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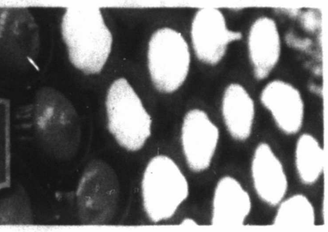

Oil, gas add jobs for first time in more than 2 years

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

Jobs in Texas' oil and gas industry rose at the end of 2016 for the first time in more than two years, another sign that the long-awaited recovery in the state's energy sector is gaining traction.

Texas added an estimated 3,000 oil and gas jobs in November and December, after shedding more than 100,000 during the industry downturn that began in mid-2014, said Karr Ingham, an economist who studies the state's oil and gas sector.

"For the first time in three years," Ingham said, "there's optimism."

The job gains are that latest indicator that the oil and gas industry is rebounding after an extended downturn. Oil prices have doubled since hitting a low of $26 a barrel last February, settling in New York Wednesday at $52.75. Drillers have returned nearly 140 rigs to operation in Texas oil and gas fields since May, when the rig count hit bottom. Companies are flocking to the productive and lucrative Permian Basin in West Texas, spending billions to acquire land and drilling rights.

But Ingham, who released his analysis for the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers on Wednesday, cautioned that the industry shouldn't expect to see a boom anytime soon. Despite recent gains, both the rig count and drilling permits are down about two-thirds from their peak in 2014, when prices were above $100 a barrel. The state, for example, issued more than 3,000 drilling permits in both September and October 2014; in December, the state issued just over 1,000.

Oil production is still down from a year ago. And it could take years for the state to recover the jobs lost in the bust.

"Essentially, all we've done is stop bleeding at this point," Ingham said, "but at least we aren't continuing to bleed."

The outlook for the energy industry has improved since the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other major producers, such as Russia, agreed to cut crude oil production by about 1.8 million barrels a day, pushing prices above $50 a barrel and restarting drilling activity.

Ingham said he expects conditions to improve this year, but only modestly. He expects prices to hover between $50 and $60, which will keep many oil companies struggling.

"Oil and gas services have really taken a beating, and everyone needs $60 per barrel of oil to make a difference," said Ingham, who doesn't expect prices to reach that level this year.

Although oil continues to make a sluggish recovery, natural gas prices are on the rise, possibly indicating a shift in the focus of Texas' production, Ingham added. Following a year of the lowest natural gas prices in nearly 20 years, natural gas prices are expected to rise in 2017 to their highest level in three years.

Diffraction action



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ABOVE: Children use diffraction-grating lenses to see the individual colors that make up neon lights during a special "Space Wars" edition of Family Science Night on Thursday at the Petroleum Museum. Image was captured with a diffraction-grating filter in front of the camera lens. **RIGHT:** Darth Vader and stormtroopers posed for photos with community members.

MISD trustees want clarity about community help

■ Board grills firms about extent of "outsider" participation during upcoming superintendent search

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD board members were not going to leave the Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium on Monday night without finding out about how much community involvement is too much when it comes to picking a superintendent.

Repeatedly, MISD board members grilled search firms' officials about having members of the community participate in interviews with superintendent candidates. Typically, those questions were answered in two parts. The first was that a search firm would do whatever the board wanted it to do. The second part was that the firms — three of the four — discouraged the practice.

At least two of them were very candid that bringing in people outside the school board would scare away potential candidates for fear that word would leak out that they were interviewing for the job in Midland.

Texas law states that a school district has to reveal only the lone finalist for superintendent. The district does not have to reveal potential candidates, those who are brought in for interviews, semifinalists or those brought for site visits.

There has not been any communication with the Reporter-Telegram that the board was considering allowing any people — sometimes called "outsiders" during the discussions Monday — to participate in final interviews or beyond the community input process.

However, in some cases as much time was spent talking to firms about this part of the process as was spent talking about a firm's credentials or the firm's involvement with picking superintendents for districts in the midst of reform efforts.

In some cases, board members would follow up until they got that clear-cut answer.

"One of our goals in the process is to involve the community to the greatest extent possible, and we wanted to take advantage of the four superintendent search firms' expertise and experience," Board President Rick Davis said. "We got their input tonight, we will take that into account, and we will decide how to move forward and develop our own community input process."

All firms provided information about collecting community input, usually as part of building a superintendent profile.

Officials from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, the firm MISD leaders ultimately selected, told the board they will spend

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Trump makes right decision about pipelines

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

President Donald Trump is right to move ahead with expanding the nation's pipeline system, including Keystone XL.

■ COMMENTARY

Environmentalists are wrong to battle pipelines as a proxy war against fossil fuels.

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For years now, I've argued for the Keystone XL pipeline — and other new pipelines — because they are the safest way to transport crude oil across the country.

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Many of these trains have more than 100 rail cars full of crude. Sometimes, they even explode and kill people.

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So why on earth would a true environmentalist try to stop both new pipelines, or replacing old ones?

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Gasoline	$2.144	▼ $0.003

The big number
New Mexico Democrats back bills to raise minimum wage from $7.50/hr.
One bill would raise it to $10.10/hr. Learn more on Page 3A.

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[an-tee-pahy-ret-ik]
adjective
1. checking or preventing fever.
noun
2. an antipyretic agent.

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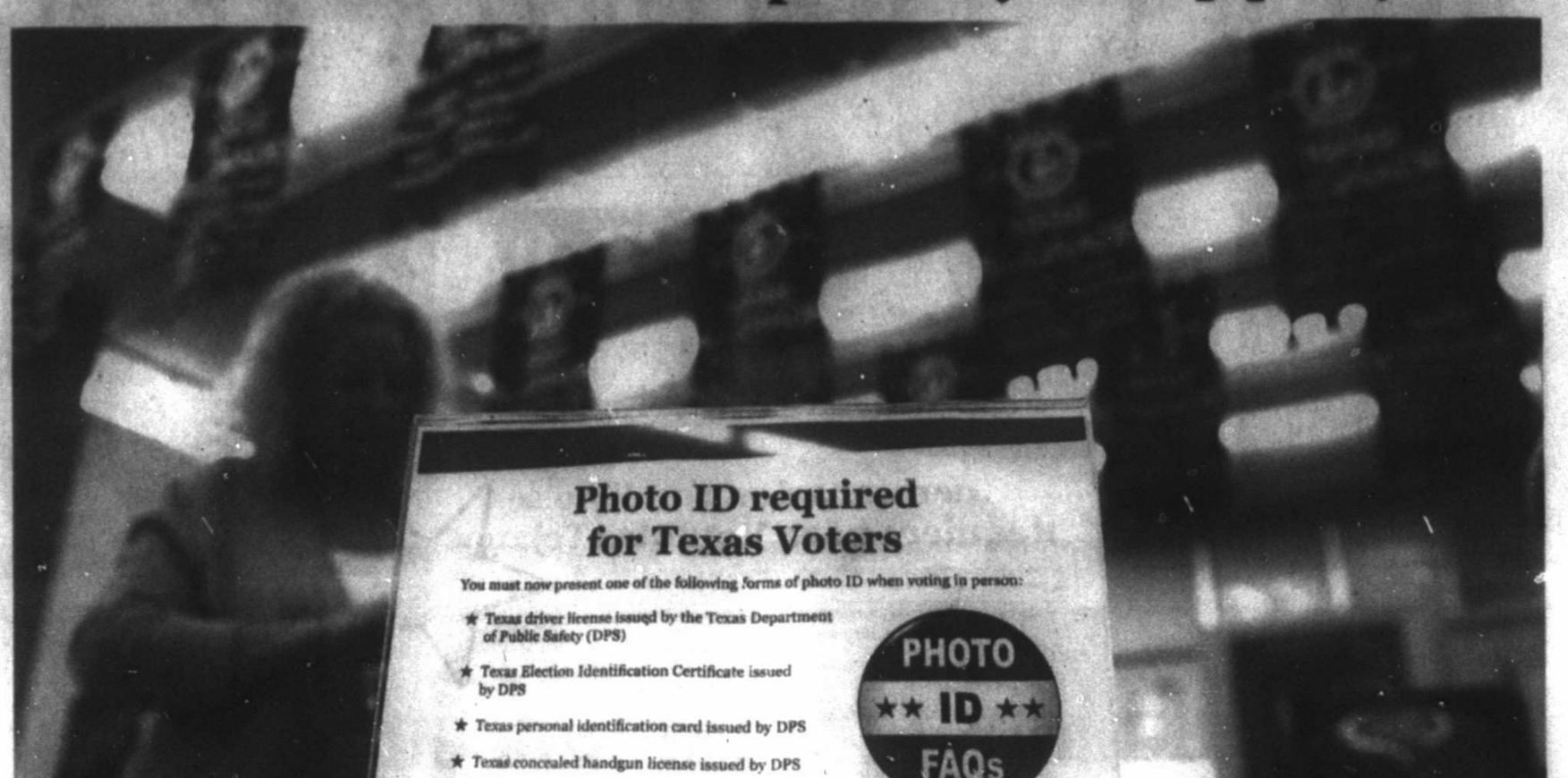
Voter ID lawsuits live on despite likely Trump policy shift



AP file photo

A sign tells voters of voter ID requirements before participating in the primary election at Sherrod Elementary school March 1, 2016, in Arlington. Attorneys challenging tough voter ID laws in Texas and North Carolina say they'll keep pressing their lawsuits without the support of President Donald Trump's Justice Department if necessary. Trump announced Wednesday that he is ordering a "major investigation" into voter fraud, which tough laws requiring photo identification at the ballot box are designed to prevent.

By David Saleh Rauf
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Federal lawsuits challenging voter ID requirements in Texas and North Carolina won't just disappear, even if Justice Department lawyers who once argued against the laws effectively switch sides to advocate for them under President Donald Trump's administration, civil rights lawyers say.

What Trump's Justice Department will do isn't yet known, but Trump's comments on the campaign trail and since taking office suggest the agency will re-examine its strategy and may support the two states' toughest-in-the-nation requirements that voters show picture identification at the polls. President Barack Obama's Justice Department launched high-profile legal challenges against those laws, arguing that the requirements were unnecessary and unconstitutional.

"The time and resources the federal government has spent on this case have truly been substantial," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which is representing plaintiffs in the Texas voter ID case. "But if the federal government reverses course, we are fully prepared to move forward."

A court forced Texas to water down its law for the November election, but the case is continuing in U.S. District Court in Corpus Christi. North Carolina's 2013 voter ID law was struck down in July, but the state has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the appeals court's decision.

"There is a great concern over what DOJ is going to do and if they are going to retreat in these cases," said Gerry Hebert, a former Justice Department lawyer who represents plaintiffs in the Texas voter ID case. "I suspect a great deal of shenanigans from a Trump Justice Department, but we will bear the burden on our own if we have to."

Supporters say the laws prevent voter fraud by making sure people who aren't eligible to vote, including people living in the country illegally, don't cast a ballot. Opponents say there is no evidence of massive voter fraud and that such laws disproportionally affect minorities and the poor who may face challenges obtaining a government-issued photo ID.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that he plans to open an investigation into voter fraud that would focus on dead people who remained on the voter rolls, people registered in two or more states and "those who are illegal."

Depending on its results, Trump tweeted, "We will strengthen up voting procedures!" That could mean efforts to expand strict voter ID requirements. On the campaign trail, Trump had praised laws requiring ballot box photo identification.

Another signal that the new administration could abandon the voter ID cases came late last week. Just hours after Trump was sworn in as president, the Justice Department asked for a hearing this week in Texas to be delayed until next month.

Department attorneys said in court filings that they needed more time to brief new leadership, but lawyers in the case say it could be a precursor to a new position from the federal government.

If the Justice Department were to align with Texas and North Carolina and defend their voter ID laws, it would be a setback for the legal challenges but "certainly not fatal," said Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Law.

"Certainly, it is advantageous for these lawyers to have not only the resources of the federal government, but the opinion of the federal government on their side," he said.

Kyle Duncan, a lawyer representing North Carolina, said the state is hopeful that the Justice Department will change its position. The Obama administration's Justice Department filed its last brief in the case opposing North Carolina's motion one day before Trump took office.

"I think the Justice Department would be on solid ground if they changed their position," said Duncan. "My hope is they will do exactly that."

Irving Joyner, an attorney for the North Carolina NAACP, said lawyers already are anticipating a cold shoulder from the Trump administration.

"We don't have any faith that the new Justice Department is going to be a friend," said Joyner. "We are fully prepared to go forward on our own anyway."

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Ex-Baylor officer sues school claiming retaliatory firing

A former financial aid officer at Baylor is suing the university claiming it fired her in retaliation after she sought to reinstate a football player's scholarship.

Lyn Kinyon filed the federal lawsuit Wednesday in Waco, arguing Baylor violated federal Title IX protections when she was fired last year.

The lawsuit says the unnamed football player filed an appeal after Baylor revoked his scholarship under the claim he wasn't truthful about his academic standing at a prior school. Kinyon says Baylor had also raised concerns about a sexual assault claim against him.

Kinyon was chairwoman of an appeals committee that determined the claims were unsubstantiated.

Baylor says in a statement that her lawsuit is without merit.

At least three lawsuits have been filed over the school's handling of sex assault allegations.

AUSTIN

Sheriff who Texas governor wants out slams immigrant 'fear'

A Texas sheriff under fire from Republican Gov. Greg Abbott over so-called "sanctuary cities" policies says streets are safer when people can report crimes "without fear of deportation."

Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez on Thursday fired back for the first time since the governor vowed this week to cut off some state funding and change laws to remove her from office.

The conflict started after Hernandez, an elected Democrat, said she would no longer comply with all federal immigration detainers in Austin jails.

She pointedly made the announcement hours after President Donald Trump was sworn into office. Trump this week moved to cut off money to local governments that don't fully cooperate with federal immigration officials.

Hernandez says she won't let "fear and misinformation" dictate her job.

Quake reported near Pecos

From staff reports

The U.S. Geological Society reported that an earthquake took place at 9:46 p.m. Wednesday near the city of Pecos.

The USGS reports a 2.7-magnitude quake about 4 kilometers west/southwest of Pecos. It was the second earthquake in the past 30 days, according to earthquaketrack.com, and the sixth in the past 12 months.

A 2.7-magnitude earthquake falls in the range (2.5 to 5.4 measurement) that "is often felt but only causes minor damage," according to UPSeis. There are around 30,000 such quakes around the world each year.

The strongest earthquake in or around Pecos in the last 12 months took place on Sept. 6. It was measured at 3.6 magnitude.

Quakes in or around Pecos in past 12 months

Jan. 25	2.7 magnitude	June 15	3.3 magnitude
Jan. 13	1.8 magnitude	Feb. 20	3.3 magnitude
Oct. 29	3.0 magnitude		
Sept. 6	3.6 magnitude		

Source:earthquaketrack.com

Earthquake Magnitude Scale

Magnitude	Earthquake Effects	Estimated No. Each Year
2.5 or less	Usually not felt, but can be recorded by seismograph	900,000
2.5 to 5.4	Often felt, but only causes minor damage	30,000
5.5 to 6.0	Slight damage to buildings and other structures	500
6.1 to 6.9	May cause a lot of damage in very populated areas	100
7.0 to 7.9	Major earthquake. Serious damage	20
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■ Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Blue Cats, 5 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave. 21 and older.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., The American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

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

■ Songs of Childhood, Love, and Nostalgia with music by Quinn Patrick Ankrum and Joe Dan Harper, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, $10. Students free with ID.

■ Fusion, 8 p.m., The Roadhouse, 6115 Andrews Highway, Odessa.

■ Ron White, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49-$239. Wagnernoel.com.

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

■ Hill Country Revival, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Third annual Midland on Tap Craft Beer Fest will feature more than 100 brews from American breweries. At High Sky Wing CAF, 9600 Wright Drive. 21 and older only. $20. Americaontap.com

■ Basin Beer Week: Tap Takeover and Pint Night with selections by Real Ale, 9:30 p.m., Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. 21 and older. Live music by Justin Langston. Midlandbeergarden.com.

■ God's Way Online Christian music revue at Identity Youth Rally, 101 Lone Star Road, Odessa. Free. All ages.

■ "Unplugged" by Permian Playhouse's Kaleidoscope Company at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "A Dog's Purpose," "Gold," "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "A Dog's Purpose," "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter."

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest: $1.99 (several locations in northwest and central Midland)

Most expensive: $2.19 (Several locations across the city)

Most common price: $2.19

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.93, Abilene $1.98, Midland $1.99, Odessa $1.99, San Angelo $2.01

	Midland/Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.143	$2.104
Last week	$2.148	$2.136
Last month	$2.112	$2.067
Last year	$1.661	$1.612

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

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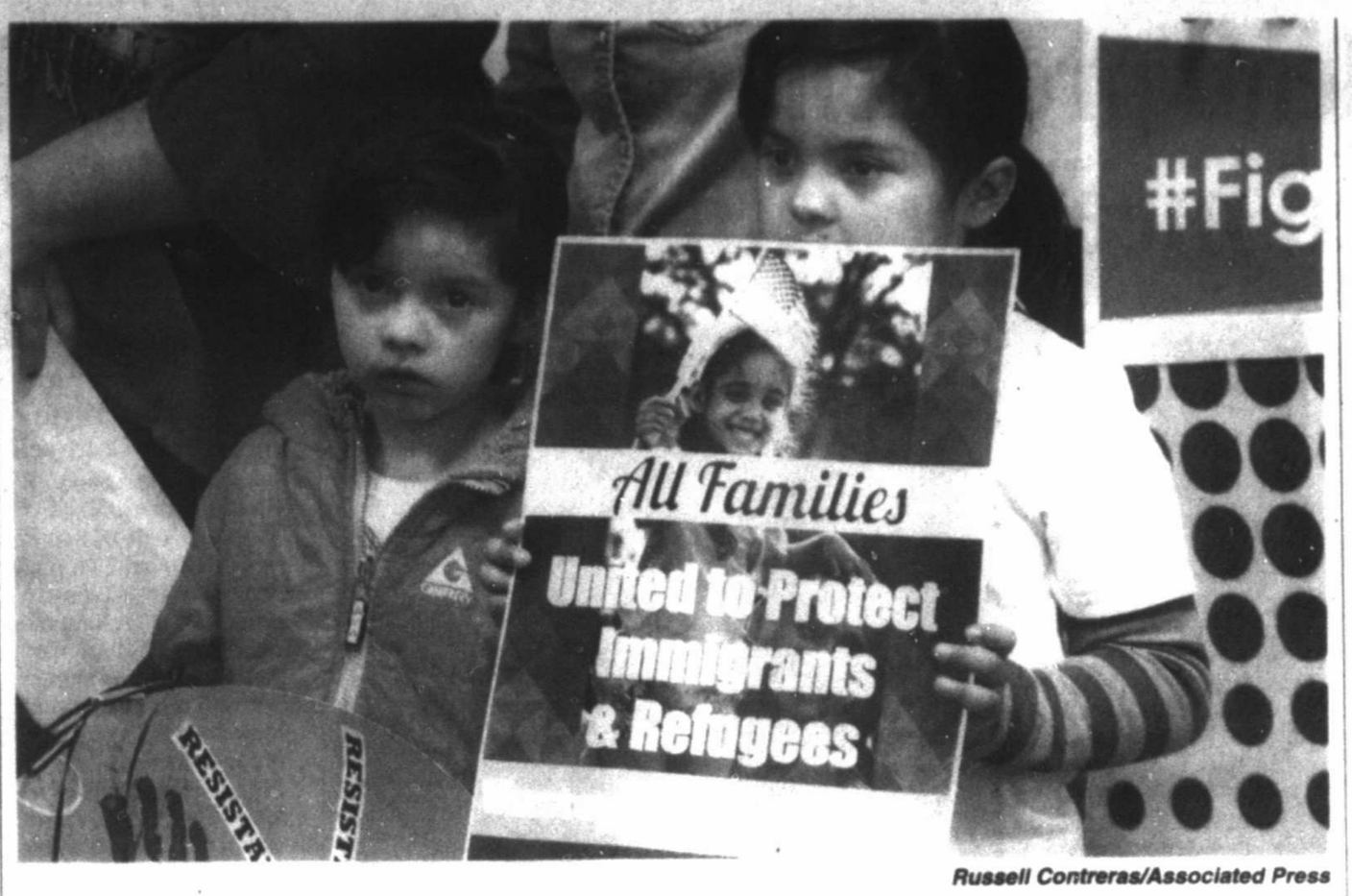


Russell Contreras/Associated Press

Jocelynn Lujan, 6, left, and her sister, Jennifer, 8, attend a news conference Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M., where activists denounced President Donald Trump's executive actions on immigration. Many U.S. Muslim and Latino advocates have been speaking out and preparing lawsuits against executive actions taken by President Donald Trump to build a Mexican border wall and strip funding for immigrant protecting sanctuary cities, as well as anticipated orders to restrict refugees.

Muslims, Latinos unify over Trump's immigration, border plan

By Russell Contreras and Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — U.S. Muslim and Latino advocates have joined forces in opposing changes to immigration rules by President Donald Trump, bolstering their alliance as they mull the prospect of aggressive restrictions.

In joint press conferences and rallies across the country, they are decrying an action Trump signed to jumpstart construction on a southern border wall. Trump is expected to take steps to stop accepting Syrian refugees, suspend the United States' broader refugee program for 120 days and suspend issuing visas for people from seven predominantly Muslim countries in the Middle East and Africa.

As Trump signed the first actions Wednesday afternoon, the hashtags #NoBanNoWall and #RefugeesWelcome trended on Twitter, and thousands signed a pro-refugee petition by Christian evangelical groups. Muslims, immigrants and their supporters rallied in New York City and elsewhere in protest.

Advocates and activists across racial, religious and ethnic lines have linked before but are now mounting a more unified response.

"An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us," said Greisa Martinez, an advocacy director of the United We Dream Network, describing herself as "undocumented, unafraid and here to stay."

"We believe this is the start of Donald Trump's mass deportation agenda," she said.

Trump said Wednesday that his executive actions on immigration show that the U.S. will get back "control of its border." But the flow of immigrants at the Mexican border has declined, and immigrant and refugee advocates call the moves and plans reckless, dangerous and un-American — and say that actions taken against one group affect them all.

The executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Michigan chapter questioned whether the signed actions would create more security in the U.S.

"These executive orders will not make our country safer, rather will produce more xenophobia in our society," Dawud Walid said in a statement.

Michigan has one of the nation's largest Muslim communities and thousands of Middle Eastern refugees have settled there. A draft order indicates Trump plans to suspend issuing visas to citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries for at least 30 days, halt the Syrian refugee program and stop admitting refugees from other countries for 120 days.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops condemned plans for a wall. Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, who was recently appointed by Pope Francis, tweeted: "A fearful nation talks about building walls and is vulnerable to con men. We must challenge the fear before we are led into darkness."

Trump also signed an action that would block federal grants from so-called sanctuary cities, where local police don't enforce federal immigration laws.

Marielena Hincapié, executive director of National Immigration Law Center, said her organization has drafted lawsuits challenging Trump's actions and that law firms have offered "pro bono support."

In New Mexico, which has the nation's highest percentage of Hispanic residents, activists worried the executive actions would hurt all Latinos and Mexican-Americans. The Albuquerque-based immigrant rights group El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos and the Islamic Center of New Mexico held a press conference along the city's historic Camino Real.

"When they go after Latinos, they go after all Latinos," Ralph Arellanes, chairman of the Hispano Round Table of New Mexico, said. "It's not like people are walking on the streets and they have identification that says they've been here four centuries, or three centuries, or two centuries or one century."

Javier Gonzales, mayor of Santa Fe, New Mexico, vowed to fight any effort to make the city hostile to immigrants. Santa Fe recently renewed its commitment as a sanctuary city.

"There is no presidential executive order that will ever change our values of being a welcoming and inclusive city. It's what's made our city thrive for more (than) 400 years," wrote Gonzales, whose ties to the city go back to 17th century Spanish settlers.

A coalition of Muslim, Latino and civil rights leaders also held a press conference in Atlanta to persuade Georgians to denounce Trump's immigration and refugee policies.

Edward Ahmed Mitchell, executive director of the Georgia branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said they're speaking out before some of the actions have even been issued in hopes that "maybe we can make the horrible just bad."

Mexican-American activist DeeDee Garcia Blase said Trump's moves have increased anxiety in Phoenix because of Arizona laws that targeted immigrants. "Everybody is bracing themselves," Blase said. "We are telling undocumented immigrants 'Don't sign anything.'"

Samia Assed, 51, of Albuquerque, participated in the recent Women's March on Washington.

"I don't think there is anything that's going to come out of this as far as countering terrorism," said the third-generation Palestinian-American. "The fear is that it will trickle down to everyday life and every different aspect of Muslim life in America."

New Mexico Democrats seek out jobs in hemp, new minimum wage

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Democrats in the New Mexico Legislature proposed a six-point plan to boost private-sector employment and stimulate economic growth by allowing the cultivation of industrial hemp, raising the state minimum wage and adding local preferences to economic development incentives.

New Mexico's unemployment rate of 6.6 percent is the second highest in the nation, behind Alaska, and the state's overall economic output shrank during the fiscal year ending in June 2016.

The state's Democrat-led Senate and Republican governor are searching for ways to expand and diversify the economy, with little money at their disposal for new initiatives amid a budget crisis linked to downturn in the oil and natural gas sectors. The first nine days of the legislative session were consumed by efforts to fix a current-year budget deficit and increase depleted reserves, with a $216 million solvency plan awaiting a decision by Gov. Susana Martinez.

"The first order of business now is to pass legislation to spur more employment and economic activity in New Mexico," said Democratic Sen. Clemente Sanchez, of Grants, expressing concern that young, educated people are fleeing the state in search of jobs.

Democrats want to funnel a greater share of state incentives toward expanding local New Mexico-based businesses through two programs that offset jobs training costs and infrastructure investments.

Sanchez said Democrats also want to direct $63 million in capital outlay toward projects that increase employment. The allocation for construction projects for the fiscal year starting in July is the smallest in many years. Republican lawmakers have suggested redirecting that money to boost general fund reserves and avoid some spending cuts. Increasing investments in broadband infrastructure also will be a Democratic priority, though Sanchez provided few details on financing.

House and Senate Democrats are backing several bills that would increase the statewide minimum wage from the current rate of $7.50 an hour. Higher minimum wages already are in effect in Santa Fe, Las Cruces and the Albuquerque area. One new bill would boost base pay to least $10.10 an hour by 2020, with further increases indexed to inflation.

Majority House Speaker Brian Egolf declined to provide a detailed estimate for employment growth under the new initiatives, predicting only that they would create "lots" of jobs if approved.

He acknowledged major economic uncertainties tied to shifting federal priorities set by President Donald Trump, but said the Legislature may have little time to react during the current 60-day legislative session.

New Mexico state government depends heavily on federal matching funds to provide Medicaid health care coverage to low-income and disabled residents. Nearly 15 percent of New Mexico's 2.1 million residents have enrolled in Medicaid since 2014, with costs paid almost entirely by the federal government.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Chaco Canyon oil rights sell for $3 million despite protests

SANTA FE — The Bureau of land Management has auctioned oil and gas drilling rights in northwest New Mexico despite protest from Native Americans and environmentalists.

The rights for drilling on 843 acres in the Chaco Canyon sold for $3 million on Wednesday. The sale of the parcels had been postponed on three occasions since 2012.

BLM spokeswoman Donna Hummel says the agency will not issue the parcels to the winning bidders until several protests filed in connection with the sale are resolved. The names of the winning bidders will not be released until the payment process is complete.

The sale faced significant opposition from environmental groups and members of the Navajo Nation, who say the area of Chaco Canyon National Historic Park has particular significance for Native communities.

OKLAHOMA

No damage reported after 2 earthquakes hit northern Oklahoma

ENID — No damage has been reported after a pair of earthquakes hit northern Oklahoma.

The U.S. Geological Survey says a 2.7 magnitude quake hit near Medford on Wednesday, while a 3.4 magnitude temblor struck near Enid on Thursday morning. Both areas are in northern Oklahoma and northwest of Oklahoma City.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded across Oklahoma in recent years, and many have been linked to the underground disposal of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations.

Regulators have asked oil and natural gas producers to close injection wells in certain areas or reduce the volume of fluids they inject.

NEW MEXICO

Man said in 911 calls he feared for children's well-being

ALBUQUERQUE — A man whose girlfriend, who with her sister and the women's three young children were found dead on Albuquerque-area tribal land, made 911 calls saying he feared for the children's well-being.

Murphy Becenti said during the calls before the bodies were found in early January that Vanessa George had been having suicidal thoughts and believed their two children were possessed.

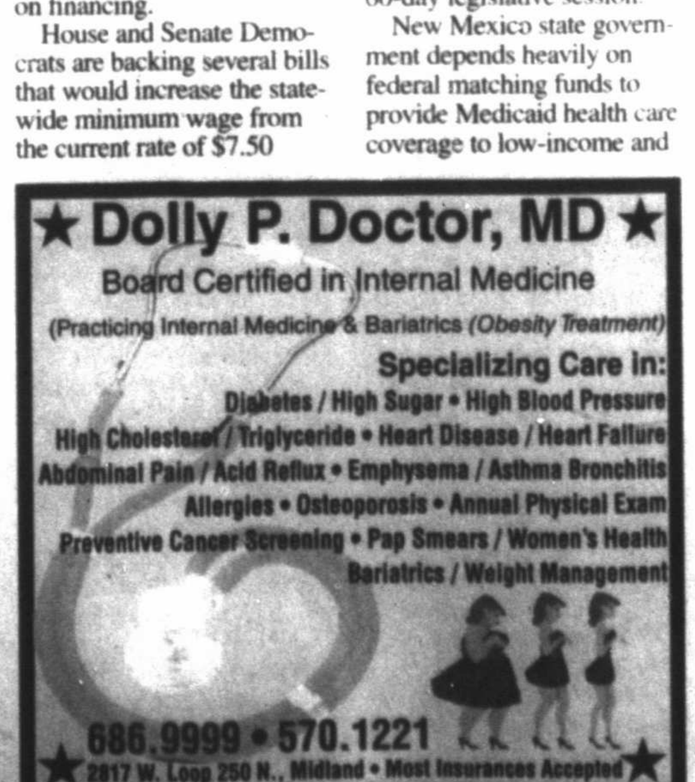
Becenti said during the calls that he went with them to the Santa Ana Pueblo but was dropped off after he got scared.

Responding to Becenti's calls, police went to the sisters' home but found no one.

The FBI has said no foul play by another party is suspected but that preliminary autopsy results didn't indicate clear causes of death. Leticia was the mother of one of the children.







Mexican president cancels planned meeting with Trump

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto canceled a planned Tuesday meeting with President Donald J. Trump on Thursday, signaling a remarkable souring of relations between Washington and one of its most important international partners just days into the new administration.

The rift capped days of increasingly confrontational remarks — on Twitter and in dueling public appearances — between the two men, whose countries conduct some $1.6 billion a day in cross-border trade, and cooperate on everything from migration to anti-drug enforcement to environmental issues.

Hours after Trump tweeted that the meeting should be scrapped if Mexico doesn't agree to pay for a wall along the nearly 2,000-mile border, Pena Nieto responded via the same platform.

"This morning we have informed the White House I will not attend the working meeting planned for next Tuesday," the Mexican president tweeted. He added that "Mexico reaffirms its willingness to work with the United States to reach agreements that benefit both nations."

In a speech later Thursday, Trump doubled down on the dispute, saying that "unless Mexico is going to treat the United States fairly, with respect, such a meeting would be fruitless, and I want to go a different route. We have no choice."

Trump also claimed that calling off the meeting was a mutual decision and floated a new possible threat to Mexico, which sends about 80 percent of its exports to the U.S. and which has vowed not to pay for a wall.

"We're working on a tax reform bill that will reduce our trade deficit, increase American exports and will generate revenue from Mexico that will pay for the wall, if we decide to go that route," Trump said.

His spokesman later said Trump was calling for a 20 percent tax on imports to pay for the southern wall.

He has also pledged to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada.

"I will not allow the citizens or the taxpayers of the United States to pay the cost of this defective transaction, NAFTA, one that should have been renegotiated many years ago, except that the politicians were too preoccupied to do so," Trump said.



Marco Ugarte/Associated Press

Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto speaks during a press conference at Los Pinos presidential residence Monday in Mexico City. Pena Nieto said Monday that Mexico's attitude towards the Donald Trump administration should not be aggressive or biased, but one of dialogue.

Mexican officials have expressed willingness to update the pact, but said they would consider walking away from NAFTA if negotiations mean making too many concessions.

Mexico is one of America's biggest trade partners, and the U.S. is the No. 1 buyer from Mexico, accounting for about 80 percent of Mexican exports. A complete rupture in ties could be damaging to the U.S. economy, an disastrous for Mexico's

"Today's events are dangerous for the immediate and long-term security and economy of the United States," Jason Marczak of the Atlantic Council wrote. "U.S.-Mexico cooperation is far-reaching: from intelligence sharing for the capture of drug traffickers to the flow of commercial goods that support the livelihoods of nearly 5 million American workers."

White House press secretary Sean Spicer later responded to the Mexican president's tweet, saying: "We'll look for a date to schedule something in the future. We will keep the lines of communication open."

Pena Nieto's decision ended days of uncertainty about how he would respond to Trump's aggressive stance toward the country, and illustrated the challenges world leaders are likely to face in dealing with the U.S. president's voluble, Twitter-based diplomacy.

The diplomatic row also recalls the rocky days of U.S.-Mexico relations in the 1980s, prior to NAFTA.

"There is a change in the understanding that had been in operation over the last 22 years, when Mexico was considered a strategic ally," said Isidro Morales, a political scientist at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education. "Trump has unilaterally broken with this way of doing things."

Mexico had tried its traditional approach of quiet, cautious diplomacy combined with backroom discussions, sending Cabinet officials for talks with the Trump administration. But that changed when Trump decided to announce his border wall on the same day that two senior Mexican Cabinet ministers — Foreign Relations Secretary Luis Videgaray and Economy Secretary Ildefonso Guajardo — arrived in Washington for preliminary talks ahead of what was to be a presidential tete-a-tete. Many were affronted by the timing, and Pena Nieto faced a firestorm of criticism at home.

That evening Pena Nieto issued recorded remarks suggesting he was reconsidering his upcoming trip to Washington. On Thursday morning, Trump tweeted: "If Mexico is unwilling to pay for the badly needed wall, then it would be better to cancel."

The president had "no other choice but to say 'I'm not going,'" former foreign relations secretary Jorge Castaneda told Mexican media.

