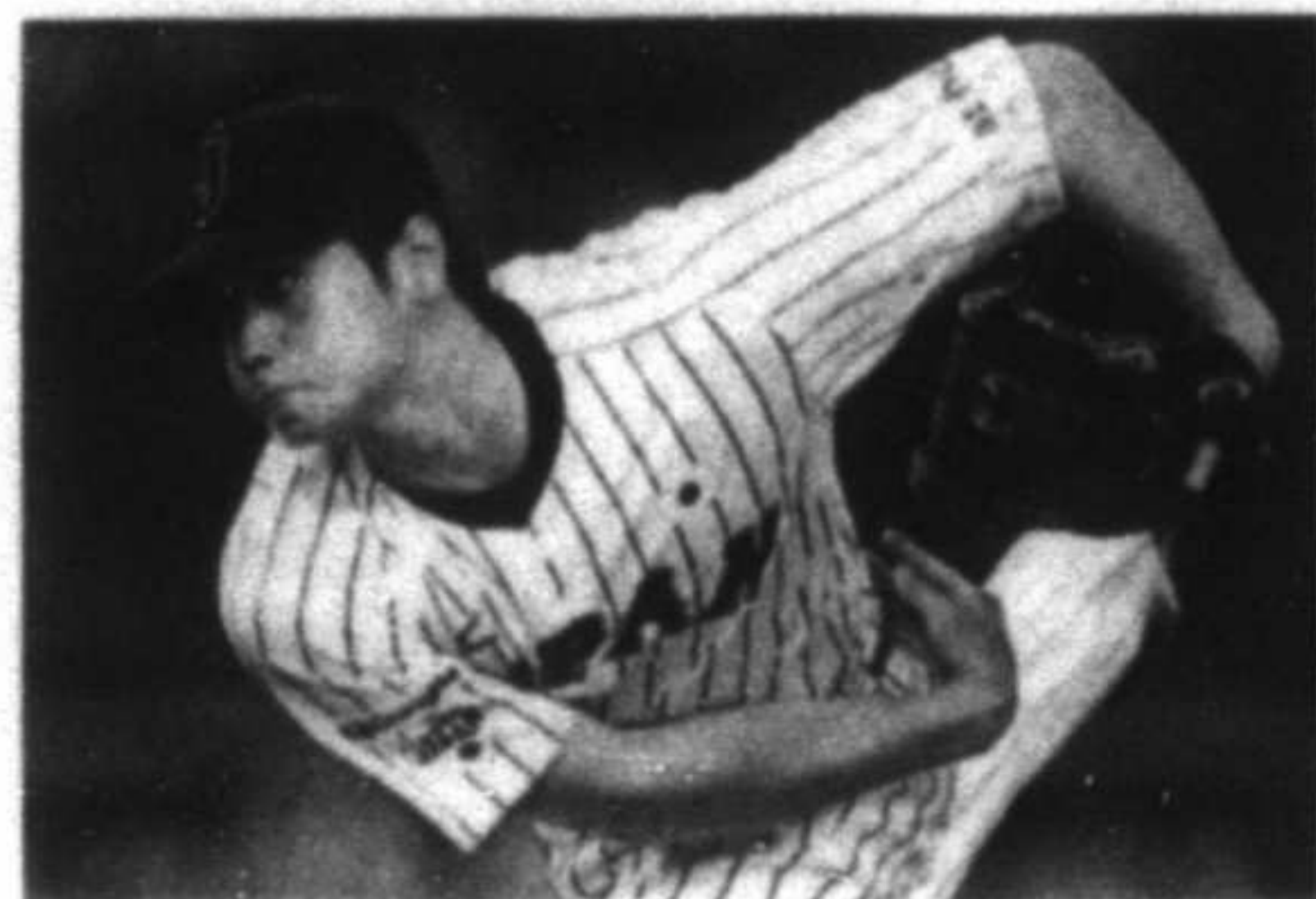
Ohtani has ample opportunity to fulfill his biggest ambitions with the Angels, who are in need of a top starting pitcher. They should also be able to fit him into their lineup when he isn't pitching. Pujols has largely been a designated hitter for the past two seasons, but the three-time NL MVP is expected to be healthy enough to play first base more frequently in 2018.

Ohtani's new teammates greeted the news joyously. Left fielder Justin Upton tweeted, "So pumped right now..."

Trout, who is getting married this weekend to his longtime girlfriend, simply sent out the emoji of two bug-eyed eyes.

Ohtani's disappointed suitors included Rangers general manager Jon Daniels, who had hoped Ohtani would follow in the footsteps of Yu Darvish, their former Japanese ace, instead of going to one of their AL West rivals.

"We're disappointed we weren't Shohei Ohtani's choice, but wish him the best in Anaheim," Daniels said. "He impressed us on and off the field at every turn. However, had he asked our opinion, we would have suggested the National League."



AP file photo

Japan's starter Shohei Ohtani pitches against South Korea during the first inning of a semifinal game at the Premier12 world baseball tournament in Tokyo Dome in Tokyo on Nov. 19, 2015. Ohtani's agent put out a statement Friday saying the prized two-way player had decided to sign with the Los Angeles Angels, a surprise winner over Seattle, Texas and several other teams.

Middleton lifts Bucks over Mavs

Bucks 109
Mavericks 102By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 27 points and 11 rebounds, Khris Middleton scored 12 of his 31 points in the final 4:38, and the Milwaukee Bucks rallied for a 109-102 win over the last-place Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

Eric Bledsoe added 24 points for the Bucks, who erased an 11-point deficit late in the third quarter to pick up their fifth win in six games.

The Bucks turned up the defensive pressure during a chippy final few minutes, highlighted by Middleton's four-point play sandwiched between two Dallas turnovers.

Middleton finished 10 of 18 from the field, including 5 of 6 in the fourth. The 6-foot-8 forward is a tough matchup because of his length and shooting ability, especially when paired with the athletic Antetokounmpo in the frontcourt.

But the worst team in the Western Conference didn't wither away on the road against an East contender. The Mavericks played the Bucks tough until the end, as they did in a loss to the Boston Celtics on Wednesday.

Wesley Matthews had a season-high 29 points to lead Dallas. He scored 15 in the first half on 6-of-7 shooting, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range, to give



Associated Press

The Milwaukee Bucks' Khris Middleton drives past the Dallas Mavericks' Devin Harris during the second half Friday in Milwaukee.

the Mavericks a 54-49 lead going into the locker room.

Shooting 6 of 13 (46 percent) from beyond the arc in the half, the Mavs tried to follow a formula similar to their 32-point win over Milwaukee on Nov. 18, when they shot 19 of 38 (50 percent) from 3-point range.

This time, the Bucks answered with clutch jumpers and improved defense.

They used a 12-0 late in the third quarter sparked by two 3s from Middleton and the playmaking ability of Malcolm Brogdon to take a 77-76 lead after

looking lethargic for much of the game.

Tip-ins

Mavericks: Rookie G Dennis Smith Jr. missed the game with a strained left hip after getting hurt during Wednesday's loss to the Celtics. Dallas' first-round draft pick is also expected to miss Sunday's game at Minnesota. "We're just unlucky. He came in, slid in, landed into a cameraman and kind of took his leg out," coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're hoping it's not serious."

Bucks: G Tony Snell missed the game with left knee tendinitis. G Matthew Dellavedova (left knee) appears to be getting closer to returning. He was questionable coming into Friday but was scratched by coach Jason Kidd before the game. The team said Snell and Dellavedova would be questionable for Saturday's game against Utah. ... G Gary Payton II replaced Snell in the starting lineup but played just 5 minutes, with Brogdon (14 points) starting the second half and playing 40 minutes overall.

Aldridge, Ginobili rescue Spurs against Celtics

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili hit a 3-pointer with 5 seconds remaining and the San Antonio Spurs overcame Kyrie Irving's 36-point effort to beat Boston 105-102 on Friday night, snapping the Celtics' four-game winning streak.

Ginobili set up the winning basket by sneaking into the paint for an offensive rebound with 25 seconds left. LaMarcus Aldridge had 27 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio.

Irving, who scored a career-high 57 points against San Antonio in 2015 while with Cleveland, created havoc again at the AT&T Center. Irving finished 13 for 21, including 6 for 10 on 3-pointers, but missed his final two 3s. His final 3-pointer rattled in and out as the buzzer sounded.

The Spurs, already without Kawhi Leonard and Kyle Anderson, lost

Danny Green in the first half. Green left with tightness in his left groin. There was no update on the severity of the injury.

Pau Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Rudy Gay had 15 points, and Tony Parker added 11 for the Spurs. The Spurs are undefeated with Parker in the lineup through six games.

San Antonio held Boston to one field goal in the opening four minutes of the final quarter to erase a five-point deficit to set up the last-second dramatics.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PACERS 106 CLEVELAND 102
INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo had 33 points and eight rebounds and the Indiana Pacers beat Cleveland 106-102 on Friday night to end the Cavaliers' winning streak at 13 games.

Indiana has won three straight, nine of 12 and is the first team to beat Cleveland twice this season. LeBron James had 29 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for Cleveland, and Kevin Love added 20 points. The Cavs lost for the first time since Nov. 9 at Houston. They had won seven straight on the road.

WARRIORS 102 PISTONS 98
DETROIT — Kevin Durant scored 13 of his 36 points in the third quarter and Golden State beat Detroit to complete an undefeated trip.

The Warriors went 6-0 on the trip, playing the final two games without Stephen Curry, who is out with a sprained right ankle. Detroit had a chance to tie it in the final seconds, but Reggie Jackson's wild drive to the basket did not lead to a good shot, and Klay Thompson made two free throws with 5.3 seconds left for the final margin. Avery Bradley scored 25 points for the Pistons. They have lost five straight.

BULLS 119 HORNETS 111, OT
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rookie Lauri Markkanen had 24 points and 12 rebounds and Chicago beat Charlotte to snap a 10-game losing streak. Markkanen made half of Chicago's six three-pointers, and the Bulls (4-20) held on in a back-and-forth game that

featured 17 lead changes and 20 ties. Neither team led by more than eight.

