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DeMarcus Lawrence measures up for Cowboys even with sacks total down.

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Commissioners call for another Culver study

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County's juvenile detention center will undergo another study after a Commissioners' Court decision Wednesday. The elected officials voted to move forward with having a human resources company study management of the facility.

The authorization comes after the juvenile department conducted its own Culver Juvenile Justice Center study through Mel Brown and Associates. Judge Kyle Peeler told commissioners about the first phase of the three-part examination.

"What we've studied and what they found was that it would not be viable for us to do away with Culver detention center," Peeler said.

Some commissioners expressed interest in knowing answers to other questions related to juvenile detention. Comments about the desire to keep Culver open were also offered.

"There wasn't a threat from the court to shut Culver down," said County Judge Mike Bradford. "There was a conversation that occurs annually as we head towards the budget. We will review any of our high-cost centers and decide: Is that a conversation we need to have?"

During preparations for this fiscal year's budget, the Commissioners' Court voted to give juvenile detention about $250,000 less than it requested, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. The decision put the money in contingency pending the outcome of a study.

The conversation continued last month, when commissioners heard the juvenile department was facing a shortage of money to pay personnel, according to a previous story.

This week, the study-related Commissioners' Court vote came after Randy Prude of Precinct 4 discussed the possibility of using a third-party mediator to come up with a resolution.

But while introducing a motion that ultimately passed, Scott Ramsey of Precinct 1 said he didn't want the Culver study to have a caveat that would require future mediation. After the meeting, he told the Reporter-Telegram the study can inform commissioners about future steps.

"I think we've got five people sitting up here that (want) to make sure that everything's done right," Ramsey said. "I'd like to have a report done that's independent from the first one."

The study would focus on all aspects of management including efficiency, costs and hiring practices, according to Ramsey. Commissioners want it finished by late February.

The Mel Brown and Associates study cost $26,313, according to information provided to the Reporter-Telegram. The county judge's office plans to talk to human resources companies and couldn't provide the cost of the future study.

MORE THAN A POLITICIAN



Alex Brandon/AP via Pool

Former President George W. Bush becomes emotional as he speaks at the State Funeral for his father, former President George H.W. Bush, on Wednesday at the National Cathedral in Washington. See more coverage and images on **Page 4A and 6A.**

MC employees bring holiday spirit

By Simone Jasper
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Each holiday season, visitors to Midland College are greeted with festive decor and outdoor lights. But long before the first decorations are put into place, some longtime employees work behind the scenes to add elements that reflect the spirit of the season.

"It's a group effort," said Mary Lopez, an employee of 34 years. "It takes a little village."

Lopez coordinates special events for MC and said several departments collaborate to decorate the campus for the holidays. Seasonal trimmings have made their way into several buildings, but the displays also extend to outdoor spaces.

"The grounds people keep our campus looking really nice," Lopez said. "Everything's mowed. And the fact that it's a clean campus with the pretty lights, I just think it looks beautiful."

Traditionally, the display includes reindeer and sleigh figurines, a star on the top of the bell tower and buildings adorned with yellow and green lights — the colors of MC athletics.

Terry Kirkland, grounds supervisor and a MC employee for nearly two decades, said his department's goal is to check and install campus decorations in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, work continues on other outdoor projects.

"We just have to find an hour here, an hour there to work on the decorations," Kirkland said. "That's why we start a week early."

At MC, Nicholas Mileski feels grateful for employees' efforts to adorn

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OPEC+ recommends production cuts

■ Deal could remove about 1M barrels a day from the market

By Annmarie Hordern, Grant Smith and Javier Blas
Bloomberg

A meeting of Saudi Arabia, Russia and other members of the OPEC+ group recommended an oil production cut, defying a Twitter plea from President Donald Trump to keep the taps open, but didn't agree on how big any reduction should be.

The group secured Russia's participation in six months of output curbs starting in January, Oman's Oil Minister Mohammed Al Rumhy told reporters in Vienna as he left the meeting on Wednesday. Although the committee didn't discuss specific cuts, there's still time to agree on numbers and the final deal could remove about 1 million barrels a day from the market, he said.

Ministers from the core OPEC group, which doesn't include Russia, will now meet Friday to seek a consensus on exactly who will cut and by how much. While Saudi Arabia, the group's biggest producer will shoulder most of the burden, the kingdom wants commitments from other countries before committing to a final deal.

Saudi Arabia, Russia and the other countries that make up the so-called OPEC+ coalition are desperate to shore up oil prices after a slump of more than $20 a barrel since October. But they're contending with vociferous opposition from the U.S. president, who's taken to using his Twitter account to berate the group's policies and sees low oil prices as key to sustaining America's economic growth.

While ministers met in OPEC's Vienna headquarters, Trump tweeted that the "world does not want to see, or need,

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Price of oil

$52.89 ▼ $0.36

Did you know?

SpaceX is sending **turkey and fruitcake** via rocket to the International Space Station. **Page 5A.**

The big number

A veteran has walked more than **5,000 miles** to connect with other veterans and first responders. **Page 2A.**

Word of the Day: vicarious

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

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Designer Event
Thursday December 6th
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mary Lopez, left, and Katherine Prementine decorate a Christmas tree Monday at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building.

DECOR

From 1A

Holiday Evening at Midland College

Time: 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Date: Today
Location: Allison Fine Arts Building

the campus. The college freshman said the holiday environment evokes family memories.

"We drive around town, go through all the neighborhoods and see the Christmas (lights)," Mileski said. "So seeing it at the campus makes me feel a little bit at home."

Since 1991, Lopez has been a part of another effort to bring holiday cheer to MC. The annual Holiday Evening event features family-friendly hayrides and treats as well as student music and artwork.

"It makes me proud because we work really hard behind the scenes," Lopez said. "Then the day of the event — before we know it, it's over."

Still, she holds years of memories from holiday seasons spent at the college. For Lopez, the journey at MC started as a student.

"When I graduated, I was offered a job," said Lopez, a Patricia native. "And I stayed, and I've been here ever since. To me, Midland College is a family. It's the only job I've ever had."

To plan and decorate for Holiday Evening, Lopez works closely with another longtime employee. Katherine Prementine, marketing and communications coordinator, said it's rewarding for those who facilitate the event to hear positive comments from attendees.

"We just smile, and we're like: 'We did it,'" Prementine said. "It makes me feel happy inside — warm fuzzies."

For the past decade, Prementine has taken photos of children with Santa. She said Holiday Evening has become a must-do opportunity for local families she knows.

"I've watched their kids grow from infants… to 10 years old," Prementine said. "I love watching them all sitting on Santa's lap. They come every year. They don't miss it."

Children waiting for Santa today will have a chance to play with Christmas-themed toys. It's one adjustment that the college has made over the years to accommodate the growing event.

Today, MC plans to host about 400 people at Holiday Evening. Those visiting the campus will have a chance to see outdoor lights and other decorations that employees have had a hand in setting up for years.

"To go by and look at it and to see the lights, it's satisfying," Kirkland said.

T-shirt sale proceeds to be donated to veteran campaign

By Simone Jasper
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When Larry Hinkle felt called to help others, he took steps toward that goal — literally. The Dallas-Fort Worth area native has logged more than 5,000 miles walking across the country and connecting face-to-face with veterans and first responders.



Hinkle

One of his journeys included a stop at The Bar, where he formed connections with owner Scott Gunn and General Manager Judy Farris. Today, the Midland establishment and an oilfield waste disposal company are to present Hinkle with a donation. The money goes toward addressing the health needs of those who have served.

For Hinkle, who was in the U.S. Marine Corps, being invited to West Texas for the event holds significance.

"I was riddled with goose bumps," Hinkle said in a phone interview. "It truly is a homecoming. Any time I'm going to be in Midland or the Permian Basin in general, it really does feel like a homecoming."

The Bar is teaming up with Milestone Environmental Services to donate $5,000 to the Boot Campaign, which helps veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder and other conditions. Hinkle volunteers with the organization and hopes to become an ambassador.

The donation money comes from T-shirts that were sponsored by Milestone. The garments feature a drilling rig and include the phrase "Come & Take It."

Farris said they are so popular that The Bar receives out-of-state requests and had to reorder shirts twice. The proceeds — which were matched by The Bar — are being donated at the 5:30 p.m. reception planned for Hinkle. Space at the event is limited.

"Larry is just so humble," Farris said. "I wanted to recognize him. We just didn't want to hand him a check."

At The Bar, Farris said a military and veteran display adorns the entryway. She said the establishment is supportive of efforts benefiting those who have served in the military, including Hinkle's work.

"There's a lot of people out there doing things, saying things," Farris said. "But Larry lives it."

Hinkle said he has fed more than 3,000 veterans and first responders and given out more than 600 gift cards. He said personal conversations make a difference and that the Permian Basin is filled with people who want to give back.

"When I actually took time to stop and walk the entire community, including Odessa, I just got to meet these incredible people," Hinkle said.

Obituaries



Margaret Sue D'Spain Horton

Margaret Sue D'Spain Horton, 85, passed away on December 3, 2018 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, TX.

Margaret was born on December 29, 1932 in McLean, TX to Harris and Mary D'Spain. She was married to Joe Frank Horton on April 22, 1956 in Austin, TX. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Abilene Christian University and she received a master's in education from the University of Texas at Austin. She taught school for 40 years and retired from the Big Spring Independent School District in 1995. She was an avid reader and active in the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring prior to moving to Midland in 2012.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Horton and his wife , Victoria of Keller, TX, her son, Jon Horton and his wife, Renee of Colleyville, TX; her daughter, Janene Binnion and her husband, Doug of Midland, TX; she had five grandchildren, Leslye Amon, Lauren Bertrand, Devin Vought, Maren Binnion, Nathan Binnion and five great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harris and Mary D'Spain; her husband, Joe Horton; and grandson, Jason Horton.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Hospice of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Children's Home of Lubbock or The Westview Boys' Home.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
& Crematory
(432) 550-5800



Michael Daren Lampe

Michael Daren Lampe was born on May 29, 1959 in Santa Rosa, California to Edward and Barbara Howard Lampe. On March 12, 1997, he married Irma Valenzuela in Haltom City, Texas. Mike loved to play golf and spend time with his grandchildren. He and his wife loved to travel together, and he was also a huge football fan.

Michael passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2018, in Sugar Land, at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife, Irma Lampe, stepsons, Adrian Maldonado and his wife Melissa of Houston, and Fabian Maldonado and Nicole Carpenter of Osage Beach, Missouri; grandchildren, Natalie and Mikaela Maldonado; brother, Randy Lampe and his wife Shannon of Yuma, Arizona; sister, Christy Lampe of San Rafael, California; parents, Edward and Barbara Lampe of Afton, Wyoming, as well as numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Lampe.

The family will receive friends from 4:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, where a vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Martins Emeh, Celebrant.

To express condolences, please visit *www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net*.

Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas 77494.



Wanda E. Tuttle

April 24,1929 -November 30,2018 Wanda Elizabeth Tuttle 89, of Bloomfield, NM passed away on Friday, November 30,2018 in Farmington, NM.

She was born at home in Portales, New Mexico to Robert and Vilena Lasater.

She was raised in Portales, NM. She married William (Bill) Tuttle August 6, 1947.

She was a home maker. She was a member of the Eastern Stars. She enjoyed sewing, needle point, fishing and reading. She really enjoyed and loved being with her family and grandchildren. She is proceeded in Death by her husband: Bill Tuttle and her grandson Terry Don Bettis.

Her parents Robert & Vilena Lasater, her brothers RB, Sam, Alton, Tuffy and Jerry Lasater. Her sisters Ila Mae Lasater and Annie Lasater. Grandparents Karl & Mattie Brumbelow.

She is survived by daughters: Billie K. Tuttle (Bettis) & husband Terry Bettis of Eunice, NM and Linda Lee Tuttle (Montoya) & husband Ernest Montoya of Bloomfield, NM. Grandchildren: Marla Bettis (Joyner), Micah Bettis and Erin Bettis. She had seven great grandchildren. Kaitlyn, Chase, Wade, Cole, Brooklyn, Levi, Seth and numerous nephews and nieces.

Visitation is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday December 5th, 2018 at
Cope Memorial Chapel
Funeral services will be held on Thursday December 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at
Cope Memorial Chapel
Pallbearers are:

Terry Bettis, Ernest Montoya, Armondo Aguilar, Marla Bettis, Micah Bettis, Erin Bettis

Honorary Pallbearers are:
Steve Bettis and Carl Brinninstool

Burial Services will be at Memory Gardens of Farmington, NM

Wanda's care is entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington, 404 W. Arrington St. Farmington, NM, 505-327-5142

Those who wish to share condolences may do so at *www.serenityandcompany.com*

Death Notices

Estella Spencer

Estella Spencer of Midland, Texas passed away December 5, 2018. Services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Minnie Estelle Cormier

Minnie Estelle Cormier, 82, of Midland, Texas passed away November 20, 2018. She was born to the late Shack and Cora Bonnell in Magnolia, Arkansas. She is survived by her daughter, Laura Wayne.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.

Allstate: Midland drivers among safest in rain, snow

Driving report

To read Allstate's report: https://www.allstatenewsroom.com/news/allstate-unveils-the-2018-americas-best-drivers-report-and-enlists-youth-to-help-make-roads-safer/

From staff reports

The National Weather Service is showing the possibility of freezing rain in the forecast this weekend.

Apparently, that shouldn't be a problem for Midland's drivers.

Not only was Midland No. 7 in the nation on the list of best drivers overall, but city is ranked as the eighth safest for driving in the rain and snow, according to Allstate's Best Drivers Report for 2018.

The report shows Midland ranked behind only Brownsville (No. 1) and Laredo (No. 7) when it came to driving in the elements. Rankings were determined by looking at the average number of years between claims and the relative number of claims compared to the national average.

Rankings of other Texas cities, when driving in the elements were considered are: McAllen (No. 10), Amarillo (No. 20), Corpus Christi (No. 26), El Paso (No. 52), Lubbock (No. 54), Killeen (No. 56), Pasadena (No. 81), Waco (No. 82), McKinney (No. 134), Fort Worth (No. 138), San Antonio (No. 140), Frisco (No. 146), Denton (No. 154), Austin (No. 158), Houston (No. 156), Plano (No. 162), Mesquite (No. 166), Irving (No. 174), Dallas (No. 178) and Garland (No. 179).

The National Weather Service is calling for a 70 percent chance of Friday night. The low Friday night/Saturday morning is expected to fall to 32. The NWS also expects the chance of "freezing rain" to continue through 9 a.m. Saturday. The chance of rain Saturday is 60 percent. The lows Saturday and Sunday night will fall into the upper 20s, according to the National Weather Service.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Border Patrol agent charged with capital murder

A U.S. Border Patrol agent has been charged with capital murder after telling investigators he killed four sex workers whom he considered worthless and that he thought he was performing a service for his Texas border hometown, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said he will seek the death penalty if Juan David Ortiz is found guilty in the September slayings.

"The scheme in this case, from Ortiz's own words, was to clean up the streets of Laredo by targeting this community of individuals who he perceived to be disposable, that no one would miss and that he did not give value to," Alaniz said at a news conference. Ortiz, 35, thought he was doing his civic service by killing the women, the prosecutor said.

A suspect can be charged with capital murder if he is suspected in more than one killing in the same scheme with an overarching motive, Alaniz said. Three of the women were shot to death and one died of blunt force trauma.

"The evidence that was presented to the grand jury this morning showed that he killed these four innocent individuals in a cold, callous and calculating way," he said.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Winter storm watch issued for parts of Texas, Oklahoma

A winter storm watch has been issued for parts of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle as snow and freezing rain head toward the region.

The winter storm watch is in effect through Saturday night. In Oklahoma, forecasters say 2 to 4 inches of snow is possible along the Interstate 40 corridor. Some areas could see ice accumulations of about three-tenths of an inch, would could cause power outages and tree damage.

In Texas, forecasters say some parts of the Panhandle could see up to 6 inches of snow through Saturday.

The National Weather Service also predicts several inches of snow in northern Arkansas along with heavy rainfall in the southern part of the state during the weekend.

LOS ANGELES

3.9-magnitude earthquake rattles area

A 3.9-magnitude earthquake rattled communities near the border of San Diego and Imperial counties early Thursday.

The temblor hit shortly before 5:50 a.m. about 12 miles southeast of Ocotillo Wells near the Salton Sea. The quake had a depth of about 7 miles, according to the United States Geological Survey.

There were no immediate reports of any damage.

OPEC

From 1A

higher oil prices!'"

Oil pared gains after the meeting finished to trade at $62.25 on Wednesday afternoon.

"There is little disagreement among OPEC members over the need to cut, but there is not yet consensus over how much," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at consultant Energy Aspects. "Communicating a large cut, if one can be agreed upon, will still be fraught with challenges given complicated U.S.-Saudi relations."

Iran is currently subject to U.S. sanctions and as such won't participate in any curbs, the country's OPEC governor Hossein Kazempour Ardebili said this week. U.S. special representative for Iran Brian Hook met with Al-Falih in Vienna on Wednesday, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The last time the OPEC+ group agreed to curtail output, in late 2016, it settled on a combined 1.8 million-barrel-a-day reduction. In preparatory meetings ahead of this week's summit, delegates have said a cut of as much as 1.3 million barrels a day next year is needed as demand growth slows and U.S. shale production surges.

In private conversations earlier this week, OPEC delegates said that Russia and Saudi Arabia still differ on how to share the cuts. Saudi Arabia argued that Russian proposals implying a cut by Moscow of as much as 150,000 barrels day would leave the kingdom shouldering too much of the burden, and insisted there should be a more equal partnership, said people familiar with the talks.

"Nobody wants to mention a number, because it means you're committing yourself to to how much you're going to cut," said Al Rumhy. "Especially the big boys — they would want to keep this cut very close to their heart."

WORD OF THE DAY
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vicarious
[vahy-kair-ee-uh s]
adjective
1. performed, exercised, received, or suffered in place of another.
2. taking the place of another person or thing; acting or serving as a substitute.
3. felt or enjoyed through imagined participation in the experience of others.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

The Christmas story



Courtesy photo

Fellowship Baptist Church in Greenwood has installed a life-sized Nativity scene on Farm-to-Market Road 1379, south of the Greenwood High School, which is the site of the church's planned building.

MC's Holiday Evening is tonight

Midland College Holiday Evening Annual event includes Frito Pie chili supper, MC student art show with complimentary refreshments, hay-rides, concert performed by the MC Jazz Ensemble and visits with Santa. Holiday Evening begins 5:30 p.m. and is free to the public.
For more information, visit midland.edu.

Things to do

■ Mommy and Me and the Garden Makes Three. A relaxed environment for parents and children ages 3 to 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.
■ Winter Art Exhibit featuring works by area art associations. Opening reception begins at 5:30 p.m., The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.
■ Italiano Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.
■ Holiday Cheer Ladies Night. Shop for gifts, enjoy snacks and beverages and paint ornaments, 6-8 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free but registration required by calling 432-550-9696. noelartmuseum.org.
■ Adult Paint and Sip: "Swirl Tree," 6:30 p.m., Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $35. kiddsart.com.
■ Wood and Wine: "Nativity," 6:30 p.m., Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $75. kiddsart.com.
■ Christmas Family Movie Night: "The Peanuts Movie," 6:45 p.m., Palmer Activity Christian Center, 1305 E. Illinois Ave. Free.
■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
■ National Theatre Live: "Antony and Cleopatra" starring Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo, 7 p.m., Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77. fathomevents.com.
■ Thursday Night Dinner with live music, 7 p.m., Cafe Alldredge, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.
■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane 682-5511.
■ December Grocery Store Tour by Healthy City, 7:30 p.m., H-E-B, 5407 Andrews Highway. $5. ourhealthycity.com.
■ Black Magic Christmas Show, 7:30 p.m., Crossroads Odessa, 6901 E. Highway 191. $12 general, $5 students.
■ Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers: Country and Christmas, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$60. wagnernoel.com.
■ Cody Bryan, Shea Abshier and the Nighthowlers, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:
■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2018. There are 25 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument by setting an aluminum capstone atop the obelisk.
In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.
In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.
In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.
Today's birthdays: Comedian Steven Wright is 63. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 51. Football quarterback Johnny Manziel is 26.
Associated Press

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 02-04-06-07-08-09-14-18-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 02-03-04-06-09-10-11-15-16-18-19-20
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Because of an earlier deadline, the night drawings were unavailable.

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures

High	56
Low	32
Normal high	60
Normal low	32

Dec. 5's records
Record high: 79, set in 1951
Record low: 18, set in 1950, repeated in 2005

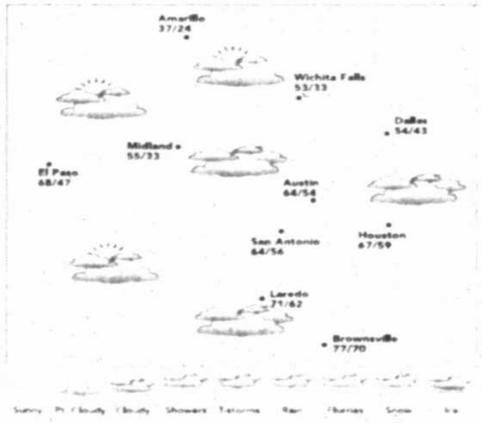
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Wednesday	0.00 in
Tuesday	0.00 in
Month total	0.00 in
Year total	16.67 in
Normal total (year to date)	14.10 in

Winds
Wind speed: 34 mph
Gust speed: 34 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Thursday, December 6, 2018



High: 54
Low: 34
Conditions: Cloudy today and tonight
Winds: 15 mph
Chance of rain: 50 percent tonight

Sunrise 7:35 a.m.
Sunset 5:44 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018:**
This year, you will land like a cat, on all fours. The next 12 months could be unusually fortunate for you. You have started a new 12-year luck cycle. If you have a certain goal, go for it. If you are single, you could meet someone who easily becomes a lifelong romantic partner. You will find it easy to get along with this person. If you are attached, the two of you could get into tiff after tiff. Respect your differences, and give your significant other the space to be him- or herself. SAGITTARIUS will experience a new beginning in the next few months.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might have been thinking about a plan and finally have come to a conclusion. Once more, you become Mr. or Ms. Friendly. Others will rejoice at seeing the happier you return. Still, someone could become somewhat difficult. **Tonight:** Weigh the pros and cons of taking a trip.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will be distancing yourself until it becomes obvious that you need to deal with a situation that could implode. Expressing your caring is important, especially when dealing with an older relative. A call to someone at a distance will mean a lot. **Tonight:** Till the wee hours.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner seems to have assumed control of a key matter. This change of responsibilities could be all right with you, however, you might want to discuss the long-term implications of the situation. A conversation like this is important. **Tonight:** Choose to do something new.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll be taken aback by a personal matter. The other party could be overly assertive, which might cause you to feel cornered. Initiate an important one-on-one discussion, in fact, insist on it. The balance of power will level off as a result. **Tonight:** Be with a favorite person.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your mood quickly changes midday. You are best when networking and socializing. Now is the time to kick back and be spontaneous. You might hear someone express his or her frustration; behind those feelings is an important message. **Tonight:** Listen to a suggestion.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be quite creative in the morning when faced with a difficult situation. Lighten up and have an important discussion once others seem more relaxed. The tone of those around you will be more significant than you might realize. **Tonight:** Make it early.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have been tenacious and diligent about getting a project done. You also feel empowered by its completion and by the comments you get. Later today, brainstorm with others to create and firm up a fun idea. Not everything has to be business. **Tonight:** All smiles.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You won't hesitate to express your opinions, but you could come off a lot sterner than you realize. The key to success will be following through on a particular situation and maintaining a lighter attitude. Others will open up more easily as a result. **Tonight:** Get a lot done.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Check out the cost of proceeding as you have been. Someone might be more than ready to chip in and help. Know that all the responsibility does not have to land on your shoulders. Make a point to accept someone's gesture as it was meant. **Tonight:** Make weekend plans.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You'll have many supporters at the present moment, which increases your chances of achieving what you desire. You come off as far more sensitive than you think. You can't always hide your feelings. **Tonight:** Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be slow to start, but once you get going, you are a formidable force to stop. You know what you want, and have no intention of settling. Someone at a distance could play a significant role. **Tonight:** If you can dream it, you are likely to be able to conjure it up.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You have a matter that you would prefer to keep under wraps. Someone might try to coax it out of you, but you will resist. Be careful if you don't want to spill the beans. A partner or associate will make an effort to discuss an issue that you both are well aware of. **Tonight:** Do for you.