Already deeply unpopular at home with historic-low approval ratings, Pena Nieto had come under increasing pressure to stand up to Trump.

Mexico's best-known opposition politician, leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, tweeted that "in the face of Trump's latest outburst, don't go to the meeting, and submit an urgent complaint to the U.N. for human rights violations."

Many Mexicans said Thursday that they backed Pena Nieto's decision to scrap the trip.

Magda Hoffmann, a Mexico City retiree, called Trump's behavior "insulting and rude."

"As my grandmother said," she added, "'Don't go where you're not invited.'"

Like many, she found the conduct of diplomacy-by-tweets to be odd.

"This is a diplomatic relationship here. I'm sorry, gentlemen, but that has to be given value," Hoffman said. "It's not a question to be handled ... text-messaging back and forth."

Orlando Contreras, a 35-year-old computer engineer in the capital, said he believed Pena Nieto had no reason to "negotiate under their conditions."

"I feel that we have always been under their (the U.S.) yoke," Contreras said. "I think it would be a good thing to separate ourselves from them, so Mexico can strike out on its own."

AP source: Border Patrol chief says he's been forced out

By Elliot Spagat and Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The man charged with protecting America's borders was ousted Thursday, one day after President Donald Trump announced ambitious plans to build a massive wall at the Mexican border and bolster the ranks of the Border Patrol.

Border Patrol Chief Mark Morgan said he was asked to leave and decided to resign rather than fight the request, according to a U.S. official with knowledge of the brief video conference in which Morgan informed senior agents of the change.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussion was not intended to be made public.

The forced resignation leaves Trump with a leadership gap but also gives him a chance to start fresh with a Border Patrol chief of his own choosing.

Border security and a "big beautiful wall" paid for by the Mexican government were centerpieces of Trump's immigration platform during his presidential campaign. Mexico has repeatedly said it won't pay for a barrier, and Mexican president Enrique Pena Nieto on Thursday cancelled a meeting with Trump.

Morgan was named to the post in June and took office in October. The former FBI agent briefly led the internal affairs department at the Border Patrol's parent agency before heading the agency of roughly 20,000 agents.

Gil Kerlikowske, who hired Morgan when he was commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said he wasn't surprised about the leadership change and added: "I have nothing but good and positive things to say about him."

From the start, Morgan clashed with the Border Patrol's union, which had advocated for an insider to lead the agency and sharply criticized Morgan at almost every turn.

The union was incensed when Morgan, at a Senate hearing Dec. 1, said he supported a comprehensive immigration overhaul, which is often interpreted to include a path to citizenship for people who are in the country illegally. Morgan clarified his remarks in a note to Border Patrol staff the following week, saying he does not support a "blanket amnesty."

The union, the National Border Patrol Council, has had a strong relationship with Trump. It was so enamored with his stance on security that it took the unusual step of endorsing him during the campaign. The endorsement was a leadership decision and not decided on by a unionwide vote. Union chief Brandon Judd was part of Trump's transition team.

"He didn't know the job to begin with," Judd said in an interview with the AP last week. "He had to go on a tour of all the Border Patrol sectors to get an understanding. We needed a chief to hit the ground running."

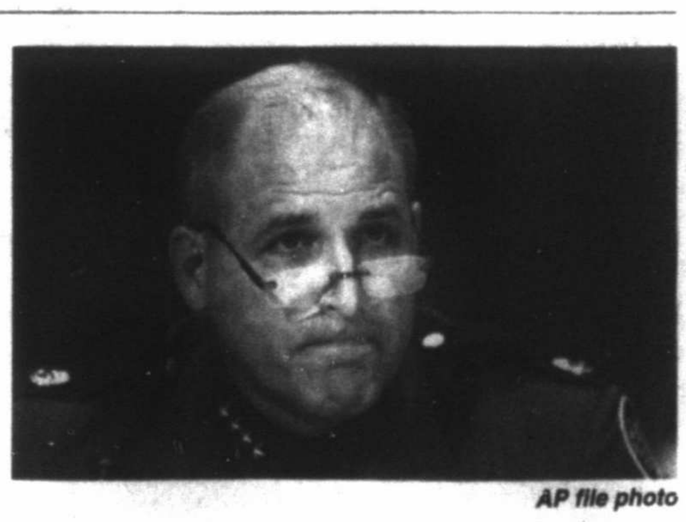
When Trump visited the Department of Homeland Security on Wednesday, he singled out Judd while pointedly avoiding mention of Morgan. He was not at the event.

Despite pressure from the union, many agency officials said Morgan appeared to embrace the job. Less than a week ago, the first message on his new Twitter account read, "Chief Morgan here — excited to use this account to share the latest news and events of the #BorderPatrol with followers."

Deputy Chief Carla Provost, who has been with the agency since 1995, will be the agency's acting chief, according to an internal memo to agents in the Border Patrol's Tucson office that was obtained by the AP.

Morgan's ouster occurred amid a shakeup across the agencies of government.

The State Department on Thursday said several senior management officials as well as a top arms control diplomat would be leaving. All had submitted resignations before Trump became president as required of officials holding presidential-appointed jobs. But they weren't required to leave the foreign service.



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Customs and Border Protection U.S. Border Patrol Chief Mark Morgan listens as he testifies during a hearing of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 30 on Capitol Hill in Washington. Morgan said he was asked to leave and decided to resign on Jan. 26 rather than fight the request, according to a U.S. official who was on brief video conference in which Morgan informed senior agents of the change.

Trump's border wall faces reality check

By Andrew Taylor and Alicia Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's vow to accelerate construction of a "contiguous, physical wall" along the Mexican border is slamming into a Washington reality — who's going to pay for it and how?

Not us, say the Mexicans.

Instead, U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill, starting with money already in the Department of Homeland Security account that amounts to a small down payment.

Then it's up to the Republican-led Congress to come up with $12 billion to $15 billion more, according to an estimate offered by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on Thursday from a GOP issues retreat in Philadelphia.

GOP leaders refused to commit to paying for the wall with spending cuts elsewhere in the budget.

That could mean costs would be paid for by adding to the government's $20 trillion debt.

Press Secretary Sean Spicer Thursday floated the idea of a 20 percent tariff on Mexican imports.

On Wednesday, Trump promised "immediate construction" would begin on the border wall, telling ABC News that planning is starting immediately.

He again vowed that Mexico would pay the U.S. back, though he offered no details.

It is true there is a small amount available now in the Department of Homeland Security accounts dedicated to "border security fencing, infrastructure, and technology" — $100 million, by one congressional estimate — that would permit work to get immediately under way.

So far, thanks to spending in the late 2000s, Congress has provided about $2.3 billion to construct 654 miles of fencing and vehicular blockades.

But Trump has promised a wall, not just fencing, and it's not a universally popular idea by any stretch.

"The facts have not changed. Building a wall is the most expensive and least effective way to secure the border," said GOP Rep. Will Hurd, whose sprawling West Texas swing district encompasses more than 800 miles of the border. "Many areas in my district are perfect examples of where a wall is unnecessary and would negatively impact the environment, private property rights and economy."

GOP members of the appropriations committees are more likely to take a green eyeshade approach to the money since they are familiar with the likely trade-offs.

"There's any number of complications," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., former House Appropriations Committee Chairman, citing obstacles such as Indian reservations and national parks and forests.

And much of the remaining 1,300 miles is very rough terrain, with steep construction costs and a limited return for the dollar. "It's expensive and it's complicated."

Hundreds of miles of the border are so rugged and inhospitable that it doesn't make sense to even try to build.

And in Texas, almost all of the land along the border is privately owned. When former President George W. Bush tried to build border fencing starting in 2006, he faced stiff opposition from local ranchers and farmers, many of whom took the government to court on plans to use their land.

In many areas along the Rio Grande the fencing is built well inside the United States, as far as a mile north of the Rio Grande, to ensure that the structure doesn't interfere with the flow of the river or is built on solid ground. The middle of the channel marks the international border and a 1970 treaty with Mexico requires that structures built there not interfere with water flow.

"We have built a fence along the border almost as much as we possibly can without violating tribal laws, environmental requirements, and taking over peoples' personal, private property," said Michelle Mrdeza, who worked for the House Appropriations panel during the fence debate of the mid-2000s.

The existing blockade — roughly 350 miles to block pedestrians and 300 miles to block vehicles — has already been built along the southern border.

That fencing was built in the areas that are most vulnerable to illegal crossings.

"Insofar as the problem is a physical barrier, we've basically addressed that issue," said Rep. David Price, D-N.C., who chaired the congressional panel that funded the border fence when Democrats controlled Congress. "This focus, this fixation on a wall and pouring untold billions of dollars into a wall, is foolishness."

Cost estimates prepared a decade ago already varied widely.

A 2009 Government Accountability Office analysis put costs at $6.5 million a mile for pedestrian fencing and $1.8 million per mile for vehicular blockades.

An actual wall constructed of concrete and steel would be more costly and difficult.

Trump has repeatedly promised that Mexico will pay for his wall, though neither he nor his allies in Congress are able to articulate how.

The president of Mexico is emphatic that his country will not pick up the tab.

"I regret and reject the decision of the U.S. to build the wall," Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto said Wednesday in a nationally televised address in his country. "I have said time and again, Mexico will not pay for any wall."

Already, U.S. agencies have been told to scrub their budgets for savings that could be used for the wall.

"These taxpayer dollars would be better spent on investing ... to find cures for cancer and other diseases, spending on hospitals and doctors to care for our veterans, helping communities with clean water investments, supporting police in our communities," said Sen. Pat Leahy, D-Vt.

■ Analysis

What $15B can buy in Washington

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If one believes the back-of-the-envelope estimates by Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, President Donald Trump's border wall is going to cost between $12 billion and $15 billion. That's a lot of money, even though it's just a minute fraction of a $4 trillion federal budget. Here are a few examples of what the government could do with $15 billion:

- Fund the Environmental Protection Agency for almost two years.
- Buy about 150 top-of-the-line F-35 fighter jets.
- Fund medical research at the National Institutes of Health for six months.
- Pay for overseas military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan for three months.
- Finance the IRS for eight months.
- Cover the government's interest costs on the national debt for about three weeks.
- Provide food stamps to 45 million people for about two months.

Trump proposes big import tax, triggering fight with Mexico

By Julie Pace and Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

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Isidro Morales, political scientist at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education

WASHINGTON — Determined to wall off America's border with Mexico, President Donald Trump triggered a diplomatic clash and a fresh fight over trade Thursday as the White House proposed a 20 percent tax on imports from the key U.S. ally and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto abruptly scrapped next week's trip to Washington.

The swift fallout signaled a remarkable souring of relations between Washington and one of its most important international partners just days into the new administration. The U.S. and Mexico conduct some $1.6 billion a day in cross-border trade, and cooperate on everything from migration to anti-drug enforcement to major environmental issues.

At the heart of the dispute is Trump's insistence that Mexico will pay for construction of the massive wall he has promised along the southern U.S. border. Trump on Wednesday formally ordered construction of the wall.

The plan was a centerpiece of Trump's election campaign, though he never specified how Mexico would fund the project or how he would compel payments if Pena Nieto's government refused.

The two leaders had been scheduled to discuss the matter at the White House next week. But Pena Nieto took to Twitter Thursday to say he had informed the White House he would not be coming.

In a speech in Philadelphia later Thursday, Trump cast the cancellation as a mutual decision. He said that "unless Mexico is going to treat the United States fairly, with respect, such a meeting would be fruitless, and I want to go a different route. We have no choice."

On the flight back to Washington, Trump's spokesman told reporters the president was considering the 20 percent import tax to foot the bill, the most specific proposal Trump has ever floated for how to cover a project estimated to cost between $12 billion and $15 billion.

"By doing that, we can do $10 billion a year and easily pay for the wall just through that mechanism alone," Spicer said. "This is something that we've been in close contact with both houses in moving forward and creating a plan."

Spicer said Trump was looking at taxing imports on all countries the U.S. has trade deficits with, but he added, "Right now we are focused on Mexico."



Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press

President Donald Trump points to guests upon his arrival Thursday at Andrews Air Force One, Md. Trump is returning from Philadelphia after speaking to the House and Senate GOP lawmakers at their annual policy retreat.

But the announcement sparked immediate confusion across Washington, and the White House tried to backtrack. During a hastily arranged briefing in the West Wing, chief of staff Reince Priebus said a 20 percent import tax was one idea in "a buffet of options" to pay for the border wall.

A 20 percent tariff would represent a huge tax increase on imports to the U.S., raising the likelihood of costs being passed on to consumers. Half of all non-agricultural goods enter the U.S. duty free, according to the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. The other half face import tariffs averaging 2 percent.

Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Luis Videgaray said Thursday, "A tax on Mexican imports to the United States is not a way to make Mexico pay for the wall, but to a way make the North American consumer pay for it through more expensive avocados, washing machines, televisions."

Mexico is one of America's biggest trade partners, and the U.S. is the No. 1 buyer from that country, accounting for about 80 percent of Mexican exports. A complete rupture in ties could be damaging to the U.S. economy and disastrous for Mexico's. And major harm to Mexico's economy would surely spur more people to risk deportation, jail or even death to somehow cross the border to the U.S. — undercutting Trump's major goal of stopping illegal immigration.

House GOP lawmakers and aides interpreted Spicer's comments on a 20 percent border tax as an endorsement of a key plank of their own tax plan, which Speaker Paul Ryan has been working to sell to the president. The House GOP "border adjustability" approach would tax imports and exempt exports as a way of trying to help U.S. exporters and raise revenue.

Earlier this month, Trump called that concept confusing. And during the White House's clean-up efforts Thursday, Spicer wouldn't say whether Trump agreed with the border adjustment tax being considered by the House GOP.

The new president has previously raised the prospect of slapping tariffs on imports, but had not suggested it as a way to pay for the border wall.

There's also disagreement within his new administration over the effectiveness of tariffs in general. Wilbur Ross, Trump's nominee for commerce secretary, dismissed tariffs for trade negotiations during his confirmation hearing, saying the 1930 Tariff Act "didn't work very well then and it very likely wouldn't work now."

Pena Nieto has faced intense pressure at home over his response to Trump's aggressive stance toward his country. Until this week, Mexico had tried its traditional approach of quiet, cautious diplomacy combined with back-room discussions, sending Cabinet officials for talks with the Trump administration.

But that changed when Trump decided to announce his border wall on Wednesday — the same day that two senior Mexican Cabinet ministers arrived in Washington for preliminary talks ahead of what was to be a presidential tete-a-tete. Many Mexicans were affronted by the timing, and Pena Nieto faced a firestorm of criticism at home.

The diplomatic row recalls the rocky days of U.S.-Mexico relations in the 1980s, prior to the North American Free Trade Agreement, a pact that Trump has vigorously criticized.

"There is a change in the understanding that had been in operation over the last 22 years, when Mexico was considered a strategic ally," said Isidro Morales, a political scientist at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education. "Trump has unilaterally broken with this way of doing things."

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From 1A

The same reason why generals want to cut the enemy's supply lines. It's a step to winning a larger battle.

One look at the photos coming from the Dakota Access Pipeline protests and anyone can see the potential for great theater in the fight to end America's dependence on fossil fuels.

Many landowners resent pipeline operators because they can use eminent domain to force through a new project, and that produces a helpful David and Goliath narrative.

When environmentalists claim they are opposing pipelines out of safety concerns, though, they are being dishonest.

They know full well that Canadian oil will reach Gulf Coast refineries by other means, and whether it's by rail or barge, those methods are much less safe.

Confront an environmentalist about this fact, and they will acknowledge that what they really want is to shut down the production of oil from Canada's tar sands because it is so much more polluting than other grades of oil.

While I am sympathetic to that cause, because I acknowledge the reality of climate change, it doesn't excuse their anti-democratic strategy.

The people of Canada support mining oil from tar sands, and even left-leaning, pro-environment Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is not going to stop them.

The truth is that wealthy countries are addicted to oil, and just like with the drug war, trying to block the movement of oil is a fool's errand.

Activists who oppose fossil fuels need to take a more intellectually honest and democratic approach by changing people's minds.

For example, they can politically organize to help Trudeau phase-out tar sands oil.

Or help develop alternative technologies that consumers will prefer to oil-burning cars and trucks.

Or better yet, sell that 10-year old Japanese car that so many environmentalists drive and buy an American-made electric car.

We are already seeing the beginning of the end of the combustion engine, and I think Americans will buy electric cars in ever-larger numbers.

But putting people's lives at risk to speed up that process does not help to overcome the technological and economic reasons it can't happen any faster.

So yes, build the pipelines because safety must come first.

If you want to change the world, you have to change one mind at a time with reason and opportunity, not protests and lawsuits.

That's the only hope for change that will last longer than a single president's time in office.

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about three days in community engagement, which included talking to parents, staff and students.

They said one-on-one interviews and focus groups would be possible. An online survey also will be used, they said.

When board members asked about these outsider interviewers, HYA officials said the board would be putting limitations on the candidate pool and that "superintendent candidates put more trust in board members."

They said confidentiality is expected because search firms often have to recruit people to interview because some of the most qualified potential applicants are happy where they are right now. They might not want people in their community to know they are considering Midland.

"Of the six most recent searches we have been involved in, five of the six did not apply for the job," said Peter Flynn, HYA senior associate. "That is part of the recruitment process."

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Trump's protectionism has impact on future

■ Until now, no one was there to protect small stores from Amazon or Wal-Mart



GEORGE WILL
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When the president speaks of closed factories scattered like "tombstones" across America, has he noticed the shuttered stores in shopping centers, and entire malls reduced to rubble? He promises "protection" to prevent foreigners from "destroying" manufacturing jobs by exporting to America things that Americans want to import. Does he know that one American company might be "destroying" more American jobs than China is? And that this supposed destruction is beneficial?

The company is Amazon (market capitalization: $388 billion), created by Jeff Bezos. He owns The Washington Post, which syndicates this column, but it is for revolutionizing retailing that he ranks in the Pantheon of American business. He belongs there with Richard Warren Sears, Alvah Curtis Roebuck, Aaron Montgomery Ward and Sam Walton, all of whom were constructively disruptive retailers, and were as important in the nation's commercial history as were Henry Ford, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates.

In 2016, online buying during the holiday season surged 19 percent over the year before, which is one factor explaining this: Macy's, after announcing in August that it would close another 100 of its remaining 730 stores, now says it will shed 10,000 jobs. Sears, which is 13 decades old and still has 1,600 stores, has lost $9 billion in five years, has closed 500 stores and is closing another 150 (including some Kmarts).

Sears stores in American downtowns, and the Sears catalogue that put downtown goods within reach of rural America (3 million catalogues were distributed in 1907, when the nation's population was 87 million), caused difficulties for older retailers. In the second half of the 20th century, Wal-Marts at the edge of towns caused difficulties for downtown retailers with pre-modern — meaning pre-Wal-Mart — global supply chains. Now Amazon is forcing Wal-Mart to master online retailing.

Although e-commerce was just 8 percent of all 2016 retail sales, it came disproportionately at the expense of Sears, Macy's and other "anchor tenants" that draw foot traffic from which other mall retailers benefit. When Amazon recently announced that it is going to create 100,000 warehousing and other jobs in the next 18 months, The New York Times reported that online retailing "has destroyed many times that number of positions at malls and shopping centers across America."

The Times quoted specialists' calculations that traditional retailers have shed more than 200,000 employees since 2012, and that there are 1.2 million fewer retail workers than there would be if there were no online retailers. But Henry Ford, too, "destroyed" lots of jobs — those of blacksmiths, buggy makers, etc. — the holders of which moved on, and usually up.

Writing at MarketWatch, Rex Nutting argues that as Amazon revolutionizes consumer behavior, it "is going to destroy more American jobs than China ever did." If so, the "problem" is productivity. Nutting says "Amazon needs about half as many workers to sell $100 worth of merchandise as Macy's does." The Times reports that "the typical online retailer generates $1,267,000 in sales per employee versus $279,000 at bricks-and-mortar stores.

All of which raises a question: Why should manufacturing jobs lost to foreign competition be privileged by protectionist policies in ways that jobs lost to domestic competition are not? When an Applebee's or Olive Garden, powered by a national advertising budget, opens next to, and causes the closing of, Madge's Diner, why does Madge not merit protection? Or the Trade Adjustment Assistance that is available for workers, firms, farmers, even communities that can plausibly claim to have been otherwise injured by foreign competition or outsourcing of jobs?

The reason is this: Domestic protection of Madge and millions of others unsettled by the constant churning of a dynamic domestic economy would mean slow economic growth — and rapid growth of government as it regulates consumers' choices and their consequences. But protection from imports also means this.

Reactionary liberalism has long held, and today's faux conservatism agrees, that existing jobs should be protected by policies that reduce the economic dynamism that threatens those jobs. Such protection means a net decrease in jobs but an increase in the self-esteem of blinkered protectionists who see the jobs "saved" but not those which, as a result of lost dynamism, are lost or never created.

Macy's flagship Manhattan store was one reason Gimbels' nearby flagship closed, after 76 years, in 1986. This, even though in 1945 Gimbels had been America's first merchant to offer "a fantastic, atomic era, miraculous pen." It was a ballpoint.

Will the winner of the once-famous Macy's versus Gimbels rivalry always be with us? Probably not, which is probably good.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump undoes Obama's oily moves on Dakota, Keystone XL pipelines

It was a harm-America-first tactic, the Obama administration's sabotage of the Keystone XL pipeline. Keeping it from being built was anti-energy, anti-jobs, anti-consumer, anti-science, anti-security and anti-friendship with Canada. President Obama got in the way to please environmental lobbyists in a swamp that, in this respect, at least, President Donald Trump is draining.

On Tuesday, this new president of ours signed executive orders — remember them? — to restart work on the pipeline from Alberta, Canada, to Texas refineries as well as on the Dakota Access pipeline also halted for insupportable reasons. The State Department still has review work to do on Keystone XL, but guess what?

It investigated the project years ago, loads of scientists took part, volumes of details were produced and the environmentalist worry about climate consequences was dismissed.

Even if the crude oil was not used in America, the department noted, it would be used by some other country such as China, meaning that the greenhouse gas emissions would still make their way to the atmosphere. And while the pipeline would blessedly deliver 830,000 economy-boosting barrels a day to meet our undeniable energy needs, the actual climate effect would be scientifically verifiable spit in the ocean.

It is also said that pipelines have leaks, and some do, but we have 2.5 million miles of them in the United States, there happen to be risks with everything, and if we decided that this particular risk was too much, we would have another to worry about: giving up our modern way of life.

The benefits, meanwhile, would include thousands of construction jobs, and, oh, so what, some say, noting they would be temporary. Right. They would be. Projects get completed. Should we therefore quit counting construction jobs in our employment figures? By environmentalist calculations, I guess so.

Other pluses: This infrastructure project, being undertaken by a private Canadian company, won't cost the United States much of anything. Gas prices could come down some and, the Wall Street Journal notes, local communities will get tax benefits in the millions. As a National Review writer has pointed out, this oil will be cheaper than the oil we get from the Middle East. It will be more secure. And it will be a boon for our ally and biggest trading partner, namely Canada.

So what about the Dakota Access pipeline? Despite a court ruling, the Obama administration blocked it, too, because of opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe fearing destruction of sacred grounds. We all know what horrible things have been done to Native Americans over the years, and sympathy was inevitable.

But, please note, the pipeline does not touch their reservation and the company building it went out of its way to identify 149 culturally sensitive sites, making sure nothing would be done to disturb any of them. The Sioux were invited by the company and public officials to come and talk and didn't. At some point, you say case closed, as a federal judge in fact did.

Remember, too, that the project generated jobs in North Dakota, where the pipeline begins, and that energy will be supplied to Illinois, where it ends.

Along with announcing these moves forward in the interest of the country, Trump also scribbled his signature on another executive order. It told regulators to refashion an infrastructure permitting process that is unforgivably costly, takes forever and is more than occasionally irrelevant to anything. It's not in the nature of bureaucracy to give up such delights, but maybe we will see some progress.

Trump, hardly bumble-free in his first days in office, has just undone a couple of Obama legacies that put America last, or something close to that.

— Jay Ambrose, Tribune News Service

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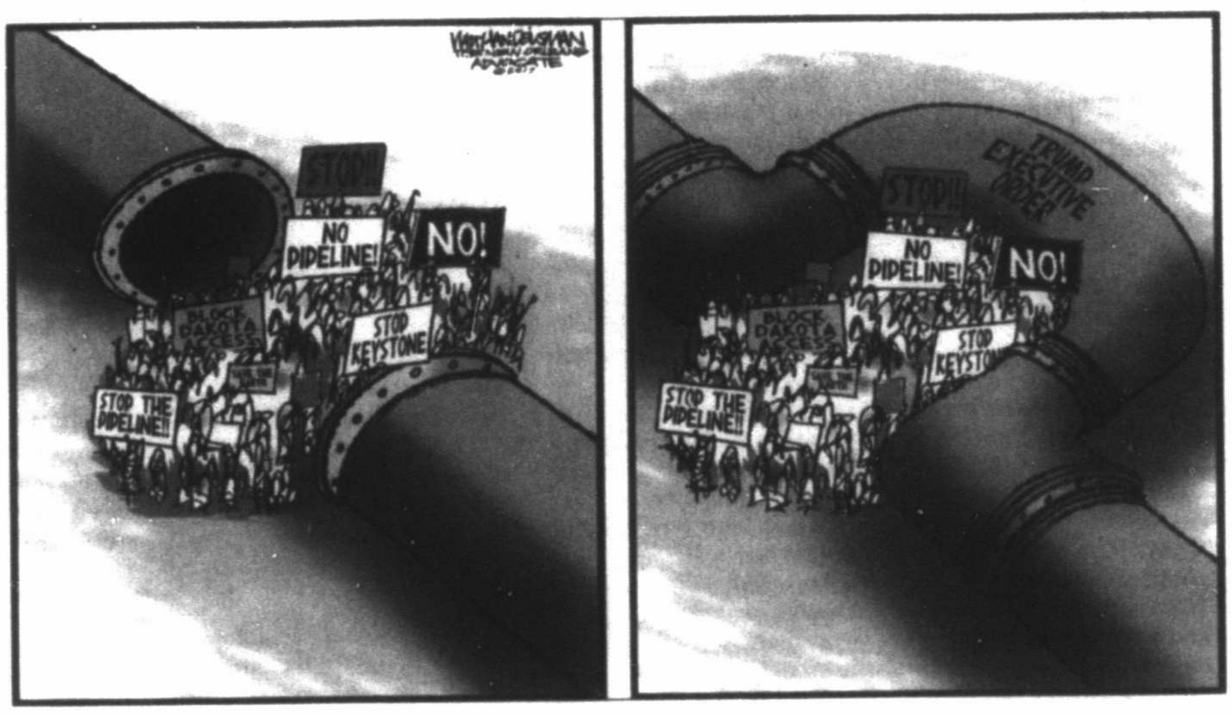

A foreign policy revolution begins

■ 'America First' will test and possibly abandon the global leadership that made America exceptional



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMMER
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The flurry of bold executive orders and of highly provocative Cabinet nominations (such as a secretary of education who actually believes in school choice) has been encouraging to conservative skeptics of Donald Trump. But it shouldn't erase the troubling memory of one major element of Trump's inaugural address.

The foreign policy section has received far less attention than so revolutionary a declaration deserved. It radically redefined the American national interest as understood since World War II.

Trump outlined a world in which foreign relations are collapsed into a zero-sum game. They gain, we lose. As in: "For many decades, we've enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry; subsidized the armies of other countries" while depleting our own. And most provocatively this: "The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed all across the world."

JFK's inaugural pledged to support any friend and oppose any foe to assure the success of liberty. Note that Trump makes no distinction between friend and foe (and no reference to liberty). They're all out to use, exploit and surpass us.

No more, declared Trump: "From this day forward, it's going to be only America First."

Imagine how this resonates abroad. "America First" was the name of the organization led by Charles Lindbergh that bitterly fought FDR before U.S. entry into World War II — right through the Battle of Britain — to keep America neutral between Churchill's Britain and Hitler's Reich.

Not that Trump was consciously imitating Lindbergh. I doubt he was even aware of the reference. He just liked the phrase. But I can assure you that in London and in every world capital they are aware of the antecedent and the intimations of a new American isolationism. Trump gave them good reason to think so, going on to note "the right of all nations to put their own interests first." America included.

Some claim that putting America first is a reassertion of American exceptionalism. On the contrary, it is the antithesis. It makes America no different from all the other countries that define themselves by a particularist blood-and-soil nationalism. What made America exceptional, unique in the world, was defining its own national interest beyond its narrow economic and security needs to encompass the safety and prosperity of a vast array of allies. A free world marked by open trade and mutual defense was President Truman's vision, shared by every president since.

Until now.

Some have argued that Trump is just dangling a bargaining chip to negotiate better terms of trade or alliance. Or that Trump's views are so changeable and unstable — telling European newspapers two weeks ago that NATO is obsolete and then saying "NATO is very important to me" — that this is just another unmoored entry on a ledger of confusion.

But both claims are demonstrably wrong. An inaugural address is no off-the-cuff riff. These words are the product of at least three weeks of deliberate crafting for an address that Trump said would express his philosophy. Moreover, to remove any ambiguity, Trump prefaced his "America first" proclamation with: "From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land."

Trump's vision misunderstands the logic underlying the far larger, far-reaching view of Truman. The Marshall Plan took wealth away from the American middle class and distributed it abroad. But for a reason. Altruism, in part. But mostly to stabilize Western Europe as a bulwark against an existential global enemy.

We carried many free riders throughout the Cold War. The burden was heavy. But this was not a mindless act of charity; it was an exercise in enlightened self-interest. After all, it was indeed better to subsidize foreign armies — German, South Korean, Turkish and dozens of others — and have them stand with us, rather than stationing even more American troops everywhere around the world at greater risk of both blood and treasure.

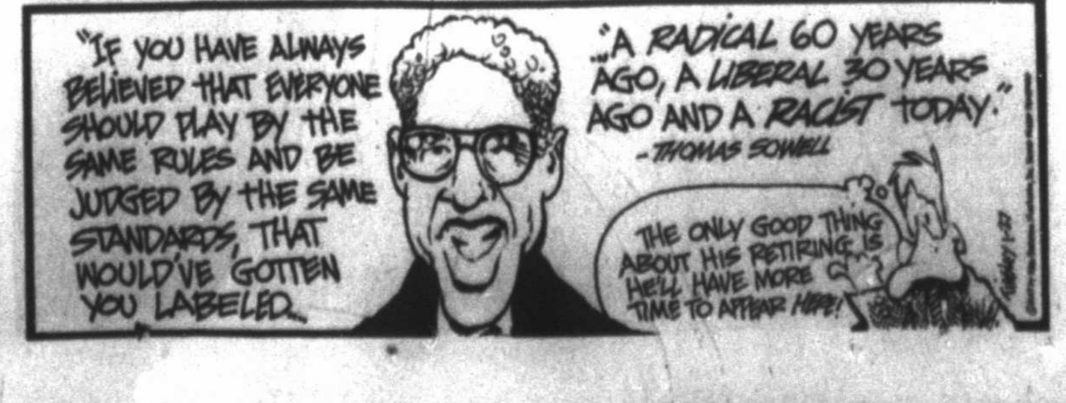
We are embarking upon insularity and smallness. Nor is this just theory. Trump's long-promised but nonetheless abrupt withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership is the momentous first fruit of his foreign policy doctrine. Last year the prime minister of Singapore told John McCain that if we pulled out of TPP "you'll be finished in Asia." He knows the region.

For 70 years, we sustained an international system of open commerce and democratic alliances that has enabled America and the West to grow and thrive. Global leadership is what made America great. We abandon it at our peril.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





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Workers prepare an oil containment boom May 21, 2015 at Refugio State Beach, north of Goleta, Calif. The nation's top pipeline regulator is lagging in meeting congressional requirements imposed several years ago but it is planning to increase staff for safety inspections, its interim director says. The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has been facing new questions about its effectiveness after a May 19 break near Santa Barbara created the largest coastal oil spill in California in 25 years.

AP Explains: What is the EPA, and why is it in the hot seat?

By John Flesher and Tammy Webber
Associated Press

The former head of President Donald Trump's transition team at the Environmental Protection Agency says he expects the new administration to seek significant budget and staff cuts for the department. Here's a look at the EPA.

Who they are and what they do

Established during the Nixon administration in 1970, the EPA carries out laws enacted by Congress to protect the environment, such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. The EPA writes and enforces rules dealing with air emissions from automobiles, factories and other sources. It regulates drinking water contaminants, pesticides and other toxic substances; management and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes; and cleanup of spills. Businesses, landowners and government agencies are among those whose actions can be affected by EPA rules.

Following the money

The EPA's budget was $18.4 billion in 2016, a 5 percent cut from what former President Barack Obama requested. He sought a 2 percent raise for the agency this year, but with Trump and the Republican-led Congress in charge, a big cut appears far more likely. In addition to management of various environmental programs, EPA funds go to scientific research, grants for states and Native American tribes and cleanups of spills from sources such as leaky underground storage tanks. There's also the Superfund program, which pays to clean up abandoned or out-of-control hazardous waste sites. About those state and tribal grants: They pay for things like upgrading water infrastructure, restoring abandoned industrial sites called "brownfields" and restoring wetlands.

Dealing with the states

States and some local governments have environmental protection departments, too, and the EPA has frequent dealings with them. The agency has the final word on enforcing federal environmental laws but can delegate some tasks to the states, such as issuing permits, inspecting facilities, issuing violation notices and overseeing some cleanups. The EPA can revoke state authority if state officials aren't meeting federal standards. In some cases, states can adopt rules that are more stringent than federal ones, but not less stringent. EPA grants help cover compliance costs for state and local agencies.

Cleaning up pollution

The EPA oversees cleanups ranging from polluted sediment to oil spills to leaking storage tanks. Perhaps its best-known cleanup program is Superfund, established by Congress in 1980 to clean up hazardous waste sites that often were abandoned. It allows the EPA to sue industries that contributed to the pollution to try to get them to complete the cleanups or reimburse the federal government for doing the work. There are more than 1,300 Superfund sites across the U.S., and more than 1,000 are under evaluation to see if they should be added to the list.

The officers and the troops

The EPA's top officer is the administrator, currently Catherine R. McCabe, although Trump has nominated former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt for the post. The agency has about 15,000 employees, of whom 8,000 are in Washington, D.C. The others are scattered among regional offices in 10 cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle.