NUGGETS 103 MAGIC 89
ORLANDO, Fla. — Kenneth Faried scored 20 points to help Denver beat Orlando.

Will Barton added 19 points. Emmanuel Mudiay had 18 and Malik Beasley 12 for Denver. After scoring only 14 points in the first quarter, the Nuggets (14-11) dominated the rest of the game, shooting 61 percent (28 for 46) in the second and third quarters. Denver had a 53-16 advantage in bench scoring en route to its second road victory since Oct. 29.

RAPTORS 116 GRIZZLIES 107
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points, Serge Ibaka matched his season high with 21 and the Toronto Raptors pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 116-107 on Friday night.

Kyle Lowry added 16 points and eight assists, and Fred VanVleet had 12 points to help the Raptors win their fifth straight.

KINGS 116 PELICANS 109, OT
NEW ORLEANS — Zach Randolph scored a season-high 35 points, Buddy Hield led a fourth-quarter rally against his former team and the Sacramento Kings beat the New Orleans Pelicans 116-109 in overtime on Friday night. Randolph made two of his career-high five 3-pointers in overtime and added 13 rebounds. Hield made a 3-pointer with 34 seconds left in regulation to force overtime and finished with 18 points off the bench.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE			
ATLANTIC DIVISION				CENTRAL DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Boston	22	9	.710	Cleveland	18	6	.750
Brooklyn	16	16	.500	Indiana	14	10	.583
Charlotte	13	11	.542	Memphis	15	11	.577
New York	12	12	.500	Minnesota	14	11	.560
Philadelphia	10	14	.417	Chicago	4	20	.167
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				SOUTHWEST DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Washington	14	11	.560	Houston	19	4	.826
Miami	11	13	.458	San Antonio	18	8	.692
Orlando	11	16	.407	New Orleans	13	10	.565
Charlotte	9	15	.375	Memphis	8	17	.320
Atlanta	5	19	.208	Dallas	7	19	.263

Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Denver	14	11	.560	Golden State	21	6	.778
Portland	13	11	.542	L.A. Lakers	9	15	.375
Utah	13	13	.500	L.A. Clippers	8	15	.346
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	Phoenix	9	16	.360
				Sacramento	8	17	.320

Scores & Schedule

Friday's Scores	
Chicago 118, Charlotte 111, OT	
Denver 105, Orlando 89	
Golden State 102, Dallas 98	
Indiana 106, Cleveland 102	
Milwaukee 109, Boston 102	
Sacramento 116, New Orleans 108, OT	
Toronto 116, Memphis 107	
San Antonio 105, Boston 102	
Today's Games	
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.	
Miami vs. Brooklyn at Miami City, 5 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 6 p.m.	
Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.	
New York at Chicago, 7 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.	
Utah at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.	
Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Men

FRIDAY'S SCORES	
SOUTHWEST	
5. Nazzari 68, Oak Ridge 60	
6. Arizona 82, St. John's 75	
7. Colorado 100, La Tech 77	
SOUTH	
8. Bradley 90, Bethune-Cookman 87	
9. Kentucky 112, Appalachian 84	
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The coaches of the four teams in the College Football Playoff, Lincoln Riley, right, of Oklahoma; Kirby Smart, second from right, of Georgia; Nick Saban of Alabama; and Dabo Swinney, left, of Clemson, pose together before the College Football Awards show at the College Football Hall of Fame on Thursday in Atlanta.

The four-team playoff is fine, but an increase to eight would be perfect

PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Naturally, the four coaches on the podium were happy with the system the way it is. They've all got a shot at the national championship.

But, as Clemson's Dabo Swinney, Alabama's Nick Saban, Oklahoma's Lincoln Riley and Georgia's Kirby Smart gathered at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, it was clear that others should've been up there with them.

Ohio State's Urban Meyer, for sure.

Southern Cal's Clay Helton, too. Central Florida's Josh Heupel, as well. (Or Scott Frost, if he had chosen to stay with the Knights a bit longer to take a run at a title.)

The final spot could've gone to either Paul Chryst of Wisconsin or Gus Malzahn of Auburn.

More isn't always better, but in this case it would be.

There's no good reason not to expand the College Football Playoff to eight teams.

"I'm not opposed to it," said Swinney, the only one who seemed open to the idea.

But, he quickly added, "I kind of like what we have."

An eight-team playoff makes so much sense, we're likely to go years before the inevitable happens.

But, rest assured, that day is coming.

Might as well get to it.

All five Power Five conference champions should get an automatic spot, which would make every one of their title games a playoff before the actual playoff. That was essentially the case this year, with Clemson (Atlantic Coast), Oklahoma (Big 12) and Georgia (Southeastern) all getting in by winning their respective leagues.

Made for a pretty thrilling day, didn't it?

But Ohio State (Big Ten) and Southern Cal (Pac-12) were left out. Instead, the selection committee handed the fourth playoff spot went to once-beaten Alabama, which didn't even win the SEC West.

Now, this isn't a knock on the Crimson Tide, which has been col-

lege football's dominant program for the past decade and very well could win the fifth national title of the Saban era. Alabama (11-1) was ranked No. 1 all year by The Associated Press — until a 26-14 loss at Auburn in the regular-season finale, which was enough to knock the Tide out of the SEC championship game as well.

On paper, at least, Bama probably deserved the nod over Ohio State (11-2) and certainly Southern Cal (11-2).

But conference titles should be the first point of entry for any playoff system, and that has always been the most glaring flaw with a four-team playoff and five major conferences.

"There's never going to be a magic number. If we have eight, (Nos. 9 and 10 are going to be upset. If we have 16, 17 and 18 are going to be upset," Riley said. "I think the final four has been great. I think the biggest thing to me is people need to have realistic expectations. You're not going to go to the playoff every single year. Only four teams can do it."

But let's envision how much better an eight-team playoff would be.

The five Power Five champions would be in automatically, seeded 1 through 5. This season, that would've been Clemson, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio State and Southern Cal. The best of the rest, from the so-called Group of Five, would also be guaranteed a berth. What a story that would've been with Central Florida (or, as they prefer to be called, UCF), who won the American Athletic Conference with a perfect 12-0 mark just two seasons after going 0-12.

Wouldn't it have been great to see the Knights get a shot at the big boys, just like those Cinderella teams that add so much appeal to the NCAA basketball tournament?

That still leaves room for two wildcard berths. Alabama would've been

an easy choice, and Wisconsin (12-1) likely would've gotten the last spot after a perfect regular season was marred only by a loss to Ohio State in a Big Ten title game that went right to the wire.

Auburn (10-3), which had victories over both Georgia and Alabama in the past month, also could've made a pretty strong case.

As Riley said, there's always going to be plenty of room for debate and controversy no matter how many teams you take.

Nothing wrong with that. "I don't care if we have 68 teams in it," Saban said. "We'll still have a two-hour show on who shouldn't have got in it, just like they do in basketball."

An eight-team playoff would hardly dilute the postseason product, other than making the bowls even more irrelevant than most of them already are. Frankly, we consider that another huge plus (sorry, fans of the Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl).

Holding the quarterfinals around Christmas (this year, Dec. 23) would've been the date seems to work just fine within the constraints of the academic calendar, since everyone has completed exams and gone on their holiday break anyway. If an extra round of games is deemed too much to ask of the players (yeah, like that's ever been a concern), eliminate one of those meaningless regular-season games (Alabama vs. Mercer we could do without).

If the six major bowls — Rose, Sugar, Cotton, Orange, Peach and Fiesta — want to have a truly meaningful game every season, they could divvy up the quarterfinals and semifinals instead of settling for a semi once every three years. Or, if three rounds of neutral-site games is deemed unfeasible, hold the quarterfinals at campus sites, with the top four seeds getting home games.

This season, it would've looked like this in the opening round: Clemson vs. Central Florida, Oklahoma vs. Wisconsin, Georgia vs. Alabama, and Ohio State vs. Southern Cal.

Sounds like a plan. Let's get to it.

'We want prime time': no love shown for Jaguars by television

Associated Press

Standout cornerback Jalen Ramsey believes the Jacksonville Jaguars should be playing in prime time.

Ramsey expressed frustration that the NFL moved Jacksonville's game against Seattle from 1 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. Sunday, far from the spotlight of a night game.

"That's (wrong)," Ramsey said. "If it ain't 8 o'clock, it don't matter. I would rather play at 1 than 4:25, but it's all good. If we're going to get flexed, we need to get flexed to the night game, you know what I'm saying?"

"Playing (at) 4:25 don't do nothing for me. It don't do nothing for anybody on this team."

"At the end of the day, we're kind of like, 'Damn. We're balling, and they're a good team coming in here, and we're still not getting respect.'"

A very small percentage of the country will get to see the matchup of projected No. 5 playoffs seeds on Fox. It will be broadcast in Jacksonville, Orlando and Gainesville in Florida, and throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska as well as half of Montana. An overwhelming majority will get the Philadelphia-Los Angeles Rams game.

THE MUSIC DIDN'T DIE: The New York Giants' coaching change from Ben McAdoo to interim coach Steve Spagnuolo didn't stop the music at practice. Just the style a bit.

McAdoo had music playing through most of his practices for his less than two-year tenure. There was a variety of hip hop, club, rap, country and others. Basically, there was something for everyone. His favorite seemed to be country.

When the team hit the practice field Wednesday with Spagnuolo running the team, the first song was Frank Sinatra singing "New York, New York."

"You noticed the Sinatra song," the 57-year-old Spagnuolo said after the workout. "I did it just to see if the players would know who that was. Some did. Some did not. My dad used to play Frank Sinatra every Sunday morning when we got back from church. It was great. So, I enjoy it. It shifted real quick, didn't it?"

Spagnuolo, who coached the St. Louis Rams from 2009-11, will return to the head coaching ranks against Dallas (6-6) at MetLife Stadium on Sunday.

GREEN BAY "GLITZ": The Green Bay Packers have their own piece of jewelry that goes to a standout player. It's not nearly as glitzy as the "Turnover Chain" worn by Miami Hurricanes' football players.