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Former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush, top left, watch as the casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried out Wednesday after a State Funeral at the National Cathedral in Washington.

Bush saluted with praise, humor, cannons at capital farewell

By Calvin Woodward, Laurie Kellman and Ashraf Khalil
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George H.W. Bush was celebrated with high praise and loving humor Wednesday as the nation bade farewell to the man who was America's 41st president and the last to fight for the U.S. in wartime. Three former presidents looked on at Washington National Cathedral as a fourth — George W. Bush — eulogized his dad.

"To us," the son said of the father, "his was the brightest of a thousand points of light."

After three days of funeral events in Washington, Bush was headed home to Texas for more ceremony and then his burial Thursday. After the cathedral service, the hearse and a long motorcade drove to the National Mall to pass by the World War II Memorial, a nod to the late president's service as a World War II Navy pilot, then arrived at Joint Base Andrews.

Cannon roared again, "Hail to the Chief" was played for Bush for a final time in the capital and the plane with his casket and Bush family members aboard took off for Houston. He died Friday at age 94.

George W. Bush broke down briefly at the end of his eulogy while invoking the daughter his parents lost when she was 3 and his mother, Barbara, who died in April. He took comfort in kriowing "Dad is hugging Robin and holding Mom's hand again."

For all the somber tributes to the late president's public service and strength of character, laughter filled the cathedral time after time. The late president's eulogists — son included — noted Bush's tendency to tangle his words and show his goofy side.

He was "the last great-soldier statesman," historian Jon Meacham said in his eulogy, "our shield" in dangerous times. But he also said that Bush, campaigning in a crowd in a department store, once shook hands with a mannequin. Rather than flushing in embarrassment, he simply cracked, "Never know. Gotta ask."

The congregation at the cathedral, filled with foreign leaders and diplomats, Americans of high office and others touched by Bush's life, rose for the arrival of the casket, accompanied by clergy of faiths from around the world. In their row together, President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton stood with their spouses and all placed their hands over their hearts.

Meacham also praised Bush's call to volunteerism — his "1,000 points of light" — placing it alongside Abraham Lincoln's call to honor "the better angels of our nature" in the American rhetorical canon. Meacham called those lines "companion verses in America's national hymn."

Trump had mocked "1,000 points of light" last summer at a rally, saying "What the hell is that? Has anyone ever figured that one out? And it was put out by a Republican, wasn't it?"

Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney praised Bush as a strong world leader who helped oversee the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union and helped bring about the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico, signed into law by his successor, Clinton.

With Trump, a bitter NAFTA critic, seated in the front row, Mulroney hailed the "largest and richest free trade area in the history of the world." The three countries have agreed on a revised trade agreement pushed by Trump.

Alan Simpson, former Republican senator from Wyoming, regaled the congregation with stories from his years as Bush's friend in Washington. More seriously, he recalled that when he went through a rough patch in the political game, Bush conspicuously stood by him against the advice of aides. "You would have wanted him on your side," he said.

Simpson said Bush "loved a good joke — the richer the better. And he threw his head back and gave that great laugh, but he never, ever could remember a punchline. And I mean never."

George W. Bush turned the humor back on the acerbic ex-senator, saying of the late president: "He placed great value on a good joke, so he chose Simpson to speak."

Bush will lie in repose at St. Martin's Episcopal Church before burial at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station. His final resting place will be alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia in 1953.

On Wednesday morning, a military band played "Hail to the Chief" as Bush's casket was carried down the steps of the U.S. Capitol, where he had lain in state. Family members looked on as servicemen fired off a cannon salute.

His hearse was then driven in a motorcade to the cathedral ceremony, slowing in front of the White House. Bush's route was lined with people much of the way, bundled in winter hats and taking photos.

Waiting for his arrival inside, Trump shook hands with Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama, who greeted him by saying "Good morning." Trump did not shake hands with Bill and Hillary Clinton, who looked straight ahead.

Bill Clinton and Mrs. Obama smiled and chatted as music played. Carter was seated silently next to Hillary Clinton in the cavernous cathedral. Obama cracked up laughing at someone's quip. Vice President Mike Pence shook Carter's hand.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that the day marked "a celebration for a great man who has led a long and distinguished life." Trump and his wife took their seats after the others, briefly greeting the Obamas seated next to them.

Bush's death makes Carter, also 94 but more than 100 days younger, the oldest living ex-president.

On Tuesday, soldiers, citizens in wheelchairs and long lines of others on foot wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view Bush's casket and honor a president whose legacy included World War military service and a landmark law affirming the rights of the disabled. Former Sen. Bob Dole, a compatriot in war, peace and political struggle, steadied himself out of his wheelchair and saluted his old friend and one-time rival.

Trump ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a national day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days.

Memories of Bush humor brought smiles to sorrowful farewell

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Memories of George H.W. Bush's underappreciated sense of humor drew laughter and brought smiles to the sorrowful mourning of the death of America's 41st president.

Presidential historian Jon Meacham recounted how comedian Dana Carvey once said that the key to doing his iconic impersonation of Bush was to mimic "Mr. Rogers trying to be John Wayne."

That prompted chuckles that rang from the vaulted arches inside the Washington National Cathedral.

Meacham said that while campaigning and asking for votes in New Hampshire, Bush mistakenly grabbed the hand of a department store mannequin. "When he realized his mistake, he said 'Never know. Gotta ask.'"

The former president, who died Friday at age 94, often found his tongue twisted and routinely uttered funny one-liners.

Looking ahead to the 1988 election, Bush once said: "It's no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or the other." And Meacham said that late in his presidency, Bush's tongue ran amok when he said: "We are enjoying sluggish times, but we're not enjoying them very much."

The former president's eldest son, former President George W. Bush, got in on the act, telling the packed cathedral that his father was no Fred Astaire on the dance floor and couldn't stomach vegetables, especially broccoli. While president, the elder Bush famously declared his dislike of broccoli.

George W. Bush said his father also shared jokes via email with his circle of friends. "His grading system for the quality of the joke was classic George Bush: The rare sevens and eights were considered huge winners, most of them off-color," the younger Bush said.

He said his dad really got the last laugh because he chose former Sen. Alan Simpson to be one of the people to speak at Wednesday's ceremony.

"He placed great value on a good joke. That's why he chose Simpson to speak," the younger Bush said.

Simpson said his friend never lost his sense of humor.

"He had a very serious flaw known by all close to him: He loved a good joke — the richer the better," Simpson said. "And he threw his head back and gave that great laugh, but he never, ever could remember a punchline. And I mean never."

"Humor is the universal solvent against the abrasive elements of life," Simpson continued. "He never hated anyone. He knew what his mother and my mother always knew: Hatred corrodes the container it's carried in."



Eric Gay/AP

Former President George H.W. Bush, right, former Secretary of State James Baker, left, and Houston Texans owner Bob McNair pose together Nov. 4, 2012, before a game against the Buffalo Bills in Houston. Bush didn't lose his sense of humor even as he was letting go of life. Bush's longtime friend James A. Baker III tells the story of how his wife, Susan, put a hand on the former president's forehead and told him he's loved very much. At which point Baker says Bush "cocked" open an eye and quipped, "Well, you better hurry." Bush died Friday at age 94.

Trump on the fringes of presidents' group at Bush's service

By Catherine Lucey and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's most exclusive fraternity — the presidents club — assembled Wednesday to mourn George H.W. Bush, putting on public display its uneasy relationship with the current occupant of the Oval Office. The uncomfortable reunion brought President Donald Trump together in the same pew with past White House residents who have given him decidedly critical reviews.

The late Bush was the de facto chair of the modern incarnation of the president's club, transcending contentious campaigns and party lines to bring together fractious personalities who share that rarified experience. But the staid group of Oval Office occupants has been disturbed since Donald Trump's election. And since his swearing-in, Trump has spurned most contact with his predecessors — and they have snubbed him in return.

The Bushes had made it known to the White House months ago that, despite differences in policy and temperament, the late president wanted Trump to attend the national service. The ceremony's tributes at times stood as an unspoken counterpoint to Trump's leadership, as historian Jon Meacham eulogized Bush by recounting his life's credo: "Tell the truth, don't blame people, be strong, do your best, try hard, forgive, stay the course." George W. Bush added of his father: "He could tease and needle, but not out of malice."

Ahead of Wednesday's state funeral for the late president, former presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter and their spouses chatted easily among themselves from their seats in the front row at Washington's National Cathedral. The ex-presidents leaned over their wives to chat with one another. Bill Clinton and former first lady Michelle Obama shared a quiet conversation.

But the Trumps' arrival, minutes ahead of the motorcade carrying Bush's casket, cast a pall on the conversation. First lady Melania Trump approached first, greeting both Obamas and former President Clinton with a handshake. Hillary Clinton appeared to nod at Mrs. Trump but did not interact with Trump himself and stared straight ahead during the service. Jimmy Carter waved a hand. The president then shook hands with both Obamas before taking his seat.

After that, the small talk along the row largely stopped.

Next followed George W. Bush, who, by contrast, shook hands with the entire row of dignitaries — and appeared to share a moment of humor with Michelle Obama, slipping something into her hand. Bush took his seat across the aisle from the ex-presidents, with the rest of the Bush family.

The Trump-Obama handshake marked the first direct interaction between the current president and his immediate predecessor since Inauguration Day 2017. Trump has not spoken to Democrats Clinton or Obama since that day.

He did speak with the younger Bush during the contentious confirmation process for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, as the previous Republican president helped lobby for his former aide. Democrat Carter has been briefed by White House officials on North Korea, though it was not clear if he has engaged directly with Trump.

Trump has sought to meet the elder Bush's passing with grace, a contrast to the rhythms of much of his tumultuous presidency. He came to office after a campaign in which he harshly criticized his Democratic predecessors and co-opted a Republican Party once dominated by the Bush family. Despite the traditional kinship among presidents, Trump's predecessors have all made their discomfort known in different ways.

"It's unusual that a cabal of ex-presidents from both parties dislike a sitting president and that's what you've got happening right now," said Douglas Brinkley, a history professor at Rice University.

By virtue of health, longevity and opportunities for continued influence, ex-presidents are sticking around longer than ever and staying active in the public eye.

Past presidents often built relationships with their predecessors, Brinkley said. "Bill Clinton would reach out to Richard Nixon for advice on Russia," he said. "Harry Truman leaned heavily on Herbert Hoover. It's endless."

To be sure, Brinkley added, those ties vary from president to president and there have been chilly relationships as well, noting, for example, that "FDR would never talk to Herbert Hoover."

Busy with a mix of personal pursuits, charitable endeavors and, in some cases, paid speaking gigs — the former leaders don't mingle very often, making a funeral in their group a big occasion. Bonded by the presidency, they tend to exercise caution in their comments about each other. Still, all the living former presidents have aimed barbs — directly or indirectly — at Trump.

In a speech in September, Obama slammed the "crazy stuff" coming out of the White House without directly naming Trump. Last year, the younger Bush made a speech that confronted many of the themes of Trump's presidency without mentioning him by name, cautioning that "bigotry seems emboldened" and the nation's politics "seems more vulnerable to conspiracy theories and outright fabrication."

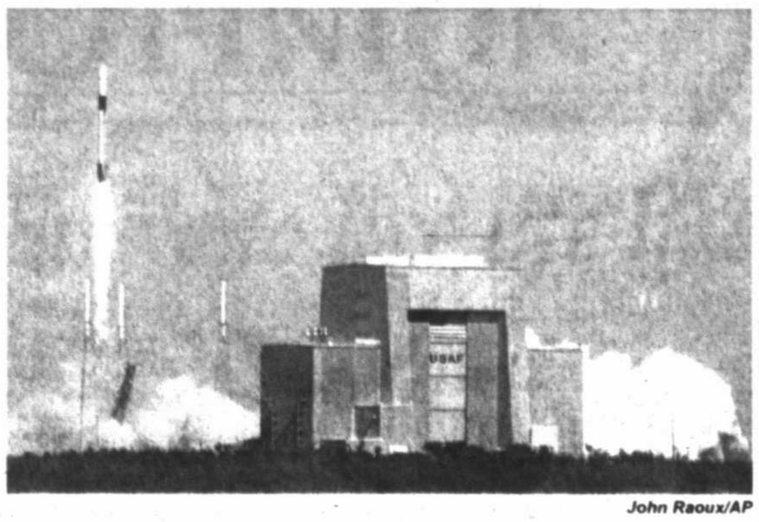
Over the summer, Carter told The Washington Post that Trump's presidency was a "disaster." And Clinton — stung by Trump's defeat of wife Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential race — told a weekly newspaper in New York state after her stunning loss that Trump "doesn't know much."

Even the late Bush's feelings about Trump were harsh at times. In Mark K. Updegrove's book "The Last Republicans," published last year, the elder Bush called Trump a "blowhard."

The late Bush said he voted for Clinton in 2016 while George W. Bush said he voted for "none of the above."

There have been other moments when the ex-presidents offered more sympathetic sentiments for Trump. After Trump's surprise victory, Obama stood in the Rose Garden at the White House and said he was "rooting" for the next president. Carter told The New York Times in 2017 the media had been harder on Trump than other presidents. Clinton said in June that America should be rooting for Trump to succeed in his North Korea talks.

While he has struggled to set the right tone in past moments of national grief, Trump has gone out of his way to address Bush's passing with consideration, issuing kind statements and ensuring that Bush family members have whatever they need for the funeral. On Tuesday, first lady Melania Trump welcomed Laura Bush and other family members for a tour of the White House Christmas decorations. And Trump and the first lady visited with members of the Bush family at Blair House.



John Raoux/AP

A Falcon 9 SpaceX rocket on its operational cargo delivery flight to the International Space Station lifts off from space launch complex 40 on Wednesday at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Christmas turkey, fruitcake rocketing toward space station

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Christmas turkey rocketed toward the International Space Station on Wednesday, along with cranberry sauce, candied yams and the obligatory fruitcake.

The SpaceX booster rocket missed its landing zone on the ground, however, and fell into the sea, just offshore.

Groans filled SpaceX Mission Control in Hawthorne, California, as live video showed the first-stage booster spinning out of control, still high above Cape Canaveral. It was the company's first missed ground landing, although it has overshot floating barges plenty of times in the past, a tougher feat to pull off.

A SpaceX commentator called it a "bummer," but noted it was secondary to the Falcon 9 rocket's main mission of getting the Dragon capsule to orbit.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk said the booster appeared to be undamaged. The hydraulic pump for the landing fins apparently stalled, but the engines stabilized the approximately 160-foot-tall booster just in time, allowing for "an intact landing," Musk noted via Twitter. "Ships en route to rescue Falcon," he tweeted.

SpaceX's 12 previous ground landings — dating back to 2015 — all were successful.

The disappointment was offset by the successful flight of the Dragon capsule and its 5,600 pounds (2,500 kilograms) of cargo. It should reach the space station Saturday.

"What a great day for a launch," said Kennedy Space Center director Bob Cabana. Twenty years ago this week, Cabana commanded the shuttle mission that carried up the first U.S. part of the space station.

Besides smoked turkey breast and all the other fixings for Christmas dinner, the delivery includes 40 mice and 36,000 worms for aging and muscle studies.

Researchers expect a tenfold increase in the worm population. There will be plenty of room on board for all the tiny nematodes. It turns out their muscles are similar to ours in structure and function, making them perfect lab substitutes, said lead scientist Timothy Etheridge of the University of Exeter in England.

The launch was delayed a day when NASA discovered that the food for the mouse-tronauts was moldy because of contamination. More food had to be rushed in from California.

Just two days earlier, three astronauts arrived at the space station to join the three already there. The crew includes two Americans, two Russians, one German and one Canadian. The newest residents will remain on board for six months, while the others will return to Earth on Dec. 20.

SpaceX has been making station deliveries for NASA since 2012. The private company expects to start launching station crews next year.

Residents head back into leveled California town

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — Some residents of a Northern California town devastated by a catastrophic wildfire nearly a month ago were finally allowed to return home Wednesday to sift through the charred remains in search of precious family heirlooms, photos and other possessions that may have survived.

A long line of cars waited in a cold drizzle at a checkpoint on their way to neighborhoods on the east side of Paradise, where evacuation orders have been lifted.

Beyond the checkpoint, crews in yellow slickers were still clearing debris from burned homes and removing trees from streets littered with melted plastic trash cans and hollowed vehicles sitting on tireless rims.

Before heading to their home, Joyce McLean, 73, and her husband, Jerry McLean, stopped at a store to buy paper towels and plastic bags.

"We didn't own expensive things, but we had a lot of memory things," she said, recalling Christmas ornaments made by her son when he was a child and mementos from her Canadian husband's great-grandmother. "If I can find a little piece of his family or just a little piece of my son, I would be happy."

Access to the neighborhoods was limited to residents on Wednesday, but they will be open to anyone on Thursday.

More than 50,000 people in Paradise and two neighboring communities were forced to flee the wind-driven fire that started Nov. 8, killing at least 85 people, destroying about 14,000 homes and blackening 240 square miles.

Authorities said 11 people were still unaccounted for in what was the deadliest U.S. wildfire in at least a century.

McLean said she has seen photos on social media of her destroyed home and knows one of the only things that survived was an American flag flying on a pole.

"We lost everything but the clothes on our backs," she said about their dash for safety.

McLean said returning after her harrowing escape during the fire had made her nervous and emotional, but she hoped she could at least recover the flag. They are now renting a house in the region and plan to rebuild in Paradise.

The communities will have very limited services for the immediate future, and authorities urged residents to bring food, water and fuel for vehicles.

Residents were also warned they should not move back into homes until ash and hazardous waste have been cleared. They were also told that rain could increase the risk of flash floods and mudslides.

Former CBS chief accused of sexual misconduct

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An internal investigation of former CBS chief Les Moonves has turned up more evidence of sexual misconduct, as well as lying and destruction of evidence, throwing into jeopardy his $120 million severance package, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

A look at what's known about the scandal so far:

The latest

Lawyers hired by the network allege in a draft report that the TV executive committed "multiple acts of serious nonconsensual sexual misconduct" before and after he came to CBS in 1995, according to the Times. He also deleted numerous text messages and was "evasive and untruthful at times" under questioning, the report says.

Among other things, investigators received reports about a network employee who was "on call" to perform oral sex on Moonves. Investigators also found that he received oral sex from at least four CBS employees "under circumstances that sound transactional and improper to the extent that there was no hint of any relationship, romance, or reciprocity."

The investigators say they interviewed 11 of the 17 women they knew had accused Moonves of misconduct and found their accounts credible.

The 59-page report is to be presented to CBS's board of directors before the company's annual meeting next week, the Times said.

The reaction

A lawyer for Moonves, Andrew J. Levander, said in a statement that Moonves said he cooperated "extensively and fully" with investigators.

The former CEO "vehemently denies having any non-consensual sexual relations. He never put or kept someone on the payroll for the purpose of sex," the attorney said.

CBS declined to comment.

The backstory

Moonves, largely credited with turning CBS around, was forced out in September, after The New Yorker published allegations from 12 women who said he subjected them to mistreatment that included forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted.

Putin: If US develops banned missiles, so will Russia

By Nataliya Vasilyeva
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday warned the United States if it walks out of a key arms treaty and starts developing the type of missiles banned by it, Russia will do the same.

Putin's remarks to Russian news agencies on Wednesday came a day after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced at a NATO meeting that Washington will suspend its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) in 60 days, citing Russian "cheating."

The U.S. has shared intelligence evidence with its NATO allies that it says shows that Russia's new SSC-8 ground-fired cruise missile could give Moscow the ability to launch a nuclear strike in Europe with little or no notice. Russia has denied the accusations.

President Donald Trump earlier this year announced his decision to withdraw from the INF, accusing Russia and China — which is not a signatory to the treaty — of violating it.

Putin on Wednesday accused the United States of making up excuses for pulling out of the pact, saying that the U.S. first made up its mind to walk out of it and only then "started to look for the reasons why they should do it."

"It seems that our American partners believe that the situation has changed so much that the U.S. has to have this type of weapons," he said in televised remarks. "What would be our response? A very simple one: in that case, we will do the same."

Speaking at a briefing of foreign military attaches earlier, Gen. Valery Gerasimov, chief of staff of the Russian military, warned of a Russian response and said that it would be the countries that host U.S. intermediate-range missiles that would become immediate targets for Russia.

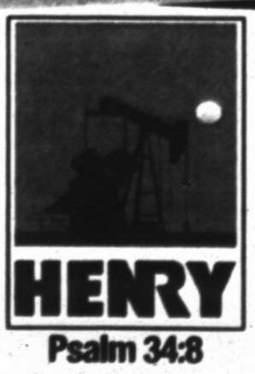
When signed in 1987, the INF treaty was lauded as a major safeguard for global security since they eliminated shorter-range missiles that take just a few minutes to reach their targets. The removal of such destabilizing weapons would in theory allow more time for decision-making in case of a warning of a missile attack.

U.S. ally Germany, which has been keen to preserve the treaty, called on Russia to try to save it while it still has the time.

"The INF treaty is of great significance for security in Europe," government spokeswoman Ulrike Demmer said in Berlin on Wednesday. "The German government welcomes the fact that the American government is giving its preservation another chance," she added, referring to the 60-day deadline. She also noted that the issue came up in a meeting between Chancellor Angela Merkel and Trump in Argentina on Saturday.

"It is now up to Russia to avert the end of the treaty," Demmer said.

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The two us of never met a man as remarkable as George Herbert Walker Bush. We never will again. As both public figure and private individual, he set a standard of excellence astonishing in its scope.