Why they're in the crossfire

The EPA is a favorite whipping boy across the political spectrum. Conservatives and groups representing oil and gas companies, farmers, land developers and other business sectors accuse the agency of imposing burdensome rules that go beyond what the law authorizes and of enforcing them without mercy, hampering economic growth and killing jobs. Liberals and environmentalists have the opposite complaint — that the EPA's rules are too weak to protect the air, land and water, and its staffers are too eager to let polluters off the hook, worsening conditions that lead to sickness and even death for people and wildlife alike.

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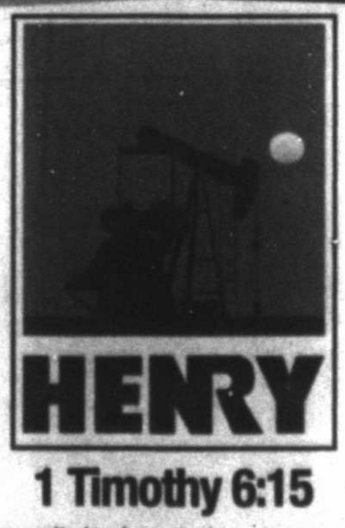

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Hundreds honor 3 astronauts lost in Apollo fire 50 years ago

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Moonwalkers and dozens of others who took part in NASA's storied Apollo program paid tribute Thursday to the three astronauts killed in a fire 50 years ago.

On the eve of the Apollo 1 anniversary, hundreds gathered at Kennedy Space Center to honor Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee. They died during a countdown rehearsal at the launch pad, inside their burning spacecraft, on Jan. 27, 1967

Today, NASA is opening an Apollo 1 exhibit featuring the hatch that prevented the three astronauts from escaping. It has been concealed for the past half-century along with the capsule. The families of Grissom, White and Chaffee got an early look Wednesday evening at the display at the visitor complex, and liked what they saw.

"Really awesome," said daughter Sheryl Chaffee, who just retired from NASA. "It's very fitting. We all feel like it's about time."

The Apollo 1 fire — NASA's first space tragedy — has long been overshadowed by the 1986 Challenger and 2003 Columbia accidents. The 14 lost shuttle astronauts also were recognized Thursday, along with seven other U.S. astronauts killed in plane crashes.

The anniversaries of all three big accidents fall within days: Apollo 1 on Jan. 27, Challenger on Jan. 28 and Columbia on Feb. 1.

Among the many astronauts attending Thursday's ceremony were the two surviving crew members of Apollo 11, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, as well as Apollo 16 moonwalker Charlie Duke and Apollo 10's Thomas Stafford.

Collins, who orbited the moon in 1969 while Aldrin and Neil Armstrong landed on it, said Apollo 1 never launched, but in many ways was as important as later flights.

"Without Apollo 1 and the lessons learned from it," he noted, a fire probably would have occurred on a flight in space and seriously stalled the moon program.

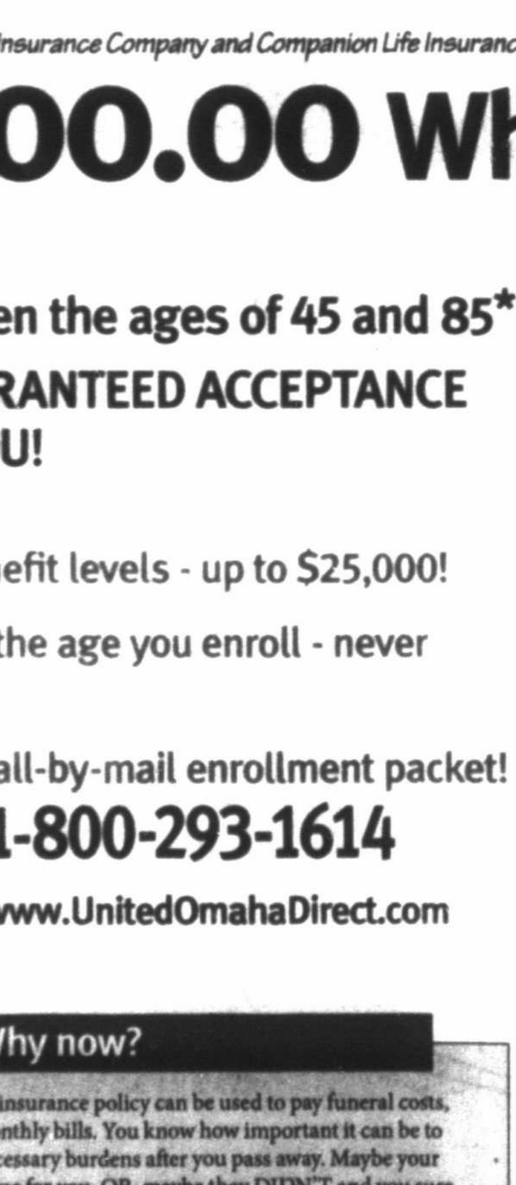
"Yes, Apollo 1 did cause three deaths, but I believe it saved more than three later," Collins said. "It slowed things down for a year or so," but spacecraft improvements enabled Apollo missions to get going by the fall of 1968, pick up speed, and land on the moon on July 20, 1969.

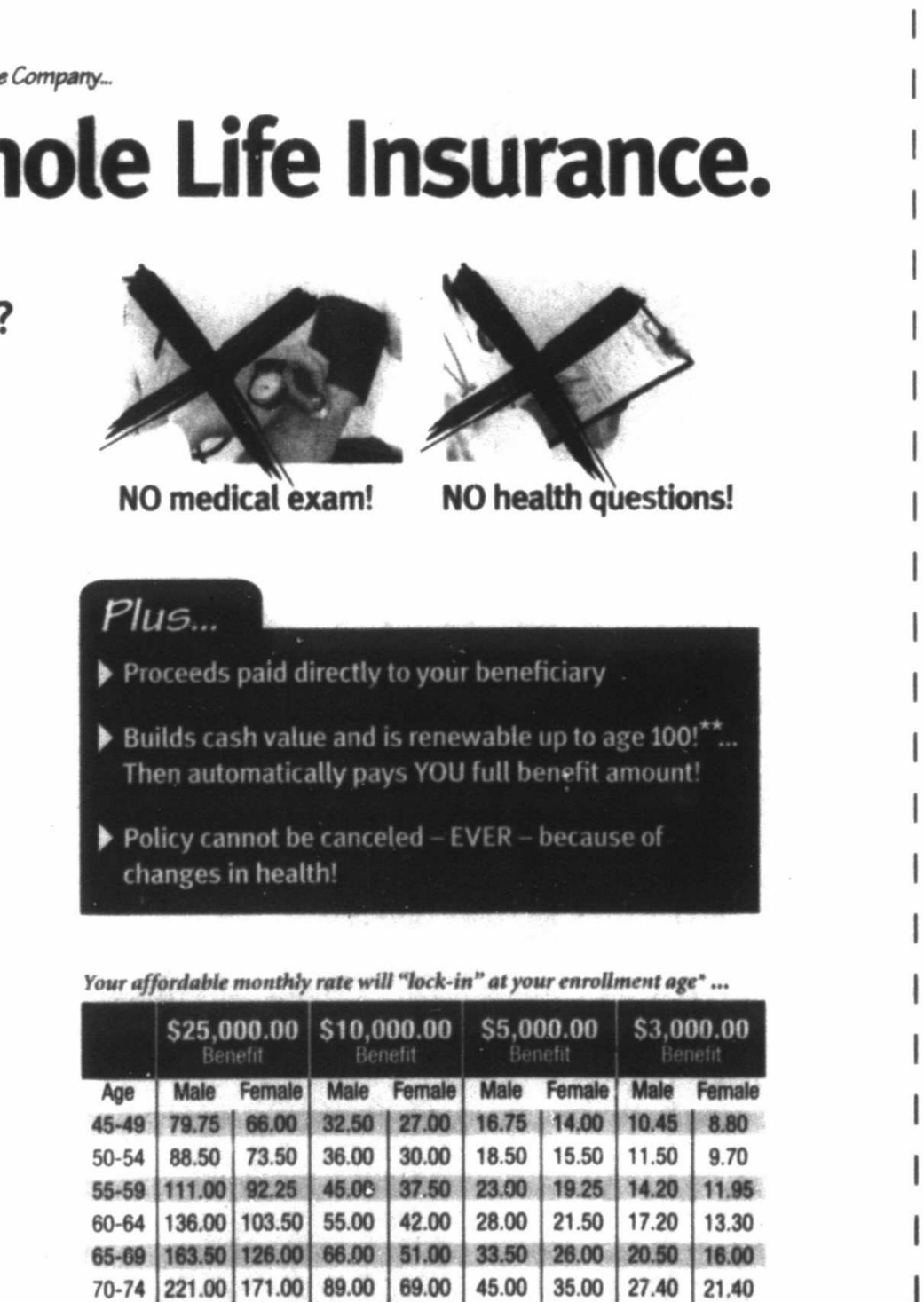
NASA was able to meet the end-of-decade deadline set by President John F. Kennedy, to land a man on the moon and return him home safely.

"Grissom, White, Chaffee, Kennedy. I think these four names are appropriately mentioned in the same breath," Collins told the crowd.

More than 100 fifth-graders from Apollo Elementary School, just across the Indian River in Titusville, packed the ceremony hall. Afterward, they posed in front of the massive granite Space Memorial Mirror. To student Noah Duncan, 50 years ago seems like 100. "10 years is a long time. I'm only 10!" added classmate Lyzara Figueroa.







CLOCKWISE: Family members of fallen astronauts place a wreath at the base of the Space Mirror Memorial on Thursday at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, in Fla. Moonwalkers and dozens of others who took part in NASA's Apollo program paid tribute to the three astronauts killed in a fire 50 years ago. ***Tim Shortt /Florida Today via AP;*** In this 1966 photo made available by NASA, technicians work on the Spacecraft 012 Command Module at Cape Kennedy, Fla., for the Apollo/Saturn 204 mission. During a launch pad test on Jan. 27, 1967, a flash fire erupted inside the capsule killing three Apollo crew members. ***NASA via AP;*** In this undated photo made available by NASA, from left, veteran astronaut Virgil Grissom, first American spacewalker Ed White and rookie Roger Chaffee, stand for a photograph in Cape Kennedy, Fla. During a launch pad test on Jan. 27, 1967, a flash fire erupted inside their capsule killing the three Apollo crew members. ***NASA via AP***

It was an emotional day for all the families; Chaffee's widow, Martha, dabbed her eyes during throughout the tribute. They will gather again ftoday at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's abandoned Launch Complex 34 to mark the exact time of the accident, 6:31 p.m.

"To each of you who knew these three men so well, thank you for your sacrifices," Collins said. "The Apollo crew was magnificent."

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MONDAY

ON DISPLAY
Midland Shared Spaces is hosting its Winter Art Exhibit with works by area arts groups and member agencies. Daily.



SAVE THE DATE
MARC's annual Big Boys' Toys is set for April 22 with country music singer Sara Evans as the night's headliner. The event benefits MARC's programming and services. Visit marctexas.org for more information.

See more calendar items on **Page 6B**.

IN NEED

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

KIDS FIRST VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers needed Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings to observe visits between children and noncustodial parents The program is facilitated by Centers for Children and Families a nonprofit counseling agency. Call 432-570-1084, ext. 225.

BE A MENTOR
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is expanding its school-based program and is short of volunteers. The agency needs help since it added Houston Elementary to its program, which already serves Milam and Crockett elementaries. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and act as a positive role model. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

VOLUNTEER READERS
The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
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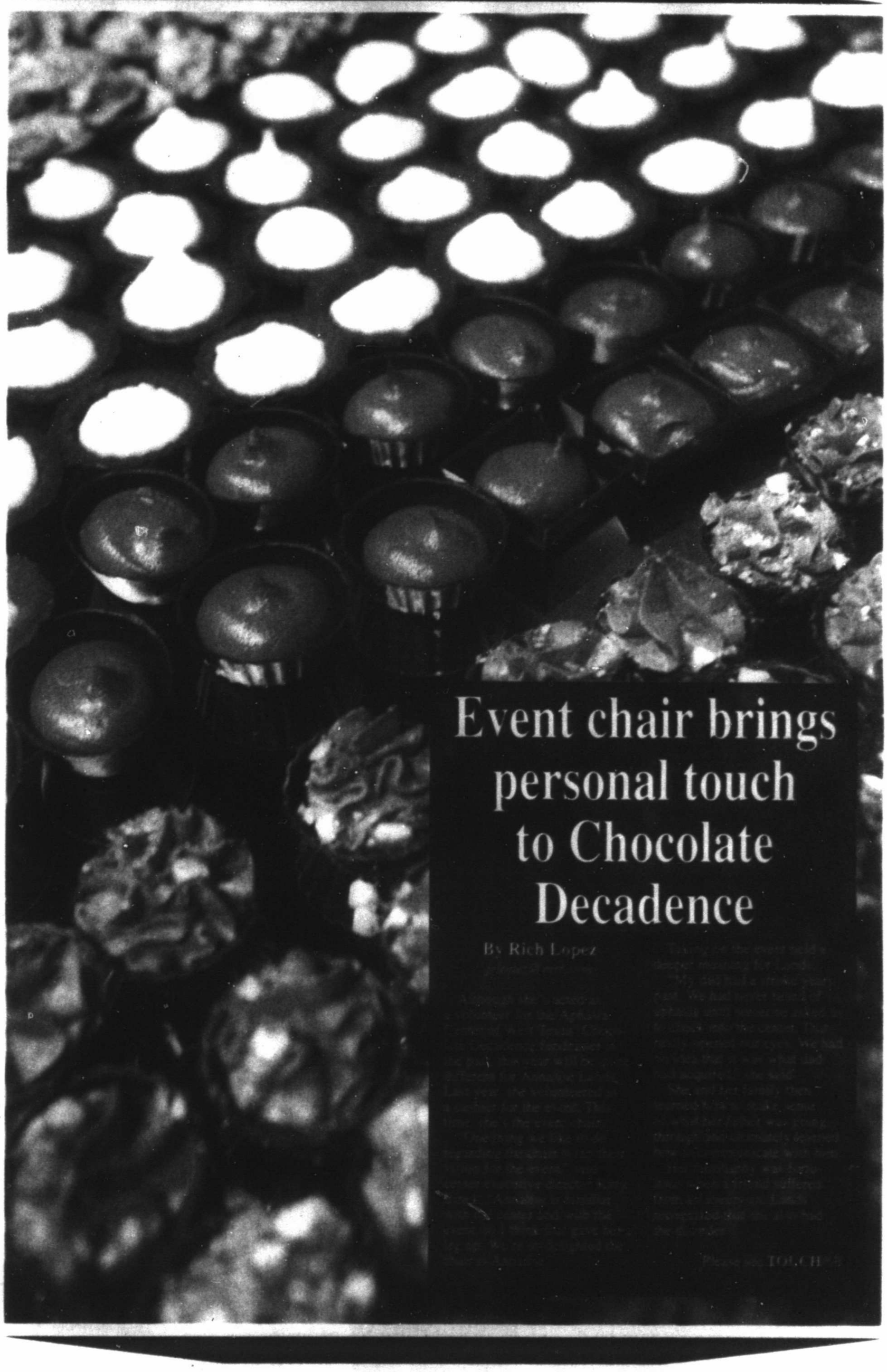

Event chair brings personal touch to Chocolate Decadence

By Rich Lopez

Concert to benefit Camp Fire's program for area kids

By Rich Lopez
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In short time, Camp Fire West Texas' traditional annual concert has become a big deal for the organization. With the Grammy-nominated folk duo Trout Fishing in America headlining, Camp Fire's event is both a big fundraiser and a family-friendly event. But most importantly, it helps to continue after-school and summer programs that help with school work, provide creative activities and offer a safe place.

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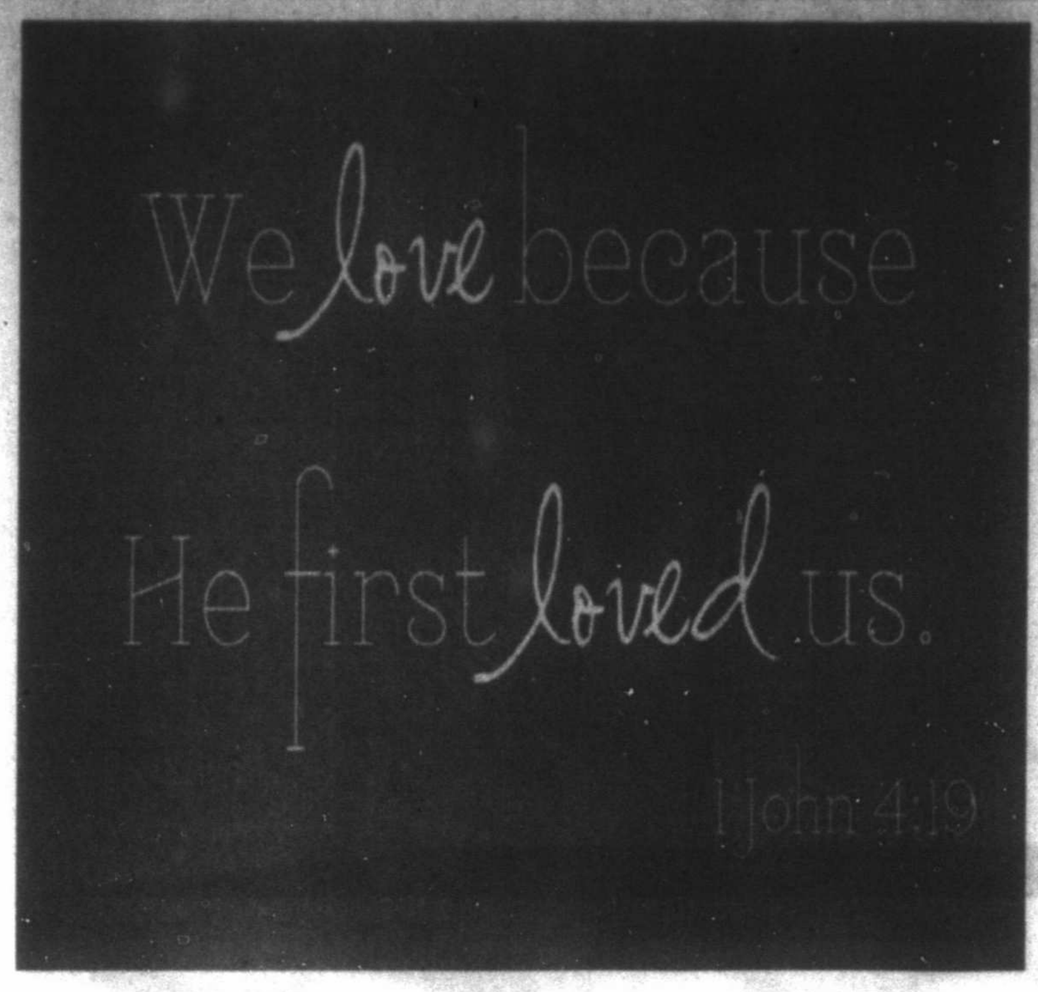
Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet are Trout Fishing in America.



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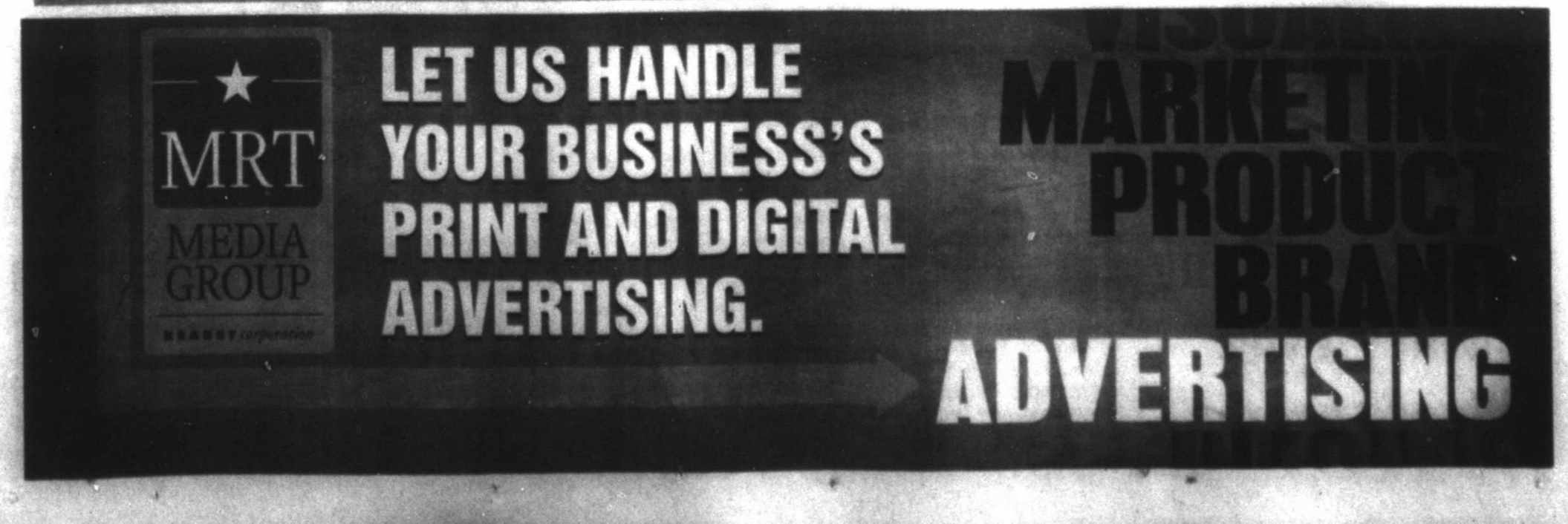

Obituaries



Eric Anderson Seay

Eric Anderson Seay, 52, of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Eric was born on May 28, 1964 to Carolyn and Fred Seay in Midland. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School with the Class of 1982 and from there joined the work force. He eventually became employed with the City of Midland as a computer analyst and was part of that workforce from 1998 to 2015. At the time of his death, he was employed with Blazin' Safety Consulting.

Eric was committed to his faith as a Christian and very active in church ministry. During his time in ministry, he served as a youth minister, First Baptist Church, Greenwood; as the senior pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Gardendale; worked in the singles' ministry at Crestview Baptist Church, Midland; and served as an associate minister at True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church, Midland. He enjoyed singing on the praise team, leading home group studies, and teaching the new member's class where many newcomers were impacted by his teaching and his nurturing spirit.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Seay; his sons, Steve Seay, Nathan Seay, and Treydan Seay; his daughters, Samantha Colvin (Roy) and Rhea Ann Seay; his parents, William "Fred" and Carolyn Seay; and his sister, Renee Seay.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to True Lite Christian Fellowship.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 27, 2017 at True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church in Midland with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Frank Kimbrough Wolfe

Frank Kimbrough Wolfe, of Midland, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of January 25, 2017. He was 85 years old. He had suffered from dementia the last few years.

He was born in Alba, Texas to Herbert and Ora Wolfe, but Thackerville, Oklahoma was his home growing up. He had nine brothers and one sister. He loved playing baseball with his brothers, and a domino game was always going on. The stories he shared were of the "Wolfe" boys getting into trouble, somewhere, somehow. He grew up on a farm of very humble means, but never felt like he lacked for anything.

He met Doris Jean Morgan at school in Thackerville and they married June 10, 1952. He worked at Whites Auto store in Ardmore, Oklahoma before enlisting in the Air Force. He served in Alaska during the Korean War. They returned to Oklahoma in 1955, where he went to work for Samedan Oil Corporation, a subsidiary of Noble Energy. They transferred them to Midland, Texas in 1958, where Frank and Jean lived and raised their girls.

He loved working for Samedan and the relationships he had there. They were like a second family to him. He was a land man for the company until his early retirement in 1986. After that, he worked contract for many oil companies around Midland until 2008, but Samedan would always have a special place in his heart.

They joined Crestview Baptist Church in 1958, where Frank became a deacon and served faithfully. He loved Crestview and shared his faith and love of God with so many people. His legacy was the example that he lived. His children and grandchildren all came to accept Christ as their Savior at Crestview and were all baptized there. His grandchildren and their families heard the call of the Lord on their lives to serve in their respective vocations.

Frank loved to play softball on the Crestview team and made many memories with his teammates. Many nights were spent under the lights at Hogan Park and A&W root beer afterwards. He loved to fish and hunt, play cards and dominoes, and no one liked to play with him because he always won.

Frank always had a joke or funny story, and was always laughing and giving people a "hard time!" You knew he liked you if he joked and kidded with you. He always tried to make the best of a situation and was a very sympathetic and emotional dad and grandfather. They were usually "happy tears," but they came pretty easily.

The one thing he loved the most was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Christopher and Morgan. He enjoyed taking them on trips, watching Lee High School halftime shows, choir concerts, dance recitals, youth choir, praise band, and whatever they were involved in. They were a blessing to his life, as he was to theirs.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Wolfe; daughter, Rachel Etheredge and husband Ken, all of Midland; daughter, Kim Wolfe of San Angelo; grandson, Christopher and wife Laura Beth Etheredge, and their children, Luke and Caroline of Andrews; granddaughter, Morgan and husband Nathan Clardy and their children, Lela, Eli, Josiah, and Faith of South East Asia; one brother, Tom Wolfe of Gainesville, Texas; one sister, Helen Rodgers of Plainview ,Texas; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and eight of his brothers - Merle, Cotton, Bill, Olan, Paul Ray, Jim, Wallace, and Travis Wolfe.

There will be a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at Crestview Baptist Church on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Reverend Ken James.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Bynum, Larry Snyder, Scott McDaniel, Charlie Davidson, Rick Bender, Jimmy Stewart, and Randy Davis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crestview Baptist Church at 301 N Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79703.

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

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Jaci Sandelin

Jaci Sandelin, 54, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2017 in College Station, Texas.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Terrace Acres Baptist Church at 632 N. Las Vegas Trail, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jacquelyn Ann Sandelin was born in Midland Texas to the late Troy and Doris Colley on November 16, 1962, and was graduated from Midland High School. She attended Texas Tech University, pledged Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising in 1985.

Jaci was an enthusiastic and energetic person in all her interests and had an ability to strike up a friendship immediately with people she met. Jaci enjoyed acting and attended both KD Studios and Neighborhood Playhouse acting schools in Dallas and New York City, respectively. Jaci worked for Delta Airlines, and later was a real estate agent in Granbury, Texas.

Most important to her were her three boys, Jake, Luke, and Nick Sandelin, whom she loved deeply. She also had a lifelong love of animals.

Jaci is survived by her three boys; her brother, David Colley; and sister, Terri Williams, both of North Texas.

Flowers may be sent directly to the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Tarrant County, Texas.



Kerry Glen Thompson

Kerry Glen Thompson was called to be with his Savior on January 17, 2017. He was father to three daughters and nine sons.

In Kerry's teenage years he was ordained and began to spread the word about the Lord. He joined the United States Army and was stationed in Vietnam. He installed beautiful window treatments, eventually establishing his own company where he work until retirement.

Services will be held at Goodwill Baptist Church in Midland, Texas at 11:00 a.m. Saturday January 28, 2017.

Raymond Elmer Galvin

1932-2017

Raymond Elmer Galvin died peacefully after his courageous battle with cancer on Friday, the 20th of January 2017. He was surrounded by his family speaking their love to him and by the music of Johnny Cash singing, *"I am bound for the Promised Land..."*

Ray was born on the 1st of February 1932, in Cisco, Texas, to Frances Irene and Henry D. Galvin. He was married on the 4th of September 1953, to Dorothy Bates, the love of his life for more than 63 years. Ray graduated from Whiteface High School in Whiteface, Texas and went on to attend Texas A&M University.

Despite receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point during his sophomore year at Texas A&M, Ray chose to remain at Texas A&M, beginning a lifetime of loyal partnership. While at A&M, he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. He formed what became lifelong friendships with his fellow classmates from the Class of '53. Ray graduated with a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering in May 1953 and was immediately employed by Gulf Oil Corporation.

Later that same year, he began two years of military service as an officer in the United States Army stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Ray's career in the oil and gas industry spanned over 55 years. He served in various engineering and management assignments for Gulf in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Louisiana, becoming Vice President for U.S. Production in 1979. He assisted in a significant capacity during the merger of Gulf with Chevron in 1984, becoming a Senior Vice President of Chevron USA, Inc.

In 1992, he became President of the Exploration /Production Unit of Chevron USA, serving until his retirement in 1997. Ray was elected to Chevron Corporation's Board of Directors in 1995, later serving as Vice President of the Chevron Corporation.

Subsequent to his retirement in February 1997, Ray was enlisted to serve on the Board of Directors of Swift Energy in 2003. He served as Vice Chairman of the Board from 2006-2008.

Ray's life was characterized by a commitment to family, integrity, service, and the pursuit of both genuineness and excellence in leadership. He served as chairman of the Natural Gas Council and the Natural Gas Supply Association; on the executive committees of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the National Ocean Industries Association, and the Greater Houston Partnership.

He also served for 10 years on the board of Houston Hospice, including as chairman of the board. He was a member of the Houston Advisory Council of the Nature Conservancy of Texas. In 1998, he was honored by his selection as Mr. Spindletop.

Ray maintained a close relationship with Texas A&M University that didn't just include a religious following of Texas A&M football. He and his wife, Dorothy, provided a $1 million charitable remainder unitrust to endow the Ray and Dorothy Galvin Undergraduate Student Fund in Engineering. The fund focuses on scholarships and program support for women and ethnic minority students in engineering. Ray noted, "I'm essentially a first-generation college graduate... and received from A&M...a top-quality education and the opportunity to develop teamwork and leadership skills. Dorothy and I want to do what we can to provide a similar opportunity for other first-generation college students." He was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M in May 1998. Ray was also an emeritus member of the External Advisory Council of Texas A&M's College of Engineering.

When Ray retired, Mayor Bob Lanier named February 26, 1977, R. E. Galvin Day in Houston. His co-workers frequently and consistently spoke of Ray's gift for treating all of his work colleagues with value and esteem, showing interest in their well-being, their lives and their families, "not because of their positions in the company, but because we were people...No ivory tower for him!"

As much as he loved and excelled in his work, Ray's love and unwavering commitment to caring for his family was his deepest source of joy. He enjoyed extensive travel with Dorothy post-retirement as well as two very special trips with his entire family to London and to Singapore. The family's trip to Singapore was occasioned by Chevron's naming of a 35,000 ton motor tanker as the RAYMOND E. GALVIN.

Ray delighted in his three grandchildren and their talents as students, athletes, and in musical and theatrical performances. He consistently cared for his 200 rose bushes until his health prevented him from continuing to do so. He enjoyed serving at his church homes, Metairie Baptist Church, where he and Dorothy made lifetime friends and, most recently, at Tallowood Baptist Church.

His smile, his sense of humor, his storytelling, his role-modeling, and his loving leadership with both family and work will be greatly missed.

Ray is survived by his wife, Dorothy Galvin; his daughter, Kathy Galvin; his son, Mark Galvin; his daughter, Missy Freeman and her husband, Derek Freeman; his three grandchildren, Caleb, Carly, and Colton Freeman; his brother, Dan Galvin and his wife, Sharyn Galvin; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be held at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 13001 Katy Freeway in Houston, from three o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, the 29th of January.

The memorial service is to be conducted at eleven o'clock in the morning on Monday, the 30th of January, in the chapel of Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Road in Houston, where the Reverends Randy Kilpatrick and Bill Thompson will co-officiate.

The graveside service will be held at three-thirty in the afternoon at the Memorial Cemetery Aggie Field of Honor, 3800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway in College Station.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in the name of Raymond Galvin, be directed to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.



Richard Dwayne Flournoy

Richard (aka "Scooter") Dwayne Flournoy, 50, of Midland, Texas, transitioned to the other side when God called him on Sunday, January 22, 2017, leaving cancer behind and defeated!

Public visitation will be Friday, January 27, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Lee Street Church of Christ, 101 N. Lee St., Midland, Texas.

Richard was born in Midland, Texas on April 9, 1966. He graduated from Midland High School in 1983 and was a proud Bulldog Alumni. On a summer vacation trip to Dallas with the family, he and his sister Sheila, walked hand and hand down the aisle of Dallas West Church of Christ to give their lives to Christ at a young age under the teaching of the late Minister Reginald B. Dulin.

"Scooter" was always the consummate big brother, the protector to the end, and he never failed in that role. "Family, Friends, and Football (The Dallas Cowboys)" were his love and joy but nothing brought him more satisfaction than being the father to his four daughters; they were his world and he let everyone know that. He was known as "The World's Best Soccer Dad." He pushed his girls to be proud of themselves as much as he was proud of them. Everyone knew him as "Scooter" or "Rich" but his favorite name was "Daddy."

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Alice Flournoy Kazee; maternal grandparents, Mazie Pleasant and Curtis Flournoy; and paternal grandfather, Lueranze Kazee.

He is survived by his 100-year-old paternal grandmother, Lovie Mae Kazee of Dallas, Texas; four daughters, Alissa, Kendra Nicole, Richele, and Andrea Flournoy; three granddaughters, Nakilan Hearst, Emerie Shaw, and Kureesa White, all of Midland; his sister; Sheila Crosby of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Ramzies Kazee (Simona) and Eric Kazee of Dallas; one niece, Jasmine Crosby; and three nephews, Justyn Betts, Joshua Kazee, and Jamison Crosby. He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss him and his HUGE laugh.

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Lauren Jaymes Haechten

Lauren Jaymes Haechten of Midland passed away on January 23, 2017.

She is survived by her parents, Allen and Suzann Haechten. There will be a private service at Resthaven Memorial Park.

For this child I have prayed and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also dedicated this child to the Lord... 1 Sam 1:27-28

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101

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

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Death Notices

Curtis Edward Israel

Curtis Edward Israel, 82 of Midland, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

Memorial services will be at Fairmont Park Church of Christ on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Mary Nell (Crosby) Israel; daughters, Amy Penland and Bonnie Israel; and by a brother.

Floral arrangements may be directed to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

Helen Ruth Jenkins

Helen Ruth Jenkins, 90, passed away January 25, 2017.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017 at Andrews County Cemetery, 1400 W. Broadway Street, Andrews, Texas.