The Packers' "Rehab Chain" consists of the word "rehab" printed in bold letters on a piece of cardboard, attached to a piece of white ribbon. Defensive lineman Kenny Clark had it hanging in his locker this week following his standout, two-sack game against Tampa Bay. He had missed the loss against the Steelers the previous week with a high ankle sprain.

Running back Aaron Jones wore the low-key necklace in the locker

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Jalen Ramsey, Jacksonville Jaguars

room after scoring the winning 20-yard touchdown in overtime to beat the Buccaneers. The rookie had missed the previous two games with a knee injury.

"Working hard in rehab, getting back on the field and making the most of it when you get the chance to get out there," Jones said after the game in describing the chain.

250 PLUS 250
EQUALS 500: The Dallas Cowboys, who visit the last-place New York Giants on Sunday, are one win from becoming the 12th NFL team with 500 regular-season victories. And it just so happens Dallas had 250 regular-season wins when Jerry Jones bought the franchise in 1989.

So yes, it'll be a milestone for Jones in an eventful few months for the outspoken owner and general manager if it happens in the final four games.

Tight end Jason Witten, in his 15th season, has been there for 132 of Jones' wins.

"I think anybody that grows up a fan of this game respects the tradition of what the Cowboys are," Witten said. "Certainly when Mr. Jones came, he had a lot of challenges in front of him. They don't give away wins in this league. You earn every one of them."

Chicago and Green Bay are the only franchises with at least 700 wins.

CAPTURE THE FLAG: The American Flag Football League will have some NFL star power for its inaugural season-long tournament.

The league announced this week that three of the four pro teams in the tournament will have Michael Vick, Chad Johnson and Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk as captains. The fourth team will have an "outside the box" tandem as captains. The rosters for those teams will be selected in a draft in 2018.

Registration has also begun for the 1,024-team "America's bracket." Those teams will take part in a single elimination 7-on-7 flag football tournament starting in March, ending with a winner-take-all final for \$1 million in July between the top pro team and the best from America's bracket.

Among the players participating are former NBA slam dunk champion and college football player Nate Robinson, who will be on a pro team.

Teams will need to have a roster of between seven and 12 players and a player who loses in the first round will be able to sign as a free agent with another team later in the tournament. Teams that win their first two games get their \$99 entry fee back.

AP pro football writers Barry Wilner, Schuyler Dixon and Josh Dubow, and sports writers Mark Long, Tom Canavan and Genaro C. Armas contributed.

Army eyes 2nd straight win over Navy

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Monken's second season at Army in 2015 ended with 10 losses and a record 14th straight defeat to Navy.

While it pointed to more of the same for a struggling program, Monken was confident a West Point turnaround was imminent thanks to successful recruiting and the number of close losses.

Monken was proven right. He guided Army to a long-awaited and emotional comeback win over Navy last season followed by a bowl victory. On what could be a snowy renewal one of the nation's top rivalries, the Black Knights (8-3) enter the 118th meeting with Navy on Saturday as a bowl-bound team again, holding a better record than the Midshipmen (6-5) for the first time since 2001.

"The cadets have fully bought into what he's doing," Army athletic director Boo Corrigan said.

Behind their humming triple-option offense, the Black Knights strung together six straight wins be-



AP file photo

Army coach Jeff Monken, center, and players celebrate a 21-16 win over Duke on Nov. 11 in West Point, N.Y. On what could be a snowy renewal of one of the nation's top rivalries, the Black Knights (8-3) enter the 118th meeting with Navy today as a bowl-bound team again, holding a better record than the Midshipmen (6-5) for the first time since 2001.

fore a 52-49 loss at North Texas in their last game Nov. 18. Army has won 11 of its past 14 games and clinched consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1989-90.

"It's good for our football team to feel confident," said Monken, one of eight finalists for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award.

Senior quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw, who scored the go-ahead touchdown against Navy in the fourth

quarter of last year's 21-17 victory in Baltimore, has an Army single-season record 1,472 yards rushing.

Securing a second straight win over Navy for the first time since 1996 in what's billed as "America's Game" won't be easy. The Midshipmen, who have played a tougher schedule, started 5-0 and spent a week at No. 25 in the AP Poll before dropping five of six.

Navy, which lost 31-21 to unbeaten Central Florida

More football

The Heisman Trophy will be awarded tonight. Is Oklahoma University quarterback a shoe-in for the most prestigious award in college football? Read about all the finalists in our college football section.

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and 24-17 to Notre Dame, opened as a 3 1/2-point favorite and leads the all-time series 60-50-7.

For an added twist, the forecast calls for accumulating snow for most of the day Saturday.

Quarterback Zach Abey, who made his first college start last year against Army, has a team-best 1,322 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns along with seven TD passes. The speedy Malcolm Perry, who has 1,437 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns, has also seen time under center.

"People ask because you lost last year, do you want to win more?" said Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo, who is 8-1 against Army. "It never changes. There's no added motivation. It's Army."

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East					West								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct				
New England	10	2	0	.833	340	222	Seattle	10	2	0	.833	286	204
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	227	263	Denver	6	6	0	.500	214	268
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	286	288	Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	238	291
Miami	5	7	0	.417	269	296	Chicago	5	7	0	.417	219	210
South					West								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct				
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	288	262	L.A. Rams	9	3	0	.750	261	222
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	289	178	Seattle	8	4	0	.667	289	282
Houston	4	8	0	.333	236	309	Arizona	5	7	0	.417	219	210
Indianapolis	3	9	0	.250	200	305	San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	202	298
North					West								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct				
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	.833	281	213							
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	260	267							
Cincinnati	5	7	0	.417	219	238							
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	176	308							
East					NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct				
Kansas City	6	6	0	.500	260	274	Philadelphia	10	2	0	.833	281	213
L.A. Chargers	6	6	0	.500	260	274	Denver	6	6	0	.500	260	274
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	240	278	San Diego	5	7	0	.417	272	314
Dallas	2	9	0	.200	206	315	N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	180	381
East					West								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct				
Washington	10	2	0	.833	281	213	Carolina	9	4	0	.692	270	262
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	260	274	Atlanta	8	4	0	.667	269	238
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	272	314	San Francisco	8	4	0	.667	289	282
San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	180	381	San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	202	298

Scores & Schedule

Atlanta	0	4	0	615	208	231
Colts	0	4	0	587	208	231
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	587	208	231

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PW	PL	
0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	
0	0	0	0.000	314	361	
0	0	0	0.000	208	231	
0	0	0	0.000	208	231	

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PW	PL	
0	0	0	0.000	191	187	

L.A. Rams	0	4	0	587	208	231
Seattle	0	4	0	587	208	231
Aztec	5	7	417	212	212	
San Francisco	2	10	0	167	202	258

Scores & Schedule

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Kansas City, noon
San Francisco at Houston, noon
Minnesota at Carolina, noon
Chicago at Cincinnati, noon
Green Bay at Cleveland, noon
Denver at Tampa Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
Colts at N.Y. Giants, noon
Washington at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

New England at New York, 7 p.m.

Trainers rushed to save horses from wildfires

By Amanda Lee Myers
and John Rogers
Associated Press

BONSALL, Calif. — A routine day at an elite training center for racehorses transformed into terror and chaos in minutes, with hundreds of thoroughbreds stampeding out of their stalls in a desperate attempt to flee a Southern California wildfire that set their barns ablaze.

Turned loose by their trainers in a last-ditch effort to save their lives, the huge, muscular animals, their eyes wide with fear, charged through thick smoke and past dancing flames.

While hundreds made it to the safety of a nearby racetrack, others galloped in circles, unsure which way to run. Still others, too frightened to leave their paddocks, stayed there and died.

Workers at San Luis Rey Downs said an estimated 30 to 40 horses perished Thursday in the wildfire still raging out of control north of San Diego on Friday. At least two stable workers were injured, and their conditions were not immediately known.

Trainers described a terrifying scene that erupted at the facility Thursday afternoon, recalling how only minutes after smelling smoke, they saw flames roaring down a nearby hillside.

"I was heading to my barn to drop my equipment off and I smell smoke," trainer Kim Marrs said Friday as she stood outside the still-smoldering facility. "Within two minutes, I look up the hill and you could just see it come up over the ridge."

She and others tried to turn back the flames with hoses and fire extinguishers before firefighters arrived. But when embers from burning palm trees began igniting the roofs of barns, they realized they had no other alternative than to turn loose the approximately 450 horses stabled there.

"The next thing, there's a stampede of 100 horses coming through here," said Marrs, who was trying to lead one of the horses she trains, a 5-year-old named Spirit World, through a tunnel. "We almost got trampled to death."

At one of the center's many barns, video showed a group of trainers frantically tearing down a wooden fence and shouting at their horses to run.



San Diego Union-Tribune via AP

Terrified horses gallop from San Luis Rey Downs as the Lilac Fire sweeps through the horse-training facility Thursday in San Diego.

"I lost everything. Forty years. I lost all my tack, all my machines, my webblings. It was all burned. My whole livelihood. I feel like quitting."

Cliff Sise, trainer

One large black horse, its forelocks wrapped in white leggings, bolted toward safety but then spooked by the burning palm trees, turned and fled back toward its stable. Scores of others charged through thick smoke to safety.

Trainer Cliff Sise suffered burns on his chest and arm trying to get a 2-year-old filly named Scat Home Lady out of her stable. She wouldn't budge, and he said she burned to death there.

"She was one of my favorites," Sise said as he sat outside the facility.

Trainer Jerry Contreras said one of his best friends, a fellow trainer, was hospitalized.

"He was trying to get his horses out and was burned," Contreras said.

At San Luis Rey Downs, the phone rang unanswered and the owners quickly barred outsiders from the sprawling facility.

It is Southern California's premier training center for thoroughbreds, with a competition-sized racetrack, a smaller one for training, numerous trails for horses to relax on and even a swimming pool for them to work out in.

The center can house as many as 500 horses and states proudly on a sign out front that it is the "Home of Azeri," racing's U.S. Horse of the Year in 2002.

Other thoroughbreds that have trained there include Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand.