As a leader, he deftly guided the world through a peaceful ending to the Cold War after it had stood on the brink of nuclear destruction for four decades. He did so with the wisdom of a man well-schooled in foreign affairs who selflessly put his country above himself and partisan politics. The world — enemies and allies alike — respected him as a leader of modest demeanor but steely resolve. He was proud of our nation's ideals and pragmatic in advancing our interests. Above all, he understood our country's unique place in world affairs and nurtured international institutions and coalitions that supported it.

As a politician, George H.W. Bush bridged partisan divides and built consensus for far-ranging laws that continue to help our citizens today. The Americans With Disabilities Act and legislation that largely ended acid rain are just two examples. He remains the model for the shrinking band of bipartisan officials who represent the responsible middle of our polity, where deals are struck that last longer than a presidential term.

As a public servant, he first answered the call of duty in World War II, flying 58 combat missions and being shot down over the Pacific. After military service, he accepted positions of increasing responsibility on behalf of his country, as U.N. ambassador, ambassador to China, director of the Central Intelligence Agency and vice president. He daily followed the mantra prescribed by John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

As a friend, George H.W. Bush was without peer, always there in good times and bad. When Jim Baker's first wife died of cancer at 38, George and Barbara Bush helped pull their friend out of despair. He routinely quoted the verse of William Butler Yeats: "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends." Those words were more than poetry to him. They were a way of life.

And as a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he savored the responsibilities and joys of family. After being elected vice president, he said his greatest accomplishment was the fact that his kids still enjoyed coming home. They cherished those moments together because Dad or Gampy, as he was called, dispensed love rather than orders. The most important lessons for his family were already manifest in the exemplary life that he and Barbara lived during their 73 years together.

George H.W. Bush was a fierce competitor — in sports, in politics and in life. His kindness and civility cloaked a competitiveness that inspired his friend and son. He wouldn't have been as successful without it.

At the same time, he also saw the good in people, even his adversaries, and hope in the face of adversity. "No problem of human making," he once said, "is too great to be overcome by human ingenuity, human energy and the untiring hope of the human spirit." We need similar optimism today, at a time when cooperative problem solving too often gives way to a rancorous blame game.

George H.W. Bush lived a life of astonishing fullness as leader, politician, public servant, hero, friend and family man. He did almost everything a person could do in their lifetime — including jumping from an airplane at age 90. And he excelled at most.

He reached the pinnacle of power by living the virtues that make for a good Boy Scout: loyalty, trustworthiness, humility, reverence.

In today's cynical world, such concepts may seem old-fashioned to some and easy to dismiss. But the cynics are wrong. They are not old-fashioned. They are time-tested. More than 2,300 years ago, Aristotle believed that the virtues of prudence, temperance, courage and justice were vital to mankind. George H.W. Bush embodied them all. And he made the world a better place because of his adherence to them.

George H.W. Bush was a wonderful human being who possessed a strong faith in God and believed there is greatness in each of us. The occasion of his passing should serve as a reminder that we can — by living life to the fullest, keeping our eye on the common good and working together — build a more perfect union here at home and a more peaceful world abroad.

Jeb Bush, a former governor of Florida, is the son of President George H.W. Bush. James A. Baker III served as White House chief of staff and secretary of state in the Bush administration.

GUEST VIEW

As Bush is laid to rest, we are reminded of what leadership requires and the toll it takes

The sight this week of an emotional George W. Bush, holding back tears as an honor guard solemnly carried his father's casket up the steps of the U.S. Capitol, reminds us that our presidents — in this case two — have been first and foremost ordinary men, fathers and sons, propelled by history, a strong will and one hopes an equally strong sense of civic duty into extraordinary circumstances.

Near sunset, under a purple sky, as George H.W. Bush's flag-draped casket passed by his eldest son, the lines of the great American poet, Walt Whitman, writing after President Abraham Lincoln's death, returned to us:

My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will,
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won.

Whitman was writing at a time when our nation, what he called "the vessel grim and daring" was still engaged in a bloody civil war. Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865, just five days after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

We're reminded of the Whitman poem not because our nation faces anything like the degree of peril it experienced during the Civil War. But because it reveals the tremendous weight carried by anyone elected to our nation's highest office and the many duties that individual must fulfill.

Yes, chief of state, chief executive and commander in chief are perhaps the most important obligations a president must fulfill for the citizenry. But, as Whitman touched on in his poem "O Captain! My Captain!" the president also serves, in a sense, as a "father" of the country.

As commander in chief and as the nation's chief diplomat, the president is called upon to, in Whitman's words, captain the ship of state through "fearful" voyages and return it "anchor'd safe and sound." And as old-fashioned as it may sound, we still believe that being America's chief of state "requires a president to be an inspiring example for the American people," as the textbook maker Scholastic explains it, and that he or she is "a living symbol of the nation."

And it is perhaps in this role that our nation's 41st president shone most brightly. Whether he was flying 58 combat missions as a fighter pilot in World War II, leading our armed forces — and a coalition of 35 allies — to a swift victory in the 1991 Gulf War, or with incredible diplomatic deftness helping to assure the dissolution of the Soviet Union was handled peacefully — the Cold War won without firing a shot — he put country first. But his patriotism was never arrogant, never puffed up. He served his nation, as he served his family, with a firm but gentle hand.

(A)fter lying in state at the Capitol Rotunda, George Herbert Walker Bush (was) eulogized (Wednesday) by family, friends and political leaders from both sides of the aisle during his funeral service at Washington National Cathedral.

Leading by example once again, and wanting above all else to be sure that the ship of state is "anchor'd safe and sound," he made it clear in his last wishes that he wanted President Donald Trump and his family to be in attendance — a final grace note for a man whose 94 years had many.

— The Dallas Morning News

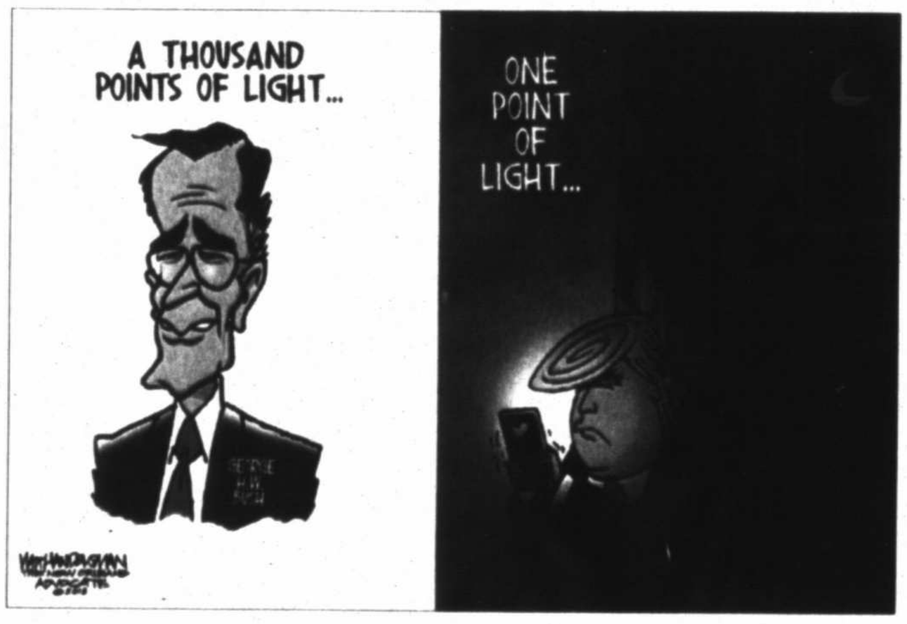
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For a few days, let's be the nation George H.W. Bush wanted us to be

MARC THIESSEN

Washington Post Writers Group



President George H.W. Bush called on us to be a "kinder, gentler nation." Sadly, we are far from that ideal. Our politics has never been that kind and gentle, to be sure, even in Bush's day. Still, it has been unseemly to watch how some on both the right and the left have pounced on Bush's passing as an opportunity to get in a dig at the current occupant of the Oval Office. Bush is not even buried yet, and already he is being used as a political cudgel.

No one would be more appalled by this than Bush himself. During the 1992 campaign, he faced personal attacks that he no doubt considered unfair. Yet, on his last day as president, Bush left a note for the man who defeated him that read, "You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well. Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you." It is a sentiment that the 41st president would surely have applied not just to his immediate successor but also to all those who succeeded him as president. Today, many are praising Bush for this gesture, but too few seek to imitate it.

This week of mourning should be a time to hit the pause button on the politics of contempt. It should be a time, instead, to celebrate George H.W. Bush and educate a new generation about the world they inherited from America's last leader from the Greatest Generation. Like all presidents, Bush had his flaws. He made his share of mistakes. But he was also a consequential president whose single term in office profoundly shaped the world we inhabit today. We take the peaceful collapse of the Soviet Union for granted now, but it didn't have to end that way. The USSR was the most heavily armed empire in human history. Yet it fell without a shot fired. Its bloodless demise was no easy task. The same is true of the unification of Germany, the reality of a Europe whole, free and at peace, and a Pax Americana that has protected the advance of freedom in the post-Cold War world.

Yes, Bush set an example of civility in office — and we should celebrate that, too. But it is better for us to shine a light on his example than to use it as a tool in our current wars of incivility. Bush was not naive. In his day, he was accused of racism, lying about his role in Iran-Contra, "coddling dictators" in Beijing and war-mongering in the Middle East. And long before there was the fiasco of the Brett Kavanaugh hearings, we had the fiasco of the Clarence Thomas hearings. Bush spent decades in the corridors of power — from Capitol Hill to the United Nations, the Republican National Committee, the Central Intelligence Agency and finally the Oval Office — so he knew Washington too well to expect us to be kind and gentle. What he asked of us was to strive to be kinder and gentler. We seem to have stopped even trying.

Perhaps, for just a few days, we can be the America he wanted us to be. Perhaps we can spend just a few days without the partisan bickering, the personal insults, the nonstop outrage and resistance — and celebrate the grace, generosity and gentleness of this good man. In his inaugural address, Bush declared, "This is a day when our nation is made whole, when our differences, for a moment, are suspended." The same should be true of the day when we lay him to rest.

With his passing, George H.W. Bush has given us an opportunity to put aside our contempt and come together as a nation. That is his parting gift to us. The best way we can honor him is by emulating him, if but for a few brief moments.

May he rest in peace.

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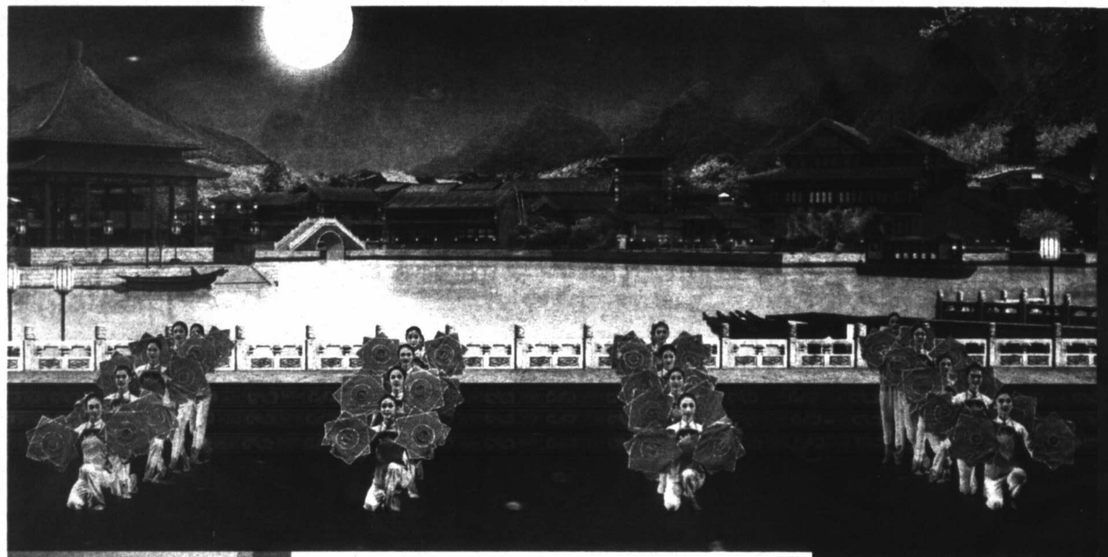
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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

ON THE WALLS The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces celebrates the season with its Winter Art Exhibit opening reception with some added holiday cheer and entertainment. 5:30 p.m.



PIE FOR DINNER Head to Midland College's annual Holiday Evening for a night of art, live music by the MC Jazz Ensemble, refreshments and the Frito Pie chili supper. The free event is open to the public with entertainment for all ages and a visit from Santa. 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY



SCREEN CAPTURES See vintage Hollywood costumes from such stars as Joan Crawford, Doris Day and more at the opening of the Ellen Noel Art Museum's "Golden Age of Hollywood: Costumes from the Gene London Cinema Collection." The show opens with a reception and runs through March 10. 6 p.m.



MERRY-ACHI The Midland Hispanic Chamber hosts A Mariachi Christmas at the Downtown Midland Lions Club. The festivities include folkorico dancers, posada food and more. $35. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY



RUN ON Lace up for the sixth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Fun Run and one-mile Reindeer Dash by the Museum of the Southwest. The event includes photo opportunities, prizes and medals, treats and refreshments. 9:30 a.m.



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TUESDAY



LUNCH BUNCH Share a table at the elegant White Christmas Luncheon by the Museum of the Southwest for its Christmas at the Mansion festivities. Then see all the decorations around the campus. $50. Noon.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2B.



Courtesy photo

Conductor Gary Lewis leads the Midland Odessa Symphony Orchestra.

HEAT INDEX: Get in the holiday spirit with MOSC Pops, Yuletide at the Yucca

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YULETIDE AT THE YUCCA

This dancing holiday extravaganza features a wide array of local talents. For this year's theme of Dancing in Celebration of the Season, audiences can see performances by local troupes Aloha O' Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico from the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland and Midland Community Theatre's Pickwick Players. Dancers will wow the audience with their eclectic takes on holiday music.

7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$14. mctmidland.org.

TORINO'S EIGHTH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE CHARITY BENEFIT PARTY

A lively night of music, food and philanthropy come together for this annual event by Party with a Purpose. Guests can make a $10 cash donation or bring a new unwrapped toy to get in and join in on the festivities with live music by Dave and Biff, Jeremy Calley and DJ DK. Proceeds from the event, as well as the silent auction, go toward five local charities

8 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

DAVIS MOUNTAINS PRESERVE OPEN WEEKEND

If you just want to get away from it all, head to the mountains in Fort Davis. The Davis Mountains Preserve will be open for hiking, biking, equestrian, photography, birding and other outdoor activities for its open weekend. Camping is allowed in designated area.

The preserve is 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on Highway 118. Guests must sign in and out at the McIvor Conservation Center.

8 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday. nature.org

"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

This pops concert is one of the stalwarts of the holiday season in Midland. The Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale deliver a spectacle of music and merriment. The night features all the ensembles in their own performance as well as the Symphony Chorale and the Voices of the Permian Basin.

7:30 p.m. Saturday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30-$50. MOSC.org.

PILOXING AT LACY J. PILATES

If you need a little me time away from the shopping and decorating, hit up this class that mixes pilates, yoga and kickboxing. For $5, the class will work up a major sweat and work off a lot of calories. 3:15 p.m. Sunday.

Youth storytellers to kick off annual festival

From staff reports

The winners of a youth storytelling contest will perform Friday night to kick off the annual Midland Storytelling Festival. The students will be followed by "Story Unplugged" featuring Donald Davis of Ocracoke, North Carolina.

A total of nine storytellers, including former Midlander Annalon Gilbreath of Lubbock, are scheduled to participate in the 27th annual festival at First Presbyterian Church. The free event begins at 7 p.m. Friday and continues Saturday morning. There will be two performances at 10 a.m. and two performances at 11:15 a.m., according to the festival's website.

The grand finale is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, when all the storytellers will perform. In addition to Davis and Gilbreath, the storytellers are Charlotte Blake Alston of Landsdowne, Pennsylvania; Jasmine Cardenas of Chicago; Willy Claflin of San Francisco; Bill Lepp of South Charleston, West Virginia; Barbara McBride-Smith of Galveston; Laura Pershin Raynor of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Antonio Rocha of Gray, Maine.

The student storytellers are Kayla Fithian, Midland Classical Academy; McKinley Evans, Midland Academy Charter; and Trevor Smith, Santa Rita Elementary, all 8 years old; and Jeremiah Packer, 7, Texas Leadership Charter Academy. They were chosen in a contest that followed a series of workshops led by Sue Roseberry.

Also on Friday, the storytellers will present programs for Midland ISD third-graders and for students at the city's private schools, Greenwood ISD and University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy, per the website.

IF YOU GO

Midland Storytelling Festival 2018. 7 p.m. Friday, 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Free. makingmemoriesmidland.com



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Barbara McBride-Smith tells stories during a previous Midland Storytelling Festival at First Presbyterian Church. The Texas storyteller returns to this year's event this weekend.



Jim Henson holiday favorites hit big screen

From staff reports

Two holiday specials that many of today's parents grew up with on television are making their cinematic debuts. Fathom Events and The Jim Henson Co. present "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" and "The Bells of Fraggle Rock" on Saturday and Dec. 16.

This "Jim Henson's Holiday Special" brings together these two holiday classics, which have been remastered, and includes the new featurette, "Memories of the Jug-Band." The featurette will include a surprise guest and a greeting from Cheryl Henson, daughter of the late Jim Henson and president of the Jim Henson Foundation.

IF YOU GO

"Jim Henson's Holiday Special" includes "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" and "The Bells of Fraggle Rock" with a new featurette. 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $9.05. fathomevents.com.

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

OPENING: Freshmen and Sophomore Juried Exhibition opens today and is on display through Jan. 11. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB, 4901 E. University Blvd. Odessa.

OPENING: Winter Art Exhibit featuring works by area art associations. Opening reception begins at 5:30 p.m. today at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Adult Paint and Sip: "Swirl Tree." 6:30 p.m. today at Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $35. kiddsart.com.

Wood and Wine: "Nativity." 6:30 p.m. today at Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $75. kiddsart.com.

OPENING: "Golden Age of Hollywood: Costumes from the Gene London Cinema Collection." This exhibition features more than 50 costumes and personal effects of vintage movie stars such as Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Doris Day, Tallulah Bankhead, Greta Garbo, Judy Garland, Katharine Hepburn, Grace Kelly, John Wayne, Tyrone Power, Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Opens Friday and runs through March 10 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Yuletide at the Yucca: Dancing in Celebration of the Season featuring performances by Aloha O' Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico from the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland and MCT's Pickwick Players. 7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$14. mctmidland.org.

Hand-lettered Christmas Ornament Workshop by Cristina Joy Creations. 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $45. cristinajoycreations.com.

Christmas Party. 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Kelly Kennedy Fine Art, 100 N. Main St.

Wood and Wine: "Pallet Trees." 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $60-$70. kiddsart.com.

Midland Arts Association lobby show: Diane K. Browne. During business hours in December at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave.

"A Legacy of Leadership: Winston Churchill" 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through Jan. 16 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Into the Great White Sands: Photographs by Craig Varjabedian. On display through Jan. 29. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Tim Oliver: Watercolors" at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Sports photography by Steven Aicinena in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB, 4901 E. University Blvd. Odessa.

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $8. For more information, call 638-3707.

CLASSES, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Sibley Camera Club meeting. This month's camera club meeting will be a social meeting at the fire pit. 5 p.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation for Midland Humane Coalition. Must be 18 and older. 6-9 p.m. Monday at MHC, 4206 W. Loop 250 N (inside PetSmart). midlandhumane.org.

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

Adult Coloring Group. Participants can take their pencils, markers and books for a relaxing session among those with similar interests. 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Knit a Bit Club. Meet up with fellow knitters or join to learn how. 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

COMEDY, FILM & STAGE

Christmas Family Movie Night: "The Peanuts Movie." Refreshments served. 6:45 p.m. today at the Palmer Activity Christian Center, 1305 E. Illinois Ave. Free.

National Theatre Live: "Antony and Cleopatra." Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo play Shakespeare's famous fated couple in this tragedy of politics, passion and power. 7 p.m. today at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77. fathomevents.com.

"Junie B. Jones Jingle Bells Batman Smells." 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Friday through Dec. 14 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

"Elf." 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2:30 p.m. Sundays. through Dec. 14 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

"Buttons: A New Musical Film." During a time of robber barons, mills, and rising industry, two orphan children meet two unexpected visitors (Dick Van Dyke and Angela Lansbury) who turn the tide of events and change their lives forever. 12:55 Saturday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.92. fathomevents.com.

"Jim Henson's Holiday Special" includes "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" and "The Bells of Fraggle Rock" with a new featurette. 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $9.05. fathomevents.com.

Dome shows: "Secret Lives of Stars," 3 p.m. Sunday and 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; "Zula Patrol," 1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Christmas Wonderland Holiday Spectacular. 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $47-$90. broadwayinthebasin.com.

EVENTS

Toys for Cops is accepting donations today through Friday at Midland Police Department, 601 N. Loraine St.

Holiday Evening. The evening includes Frito Pie chili supper, MC student art show with complimentary refreshments, hayrides, special music concert performed by the MC Jazz Ensemble and visits with Santa. The public is invited. 5:30 p.m. today at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Black Magic Christmas Show. This holiday event features live music and dancing. 7:30 p.m. today at Crossroads Odessa, 6901 E. Highway 191. $12 general, $5 students.

Coffee and Caroling with Voices Dei, coffee by Coffee Jon and a tour of The Field Edge's tiny house model. 10-11:30 a.m. Friday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Free.

"Plaid Tidings to You!" Betenbough Homes' annual Christmas event includes photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, gingerbread-cookie decorating and limo rides around Lone Star Trails. 6-8 p.m. Friday at 6718 N. State Highway 349. Free. betenbough.com

Midland Storytelling Festival 2018. 7 p.m. Friday and 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave. makingmemoriesmidland.com.

Torino's eighth annual Toy Drive Charity Benefit Party. The event will feature live music, silent auction and more. Bring a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation to Torino's for entry. 8 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Christmas at the Mansion: A White Christmas open house. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

December Meet and Greet with Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. 11 a.m. Saturday at Dillard's, 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Mystic Soul Metaphysical Market. 1-5 p.m. Saturday at Earth, Body and Soul, 333 N. Midkiff Road.

Christmas in Boomtown lighted parade. 6:30 p.m. Saturday on "A" Street from Ventura Avenue to Illinois Avenue. midlandtexas.gov.

Caring Santa features private photo sessions for families of children with special needs. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday at Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com.

Christmas Carriage Rides by the Junior League of Odessa. The experience is about 30 minutes long. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-13 at Emerald Forest Court, Odessa. $25-$200.

West Texas North Pole Village will feature Santa's House, reindeer barn, Santa's workshop, the North Pole Post Office, hayrides, live music and more. Through Dec. 23 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $20. wtxnorthpolevillage.com.

Starbright Village and Community Tree Lighting. View one of the largest displays in the area with more than 300,000 lights and holiday displays. 6-11 p.m. through Jan 1 at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, Odessa. Free. odessatxparks.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Mommy and Me and the Garden Mates Three. A relaxed environment for parents and children ages 3 to 5. 9:30-11:30 a.m. today and Tuesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

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

First Friday Family Game Night by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). Board games and movies screen for all ages. 7-10 p.m. Friday at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. pblgbtq.org.