Dallas woman recalls watching Mary Tyler Moore promo

Associated Press

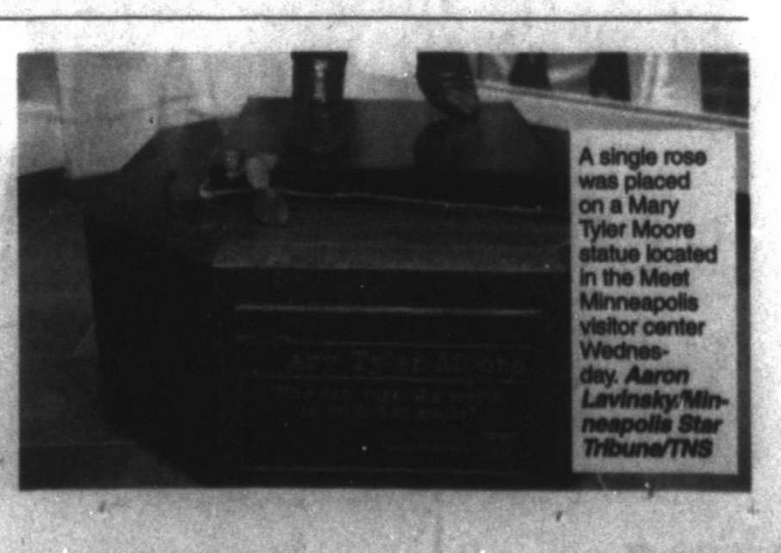
DALLAS — A Minnesota native now living in Texas has fondly recalled standing in downtown Minneapolis to watch Mary Tyler Moore shoot an iconic intro for her TV show.

Martha Rogers of Dallas on Thursday said she was 10 years old in 1970 when she and her mother learned of the Moore promotion and decided to check it out.

Rogers, who grew up in southwest Minneapolis, says they hopped a bus to downtown where "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was set. The intro shows Moore throwing her tam into the air.

Rogers says it was a very cold day as she and her mom stood across the street and watched Moore do multiple takes. Rogers says it was fun and that "Mary Tyler Moore was darling."

Moore died Wednesday at age 80.



A single rose was placed on a Mary Tyler Moore statue located in the Mall Minneapolis visitor center Wednesday. *Aaron Lavinsky/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS*

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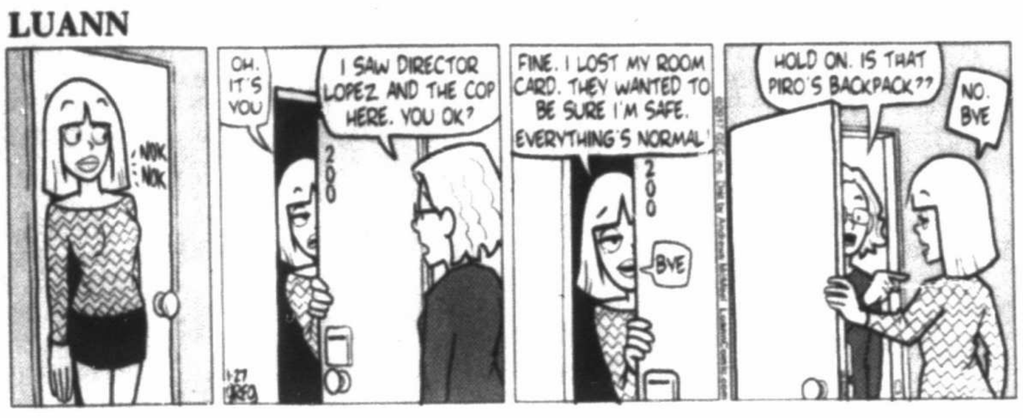

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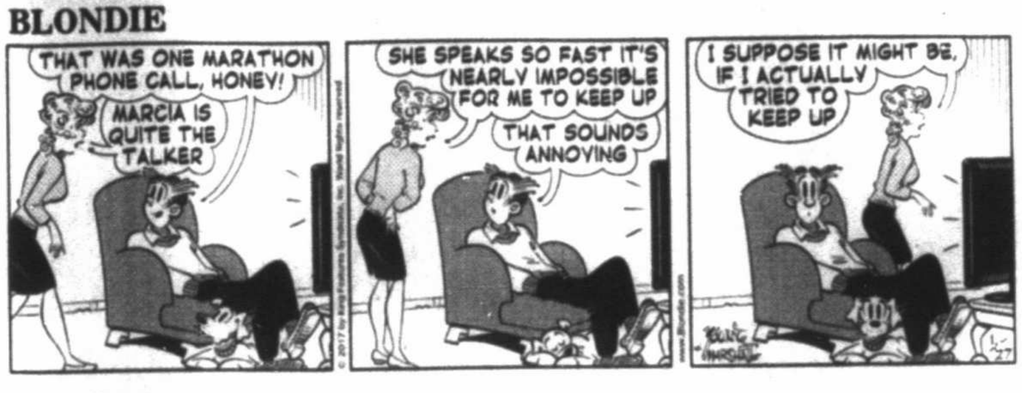

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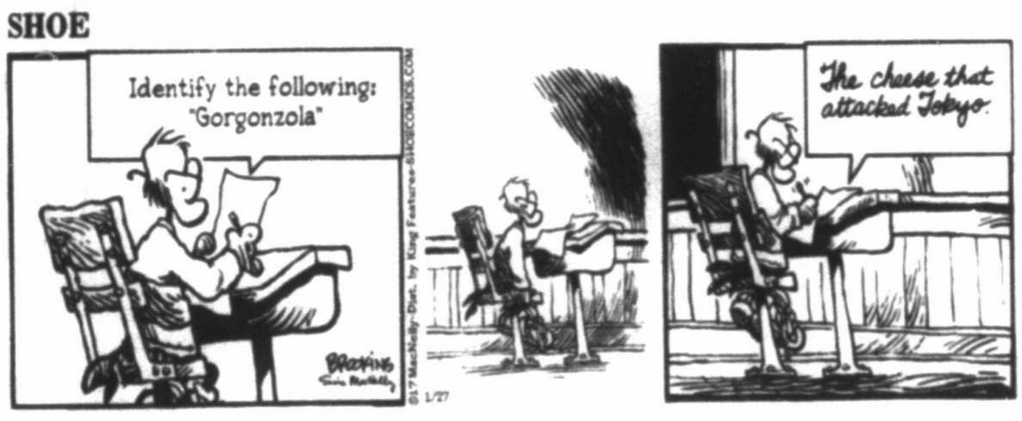

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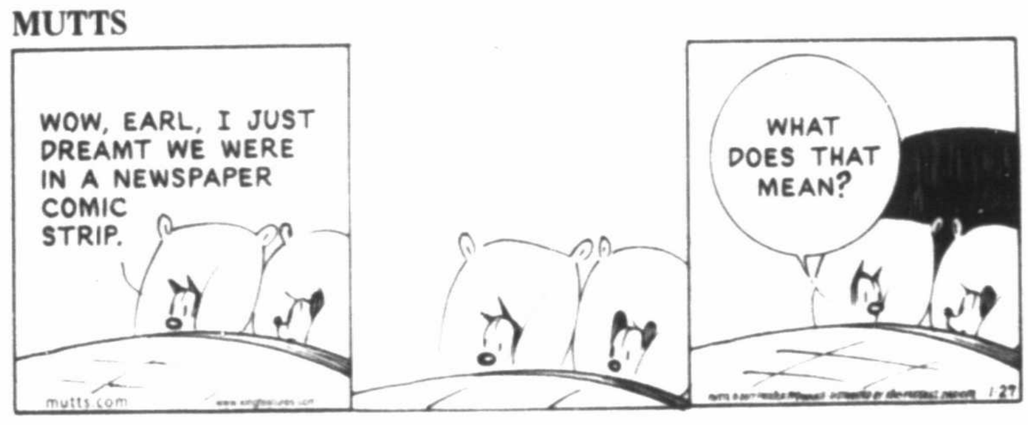

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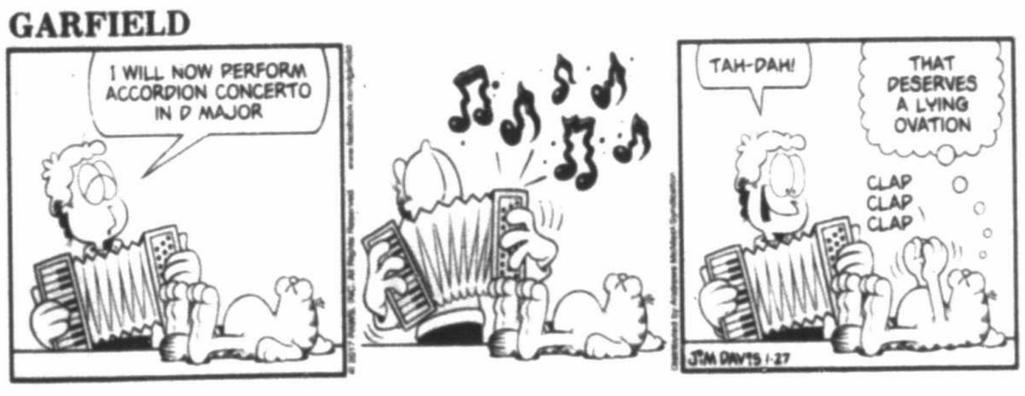

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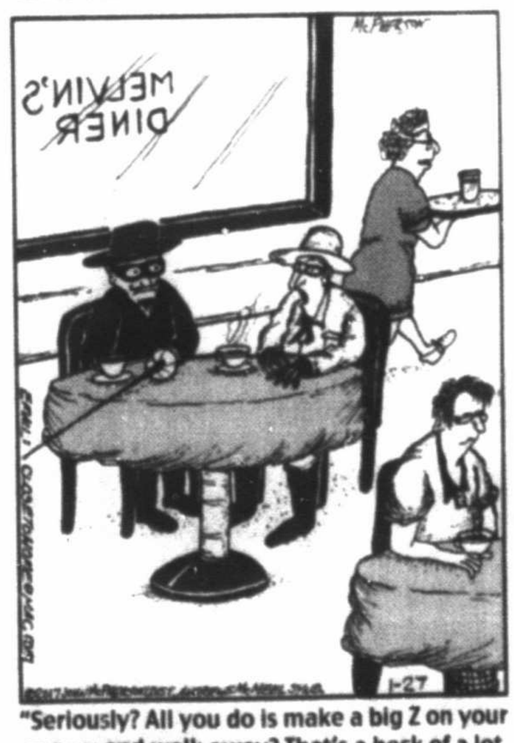

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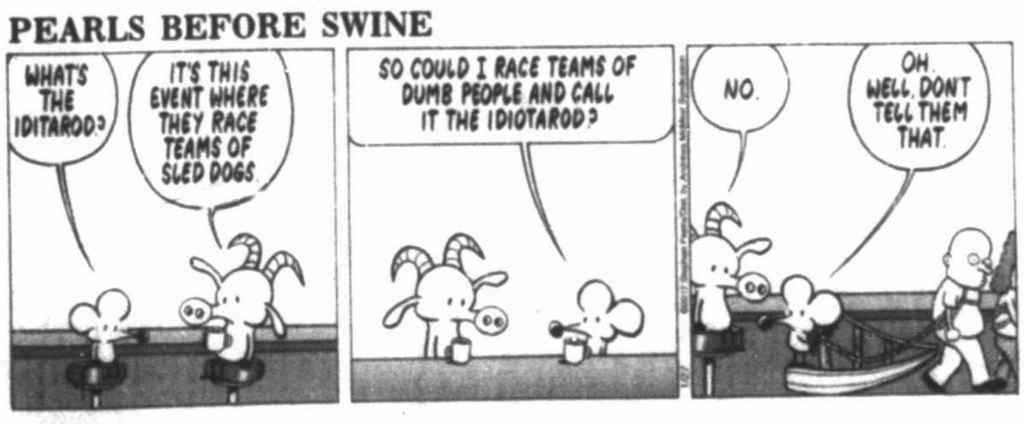

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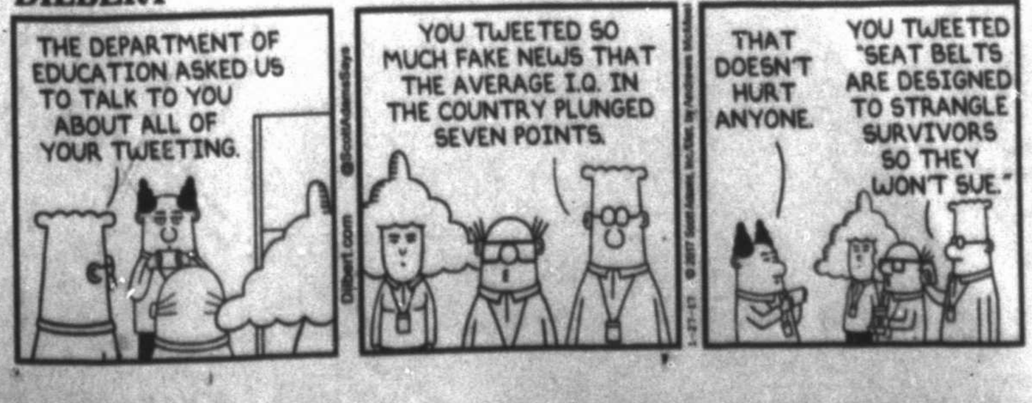


Homeless group partners with different kind of soup kitchen

By Natalie Pompilio
Associated Press

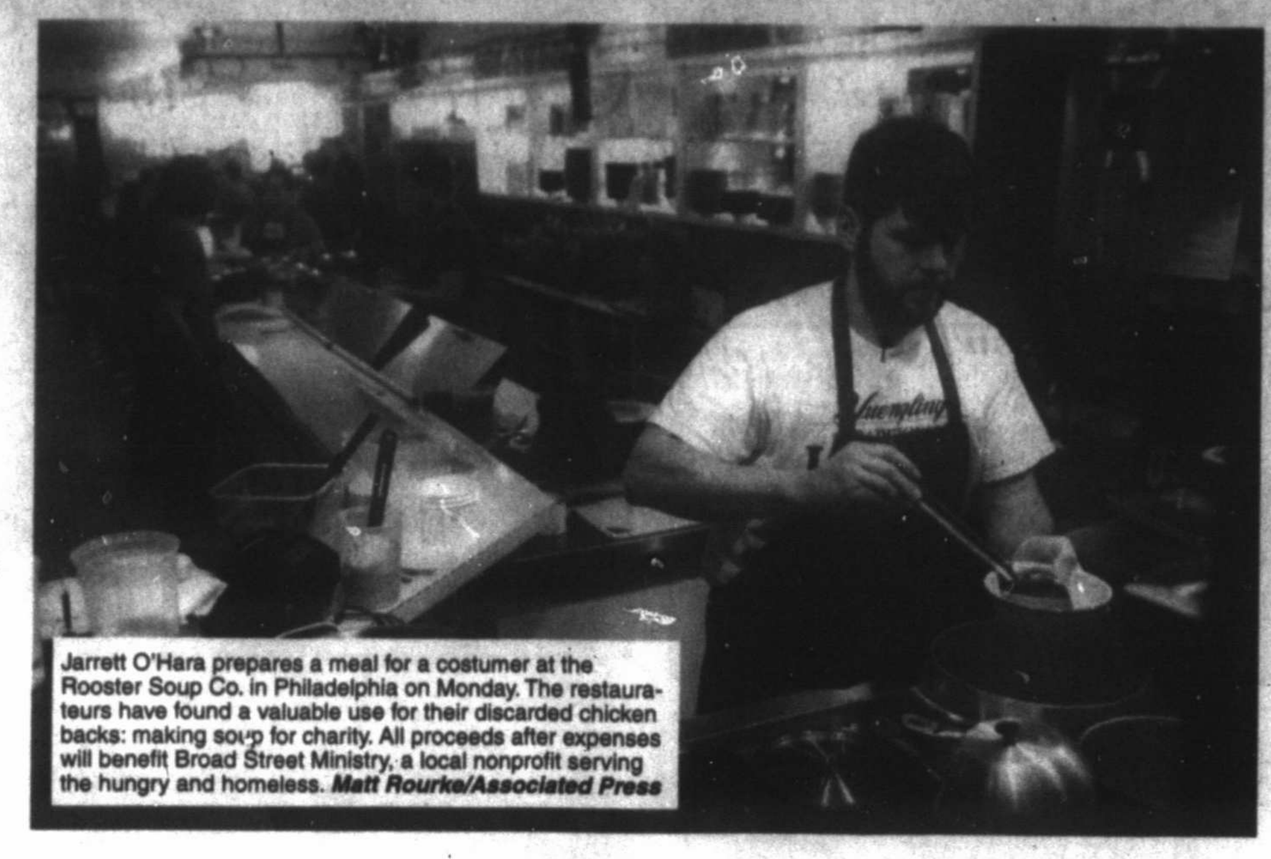
PHILADELPHIA — The restaurateurs behind a popular doughnuts and fried chicken chain in Philadelphia have found a valuable use for their discarded chicken backs: making soup for charity.

The Rooster Soup Co. luncheonette — which has full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus alongside its soup offerings — opened Monday to a packed crowd. All proceeds after expenses will benefit Broad Street Ministry, a local nonprofit serving the hungry and homeless.

"I love the mission. It's so inspiring. It's groundbreaking," said customer Kate Tejada. "And I know the food is going to be awesome."

Since 2005, Broad Street Ministry has provided services to the needy with a focus on preserving the dignity of its clients, including weekly three-course meals served by a wait staff. Executive director Mike Dahl said the innovative partnership with Rooster Soup could give his group a steady source of annual revenue — an unprecedented gift.

"We are constantly searching for dollars to keep our doors open and we rely 95 percent on private donations," Dahl said. "That a nonprofit and a private business can come together and find a creative solution to a problem facing the city is very exciting."



Jarrett O'Hara prepares a meal for a costumer at the Rooster Soup Co. in Philadelphia on Monday. The restaurateurs have found a valuable use for their discarded chicken backs: making soup for charity. All proceeds after expenses will benefit Broad Street Ministry, a local nonprofit serving the hungry and homeless. ***Matt Rourke/Associated Press***

Rooster Soup is the newest member of the CookNSolo restaurant group, led by Steve Cook and chef Michael Solomonov. In addition to the wildly successful Federal Donuts shops (which serve fried chicken), their Philadelphia portfolio includes the upscale Zahav and hummus joint Dizengoff.

Rooster Soup was originally envisioned as a "hale and hearty soup stall" to salvage 500 pounds of spare chicken parts unused weekly by Federal Donuts, Cook said. Teaming up with Dahl's group seemed like "a natural affiliation between our two organizations," Cook said, estimating that soup profits could approach six figures annually.

"What Broad Street does inspires us and reminds us that hospitality is a fundamental human interaction," Cook said.

CookNSolo first floated the concept with a 2014 Kickstarter campaign that asked: "What if you could help someone who really needed it, just by eating lunch?" The effort raised nearly $180,000 for the project.

"The fact that 1,500 people stepped up and put their wallets where their mouths were told us it wasn't a crazy idea," Cook said.

But before opening the restaurant, the planning team needed to reimagine its concept. Would a soup-only restaurant survive the summer months? Would a lunch stall bring in enough customers to make the business viable?

The new downtown eatery has a diner feel, with silver and white on the walls and dark red leather booths. It also has an 18-seat lunch counter, which Cook said harkens back to social justice efforts from the Civil Rights era.

Deciding a soup-only restaurant would be limiting, the restaurant has a full menu that includes some of the twists the CookNSolo team are known for. The BLT, for example, replaces the lettuce with a latke.

But on a cold, raining opening day, soup was the popular choice for many diners, particularly smoked matzo ball soup.

Customer Carter Quigg, 40, who works for a supermarket chain, said she loved the idea of making use of leftover chicken parts.

"There's a lot of waste in the food and hospitality industries and we are the people who see the people on the streets every day asking for help," she said. "We need to find systematic ways to solve that rather than one mouth at a time."



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

10th annual Chocolate Decadence event benefiting the Aphasia Center of West Texas on Feb. 12, 2015, at Horseshoe Pavilion.

Touch

From 1B

Aphasia impairs a person's ability to communicate and is often caused by a stroke. It affects a person's expression and understanding of language as well as the ability to read and write.

About 1 in 3 stroke survivors are diagnosed with aphasia, and approximately 1 in every 250 people in the Permian Basin cope with the disorder.

Despite the seriousness of the disorder, Chocolate Decadence is a party.

"We want people to feel they can mix and mingle and have a big-party feel," Binek said. "We try to do as little as possible from the stage while also educating people about aphasia. That's always done on purpose and why it's such a popular event."

This year's theme is "Puttin' on the Ritz," and Lands has emphasized the 1920s vintage atmosphere. Guests are encouraged to dress up in their flapper dresses and pin-striped suits. Otherwise, cocktail attire is apropos.

"There will be all the glitter and gold you can imagine," Lands said. "We wanted to play on 'The Great Gatsby' and give people an opportunity to dress up."

If you go

Chocolate Decadence, 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Reservations must be made in advance by visiting aphasiawtx.org/chocolate-decadence or by calling 432-699-1261.

In lieu of cigarette girls, the event will feature popcorn girls passing out chocolate-caramel popcorn, adult beverages served in mugs to recall the Prohibition era and a jazz cafe with live music.

Of course, there will be chocolate. Lands listed off a long menu of sweet options that include chocolate martines, French silk pie, lava cake, pavlovas and mini-cannolis that will be served in the Sweeteasy.

The night will also feature savory selections to cut through the sweet offerings.

Other features of the annual event are a video featuring a center client with a family member, an auction, vendors such as the Artizen Outlet, Willow and Liz's Interiors. A new feature is the Silent Vineyard, a wine auction based on blind bids that can also serve as donations to the Aphasia Center of West Texas.

The event will honor Ron Stroman as the 2017 Aphasia Center Sweetheart. Stroman was outgoing board president in 2016 but immediately turned to volunteering with the center when he rotated off the board.

"The award goes to an outstanding volunteer who has made a significant difference in the center's ability to serve the community," center founder Kathryn Shelley said.

Proceeds from Chocolate Decadence are crucial to the center's operations, and even with a fluctuating economy, Binek has seen donors step up to help.

"This raises 35 to 40 percent of our annual operation budget," she said. "I thank our presenting sponsor, West Texas National Bank, and the generous community who believe in what we're doing. I can't express enough of our thanks, and we never take it for granted."

Camp

From 1B

"We do have fees for our programs, but reduced fees can really help single parents or low-income families," said William Shuey, Camp Fire executive director. "This show, along with area foundations and the United Way, help us provide our programs to children with low or no cost. We never turn anyone down."

Camp Fire's annual concert with Trout Fishing in America is Sunday at the Yucca Theatre.

Since 1964, Camp Fire has grown beyond its initial recognition as a girls-only club into a substantial program for boys and girls. Today's iteration focuses on education, physical activity and fostering a positive self-identity.

The longtime nonprofit serves up to 550 children ages 5 to 12 in Midland and Odessa during the school year and 250 during the summer. Funds from the concert will help offset registration costs and will help cover the 48 part-time staff members who work with the children.

Camp Fire began its partnership in 1991 with the United Way and Midland ISD to form Kids Care, a licensed after-school child-care program that started at one elementary campus and now has grown to seven campuses in Midland and seven Ector County ISD elementary campuses in Odessa.

Not only do the programs offer a place for children, Shuey said they have become an invaluable service to parents.

"Sometimes both parents are working and single parents are definitely working. So if they know their child is in a strong program, they can concentrate on work. We're licensed as child care and without that, that can make parents feel insecure at work," he said. "It's great for them, but also gives their kid more time to interact and socialize rather than going home when nobody's there."

If you go

Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Yucca, 208 N. Colorado St. $5. campfirewtx.org.

For Sunday's concert, Shuey and Camp Fire have lucked out by having not only an acclaimed musical guest, but also performers who share a philosophy about education and children.

"Behind the scenes, but equally important, is the outreach that Camp Fire does in the elementary schools," Trout Fishing in America's Ezra Idlet said in an email. "In a time where arts education is being cut from curriculums across the country, it takes an organization like Camp Fire to bring music and art to the schools and community. We're proud of our association with Camp Fire. These people put their time and money where their hearts are. They are looking to enrich the lives of those around them by providing help and opportunity for as many as possible."

Trout Fishing in America will perform Monday afternoon at Yarbrough Elementary in Midland and will present a songwriting workshop at Pease Elementary in Odessa on Monday.

"They are wonderful people and fit well to what we do," Shuey said. "I really like seeing the excitement when they are here."

Network of Mormons on Capitol Hill lend each other a hand

By Alex Gangitano
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Once a month, a group of Mormon staffers make it a point to have lunch together on Capitol Hill.

Like other staffer groups, the Latter-day Saints Staff Association is based around building a network. But this one is connected by faith.

"I think it's helpful for them, just among the folks that are members of the church, it's a cultural affinity," said co-chairman Gordon Larsen, legislative director for Utah Republican Rep. Chris Stewart. "You know that you can count on people that have sort of similar experiences and backgrounds that are going to help you find the position that you're looking for or even just get together and chat."

Stewart, a Mormon, is the group's congressional sponsor.

"Since there are a lot of LDS staff from the Utah delegation, we thought it would make sense to have a Utah member sponsoring it," said Larsen, 34.

Co-chairman Ryan Martin, 40, said those who have been on the Hill for a while "have a desire to do what we can to help others find that pathway and connect people."

"I joke all the time that there's Mormons everywhere up here, you never know," added Martin, a professional staff member on the House Ways and Mean Human Resources Subcommittee.

The association maintains its network through the lunches and other activities.

"Everyone has their alumni network from their undergraduate institute or from their law school or grad school and it's kind of like we have an extra one," Larsen said. "We can connect with (people) beyond those alumni networks and people who are willing to help out."

Anywhere from five to 20 staffers attend the monthly lunches. There are about 100 people on the group's email list, and while 80 percent are Hill staffers, the rest include a few lobbyists and other people associated with the Hill.

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CALENDAR

Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Today

God's Way Online Christian music revue, 2 p.m. today and Saturday at Identity Youth Rally, 101 Lone Star Road, Odessa. Free. All ages.

Saturday

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

Pancake Book Brunch with pancakes provided by IHOP featuring Susie Strawberry, activities and storytime. The event is open to all ages. Participants can also vote for their favorite Texas Bluebonnet Award nominee and purchase books from Barnes and Noble's pop-up shop. 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

God's Way Online Christian music revue with Illuminate, Seven T, D-Hix and more. 7 p.m. at Crump Park, 410 W. 10th St., Odessa. Free. All ages.

Sunday

Trout Fishing in America benefiting Camp Fire West Texas, 3 p.m. at The Yucca, 208 N. Colorado St. $5. campfirewtx.org.

Monday

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly Dancing Class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Thursday

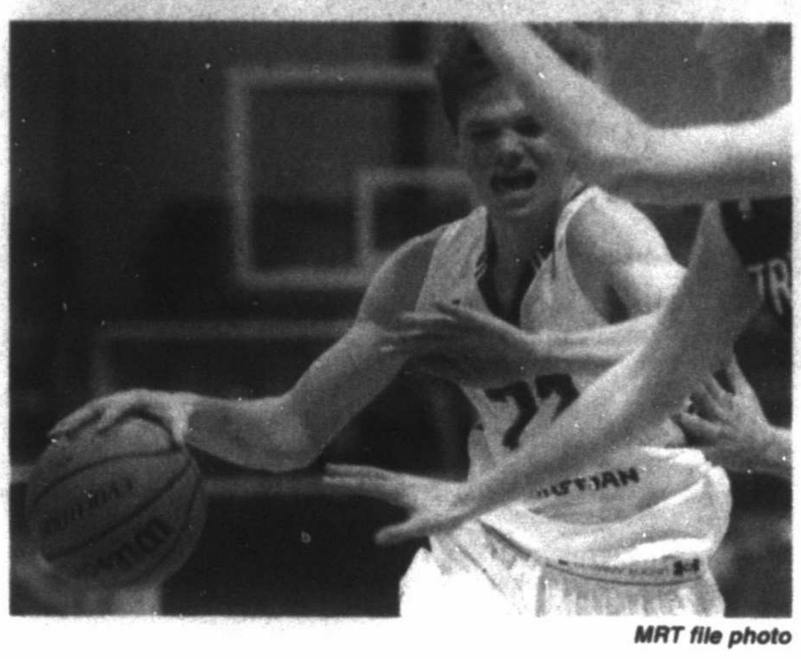
Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Book of Hebrews Bible Study in 12 sessions. 9:15 a.m. every Thursday through March 30 at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. $20. Fbc-midland.org.

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

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

MCS aims for 1st district title since '08



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Midland Christian's Colton Snively (22) drives to the hoop against Lubbock Trinity on Dec. 22, 2016, at McGraw Event Center.

By Will Korn
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Throughout head coach Chris Ryburn's tenure with the program, the Midland Christian boys basketball team has always lived by the philosophy "Play every play."

It's a mindset that has helped MCS stay grounded in the moment during each day's intense practice and each night's emotional game, rather than become enamored by the future rewards of victory.

But for the No. 4-ranked Mustangs (24-6, 4-0 in TAPPS 1-5A), a win at 7:30 p.m. today against district rival Fort Worth Christian (15-13) at McGraw Event Center would be pretty special. It would mark the program's first district title since the 2008 team, which returned players from the MCS squad that won the 2007 TAPPS state championship.

Such an accomplishment would mean quite a bit to these Mustangs, especially the team's senior class.

"It would be really nice," said MCS senior forward Colton Snively. "We worked really hard in the offseason, we've been in (the gym) since the first day of school and it'd be nice if we won it."

Senior forward Bryce Waters added that it would be an honor to become the first district champion Mustang team in nearly a decade.

"It's really special because that last group, they were all transfers coming in," Waters said. "So to be the first group in nine years from Midland Christian, that'd be special."

Today MCS will have the benefit of taking on the No. 8-ranked Cardinals in the friendly confines of its home gym. But the last time these two teams met on Jan. 13, the Mustangs escaped with a hard-fought 55-52 road win.

All season, Ryburn has preached the importance of patience and full concentration on the immediate task at hand — the next play and the next. He knows that level of mental discipline will be needed in today's game with the district title within reach for his team.

"(At the beginning of the season) We definitely sat down and talked about what some of our goals were and one that came up often with the guys, was to win a district championship," Ryburn said. "You can't do it just by

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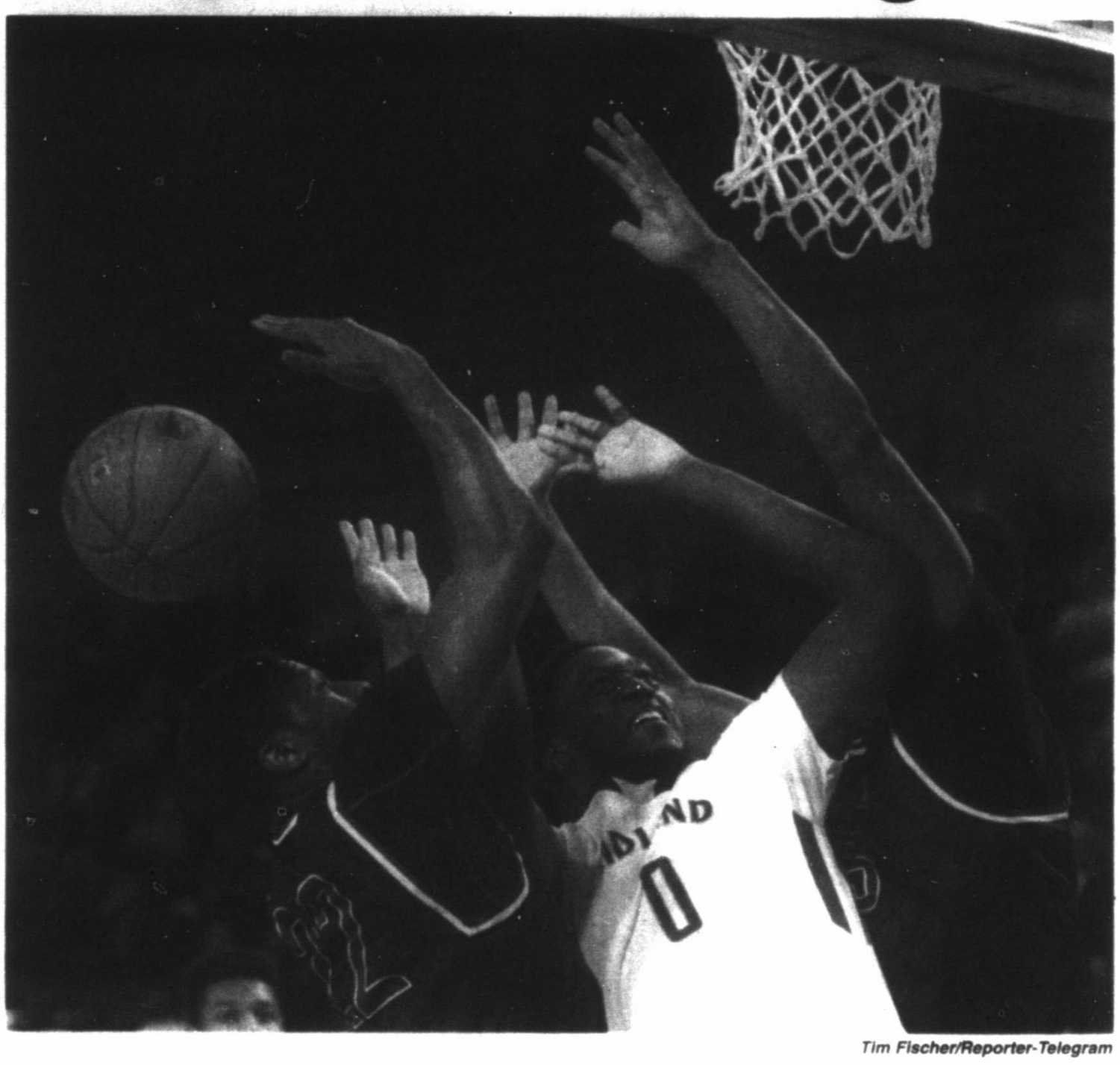
Chaps fall to Wranglers



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Sean Ofodile loses control of the ball as Odessa College's Tyree Robinson, 22, and Ishmael Johnson defend Thursday at Chaparral Center.

Chaps come up just short vs. No. 17 OC

By Oscar LeRoy
oleroy@mrt.com

Midland College men's basketball coach Jordan Dreiling said his team has to get tougher to win games like the one against rival Odessa College on Thursday night.

The Chaparrals gave the No. 17-ranked Wranglers all they could handle but OC closed out the game at the free-throw line for a 75-72 victory at Chaparral Center.

The Wranglers (17-3, 6-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) hit 21 of 27 shots from the charity stripe, including 5 of 6 in the final minute to hold off a Chap rally.

"We found a way to win the game late," OC coach Tra Arnold said. "We have mental errors that we've got to clean up. I knew (Midland College) would be up to play. I thought they played pretty well. Guys contributed for them that haven't been contributing. But in this league, I'll take a road win by one if we can get it."