The facility sits among rolling hills, picturesque vineyards and farms down a winding, two-lane road just a few miles off busy Interstate 15, the main thoroughfare connecting Southern California to Las Vegas.

The horses that fled were quickly rounded up, and many were taken to the nearby Del Mar racetrack, where a veterinary cen-

ter was set up for the injured.

The tragedy resulted in an outpouring of support from the racing community, with Southern California's Los Alamitos Race Course canceling its daytime thoroughbred program Friday out of respect.

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and the Stronach Group, owners of San Luis Rey Downs, have set up a GoFundMe account to help pay for hospital and rehab costs.

Santa Anita racetrack officials in the Los Angeles suburb of Arcadia collected clothes and other items for stable workers who lost their possessions.

"I lost everything. Forty years. I lost all my tack, all my machines, my webblings. It was all burned. My whole livelihood. I feel like quitting," the 66-year-old Sise said.

Stricker, O'Hair take shootout lead

Associated Press

NAPLES, Fla. — Steve Stricker and Sean O'Hair shot a 15-under 57 in scramble play Friday to take the first-round lead in the QBE Shootout.

The 50-year-old Stricker, the winning U.S. Presidents Cup captain in October, chipped in for birdie on the par-4 18th. They also eagled the par-5 17th in gusty conditions on Tiburon's Gold Course.

Stricker teamed with Jerry Kelly to win the 2009 title, and the duo finished second last year behind Matt Kuchar and Harris English. O'Hair won in 2012 with Kenny Perry.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

QBE SHOOTOUT	
Friday	
At Ritz-Carlton Resort (Tiburon Golf Club)	
Naples, Fla.	
Purse: \$3.3 million	
Yardage: 7,262; Par: 72 (36-66)	
First Round	
Stricker/O'Hair	25 (35)-57
Dean/Rea	25 (35)-58
Watson/Snodgrass	25 (35)-59
Hogstad/Culver	21 (35)-61
Kiser/Creswell	32 (35)-61
Woodward/Barger	31 (35)-61
Perez/Portman	31 (35)-61
Looney/McCluskey	31 (35)-62
Standley/Henley	32 (35)-63
Thompson/Frazer	33 (35)-63
Nauman/Engel	31 (35)-63
Johnson/Kublan	32 (35)-65

European Tour

JOBURG OPEN LEADING SCORES	
Friday	
At Sunningdale Golf Club	
Johannesburg	
145th Course: 7,289 yards, par-72 (36-36)	
146th Course: 7,114 yards, par-71 (35-35)	
Purse: \$1.3 million	
Tiger Putscharan, Finland	69-64=129
Shubhankar Sharma, India	69-67=130
Erik Van Rooyen, South Africa	68-67=131
Miles Korpela, Finland	68-69=131
Daniel Bunka, England	68-67=132
Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark	69-67=133
Steven Brown, England	69-69=133
James Morrison, England	68-70=134
Adrian Sadike, France	69-69=134
Charles Frost, England	70-64=134
Jojo Kriem, South Africa	67-68=135
Marcus Armistead, England	69-69=135
Sebastian Heise, Germany	69-71=135
Kristian Johansson, Norway	70-65=135
George Coetzee, South Africa	69-67=135
Jinho Choi, South Korea	69-69=135
Richard McCloskey, England	69-69=135
MJ Viljanen, South Africa	69-67=135
Also	
Paul Peterson, United States	70-72=137
Cody Martin, United States	71-70=139
Sam Chen, United States	71-69=139
Jason Kridner, United States	71-71=142
Zach Byrd, United States	69-74=143
Jean Tadi, United States	72-73=145



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Heisman Trophy finalists, from left, Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, Stanford running back Bryce Love and Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield pose with the award during a media event, Friday, in New York.

Chill: Lamar Jackson returns to NYC as relaxed Heisman finalist

Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lamar Jackson gets asked to do the Heisman Trophy pose a lot. No matter where he goes, even in bustling and crowded Times Square, he gets recognized often. No sooner was Jackson done talking about the fame that has come from winning the Big Apple last season did a couple of young fans stop him in a Manhattan hotel to get a selfie with Louisville's star quarterback.

Jackson leaned in with a big smile. Unlike last year, Jackson is a Heisman Trophy finalist. Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield is the favorite to take home the trophy on Saturday night. On Friday, Jackson, Mayfield and Stanford running back Bryce Love arrived in the Big Apple on the tail end of a busy week of bouncing around the country. The three finalists met with reporters, posed with the big bronze statue they are each hoping to win and then headed back out into the cold toward the subway for a trip to Wall Street.

The Heisman experience and first trip to New York blew away Jackson last year. Winning the trophy changed his life. Now, he is just enjoying the ride.

"This year I've been here before so it's kind of like chill," Jackson said.

Archie Griffin of Ohio State is the only player to win the Heisman Trophy twice. He did in 1974 and '75. Since then, eight winners have returned to try to win it again. Six of those have been since 2005. The best any returning Heisman winner has placed in the voting was second. Oklahoma running back Billy Sims was the runner-up to Southern California's Charles White in 1979.

"It wasn't tough for me because I was surprised I won it the first time," Sims said.

Tim Tebow of Florida finished third in the 2008 voting, but by point total was the closest to winning a second Heisman. He received the most first-place votes that year and was 151 points behind winner Sam Bradford of Oklahoma. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy finished second.

Jackson probably won't join Griffin's exclusive club, but his numbers suggest he has been even better this season than last. He is averaging 411 total yards per

game, up from 393 last year. He has been a more accurate passer, completing 60.4 percent after hitting 56.2 last season.

The difference? Last season, Jackson and the Cardinals had a signature victory against Florida State and they lost a thriller at Clemson. Not until a late November swoon did Louisville fall out of the playoff race in 2016. This season, the Cardinals lost three games by midseason. Jackson was playing well, but many just saw the final results and held it against him.

"It's going to always be on you," Jackson said. "No matter what goes on in the game it's your fault."

Still, the numbers were impossible to ignore and this November, as other Heisman contenders such as Saquon Barkley of Penn State and Josh Adams of Notre Dame started to fade, Jackson's candidacy gained momentum.

"You see the highlight plays here and there," Love said. "He's been doing it for two years now. It's just amazing to see."

Jackson won the Heisman as a sophomore last year, the

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Baker Mayfield won't change, despite critics

Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Part of Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield embraces being the bad guy.

He told Baylor's players during warmups they "forgot who daddy is" and that he was going to have to spank them. Before playing Texas Tech — the school he left before walking on at Oklahoma — he wore a shirt with "TRAITOR" across the front, then beat the Red Raiders again. And of course, he planted a crimson OU flag in the middle of the field at Ohio State after a win over the Buckeyes early in the season.

It's obvious opponents pay attention to Mayfield's antics — Iowa State planted a flag on Oklahoma's field after an upset win, and Kansas' captains refused to shake hands with him.

It all comes with the territory for perhaps the most polarizing figure in college football.

"If people love it, or if some people don't love it, he's OK with that," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "He's very secure with who he is. His goal is not to try to please everybody in the world. His goal is he's going to be true to himself."

Mayfield doesn't mind jousting with fans on social media, either. Yet, for all the shenanigans, he's all business between the lines. He has passed for 4,340 yards with 41 touchdown passes and just five interceptions this season, and he has rushed for 310 yards and five more scores.

He will be the first quarterback to finish in the top four of the Heisman Trophy

balloting three times, and he's favored to claim the award Saturday. He has blazed a winding, record-setting trail littered with big wins, emotional outbursts, awards and apologies, and he has done it all his way.

"I've had a lot of people trying to give me advice through all this, but the thing that I've realized is the person I am is the reason I'm here today," Mayfield said. "I've had success because I'm confident and been enthusiastic and passionate about what I'm doing."

Mayfield has crossed the line at times. He was arrested in February and charged with disorderly conduct, public intoxication and resisting arrest. After Kansas wouldn't shake his hand, he later was caught on camera grabbing his crotch and swearing at the Kansas sideline. As punishment, he was stripped of his captaincy for his final home game against West Virginia and did not start.

Still, his teammates love him as is — so much that when he was stripped of his captain status, the remaining captains took his jersey with them to midfield for the coin toss for the West Virginia game. They know that the edge that gets him into trouble and riles opponents has led the Sooners to the College Football Playoff two of the past three years and to three consecutive Big 12 titles.

"Bake's a personality guy, and we love



Mayfield

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QB Mayfield top Big 12 offensive player for 2nd time

The Associated Press

Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield is the unanimous pick as The Associated Press Big 12 offensive player of the year for the second time in three seasons, and the Heisman Trophy finalist is also the first quarterback to be a first-team pick in the league three straight years.

The playoff-bound Sooners have six first-team picks on the AP all-league team announced Friday, a week after they won their 11th Big 12 title overall — and third in a row. That includes linebacker/defensive end Ogbornia Okoronkwo as the league's top defensive player.

Mayfield, the AP player of the year, was also the league's top offensive player in 2015, when the Sooners went to the College Football Playoff in his first season as their starter. Big-play Oklahoma receiver Dede Westbrook, who caught passes from Mayfield, took the honor last year when both were Heisman finalists.

Okoronkwo was among five different players who got votes for the defensive of the year award. Texas linebacker Malik Jefferson, Iowa State linebacker Joel Lanning, TCU

end and league sacks leader Mat Boesen, and Longhorns safety and Big 12 interceptions leader DeShon Elliott were all first-team picks and also got top player votes.

Iowa State's Matt Campbell was named the top Big 12 coach in his second season with the Cyclones (7-5), whose first winning season since 2009 includes upset victories over Oklahoma and TCU, both in the top five when those games were played.

Campbell got 14 of 19 votes for coach of the year. Oklahoma's Lincoln Riley got the remaining five votes in his first season succeeding five-time Big 12 top coach Bob Stoops.

West Virginia junior quarterback Will Grier, a former Florida transfer, was named the league's top newcomer.

The 2017 AP All-Big 12 team, as selected by a panel of 19 sports writers and sportscasters who regularly cover the league, with players listed alphabetically with name, school, height, weight, class and hometown. ("u" denotes unanimous selections).