Pajama Storytime: "The Polar Express." The event features a reading, games and refreshments. Pajamas encouraged. 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. Free.

Toddler Time Paint Class: "Little Christmas Tree." 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. kiddsart.com.

Mommy and Me: Christmas cookie decorating. 1 p.m. Saturday at Kidd's Art and Canvas, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $45 for half-dozen, $20 for add-on. kiddsart.com.

Peppa Pig Live: "Peppa Pig's Surprise!" Noon and 4 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49.50-$99.50. wagnernoel.com.

Tales and Trails: How Animals Stay Warm. This program is for children ages 2-4. 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $2.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children. 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

FOOD & DRINK

Italiano Night, 6 p.m. today at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Thursday Night Dinner with live music. 7 p.m. today at Cafe Alldredge, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

December Grocery Store Tour by Healthy City. 7:30 p.m. today at H-E-B, 5407 Andrews Highway. $5. ourhealthycity.com.

Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m. Friday at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.

Seafood Night. 6 p.m. Friday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Breakfast with Santa Cow. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Chick-fil-A, 3805 E. 42nd St., Odessa.

Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Steak Night, 6 p.m. Saturday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Urban Brunch Market with local vendors and brunch menu from Bus 22. 10 a.m. Sunday at 300 N. Colorado St.

Pint Nights featuring $1 pints. 5-9 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday at Double Dave's Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250 W.

Christmas at the Mansion: A White Christmas luncheon. Noon Tuesday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $50 individual, $375 table of eight. museumsw.org.

GAMES

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

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

Live Event Trivia. 7 p.m. Friday at Twist Restaurant and Bar, 5518 Starboard Drive.

Season Nine Finals by Lonestar Poker Tour. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Redneck's Drafthouse and Billiards, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

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

Yugioh tournaments. 6-10 p.m. Saturday at Entertainmart, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. $5.

Sunday Bounty Tournament. 1 p.m. Sunday at Kojack's Poker Club, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. Membership required.

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. today, Monday and Wednesday; 1 p.m. Tuesday; 10:30 a.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesday at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

Two-Dollar Tuesday with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Pool tournaments, 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. Wednesday at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesday at Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Free Yoga. Open class but mats are encouraged to bring. 9 a.m. Saturday at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

Sun Salutation Workshop. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Dharma Art, 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. $10. mydharmaart.com.

Piloxing: Glute Sculpt. 3:15 p.m. Sunday at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5. lacyjpilates.com.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. Monday at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

Eat to Beat Cancer by the Lifestyle Medicine Center with Dr. Padmaja Patel. 6 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Memorial West, 4214 Andrews Highway. $5.

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Country

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers: Country and Christmas. 7:30 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$60. wagnernoel.com.

Cody Bryan, Shea Abshier and the Nighthowlers. 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Austin Meade. 9 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

DJ/Dance

ClubNights with DJ Bookie and DJ Danny G. 8 p.m. Friday at The Reserve in the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St.

Noche Caliente. 8 p.m. Friday at Club Arriba, 1006 S. Midkiff Road.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

#HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

Holiday

A Mariachi Christmas hosted by the Midland Hispanic Chamber. 7-10 p.m. Friday at Downtown Midland Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $35.

MOSC Pops: "Sounds of the Season." 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

"The King is Here: A Christmas Worship Musical." 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. Free.

Winter Concert 2018: An Abell and Carver Orchestra Celebration. 7 p.m. Tuesday at Abell Junior High, 3201 Heritage Blvd.

Voices Dei. Noon Wednesday and Dec. 21 at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. Free.

Karaoke

Karaoke. 9 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday at the Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

Karafun Karaoke with DJ Cisco. 9 p.m. Friday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

Karaoke Night. 8 p.m. Tuesday at Triple Threat Sports Bar and Grill, 12 Meta Drive.

Karaoke and pool tournament. Tuesday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

SHOPPING

Holiday Cheer Ladies Night. Shop for gifts, enjoy snacks and beverages and paint ornaments. 6-8 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free but registration required by calling 432-550-9696. noelartmuseum.org.

Holiday Pop-up and Trunk Show with designer Christina Jackson, champagne and chocolates. 2 p.m. Saturday at Willow Boutique, 2200 W. Wadley Ave.

Christmas Market with local vendors, free pictures with Santa Claus, appearances by Christmas Mickey and Minnie and more. Noon-5 p.m. Sunday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $3 admission.

Men's Night Shopping Event. The event features brisket, beer and gift wrapping. 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Ada Marie's Boutique and Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, 3209 Courtyard Drive.

Parks Legado Christmas Tree Market. Through Dec. 16 at Parks Legado Town Center, 7260 E. Highway 191. Odessa.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekend. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday at Davis Mountains Preserve in Fort Davis. nature.org.

Sixth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Fun Run and one-mile Reindeer Dash. Don your ugly apparel for a run through Midland's historic neighborhoods. The event includes photo opportunities, prizes and medals, treats and refreshments. 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $20-$35. museumsw.org.

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

COMING SOON



DECEMBER

Pancakes and Pajamas. Don your pajama apparel for pancakes, live music and caroling. The event benefits MARC's Spectrum Solutions and is presented with Arts Council of Midland and Cliff's Food Wagon. 5:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. misscayceschristmas.com.

Christmas Rocks with the Brian Setzer Orchestra. 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $39.75-$89.75. wagnernoel.com.

Christmas at the Mansion: A White Christmas holiday tea party. Enjoy hot tea, finger sandwiches and treats before exploring the museum's holiday decorations and galleries. 3-4:15 p.m. Dec. 14 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

Very Merry Christmas shopping event with more than 80 local and national vendors. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 15 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free. upevents.org.

Pancakes with Santa by the Knights of Columbus. Guests can listen to the story of St. Lucy, make an ornament for the church and have a picture taken with Santa. 6-8 p.m. Dec. 15 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

Field Office Christmas Party. Guests are encouraged to take a wrapped white elephant gift and snacks. 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Dec. 15 at The Field Office, 3205 W. Industrial Ave.

Miss Cayce's Santa Experience includes a personal visit and picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as crafts, cookies, story time and more. 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. $40. misscayceschristmas.com.

MOSC Chamber Series: "Silverbells and Tumbleweeds" with the Lone Star Brass. 3 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Brian Wilson presents "The Christmas Album Live" with Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin. 8 p.m. Dec. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$125. VIP packages $255-$504. wagnernoel.com.

Drumline Live Holiday Spectacular. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35.50-$75. wagnernoel.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Christmas Music Celebration. Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

Merry-achi Christmas with Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez. 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$49.50. wagnernoel.com.

The Ten Tenors: "Home for the Holidays" benefiting the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale. 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $23-$68. MOSC.org.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "A Letter to Santa" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Runnin' Blind, 9 p.m. Dec. 21-22 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

The Eighty-Eights Dueling Pianos Show. 9 p.m. Dec. 21-22 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $40-$60.

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EVENTS & MORE



HENSON

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The musical holiday fable "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" was directed by Henson and featured songs and music by Paul Williams. It premiered on HBO in 1977. The show tells the tale of devotion between a mother and her son: Ma Otter and Emmet Otter don't have any money, but they want to do something special for each other at Christmas. They both enter the local talent show to win the first prize of $50.

"The Bells of Fraggle Rock" was first aired Dec. 24, 1984, when it premiered as a holiday-themed episode of the award-winning series "Fraggle Rock." The episode addressed the melancholy people can feel during the holidays.

COMING

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Cookies and Cocoa with Santa, 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 22 at Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. $20. opalstable.com.

"The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

"The Great Russian Nutcracker: Dove of Peace" by the Moscow Ballet. 7 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. nutcracker.com.

Lightwire Theatre's A Very Electric Christmas. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$104.50. wagnernoel.com.

Aaron Watson. 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave. $25 advance, $30 door. dosamigos.com.



'SEARCHING'

'Searching' doesn't use gadgets as gimmicks

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Searching" (PG-13) Perhaps the best film yet to integrate high-tech electronics into the storyline, this tale of a father's desperate search for his missing daughter works because it doesn't use them as props or gimmicks. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Alcatraz" (not rated) Low-budget fare somewhat historically accurate in its portrayal of the Battle of Alcatraz, an uprising staged at the famous prison in 1946. But because the filmmakers couldn't spend money on effects or stunts, most of the film is dialogue-driven, and the chatter is mind-numbingly boring. **D-**

MORE REVIEWS

"All the Creatures Were Stirring" (not rated) Collection of short films, each worse than the one that precedes it. It's high point — oh, who am I kidding: There is no high point. It's only slightly more watchable than "Alcatraz" or it would have been this week's Ick! **D+**

"BPM (Beats Per Minute)" (not rated) Set in the 1990s at the height of the AIDS crisis, this French film follows an activist group as it tries to get the government to recognize the plight of those suffering from the disease. That aspect of the film is monotonous as it shows the members of the group debate their actions. It's the deeper layers of the film — notably the burgeoning romance between two of its members — that make it special. Be warned that the sex scenes are graphic — think "Queer as Folk," British or American versions — but the portrayal of the frustration and horror of AIDs hasn't been done this well since 1993's "And the Band Played On" **B+**

"Dog Days" (PG) Corny and predictable, the canine actors nevertheless set this film apart from the pack of rom-coms released this year. **B**

"I Think We're Alone Now" (R) Peter Dinklage stars as a town's lone survivor of a mystery virus that wipes out most of the planet's population. Being a misanthrope, he's just fine with that until a mystery woman wanders into his world. Dinklage carries off the part beautifully but the story starts to crumble in the final act. **B-**

"Mission: Impossible — Fallout" (PG-13) The franchise is as solid as it ever was, though Tom Cruise proved during filming that he might not be holding up as well. The production came to a halt for eight weeks when Cruise broke an ankle performing a stunt. By the way, that footage made the final cut. It's another white-knuckle ride for the series. **B+**

"Mohawk" (not rated) Bloody story set in 1814 New York that probably doesn't heed to or care about historical accuracy. But that doesn't matter here. It's a story that shows fleshed-out characters amidst a time in America that's largely been forgotten. **B**

"The Other Side of Hope" (not rated) Finnish film is so quirky it threatens to wander into an indecipherable landscape from which it can't return and that is makes it so charming. **A-**



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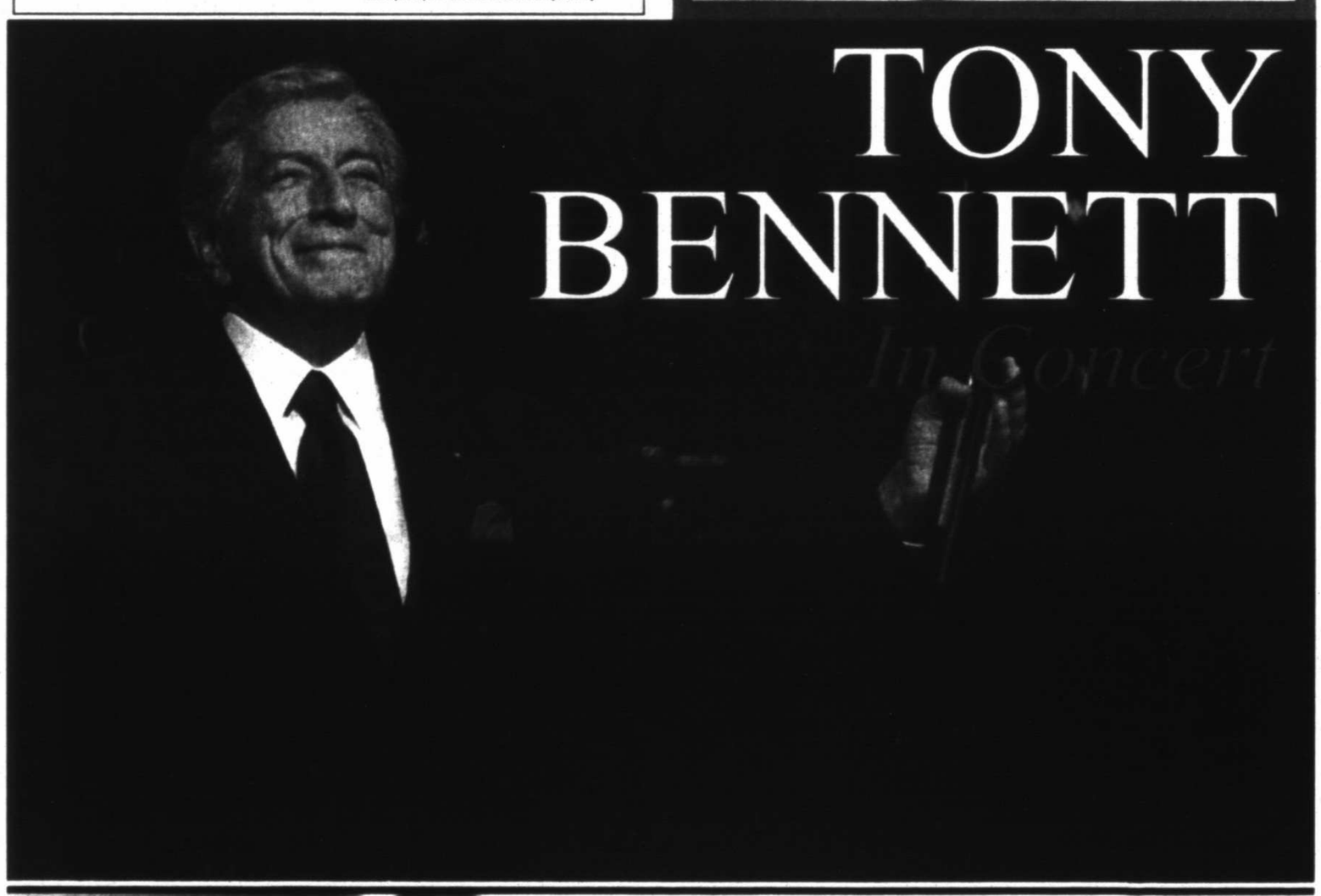
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Lawrence measures up for Cowboys even with sacks down

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — DeMarcus Lawrence may not reach his career high in sacks during the encore to the Dallas defensive end's breakthrough season in the NFL.

By any measure from his coaches and teammates, Lawrence's follow-up to 14 1/2 sacks has been a success . A big one.

"With the things that we've changed in the defense, he has to more disciplined in the run and things of that sort," defensive lineman Tyrone Crawford said. "Sacks are a good number for everybody else mainly. As far as a good player on a good defense, you're not going to find a better one."

Lawrence has 8 1/2 sacks through 12 games. The fifth-year pro had that many in five games last year. But Lawrence collected his first career interception on a screen pass two games ago against Washington before helping lead the defense's signature moment in 2018.

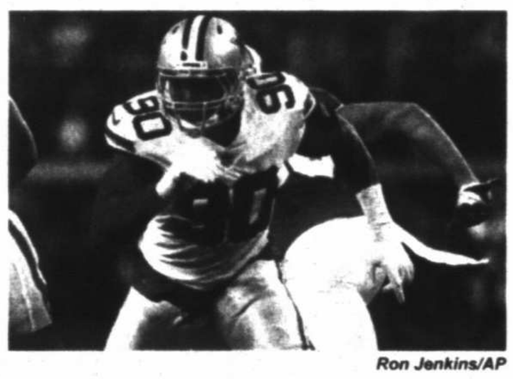
The Cowboys bottled up Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints in a 13-10 win that set them up for sole possession of first place in the NFC East. Dallas took that spot with the Redskins' loss to Philadelphia.

Now Dallas (7-5) gets its rematch with the Eagles (6-6) on Sunday, with first place on the line just as it was on Thanksgiving against Washington. The Cowboys started their current four-game winning streak with a victory in Philadelphia.

"I have my ups and down this season. No complaining about it," Lawrence said. "I really embrace this season. It just shows how much we really care, how much I really care, just because of how we're standing as a defense. I feel like everything is looking up."

And that was before the Cowboys held the Saints to 176 yards, their lowest total in 22 years and more than 200 yards below their season average. While rookie Leighton Vander Esch and Jaylon Smith have taken a large share of the spotlight at linebacker, Lawrence's presence up

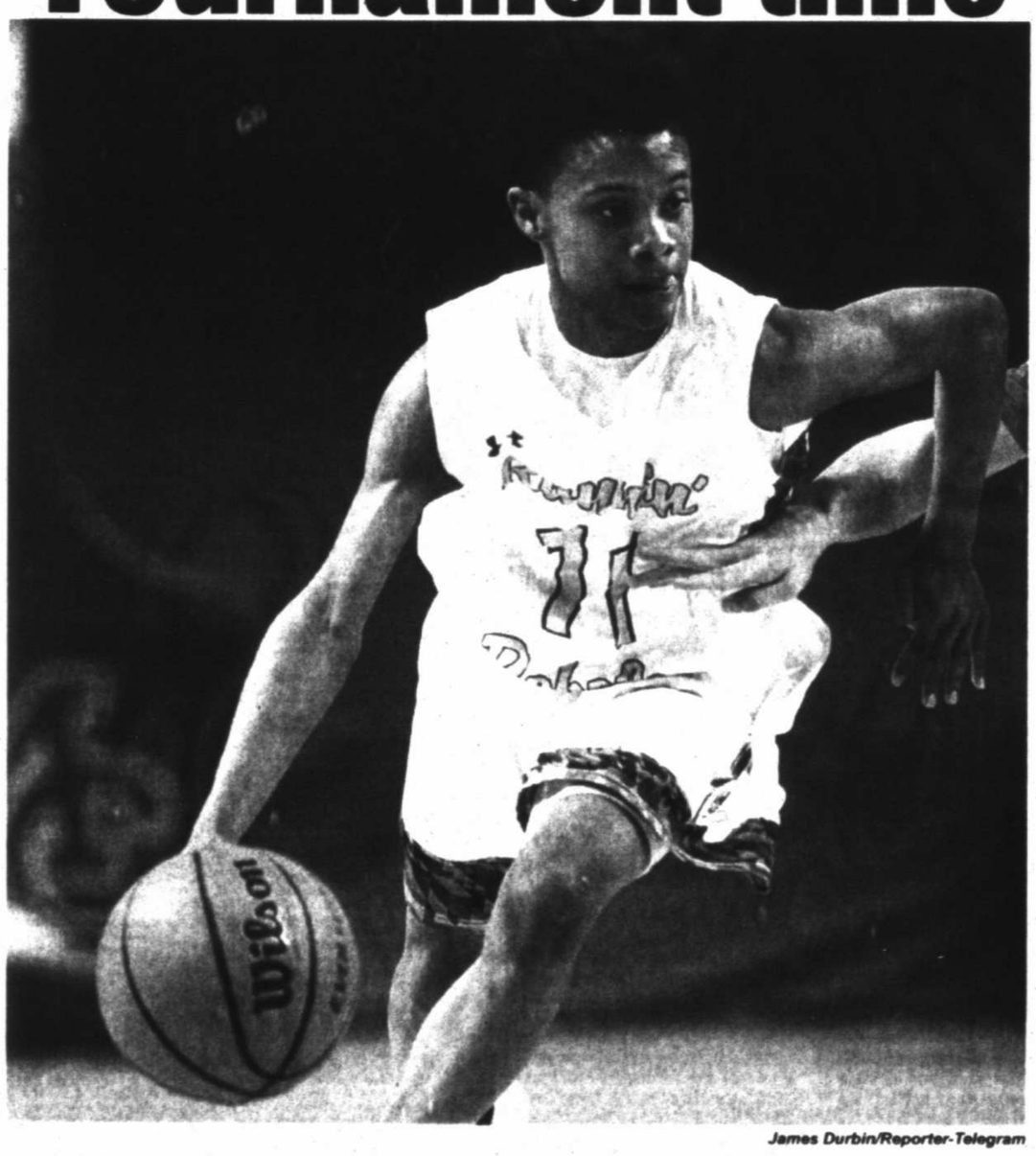
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Ron Jenkins/AP

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Demarcus Lawrence (90) is shown Nov. 22 during the first half of a game against the Washington Redskins in Arlington.

Tournament time



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Jaythan Jones (11) dribbles against Odessa High on Jan. 30 at Chaparral Center.

Lee welcomes diverse field to Tall City Oilman's Invitational

By Christopher Hadorn
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High school teams from El Paso, Lubbock and the Panhandle will convene in the Permian Basin this week for the 2018 Tall City Oilman's Basketball Invitational.

The tournament, hosted by Lee, takes place today through Saturday at Chaparral Center, Lee and Midland High.

The Lady Rebels (6-5) and Midland High (7-5) are among eight teams that comprise the girls tournament, which tips off at 10:30 a.m. today and concludes with a 1:30 p.m. championship game, Saturday at Chaparral Center. Meanwhile, the Rebels (2-7), Midland High (3-6) and Odessa Permian (6-3) are among seven boys teams that will compete in a round robin-style format, which tips off at noon today.

"It's a big tournament for us," Lee girls basketball coach Alfred Acosta said. "The reason we love it is because there's

Please see **OILMAN**/3C

USC lands Kliff Kingsbury as Helton's offensive coordinator

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury was named Clay Helton's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Southern California on Wednesday.

Kingsbury is considered one of the top offensive minds in football despite being fired by Texas Tech on Nov. 25. He went 35-40 in six seasons in charge of his alma mater, but the Red Raiders consistently had one of the nation's most dynamic offenses.



Kingsbury

Kingsbury reportedly was pursued by NFL teams after his dismissal, but he chose to join the embattled Helton at talent-loaded USC, which just completed its first losing season since 2000.

"He is a brilliant offensive mind and is on the cutting edge of the game today," Helton said. "His offenses have consistently been at the top of the college football statistical rankings. With the talent on our team, along with his leadership and coaching, I truly believe that we can take our offense to new heights."

Kingsbury replaces offensive coordinator Tee Martin, who was dismissed along with several assistant coaches after the Trojans (5-7) lost five of their final six games, including consecutive losses to rivals UCLA and Notre Dame. USC's quarterbacks coach last season was Bryan Ellis, who left to become Western Kentucky's offensive coordinator.

Kingsbury's arrival should placate a large segment of the unsatisfied USC fan base that called for Helton's firing throughout the second half of the season. USC athletic director Lynn Swann realized he was going against public sentiment when last month he elected to retain Helton, who got a contract extension through 2023 earlier this year.

Kingsbury was spotted on USC's campus last week, and the Air Raid architect's interest in the job immediately excited fans who were skeptical that Swann and Helton were committed to change in the sputtering program. The school also is eager to avoid a downturn in football interest next season at the Coliseum, which is undergoing a $315 million renovation.

Few coaches have better reputations for developing exciting offenses and star quarterbacks than Kingsbury, who set several NCAA records as a quarterback under current Washington State coach Mike Leach while at Texas Tech.

After a five-year pro career, Kingsbury has coached Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel, Case Keenum, Patrick Mahomes, Baker Mayfield, Davis Webb and others to

Please see **KINGSBURY**/4C

Urban Meyer will not coach in college football again. Believe it.