For MC, which has lost two straight games and their last three straight at home, it was the same old story as the Chaps struggled from the foul line (18 of 29) and from 3-point range (4-15).

They got a pair of late 3s from Juan Cardenas and Roland Griffin to give themselves a chance, but it wasn't enough against an OC team that was knocking down its shots at the free-throw line in crunch time.

"The time when they got the offensive rebounds, they got fouled and went to the free-throw line," Dreiling said. "I think we attacked the rim well. They were letting both teams bang a little bit. I think we have some good shooters but we went 27 percent from 3 and 62 percent from the free-throw line. We've got to be better."

MC actually had a chance to tie the game at the end of the game but a 3-point attempt by Jachai Simmons bounced off the front of the rim, allowing the Wranglers to escape with the rivalry win.

"We have to hit shots," Dreiling said. "You've got to finish shots in this league. It's a league of knocking down shots. Teams that knock down shots win. That's why (WJCAC leader and No. 1-ranked team) South Plains is so good, because they hit shots and they guard."

Tyree Robinson led OC with 19 points, with 11 of those points coming at the free-throw line. Marlon Hunter added 17 and Jeremiah Livingston added 10.

MC had four players in double figures, with Simmons leading the way with 14

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Lady Chaps stumble late in loss to No. 1 OC

By Oscar LeRoy
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The No. 1-ranked Odessa College women's basketball team will gladly take an ugly win over rival Midland College.

In a game where baskets were at a premium, a 3-pointer by China Fair with 1 minute and 38 seconds left in the game gave the Lady Wranglers one of their few leads in the game, and it proved to be enough in a 50-49 win over No. 19 MC at Chaparral Center on Thursday night at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Chaparrals actually had a chance to win the game when they got a defensive rebound with eight seconds left, but Matangiroa Flavell was never able to get a shot off before time expired.

With the win, Odessa College remained undefeated at 18-0 overall and 6-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, although it certainly wasn't easy as it was held to 24 percent shooting and its lowest point total of the season.

OC also trailed 26-16 after a very ugly and frustrating first half.

But none of that mattered in the end as the Lady Wranglers made shots late and made the key plays in crunch time to earn the gut-check victory.

"I'm real proud of our kids, they showed a lot of resiliency, they showed a lot of fight," OC coach Ara Baten said. "Midland was strong and physical, was active, played good defense and took it to us. I just thought we found a way."

Baten added he wasn't sure if the

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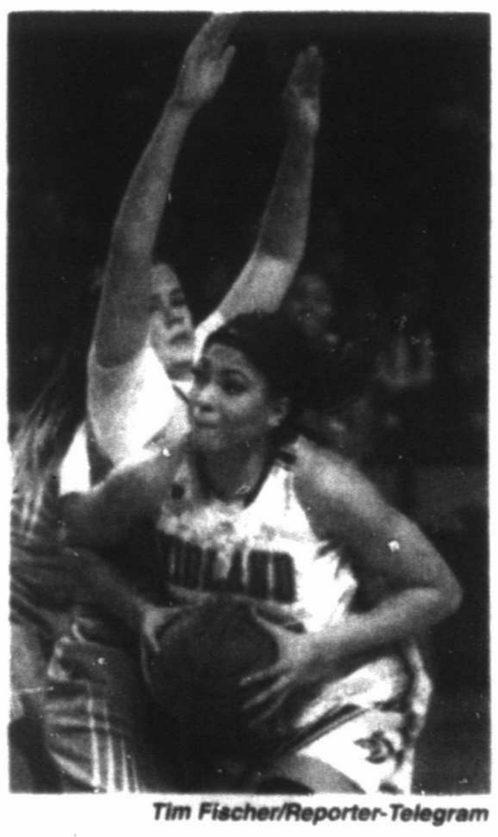

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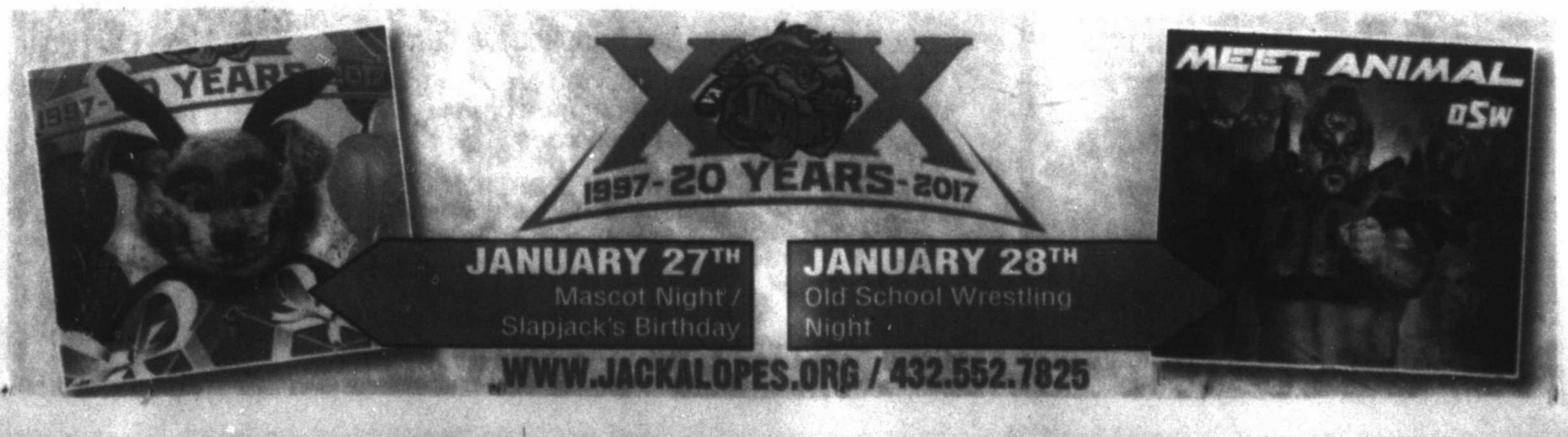
Midland College's Janea Bunn drives to the basket as Odessa College's Sadie Russell defends Thursday at Chaparral Center.



DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING

Eric De Leon vs. Jose Salinas, 10 p.m., UniMas, UDN

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Auburn at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Alabama at Arkansas, 7:30 p.m., SEC

COLLEGE SWIMMING

Arizona at Texas, 4 p.m., LHN

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Ohio State at Iowa, 7 p.m., BTN

FIGURE SKATING

ISU European Championships: Ostrava, Men's Short Program, 11 a.m., NBCSN

ISU European Championships: Ostrava, Ladies Free Program, 1 p.m., NBCSN

Golf

LPGA: Pure Silk Bahamas Classic, 2nd Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Farmers Insurance Open, 2nd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, 3rd Round, 3 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Quinnipiac at Monmouth, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Dayton at VCU, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Green Bay at Oakland, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

UC Irvine at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

MEN'S SOCCER

FA Cup: Derby County FC vs. Leicester County FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1

Bundesliga: FC Schalke 04 vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

Scottish Premier: Aberdeen FC vs. Dundee FC, 1:40 p.m., FSP

Ligue 1: Marseille vs. Montpellier HSC, 1:40 p.m., beIN

La Liga: Osasuna vs. Malaga, 1:40 p.m., beIN2

Ascenso MX: Venados FC vs. Atlante FC, 8:30 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX: Club Tijuana vs. Cruz Azul FC, 8:40 p.m., AZTECA

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Bellator: Melvin Guillard vs. Chad Njokuani, 8 p.m., SPIKE

CES MMA 41, 8 p.m., AXS

NBA

Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., FSSW+

NBA D-LEAGUE

Austin at Texas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

Australian Open: Women's Final, 2:30 a.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

X GAMES

Men's Ski SuperPipe and Men's Snowboard Big Air Finals, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DePaul at Creighton, 7 p.m., FS1

Cal at Washington, 8 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 WA

Arizona State at UCLA, 10 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 LA

Stanford at Washington State, 10 p.m., P12 BAY, P12 WA

Oregon State at Oregon, 10 p.m., P12 OR

ON RADIO

NAHL HOCKEY

Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

NBA

San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Amarillo Ascension at MCA, 5 p.m.

Amarillo Tascosa vs. Lee, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center

MHS at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.

Greenwood at Monahans, 6 p.m.

Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.

Andrews at Pecos, 6 p.m.

Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6 p.m.

Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m.

Stanton at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado City at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan at Ozona, 6:30 p.m.

O'Donnell at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Bronte at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

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Bronte at Garden City, 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Amarillo High vs. MHS, 4 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

GIRLS SOCCER

Amarillo High vs. MHS, 6 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

Junior college

SOFTBALL

MC at Coastal Bend College Tournament, TBA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated 1B Jesus Aguilar for assignment. Claimed 1B/3B Richie Shaffer off waivers from Cincinnati.

DETROIT TIGERS — Assigned OF Anthony Gose outright to Toledo (IL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Yohan Pino on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Designated RHP Jonathan Aro for assignment. Claimed C Tuffy Gosewisch off waivers from Atlanta. Acquired LHP Dillon Overton from Oakland for C Jason Goldstein. Designated C Jesus Sucre for assignment.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Claimed OF Adam Walker off waivers from Baltimore.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Brett Anderson on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Feldman on a one-year contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Darryl Scott minor league pitching coordinator. Mark Brewer pitching coach and Darin Everson hitting coach of Albuquerque (PCL). Jerry Weinstein manager and Tim Doherty hitting coach of Hartford (EL); Ryan Kibler pitching coach of Asheville (SAL). Scott Little manager, Bob Apodaca pitching coach and Mike Devereaux coach of Boise (NWL) and Andy Gonzalez rookie level development supervisor. Doug Jones pitching coach and Lee Stevens hitting coach of Grand Junction (Pioneer).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Al Leboeuf and Ned Yost IV coaches of Colorado Springs (PCL). Chuckie Caufield coach and Kevan Creighton trainer of Biloxi (SL); Dave Joppie coach of Carolina (Carolina); Steve Cline pitching coach and Hainley Statia coach of Wisconsin (MWL); Rolando Valles pitching coach of Helena (Pioneer); Rafael Neda manager, Nat Ballenberg pitching coach, Brenton Del Chiaro coach and Juan Rodriguez strength and conditioning specialist of the AZL Brewers; Jesus Hernandez pitching coach, Alcides Melendez coach and Hector Sanchez strength and conditioning specialist of the DSL Brewers; Adela Marquez minor league ESL coordinator; and Zack Sorensen coordinator of minor league video operations.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with INF Stephen Drew on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned F Troy Williams to Iowa (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed PK Randy Bullock to a two-year contract.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Named Mark Collins linebackers coach.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Named Amy Becker, Bridget Brennan, Barbara Butts Williams, Tami Krause, Sheila Oliver, Jennifer Smith and Lindsay Whalen to the newly-created Vikings Women Advisory Board.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed QB Brett Smith.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Boston F Brad Marchand $10,000 for a dangerous trip against Detroit D Niklas Kronwall.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Activated G Eddie Lack from injured reserve and assigned him to the Charlotte (AHL). Assigned G Michael Leighton to Charlotte.COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Jim O'Brien and G Spencer Martin to San Antonio (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Brandon Troock from Idaho (ECHL) to Texas (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled F Brandon Baddock from Adirondack (ECHL) to Albany (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned G Magnus Hellberg to Hartford (AHL). Reassigned G Mackenzie Skapski from Hartford to Greenville (ECHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Acquired D Jonathan Racine and a 2017 sixth-round draft pick from the Montreal Canadiens for D Nikita Nesterov.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Re-assigned D Jordan Subban to Utica (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Texas F Austin Fyten one game.

ALBANY DEVILS — Returned F Ty Loney to Adirondack (ECHL).

PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Assigned F A.J. White to Atlanta (ECHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Alex Belzile and G Kent Simpson to Colorado (ECHL).

TORONTO MARLIES — Assigned D Nikolas Brouillard to Orlando (ECHL).

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Assigned D Michael Webster to Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL

ALLEN AMERICANS — Released F Patrick Megannety.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Traded D Jacob Poe and the rights to F Miles Koules to Indy for D Matt Stanisz.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Loaned G Ryan Faragher to the Anaheim Ducks.

WHEELING NAILERS — Released G Brent Troyan as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed D Anton Walkes on loan from Tottenham (Premier League England) and D Leandro Gonzalez Pirez from Club Estudiantes de La Plata (Primera Division Argentina). Signed G Brad Guzan to a multi-year contract, effective July 10.

FC DALLAS — Signed F Cristian Colman from Nacional Asuncion (Primera Division-Paraguay).

MINNESOTA UNITES — Acquired M Kevin Molino and G Patrick McLain from Orlando City SC for $450,000 general allocation money and $200,000 targeted allocation money.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed D Nouhou Tolo.

COLLEGE

BARTON — Announced trainer Mandi Leikes will take on additional responsibilities as life skills coordinator.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Announced the resignation of baseball coach Stuart Lake to become coordinator of baseball administration and director of player development at South Carolina. Promoted associate head baseball coach Adam Ward to interim head coach.

CHATTANOOGA — Named Chad Pearson director of athletic performance.

EAST CAROLINA — Named Robert Prunty defensive line coach.

ILLINOIS STATE — Named Scott Myers assistant women's soccer coach.

MICHIGAN — Named Greg Frey tackles and tight ends coach and run-game coordinator.

NORTH DAKOTA — Announced it is leaving the Big Sky Conference to join the Summit League in 2018 for basketball and Missouri Valley Conference in 2020 for football.

RUTGERS — Named Henry Baker cornerbacks coach.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 7

Houston 27, Oakland 14

Seattle 26, Detroit 6

Sunday, Jan. 8

Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12

Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 13

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 14

Atlanta 36, Seattle 20

New England 34, Houston 16

Sunday, Jan. 15

Green Bay 34, Dallas 31

Pittsburgh 18, Kansas City 16

Conference Championships

Sunday

NFC

Atlanta 44, Green Bay 21

AFC

New England 36, Pittsburgh 17

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 29

At Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 5

At Houston

Atlanta vs. New England, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

Stars rally past Sabres, 4-3

Associated Press

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored twice for the second time in five games and the Dallas Stars rallied from an early two-goal deficit to beat the Buffalo Sabres 4-3 on Thursday night.

Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin also scored for Dallas, which stopped a three-game losing streak.

The game ended only after a review following the final horn of a near Buffalo goal with 11 seconds left.

Evander Kane scored twice for the Sabres, who were looking to win four straight games for the first time since December 2014. Matt Moulson had Buffalo's other goal.

Kari Lehtonen improved to 10-13-6, allowing one goal after replacing Antti Niemi to start the second period. Niemi was lifted for the third consecutive start.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	50	29	14	7	65	150	125
Ottawa	47	26	15	6	58	127	123
Boston	52	25	21	6	56	131	135
Toronto	47	23	15	9	55	145	133
Florida	50	21	19	10	52	116	137
Tampa Bay	50	22	22	6	50	136	146
Buffalo	47	20	18	9	49	115	132
Detroit	49	20	20	9	49	123	144

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	49	33	10	6	72	160	106
Columbus	48	32	12	4	68	160	114
Pittsburgh	48	30	13	5	65	172	141
N.Y. Rangers	49	31	17	1	63	167	129
Philadelphia	50	25	19	6	56	140	155
N.Y. Islanders	47	21	17	9	51	136	136
Carolina	48	21	20	7	49	126	140
New Jersey	50	20	21	9	49	113	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	48	32	11	5	69	160	109
Chicago	51	30	16	5	65	142	132
Nashville	49	24	17	8	56	138	130
St. Louis	49	24	20	5	53	138	152
Dallas	50	20	20	10	50	135	157
Winnipeg	52	23	25	4	50	150	161
Colorado	46	13	31	2	28	93	156

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	49	31	16	2	64	134	112
Anaheim	51	27	15	9	63	133	129
Edmonton	50	27	15	8	62	148	131
Calgary	52	25	24	3	53	134	149
Los Angeles	49	24	21	4	52	123	121
Vancouver	49	23	20	6	52	119	137
Arizona	47	15	26	6	36	105	152

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

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores

Washington 5, New Jersey 2

N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 1

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 3

Philadelphia 2, Toronto 1

Los Angeles 3, Carolina 0

Calgary 3, Ottawa 2, OT

Florida 2, Tampa Bay 1, OT

Minnesota 5, St. Louis 1

Nashville 4, Columbus 3

Winnipeg 5, Chicago 3

Dallas 4, Buffalo 3

Vancouver at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Tiger returns to PGA Tour and tries to tame Torrey

By Doug Ferguson

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The return of Tiger Woods felt more like a celebration Thursday at Torrey Pines.

Hundreds of fans lined up against the railing behind the 18th grandstand to watch Woods walk onto the first tee for his first PGA Tour event in 17 months. Thousands more stood behind every inch of rope from tee-to-green, and they were six-deep in spots around the green. As he made the turn, workers filled three balconies at the Scripps Clinic. No other player brings this much energy to a golf course.

Now he just has to bring his game.

Woods battled to save par, and then he fell apart during a six-hole stretch on the back nine and stumbled to a 4-over 76 in the Farmers Insurance Open. It wasn't his worst score on the fabled South Course at Torrey Pines, though it was his highest score of his career in the first round of a new year.

"I let it slip away in the middle part of the back nine," Woods said. "And unfortunately, didn't hit very good shots."

Woods wound up 11 shots behind Justin Rose , who opened with a 65 on the shorter North Course with the new and smooth greens. Adam Hadwin of Canada, who shot 59 last week in the California desert, had the low score on the South at 66.

It was a rude welcome back to the PGA Tour, and to Torrey Pines, where Woods has won eight times as a pro.

He had not played on the PGA Tour since Aug. 23, 2015, when he tied for 10th in the Wyndham Championship. Two back surgeries followed, and Woods missed all of 2016 until returning at an unofficial event with an 18-man field and no cut in the Bahamas the first week in December.

This was different in so many ways.

Along with fighting his swing — he didn't hit a fairway after No. 7 — and coping with thick rough he had not seen since the 2015 PGA Championship, Woods said he had a hard time adjusting to the pace of play from being in threesomes.

"It's just weird to say this, but it was just we were playing so much slower than I'm used to," he said. "It was just weird waiting that much."

His game was greater concern than having to wait.

This was a battle from the start, when his opening tee shot went into the right rough and he hit a big cut closer to the gallery than the green. Woods did well to keep his score from getting out of hand early, with four tough par saves on the front nine to limit the damage.

He started the back nine with 10-foot birdie putts on the 10th and 11th holes, and with two par 5s ahead of him, starting to believe this could be a strong start.

Starting with No. 12, he played the next six holes in 6 over, with a double bogey on the 15th hole the biggest blow.

Woods snap-hooked his tee shot over the crowd and into a deep ravine, letting the driver fall from his hands in disgust. He couldn't immediately find his ball amid sand dunes and ice plants, instead finding a spot to take his penalty drop. He hooked a long iron through eucalyptus trees into more rough and couldn't get it closer than 20 feet.

GOLF SCORES

Farmers Insurance Open

Thursday
San Diego
s-Torrey Pines (South); Yards 7,698; Par 72
n-Torrey Pines (North); Yards 7,258; Par 72
Purse: $6.7 million
First Round

Justin Rose	30-35—65n
Adam Hadwin	33-33—66s
Gary Woodland	34-33—67n
Brad Fritsch	33-34—67s
Charles Howell III	32-35—67n
Beau Hossler	33-34—67n
Trey Mullinax	33-34—67n
Jonas Blixt	35-33—68n
Stewart Cink	35-33—68n
Brandt Snedeker	35-33—68n
Graham DeLaet	35-33—68s
Whee Kim	33-35—68n
Patrick Rodgers	35-35—68n
Robert Streb	33-35—68n
Pat Perez	35-33—68n
Brian Stuard	34-34—68n
Brian Harman	33-35—68s
Ryan Brehm	35-33—68n
Marc Leishman	33-36—69s
Kevin Streelman	36-33—69n
Cameron Tringale	33-36—69s
Brendan Steele	32-37—69s
Nick Taylor	32-37—69n
Paul Casey	36-33—69n
Will MacKenzie	36-33—69n
Keegan Bradley	34-35—69n
Cameron Percy	33-36—69s
Bud Cauley	35-34—69n
Ben Crane	34-35—69n
Billy Hurley III	37-32—69n
Ollie Schniederjans	34-35—69s
Zac Blair	35-35—70n
Blayne Barber	36-34—70n
Martin Laird	36-34—70n
Roberto Castro	35-35—70n
Bryce Molder	34-36—70n
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	38-32—70n
Rory Sabbatini	34-36—70s
Greg Chalmers	34-36—70n
Cheng Tsung Pan	36-34—70s
John Senden	36-34—70n
Tim Wilkinson	36-34—70n
Mark Anderson	36-34—70n
Hudson Swafford	34-36—70n
Mackenzie Hughes	35-35—70n
Kyle Stanley	36-34—70s
Francesco Molinari	36-35—71s
Louis Oosthuizen	36-35—71n
Harris English	35-36—71s
Spencer Levin	36-35—71n
John Peterson	36-35—71n
Byeong Hun An	34-37—71n
Shane Lowry	34-37—71n
Aaron Baddeley	34-37—71s
Jamie Lovemark	34-37—71s
Boo Weekley	36-35—71n
Phil Mickelson	36-35—71n
Brandon Hagy	35-36—71n
Dominic Bozzelli	33-38—71n
Ryan Blaum	37-34—71n
Julian Etulain	34-37—71s
Aaron Wise	36-35—71n
Martin Flores	34-37—71s
Lucas Glover	37-34—71s
Sung Kang	36-35—71n
Scott Brown	34-37—71s
Hideki Matsuyama	34-37—71s
Billy Horschel	36-35—71s
Hunter Mahan	34-37—71s
Retief Goosen	35-36—71s
Nick Watney	34-37—71n
Michael Thompson	35-36—71s
Ryan Armour	35-36—71s
Zack Sucher	36-35—71n
Nicholas Lindheim	34-37—71n
Brett Drewitt	33-38—71n
D.A. Points	36-36—72s
Jon Rahm	36-36—72s
Michael Kim	36-36—72s
Jimmy Walker	35-37—72n
Rickie Fowler	37-35—72n
Kelly Kraft	35-37—72s
J.J. Spaun	37-35—72n
Andrew Johnston	35-37—72n
Camilo Villegas	34-38—72n
Steve Marino	34-38—72n
Patton Kizzire	36-36—72n
Emiliano Grillo	37-35—72s
K.J. Choi	37-35—72n
Dustin Johnson	35-37—72s
Rod Pampling	34-38—72n
Tyrone Van Aswegen	36-36—72s
Sebastian Munoz	35-37—72n
Kevin Tway	36-36—72n
Tyler Aldridge	36-36—72n
Max Homa	36-37—73n
Jhonattan Vegas	37-36—73s
Brooks Koepka	40-33—73n
Johnson Wagner	33-40—73s
Luke List	38-35—73n
Jonathan Randolph	37-36—73s
Henrik Norlander	36-37—73s
Richy Werenski	36-37—73s
Brian Campbell	36-37—73n
Wesley Bryan	36-37—73n
Chad Campbell	39-34—73n
Jason Kokrak	37-36—73s
Andrew Loupe	35-38—73s
Robert Garrigus	35-38—73n
Jason Day	35-38—73s
Tony Finau	38-35—73s
Danny Lee	36-37—73s
J.B. Holmes	35-38—73s
Jon Curran	35-38—73s
Miguel Angel Carballo	37-36—73n
Cameron Smith	36-37—73n
Stuart Appleby	37-37—74s
Ryo Ishikawa	36-38—74s
Peter Malnati	36-38—74s
Charley Hoffman	38-36—74s
Padraig Harrington	36-38—74s
John Huh	37-37—74s
Seamus Power	35-39—74n
Xander Schauffele	36-38—74n
Scott Stallings	35-39—74s
Kevin Chappell	36-38—74s
Morgan Hoffmann	37-37—74s
Grayson Murray	37-38—75n
Brett Stegmaier	35-40—75s
Daniel Berger	36-39—75s
J.J. Henry	39-36—75n
Steve Wheatcroft	38-37—75n
Geoff Ogilvy	36-40—76s
Kyle Reifers	39-37—76s
Derek Fathauer	38-38—76n
Soren Kjeldsen	38-38—76n
Tiger Woods	37-39—76s
James Hahn	39-38—77s
J.T. Poston	40-37—77s
Bobby Wyatt	37-40—77s
Seung-Yul Noh	38-40—78s
Harold Varner III	38-40—78s
Troy Merritt	38-40—78s
Steven Bowditch	37-41—78s
Rick Lamb	37-41—78s
Andres Gonzales	36-42—78s
Max Rottluff	40-38—78s
Bryson DeChambeau	38-40—78s
Brandon Stone	38-41—79s
Chris Gilley	39-40—79s
Steven Alker	39-41—80s
Chad Collins	39-41—80s
Tag Ridings	42-39—81s
Todd Baek	41-40—81s
Alex Cejka	39-43—82s

Pure Silk Bahamas LPGA

Thursday
At Ocean Club
Paradise Island, Bahamas
Purse: $1.4 million
Yardage: 6,625; Par: 73 (36-37)
First Round

Brittany Lincicome	30-34—64
Stacy Lewis	32-34—66
P.K. Kongkraphan	32-34—66
Megan Khang	32-34—66
Simin Feng	31-36—67
Gerina Piller	33-34—67
Celine Herbin	34-33—67
Wei-Ling Hsu	34-34—68
Pornanong Phatlum	33-35—68
Ryann O'Toole	36-32—68
Ilhee Lee	33-35—68
Marina Alex	33-35—68
Austin Ernst	35-33—68
Mo Martin	35-33—68
Sandra Changkija	32-37—69
Amy Anderson	35-34—69
Candie Kung	34-35—69
Nicole Broch Larsen	34-35—69
Laura Gonzalez Escallon	33-36—69
Xi Yu Lin	35-34—69
Lexi Thompson	32-37—69
Sandra Gal	34-35—69
Laetitia Beck	34-35—69
Maria Parra	32-37—69
Mel Reid	33-37—70
Amy Yang	35-35—70
Chella Choi	37-33—70
Juli Inkster	35-35—70
Kim Kaufman	32-38—70
Ayako Uehara	33-37—70
Jacqui Concolino	35-35—70
Marissa L Steen	34-36—70
Gaby Lopez	36-34—70
Pernilla Lindberg	33-37—70
Jennifer Song	33-37—70
Kelly Tan	36-34—70
Jaye Marie Green	35-36—71
Belen Mozo	36-35—71
Kris Tamulis	35-36—71
Cydney Clanton	35-36—71
Perrine Delacour	35-36—71
Lindy Duncan	34-37—71
Karen Chung	33-38—71
Olafia Kristinsdottir	34-37—71
Moriya Jutanugarn	35-36—71
Brooke M. Henderson	34-37—71
Hyo Joo Kim	33-38—71
Katie Burnett	36-35—71
Sun Young Yoo	35-36—71
Dana Finkelstein	36-36—72
Nelly Korda	34-38—72
Paula Creamer	35-37—72
Paula Reto	35-37—72
Jessica Korda	33-39—72
Hee Young Park	36-36—72
Jing Yan	34-38—72
Stephanie L Meadow	35-37—72
Therese O'Hara	35-37—72
Nasa Hataoka	34-38—72
Ally McDonald	37-35—72
Sadena A Parks	36-36—72
Sarah Jane Smith	34-38—72
Brooke Pancake	35-37—72
Angel Yin	34-38—72
Pavarisa Yoktuan	37-35—72
Mina Harigae	36-36—72
JeongEun Lee	35-37—72
Sherman Santiwiwatthanaphong	34-38—72
Vicky Hurst	37-35—72
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	36-36—72
Jane Park	36-37—73
Michelle Wie	36-37—73
Lee Lopez	38-35—73
Min Lee	35-38—73
Katherine Perry	38-35—73
Min Seo Kwak	34-39—73
Julie Yang	36-37—73
Cheyenne Woods	36-37—73
Kelly W Shon	35-38—73
Mariajo Uribe	36-37—73
Brittany Lang	36-37—73
Casey Grice	38-35—73
Giulia Molinaro	35-38—73
Dani Holmqvist	38-35—73
Sei Young Kim	38-36—74
Karine Icher	38-36—74
Alena Sharp	34-40—74
Amelia Lewis	37-37—74
Dori Carter	38-36—74
Angela Stanford	37-37—74
Lizette Salas	37-37—74
Brittany Altomare	36-38—74
Peiyun Chien	36-39—75
Morgan Pressel	36-39—75
Nontaya Srisawang	38-37—75
Caroline Hedwall	39-36—75
Katherine Kirk	40-35—75
Joanna Klatten	37-38—75
Ariya Jutanugarn	36-39—75
Yani Tseng	37-38—75
Jackie Stoelting	39-36—75
Georgette Rolle	34-42—76
Charley Hull	39-37—76
Jennifer Ha	36-41—77
Natalie Gulbis	40-38—78
Anne Catherine Tanguay	38-41—79
Madelene Sagstrom	43-37—80
Wichanee Meechai	36-44—80

Qatar Masters

Thursday
At Doha Golf Club
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Bradley Dredge, Wales	33-31—64
Mikko Korhonen, Finland	34-31—65
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	36-30—66
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	32-34—66
Nathan Kimsey, England	35-31—66
Raphael Jacquelin, France	35-32—67
Nacho Elvira, Spain	35-32—67
Paul Dunne, Ireland	33-34—67
Jaco van Zyl, South Africa	34-33—67
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden	34-33—67
Thomas Detry, Belgium	35-32—67
Alexander Knappe, Germany	34-33—67
Simon Dyson, England	33-34—67
Also	
Alex Noren, Sweden	36-32—68
Ernie Els, South Africa	33-35—68
Andy Sullivan, England	34-34—68
Daniel Im, United States	37-31—68
Chris Wood, England	34-35—69
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	35-35—70
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	34-36—70
Martin Kaymer, Germany	34-36—70
Paul Peterson, United States	36-35—71
David Lipsky, United States	36-36—72
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain	36-39—75

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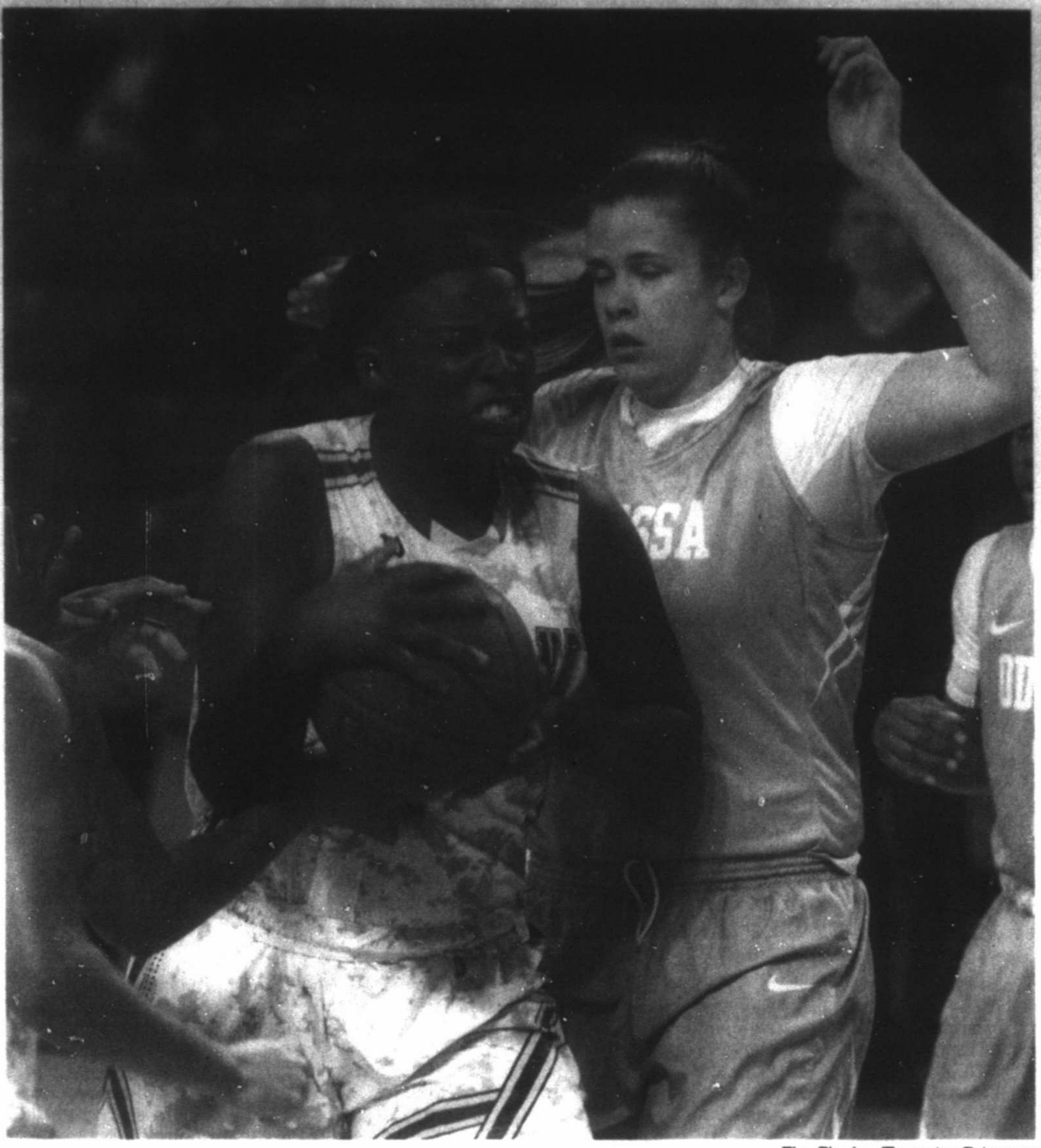

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Teneshia Dixon pulls down an offensive rebound in front of Odessa College's Sadie Russell on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

Westbrook scores 45 points, Thunder beat short-handed Mavs

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook scored 45 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the short-handed Dallas Mavericks 109-98 on Thursday night.

The NBA scoring leader made 16 of 29 shots after being named an All-Star reserve earlier in the night. He had eight rebounds and three assists, ending his triple-doubles streak at three games.

Victor Oladipo added 17 points, and Steven Adams had 15 for the Thunder. They have won three straight.

Harrison Barnes scored 31 points, and Justin Anderson added 17 for the Mavericks. They had won five of seven.