FIRST TEAM
QB — Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma, 6-1, 205 lb., Austin, Texas
RB — Dede Westbrook, Oklahoma, 5-10, 185 lb., Tulsa, Oklahoma

WR — David Montgomery, Iowa St., 5-11, 215 lb., Cincinnati
TE — J. J. Allen, Oklahoma, 6-6, 245 lb., Dallas, Georgia
OL — Dalton Kincaid, Kansas St., 6-6, 300 lb., Wiggins, Colorado
C — Ben Powers, Oklahoma, 6-4, 310 lb., Wichita, Kansas
LB — Marcus Rogers, Oklahoma St., 6-5, 300 lb., Fort Allen, Louisiana
CB — Eric Allen, Oklahoma, 6-1, 300 lb., Houston, Texas
DE — Mark Anderson, Oklahoma, 6-6, 254 lb., Scottsdale, Arizona
DT — James Washington, Oklahoma St., 6-6, 295 lb., Stamford, Texas
WR — David Sills II, West Virginia, 6-4, 203 lb., Huntington, West Virginia
QB — Matt Campbell, Iowa State, 5-10, 185 lb., St. Simons, Texas
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Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Oklahoma offensive lineman Dru Samia (75) watches as quarterback Baker Mayfield, front, is chased out of the pocket by TCU defensive tackle Ross Blacklock, right, in the second half of the Big 12 Conference championship NCAA college football game, Saturday, Dec. 2, in Arlington, Texas.

Big 12

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 Offensive Kansas
 WR, Allen Lazard, Iowa St., 6-5, 222, Sr.
 Offensive Iowa
 WR, Jake Cozart, Texas Tech, 5-11, 180, Jr.
 Larkin, Texas
 All-Purpose, D.J. Reed, Kansas St., 5-9,
 180, Jr.
 K, Austin Deibert, Oklahoma, 5-9, 210, Jr.
 Defensive, Illinois
 DE, Deondre Armstrong Jr., Kansas, 6-4, 248,
 Jr. Houston
 DE, Jordan Bradford, Oklahoma State, 6-3,
 250, Sr., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 DT, DeQuinton Osborn, Oklahoma St., 6-0,
 300, Sr., Grand Prairie, Texas
 DT, David Wines, Kansas, 6-3, 290, Jr.
 Lewisville, Texas
 LB, Trevin Howard, TCU, 6-1, 213, Sr.
 Longview, Texas
 LB, Joe Dineen, Jr., Kansas, 6-2, 230, Jr.
 Lawrence, Kansas
 LB, Dakota Allen, Texas Tech, 6-1, 235, Jr.
 Humble, Texas
 CB, Kris Boyd, Texas, 6-0, 200, Jr., Garner,
 Texas
 CB, Brian Peavy, Iowa St., 5-9, 190, Jr.
 Houston
 S, Ty Flowers, Oklahoma St., 6-3, 200, Sr.
 Commerce, Texas
 S, Nick Ort, TCU, 5-10, 187, Sr., Dallas
 Texas
 P, Nick Walsh, Kansas St., 5-11, 207, Sr.
 Lyndon, Kansas

Coach of the year — Matt Campbell, Iowa
 State
 Offensive player of the year — Baker Mayfield,
 QB, Sr., Oklahoma
 Defensive player of the year — Ogbonnia
 Odeinwale, DE/LB, Sr., Oklahoma
 Newcomer of the year — Will Gray, CB, Jr.,
 West Virginia

AP All-Big 12 Voting Panel:
 Ryan Aze, The Oklahoman; Tommy Borch,
 One Minute Reporter; Tim Burt, Austin American-
 Statesman; Chuck Carlton, Dallas Morning
 News; Paul Castine, ESPN Central Texas; Mark
 Cooper, Tulsa World; Bill Houston, Tulsa World;
 Suzanne Haffner, Austin American-Statesman;
 Kevin Haskin, Topeka Capital-Journal; Tim
 Heegun, Lawrence Journal-World; Blair Kerkhoff,
 Kansas City Star; Sean Manning, The Dominion-
 Post; Carlos Mendez, Fort Worth Star-Telegram;
 Tyler Pennington, Norman Transcript; Randy Peterson,
 One Minute Reporter; Katie Robinson, Wichita
 Eagle; Mitch Vogel, Charleston Gazette-News;
 John Warner, Waco Tribune-Herald; Don Williams,
 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

If Jimbo doesn't win a national title, it will say more about the Aggies than Jimbo

COMMENTARY

Mac Engel

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

COLLEGE STATION The only disappointing part of Jimbo Fisher's introductory press conference Monday was that there was not an announcement that half of his salary will go toward a recruiting slush fund, specifically for quarterbacks.

When you spend \$75 million, guaranteed, over 10 years for one employee, you have taken the "By Any Means Necessary" ramp.

Jimbo, have fun, and be sure to find your version of Johnny Manziel, Jameis Winston.

Just know all of your money comes from boosters, who are going to want to chat after practice. Or a win. Or a loss. During dinner. During bedtime. During your vacation. But they may also be willing to help with a five-star recruit too.

However dysfunctional and delusional Florida State is, Texas A&M is worse. A&M is the national championship football program without a national championship but plenty of banners.

"The people here are incredible," Fisher said Monday at his introductory press conference inside the Hall of Champions at Kyle Field. "I don't know if I've met a nicer group of people."

All true. And it will remain that way, provided you don't lose. And do what they say. And don't lose.

Jimbo, it's your job to put up a real banner at Kyle Field or this is a waste of time and money. Now it's the job of all of those "nice people" to get out of your way, which history says they won't.

Jimbo to College Station is the boldest most admirable power play by a Power 5 school since Alabama money-whipped Nick Saban away from the Miami Dolphins. If Jimbo does not win an SEC title and a national title, it will say more about the Aggies than it will the head coach.

"I don't know if I have to but that's my goal," Fisher said when I asked if he has to win a title to validate this type of move. "That's what we are about. That's our goal every year, and it always will be."

Hiring Jimbo is a program-defining decision, and if it doesn't work the Aggies should just dig up Bear Bryant.

Jimbo is it. If this doesn't work, shut down the program.

"It's a good day to look at Texas A&M's past," A&M 12th Man Productions director Will Johnson said to start the morning's events.

Let's not. The past here isn't good enough. If the past was good enough, the collection of rich, fat-cat boosters would not have been required to suffocate a coach in an embarrassing amount of money.

Jimbo is now the highest-paid public employee in the state of Texas. This coaching transition will cost nearly \$100 million.

Jimbo can lose every game and his money is guaranteed. This is the norm, and do not blame him.

Blame the children who created and enable this flesh-eating business model.

However insane and stupid the money is — and it is — Aggies Athletic Director Scott Woodward deserves credit for luring a national-title winning coach away from a blue blood power in a talent-rich state.

When Woodward was at Washington, he was the one guy who could convince Chris Petersen to finally leave Boise State.

"It's difficult to get a quality coach to leave a quality place," Woodward said to a handful of reporters after the press conference. "It takes so much."

Apparently \$75 million, and a coach who was clearly tired of Tallahassee.

"I never had any intention of leaving Florida State," Fisher said. "As I researched Texas A&M, the vision, and the people it had here, it was a no-brainer, in a crazy way."

Saying no to \$75 million would be no-brainer crazy.

Jimbo is no dummy and he knows he just traded a bucket of problems for keg of challenges. A&M's greatest strength is the solidarity it breeds, which, when it comes to football, can look like cannibalism.

He also knows that Texas A&M has access to every single toy and advantage available to win. He would not have come to College Station if he did not think he could compete with LSU, Alabama and Auburn. Since joining the SEC, the Aggies have been successful in every single sport but football.

Since 1995, the football team has one top 10 finish; 15 times this century it has not been ranked in the final Top 25 poll.

The last time it won a national title was 1939.

The program struts like the Alabama Patriots, spends money like a Trump and delivers disappointment like a Dallas Cowboy.

Since joining the SEC, A&M has done every single thing to be competitive on the highest levels of football, and, save for the Johnny Years, the results remain a diet of Dulcolax Stool Softener Bowl titles.

Jimbo is in College Station to turn a program that says it's a national title winner into one that actually wins one.

"It's not about the outcome, it's about the process," Jimbo said, reciting a quote used often from Saban to Jason Garrett.

Coach, let me help you out — no one cares about the process. They want the outcome.

Dennis Franchione, Mike Sherman and Kevin Sumlin all had a great "process" but blah outcomes.

The facilities are here. The players are (we think) here. The support is here. Now a national-title winning head coach is too.

The Aggies have no reason not to hang a real national title banner now.

If this move flops, either dig up Bear Bryant or shut it down.

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Did Jimbo Fisher just step into a cold war between Texas high school football coaches?

By Ben Baby

The Dallas Morning News

Never has a cookie cake caused this much controversy.

The dessert with "Welcome to Texas Coach Fisher" emblazoned in icing awaited new A&M coach Jimbo Fisher, who received the cake when he visited the home of Ro Simon Jr.

Simon Jr. coaches Fast Houston 7-on-7, an Adidas-backed select team that features A&M recruits and other top prospects.

A photo of Fisher's meeting on the first recruiting trip as the Aggies' coach circulated on Twitter. And apparently it didn't sit well with some Texas high school football coaches.

Select 7-on-7 has been a hot topic, especially as it's picked up in recent years. Fisher, whether he knew it or not, stepped into a cold war that had less to do with A&M and more to do with the friction between public school coaches and private trainers in recent years. "It was just a matter of not really knowing

the climate and how we've been working hard to keep that element out of Texas," said D.W. Rutledge, the executive director of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Public school coaches in the state have pushed back against outside entities that could affect a team's players or their recruiting process. The widened use of 7-on-7 in public schools has been debated in recent years as the select model of the sport has skyrocketed.

Fisher, who was introduced as A&M's coach Monday, was making his first rounds of the state on Tuesday. Before he met with Simon, Fisher met with THSCA president and Katy coach Gary Joseph, whose team is in the hunt for its ninth state championship.

