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Shale holds key to expected OPEC deal

With prices near $60 a barrel, oil output plans could be undercut by US drillers

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

OPEC and its partners are expected (today) to extend a pact to keep crude off the market to support oil prices and further drain a worldwide glut that has weighed on Houston's energy industry and economy for more than three years.

Anticipation of a deal to maintain oil production cuts of 1.8 million barrels a day through the end of next year has spurred a rally in commodity markets in recent weeks, pushing U.S. crude prices within reach of the key $60 a barrel threshold.

But even if OPEC and other major producers, such as Russia, make — and stick to — an agreement to extend the output reductions first adopted a year ago, the key to their success may lie in the shale fields of Texas, Oklahoma and other parts of the

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GETTING THE BEST

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MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick speaks Wednesday at the Gifted and Talented Parents Association meeting at the downtown library.

Riddick addresses readiness for gifted, talented students

By Simone Jasper
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Superintendent Orlando Riddick on Wednesday said Midland ISD can develop ways to address readiness and keep students engaged throughout their K-12 education. He also told parents of gifted and talented students that the work doesn't have to be done in isolation.

"I want to be sure that they feel that their kids are getting the best," Riddick said after the GT Parents Association meeting at the Midland County Public Library downtown branch. "I want every parent to know that that's what I want for their kids, whether they're in a GT program or they're just in our regular program."

Riddick spoke for more than one hour to a group of about 40 people, which included parents and MISD personnel. Some parents expressed concern about the lack of technology and rigor in secondary classrooms and asked questions related to students who are ready to work at higher levels.

The superintendent said some school structures have long existed and that there's a gap for advancing learners. He said the district can examine ways to address student readiness based on giftedness or interest in specific areas.

Riddick said MISD has a strong GT program at the elementary level and doesn't know what the future could look like for junior high and high schools.

"I think those are things that we have to consider," Riddick said. "I think that we have to have some kind of hybrid of a method in how we look at things, whether it be a building, a classroom or a portion of an academy of some type."

For Rooney Mestas, president of GTPA, the topic of readiness stood out. She said some GT students had been kept at certain levels even though they were prepared to work ahead.

"I really like that he is willing to get

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MC is raising funds for new dining hall

■ College hopes to break ground in 2018

By Simone Jasper
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Construction on a new facility could soon be underway at Midland College. President Steve Thomas said MC's goal is to break ground next year on a dining hall.

The college is close to raising enough money for the June and Frank Cowden Dining Hall, according to Thomas. He said having a new dining hall will give the campus more capacity to serve students.

"This is part of a master plan that we started working on several years ago in just looking at what our needs are for the future," he said Monday. "One of the projects that we really needed to become a priority for us is to build a new dining hall because our existing Jack E. Brown Dining Hall — we've just outgrown it."

The facility will be constructed to the east of the Scharbauer Student Center and connect to that building. The project includes 14,000 square feet of new space, as well as 3,800 square feet of renovated student center space, according to Thomas. He said the existing building has a kitchen that will be expanded to serve both a snack bar and the dining hall.

"By putting it here in the middle of the campus, we think that's going to be a real hub for the campus for student activity," he said. "Students can go there, and they can do the full dining cafeteria-style or they go to the snack bar."

The college decided to forgo a capital campaign or bond issue and instead received donations from employees and members of the board of trustees and Midland College Foundation, according to Thomas. He said MC is sending letters focusing on the project and hopes to get enough response to reach its goal.

"The total is $8.5 million, and we've raised over $6 million," Thomas said. "We're close enough that I think we can be optimistic that we can break ground in 2018."

The Jack E. Brown Dining Hall will undergo renovation and become a conference hall, according to Thomas. The space is set to contain the college's Petroleum Professional Development Center and Food Service and Hospitality program.

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Midland man sentenced on four felony charges

From staff reports

A 30-year-old Midland man was sentenced to prison on Wednesday after pleading guilty to four felony charges.

Judge Dean Rucker sentenced Justin Lee Perez to 20 years for evading arrest in a motor vehicle and two charges of possession of a controlled substance and 10 years for failure to appear, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office. He also was fined $2,500 each for the evading arrest and failure to appear charges.

The sentences will be served concurrently, according to the release.

Political quake hits Texas' congressional delegation

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

Six gone, and counting: It usually takes a brutal round of redistricting to get rid of this many members of the Texas congressional delegation.