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

After leading Utah to an unbeaten season in 2004, Urban Meyer had a choice to make. He could become the coach at Notre Dame — a dream job, he once called it — or at Florida.

Meyer picked Florida because the Gators were better positioned to win national championships. He won two with the Gators.

After a year out of coaching, the Ohio State job opened — another dream job for the Ohio native who grew up a Buckeyes fan. He stepped into that gig, won another national championship and went 82-9 over seven seasons before announcing on Tuesday he would retire at 54 after coaching the Buckeyes in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

"I believe I will not coach again," Meyer said.

Here is why you should believe him: Meyer's career has been a steady ascent, from Bowling Green for two years to Utah for two years to Florida for six years to Ohio State. Each job has been better than the one before it.

Fans, sports writers and talkers love to debate whether this coaching job is better than that job. Why would a coach leave this school for that school? Not every coach fits perfectly into every situation, though Meyer could probably fit anywhere. But he will never find a better fit than Ohio State because there is no better college job than Ohio State. And nothing about Meyer suggests he would be willing to accept anything less.

Among all the traditional powers, none has been better at maintaining a high level of success than Ohio State. Since 1960, Ohio State has had two losing seasons. Since 1993, Ohio State has 19 10-win seasons. Before Nick Saban, Alabama was down. Oklahoma had its dark days between Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops. Southern California pre- and post-Pete Carroll has struggled to find the right formula. Notre Dame between Lou Holtz and Brian Kelly was a mess.

Ohio State's last four full-time head coaches — Jim Tressel, John Cooper, Earle Bruce and Woody

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Jay LaPrete/AP

Ohio State college football head coach Urban Meyer answers questions during a news conference announcing his retirement Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Basketball
Maryland at Purdue, 6 p.m., BTN
Iowa State at Iowa, 7 p.m., FS1
Drake at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., FCSC

Golf
EPGA: South African Open, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

National Basketball Association
New York at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT
Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT, ATTSW

National Football League
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 7:20 p.m., FOX, NFL

Rodeo
National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
Lee, MHS at Tall City Oilman's Invitational
Greenwood at Glen Rose Tournament
Midland Christian at Catclaw Classic, Abilene
MCA at El Ave Shootout, Crane

HS Girls Basketball
Lee, MHS at Tall City Oilman's Invitational
MCA at Kristen Corbin Classic, Andrews

JC Women's Basketball
Midland College vs. Snow College, 6 p.m., Colorado Springs, Colo.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Louis Coleman, Cs Kade Scivicque and Bobby Wilson and INF Kody Eaves on minor league contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Chris Owings on a one-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Acquired RHP Luke Weaver, C Carson Kelly, INF Andrew Young and a 2019 competitive balance round B draft pick (No. 6) from the St. Louis Cardinals for INF Paul Goldschmidt.
MIAMI MARLINS — Named Mel Stottlemyre Jr. pitching coach, Trey Hillman first base and infield coach and Jeff Livesey assistant hitting coach. Promoted Kevin Barr to strength and conditioning coach.
Frontier League
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed C Nick Oddo to a contract extension. Placed RHP Mitch Schulewitz on the retired list.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed C Kyle Pollock to a contract extension.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed LHP Patrick Ledet to a contract extension. Exercised the 2019 contract options on SS Omar Obregon, RHP Will Landsheft, INF Riley Krane, LHP Braulio Torres-Perez and INF Alex Raburn. Declined the options on RHP Max Dwyer and LHP Brady Muller.
BASKETBALL
Woman's National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Named Derek Fisher coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OL D.J. Humphries on injured reserve. Signed OL Joe Barksdale. Signed OL Rees Odhiambo from the Indianapolis practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed TE Greg Olsen on injured reserve. Signed WR Mose Frazier from the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed WR A.J. Green on injured reserve. Activated CB Davontae Harris from injured reserve.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL Mason Gentry and WR Daniel Williams to the practice squad. Promoted OL Kyle Kalis from the practice squad. Placed DL Daniel Ekuale the reserve/suspended by commissioner list.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed LB Jalen Reeves-Maybin on injured reserve. Promoted DE Eric Lee from the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Claimed DL Fadol Brown off waivers from Oakland and CB Natrell Jamerson off waivers from Houston. Placed RB Tra Carson and CB Kevin King on injured reserve.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed OT De'Ondre Wesley to the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed RB C.J. Anderson, CB Bene Benwikere and DE Kony Ealy. Placed WR Martavis Bryant, LB Shilique Calhoun and S Reggie Nelson on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed LB Dekoda Watson on the injured reserve list. Signed LS Colin Holba to a two-year contract. Promoted LB Pita Taumoepenu from the team's practice squad. Signed S Terrell Williams Jr. to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed CB Quinton Dunbar, WR Trey Quinn and G Jonathan Cooper on injured reserve. Signed QB Josh Johnson, G Zac Kerin, C Demetrius Rhaney and DE Marcus Smith.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
OTTAWA SENATORS — Acquired D Stefan Elliott and F Tobias Lindberg from the Pittsburgh Penguins for D Macoy Erkamps and F Ben Sexton.

HS CROSS COUNTRY

TWO ANDREWS RUNNERS NAMED ALL-STATE

Andrews senior Elizabeth Garcia and junior Samantha Jasso have been honored on the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Cross-Country team for Class 4A.

Jasso and Garcia led the Andrews girls team to a fifth-place finish at the UIL state meet, Nov. 3 in Round Rock.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's
EAST
Buffalo 89, La Moyne 55
Canisius 68, Robert Morris 62
Colgate 64, Columbia 62
Drexel 95, Loyola (Md.) 86
Duquesne 93, Marshall 82
George Washington 68, Towson 64
Hofstra 75, Monmouth (NJ) 73
Navy 80, Delaware 65
Quinnipiac 64, Dartmouth 59
Saint Joseph's 92, Princeton 82
St. Bonaventure 82, Siena 40
St. John's 85, Mount St. Mary's 71
Stony Brook 69, Manhattan 62
UConn 90, Lafayette 63
Yale 97, Lehigh 87
SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 75, Hampton 66
Duke 84, Hartford 54
E. Kentucky 79, SC-Upstate 77
FAU 68, Mercer 64
Louisiana-Lafayette 97, Loyola (NO) 84
Louisville 86, Cent. Arkansas 41
Morgan St. 74, Binghamton 68
NC State 100, W. Carolina 67
Old Dominion 71, William & Mary 53
Richmond 82, Coppin St. 47
Stetson 68, W. Illinois 64
The Citadel 127, Johnson & Wales (NC) 93
Tulane 87, UT Martin 74
Vanderbilt 79, Middle Tennessee 51
Virginia Tech 89, VMI 68
MIDWEST
Butler 70, Brown 55
Cleveland St. 82, Bowling Green 64
Ill.-Chicago 94, Illinois St. 75
Miami (Ohio) 65, Wright St. 62
Missouri St. 84, W. Kentucky 78
North Texas 80, Indiana St. 69
Ohio St. 77, Illinois 67
Purdue Fort Wayne 68, Akron 65
Rio Grande 70, North Dakota 56
Toledo 101, Detroit 57
Xavier 82, Ohio 61
SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 65, Ark.-Pine Bluff 47

Women's
EAST
Army 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 40
Cal St.-Fullerton 61, Columbia 58
Colgate 61, Mass.-Lowell 52
Dartmouth 64, Boston U. 44
Duquesne 64, Penn St. 58
Florida Gulf Coast 83, St. Francis (Pa.) 69
Holy Cross 72, Hofstra 66
Penn 65, La Salle 34
Pittsburgh 65, Fordham 62
Syracuse 96, Md.-Eastern Shore 51
SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 128, Meredith 39
E. Kentucky 90, Kentucky Christian 35
Florida St. 57, Mercer 56
Georgia Tech 69, Alabama St. 42
NC State 83, Hampton 51
North Carolina 82, UNC-Wilmington 55
South Alabama 72, Alabama 67
South Carolina 80, Appalachian St. 50
UAB 66, Samford 41
Virginia 57, American U. 54
Wake Forest 69, Charlotte 43
William & Mary 65, Richmond 55
MIDWEST
Akron 67, St. Bonaventure 58
Indiana 66, Butler 46
Miami (Ohio) 78, Cincinnati 65
Michigan St. 102, Oakland 58
Minnesota 75, Incarnate Word 39
Toledo 65, Cleveland St. 60
SOUTHWEST
North Texas 100, Houston Baptist 75
FAR WEST
Arizona 100, Montana 51
Colorado St. 65, N. Arizona 54

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	20	5	.800	—
Philadelphia	17	8	.680	3
Boston	13	10	.565	6
Brooklyn	8	17	.320	12
New York	8	17	.320	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	12	12	.500	—
Charlotte	11	12	.478	½
Washington	10	14	.417	2
Miami	9	14	.391	2½
Atlanta	5	19	.208	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	15	7	.682	—
Detroit	13	8	.619	1½
Indiana	14	10	.583	2
Cleveland	5	18	.217	10½
Chicago	5	20	.200	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	13	9	.591	—
Dallas	12	10	.545	1
New Orleans	12	13	.480	2½
Houston	11	12	.478	2½
San Antonio	11	13	.458	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	16	7	.696	—
Oklahoma City	15	7	.682	½
Portland	13	11	.542	3½
Minnesota	12	12	.500	4½
Utah	12	13	.480	5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	7	.696	—
Golden State	16	9	.640	1
L.A. Lakers	14	9	.609	2
Sacramento	12	11	.522	4
Phoenix	4	20	.167	12½

Tuesday's Scores
Indiana 96, Chicago 90
Orlando 105, Miami 90
Dallas 111, Portland 102
Sacramento 122, Phoenix 105
Utah 139, San Antonio 105

Wednesday's Games
Denver 124, Orlando 118, OT
Golden State 129, Cleveland 105
Oklahoma City 114, Brooklyn 112
Washington 131, Atlanta 117
Minnesota 121, Charlotte 104
New Orleans 132, Dallas 132
Detroit at Milwaukee, late
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, late
Philadelphia at Toronto, late
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
New York at Boston, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	29	21	7	1	43	114	85
Toronto	28	20	8	0	40	102	73
Buffalo	29	17	8	4	38	89	82
Boston	27	14	9	4	32	71	69
Montreal	28	13	10	5	31	88	90
Detroit	28	12	12	4	28	81	93
Florida	26	11	10	5	27	87	91
Ottawa	28	12	13	3	27	100	114

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	27	15	9	3	33	96	88
Columbus	27	15	10	2	32	95	92
N.Y. Islanders	26	13	10	3	29	77	75
N.Y. Rangers	28	13	12	3	29	80	88
Carolina	26	12	10	4	28	66	71
Pittsburgh	26	11	10	5	27	89	87
Philadelphia	25	11	12	2	24	76	88
New Jersey	26	9	12	5	23	75	91

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	28	19	8	1	39	90	67
Colorado	28	16	7	5	37	102	79
Winnipeg	27	17	8	2	36	94	78
Dallas	28	15	10	3	33	78	72
Minnesota	27	15	10	2	32	86	78
Chicago	28	9	14	5	23	77	104
St. Louis	25	9	13	3	21	74	85

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	28	17	9	2	36	100	82
Anaheim	29	14	10	5	33	70	83
San Jose	28	13	10	5	31	85	89
Vegas	29	15	13	1	31	87	81
Arizona	26	13	11	2	28	68	67
Edmonton	27	13	12	2	28	71	83
Vancouver	30	11	16	3	25	84	105
Los Angeles	28	10	17	1	21	59	84

Tuesday's Scores
Winnipeg 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Florida 5, Boston 0
Calgary 9, Columbus 6
Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 3
Montreal 5, Ottawa 2
Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 5, SO
Toronto 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Vegas 5, Washington 3
Minnesota 3, Vancouver 2
Arizona 2, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's Scores
Edmonton at St. Louis, late
Chicago at Anaheim, late
Carolina at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vegas, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

No. 13 Texas Tech still unbeaten after 65-47 win over Ark-PB

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Jarrett Culver scored 13 points, Matt Mooney had 11 and No. 13 Texas Tech remained undefeated with a 65-47 victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders (8-0) entered as the nation's top team in field goal defense, and that trend continued in their first home game this season as a ranked team.

Martaveous McKnight scored 27 points for Pine Bluff (2-6), but was the only Lions player with more than four. The Lions shot 32.6 percent from the field (14 of 43) and their only lead came when Cameron Posey's 3-pointer made it 3-2 less than two mintues into the game.

Davide Moretti then hit a 3-pointer and had a fast-break layup within a span of 15 second to put the Red Raiders ahead to stay.

The Raiders pieced together their biggest run early in the second half to finally shake free of Pine Bluff. Chris Smith's two free throws with just under 15 minutes left had Pine Bluff within 43-31. Tech then scored the next 13 points, buoyed by back-to-back thunderous slam dunks by Tariq Owens



Brad Tollefson/AP

Texas Tech's Brandone Francis, left, shoots the ball around Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Charles Jackson on Wednesday in Lubbock.

slam dunks and a slick three-point play by Culver when he drove the baseline for an up-and-under finger roll off a pass from Mooney.

Kyler Edwards added 10 points for Texas Tech.

Big picture

Pine Bluff: After a 56-point shellacking at Cincinnati eight days earlier, the well-traveled Lions showed some fight as they work toward the more manageable SWAC season.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders keep chugging along on the strength of tough-to-crack defense and offensive balance. They have won all eight games by double digits, six by 18 points or more.

Up next

UAPB heads to the West Coast to take on UC-Santa Barbara on Saturday night.

Texas Tech has a break for final exams before returning to action Dec. 12 at home against Northwestern State from Louisiana.

Emmert: No speedy resolution in basketball corruption cases

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NCAA President Mark Emmert said Wednesday that new rules allowing the use of information from legal proceedings will help in the investigation of college basketball corruption, though he cautioned that the inquiry is unlikely to be done before the men's tournament begins in March.

The first federal trial in the case in October resulted in the conviction of three men for wire fraud after testimony that implicated several schools, including Louisville, Arizona and Kansas, of being involved in payments to high school players. The trial was held in New York.

"There's been, I think, some confusion out there where some people have said the Southern District has now given you a green light to race forth and engage and that's a bit of a simplification to say the least," Emmert said during an interview at the Learfield Intercollegiate Athletics Forum.

Emmert did not attend the trial, though he said the NCAA had representatives in the courtroom. The NCAA is using an outside law firm to communicate with the FBI and federal prosecutors.

"There's still ongoing trials. There's still investigatory work being done by the U.S. Attorney's office. We have to be very respectful of that process," Emmert said.

Former Auburn assistant coach Chuck Person and Atlanta clothier Rashan Michel are scheduled to go on trial in February and former Arizona assistant Emanuel Richardson, former USC assistant Tony Bland and former Oklahoma State assistant Lamont Evans are defendants scheduled for trial in April.

"We don't want to inadvertently obstruct any of that justice process. We're moving forward as assertively as we can, while still having to respect that process," Emmert said.

Even before the NCAA dives into the information gleaned from the FBI investigations and the trials, there is work to be done internally.

Among the many reforms recommended early this year by a commission led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was a new independent body that would adjudicate major infractions cases. Emmert said "business leaders, former politicians (and) high-stature people the public will have confidence in" are likely to be on the panel.

Emmert said the new enforcement body could be in place as soon as August.

In the meantime, few schools have taken action to discipline players or coaches who have been implicated publicly.

"We need to make sure that schools are fulfilling their role and holding everybody accountable," Emmert said. "But the NCAA as an association of member schools is built upon the notion of collaboration and collegiality, and there's a notion among the schools that they will all hold themselves accountable. So to the extent that doesn't happen, I think all of the members are not happy with that."

Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Bray, during an interview session at the forum, said the lack of action has been notable.

"As a profession, coaches look at it and say, 'Wow, that's interesting,' maybe there should be more ineligible guys," Brey said. "But I sense that is coming."

HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll (13-0) vs. Duncanville (12-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Allen (13-0) vs. Waco Midway (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Galena Park North Shore (13-0) vs. Cypress Fairbanks (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Lake Travis (11-1) vs. Converse Judson (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Haltom City (13-0) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (10-3), 3 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Longview (13-0) vs. Spring Westfield (12-1), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Cypress Creek (8-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Austin Westlake (12-1) vs. SA Northside Brandeis (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
NRH Bedville (12-1) vs. Denton Ryan (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Dallas Highland Park (13-0) vs. Tyler (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Alvin Shadow Creek (13-0) vs. Richmond Foster (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
SA Wagner (12-1) vs. Mission Veterans (12-1), 10 a.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
WF Rider (8-5) vs. Lubbock Cooper (13-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Abilene Christian University
Aledo (13-0) vs. Frisco Reedy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field
Huntsville (12-1) vs. Fort Bend Marshall (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center
Port Lavaca Calhoun (10-3) vs. CC Calallen (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Hawkins (9-4) vs. Decatur (7-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Waco La Vega (11-2) vs. Argyle (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian ISD Stadium
Carthage (13-0) vs. Henderson (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium
Liberty Hill (11-1) vs. La Vernia (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Iowa Park (8-5) vs. Glen Rose (11-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
Texarkana Pleasant Grove (11-2) vs. Pittsburg (10-3), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
West Orange-Stark (9-4) vs. Silsbee (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Caney
Cuero (12-1) vs. Geronimo Navarro (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Comalander Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Shallowater (13-0) vs. Brock (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Albany (8-5) vs. Maxwell (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Pirate Stadium
East Chambers (12-1) vs. Grandview (11-2), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Madisonville
Edna (12-1) vs. Ybarkum (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Abernathy (12-1) vs. Canadian (12-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Gunter (13-0) vs. Holliday (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Denison
Daingerfield (9-4) vs. Newton (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin
East Bernard (12-1) vs. El Maton-Tidehaven (7-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Alvin ISD's Freedom Field

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
New Deal (13-0) vs. Stinnett West Texas (10-3), 7 p.m. Thursday, Tulia
De Leon (9-4) vs. San Saba (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Tenaha (10-3) vs. San Augustine (11-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches Dragon Stadium
Mason (13-0) vs. Refugio (11-2), 3:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Stratford (8-5) vs. Gruver (12-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Hamlin (12-1) vs. Albany (8-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Muenster (12-1) vs. Mart (12-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Frisco's Ford Center
Burton (10-2) vs. Falls City (13-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Semifinals
McLean (13-0) vs. Garden City (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Levelland
Milford (11-1) vs. Leakey (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burnet
State Championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Dec. 19, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Follett (11-2) vs. Jayton (9-3), 3 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo Highland Park
Strawn (11-2) vs. Oakwood (10-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Alvarado
State Championship
Semifinal winners, 11 a.m. Dec. 19, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

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OILMAN

From 1C

always quality opponents that are willing to come out to West Texas. All coaches have the same thing in mind in terms of seeing different things before they go into district play and that's always the idea with us. The reason why we enjoy it and we really love it is one we get to host it. And two, we give the city of Midland the opportunity to watch some really, really good basketball."

The girls tournament is highlighted by Hobbs (2-0), which is ranked No. 1 in New Mexico and is the defending state champion.

The rest of the girls field includes Idalou (9-4), the No. 3-ranked team by TABC in Class 3A, along with El Paso Montwood (7-8), El Paso El Dorado (6-4), Lubbock Monterey (7-5) and San Elizario (8-2), the No. 25-ranked team in Class 4A. Montwood, a District 1-6A foe, could potentially play Lee or MHS in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Lee is aligned with El Dorado, Idalou and San Elizario in Pool A, while MHS is in Pool B with Montwood, Hobbs and Monterey. The two pool winners will meet in the girls championship game.

"That saying 'iron sharpens iron,' we wanted to bring quality competition to make us better to get us ready for January and February," Acosta said.

Lee boys head coach Doug Gordon said the boys tournament was originally set up like the girls tournament, but a team backing out forced him to change the format to round robin.

Even with the round robin format, Gordon said the Tall City Oilman's Invitational will still recognize a boys champion and runner-up by virtue of records and will use tiebreakers if needed.

In the round robin format, Gordon said Amarillo Caprock (6-1) will avoid playing district rival Lubbock Cooper (2-5); MHS and Lee won't play each other and El Paso Americas (9-2) and El Paso Eastlake (5-3) won't match up.

However, Permian will face both Lee and MHS by design Friday.

"We decided to get the most games in because that's the most benefit to all the teams coming," Gordon said of the round robin format. "We tried for the most part in round robin to keep district teams from not playing each other with the exception of Permian. They wanted more games so they get to play everybody."

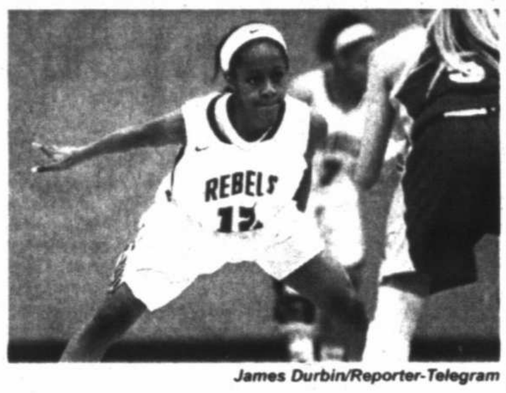
The boys field includes 2018 District 2-6A champion and regional tournament participant Odessa Permian, 2018 District 1-6A champion Americas and 2018 District 2-5A champion Eastlake. Cooper and Caprock were also 2018 postseason teams in Class 5A.

"It could be a highly competitive tournament," Gordon said. "You could play very good basketball and not win many games in this kind of tournament. But that's what we are trying to do is promote good basketball in the area."

Lee's traditional tournament is back for its second consecutive year after taking a hiatus in 2016.

"Coach Acosta has done a tremendous job of setting it up," Gordon said. "We've got tremendous help from both the girls and boys booster clubs. The community has just been gracious to us trying to help out with hotels, different discounts for teams coming in, making those kids feel special by helping them afford it."

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Destiny Stanford (12) guards against Frenship's Maci Maddox (5) in the Class 6A regional quarterfinal Feb. 20 at Follis Gym in Lamesa.