Some could look at Fisher's visits Tuesday as meetings with the state's recruiting power brokers, including two sides that haven't seen eye-to-eye.

"From a perception standpoint, [it] didn't look good," said South Grand Prairie coach Brent Whitson, who

also said Fisher likely meant no disrespect with the photo.

It's unclear if the comments got back to the new A&M coach. But on Wednesday morning, Fisher went out of his way to praise the THSCA during a national TV interview with ESPN.

"The high school coaches association down here is unbelievable, and what they do and how they prepare their players," Fisher said. "It is unbelievably competitive world down here, there's no doubt."

Fisher isn't the first coach to meet with Fast Houston, whose team includes A&M recruit Jordan Moore and Leon O'Neal, a Cypress Springs defensive back who recently decommitted from the Aggies.

Simon and 4-star receiver Jaylen Waddle met with Texas coach Tom Herman during the summer. In November, Simon visited TCU and also took some of his players to Oklahoma for a game.

It also isn't the first time an A&M coach has had to deal with a delicate situation. A&M coach Kevin

Sumlin met with Joseph and discussed recruiting as the Aggies signed three players out of IMG Academy in February. The THSCA has strongly discouraged teams from playing IMG because of its recruitment of the state's best prospects.

Joseph said he and Sumlin both understood where each side was coming from. The Katy coach was looking to protect the interests of his peers in the state, while Sumlin needed to recruit the best players in order to maintain his job security.

Fisher, who is in his first week on the job, is quickly realizing that the recruiting climate in Texas is far different than it is in the Sunshine State, where Fisher spent the last eight seasons as Florida State's coach.

"I can see why some of the people are getting upset," Joseph said. "But before they pass the judgment, they need to see where he's coming from in this, too."

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youngest winner ever at 19 years and 338 days.

"I'd say it was surreal," Jackson said of the week or so that followed his victory.

He felt like a kid being thrown head first into an adult world he was not quite ready to handle.

"But I still got to go back to college," Jackson said. "It was crazy."

Jackson said he really didn't have much in the way of advice for Mayfield. "I don't know. Just try not to cry." Last year, Jackson wrote down some notes to use

for a speech, but that went out the window as soon as he got on stage.

Jackson said he loves being back in New York. He gets a kick out of the traffic, the skyscrapers and the crowded streets.

"It's an adventure here," he said.

As a winner, Jackson gets a Heisman vote. All he would say is that he voted for all the finalists.

Conventional wisdom is that Jackson will declare for the NFL draft after this season, but he said that decision will come after Louisville's bowl game against Mississippi State on Dec. 30.

MAYFIELD

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him and we rally behind him," Oklahoma left tackle Orlando Brown said.

"What he does — we understand, people make mistakes. We understand that it's wrong. But we rally behind him. We're going to support each other no matter what."

That's because they see what many don't. Beyond the outbursts is a man who has painstakingly transformed himself from undisciplined gunslinger as a walk-on at Texas Tech to perhaps the most efficient quarterback in college football history.

He's on track to break the single-season efficiency record he set last season.

"He's going to work hard," Riley said. "He knows what he wants to accomplish. He knows where he wants to go."

He doesn't let much stand in his

way. He's still a work in progress — we've all admitted it, and all seen it. He's progressing in the right way.

Heisman-defining moment: Mayfield passed for 386 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-16 win at Ohio State in September.

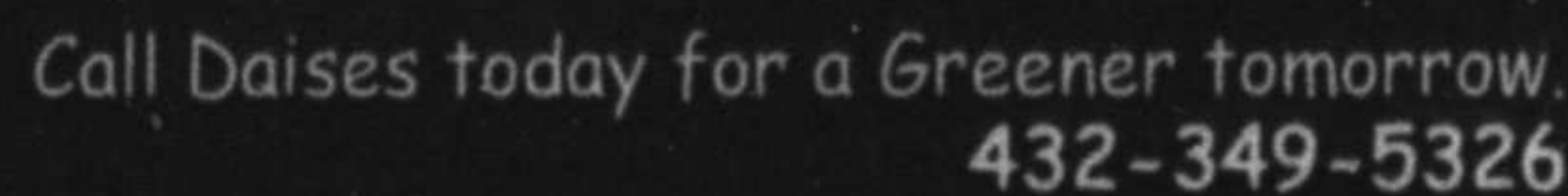
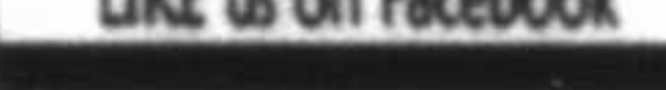
He out-duelled J.T. Barrett to move to the head of the pack.

Best game: He set the Oklahoma school record with 598 yards passing in a 62-52 win at Oklahoma State.

He also threw five touchdown passes to win a shootout with Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph, another strong contender at the time.

Worst game: Only because the Sooners lost, it would have to be the 38-31 loss to Iowa State.

Even then, he passed for 306 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 57 yards and another score.