This is not yet a record, but the quitting season has a couple of weeks left. Not everyone in the state's 36-member delegation to the U.S. House has filed for re-election, but just a few months ago, nearly all were expected to.

Things changed rapidly; at least a sixth of those people are leaving, and more could join them.

The Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin posted a helpful recent history on congressional turnover; what's notable here is the number of voluntary departures. A half-dozen members of the state's congressional delegation have announced they won't seek re-election in 2018: Gene Green, D-Houston; Jeb Hensarling, R-Dallas; Sam Johnson, R-Plano; Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, who will instead seek the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz; Ted Poe, R-Houston; and Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio.

That doesn't mean the other 30 seats Texas holds in the U.S. House won't change. U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, is embroiled in a sex scandal that began with a naked selfie or video sent to a romantic partner during a separation before the congressman's divorce. That came to light when someone posted on social media what Barton had apparently hoped was a private image. After The Texas Tribune's Abby Livingston broke that story, the Washington Post followed, reporting that Barton had threatened an unidentified woman he would go to the Capitol Police in Washington if she exposed his behavior.

Now he's got the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and some folks back home, including Tim O'Hare, the chairman of the Tarrant County GOP, asking him to step aside. He's attracting new opponents into a re-election race that, without the revelations, should have been an easy one. If he heeds those voices in his 6th Congressional District, he could become No. 7.

It usually takes an earthquake to have this kind of political turnover. Redistricting does to a political map what a real earthquake does to the landscape; the last time Texas saw this many new people in its congressional delegation was more than a decade ago. Democrats were in the House majority in 2001, when the Texas Legislature was supposed to draw new political maps. Political differences kept the Legislature from finishing the job and the Legislative Redistricting Board, a gathering of high state officials that included four Republicans and one Democrat — finished it for them.

Republicans took the majority in the House after the 2002 elections that used those maps (Republicans took the Texas Senate after the 1996 elections). They selected the first Republican state House speaker since Reconstruction — Tom Craddick of Midland. And then they proceeded, with help and prodding from then-U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, to redraw those political maps — an unusual mid-decade effort to make the maps more Republican than they already were.

It worked. With defeats of six Democrats and one party change (Democrat Ralph Hall of Rockwall joined the GOP), the 2004 elections flipped the majority of the state's congressional delegation to the Republicans for the first time in more than a century.

This time, the delegation isn't even waiting for the state's voters. Three incumbent Republicans — John Culberson of Houston, Will Hurd of Helotes and Pete Sessions of Dallas — are in seats that have drawn the interest of Democrats. Those congressmen were re-elected in 2016, but Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump in their districts — a result that has attracted the interest of Democrats looking for possible pickups.

The rest of the state's seats are considered safe, at least on paper, for the parties that now hold them. While it would be a genuine political upset to flip any of those in November, the primaries aren't necessarily secure for incumbents.

All that is a way of saying six incumbents in the delegation are voluntarily leaving, and others might join them before the Dec. 11 deadline for candidate filing. And after that, 2018's March 6 primaries and Nov. 6 general elections might further add to those numbers.

Obituaries

David Cleveland Askew

On Thursday, November 23, 2017, Heaven gained another angel, David Cleveland Askew, 77, of Merkel.

David was born in Gavilan, New Mexico to Marjorie Howard Askew and Winfred "Pete" Askew. After school, he moved to Midland and worked for over 50 years as a metal lather before retiring. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time at his lake house.

David was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 41 years, Leathy Mary Askew; and brothers, Arthur Askew and Larry Askew.

He was survived by his wife of 15 years, Sharon Askew of Merkel; daughter, Kathy Culpepper and husband Gary; sons, David Askew and wife Robin, and Jesse Askew and wife Raquel; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Winfred, Roger, Randy, Kathy, and Timmy; and by his extended family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. All floral offerings should be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Peggy Maxine Cardwell

Peggy Maxine Cardwell was born on January 2, 1930 on a farm near Stroud, Oklahoma to John Lay and Irene (Byars) Lay. Peggy passed from this life on Friday, November 24, 2017 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 87.

Married on March 20, 1948 in the Texas panhandle, Peggy and husband Aubrey Louis Cardwell lived for a short while in Midland, Texas before moving to Tulsa.