Dallas was without four of its top five scorers. Forward Wesley Matthews sat out with a right hip strain, forward Dirk Nowitzki rested on the second game of a back-to-back, guard J.J. Barea was out with a left calf strain, and guard Deron Williams was out with a sprained left big toe.

Oladipo made a 3-pointer with 5.3 seconds left in the first half to put the Thunder up 53-52, but Dorian Finney-Smith answered with a 3 as time expired in the half to put the Mavericks up 55-53.

Oklahoma City gained control in the third quarter and put the Mavericks into foul trouble. Westbrook scored 13 points in the period, and Oklahoma City led 87-73 heading into the fourth quarter.

Dallas roared back in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter and cut Oklahoma City's lead to three, but rookie Domantas Sabonis drained a 3-pointer, and Dallas called a timeout. Westbrook then checked in after a short rest, and he scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Tip-ins

Mavericks: Dallas committed just one turnover in the first quarter. ... Rookie G Pierre Jackson suffered a left hamstring pull in the second quarter and only played 13 minutes in his first career start. ... Barnes made 13 of 26 shots.

Thunder: Westbrook went without an assist in the first half, and without an assist or rebound in the second quarter.

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pressure of the rivalry and the stakes of the game got to both teams, who couldn't find the bottom of the net and played a sluggish game on the offensive end.

"It's Midland-Odessa. What would you expect, right? Both teams are going to be ready to go at each other and compete hard," Baten said. "There's no one I have more respect for than (MC coach Ron Jones). It's a fun rivalry to be a part of. You always expect it to come down to the last possession."

Midland College, which fell to 12-7 and 3-4 after losing its second straight game to a Top 10 ranked opponent, was left frustrated as it failed to capitalize on opportunities throughout the game. MC shot 28.8 percent for the game and turned the ball over 22 times, including nine times in the final quarter. That final quarter also had MC score just three points, all of which coming from the free-throw line. MC went 0-for-13 from the floor in the final period.

The Lady Chaps showed a lot of heart on this night, but those missed opportunities were too much to overcome.

"It was great effort," Jones said. "I know we scored three points in the fourth quarter and didn't score a field goal. But in the first half, we missed six or eight layups, you won't get those back. In the fourth quarter, we didn't handle things as well as (the Lady Wranglers) did.

"I'm proud of the effort but it doesn't get us much."

Fair led OC with 15 points, while Mariah McCully added 10.

Teneshia Dixon led the Lady Chaps with 12 points and Kayla Bretherton added nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Chaps will have the bye on Monday but their road won't get much easier as they travel to No. 8 South Plains College next Thursday.

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Women's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	6	0	20	0
New Mexico JC	5	1	16	4
South Plains	4	2	19	3
Howard College	3	3	7	13
Midland College	**3**	**4**	**12**	**7**
Frank Phillips	2	4	13	5
Western Texas	2	4	9	8
Clarendon College	0	7	11	12

Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 75, Midland College 72; Howard College 67, New Mexico Military Institute 52; Western Texas College 99, Clarendon College 60; New Mexico JC 80, Frank Phillips College 59; South Plains College was open

Monday's Games
Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College; Howard College at New Mexico JC; South Plains College at Western Texas College; Clarendon College is open

NO. 1 ODESSA COLLEGE 50, NO. 19 MIDLAND COLLEGE 49

Odessa College (18-0, 6-0): Mariah McCully 4-18 2-2 10, Laia Robinson 0-8 2-2 2, Moa [illegible] 2-4 1-3 5, China Fair 6-15 2-4 15, Leticia Soares 3-12 3-4 9, Kassie Ybarra 0-1 0-0 0, Sadie Russell 1-6 0-0 3, Ty Foster 0-4 1-2 1, Destini Willock 0-1 0-0 0, Dominique Maxwell 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 18-75 11-17 50.

Midland College (12-7, 3-4): Janea Burr [illegible] 4-8, Kayla Bretherton 3-7 3-4 9, Alexandrea Washington 0-5 0-0 0, Matangiroa Flavell [illegible] 2-4 6, Lisa Kaempf 0-4 0-0 0, Tichina Coleman 1-5 0-0 2, Teneshia Dixon 0-5 0-0 0, Alexis Washington 2-4 0-0 5, Caley Barnard 0-4 0-0 0, A'Nyah Whittington 3-9 0-0 7. Totals 19-66 9-16 49.

Odessa College	8	8	19	15	—50
Midland College	17	9	20	3	—49

3-point goals: OC 3-21 (Fair 1-6, Russell 1-5, Maxwell 1-3, McCully 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Soares 0-1, Ybarra 0-1, Foster 0-3); MC 2-13 (Alexis Washington 1-3, Whittington 1-3, Alexandrea Washington 0-1, Kaempf 0-3, Coleman 0-1, Barnard 0-1). Total fouls: OC 13, MC 16. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: Fair. Rebounds: OC 43 (Soares 8), MC 56 (Bretherton 10). Assists: OC [illegible], MC [illegible] (Bretherton 2). Turnovers: OC 10, MC 22.

Next: Midland College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 2; Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday.

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue upset by distractions

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — They are losing to teams they should be beating — easily. And making matters worse, the NBA champion Cavaliers are embroiled in distractions.

Drama kings.

"I hate it," coach Tyronn Lue said Thursday following practice.

With six losses in eight games, the Cavs are in a slump they never expected. They're also dealing with a self-inflicted controversy after LeBron James expressed his unhappiness with the construction of the team's roster and questioned Cleveland management's commitment to win a second championship.

All is not well with King James or his teammates, who have spent the past few days caught in a swirl of turmoil that's making it tougher for Lue to get them focused on their real issues.

"Just a lot of distractions," said Lue, who adeptly steered the Cavs around some obstacles last season on the way to a title. "We gotta focus on basketball, getting back to winning. We're the third-best team in the NBA right now. We're a great team. We're the champs, so we just got to get back to playing championship basketball. That's it."

If it were only that simple.

Cleveland's problems seem to run deeper than defensive effort, poor free-throw shooting (the Cavs went 17 of 34 in Wednesday's loss to Sacramento) or the need for another playmaker.

James' decision to vent publicly following a loss on Monday night at New Orleans, could point to a larger rift. His comments were rebuffed by general manager David Griffin, who said before Wednesday's game that while he understands James' frustration, he wished the three-time champion had chosen another method to convey his opinions.

In truth, the Cavs haven't played well for several weeks, but Lue said it's nothing that can't be overcome.

"We just had a tough stretch," he said. "And when you're not playing well, you're going to have miscues, you're going to have things that go against you. We understand that. We're doing better and we're going to keep getting better to start winning games. We're confident we can do that and we will do that."

Without being specific, Lue said he's bothered by reports of dysfunction within the Cavaliers. It's difficult enough to get his team to concentrate on improving without having to deal with outside influences.

James did not speak to reporters following practice, staying on the far side of the training facility as his teammates got in extra work. His interview session following Wednesday's loss was unusually short. He was dressed and ready to leave when the locker room was opened to the media.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	20	27	.426	[illegible]
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	.386	[illegible]
Brooklyn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	19	.587	—
Washington	25	20	.556	[illegible]
Charlotte	23	23	.500	4
Orlando	18	29	.383	[illegible]
Miami	16	[illegible]	.348	[illegible]

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Indiana	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	23	24	.489	[illegible]
Milwaukee	21	24	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	21	25	[illegible]	[illegible]

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	9	.800	—
Houston	34	15	.694	4
Memphis	27	20	.574	[illegible]
New Orleans	18	28	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dallas	16	30	.348	[illegible]

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Oklahoma City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denver	[illegible]	[illegible]	.444	[illegible]
Portland	[illegible]	[illegible]	.426	[illegible]
Minnesota	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
L.A. Clippers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sacramento	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.A. Lakers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Scores and schedule

Thursday's Scores
Indiana [illegible], Minnesota [illegible]
Oklahoma City 109, Dallas 98
[illegible], Phoenix [illegible]
L.A. Lakers at Utah, late

Today's Games
Sacramento at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, [illegible]
Charlotte at New York, [illegible]
Milwaukee at Toronto, [illegible]
Orlando at Boston, [illegible]
Houston at Philadelphia, [illegible]
Miami at Chicago, [illegible]
San Antonio at New Orleans, [illegible]
Washington at Atlanta, [illegible]
Memphis at Portland, [illegible]

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points. Jordan Jackson added 13 and both Daven Joseph and Juan Cardenas finished with 11.

The Chaps will look to bounce back on Monday at New Mexico Military Institute before starting the second half of WJCAC play at South Plains next Thursday.

With so many teams in postseason contention, every game for MC will be crucial from here on out.

"We have some good attributes, but we have to be tougher," Dreiling said. "If we're going to be in that mix with Western Texas, New Mexico and Howard, we're going to have to be tougher than them if we're going to beat them."

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Men's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	7	0	19	0
Odessa College	6	1	17	3
Western Texas	5	2	13	7
New Mexico JC	4	3	16	5
Howard College	3	4	14	7
Midland College	**3**	**4**	**12**	**9**
New Mexico Military	2	5	[illegible]	14
Clarendon College	2	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frank Phillips	0	7	[illegible]	10

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Monday's Games
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NO. 17 ODESSA COLLEGE 75, MIDLAND COLLEGE 72

Odessa College (17-3, 6-1): Sammy Barnes-Thompkins 3-9 2-2 9, Jeremiah Livingston 2-[illegible], Develle Phillips 1-3 0-1 2, Tyree Robinson 4-6 11-12 19, Marlon Hunter 1-1 3 2-4 [illegible], Kevon [illegible], Keivan Johnson [illegible] 4 0-0 [illegible], [illegible] Rogers [illegible], Keandre Cook [illegible], [illegible] Strickland 2-5 0-0 4, Ismael Johnson [illegible]. Totals 24-53 21-[illegible] 75.

Midland College (12-9, 3-4): Devin Campbell [illegible], Anthony Molloy [illegible], Daven Joseph 5-8 [illegible], Juan Cardenas 4-8 2-4 11, [illegible] Pratt [illegible], Bear Obodie [illegible], [illegible] Simmons 4-14 [illegible], Ashawn Jones [illegible], Roland Griffin [illegible], Jordan Jackson [illegible], [illegible] Weatherford [illegible]. Totals [illegible].

Halftime: MC [illegible]. 3-point goals: OC [illegible] (Barnes-Thompkins [illegible], Livingston [illegible], Hunter [illegible], Jones [illegible], Strickland [illegible]), MC [illegible] (Campbell [illegible], Cardenas 1-2, Simmons [illegible], Griffin [illegible], Jackson [illegible]). Total fouls: OC [illegible], MC 20. Fouled out: Campbell, Pratt. Rebounds: OC 32 (Robinson 9), MC 34 (Joseph [illegible]). Turnovers: OC 22, MC 15.

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 7:30 p.m. [illegible] Monday; Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

SOUTHWEST
Charlotte 82, North Texas 81
Houston Baptist 83, Nicholls 80
Incarnate Word 82, Abilene Christian 79
Old Dominion 80, Rice 72

SOUTH
Brescia 78, Ohio Christian 72
Campbell 78, Radford 61
E. Kentucky 57, Jacksonville St. 52
Furman 83, FIU 65
Georgetown (Ky.) 84, Pikeville 45
High Point 72, Charleston Southern 69, OT
Liberty 93, Longwood 62
Marshall 92, UTSA 71
Martin Methodist 62, Blue Mountain 59, OT
Middle Tennessee 72, Southern Miss. 56
New Orleans 75, McNeese St. 56
North Carolina 91, Virginia Tech 72
SE Missouri 75, Murray St. 74
Tennessee Tech 76, Morehead St. 73
UAB 79, Louisiana Tech 70
UNC Asheville 73, Presbyterian 47
UNC Wilmington 87, James Madison 76
UT Martin 85, Austin Peay 79
W. Kentucky 65, UTEP 62
William & Mary 82, Delaware 58
Winthrop 72, Gardner-Webb 70

FAR WEST
Colorado 85, Oregon St. 79
E. Washington 72, Montana 60
Gonzaga 79, San Diego 43
N. Arizona 63, N. Colorado 50
North Dakota 91, S. Utah 89
UC Riverside 70, Hawaii 64
Utah Valley 92, Rio Grande 81

MIDWEST
CS Bakersfield 75, Chicago St. 59
Cincinnati 86, Xavier 78
Michigan 90, Indiana 60
Michigan Tech 72, Grand Valley St. 64
Milwaukee Engineering 74, Edgewood 58
Northwestern 73, Nebraska 61
UMKC 83, Grand Canyon 77
Wayne (Mich.) 89, Northwood (Mich.) 66

EAST
Bloomfield 78, Caldwell 75
Drexel 81, Hofstra 80, OT
Elon 51, Northeastern 49
Fairleigh Dickinson 79, St. Francis Brooklyn 73
LIU Brooklyn 60, Sacred Heart 57
Manhattan 70, Niagara 69
Mount St. Mary's 48, Robert Morris 47
St. Francis (Pa.) 72, Wagner 67
St. Peter's 81, Marist 65
Swarthmore 84, Washington (Md.) 61
Towson 83, Coll. of Charleston 77, OT
Utica 73, Ithaca 53

Top 25 fared
Thursday

1. Villanova (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Virginia, Sunday.
2. Kansas (18-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Kentucky, Saturday.
3. Gonzaga (21-0) beat San Diego 79-43. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
4. Kentucky (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
5. Baylor (19-1) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
6. Florida State (18-3) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
7. Arizona (19-2) beat Washington State 79-62. Next: vs. Washington, Sunday.
8. UCLA (19-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Wednesday.
9. North Carolina (19-3) beat Virginia Tech 91-72. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
10. Oregon (18-2) at Utah. Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
11. Butler (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
12. Virginia (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Villanova, Sunday.
13. Louisville (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
14. Notre Dame (17-4) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
15. Wisconsin (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
16. Creighton (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
17. Duke (15-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
18. West Virginia (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
19. Cincinnati (18-2) beat No. 24 Xavier 86-78. Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.
20. Purdue (17-4) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
21. Saint Mary's (17-2) vs. San Francisco. Next: at Santa Clara, Saturday.
22. Maryland (18-2) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
23. South Carolina (16-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
24. Xavier (14-6) lost to No. 19 Cincinnati 86-78. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
25. Florida (15-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 75, Incarnate Word 66
Marshall 88, UTSA 81
Mary Hardin-Baylor 56, Hardin-Simmons 4[illegible]
Texas A&M Commerce 69, Midwestern St. 64
Wayland Baptist 104, St. Gregory's 62

SOUTH
Charlotte 66, North Texas 49
Chattanooga 7[illegible], Wofford 61
FIU 65, Furman 60
Florida St. 69, Georgia Tech 63
Georgia St. 55, South Alabama 45
Kentucky 89, Mississippi 57
Lindsey Wilson 97, Hiwassee 68
Louisiana Tech 64, UAB 63
Louisiana-Lafayette 72, Arkansas St. 60
Louisville 60, Clemson 46
Martin Methodist 62, Blue Mountain 59
Miami 100, North Carolina 88
Midway 64, Indiana-East 63
NC State 55, Pittsburgh 42
New Orleans 71, McNeese St. 59
Ohio Christian 75, Brescia 52
Old Dominion 81, Rice 66
Pikeville 73, Georgetown (Ky.) 56
South Carolina 62, Georgia 44
Southern Miss. 81, Middle Tennessee 61
Tennessee 84, Florida 75
Texas St. 53, Appalachian St. 37
Texas-Arlington 70, Coastal Carolina 41
Troy 77, Georgia Southern 67
UALR 92, Louisiana-Monroe 47
Union (Tenn.) 85, Lee 72
Virginia 76, Virginia Tech 27
Wake Forest 71, Boston College 55

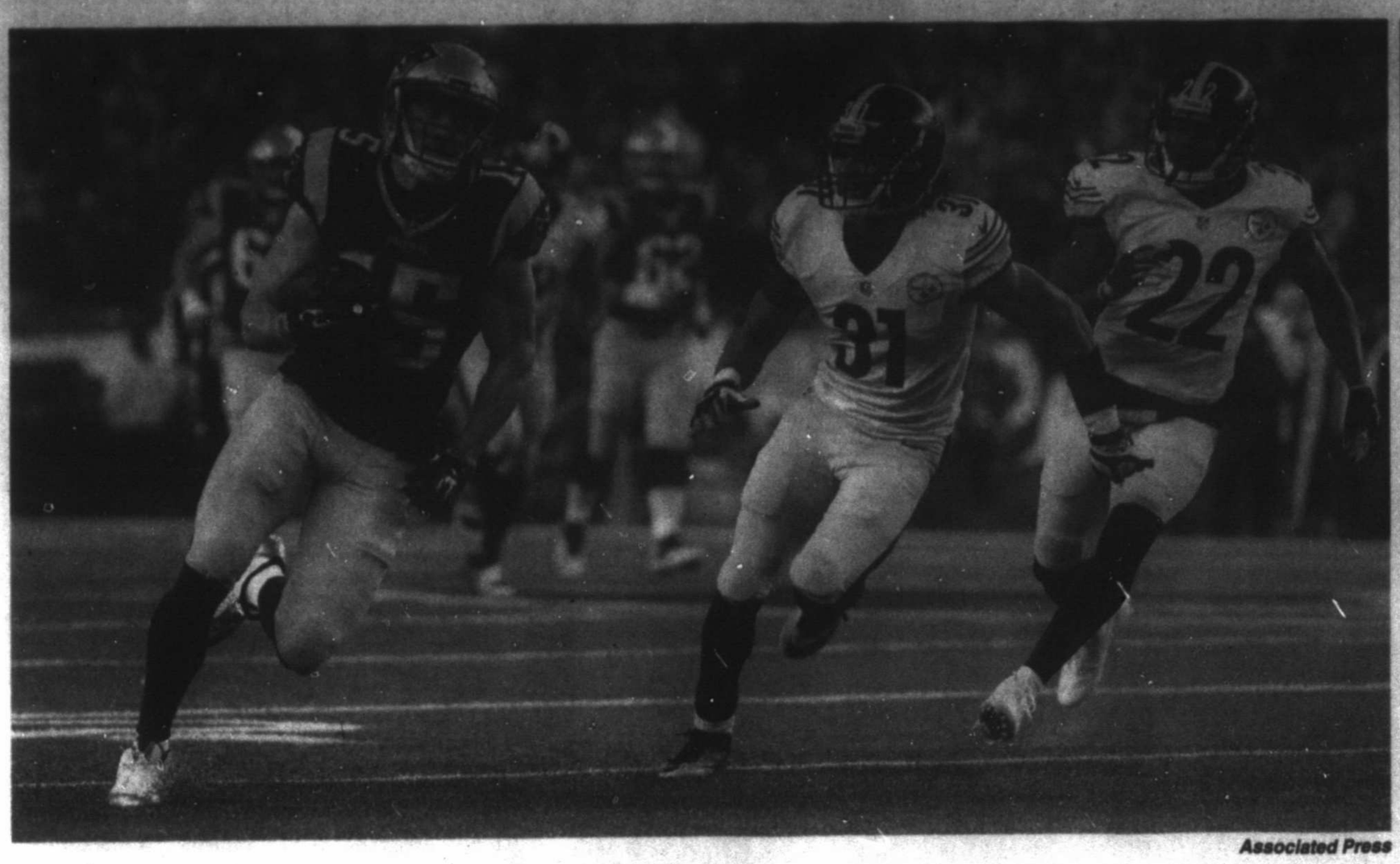
FAR WEST
CS Bakersfield 83, Chicago St. 48
West Texas A&M 62, E. New Mexico 52

MIDWEST
Green Bay 84, Youngstown St. 51
Maryland 94, Illinois 49
Michigan Tech 49, Grand Valley St. 48
Milwaukee 80, Cleveland St. 78
Missouri 68, Auburn 52
N. Michigan 66, Ferris St. 42
Northwood (Mich.) 60, Wayne (Mich.) 49
Notre Dame 62, Duke 58
Ohio St. 88, Minnesota 76
Purdue 88, Nebraska 45
Rio Grande 84, Utah Valley 55
Saginaw Valley St. 72, Lake Superior St. 51
Saint Louis 67, George Washington 59
South Dakota 80, N. Dakota St. 48
Wis. Lutheran 63, Alverno 46
Wis.-Parkside 78, Ill.-Springfield 54

EAST
Albany (NY) 64, Vermont 53
Dominican (NY) 67, Nyack 59
Iona 48, Marist 37
Ithaca 70, Utica 56
Monmouth (NJ) 60, Fairfield 53
Quinnipiac 61, Niagara 45
Rider 73, Manhattan 64
Siena 67, Canisius 42
Washington (Md.) 66, Swarthmore 58

Top 25 fared
Thursday

1. UConn (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
2. Baylor (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Oklahoma, Sunday.
3. Maryland (20-1) beat Illinois 94-49. Next: vs. Iowa, Sunday.
4. Mississippi State (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.
5. South Carolina (18-1) beat Georgia 62-44. Next: vs. Tennessee, Monday.
6. Florida State (20-2) beat Georgia Tech 69-63. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
7. Washington (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
8. Notre Dame (19-3) beat No. 14 Duke 62-58. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
9. Louisville (19-4) beat Clemson 60-46. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
10. Stanford (17-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
11. Oregon State (18-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Friday.
12. Texas (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 West Virginia, Sunday.
13. UCLA (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Arizona State, Friday.
14. Duke (17-4) lost to No. 8 Notre Dame 62-58. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
15. Ohio State (18-5) beat Minnesota 88-76. Next: vs. Nebraska, Sunday.
16. Arizona State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 UCLA, Friday.
17. Miami (15-5) beat North Carolina 100-88. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
18. N.C. State (16-5) beat Pittsburgh 55-42. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
19. Virginia Tech (16-4) lost to Virginia 76-27. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.
20. Oklahoma (16-5) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Sunday.
21. DePaul (18-5) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
22. West Virginia (16-5) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Texas, Sunday.
23. South Florida (16-3) did not play. Next: at Temple, Sunday.
24. Green Bay (18-2) beat Youngstown State 84-51. Next: at Cleveland State, Saturday.
25. Kansas State (15-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.



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New England Patriots wide receiver Chris Hogan (15) runs from Pittsburgh Steelers cornerbacks Ross Cockrell (31) and William Gay (22) after catching a pass during the second half of the AFC championship game in Foxborough, Mass., on Jan. 22.

Formerly unknown names key for Patriots

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — When it comes to filling out his roster each season, Bill Belichick has always placed a premium on potential.

From late-round draft picks to guys that never heard their name called on draft night, during his 17 years in New England the Patriots coach has developed a knack not just for identifying unheralded players, but cultivating them into key contributors.

The group he will take to Houston for next week's Super Bowl is no exception.

There are 14 players on the Patriots' 53-man roster that came into the NFL as undrafted free agents, and another 10 who were selected in the fifth round or later.

Among those that were undrafted, eight appeared in 12 games or more during the regular season including cornerback Malcolm Butler (16 starts), running back LeGarrette Blount (eight starts), receivers Chris Hogan (14 starts) and Danny Amendola, center David Andrews (16 starts), fullback James Develin, special teamer Brandon King and punter Ryan Allen

Belichick said it's key to find players who have the most room for growth, no matter their background.

"Not everybody is from Alabama and Michigan and USC and those places, so for some of those guys, and even the ones that come from there, it's still a huge jump for them," Belichick said. "It's a big part of a big time in a professional player's career — making it the first year, but then that first to second or first to second to third. That's true for everybody."

While most teams have one or two players on their roster that fit into this category, the Patriots separate themselves by getting a high level of production out of several of them.

Edelman was a college quarterback at Kent State and seventh-round pick in the 2009 draft before he became Tom Brady's go-to guy on third down. Special teamer Nate Ebner, a sixth-round pick in 2012, went from a rugby background to the Patriots' top tackler on special teams. And before Butler became a Super Bowl hero with his late interception against Seattle in 2015, he was undrafted in 2014. He leads the team with four interceptions.

The newest member of the club is Hogan, who is coming off a franchise record nine-reception, 180-yard performance in the AFC championship game.

Hogan played four years of lacrosse at Penn State, and once played opposite Patriots assistant Steve Belichick.

Following a year of football at Monmouth and stints on the practice squads of the New York Giants and Miami Dolphins, he was with Buffalo in 2014 when he caught his first career NFL touchdown late during a Bills loss to New England.

When he became a free agent following the 2015 season, the Patriots were the first to contact him.

Hogan said there's a common link among his teammates that have taken unconventional routes to the NFL.

"Those guys are hardworking guys, every single one of them," Hogan said. "We're all alike in that sense. Where we have a real competitive attitude, but we are more than willing to do whatever it takes and whatever is asked of us to win football games."

That willingness to buy in may be even more important than knowing exactly what a player's role will be for Belichick.

Edelman said Belichick initially didn't have any idea how he would utilize him when the Patriots drafted the former Kent State quarterback.

Lee, MHS look to improve district positions

From staff reports

The Lee and Midland High girls basketball teams will be looking to improve their District 2-6A positioning when play resumes today.

The Lady Rebels (15-7, 3-3), tied for third-place with Odessa Permian, host second-place Amarillo Tascosa (16-9, 5-1) at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Lee is coming off its most impressive win of district play, as it rolled to a 54-28 victory at Permian Tuesday. The Lady Rebels did not allow the Lady Panthers to score in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the fifth-place Lady Bulldogs (10-16, 1-5) visit Permian at 6 p.m. in a meeting that is essentially a must-win matchup for MHS.

The Lady Dawgs trail Lee and Permian by two games for the final No. 3 and No. 4 playoff spots, so they don't have much room for error with four games left in the district schedule.

Midland High is coming off an encouraging 46-42 loss to Wolfforth Frenship, District 2-6A's only unbeaten team, on Tuesday.

District 2-6A girls basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	6	0	22	7
Amarillo Tascosa	5	1	18	9
Lee	3	3	15	7
Odessa Permian	3	3	13	12
Midland High	1	5	10	16
Odessa High	0	6	17	10

All games tip-off at 6 p.m. unless noted

Tuesday's Scores
Wolfforth Frenship 46, Midland High 42; Lee 54, Odessa Permian 28; Amarillo Tascosa 78, Odessa High 45

Today's games
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Midland High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship

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District 2-6A boys basketball standings

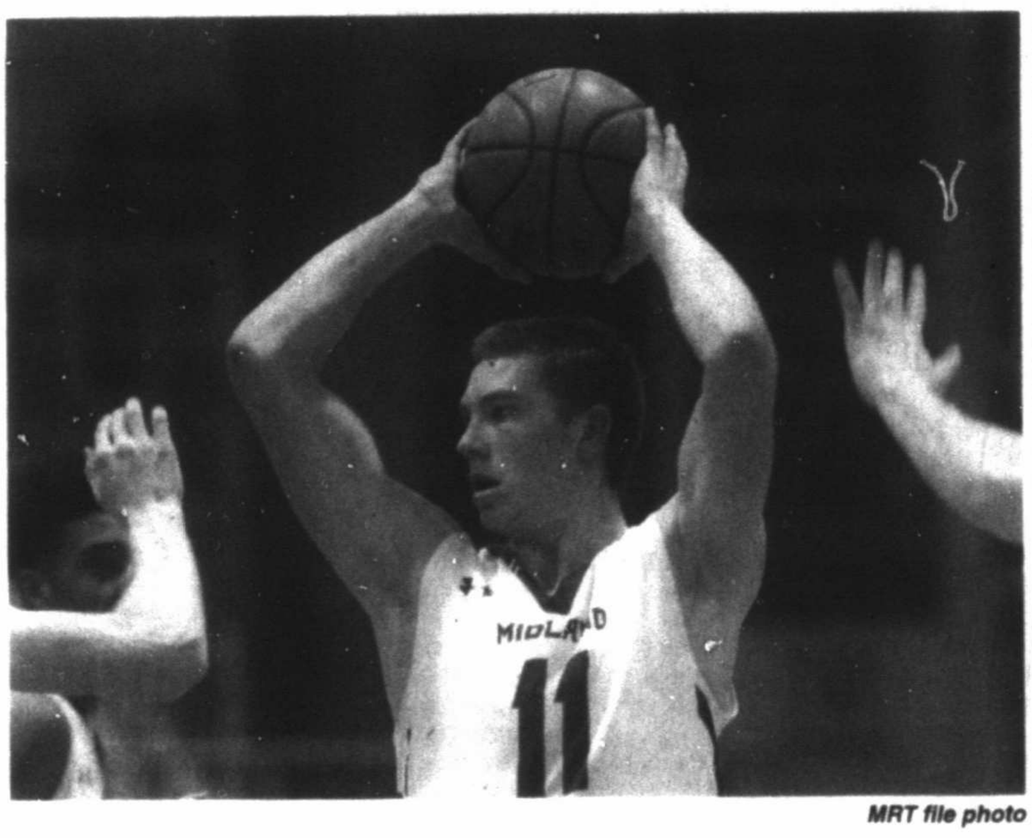
Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	3	1	15	5
Wolfforth Frenship	3	1	16	8
Odessa Permian	3	1	16	10
Midland High	1	3	10	14
Odessa High	1	3	10	16
Lee	1	3	8	17

Tuesday's Scores
Wolfforth Frenship 57, Midland High 46; Odessa Permian 64, Lee 29; Amarillo Tascosa 66, Odessa High 57

Today's games
Midland High at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lee; Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship. All games at 7:30 p.m.

saying 'winning a district championship.' We've really got to commit to having an every play mentality, playing every play.

"I think our guys have done such a great job of that all year. Now it's a matter of doing it and continuing to get better."



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Midland Christian's Bryce Waters (11) looks to pass against Lubbock Trinity on Dec. 22, 2016, at McGraw Events Center.

Trinity aiming to break through

Playing in TAPPS 1-4A, likely one of the toughest districts in the state, the Trinity boys basketball team has run into a bit of a wall after a hot 14-3 start.

The fix? Start hitting the outside shot.

The Chargers (16-7, 1-2), which have utilized a potent multi-dimensional motion offense called "L.A." for most of the season, have started to slow down in the face of sudden zone defenses from the opposition.

No. 1-ranked Lubbock Trinity and No. 8 Lubbock Christian, traditionally man defense teams, pulled that trick on the Chargers en route to blowout wins last week.

For Miller, better shooting is the missing ingredient to an offense that breaks a man defense down perfectly with a variety of screens and cutters.

"We've just got to stay with what we're doing," Miller said. "We're getting open looks, we're getting everything we want. Guys are moving the ball, they're working hard and we're getting the shots we want. But it just comes down to making those open shots."

Added Trinity freshman guard Ciro Baeza: "One thing we need to work on as a team is our shooting. It starts in practice. If we start concentrating from now on, I believe we can beat some pretty good teams out there."

Knights have eyes on playoffs

After limping to a 7-18 start to the season, a very young MCA squad was energized by its performance in a 66-62 loss to TAPPS 3A No. 2-ranked Abilene Christian on Tuesday.

In an odd three-team district where the top two teams qualify for the playoffs, Knights head coach Ron Miller said things are beginning to come together for his group.

"We're still young and roles are getting defined," Miller said. "We're getting to where we're trusting each other more as teammates and encouraging more. I think we're peaking at the right time and I think we're going to make a good run here."

Said senior guard Jared Adkins, who scored 16 points for MCA in Tuesday's loss: "(We need to) stay focused throughout the entire game. (We need to) get into the flow of taking shots in rhythm."

MHS bracing for road test

Following its home loss against Wolfforth Frenship Tuesday, MHS will try to regroup in advance of a major road test.

The Bulldogs (10-14, 1-3 in District 2-6A) will head to Permian Field House at 7:30 p.m. today to take on a Panthers' defense that has been stifling. Permian (16-10, 3-1) is coming off a 64-23 asphyxiation of Lee Tuesday and has now held three of its four district opponents to under 40 points.

Rebels in search of statement win

Hoping to put Tuesday's rough night behind it, Lee (8-17, 1-3 in District 2-6A) returns to Chaparral Center to host Amarillo Tascosa (15-5, 3-1) at 7:30 p.m. today.

Tascosa, previously ranked No. 16 in TABC's Class 6A rankings, took a nosedive out of the top 25 after losing to Frenship in overtime last week.

For Lee, today is a golden opportunity to make a bold statement as the first half of the district season comes to a close.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

F Cole Miller, So., MCA — Miller made his presence known with a game-high 35 points in the Knights' loss against Abilene Christian on Tuesday.

HONOR ROLL

F Jaylen Short, Sr., Grady — Short's 31 points highlighted the No. 14 Wildcats' 106-39 demolition of Loop Tuesday.

G Tristan Graves, Sr., Stanton — Graves led all scorers with 29 points in Stanton's 57-37 blowout of Colorado City on Tuesday.

G Ciro Baeza, Fr., Trinity — Trinity's rising star tallied a game-best 24 points in the Chargers' key 66-56 TAPPS 1-4A home win versus Amarillo San Jacinto last Friday.

F Blake Elliott, Sr., Greenwood — With a team-high 19 points, Elliott helped lift the Rangers to a much needed 63-54 District 4-4A win over Pecos Tuesday.

F Courtney McMarylon, Sr., MHS — McMarylon produced a strong week, scoring 21 points in the Bulldogs' 66-51 win at Odessa High last Friday before following up with 18 in MHS' 57-46 home loss to Frenship Tuesday.

F James Lydia, Sr., Lee — Lydia registered 18 points in the Rebels' 57-44 District 2-6A home loss to Frenship last Friday.

Memo Gidley returns to Daytona 3 years after horrific crash

By Mark Long
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Memo Gidley stepped onto the dais, clinched his fists and then triumphantly raised both arms above his ahead.

He probably should have taken a bow, too.

Gidley returned to Daytona International Speedway on Thursday for the first time since his horrific crash in the early hours of the 2014 Rolex 24. The harrowing accident that left the popular driver in a hospital for weeks, in persistent pain from nerve damage, and in rehab for years. Gidley underwent eight operations, including two knee surgeries and a spinal fusion.

How bad did it get? Simple car rides were miserable, with Gidley feeling agonizing discomfort every time the driver touched the brakes or drove across a road reflector. Sitting, sleeping and eating also were far from routine.

"I basically was on my stomach for a lot of days," he said. "Breakfast, lunch and dinner for about eight months lying on my stomach on a massage table and eating over an edge."

Although Gidley still has a dull ache near his tailbone because of the nerve damage, he has been cleared to resume all normal activities — including racing. And he's ready to get behind the wheel.

"I'm not scared to be out there," he said. "It's like walking down the street for a lot of people. And, you know, when you're walking down the street every now and again, you trip on something. And that's what happened with me out driving. Something happened unexpected, but I feel good. I really feel good. I'm excited and I want to get back out there."