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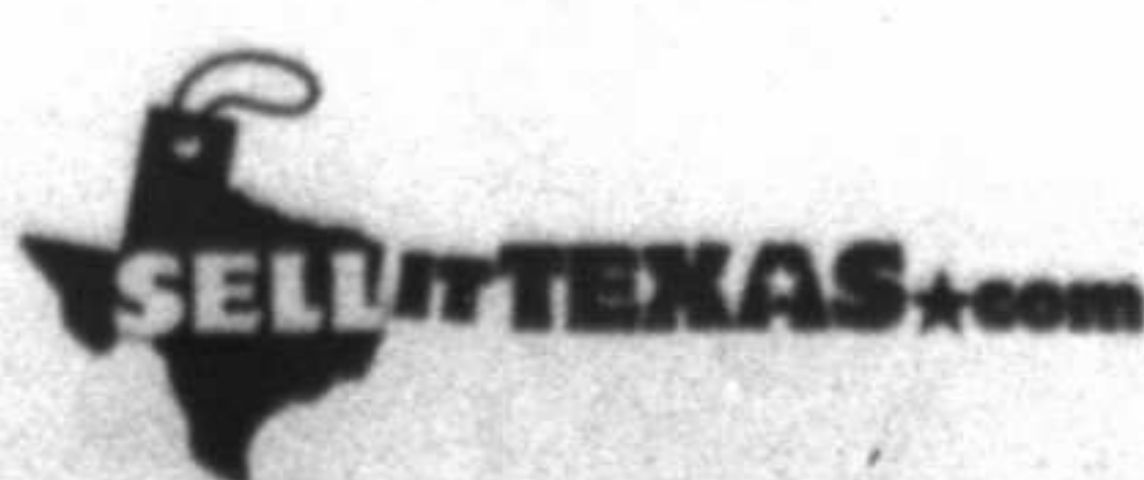
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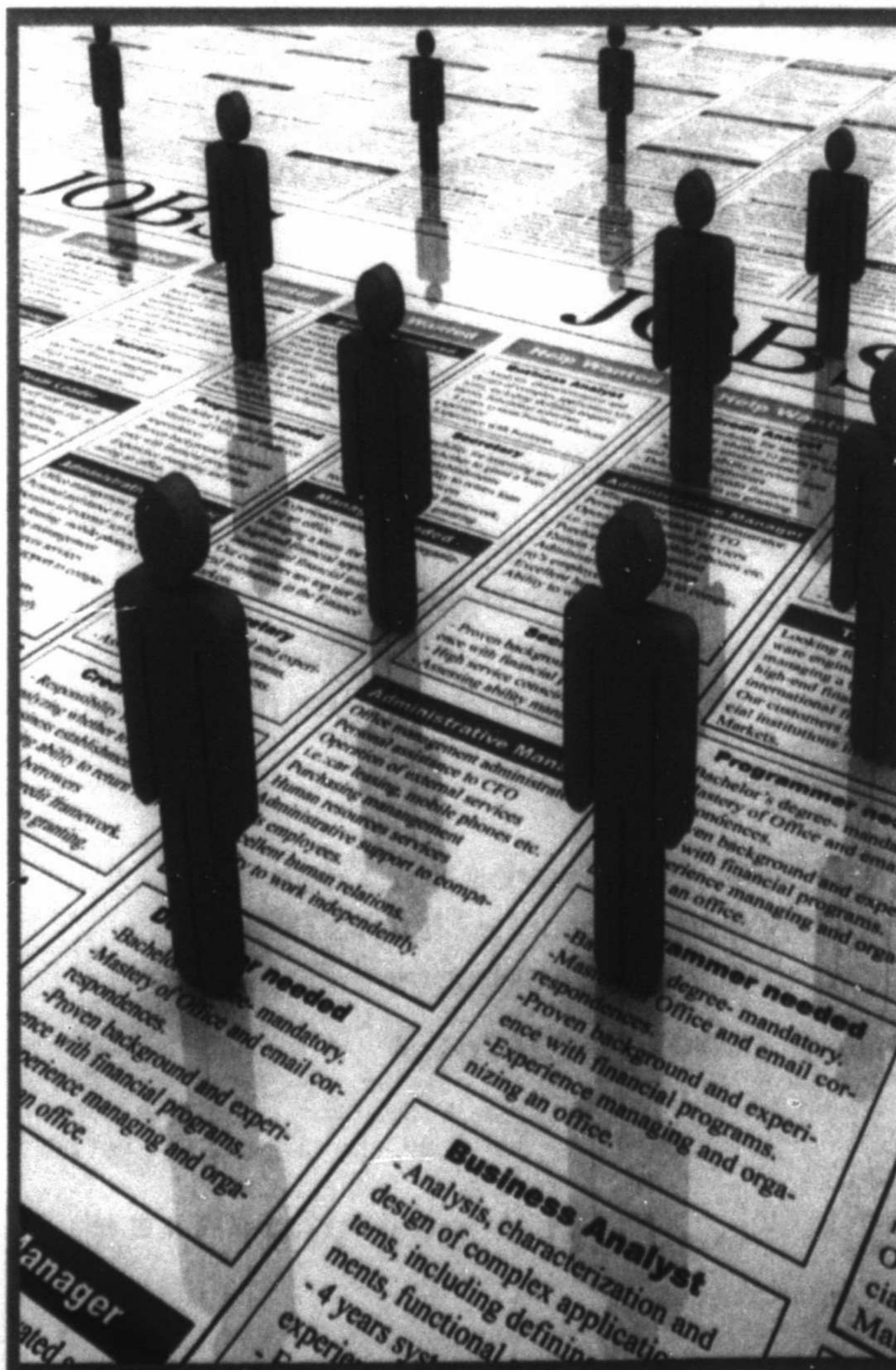
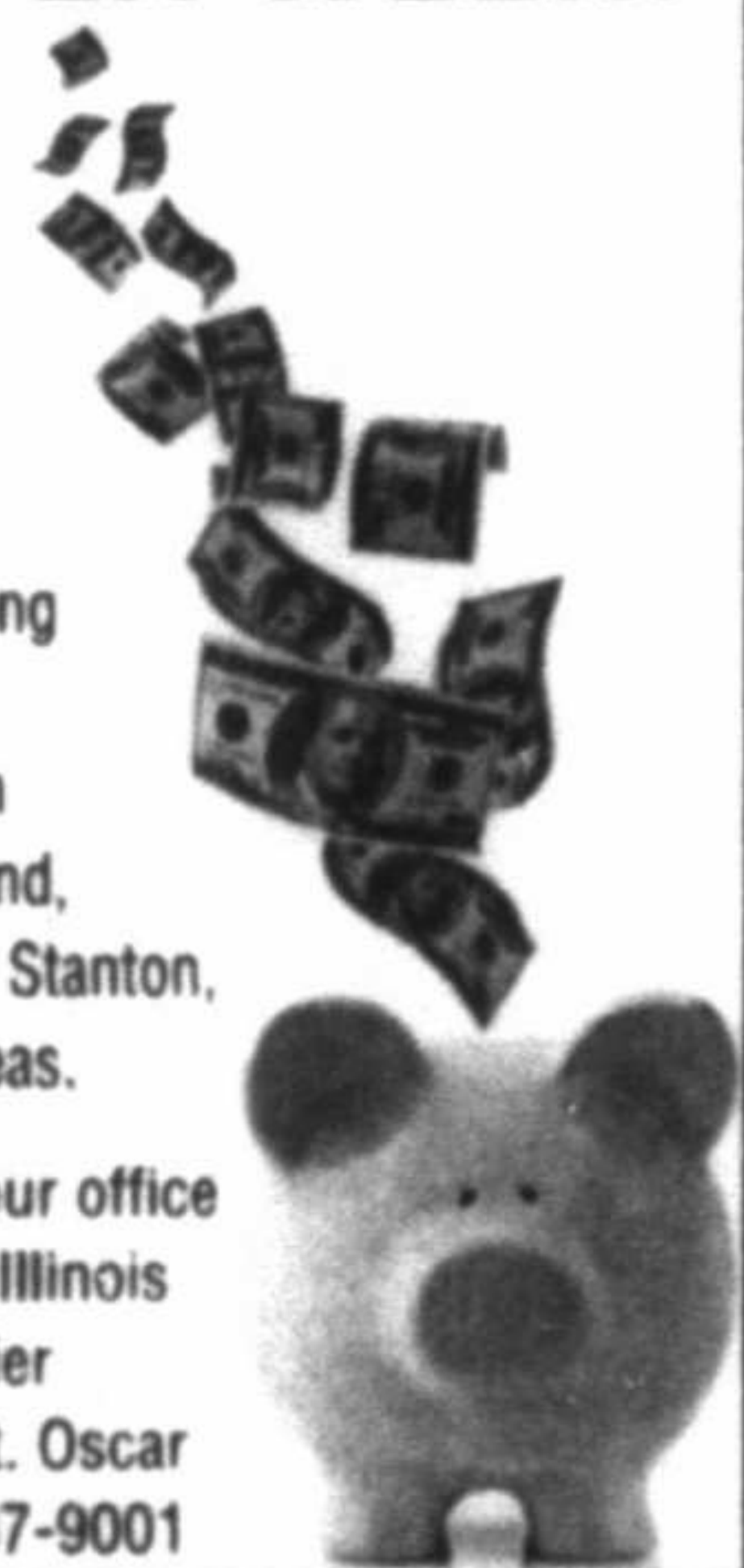
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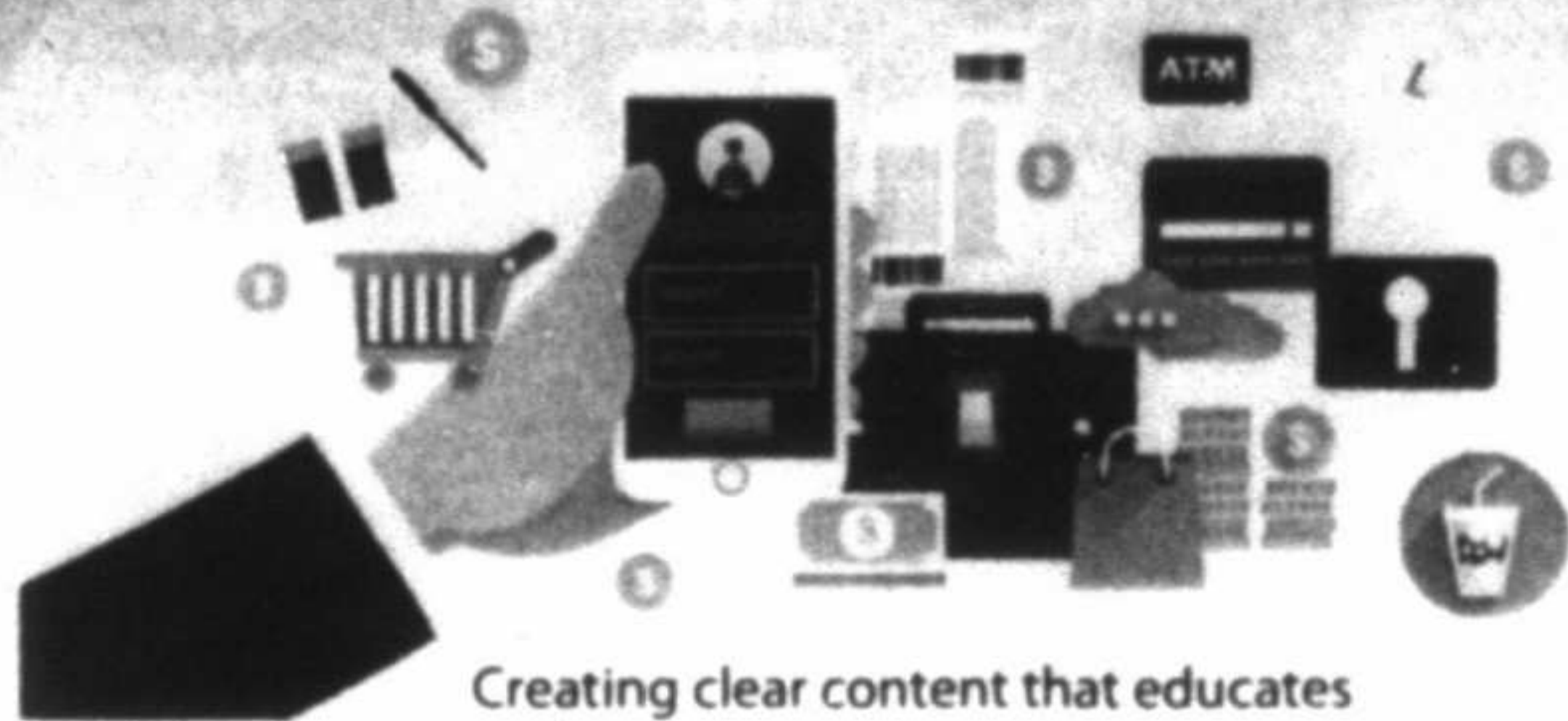
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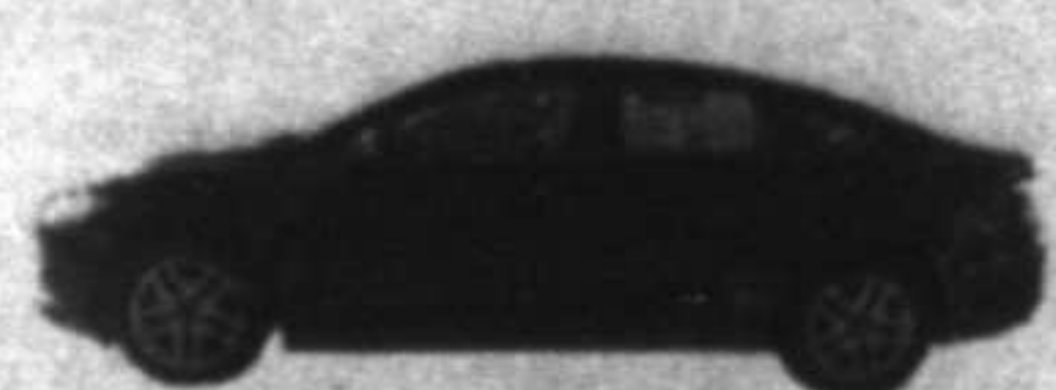
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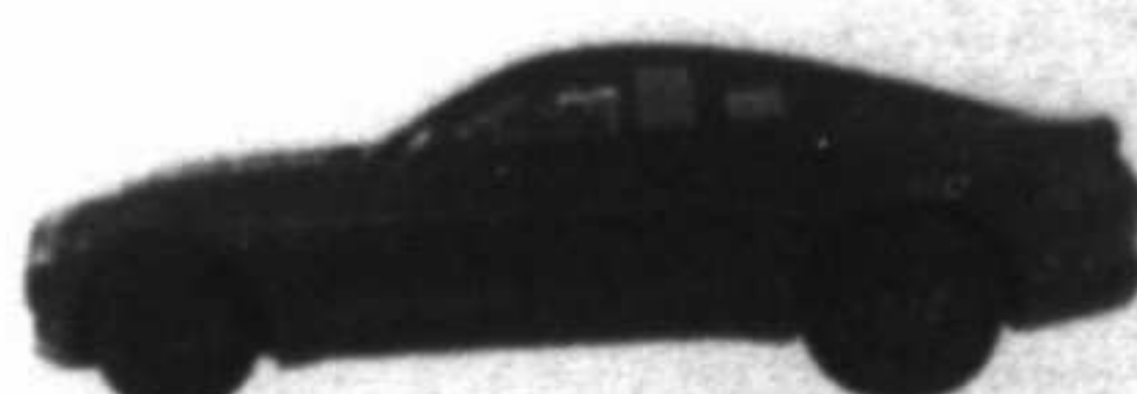