TALL CITY OILMAN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL
Boys
Round Robin Tournament
Thursday
At Chaparral Center
El Paso Americas vs. Odessa Permian, noon
El Paso Eastlake vs. Lubbock Cooper, 1:30 p.m.
Amarillo Caprock vs. Midland High, 3 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
At Lee
Amarillo Caprock vs. Lee, noon
Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Eastlake, 6 p.m.
Midland High vs. El Paso Americas, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
At Chaparral Center
Amarillo Caprock vs. El Paso Eastlake, 3 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
At Lee
Lee vs. El Paso Americas, 10:30 a.m.
El Paso Americas vs. Lubbock Cooper, 3 p.m.
Odessa Permian vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
At Midland High
Midland High vs. Odessa Permian, noon
Saturday
At Chaparral Center
Odessa Permian vs. Amarillo Caprock, 9 a.m.
Midland High vs. El Paso Eastlake, 10:30 a.m.
El Paso Eastlake vs. Lee, 3 p.m.
At Lee
Amarillo Caprock vs. El Paso Americas, 1:30 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper vs. Odessa Permian, 3 p.m.
Girls
Pool A: Lee, El Paso El Dorado, Idalou, San Elizario
Pool B: Midland High, El Paso Montwood, Hobbs, N.M., Lubbock Monterey
Thursday
At Chaparral Center
Lubbock Monterey vs. Hobbs, N.M., 10:30 a.m.
El Paso Montwood vs. Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
San Elizario vs. Lee, 6 p.m.
At Lee
Lee vs. Idalou, 10:30 a.m.
Idalou vs. El Paso El Dorado, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
At Chaparral Center
San Elizario vs. Idalou, 10:30 a.m.
El Paso Montwood vs. Hobbs, N.M., noon
El Paso El Dorado vs. San Elizario, 4:30 p.m.
Hobbs, N.M. vs. Midland High, 6 p.m.
At Lee
Lee vs. El Paso El Dorado, noon
Lubbock Monterey vs. El Paso Montwood, 4:30 p.m.
At Midland High
Midland High vs. Lubbock Monterey, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday
At Chaparral Center
Championship: Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner, 1:30 p.m.
Third-place: Pool A runner-up vs. Pool B runner-up, noon
At Lee
Fifth-place: Pool A No. 3 vs. Pool B No. 3, 10:30 a.m.
Seventh-place: Pool A No. 4 vs. Pool B No. 4, 9 a.m.

HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Gym Rice Boys Basketball Tournament
At Andrews ISD Performance Center
Thursday
Andrews vs. Snyder, 8 a.m.
Snyder vs. Lamesa, 11 a.m.
Levelland vs. Brownfield, 2 p.m.
Clint vs. Levelland, 5 p.m.
Andrews vs. Denver City, 8 p.m.
Friday
Lamesa vs. Brownfield, 8 a.m.
Denver City vs. Clint, 11 a.m.
Snyder vs. Shallowater, 2 p.m.
Levelland vs. Shallowater, 5 p.m.
Andrews vs. Clint, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Clint vs. Shallowater, 8 a.m.
Shallowater vs. Lamesa, 11 a.m.
Levelland vs. Denver City, 2 p.m.
Brownfield vs. Clint, 5 p.m.
Lamesa vs. Andrews, 8 p.m.
Kristen Corbin Girls Basketball Classic
At Andrews ISD Performance Center
Thursday
Shallowater vs. Levelland, 9:30 a.m.
Lamesa vs. Denver City, 12:30 p.m.
Midland Classical vs. Levelland, 3:30 p.m.
Denver City vs. Andrews, 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Levelland vs. Andrews, 9:30 a.m.
Shallowater vs. Lamesa, 12:30 p.m.
Midland Classical vs. Denver City, 3:30 p.m.
Shallowater vs. Andrews, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday
Lamesa vs. Midland Classical, 9:30 a.m.
Levelland vs. Denver City, 12:30 p.m.
Shallowater vs. Midland Classical, 3:30 p.m.
Lamesa vs. Andrews, 6:30 p.m.

Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic
At Stanton
Boys
Thursday
First round
Game 1: Colorado City vs. Big Spring, noon
Game 2: Coahoma vs. Stanton JV, 1:30 p.m.
Championship bracket
Semifinal
Game 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinal
Game 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Friday
First round
Game 5: Pecos vs. Ballinger JV, noon
Game 6: Reagan County vs. Stanton, 1:30 p.m.
Championship bracket
Semifinal
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinal
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Championship bracket
Final
Game 12: Game 4 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 1:30 p.m. at New Gym
Third-place
Game 11: Game 4 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 10:30 a.m. at New Gym
Consolation bracket
Final
Game 10: Game 3 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 1:30 p.m. at Old Gym
Seventh-place
Game 9: Game 3 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 10:30 a.m. at Old Gym

Girls
Thursday
First round
Game 1: Big Spring vs. Coahoma, 9 a.m.
Game 2: Colorado City vs. Snyder, 10:30 a.m.
Championship bracket
Semifinal
Game 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinal
Game 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Friday
First round
Game 5: Reagan County vs. Monahans, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Pecos vs. Stanton, 10:30 a.m.
Championship bracket
Semifinal
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinal
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3 p.m.
Saturday
Championship bracket
Final
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, noon at New Gym
Third-place
Game 11: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 12:30 p.m. at New Gym
Consolation bracket
Final
Game 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m. at New Gym
Seventh-place
Game 9: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 11 a.m. at Old Gym
Saturday
Championship bracket
Final
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 9 a.m. at Old Gym
Girls
Pool A: Garden City, Sterling City, Imperial Buena Vista, San Angelo Grape Creek
Pool B: Christoval, Water Valley, Grady, Robert Lee
Thursday
Pool A
Buena Vista vs. Grape Creek, 12:30 p.m. at Old Gym
Sterling City vs. Garden City, 3:30 p.m. at New Gym
Garden City vs. Buena Vista, 6:30 p.m. at New Gym
Sterling City vs. Grape Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Old Gym
Pool B
Robert Lee vs. Grady, 9:30 a.m. at Old Gym
Christoval vs. Water Valley, 11 a.m. at New Gym
Water Valley vs. Robert Lee, 2 p.m. at New Gym
Grady vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at New Gym
Friday
Pool A
Sterling City vs. Buena Vista, 11 a.m. at New Gym
Garden City vs. Grape Creek, 3:30 p.m. at New Gym
Pool B
Christoval vs. Robert Lee, 12:30 p.m. at Old Gym
Water Valley vs. Grady, 2 p.m. at New Gym
Championship
Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner, 8 p.m. at New Gym
Third-Place
Pool A runner-up vs. Pool B runner-up, 8 p.m. at Old Gym
Fifth-Place
Pool A No. 3 vs. Pool B No. 3, 6:30 p.m. at New Gym
Seventh-Place
Pool A No. 4 vs. Pool B No. 4, 6:30 p.m. at Old Gym

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At Garden City
Boys
Thursday
First round
Game 1: Imperial Buena Vista vs. Midland High JV, 9:30 a.m. at New Gym
Game 2: Sterling City vs. San Angelo Grape Creek, 11 a.m. at Old Gym
Game 3: Christoval vs. Robert Lee, 12:30 p.m. at New Gym
Game 4: Water Valley vs. Grady, 2 p.m. at Old Gym
Consolation bracket
Semifinals
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3:30 p.m. at Old Gym
Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 5 p.m. at Old Gym
Friday
Championship bracket
Semifinals
Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9:30 a.m. at New Gym
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 9:30 a.m. at Old Gym
Third-place
Game 11: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 12:30 p.m. at New Gym
Consolation bracket
Final
Game 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m. at New Gym
Semifinal
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 3 p.m.
Saturday
Championship bracket
Final
Game 12: Game 4 winner vs. Game 8 winner, noon at New Gym
Third-place
Game 11: Game 4 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 9 a.m. at New Gym
Consolation bracket
Final
Game 10: Game 3 winner vs. Game 7 winner, noon at Old Gym
Seventh-Place
Game 9: Game 3 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 9 a.m. at Old Gym

Two MHS players garner Academic All-State 1st team honors

From staff reports

The Texas Army National Guard and the Texas High School Coaches Association have recognized Midland High football players Callan Lancaster and Joshua Ramos on the 2018-19 Academic All-State First Team.

Other area football players honored on the first team include Greenwood's Jake Somers, Andrews' Jacob Mechler, Forsan's Caden Williams and Grady's Marshall Grady.

Big Spring's Cooper Miller was recognized on the Academic All-State First Team for Boys Cross-Country.

Texas High School Coaches Association
Academic All-State Team
Football
Class 6A
First team
Callan Lancaster, Midland High; Joshua Ramos, Midland High
Second team
Logan Acosta, Lee; Jeremy Luis, Lee; Smith Eastman, Midland High; Aaron Wood, Midland High
Honorable mention
Bryson Abila, Lee; Kai De Leon, Lee; Roger Herndon, Lee; Felix Hinojosa, Lee; Cody Lyon, Lee; Ian Ordonica, Lee; Kole Kirk, Midland High (manager)
Class 4A
First team
Jake Somers, Greenwood; Jacob Mechler, Andrews
Second team
Carsten Cook, Greenwood; Gaige Marquez, Greenwood; Reece Azam, Andrews
Honorable mention
Josh Nail, Greenwood; Seth Weatherby, Greenwood
Class 3A
Second team
Joseph Manning, Coahoma; Cassie Gutierrez, Coahoma (trainer); Emily Krabill, Coahoma (trainer)
Class 2A
First team
Caden Williams, Forsan
Second team
Zach Bailey, Forsan
Honorable mention
Kobe Richardson, Forsan
Class 1A
First team
Marshall Cox, Grady
Boys Cross-Country
Class 4A
First team
Cooper Miller, Big Spring
Girls Cross-Country
Class 4A
Honorable mention
Alana Besera, Big Spring; Analisa Blount, Big Spring; Chloe Bustamante, Big Spring
Class 3A
Second team
Kirsten Church, Stanton; Katie Harris, Stanton
Honorable mention
Payden North, Stanton
Class 1A
Honorable mention
Malerie Oviedo, Grady

Cardinals strike gold, get Goldschmidt from Diamondbacks

From the Associated Press

PHOENIX — The St. Louis Cardinals have struck gold in their search for a big hitter, getting All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt from the Arizona Diamondbacks in a multiplayer trade.

The Cardinals sent pitcher Luke Weaver, catcher Carson Kelly, minor league infielder Andy Young and a 2019 draft pick to Arizona in the deal Wednesday.

A six-time All-Star at 31, Goldschmidt was among the top players available in the trade market. He hit .290 with 33 home runs and 83 RBIs last season and has often finished high in the NL MVP voting.

St. Louis has missed the playoffs for three straight years, its longest absence since 1997-99. Goldschmidt has a $14.5 million salary next year, receives a $1 million assignment bonus for the trade and will be eligible for free agency after next season. The Cardinals believed they needed a boost in the middle of their lineup to compete with the likes of Milwaukee and the Cubs in the NL Central.

LATE HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS
ABILENE COOPER 60
LEE 57

ABILENE – Lee couldn't hold on to a five-point halftime lead in a close loss to Abilene Cooper.

The Rebels (2-7) had four players score in double figures, as Loic Fouonji led with 14 points, Zhuric Phelps had 12 points, Brian Leyva contributed with 11 points and Jaythan Jones added 10 points.

ABILENE COOPER 60, LEE 57
Lee (2-7) - Brian Leyva 11, Zhuric Phelps 12, Jaythan Jones 10, Trent Low 4, Shemar Davis 4, Loic Fouonji 14, Kyler Pettus 2
Cooper - Henry 16, Barley 15, Rodriguez 5, Favors 5, Lewis 2, McDonald 4, Davis 4, Jamison 9

LEE	15	14	10	18	–57
COOPER	11	13	19	16	–60

3-point goals – Lee 2 (Leyva, Jones), Cooper 6 (Barley 3, Rodriguez, Davis, Jamison). **Total fouls** – Lee 22, Cooper 10. **Fouled out** – Phelps, Fouonji.
Next: Amarillo Caprock at Lee, noon Thursday, Tall City Oilman's Invitational

GREENWOOD 62
COLORADO CITY 45

COLORADO CITY – Greenwood outscored Colorado City 33-18 between the second and third quarters to get a non-district road win.

Jordan Riley and Max Montes each led the Rangers (5-1) with 14 points and Brody Ray added 13 in his first game back after playing for the football team.

GREENWOOD 62, COLORADO CITY 45
Greenwood (5-1) - Brody Ray 13, Cameron Jones 1, Max Montes 14, Ryan Snodgrass 1, Jake Somers 2, Jordan Riley 14, Omarion Jamieson 9, Logan Jarvis 7, Jacob Maxwell 1
Colorado City - Smith 10, Monroe 9, Williams 8, Boone 15, Munoz 3

GREENWOOD	13	19	14	16	–62
COLORADO CITY	12	10	8	15	–45

Free throws – GHS 10-15, CCHS 13-24
3-point goals – GHS 4 (Ray, Riley, Jameson, Jarvis), CCHS 2 (Williams, Munoz). **Total fouls** – GHS 17, CCHS 16. **Fouled out** – Jarvis.
Next: Greenwood at Glen Rose Tournament, Thursday

MCS 65
MONAHANS 36

Joseph Venzant had a game-high 22 points to spark Midland Christian to a rout of Monahans at McGraw Event Center.

Porter Gotovac hit five 3s to finish with 15 points for the Mustangs (14-4).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 65, MONAHANS 36
Monahans - Calvin Sanchez 7, Lewis Wesley 8, Brandon Sanchez 2, JT Pittman 2, Chris Blair 4, Thomas Bolin 2, Adrian Fletcher 7, Payton Adams 4
Midland Christian (14-4) - Caden Norma 4, Mitch McCann 7, Porter Gotovac 15, Jonathan Aguirre 6, Daniel Elliott 8, Joseph Venzant 22, David Beebe 3

MONAHANS	11	7	10	8	–36
MCS	16	12	23	14	–65

3-point goals – Monahans 1 (Wesley), Midland Christian 8 (McCann, Gotovac 5, Aguirre 2). **Free throws** – Monahans 5-13, Midland Christian 17-23. **Total fouls** – Monahans 18, Midland Christian 18. **Fouled out** – None.
Next: Midland Christian vs. Abilene Cooper, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Cattclaw Classic in Abilene

MCA 65
LUB. ALL SAINTS 59

LUBBOCK — Trailing 50-39 through three quarters, Midland Classical beat Lubbock All Saints behind a dominant 26-9 fourth quarter.

Cort Miller led the Knights (6-1) with 23 points, Cole Miller had 16 points and Gabe Beattie chipped in with 11 points.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 65, LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 59
All Saints — Ash Burnstead 8, Cole Beasley 4, Benton St. Clair 9, Myles Tipton 18, Jackson James 10, Luke Maples 10
Midland Classical (6-1) — Conrey Echols 7, Cort Miller 23, Josiah McDougal 2, Cole Miller 16, Gabe Beattie 11, Caden Corzine 6

ALL SAINTS	15	20	15	9	–59
MCA	13	14	12	26	–65

3-point goals — All Saints (Burnstead, St. Clair, Tipton 2, James, Maples 2), MCA (Cort Miller 2, Cole Miller, Beattie 3). **Free throws** — All Saints 6-11, MCA 11-15. **Total fouls** — All Saints 12, MCA 13. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — Tipton, Cort Miller.
Next: MCA vs. Odessa Permian JV, 2 p.m. Thursday, El Ave Shootout, Crane

COAHOMA 39
REAGAN COUNTY 27

COAHOMA – Gage Clark had a game-high 13 points to lead Coahoma to a non-district victory over Reagan County.

Joe Manning added eight points for the Bulldogs.

COAHOMA 39, REAGAN COUNTY 27
Reagan County — Jaden Gonzalez 9, Seth Hernandez 3, Isaiah Perez 2, Pablo Hernandez 5, Isaac Perez 2, Jacob Gallegos 2, Justin Chavez 4
Coahoma — Brice Martin 2, Braxton Chandler 4, Joe Manning 8, Zack Schneider 5, M. Martinez 2, Gage Hill 2, Bryson Cline 3, Gage Clark 13

REAGAN COUNTY	7	4	7	9	–27
COAHOMA	12	5	8	14	–39

Next: Coahoma vs Stanton JV at Hooptown Classic in Stanton, 1:30 p.m. Thursday

FORSAN 53
BORDEN CO. 45

FORSAN – Kobe Richardson lit up the scoreboard with 36 points to lead Forsan to win over Borden County.

Richardson also had five rebounds, five assists and six steals for the Buffaloes, while teammate Paul Evans grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds.

FORSAN 53, BORDEN COUNTY 45
Borden County – T. Edwards 13, Cole 3, C. Edwards 2, K. Edwards 2, Burns 16, Yarbro 2, Allen 7
Forsan – Cayden Moran 5, Paul Evans 1, Aaron Gutierrez 5, Kobe Richardson 36, Jonathon Gabehart 6

BORDEN CO.	13	6	9	17	–45
FORSAN	13	12	17	11	–53

GRADY 55
RANKIN 30

LENORAH – Marshall Cox scored a game-high 17 points to lead Grady past Rankin.

The Wildcats surged to an 11-1 after one quarter and went into halftime with a 28-8 advantage.

GRADY 55, RANKIN 30
Rankin – Rice 5, Loftin 4, Quigg 4, Rodriguez 3, Gonzales 2, Templeton 4, Cura 1, Kirkland 3, Fouts 2, Seabourn 2
Grady – Cristian Jimenez 6, Sergio Reyna 9, Cole Short 9, Noah Garza 2, Isaiah DeAnda 2, Marshall Cox 17, Jordan Rodriguez 5, Jackson Welch 4

RANKIN	1	7	10	12	–30
GRADY	11	17	16	11	–55

GIRLS
SWEETWATER 57
MIDLAND HIGH 55

SWEETWATER — Midland High fell behind 17-8 in the first quarter, which was the difference in a close loss to Sweetwater.

Kobe Powell had a team-high 14 points for MHS (7-5), while Taysha Rushton and Za'Riyah Gilmore each scored 12 points.

SWEETWATER 57, MIDLAND HIGH 55
Midland High (7-5) - Teishia Dedell 4, Taysha Rushton 12, Sadie Govan 7, Za'Riyah Gilmore 12, Kobe Powell 14, Zoe Taylor 6
Sweetwater - Amber Knox 7, Navrah 2, Shawe Green 14, Tava Black 23, Kyla Daniel 7, Alex 4

MIDLAND	8	17	9	21	–55
SWEETWATER	17	16	7	17	–57

3-point goals - Sweetwater 2 (Knox, Daniel). **Free throws** - Midland 9-17, Sweetwater 17-26. **Total fouls** - Midland 22, Sweetwater 13. **Fouled out** - None.
Next: Midland High vs. El Paso Montwood, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Tall City Oilman's Invitational

COAHOMA 35
REAGAN COUNTY 32

COAHOMA – Caitlyn Corley scored a game-high 16 points to lead Coahoma to a non-district victory over Reagan County.

Paige Atkins added eight points for the Bulldogettes.

COAHOMA 35, REAGAN COUNTY 32
Reagan County — M. De La Cruz 2, C. Flores 4, S. Sosa 4, N. Goodloe 2, S. Darr 2, P. Baggett 3, C. Cervantes 2, M. Hernandez 13
Coahoma — Macee Grant 2, Caitlyn Corley 16, Paige Atkins 8, Jovi Gonzales 2, Abby Lopez 1, Cassie Grant 6

REAGAN COUNTY	12	8	5	7	–32
COAHOMA	8	10	10	7	–35

FISHING REPORT

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; main lake, started up the river; 57-64 degrees; 4.45 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cut and live bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 55-63 degrees; 0.17 feet low. Black bass are fair dead-sticking weighted soft plastics. Crappie are fair-on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 56-64 degrees; 12.13 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on weighted soft plastics fished slowly ; also dead sticked. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 43-51 degrees; 0.58 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, shakyheads and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around deeper structure. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 43-48 degrees; 0.12 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 42-49 degrees; 0.6 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and shakyheads. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on live bait and nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 43-50 degrees; 0.47 feet high. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 44-52 degrees; 20.01 feet low. Black bass are fair dead-sticking Senkos, on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut and live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 47-53 degrees; 0.07 feet high. Black bass are slow to fair on drop shot rigs, jigs, Texas rigs and shakyheads. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs around structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

SPENCE: 97.19 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs. No report on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

STAMFORD: Water stained to muddy; 52-63 degrees; 0.92 feet high. Black bass are fair on shakyheads, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows around structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 56-64 degrees; 0.14 feet high. This lake is currently experiencing a fish kill due to golden algae. Biologists are monitoring the situation and will post updates as they become available. Fish populations have been substantially reduced by the golden algal blooms.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 43-49 degrees; 23.12 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

CENTRAL

AUSTIN: Water stained; 48-54 degrees; 0.66 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs, spoons and jigs. Sunfish are fair on cut nightcrawlers and corn. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

BASTROP: Water stained; 70-74 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon Finesse worms and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on hot dogs and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

BELTON: Water murky; 69-73 degrees; 2.27 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 0.04 feet low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits, Persuader crankbaits, and pumpkinseed soft plastic worms over brush piles in 10-20 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on L/I Fishes and pet spoons off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait over baited holes in 12-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 69-73 degrees; 1.94 feet low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and white/chartreuse crankbaits in 8-20 feet. Striped bass are good on Zara Spooks, Red Fins, and drifting or free lining live bait in 25-40 feet on the surface early. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on watermelon tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on liver, minnows, and cheesebait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on live shad.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 71-75 degrees; 0.41 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon red Whacky Sticks on wacky rigs, Smokin' Green Devil's Tongues on drop shot rigs, and Texas rigged 6-inch pumpkin Scoundrel worms in 12-25 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on L/I Fishes at night. Smallmouth bass are fair on smoke grubs and 3/16-oz. pumpkin jigs in 12-28 feet early. Crappie are fair on minnows upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live goldfish and perch.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 0.20 feet low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on green striper jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Carolina rigged soft plastics over grass in 6-10 feet. Red ear perch are good on worms in 4-10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 0.12 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastic worms and lizards. Striped bass are good on green striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows, hellbenders, and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and live minnows.

GRANGER: Water murky; 69- 73 degrees; 0.51 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water murky; 68- 72 degrees; 0.97 feet low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits, clear stem baits, and chartreuse Whacky Sticks in 2-12 feet at daylight. Striped bass are good on L/I Fishes at night. White bass are fair on L/I Fishes at night. Crappie are fair on white tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on minnows and liver. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; 67- 71 degrees; 5.05 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 67- 71 degrees; 0.11 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 71- 75 degrees; 0.22 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on pet spoons and Charlie slabs. Crappie are good on minnows and green/black jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and cheesebait. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 68- 72 degrees; 8.55 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water murky; 69- 73 degrees; 0.02 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are good on dark soft plastic worms near the dam at night. Hybrid striper are good on silver striper jigs. White bass are good on cut shad and minnows near the power plant. Crappie are good on red wigglers. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shad and cut bait at the gravel pit. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish.

WHITNEY: Water murky; 68- 72 degrees; 0.37 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 25.88 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

Ryan Day paid coaching dues before getting Ohio State job

By Mitch Stacy
Assciated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When Urban Meyer started thinking about retiring, he realized he already had the ideal successor right there in the building in quarterbacks coach Ryan Day. So Ohio State bumped up Day's salary to $1 million per year after last season and promoted him to co-offensive coordinator to keep him around while Meyer pondered his future.

The 39-year-old Day, who will become the 25th coach in Ohio State history after the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, has never been a full-time head coach — which is rare at a major program hiring for its top job. But he's been known in the college football world for years as an up-and-comer, having already turned down a head coaching offer at Mississippi State before being promoted at Ohio State. Later, he said no to the Tennessee Titans, who wanted him as their offensive coordinator, to stay with the Buckeyes.

Meyer, who announced his retirement on Tuesday , said Ohio State was fortunate to have kept him.