Gidley won't race in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, a twice-around-the-clock endurance event that begins Saturday, but the only thing preventing his return is a car owner giving him a chance. He expects it will happen. He just doesn't know when or where.

"Now that I can drive, I can just start to get my name back out there and let people know I'm here and ready to go," he said.

In the meantime, spending a few days at Daytona surely will be a cathartic experience. Gidley plans to visit doctors and nurses at nearby Halifax Health Medical Center on Friday. He took time Thursday to publicly thank IMSA officials who supported him during every phase of his rehab, first-responders who cut him out of his No. 99 Prototype, his wife, his mother and his former car owner, Bob Stallings.

"I'm just really excited to see people and say thanks and then I'm really excited to just close this chapter in my life, which sounds weird, so I'm a little nervous about that," he said.

Gidley remembers nothing about the accident, but he's seen video and pictures of his mangled sports car. The crash has been viewed more than half a million times on YouTube, and anyone who saw it live, won't soon forget it.

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Chisel"		Hawaii Five-0 "Hoa'ino"	Blue Bloods "The Greater Good"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden	
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TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
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WGN		19	85				Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	★★★ Get Smart An inept spy battles an evil organization with the help of his intelligent female partner.				★★★ Get Smart ('08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		

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Williams sisters, Federer advance to Australian Open finals

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Win or lose, Serena Williams sees another all-sister final at the Australian Open as cause for celebration.


S. Williams


V. Williams


Federer

The 35-year-old Williams arrived in Australia bidding for a 23rd Grand Slam title, aiming to break the Open-era record she shares with Steffi Graf. By winning, she'd also regain the No. 1 ranking she lost after her U.S. Open semifinal exit.

She doesn't enjoy the suspense, or talk about the number. Her older sister, Venus, knows that better than anyone after their two decades of competing together in the majors.

Now the 36-year-old Venus is the potential roadblock, back in a major final for the first time since she lost the previous all-Williams Grand Slam final at Wimbledon in 2009.

"I just feel like no matter what happens, we've won," Serena said. "A Williams is going to win this tournament."

Venus hasn't added to her seven major titles since Wimbledon in 2008, but is in her best form since being diagnosed with energy-sapping Sjogren's syndrome in 2011.

In fact, she was the first Williams into the 2017 final, rallying to beat 25-year-old CoCo Vandeweghe — the only player in the women's semifinals who was younger than 34 — 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.

A jubilant Venus could barely contain her emotions after clinching a spot in the final on her fourth match point, putting her hands to her face, her jaw dropping, before she crossed her arms over her heart and did a stylish pirouette.

Feeling like "it was in my hands to force this Williams final" in the subsequent match, six-time Australian Open champion Serena overwhelmed 34-year-old Mirjana Lucic-Baroni 6-2, 6-1.

By the time Roger Federer beat fourth-seeded Stan Wawrinka 7-5, 6-3, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3 in an all-Swiss night match to became the oldest man to reach a Grand Slam final since Ken Rosewall made the 1974 U.S. Open final at 39, they were calling it Throwback Thursday at Melbourne Park.

Three players who can combine for 46 Grand Slam titles and 106 years in age advanced to the a final one after the other.

Federer, returning from six months out to rest his injured left knee, will next play Sunday against either 14-time major champion Rafael Nadal and Grigor Dimitrov.

With the Williams locked in for Saturday night, expectations are rising for another vintage Roger-Rafa bout.

"It's going to be special either way — one is going to go for his first slam or it's the epic battle with Rafa," Federer said. "All I care about is that I can win. Doesn't matter who's across the net, but I understand the magnitude of the match against Nadal.

"I'll leave it all out here in Australia and if I can't walk for another five months, that's OK."

The all-Williams final will be the first in Melbourne since 2003, when Serena won what Venus has described as a "battle royale."

Venus hasn't returned to the Australian final since then. And when she walked out onto Rod Laver Arena, it will be as the oldest player in the Open era to contest an Australian Open women's final. She'll be the oldest finalist at any major since Martina Navratilova's run to the Wimbledon final in 1994.

Venus has lost six of her eight Grand Slam finals against her younger sister, and is 11-16 overall in their tour-level career matches. But Serena noted that nobody has beaten her more than her older sister — their sibling rivalry is friendly, but goes a long way back.

After winning four straight majors up to Wimbledon 2015 to get within one of Graf's record, Serena lost in the semifinals at the U.S. Open and then finals in Melbourne last year and at Roland Garros before equaling the mark back on the grass courts of southwest London.

Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $37.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Women
Semifinals
Venus Williams (13), United States, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Serena Williams (2), United States, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
Men
Semifinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (3), United States, def. Pablo Carreno Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Henri Kontinen, Finland, and John Peers (4), Australia, def. Marc Polmans and Andrew Whittington, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Cleveland Indians will host 2019 All-Star Game

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Indians made it back to the World Series last year for the first time since 1997.

They're about to connect with another moment from their past.

Cleveland will host the All-Star Game in 2019, a person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press on Thursday. The team will hold a news conference today at Progressive Field to formally announce the event, last held in Cleveland in 1997. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the announcement had not been made.

Hosting the mid-season's showcase is another boost for the Indians, who won their first AL pennant since '97 last season and pushed the Chicago Cubs to seven games before losing the Series.

When the Indians hosted the game in '97, Indians catcher Sandy Alomar hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning and was selected as the All-Star Game's Most Valuable Player.

The city also hosted the game in 1935, 1954, 1963 and 1981 at Municipal Stadium, which was torn down in the 1990s.

Cleveland.com first reported that the Indians will be hosting the 2019 game, which will end a four-year run by NL ballparks. Cleveland will be the first AL host since Minnesota in 2014. The All-Stars will be in Miami this year and Washington, D.C., in 2018.

The AL champion Indians have made significant changes to their downtown ballpark since last hosting the All-Stars. Back then it was called Jacobs Field.

The team has removed thousands of seats in the right-field upper deck and the club has created open social areas and better viewing for its fans with the installation of bar rails. The club also upgraded its concessions, using numerous local food vendors.

Cleveland's attendance has been among the majors' lowest in recent years, but the Indians have gotten a recent increase in ticket sales after signing free agent slugger Edwin Encarnacion, a three-time All-Star who has averaged 39 homers during the past five seasons.

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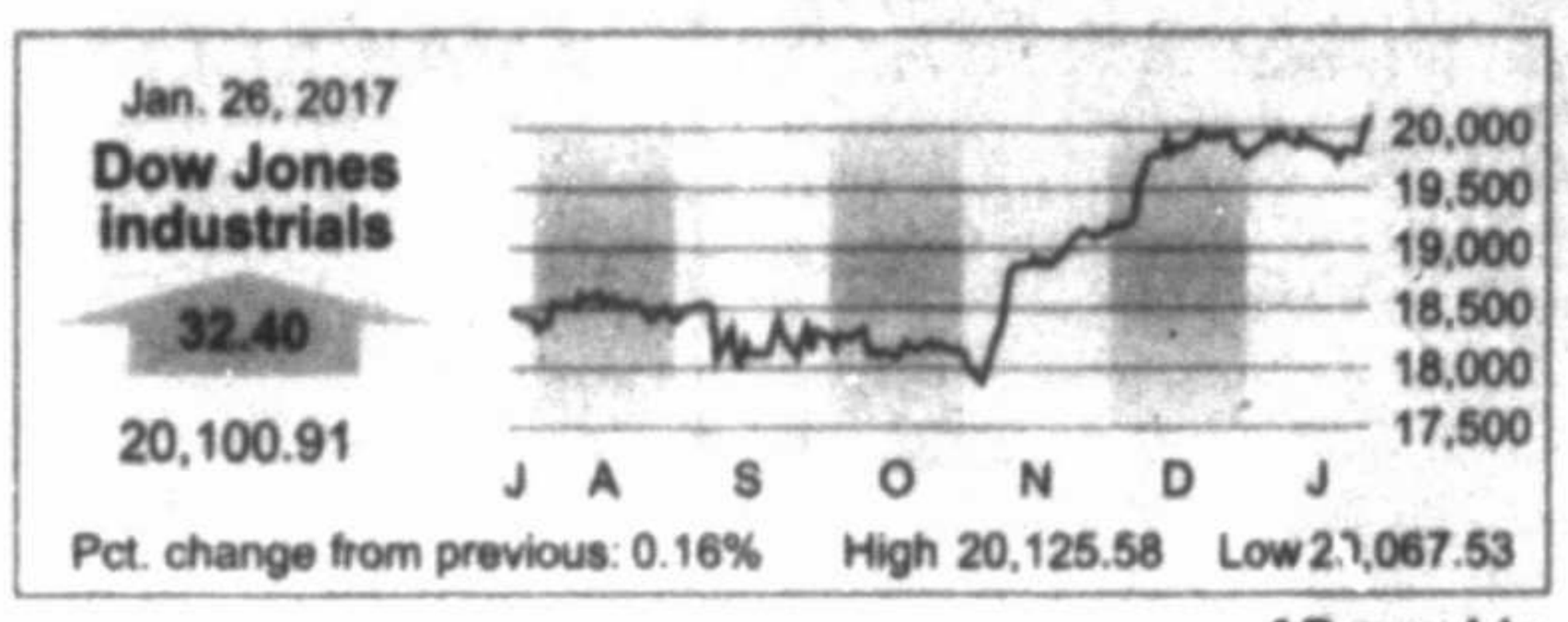
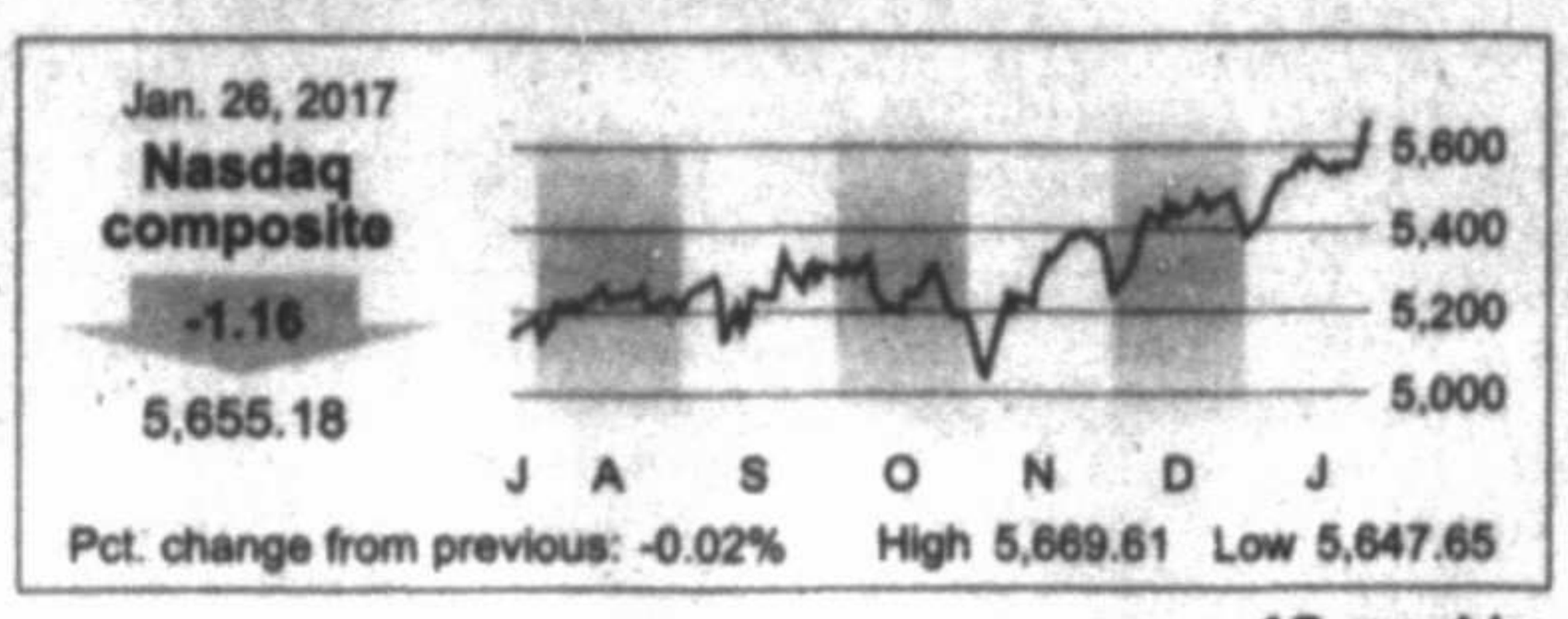
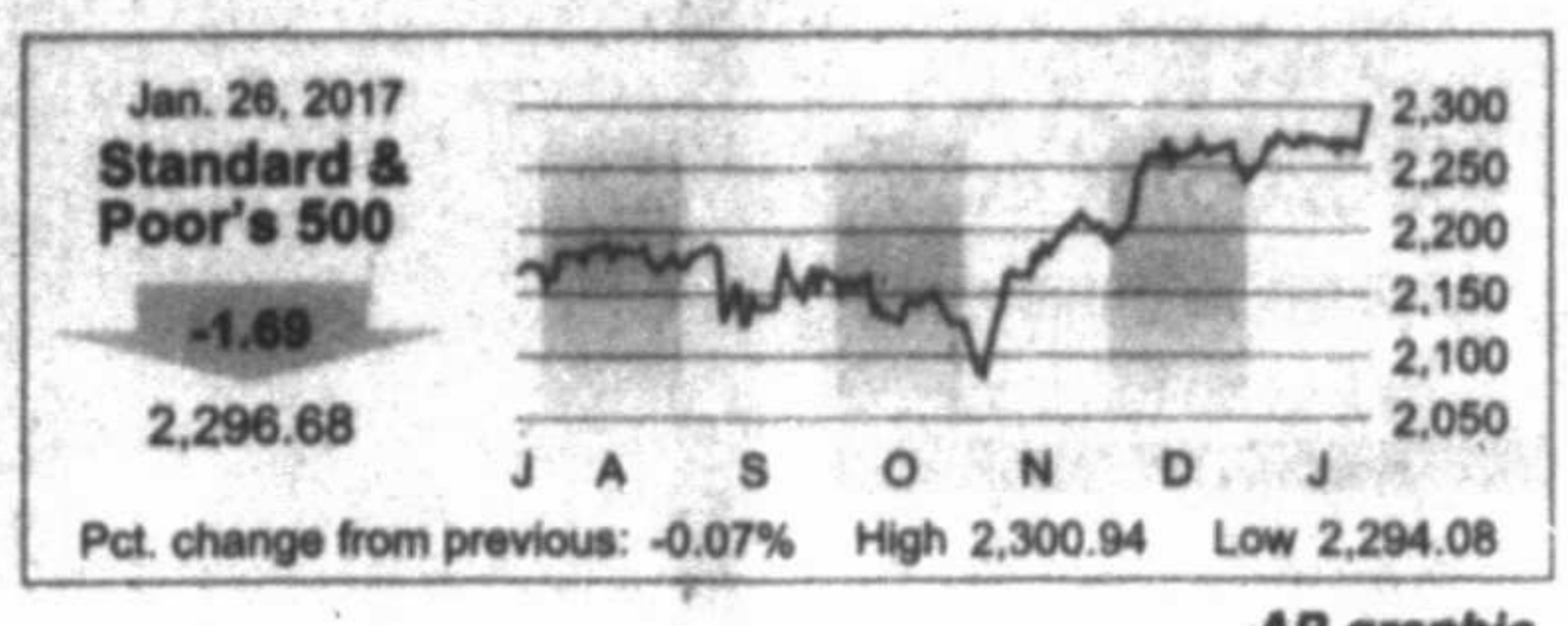
A DAY ON WALL STREET







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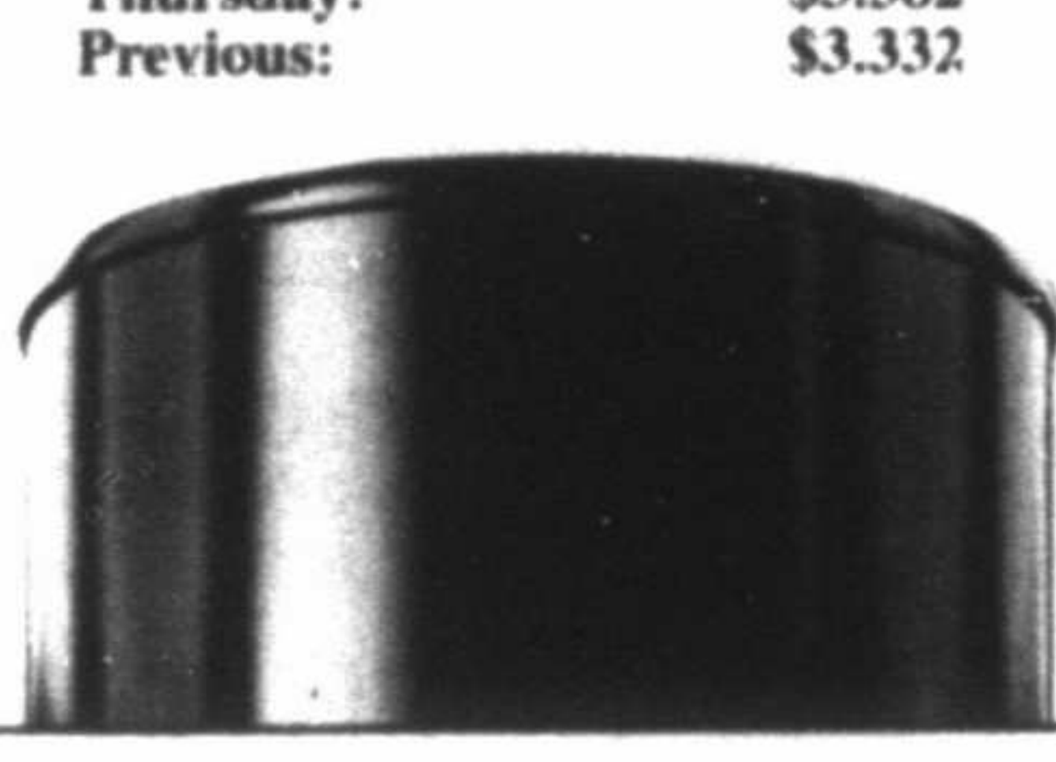
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday: $53.78
Previous: $52.75

POSTED
Thursday: $50.25
Previous: $49.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Thursday: $45.80
Previous: $44.80

NATURAL GAS
Thursday: $3.382
Previous: $3.332



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	829837	23.44	+.07
SPDR Fncl	701092	23.74	+.06
CSVInvNG	681692	3.53	.08
VanEGold	564658	22.87	.60
FordM	543624	12.37	.42

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GulfMrkA	2.10	+.65	+44.8
CarboCer	13.80	+3.12	+29.2
ComstkRs rs	12.71	+2.25	+21.5
MesaRoyl	14.05	+1.60	+12.9
Oi SA C	5.38	+.59	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChesGranW	3.30	-.55	-14.3
Kadmon n	3.93	-.60	-13.2
EthanAl	29.50	-4.20	-12.5
DBCmdDL	3.80	-.47	-11.0
Willbros	3.35	-.39	-10.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,419
Declined	1,547
Unchanged	106
Total issues	3,072
New Highs	268
New Lows	8
Volume	3,517,175,784

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	110830	2.95	.16
ChenereEn	71328	50.42	+2.19
Globalstar	63691	1.42	.03
B2gold g	51113	2.94	+.01
BarcGSOil	38601	6.22	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sifco	8.54	+.49	+6.1
VolitionRX	4.42	+.22	+5.2
Contango	9.21	+.42	+4.8
ChenereEn	50.42	+2.19	+4.5
VoltInfoSci	8.30	+.35	+4.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	6.45	.50	7.2
PowrREIT	6.50	.46	6.6
AstenasBio	4.35	.30	6.5
SwGA Fn	19.77	1.23	5.9
BioTime	3.10	.19	5.8

DIARY

Advanced	135
Declined	207
Unchanged	33
Total issues	375
New Highs	17
New Lows	3
Volume	120,287,859

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	382719	64.27	+.59
Qualcom	373705	54.05	2.85
Mattel	345273	25.99	5.57
Intel	309825	37.56	.24
eBay s	305982	31.74	+1.51

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FuweiF rs	3.42	+1.11	+48.1
MonstDig n	2.16	+.57	+35.8
Pulmatrix	2.22	+.58	+35.4
Avinger n	3.10	+.80	+34.8
Datawatch	6.65	+1.05	+18.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RealGSol rs	3.72	1.86	33.3
DryShips	2.98	1.02	25.5
WldAccept	49.37	11.08	18.3
Mattel	25.99	5.57	17.6
Wildar	26.54	4.90	[illegible]

DIARY

Advanced	1,092
Declined	1,715
Unchanged	230
Total issues	3,037
New Highs	212
New Lows	28
Volume	1,769,376,761

Beef boom is probably over, squeezing Tyson Foods

Bloomberg

The U.S. beef boom is probably over.

Thanks to tightening animal supplies and tepid demand, companies including Tyson Foods, the largest U.S. meat processor, and Cargill are facing plunging profits on every head of cattle they slaughter.

That's a sharp reversal of fortune from last year, when the fastest expansion of the American cattle herd in four decades increased margins for packers. But, the herd growth didn't last long. As a result, cattle futures in Chicago have rebounded 23 percent since bottoming in mid-October, while the price packers get for wholesale beef has tumbled in the past year amid stiff competition from chicken and pork.

"It posts a pure squeeze on packer margins lower," said Bob Wilson, a founding partner at industry researcher HedgersEdge.com in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Losses for U.S. beef packers expanded to $67.15 a head on Jan. 25, according to data from HedgersEdge.com. Profit per head reached an all-time peak of $147.20 on Oct. 18 and averaged $43.79 in 2016, the highest for any year in records going back to 1990.

The margin reversal may be a blow to Springdale, Arkansas-based Tyson. In fiscal 2016, its beef segment rebounded to an operating profit of $347 million from a loss of $66 million a year earlier, with former Chief Executive Officer Donnie Smith calling it "a great turnaround story," according to a statement on Nov. 21. The company's shares have jumped 22 percent in 12 months, closing at $62.63 on Wednesday.

But, it doesn't look like the beef turnaround is certain to last.

Analysts have lowered their consensus one-year target price for Tyson's stock by 1.1 percent in the last month, data compiled by Bloomberg show. Heather Jones, a Richmond, Virginia-based analyst for Vertical Group, cut her rating on the shares to hold from buy in a report on Wednesday, citing a "rough start" for beef this year.

Jones still raised her profit estimate for Tyson's fiscal first quarter, which spanned October through December. She raised her outlook on earnings per share to $1.36 from $1.20, partly because of "strong" beef performance, though she is "somewhat more cautious" on the outlook for the segment's margins for the subsequent three quarters. Tyson is scheduled to report fiscal first-quarter earnings on Feb. 6.

Tyson and Cargill declined to comment on their beef margins.

Tyson's beef division is its largest by revenue — $14.5 billion in the year ended Oct. 1 — but the smallest by profit. Still, the company has highlighted improvement from the business as a reason not to sell the unit. Tyson has a goal of pushing its adjusted earnings per share up as much as 10 percent in fiscal 2017.

Beef processors have endured painful times before. Tyson and Cargill closed slaughter plants in the last several years after drought and higher feed costs forced producers to cull the national cattle herd to the smallest since the 1950s. Things started to improve as cheaper corn and better weather allowed for expansion over the last two years. A bigger U.S. cattle herd helps improve plant utilization, and processors were able to spread their costs across a greater number of animals. Demand for beef products also climbed domestically and internationally.

Tyson in November forecast beef-segment margins for fiscal 2017 would be at the upper end or above the normalized level of 1.5 percent to 3 percent. In the prior year, the margins were 2.4 percent.

Now, that goal is looking tougher based on the trend at U.S. feedlots, where 750-pound steer are placed on a corn-based diet for about five months and then sold at 1,300 pounds for slaughter.

The number of animals held on feedlots probably fell 1 percent in December, according to a Bloomberg survey of 11 analysts. The government is scheduled to release a report on the figures on Friday. The recent gains for cattle prices reflect the "increasingly tight supplies of market-ready fed" animals, Wilson of HedgersEdge.com said.

At the same time, weak growth for U.S. beef demand has lowered the prices for which Tyson and other companies can sell their meat. Consumers have moved away from red meat amid health concerns, while booming supplies of chicken and pork have also made the alternative proteins more competitive.

Per capita U.S. beef consumption will be 56.6 pounds in 2017, down from a high of 94.3 in 1976, government data going back to 1960 compiled by the National Chicken Council show. The trend for chicken has been almost the mirror opposite, with per capita consumption expected to reach 90.4 pounds this year, more than double what it was four decades ago, according to the NCC website.

"When you have more meat available, unless you've got strong growth in demand, that product is going to be consumed at a lower price," said John Nalivka, the president of Sterling Marketing Inc., an industry consulting firm in Vale, Oregon. "People simply do not eat as much beef as they used to."

As lower wholesale-beef prices crimp profits for packers, consumers aren't seeing all the savings. The spread between wholesale and retail prices was $2.63 a pound in December compared with $1.62 in December 2005.

"While retail prices have been trending down, the decline is far slower than the fall in wholesale prices, allowing retailers to earn hefty margin on beef," Farha Aslam, a New York-based analyst for Stephens Inc., said in a report on Jan. 24.

Stocks drift mostly lower

The Dow Jones industrial average inched further into record territory Thursday, eking out a gain while the broader U.S. market indexes drifted lower.

The Dow's gain came a day after closing above 20,000 for the first time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite posted small losses, snapping two days of consecutive record highs.

More stocks fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Financial stocks led the gainers, while health care companies lagged the most.

With about 30 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 index serving up earnings this week, the quarterly report cards continued to be a focus for investors Thursday.

"Earnings have come in strong, for sure," said Patrick Schaffer, global investment specialist, J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "The market continues to digest some of the earnings news, and obviously markets don't go up or down in a straight line."

The S&P 500 index fell 1.69 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,296.68. The Nasdaq slid 1.16 points, or 0.02 percent, to 5,655.18. The Dow rose 32.40 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,100.91.

Metal prices drop

The price of gold fell $8, or 0.7 percent, to $1,189.80 an ounce. Silver slid 13 cents to $16.85 an ounce. Copper gave up 4 cents to $2.67 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $146.46 Up 0.44

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $144.46 Up 1.34

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.38 Up 0.23

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $106.70 Up 1.58

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.70 Up 0.33

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.17 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $30.70 Down 0.45

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $43.26 Up 0.60

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.65 Down 0.12

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.05 Up 0.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		28	8.19	.07	19.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.77	-.38	-1.8
Abraxas			2.48	-.07	-3.5
AdaDvsEq	.92e		13.20	+.03	+3.9
AMD			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alibaba		33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
AlonUSA	.60		[illegible]	[illegible]	+5.2
Amgen	4.60f	14	152.98	-1.12	+4.6
Anadarko	.20		71.14	+.47	+2.0
Apache	1.00		62.55	+1.12	-1.4
Apple Inc	2.28	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ApldMatl	.40	20	33.98	-.44	+5.3
ArcelorMit		29	[illegible]	.08	[illegible]
Archrock	.48		14.80	.25	+12.1
AriadP			23.64	.08	+90.0
ATMOS	1.68	23	75.70	+.72	+2.1
AutoData	2.28	28	102.04	.66	.7
BP PLC	2.40a		36.74	-.29	-1.7
BakrHu	.68		63.10	.50	2.9
BkofAm	.30f	19	23.44	+.07	+6.1
BiPVxST rs			19.17	+.08	24.9
BarringsCp s	1.20		15.06	+.24	2.7
BarrickG	.08	41	17.87	.19	+11.8
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		16247640.00	+1300.00	+1.4
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	22	62.36	+.21	+1.7
BrMySq	1.56f	33	46.82	-2.73	-19.9
BrownFA s	...	29	46.96	-.28	+1.5
BrownFB s	...	...	45.69	-.35	+1.7
CSX	.72	27	48.60	+.81	+35.3
CVS Health	1.70f	14	79.33	.16	+.5
Caterpillar	3.08	26	97.22	.93	+4.8
Celestic g		10	12.77	+.18	+7.8
Cemex	.29t		9.17	-.32	+14.2
CntryLink	2.16	11	26.06	+.37	+9.6
ChesEng			7.12	-.01	+1.4
Chevron	4.32f	...	116.55	-.69	-1.0
Chicos	.32	29	13.29	-.39	-7.6
Cimarex	.32		141.16	+1.24	+3.9
Cisco	1.04	15	30.74	+.04	+1.7
Citigroup	.64	12	57.36	-.33	-3.5
Citigp wtA			.16		+5.3
ClayEng	...	...	146.46	+.44	+22.8
CocaCola	1.40	25	41.81	-.31	+.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.56	24	68.24	-.19	+4.3
Comcast	1.26f	23	75.50	+2.06	+9.3
ConAgra	.80	21	38.95	-.07	-1.5
ConchoRes	...	...	144.46	+1.34	+8.9
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	50.63	-.06	+1.0
Corning	.54	17	26.55	.13	+9.4
CrackerB	4.60	21	159.61	+1.15	-4.4
CSVInvNG			3.53	.08	+16.5
CSVelIVST			61.52	.40	+31.6
CSVixSh rs			5.32	+.06	-44.1
CrosTim	1.07e	13	18.18	+.09	+1.2
DCP Mid	3.12	18	39.46	+.89	+2.8
DTE	2.92	22	98.22	+.28	-.3
Dataram rs			1.45	+.04	-34.1
DevonE	.24	...	47.15	+.69	+3.2
DrGMBll s			7.92	-.76	+41.9
DrxGBull s			9.77	-.80	+27.9
DishNetw h		28	58.02	-4.21	+.2
Disney	1.56f	19	108.06	+.02	+3.7
DowChm	1.84	20	61.42	+1.21	+7.3
DryShp rs		1	2.98	-1.02	89.9
eBay s		5	31.74	+1.51	+6.9
EOG Rescs	.67	...	104.39	+.49	+3.3
Energen	.08		54.23	-.70	-6.0
EngyTsfr	4.22		39.01	+.38	+8.9
EnPro	.84	51	67.40	-.69	+.1
EntProdPt	1.64	23	29.86	+.42	+10.4
Ericsson	.46e		6.07	+.18	+4.1
ExxonMbl	3.00	34	85.60	+.26	-5.2
Facebook		37	132.78	+1.30	+15.4
FiatChrys			11.06	+.08	+21.3
FordM	.60a	6	12.37	-.42	+2.0
FrptMcM			15.84	-.66	+20.1
GATX	1.60	10	60.43	-.84	-1.9
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.69	+.03	+6.2
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.24	-.01	+3.4
GenElec	.96f	25	30.32	-.05	-4.1
Genworth			3.39	-.18	-11.0
GtPlainEn	1.10f	16	27.05	+.17	-1.1
HP Inc	.53f	9	14.79	-.40	-.3
Hallibrtn	.72	...	58.06	+.65	+7.3
HostHotls	.80a	14	18.61	+.13	-1.2
HuntBncsh	.32	21	14.01	-.01	+6.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.58	-.38	+12.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChinaLC	.76e		36.85	+.07	+6.2
iShEMkts	.84e		37.44	-.16	+6.9
iS Eafe	1.70e		60.07	-.24	+4.1
iShR2K	1.77e		136.66	-.55	+1.3
Intel	1.04	17	37.56	-.24	+3.6
InterDig	1.20	16	92.90	+.25	+1.7
ItauUnibH	.32e		12.14	-.01	+18.2
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	86.75	+.72	+.5
JetBlue		9	21.10	-.67	-5.9
JohnJn	3.20	17	111.84	-.96	-2.9
KimbClk	3.88f	20	122.15	+.15	+7.0
LVSands	2.88	24	52.41	-4.24	-1.9
LegacyRes	.60m		2.70	+.33	+27.4
Lubys	...	...	3.91	-.14	-8.6
Mattel	1.52	24	25.99	-5.57	-5.7
McDnlds	3.76f	22	121.88	+.09	+.1
Merck	1.88f	16	61.20	+.12	+4.0
MeritMed	...	33	25.25	-.55	-4.7
MexcoEn			5.17	+.07	+3.3
MicronT			23.52	-.04	+7.3
Microsoft	1.56f	27	64.27	+.59	+3.4
Nabors	.24		16.64	-.57	+1.5
NatGrid	3.35e	...	57.87	-.53	-.8
NOilVarco	.20	21	39.25	-.47	+4.8
NokiaCp	.30e		4.72	+.10	-1.9
NSTFl3	.55e	...	14.24	-.05	+.5
NTXQI	.65	...	13.80	+.00	+.6
OcciPet	3.04f	...	68.55	+.42	-3.8
ParTech	...	19	6.29	+.17	+12.7
ParkDrl	...	...	2.70	+.05	+3.8
PattUTI	.08	8	28.28	-.25	+5.1
Penney			6.77	-.17	-18.5
PennaRE	.84	73	17.63	-.24	-7.0
Prmian	.44e	25	9.15	+.16	+18.7
Petrobras	...	...	10.91	-.06	+7.9
Pfizer	1.28f	13	31.28	-.01	-3.7
PioNtrl	.08	...	182.23	+1.96	+1.2
PlainsAAP	2.20	29	32.41	+.94	+.4
Potash	.40	16	19.26	-.60	+6.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	125.56	+.13	+6.0
Praxair	3.15f	23	119.50	-.07	+2.0
PrmEgy	...	...	56.50	...	+4.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	24.41	+.31	...
ProctGam	2.68	23	86.60	-.56	+3.0
Pulmatrix	...	...	2.22	+.58	+276.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PulteGrp	.36	15	21.18	+.74	+15.2
Qualcom	2.12	15	54.05	-2.85	-17.1
RangeRs	.08		34.44	+.61	+.2
RegionsFn	.26f	17	14.70	+.08	+2.4
RiteAid		62	6.78	-.12	-17.7
Rowan	.40	7	19.76	-.17	+4.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	55.09	-.56	+1.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		200.72	+.30	+1.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e		229.33	-.24	+2.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30		36.97	+.02	+1.4
STMicro	.40	54	12.93	+.75	+13.9
SabnR	1.86e	19	39.50	+1.20	+12.4
SanderFm	.96	11	91.33	+.09	-3.1
Schimbrg	2.00	74	84.88	-.63	+1.1
SeagateT	2.52	11	43.90	+1.23	+15.0
SiriusXM	.01p	40	4.75	+.08	+6.7
Smucker	3.00f	17	135.82	+.81	+6.1
SwstAirl	.40	14	53.92	+4.46	+8.2
SwstnEngy			9.79	+.18	-9.5
Sprint			9.43	+.24	+12.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e		23.74	+.06	+2.1
SunocoLog	2.04f	56	26.16	+.34	+8.9
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	9.69	-.11	+5.3
Tesoro	2.20	10	81.94	-.09	-6.3
3M Co	4.44	22	176.82	+.09	-1.0
Torchmark	.56	17	74.86	+.17	+1.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn			15.18	-.12	+3.0
TriContl	.82e	...	22.73	+.04	+3.1
21stCFoxA	.36f	19	31.00	+.70	+10.6
TylerTech	...	52	147.63	-.54	+3.4
US FdsHl n			26.57	+.31	-3.3
UBSI	1.32	23	45.15	...	-2.4
US NGas			8.47	+.08	-9.3
US OilFd			11.53	+.22	-1.6
USSteel	.20		33.54	+1.39	+1.6
Vale SA	.29e		10.62	-.16	+39.4
ValeroE	2.40	14	67.37	-.96	-1.4
VanEGold	.12e		22.87	-.60	+9.3
VanE JrGld	...		36.15	-1.08	+14.6
VerizonCm	2.31f	12	49.12	-.65	-8.0
VulcanM	.80	46	135.25	-.03	+8.1
WEC Engy	2.08	20	58.28	+.14	-.6
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.27	-.76	-1.8
Weathfintl			5.40	-.02	+8.2
WellsFargo	1.52	14	57.18	+.56	+3.8
WstnRefin	1.52	24	35.45	-.08	-6.3
WstnUnion	.64	12	19.59	-.49	-9.8
WhitingPet	...	...	11.91	-.18	-.9
WmsCos	.80	67	28.97	+.16	-7.0
XcelEngy	1.36	19	40.91	+.14	+.5
Xerox	.31	9	6.96	-.04	+21.0

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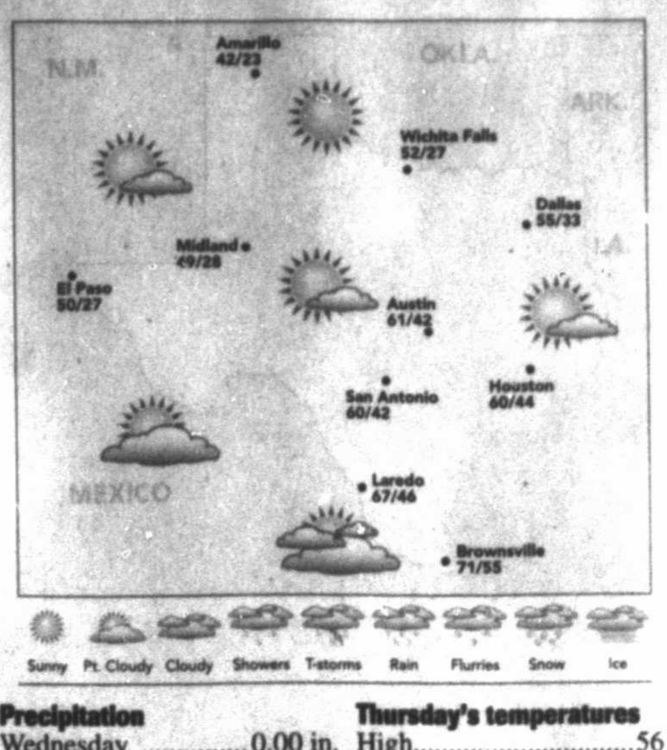
52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
20,082.00	15,503.01	Dow Jones Industrials	20,100.91	+32.40	+.16	+1.71	+25.09
9,490.29	6,643.71	Dow Jones Transportation	9,468.77	+47.76	+.51	+4.70	+41.28
723.83	582.11	Dow Jones Utilities	655.87	+.49	+.07	-.57	+9.46
11,688.45	8,944.05	NYSE Composite	11,313.13	-25.92	-.23	+2.32	+20.38
5,658.59	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,655.18	-1.16	-.02	+5.05	+25.48
2,299.55	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,296.68	-1.69	-.07	+2.58	+21.30
1,711.41	1,229.10	S&P Midcap	1,704.98	-5.31	-.31	+2.67	+33.56
24,081.60	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	24,052.55	-17.73	-.07	+2.68	+23.76
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,375.60	-6.84	-.49	+1.36	+37.11

TODAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 47 Low: 28	High: 55 Low: 30	High: 61 Low: 33	High: 64 Low: 35	High: 60 Low: 36	High: 65 Low: 40

Local forecast

Cooler-than-average temperatures are in the forecast today and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Temperatures will warm up next week. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The record high for Jan. 26 is 81, set in 1953. The record low is 15, set in 1940. On Jan. 26 of last year, the high was 47 and the low was 32.