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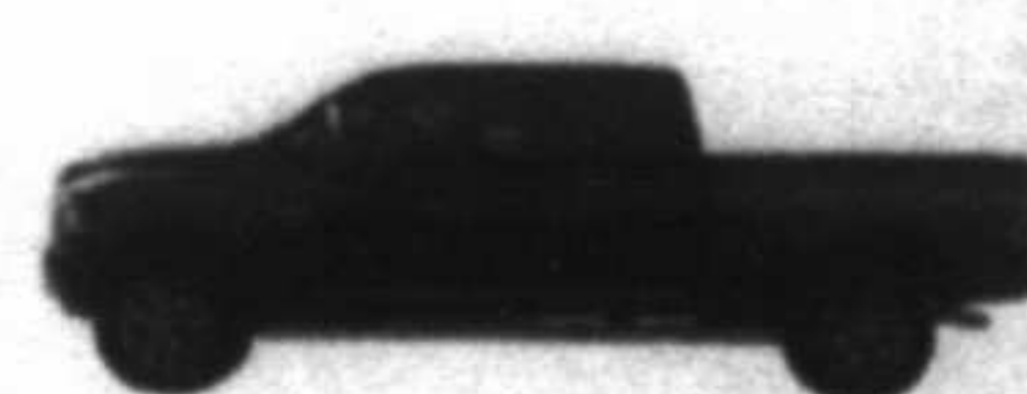
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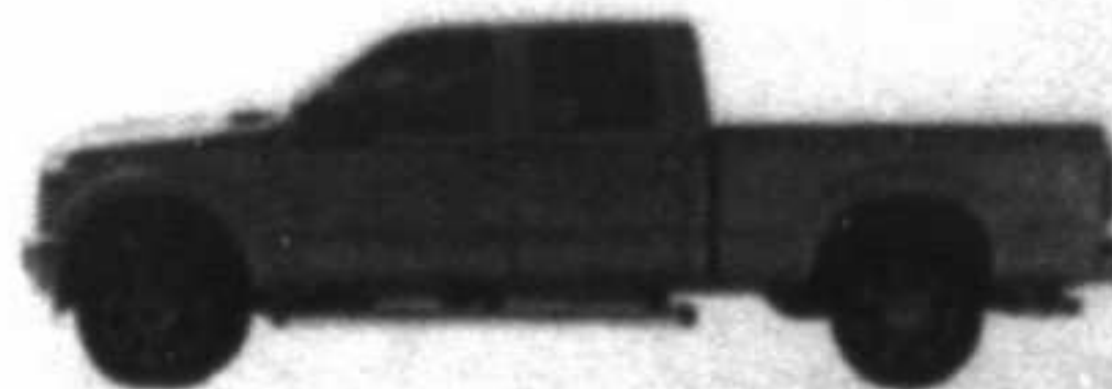
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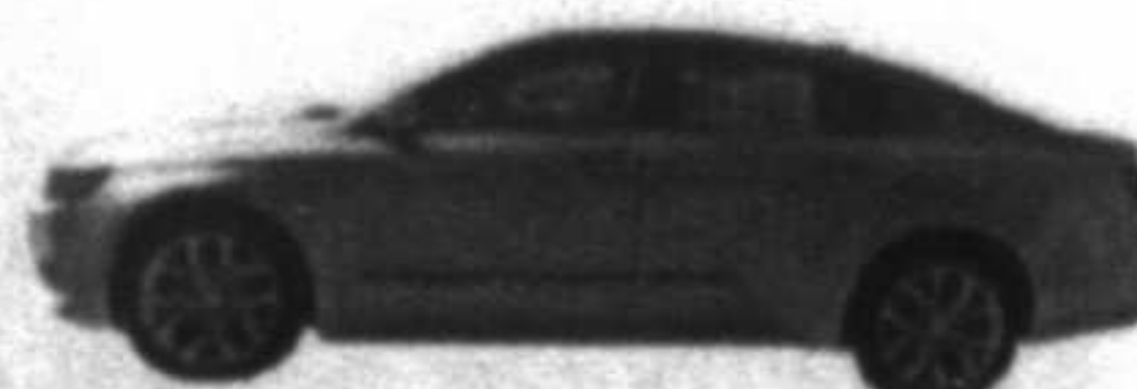
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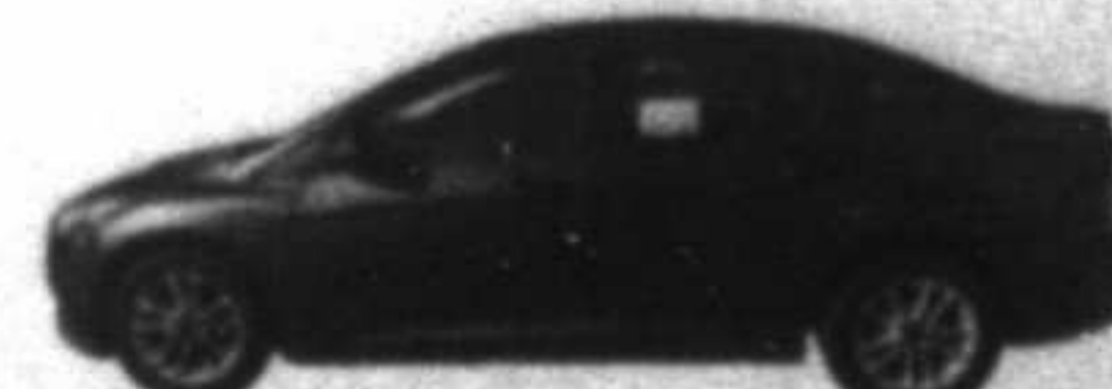
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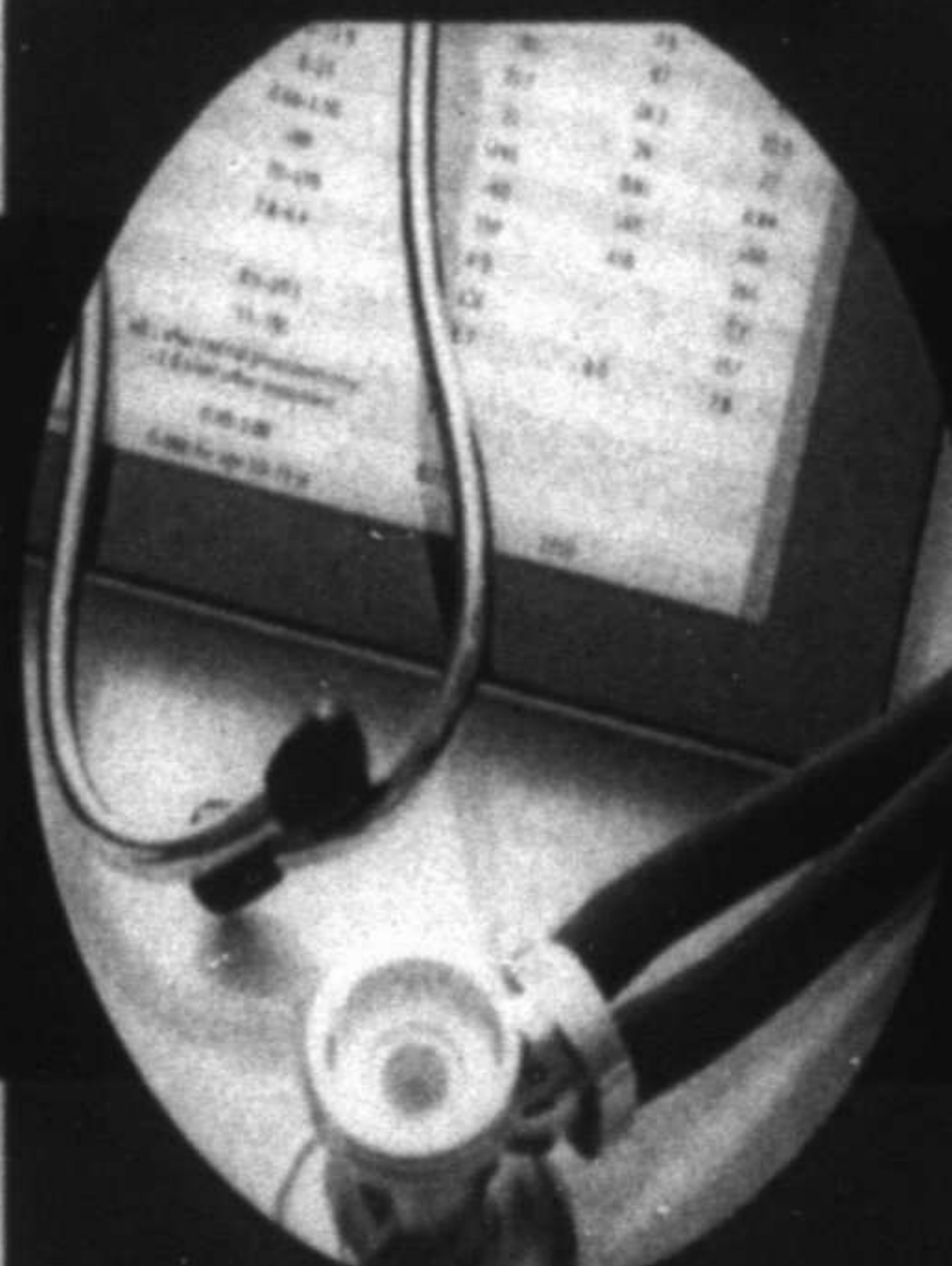
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