"I think in trying to build the most comprehensive premier program in America, you also want to hand it off to someone at some point so it can get even stronger," Meyer said. "And my witnessing of the work Ryan has done made this decision not as difficult as I thought."

Day's stock rose even more after the spotlight was thrust upon him in August, when he guided the Buckeyes to a 3-0 record during Meyer's suspension for his handling of domestic abuse accusations against now-fired assistant Zach Smith. Day became a mentor to quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr., who broke single-season passing records this season in leading the Buckeyes to a 12-1 record and will be in New York this week as a Heisman Trophy finalist.

The Manchester, New Hampshire, native has sizable shoes to fill now. He will take over on the recruiting trail immediately for Meyer, who compiled an 82-9 record in seven years at Ohio State and won a national championship in 2014.

"We all know the tremendous job (Day) did and the challenging time," Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said. "He led our program through unbelievable adversity earlier in the year. He offers us terrific, terrific skill and talent."

Day worked as quarterbacks coach under Chip Kelly with the Philadelphia Eagles and San Francisco 49ers before joining the Ohio State staff. This was his 17th season overall in the professional and collegiate coaching ranks.

Day is a protege of Kelly, who recruited him to the play quarterback at the University of New Hampshire when Kelly was offensive coordinator there. Day started his coaching career in 2002 as tight ends coach under Kelly at his alma mater.

Day first worked for Meyer as a graduate assistant at Florida in 2005.

He coached receivers for a year under Al Golden at Temple (2006) and for five seasons at Boston College (2007-11). Day ran the offense and coached receivers at Temple in 2012, and in 2013 and 2014 he was quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at Boston College before moving to the pro ranks.

Day agreed to a five-year deal at $4.5 million per year at Ohio State. He said he didn't know yet whether he would retain the other current assistants, but it's been made clear that strength coach Mickey Marotti, a close Meyer friend who deals with players the most during offseason conditioning, will be among the support staff retained.

Major upheaval in the program Meyer helped build is not expected, Day said.

"I think any time there's a change in leadership, there's a different personality, there's a different style involved with it, different demeanor," Day said. "But we share so much in common that there's going to be a lot that's carried over.

"But over the next few weeks and as we get through the bowl game and after the bowl game, we're going to work through some of those things. But most of what (Meyer) has built here is going to stay. And as we go along, there's going to be some changes in terms of the way we do certain things, but our beliefs are strong."

Smith said he started having serious conversations with Day about being Meyer's replacement a few weeks ago. When Meyer decided to step down after the Big Ten championship game, Day got the formal job offer Monday night.

"Let's be clear," Smith said. "He's gotta win ball games. He knows that. Gotta win ball games."

MEYER

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Hayes — are all in the College Football Hall of Fame. This bodes well for Ryan Day, the 39-year-old first-time head coach.

Day's biggest challenge is not screwing up a good thing.

"Starting a program and fixing something that's struggling is much easier to me than maintaining," said Mack Brown, who at 67 is returning to coaching with North Carolina after 16 years as Texas coach. "When we won 10 games at Texas it wasn't enough."

For Brown and new Kansas coach and former LSU coach Les Miles, two former national champions in their 60s, just getting back in the game was enough. They both seem to welcome the lower expectations. When Steve Spurrier returned to college football from a failed stint in the NFL, he landed at South Carolina and was thrilled to — as he would so often say — accomplish things that had never been done before at the school. Gamecocks fans were giddy about the 10-win seasons Florida fans were complaining about at the end of Spurrier's time there.

A second-tier job with less pressure could be just what Meyer needs to continue coaching with a cyst on his brain that causes severe headaches and makes it difficult for an emotional guy to do a high-stress job.

"The style of coaching I've done for 33 years is very intense, very demanding. I tried to delegate more and CEO more and the product started to feel ... I didn't feel I was doing right by our players and by (athletic director) Gene (Smith)," Meyer said.

Now try to picture Meyer doing something even remotely similar to what Brown and Miles have taken on. Urban Meyer, Illinois coach. North Carolina State coach Urban Meyer.

Not happening.

Only a school with legitimate national championship aspirations could entice Meyer. That list is short. Even shorter is the list of schools that could allow him to have anything close to Ohio State-level success.

Notre Dame? Meyer already knows the limitations in South Bend that kept him away the first time.

USC? Southern California's penchant for hiring celebrity athletic directors doesn't seem conducive to luring a coach who has become accustomed to stable administrative leadership.

A lot of things would also have to fall into place for one of those few elite jobs to open just as Meyer is getting the itch to coach again, assuming he does. Think of everything that had to happen for Meyer to end up at Ohio State. What are the chances something like that could happen again?

Coaches coach and often do so well past retirement age. Meyer is 11 years away from that, so of course it is easy to expect him back on the sideline again. But to do so, Meyer would have to take a step back for the first time in his head coaching career.

Unless he goes to the NFL.

KINGSBURY

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major statistical success. Kingsbury's vaunted version of Leach's Air Raid offense has produced the nation's leading passer three times in his 11 years as a college coach.

After his firing at Tech, Kingsbury drew interest from collegiate and NFL teams seeking his quarterback expertise and offensive vision.

He chose to stay in the college game at powerhouse USC, which is coming off just its fourth losing season since 1961.

USC ranked 11th in the Pac-12 last season with 382.6 yards per game. Helton, the Trojans' former offensive coordinator, took over play-calling duties from Martin for the final four games of the just-completed season, but the Trojans finished 83rd in the FBS in total offense, 91st in scoring and 108th in rushing.

The Trojans scored fewer than 20 points in four of their seven losses, and USC has scored fewer than 20 points in eight games of Helton's 3½-year tenure. Texas Tech scored fewer than 20 points only nine times in Kingsbury's six seasons in charge.

Kingsbury has no previous ties to USC, and his hiring represents a break with tradition at a school that had strived for nearly a decade to recapture the glory of its dominant era under Pete Carroll.

The school already had a decades-long history of hiring and promoting from within its vaunted football program, and it unsuccessfully replaced Carroll with two of his former assistants: Lane Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian.

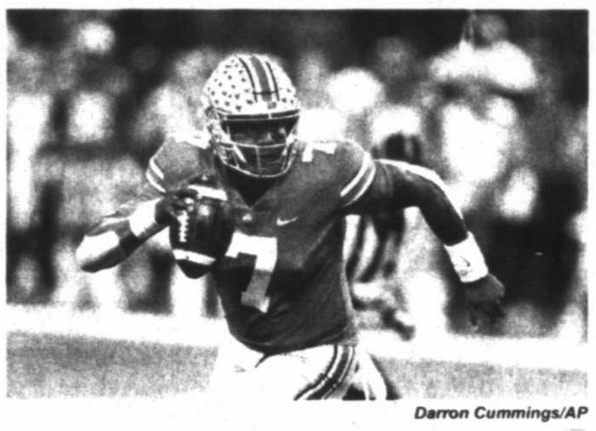
Kingsbury seems certain to create a new-look offense for the Trojans, who won the Rose Bowl and the Pac-12 in Helton's first two full seasons in charge.

After quarterback Sam Darnold left for the New York Jets last spring, the Trojans struggled with freshman J.T. Daniels behind center.

Daniels was considered the nation's top quarterback prospect when he arrived at USC, but he showed only flashes of that talent while throwing for 2,672 yards with 14 TD passes and 10 interceptions as a freshman. His 128.6 quarterback rating was 10th in the Pac-12.

Daniels' partnership with Kingsbury is tantalizing, particularly with talented receivers Michael Pittman Jr., Tyler Vaughns, Amon-Ra St. Brown and Velus Jones Jr. all expected to return along with running backs Stephen Carr and Vavae Malepeai.

Kingsbury will join Helton and returning defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast, whose group largely performed admirably during the Trojans' miserable season despite injuries. USC must hire a new offensive line coach after Neil Callaway was fired with four games left.



Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins (7) looks to throw Dec. 1 during the first half of the Big Ten championship against Northwestern, in Indianapolis. Haskins was named offensive player of the year when The Associated Press All-Big Ten Conference team was released Wednesday.

Darron Cummings/AP

Confident Haskins says his numbers are deserving of Heisman

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It was subtle, but that definitely was the Heisman Trophy pose that Dwayne Haskins Jr. struck in the end zone after throwing his fifth touchdown pass of the Big Ten championship game last weekend.

It wasn't quite the hey-look-at-me, Desmond Howard version, but it was an unmistakable Heisman stiff-arm, high-leg stance, even if just for a second.

"I wasn't planning it," the Ohio State quarterback said. "I felt it was the right moment for me to do that. I tried to be low key with it, but that didn't work. It wasn't a full-on Heisman pose, but it's a cool picture to have one day."

Why not? The supremely confident Haskins put up Heisman-worthy numbers, broke records and led his team to a 12-1 mark in a tumultuous season that will end with a trip to the Rose Bowl — two spots outside the College Football Playoff. The other two finalists, quarterbacks Tua Tagovailoa of Alabama and Kyler Murray of Oklahoma , led their teams to playoff berths.

The prize will be awarded Saturday night.

Haskins finished with 4,580 passing yards and 47 touchdowns, both of which led the nation. He broke 11 Big Ten and Ohio State single-season records. He's tied for 10th all-time for passing touchdowns in a single season in NCAA history. He was Big Ten offensive player of the year and MVP of the conference championship game.

After starting 12 games as a college quarterback, he'll likely enter the NFL draft, where he could be a first-round pick.

He remade the Ohio State offense in his own image, turning the Buckeyes into a pass-first team after four years of J.T. Barrett running for first downs. Then, late in the season, Haskins showed he could put his head down and run the ball effectively when he had to.

"The quarterback's dream is to sit back and pick a defense apart," Haskins said. "I gave coach (Urban) Meyer the confidence to do that. I gave coach (Ryan) Day and coach (Kevin) Wilson an opportunity to call great plays for me and execute them. We just had a whole bunch of fun this year."

The 21-year-old New Jersey native who played high school ball in Potomac, Maryland, is one of the best throwers ever to wear an Ohio State uniform. In the last two games of the season, against rival Michigan in the season finale and Northwestern in the conference championship game, Haskins threw for a combined 895 yards and 11 touchdowns.

"That's one of the best performances in the last two weeks in college football history," Meyer declared.

Just as important to Meyer — who will retire after his team plays in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1 — is the willingness Haskins showed to tuck the ball and run for tough yards down the stretch, which didn't come naturally to the pro-style quarterback.

"How do you measure a quarterback? Obviously, wins. But can he get and will he get the first down for you?" said Meyer, who had promised to fly Haskins to New York himself if his quarterback wasn't chosen as a finalist.

Like Barrett, his predecessor, Haskins showed poise beyond his years whether the offense was clicking or not.

"I think the biggest thing about Dwayne is he never gets too high and he never gets too low," senior wide receiver Parris Campbell said . "He's always poised."

Haskins said he knows Tagovailoa and Murray well from prep quarterback circles and considers them friends.

"Quarterbacks, we all are the alpha males, and we all compete against each other at all the camps, and we all know about one another," he said. "Kyler coming out of high school was the best quarterback in the country. Tua was like a god. And to be able to be in the same conversation with them makes me feel like I put the work in to be considered the best quarterback in the country. I have much respect for those guys."

Haskins said he first heard of the Heisman Trophy playing the NCAA Football video game as a kid. He'd always choose to be No. 7, the Ohio State quarterback, and he'd win the bronze statuette every time.

"We'll see how realistic that is this week," he said.

Broncos wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders hurt

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Although the schedule gets easier for the Denver Broncos this month, the degree of difficulty in reaching the playoffs keeps going up.

The Broncos (6-6) lost leading wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders to a torn left Achilles tendon on Wednesday. He was hurt in a non-contact drill at the beginning of practice.

The Broncos quickly claimed wide receiver Andre Holmes off waivers from Buffalo, giving them a seventh-year veteran to go with their four remaining receivers, all of whom made their NFL debuts this season.

Sanders, who led the team with 71 catches for 868 yards and four touchdowns in a bounce-back year, was injured on a routine route. He sensed the gravity of the injury as he crumbled to the ground, tearing off his helmet and rolling it away as teammates and trainers rushed toward him.

"It didn't look good," coach Vance Joseph said, adding Sanders "was sore last week in his heel area and he felt great today."

COWBOYS

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front is significant.

Lawrence has played the most snaps among defensive linemen by more than 100. He's getting the blocking attention of someone who tied for second in the NFL in sacks a year ago. And he's still stopping the run, something defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli says Lawrence has always done well.

"I think he is absolutely playing dynamic in every phase of the game," Marinelli said. "He's from sideline to sideline to screens to picking a screen off, to doing things exactly right. He can do everything. And he leads this defense by his effort. He's relentless."

Crawford believes another look at film from last season would reveal more missed assignments by Lawrence than this season, another reason to pick other things over sacks as the measure of Lawrence's worth. Lawrence also embraced the intangibles coming off his first big year.

"The guy has worked harder than I've ever seen him work, especially throughout the offseason and into the season," Crawford said. "He's become more of a leader in the locker room. The guy's been balling. He's just got to keep it up."

Lawrence's first season with double-digit sacks led to his first Pro Bowl and a franchise tag worth $17.1 million . The 26-year-old happily signed it, believing the security of a long-term contact would follow another solid season.

The sides never got close on that deal last offseason, and the question of another year on the franchise tag will hover until they get close, if they do. Lawrence has never let himself get bothered by that question.

"Last year is last year," he said. "Ain't nobody saying, 'OK, D-Law had 14 1/2 sacks, he deserves the Pro Bowl this year or he deserves to be in the Super Bowl.' It's all on me. Like I said, I embrace it. Absolutely I want to be better than 14 1/2 and I've got to keep working day in and day out in order to get there."

The Cowboys are measuring in other ways.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	331	259
Miami	6	6	0	.500	244	300
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	178	293
N.Y. Jets	3	9	0	.250	243	307

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	302	235
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	325	279
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	221	245
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	203	243

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	4	1	.625	346	282
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	297	214
Cincinnati	5	7	0	.417	286	371
Cleveland	4	7	1	.375	266	312

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	2	0	.833	444	327
L.A. Chargers	9	3	0	.750	340	249
Denver	6	6	0	.500	276	262
Oakland	2	10	0	.167	220	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	247	223
Philadelphia	6	6	0	.500	258	266
Washington	6	6	0	.500	233	257
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	267	315

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	419	269
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	304	306
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	318	355
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	296	333

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	344	241
Minnesota	6	5	1	.542	275	270
Green Bay	4	7	1	.375	281	287
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	254	316

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11	1	0	.917	419	298
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	319	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	175	310
San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	255	336

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Today's Game

Jacksonville at Tennessee, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon
N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon
Atlanta at Green Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Houston, noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, noon
Carolina at Cleveland, noon
New England at Miami, noon
Baltimore at Kansas City, noon
Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Minnesota at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	A Charlie Brown Christmas		Baking Show "Cake Week" (SP) (N)		Baking Show "Pastry Week" (N)		Big 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	The Big Bang (N)	Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T. "1000 Joules" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "B.J. Papa San"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP "Pilot"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Startled Stallion"		Twilight "Static"
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	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now (N)	Super-store (N)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Zero Tolerance"		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Test Kitchen "Home for the Holidays" (N)		The Purdue Christmas Show (N)		Holidays at Murray State (N)		Amanpour & Company (N)		This Old House Hour	
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jesus		Mi Marido Tiene Más Familia		Amar a Muerte		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Game	News	Jokers
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(4:45) Enemy of t...		★★★★ Bloody Sunday James Nesbitt.				★★★ The Hurt Locker Jeremy Renner.			(:15) ★★ CQ		
	HBO	300	350	14	14		Sandra...	News (N)	★★ There's Something About Mary				Sally4E	(:35) R. 104	R.104	Traffik ('18, Thril) Paula Patton.		
	HBO2	302	351	15	101	23	(5:25) Fist Fight		VICE	My Brilliant Friend		Camping	★★ The Prestige ('06, Dra) Christian Bale.			(:15) Inception		
	HBOS	304	352	16	102		(:15) ★★ 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.				★★★ The Fugitive Harrison Ford.				(:15) Darkest Hour ('17, Bio) Gary Oldman.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★ Splice		★★ Paycheck ('03, Sci-Fi) Ben Affleck.				★★ Collateral ('04, Thril) Tom Cruise.			TourBus	Movie	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★★ The Silence of the Lambs				★★ Funny Games ('07, Dra) Naomi Watts.				(:55) ★★ Lions for Lambs		Movie	
	PLEX			96			(5:00) Chinese Zo...		★★★★ Godzilla			(:40) Godzilla Raids Again			★★★ King Kong Jessica Lange.			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:55) ★★ Pearl Harbor Ben Affleck.				Denial ('16, Bio) Rachel Weisz.				Escape "Part Three"		★★ Vacancy	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:35) Changeling		The Space Between Us Asa Butterfield.						(:05) The House of Tomorrow	(:40) Bridge to Terabithia		
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	(:35) PD Cam	(:05) Live PD	(:35) Live PD
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Elf		National Lampoon's Christmas Vacati...				(:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation					Movie
	BET	58	-		40		To Be Announced						The Grand Hustle		The Grand Hustle	Martin		Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Top Chef		Top Chef "Finale"		Top Chef (N)		(:15) Top Chef		(:15) Watch	(:45) Dirty John		(:45) B.Deck
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	CoopCami	StuckMid.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	College Football Awards Show (L)				Championship Drive		Football Studio (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Texas A&M vs. Houston (L)				H.S. Basketball (L)				Champ.Drive (N)	The Herble (N)		Interrupt
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Cookie Challenge	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(:55) ★★★★ Toy Story Tom Hanks.				(:55) ★★★ Toy Story 2 Tom Hanks.				The 700 Club		Call Me Claus	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Ark Pine Bluff at Texas Tech Site: United Supermarkets Arena				NCAA Basketball Ohio University at Xavier Site: Cintas Center -- Cincinnati, Ohio				Cowboys Legends	Cowboys Insider	Formula E Preview	Formula E Preview
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) Sicario		★★★ The Wolf of Wall Street ('13, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.								★★★★ Sicario	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) A Majestic...		A Shoe Addict's Christmas				Christmas In Evergreen Ashley Williams.				The Nine Lives ...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipATL	FlipATL	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	FlipATL	FlipATL
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) Dear Secret Santa Tatyana Ali.		Jingle Belle (2018, Romance) Cornelius Smith Jr., Loretta Devine, Tatyana Ali.				(:05) A Twist of Christmas (2018, Family) Brendon Zub, Vanessa Lachey.				Jingle Belle ('18, Rom) Tatyana Ali.	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) Auctions "Kansas City, MO"		Curling World Cup United States vs. Canada -- Omaha, Neb. (L)							Mecum10	Mecum10	Mecum10
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Dare	Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Men in Black ('97, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.					★★ Men in Black II		
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(:10) ★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Robert Downey Jr..						Flyers "Greywing" (N)		(:55) Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead M...			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Stock Tip"	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Sein. "The Pitch"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Guest	Sein. "The Ticket"	Sein. "The Wallet"	Sein. "The Watch"
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) College Coa...		★★★ Blessed Event			★★★★ 42nd Street			(:15) ★★★★ Footlight Parade			
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		La Sultana (N)		Falsa Identidad (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	(:35) Thalar.	Falsa Identidad	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) 90 Day Fiancé "Ready to Run"		Return to Amish "Leaving Everything Behind" Mary must decide if she will rejoin the church.				Return to Amish "Donut Season"		Return to Amish		R.Amish "Leaving Everything Behind"	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Sense in the Sacrifice"		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Boston Celtics Site: TD Garden -- Boston, Mass. (L)					NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)				
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		2½Men		2½Men	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "The Good Son"		★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.							Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Fears"	Modern Family
	WGN	19	85				Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Married, Children	Married, Children

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DEAR ABBY



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DEAR ABBY: I gave birth to my daughter three months ago, after 44 grueling hours of labor. My mother, assuming I would want her in the delivery room, booked her flight, flew across the country and stayed at my house without asking when I'd like her to come to help me.

During her stay, she made comments about how she had flown 2,000 miles to "dog-sit" for me, that she knew she wasn't wanted, and had she known my daughter wasn't going to come on time (I was induced), she wouldn't have "wasted her vacation" to fly in early. The entire visit was miserable.

Without consulting my husband and me, she has now booked a flight to come and stay with us for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday, and I'm dreading the thought of her being here and worried this visit will be just as awful as the last. I'd like my daughter's first Christmas to be a happy occasion.

I asked my mother to change her flights and come in after the holiday, only to be met with the accusation "you're being selfish" from her and my stepfather. How do I tell them that I don't want them here for Christmas while minimizing hurt feelings? — PUSHED TOO FAR IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUSHED: It appears you not only have a pushy mother, but also one who has no filter. When she made the comments she did when she came to "help" after the delivery, did you tell her how offended you were? Or were you so weak from the struggle to give life that you wilted? If you didn't tell her how you felt, you have a communication problem.

Give your mother one more chance. Welcome her and your stepfather at Christmas and, if she makes a demeaning or unkind comment, CALL her on it! And when you do, tell her that in the future you and your husband prefer to invite your houseguests rather than have them descend upon you.

DEAR ABBY: Because my husband and I are reaching advanced years, we know we will soon have to downsize to a senior living facility. In anticipation, we have begun distributing keepsakes we have accumulated over the years. Many were gifts with special meaning. Some are heirlooms that have been passed down from previous generations.

When I helped my son with his garage sale recently, I was shocked to discover several of the keepsakes on display. I didn't know how to react, but I did speak to him about it. Apparently, he doesn't value them!

How should I handle future distribution of keepsakes, as there are more of them, some of which I had intended for him and his family? Apparently, his wife and son also have no interest in them. — SENTIMENTAL IN WISCONSIN

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: You now have two choices. You can either give the items as gifts to other family members, after first ensuring that they will be appreciated and treasured, or sell them and use the money to cover any expenses that may come up in the future.

P.S. If they have historical value, consider donating them to a museum or your state historical society.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The first discard

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠643
♡103
◇AK987
♣Q107

WEST
♠K105
♡Q987
◇J10654
♣9

EAST
♠Q972
♡K54
◇2
♣KJ543

SOUTH
♠AJ8
♡AJ62
◇Q3
♣A862

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♡

The late Bobby Richman was raised in the Cleveland area, but he fell in love with Australia on his first visit there as a young man and lived there for the rest of his life. He was a highly respected player as well as one of their most beloved personalities. Richman was South, in today's deal.

It is well known, at least by experts, that a defender will usually make his first discard from a five-card suit, if he has one. That knowledge can help in the play of a hand. The opening heart lead went to East's king and Richman's ace. The ace of clubs was followed by a club to the queen and king as West shed the four of diamonds. East lead a heart to West's queen — ducking would have been better — and West led a heart to declarer's jack.

Richman led a club to the 10 and jack, as West discarded the five of spades, and then rose with his ace to win the spade switch. The eight of clubs forced an uncomfortable discard from West, who chose to part with the king of spades.

Richman knew that West had started with five diamonds and considered the first discard of the diamond four. Would West have gone out of his way to shed the four if he had the two available? Probably not. Richman led a low diamond, and when West played low, Richman inserted dummy's eight! A diamond back to the queen and a heart put West on play to give dummy the last two tricks. Well done!