Precipitation		Thursday's temperatures	
Wednesday	0.00 in.	High	56
Thursday	0.00 in.	Low	26
Month total	1.12 in.	Normal high	58
Year total	1.12 in.	Normal low	31
Normal total (year to date)	0.44 in.	Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
		Sunset	6:18 p.m.

National weather

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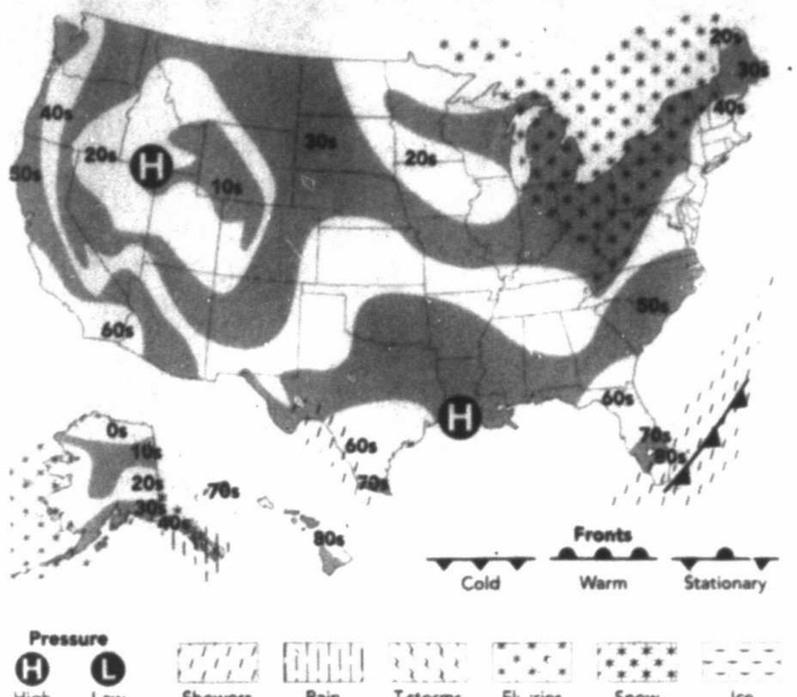
Forecast for Friday, January 27, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Weather brief

Oregon county hit by ice storm approved for disaster relief

EUGENE, Ore. — The federal government is reimbursing public infrastructure agencies in a western Oregon county for cleanup and repairs from a December ice storm.

Lane County public agencies and utilities reported more than $9.4 million in damage, labor costs and other expenses from the Dec. 14-17 storm.

County Emergency Manager Linda Cook tells the Register-Guard each agency or utility will be eligible for up to 75 percent of the costs it incurred responding the storm.

Stranger's boyfriend looks a lot like friend's husband

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: I work in customer service and was helping a guest. During my eight- to 10-minute chat with her, she showed me her phone. The wallpaper on her phone was a picture of the guest and her boyfriend in Times Square. Without mentioning it to the guest, I recognized her boyfriend as the husband of a friend of mine I'll call Julie.

Julie and her husband have two young children. Part of me wants to confront him, but part of me says this would destroy a family. I have resolved to remain quiet unless I hear of marital difficulties, but would that be a disservice to my friend and her children? I feel like I'm carrying a grenade that may devastate many innocents. — WANTS TO CONFRONT HIM

DEAR WANTS TO CONFRONT: Unless you are 100 percent certain that the man you saw on the phone was who you think he was, and not someone with a strong resemblance to Julie's husband, do NOT involve yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My mom told me that when I get engaged, she is going to hire a PI to investigate my fiance! I know that parents can be concerned, but this seems to me like total paranoia.

She told me a story she saw in the news about a seemingly normal man who ended up killing people to steal their money to pay for his wedding. That's scary, but I don't think it warrants hiring a PI to follow my future fiance around. I think my mom is going beyond being overprotective. What do you think? — FEELING CONFLICTED

DEAR FEELING CONFLICTED: I agree with you. What your mother is proposing is the definition of helicopter parenting. If your boyfriend were to find out, it would be the end of your romance. Perhaps you should ask your mother how she would feel if your fiance's family hired a detective to shake your family tree. I'll bet she wouldn't like it one bit.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to see how other wives would handle this. I have a "friend" who constantly calls my husband her "boyfriend." She's married, and I'm sure this irks her spouse, too. Every time they come over, she has to give my husband a really big hug (she has a large chest).

I feel what she's doing is inappropriate and want to know what you recommend to put a stop to this. It has reached the point I wish they would quit coming here. My husband and I are both polite people, but I would like for this to cease. — POLITE PAT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR POLITE PAT: I'm a wife and here's how I'd handle it. I would have your husband tell your friend privately that her effusiveness is embarrassing and to please stop doing it. If he doesn't feel comfortable doing this, talk to the woman yourself and tell her that when she calls your husband her boyfriend, it offends you, and that HER husband should be her boyfriend.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Late courage

Neither vulnerable. North deals

	NORTH ♠ 8 5 2 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ A Q 9 6	
WEST ♠ Q J 9 6 4 ♥ Void ♦ Q 10 9 8 ♣ J 10 8 5		EAST ♠ A 7 3 ♥ 10 8 7 4 3 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ 4
	SOUTH ♠ K 10 ♥ K Q J 5 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K 7 3 2	

The bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

Today's deal is from the Canadian National Team Championship some years ago. South was Nicolas L'Ecuyer, a leading Canadian player who has also enjoyed great success in American tournaments. L'Ecuyer didn't waste time looking to penalize East's lightweight overcall. He quite sensibly just bid what he thought he could make. Had he tried for penalties, East-West would have wriggled out to a more playable contract.

East-West were playing "attitude" leads, where the lower the card you lead, the greater your interest. East won trick one with the ace of spades and returned the seven, won by South with the king. There were eight top tricks and nine if the clubs split 3-2. The heart spots were not quite good enough to pick up five heart tricks.

L'Ecuyer cashed four heart tricks and saw West discard three diamonds, the eight, nine, and 10, plus a spade. It seemed clear to South that West had started with four clubs. Had he been able to make this determination after only two rounds of hearts, he could have cashed the king of clubs to see if East contributed the singleton jack or 10, but he couldn't do this after four rounds of hearts. West would just split his club honors on the second round of the suit and there would be no entry back to hand to take another club finesse.

Backing his card reading with his play, L'Ecuyer lead a low club and inserted dummy's nine when West played low. Success! A terrific play that gave his team a nice gain en route to victory in the event.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 27, 2017:

This year you have a strong sense of direction. You continue to value friendship, though one particular friend could rain on your parade. Wherever you choose to experience a new beginning, you will. Your creativity surges as well. If you are single, others find you extremely attractive and difficult to say "no" to. A foreigner or someone quite different from you could catch your eye. If you are attached, the two of you often have different objectives but somehow manage to integrate them into your life without taking away from your bond. A fellow AQUARIUS might be more frivolous than you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Emphasize what you want. You understand that a setback is only momentary. In fact, within hours the matter could be resolved. Opt for a new beginning, and don't waste your time getting involved in petty discussions. Tonight: You have a reason to celebrate!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might feel slightly let down when a loved one nixes an idea to which you have given a lot of thought. You could decide that heading out on your own might be the way to go. Stand up for your idea and see where the consensus stands. Tonight: Kick back and relax with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ A discussion seems more important before it happens than afterward. You might sense some negativity from a partner. This person does care, but he or she has different concerns, perhaps not even related to the topic at hand. Tonight: Consider going to a new TGIF spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a path that you might not have realized was open to you, or perhaps you felt discouraged. Be patient, and you will be pleased with the results. Visit with an older friend or loved one. Tonight: A new beginning becomes a possibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, as you are likely to find yourself in a dicey situation. In many ways, friends could be pushing their ideas on you. You could feel pulled in different directions. Just do your thing, and you can avoid this problem. Tonight: Accept a loved one's caring gesture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Don't feel as if you need to consult with others when making a personal decision. In fact, sometimes saying little allows you to look at the situation both intellectually and emotionally. If you opt for a diet or exercise program, make sure you see a doctor first. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your playfulness and willingness to move forward on an important matter delights those closest to you. You remain sure of yourself and are ready to take action. Don't allow a close friend to discourage you, even if his or her argument is logical. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Demands from your personal life need to be handled. Do not allow financial restrictions to prevent you from finding a solution. Do some research, and you might be surprised by what comes up as a result. Opt for simplicity and success. Tonight: Off to a neighborhood diner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your willingness to defer is likely to take you down a unique path. You seem to grasp the implications of this decision. Stay steady and confident. You have given more than adequate thought to the matter at hand. Tonight: You don't need to go far to meet up with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You generally are wise about your choices. An issue that makes you feel a bit insecure will require you to apply your sound judgment. Make time for someone who seems to be insecure. The conversation is likely to help you both. Tonight: Treat a close friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Know that the odds are in your favor. You could hear discouraging news from a friend, but remember that it is his or her news, not yours. Nevertheless, you might feel insecure about a key matter. Don't. You are heading toward a new beginning. Tonight: Take the lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might be taken aback by all of the ideas that emerge from out of the blue, some of which are the result of speaking to someone you hardly know. Your mind is working overtime, but keep your thoughts to yourself for now. Tonight: You do not need to be social.

BORN TODAY

Composer Wolfgang Mozart (1756), U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts (1955), author Lewis Carroll (1832)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Like much of the Southwest
5 Summer music?
10 Org. funded by FICA
13 Under-the-sink brand
15 "Paper Moon" Oscar winner
16 Like ibuprofen, briefly
17 POINT
19 Jiff
20 "Nothing planned that day"
21 Engineering sch. on the Hudson
22 Sport with masks
23 GAME
26 Move a finger or two, maybe
28 Physics units
29 Signs over
30 1945 Pacific battle site, familiarly
31 Superfan
32 Superhero played by Chris Hemsworth
34 With 36-Across, question for the court
36 See 34-Across
40 Exercise woe
42 Alex Dunphy, to Luke, on "Modern Family"
43 Mojito ingredient
44 "Not a problem"
47 Stuff in a backpack
49 Little stretches
50 SET
53 Captain Picard's counselor
54 Unexpectedly by itself, as in the dryer
55 Kenya neighbor
58 Storybook baddie
59 MATCH
61 Programming pioneer Lovelace
62 Stopped lying
63 Sphere
64 Common scale extreme
65 Org. chart headings
66 Crack up

DOWN

1 When Lear disinherits Cordelia
2 "Home on the Range" verb
3 Take unfair advantage of
4 "Quantum Healing" author Chopra
5 Throw on
6 Iisa portrayer
7 Overlook, as a fault
8 "A Doubter's Almanac" novelist Ethan
9 Dated
10 Under-the-sink brand
11 "Remington ___"
12 Hacker's goal
14 Nonkosher
18 Pressed for time
22 Manicurist's tool
24 Expose, with "on"
25 Desktop assortment
26 Cherry center
27 Lamb parent
31 "Pink Friday" singer Minaj
33 Coiffure
35 "The End of America" author Wolf
37 Avenue after Reading Railroad
38 Worn end
39 Scrabble three-pointers
41 Wonton alternative
42 Brazilian map word
44 "Maybe less"
45 Intemperate speech
46 Apple's "Think different," e.g.
48 Like Meg March in "Little Women"
49 Emergency signals
51 Bete
52 Food thickener
56 Poet Walter Mare
57 Large number
59 Pokémon Go, e.g.
60 French possessive

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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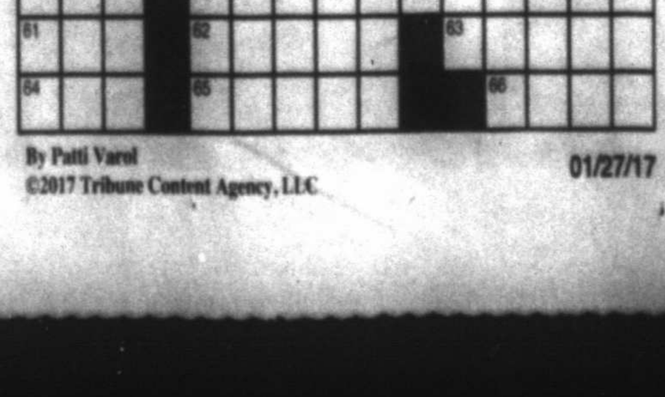

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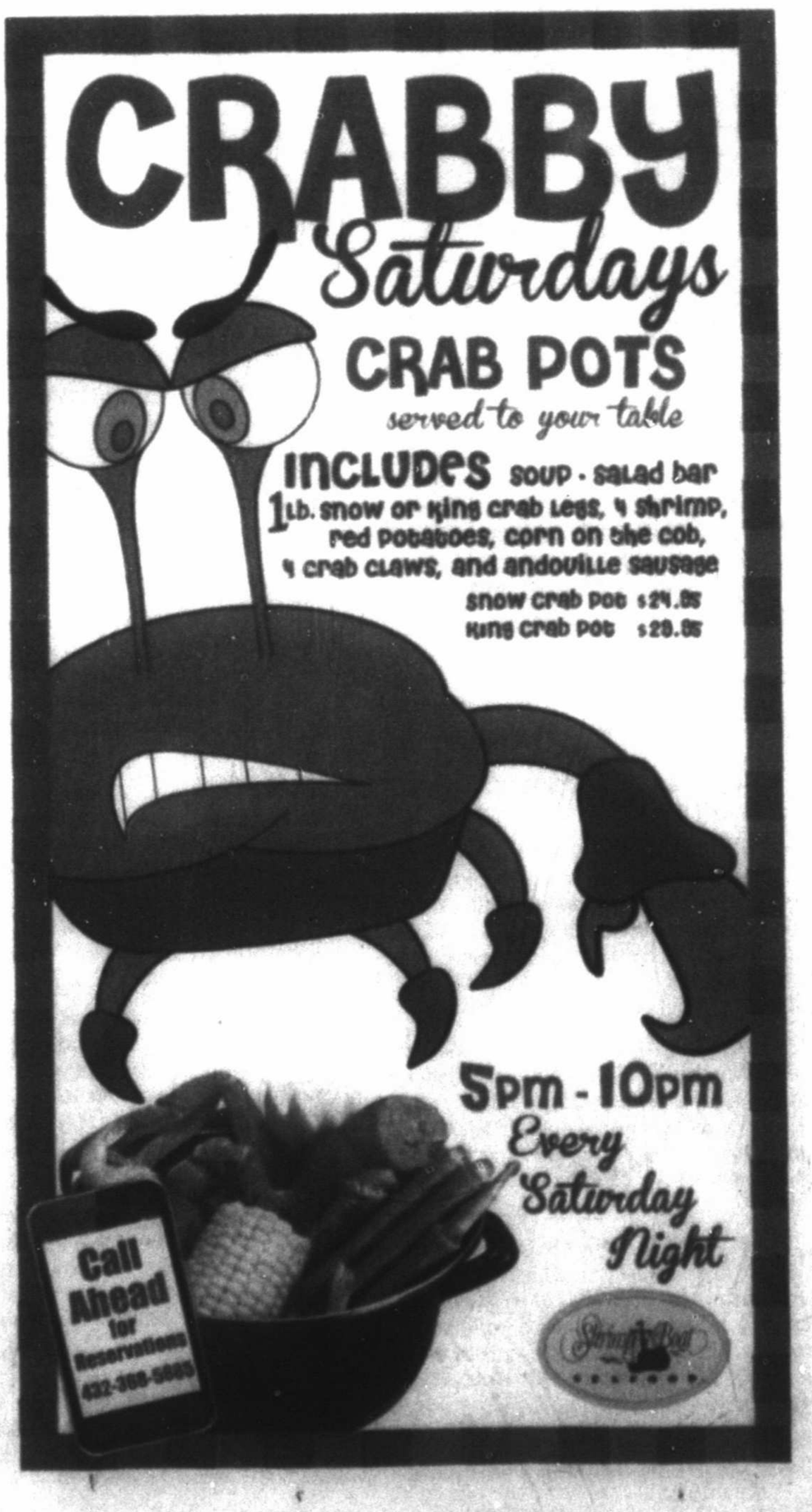

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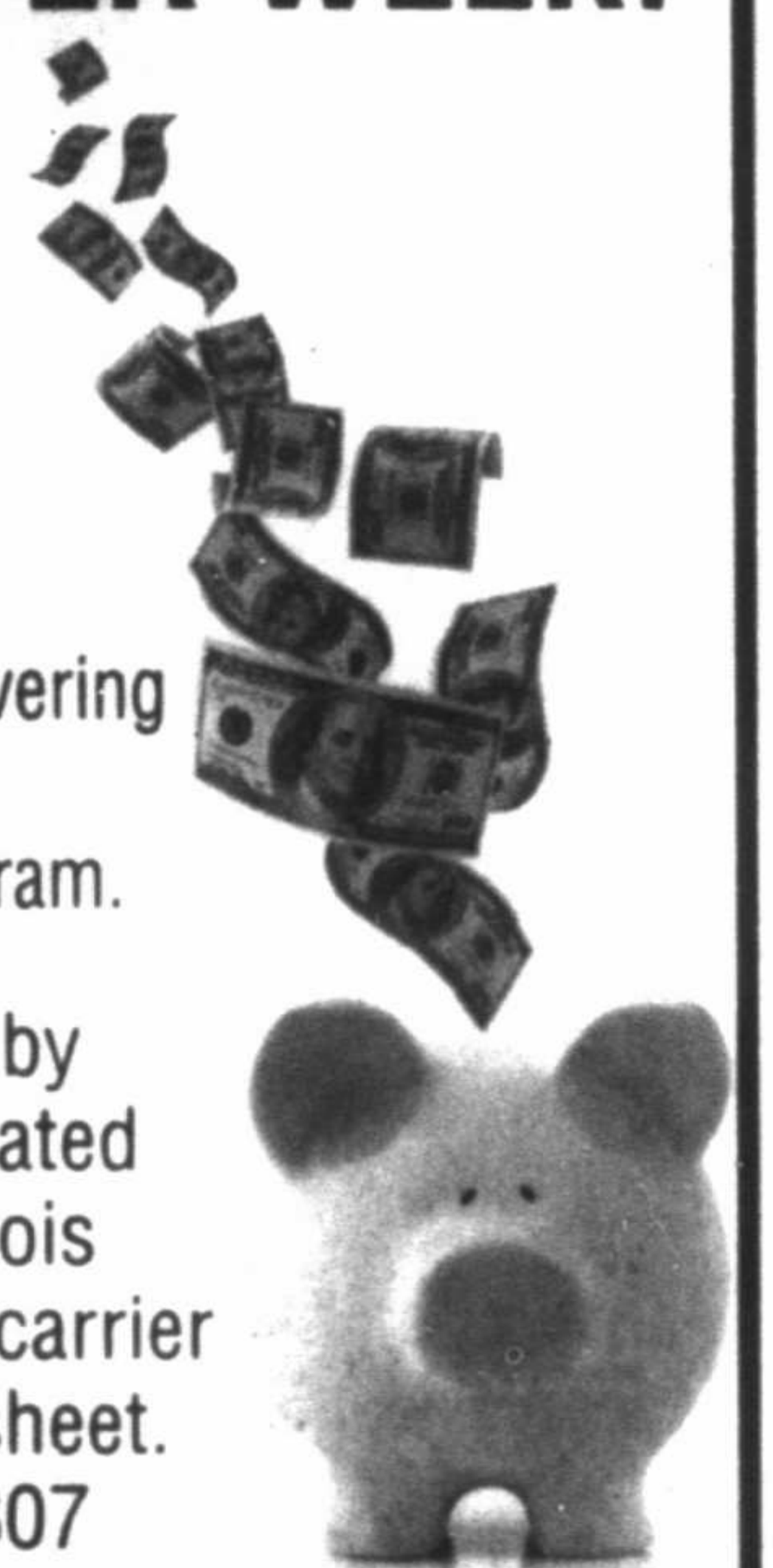

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Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9629

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOTS 32B1 AND 32B2, BLOCK 39, FAIRMONT PARK ADDITION, SECTION 48, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ONTHE EAST SIDE OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH, APPROXIMATELY 490 FEET NORTH OF TREMONT AVENUE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITYCLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for a Temporary Land Use Permit for a Church Family Fair and Carnival, on the following described property: on Lot 8, Glendale Addition, and Lot 13A, Glendale Addition, Section 2; all out of Block 7 ,City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northeast of the intersection of North Tyler Street and Garden Lane. (Council District 2)

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

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Francisco Gomez for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in a restaurant on the following described property: A 1,140 square foot portion of Lots 11(N/2) and 12, Block 187, Southern Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southeast corner of South Baird Street and East Florida Avenue. (Council District 2)

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Mac's BBQ & Catering for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in a restaurant on the following described property: A 9,075.92 square foot portion, Lots 16, 17, and 18, Block A, Garrett Place Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of West Indiana Avenue, approximately 160-feet east of Carlton Street. (Council District 2)

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Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9634

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOTS 1-4, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, BALL PARK ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST INDIANA AVENUE AND BALDWIN STREET), BY PERMITTING OFF-SITE PARKING BENEFITTING LOTS 16-18, BLOCK A, GARRETT PLACE ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST INDIANA AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 160 FEET EAST OF CARLTON STREET); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

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Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9630

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 5,141-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 8, POLO PARK ADDITION, SECTION 3, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH GARFIELD STREET AND CASTLEFORD ROAD), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00);AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Hutton Team, LLC for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, concerning the side yard setback and parking regulations on: Lots 1, 2 and 18, and a 0.046-acre portion of alley right-of-way, out of Tract 6, of the Replat of Tracts 5 & 6, Lindsay Acres Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas

Generally located northwest of the intersection of Rankin Highway and Martin Avenue. - Council District 2

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Hutton Team, LLC to vacate the following described right-of-way: The 0.046-acre portion of the alley right-of-way, located between Lots 1-2 and Lot 18, Tract 6 of the Replat of Tracts 5 & 6, Lindsay Acres Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9628

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1A, BLOCK 29, HOMESTEAD ADDITION, SECTION 8, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH COLORADO STREET AND WEST LOUISIANA AVENUE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED C-1, CENTRAL AREA DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00), AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by WS Digital, LLC for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, concerning Chapter 7a Revised Outdoor Sign Regulations, in the City of Midland, City and County of Midland, Texas

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Barton Campbell, Deceased, were issued on January 25, 2017, in Cause No. P-18,945 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Cynthia Lynn Campbell, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 14039 County Road 124 West, Odessa, Texas 79765.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 25th day of January, 2017.

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ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Della M. Goodgame**, deceased:

James Allen Goodgame, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Della M. Goodgame**, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18950 on January 25, 2017, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

James Allen Goodgame
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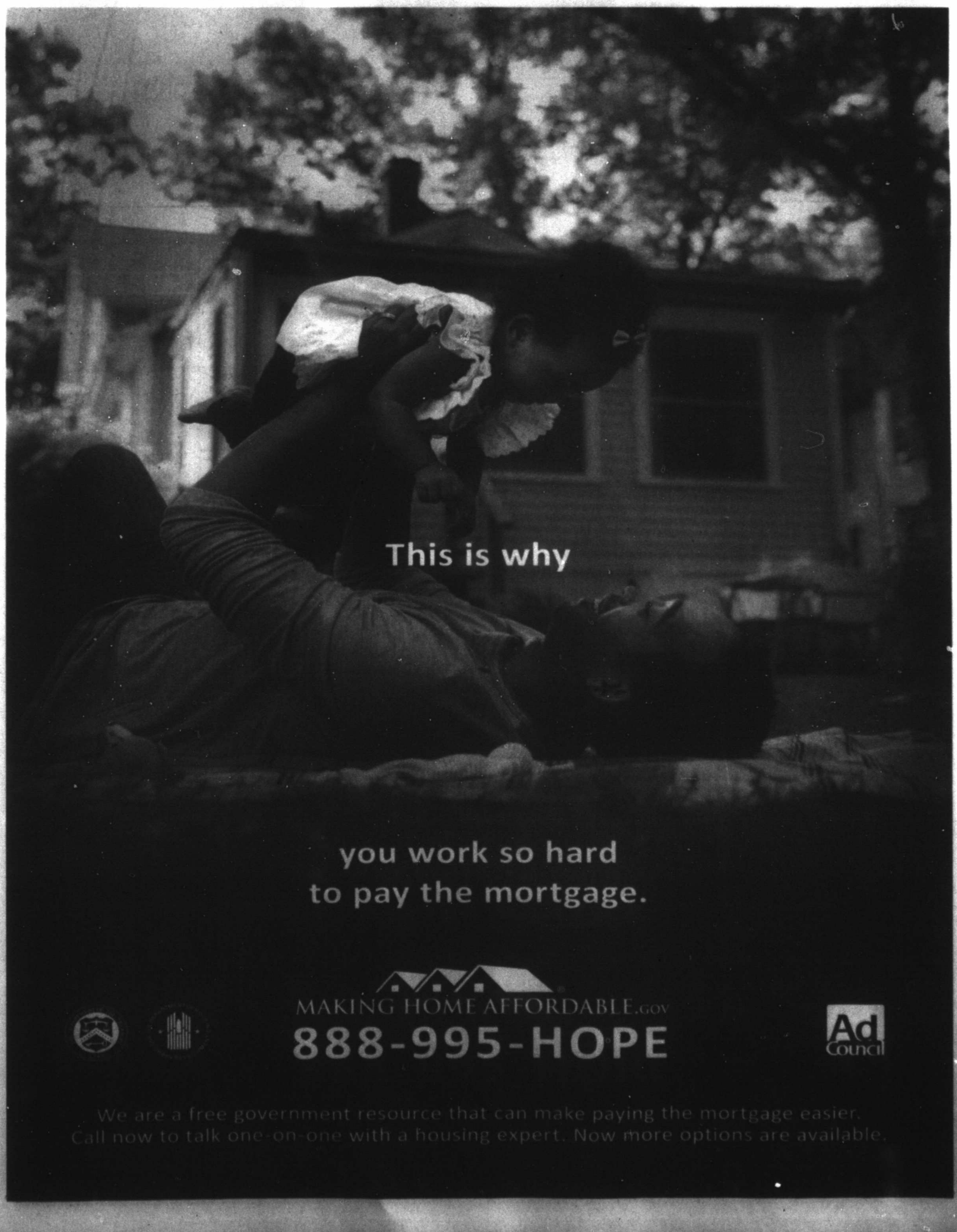

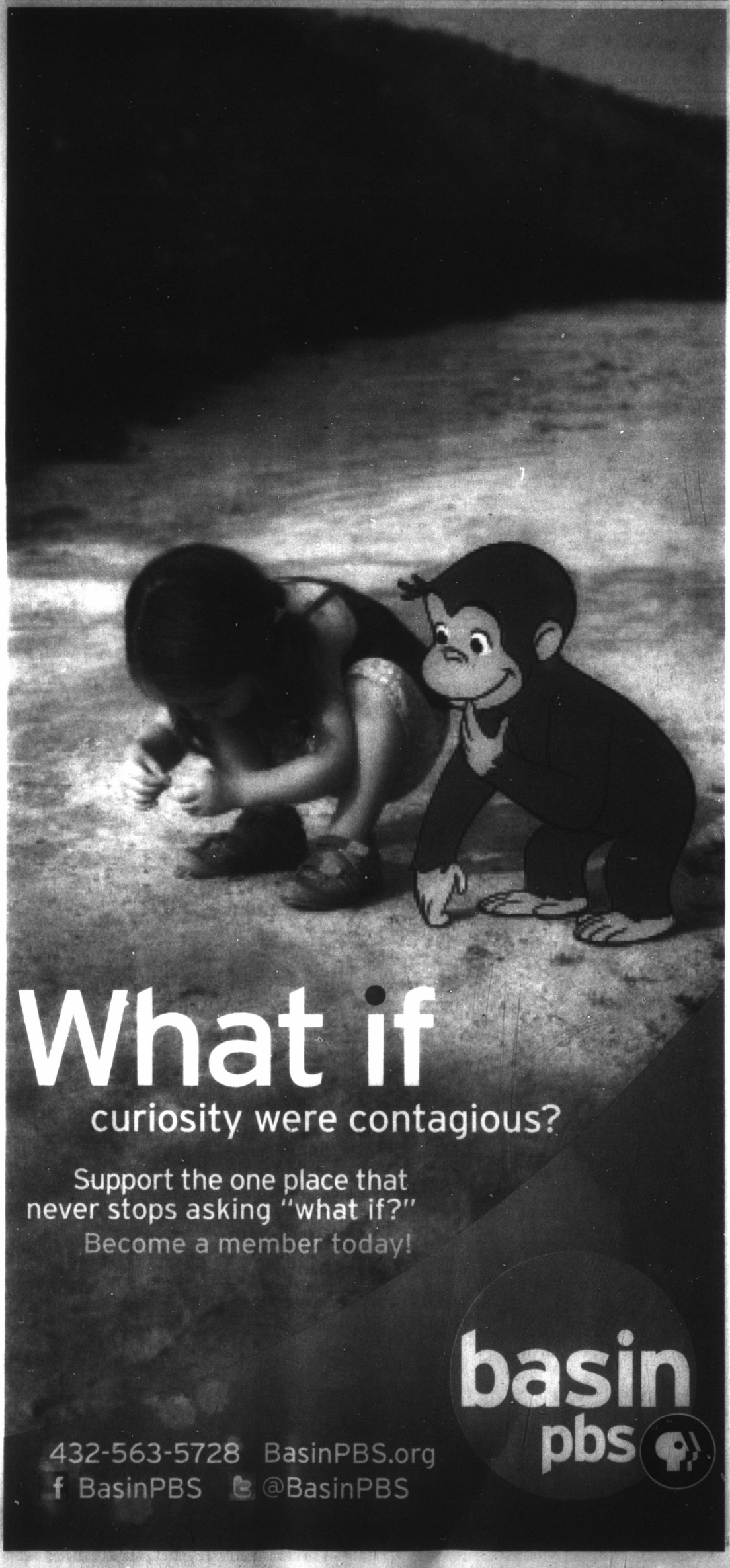
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