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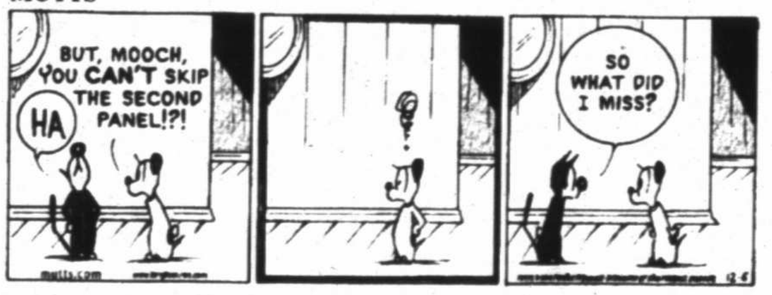
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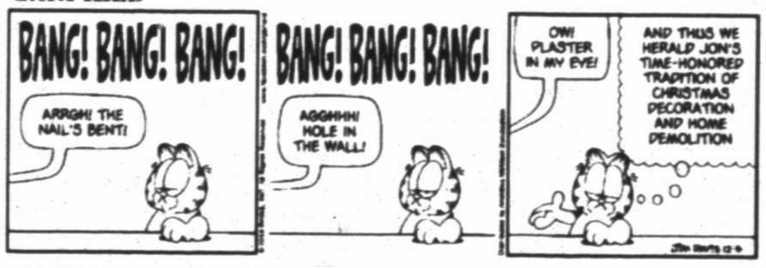
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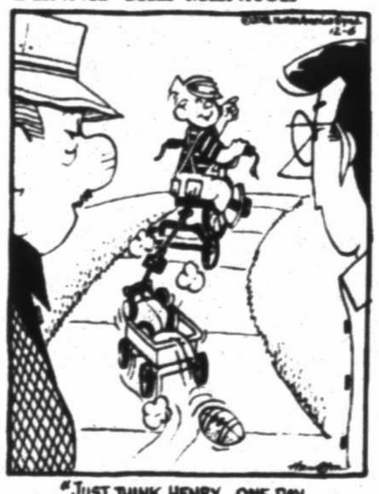


CLOSE TO HOME



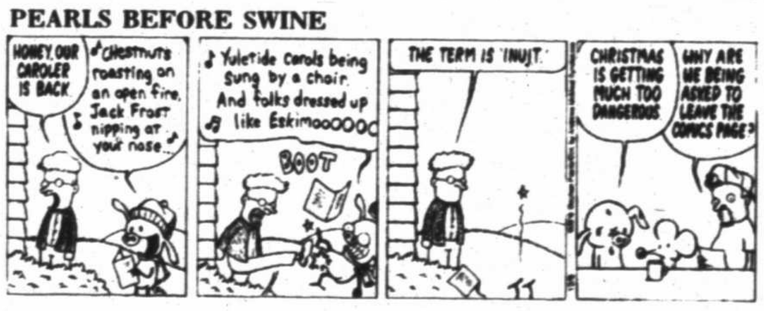
"Ya know, Mrs. Callahan, the balloons aren't really necessary when you make a balloon payment on your mortgage."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"JUST THINK, HENRY... ONE DAY HE'LL BE DRIVING A CAR."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID



LOCKHORNS



"WHAT HAVE I LEARNED? NEVER SAY TO LORETTA, 'CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG.'"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Grandma, how well did you know Santa Claus when you guys were younger?"

DILBERT



SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level 1 2 **3** 4

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8			6					
5			2		1			
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit ***sudoku.org.uk***

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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

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

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

CNAIP

NTTEH

LBPBEE

RULLAP



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

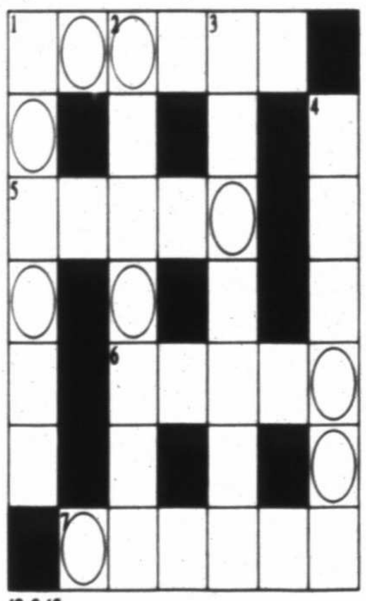
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIME PILOT JAGGED PIGEON
Answer: He didn't want to pay much for the off-road vehicle and was trying to get it — DIRT "JEEP"

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Light ___	CKSETO
5. ___ instrument	SASBR
6. Evidence, small bit	CRAET
7. Windy	REYBZE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Lease	EUSTLB
2. Roller ___	REOTCAS
3. Trap	SAEENNR
4. Cookie factory	YKRABE

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

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CLUE: ___ ___ was founded by Justin Ford Kimball in 1929.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Socket 5A-Brass 6A-Trace 7A-Breezy 1D-Slides 2D-Coaster 3D-Enamors 4D-Bakery 5-Blue Cross

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Free-speech inhibitor
7 Rep.'s opponent
10 Southwest art colony
14 From the beginning
15 Blood type letters
16 Palindromic French pronoun
17 Heist that really puts a burglar on the map?
20 Seeded
21 Corrida cheer
22 Cable network that airs vintage sitcoms
23 Place for rest and exercise
24 AFL partner
25 Retro renege?
32 "Me too"
33 Word with goal or detail
35 Remote power sources
36 Bucks
38 Top of le corps
39 Purplish reds
41 Oil __
42 Unexpected visit from a hippie?
45 Two for dinner?
46 Made a getaway
47 Performer with a record 21 Oscar nominations
51 ESPN broadcaster Shriver
52 Energy units
56 Scene-stealing understudy?
59 Sushi seaweed
60 Trauma ctrs.
61 Delicate
62 Did 90, say
63 Took a load off
64 Relaxed

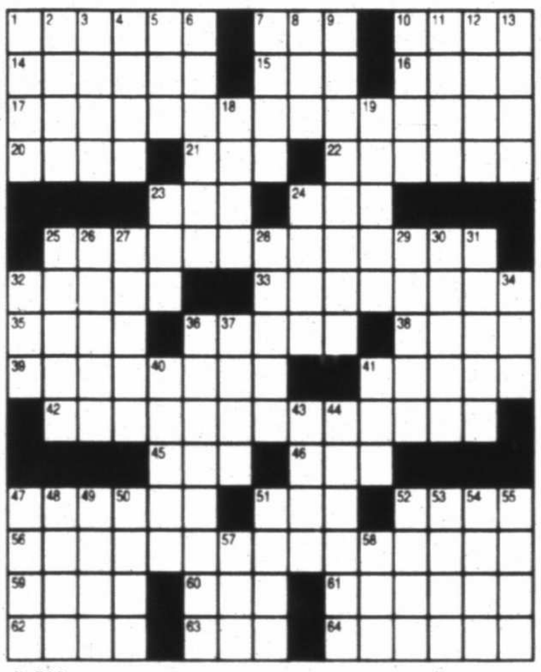
DOWN

1 Speaks freely
2 Spherical hairdo
3 Went up a size
4 Low-fat
5 Say "pretty please," say
6 Actress Goldberg
7 Oasis fruit
8 Weaken
9 Wednesday's mom
10 Blue-green hue
11 __-Seltzer
12 Lena of "Alias"
13 Really excite
18 __ Bator
19 Call to mind
23 Master moguls
24 Fenway great Yastrzemski
25 Corporate body
26 Red who put out fires
27 Jerry's neighbor
28 Help for a child at a parade
29 Like some bar offerings
30 Development sites
31 Grand __ National Park
32 __ bunt: productive MLB out
34 Mink lair
36 Marshmallow-filled treats
37 Burden
40 Clip
41 "__ appétit!"
43 "Shoot!"
44 Wyndham-owned chain
47 Taxpayer IDs
48 Firebird roof option
49 More than pink
50 City near Vance Air Force Base
51 Hissed attention-getter
52 Pop singer Brickell
53 "Mazes and Monsters" novelist Jaffe
54 Inner workings
55 Lid problem
57 FDR agency
58 __ King Cole

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	L	A	I	M	■	M	A	S	T	S	■	A	M	O
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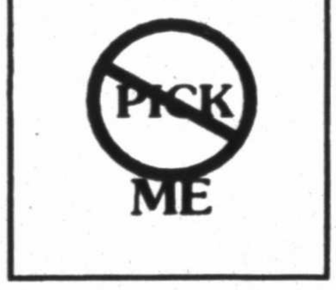
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1. Don't pick on me
2. A score to settle
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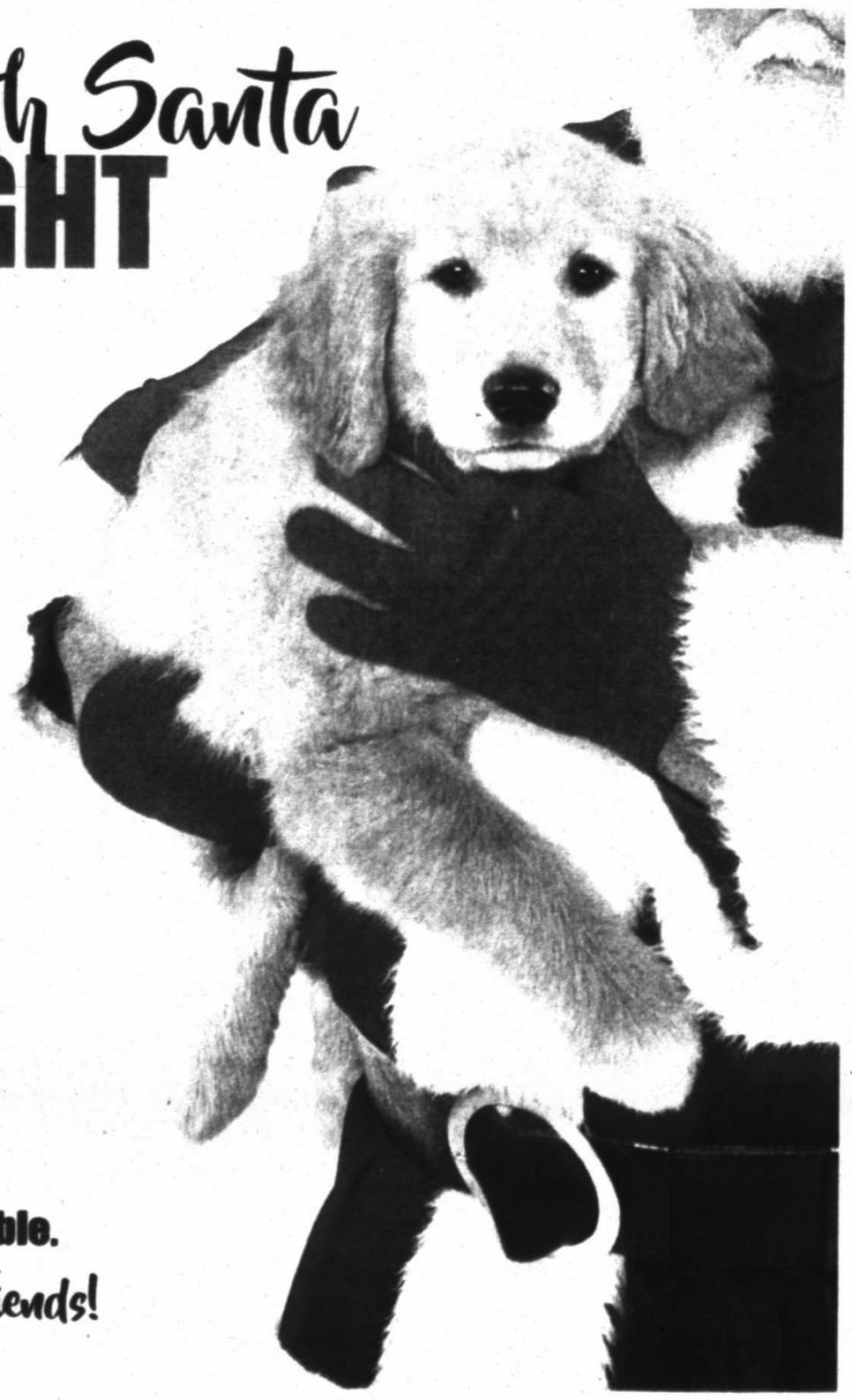
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of George M. Dunton, Deceased, were issued on December 4, 2018, in Cause No. P19632, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: David B. Dunton.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **L. Shane Stokes**
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 4th day of December, 2018.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for David B. Dunton
State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-8346
E-mail: sstokes@lcalawfirm.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mark Aaron Giebel, Deceased, were issued on November 29, 2018, in Cause No. P19644, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Georgina Margaret Giebel.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Austin L. Ramsey**
Attorney at Law
300 N. Marienfeld Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 29th day of November, 2018.

/s/ AUSTIN L. RAMSEY
Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Independent Executor
State Bar No.: 24073484
300 N. Marienfeld Suite 700
MIDLAND, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-2587
E-mail: aramsey@lcalawfirm.com

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Larry Richmond Stroud, Deceased, were issued on November 27, 2018, in Cause No. P19583, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Janie Eileen Stroud.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is: Janie Eileen Stroud; the attorney's address is:

c/o: Bryan D. Mackay
Attorney-At-Law
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
Odessa, Texas 79762

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.

DATED the 30th day of November, 2018.

Atkins, Hollmann, Jones,
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3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
Odessa, Texas 79762

By: Bryan D. Mackay
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 24075691

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Judkins T. Walton, Deceased, were issued on October 15, 2018, in Cause No. P19473, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Janet Walton.

The residence of the Independent Administratix is: Janet Walton; the attorney's address is:

c/o: Melanie Hollmann
Attorney-At-Law
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
Odessa, Texas 79762

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.

DATED the 28th day of November, 2018.

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Peacock, Lewis & Lyon
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By: Melanie Hollmann
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 24051266

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0313045
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 14, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 842460
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 19, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, [RRC Operator No. 027200] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Blk. 39, T&P RR CO Survey, A-441, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 23.6 miles NE direction from: RANKIN, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Dec 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	KASHMIR A	
Lease/Unit Well No.	2HU	
Lease/Unit Acres	655.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft.)	1.0	
Lease Lines	305.0 F NORTH L.	630.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines	305.0 F NORTH L.	630.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 305.0 F NORTH L. 630.0 F WEST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 48 Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 1184
Survey: T&P RR CO / FINE, J H
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L. 911.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L. 911.0 F WEST L.

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

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NELLIE B. FIELDS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on December 3, 2018 Letters Testamentary were issued to David Brunson Fields as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Nellie B. Fields, Deceased," being No. P19649 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to David Brunson Fields, P.O. Box 5204, Midland, TX 79704, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED: December 4, 2018

David Brunson Fields,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Nellie B. Fields, Deceased

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., December 19 2018 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RANDY ALAN BROWN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Independent Administration upon the Estate of Randy Alan Brown, deceased, were issued to Ryan Alan Brown, Independent Administrator on November 30, 2018, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Randy Alan Brown, deceased," No. P19645 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Wesley B. Strain, 500 West Texas, Suite 935, Midland, Texas 79701 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Ryan Alan Brown
Independent Administrator of the
Estate of Randy Alan Brown, deceased,
No. P19645 in the County Court
of Midland County, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN CAMPBELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of John Franklin Campbell, deceased, were issued to Robert A. McCleskey, Independent Administrator on November 14, 2018, in the proceeding styled "Estate of John Franklin Campbell, deceased," No. P19638 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Wesley B. Strain, 500 West Texas, Suite 935, Midland, Texas 79701 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Robert A. McCleskey
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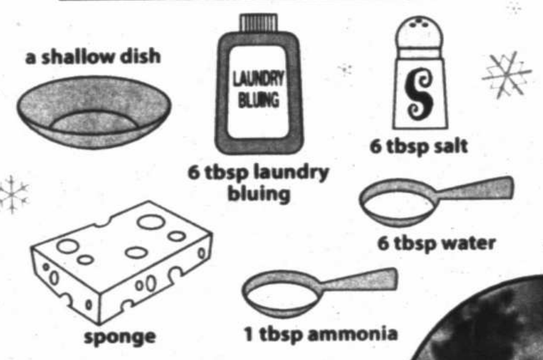
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HOLIDAY SCIENCE

Christmas Crystals

Put on your lab coat and some Christmas music, work with an adult helper and make a crystal tree grow!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



INSTRUCTIONS

1. In the shallow dish, mix together the water, salt, bluing liquid and ammonia. Stir until the salt dissolves.
2. Cut a sponge into the shape of a Christmas tree and set in the shallow dish.
3. Depending on the temperature and humidity, crystals should grow (crystallization) over the next 10 to 12 hours—the dryer the air the better. You can top up the solution to keep your tree growing.

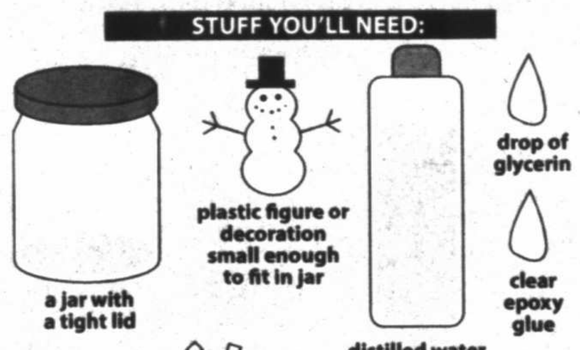


Standards Link: Science Investigation: Conduct simple experiments

Glittering Snow Globe

A science project that also makes a great holiday gift!

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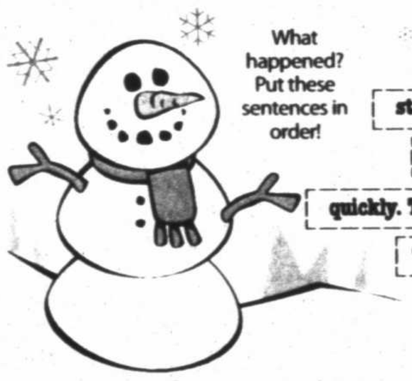




1. Glue your ornament or figure to the inside surface of your lid. Allow it to dry.
2. Fill the jar to the top with distilled water. Add glitter and a drop of glycerin. The glycerin will keep the glitter from falling too quickly.
3. Screw on the lid. Be careful not to dislodge your ornament.
4. Turn it over and watch it snow!

How many snowflakes can you find on this page?

What happened? Put these sentences in order!



- starts to evaporate—ammonia helps this happen
- combination of the salt and the bluing. Bluing
- quickly. The crystals that are left behind are a
- The sponge draws the solution up in just the same
- particles help the salt form crystals.
- way as a plant takes up water. The solution then

Extra! Extra!

Holiday Scavenger Hunt

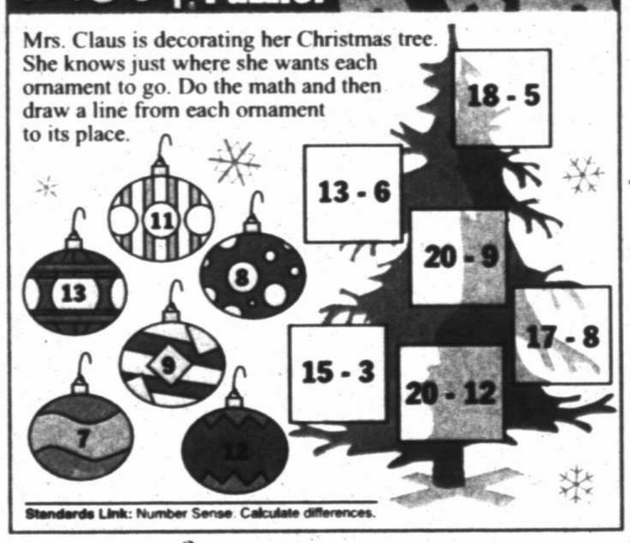
Look through the newspaper to find something:

- ❑ sweet
- ❑ made from crystals
- ❑ about trees
- ❑ about Santa
- ❑ about winter weather

Standards Link: Research: use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mrs. Claus is decorating her Christmas tree. She knows just where she wants each ornament to go. Do the math and then draw a line from each ornament to its place.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate differences.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

GLITTERING
CRYSTALS
DISSOLVE
GLYCERIN
GROWING
SPONGE
SCREW
SWEET
WATCH
SNOW
DISH
GLUE
TREE
JAR
MIX

C	G	L	Y	C	E	R	I	N	H
G	H	H	R	T	G	I	S	T	S
N	C	M	A	L	N	J	S	L	I
I	T	G	U	B	O	R	A	O	D
W	A	E	X	S	P	T	W	R	I
O	W	D	I	S	S	O	L	V	E
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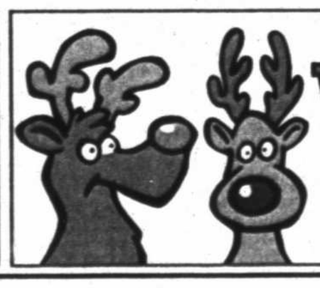
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns

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News Talk

Look through the newspaper for different ways to start sentences. Find examples of startling statements, quotations, prepositional phrases, questions and more.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use reading skills and strategies to interpret informational text.



Which reindeer have trunks?

ANSWER: The ones going on vacation.

Weekly Writing Corner

Winter Poem

Students describe winter in a poem.

When winter sails in like a boat on the sea,
I'll be waiting, just watch for me,
The lights will be sparkling; the air will be cool,
Quite nice and brisk, now don't be a fool,
When winter sails in like a boat on the sea,
I'll be waiting, just watch for me.

Anna, 5th grade

It's winter time, time for a rhyme
Snow comes into the tiny town
Burying it in a white fluffy crown.
Smack, right in the face
Snowball making has become an intense race.
Riding down a downy white street
If I make it, it will be an amazing feat.

Carlson, 6th grade

Winter is like a big squishy and soft pillow.
Winter looks like a big freezer.
Winter smells like a fresh batch of cookies coming out of the oven.
Winter tastes like vanilla ice cream with strawberry sauce and a cherry on top.
Winter feels like shivers down your spine.
Winter sounds like bells making a beautiful melody.

Millan, 4th grade

I sit in the window, waiting for snowflakes.
Smelling the scent of the pie that bakes
I think I'm going into the yard
But wading through blue slush is quite too hard.
Now my nose is pink from the cold
Still waiting for snow, I'm getting old,
Grayish, bluish, purplish sky
It's so cold I feel I'm going to die.
Cookies piled on my plate
It's winter — wait let's celebrate!

Allison, 6th grade

The frost bites at my nose and cheeks, making my face pink and cold. Little flakes fall on my clothes, leaving a little spot of art, beautiful and delicate. My boot-covered feet crunch on the crisp, new-fallen frost, white as powdered sugar. Overnight, a quiet has come over the town, making every noise seem one hundred times louder. The snow falls thicker and faster, sticking to my knitted hat and my shoulders. A gusty wind blows the snow in circles. I feel like I'm in a winter wonderland.

Emma, 7th grade

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