Peggy was a homemaker for most of her married life, to the benefit of her children while growing up. Later, she worked for Consumer's Oil Company and subsequently as a neonatal nurse's aide at Hillcrest Hospital.

time member of Crosstown Church of Christ, joining over 50 years ago when it was known as Eastside Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Aubrey; sisters, Virginia Alene and Carmaletia; step-brother, Bill Lay (Elston); and a son, Michael Lee Cardwell.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Lou Reed of Jenks, Oklahoma; son, Aubrey Lynn Cardwell and wife Linda, of Midland; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be at Ninde Brookside Chapel, 3841 S. Peoria, on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Crosstown Church of Christ, with interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ninde Brookside Chapel, www.ninde.com, 918-742-5556.

Sandy Gomez Nunez

Sandy Gomez Nunez left this earthly world on November 27, 2017, surrounded by her family.

She was born July 30, 1937 in Mertzon, Texas to Luz and Manuela (Flores) Gomez, Sr.

She is survived by six children, Anna and Louis Dominguez, Martha Longoria, Rudy and Cathy Longoria, Debbie and Rocky Elkins, Don and Janice Douglas, and Donna Douglas; brothers, Pete and Katy Gomez and Luz Gomez, Jr.; and sister, Linda and Manuel Huerta .

She leaves a legacy of 18 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Mom had an adventurous life, living many places all over the world. She returned to West Texas to raise her children and help spoil her grandchildren. She worked in many different jobs throughout her working life but her happiest was working at Irion County School, especially interacting with the kids while driving the bus. She retired from there in 1999. She had many friends but her favorite times were spent with family. She always had an open door for any and all who came her way. She was a very loving person and will be missed greatly.

Mom, we love you more than words can say. Thank you for all of your love and support over the years. Our memories of the good times we spent with you will be kept in our hearts forever.

Rosary will be at Gutierrez Funeral Home, 1002 N. Oakes Street, San Angelo, Texas on November 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be at St. Peter's Catholic Church Mertzon, Texas on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., with burial following at the Mertzon Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren Zack Acosta, Abel Molina, Matt Longoria, Clay Elkins, Taylor Douglas, and Krystal Douglas.

like to give special thanks to Hospice of Midland and the Rockwood Nursing Center.

In lieu of flowers, family is requesting donations be made to Hospice of Midland.

Vera E. Napier

Vera Elizabeth Stringer Napier, "Mamaw," 86, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on Monday, November 27, 2017 surrounded by family and caring staff at Senior Care of Midland.

She was born in North College Hill, Ohio on September 17, 1931. She spent her youth helping farm tobacco and peanuts while living in both Benton and Paducah, Kentucky before relocating to Cincinnati, Ohio where she graduated from East Vocational High School of Cincinnati. She studied to become a seamstress while working at Romans Department Store as a clerk before being promoted to a buyer at a young age. Sewing remained one of her passions up to the time of her death.

Vera met Asbille Napier in the spring of 1952. After a short courtship, the two were married on June 27, 1952. They were married for 54 years at the time of Asbille's passing in February 2007. Vera was a hardworking wife and mother to seven children while working full-time at various jobs including RCA and Van Leunens helping support her family.

She was fun loving and enjoyed large family gatherings and time spent with friends playing cards, bowling, and working jigsaw puzzles. She was a member of the Red Hat Society in Midland and Odessa, as well as the New Comer's Club of Midland. She loved going to the theatre, working out at Curves, traveling from Texas to Oklahoma to Ohio to see kids and grandkids and ice cream socials. She was the proud mommy to two adorable dogs (Pugslee and Little Bit) that were her constant companions and travel partners.

Vera is survived by the children of her oldest son Jimmie - Tonja, Toby, Dusty, Shane, Jimmie, and Sabrina; her daughter, Vera Ellen Napier McDaniel, her husband Stephen McDaniel, and their three sons - Joshua, Jeremy, and Chris; her daughter, Cheryl Ann Napier Young and her children - Heather, Michelle, Tracy, Michael, Anthony, and Bobby; her daughter, Carol Lynn Napier Gullett, her husband Randy Gullett, and their children - Brandy, Joseph, Ashley, and Jessica; her daughter, Brenda Fay Napier Knorr, her husband Gary Knorr, and their two sons - Kevin and Martin; and her son, Dennie Ray Napier.

She is also survived by 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Asbille Napier; her Napier; her youngest son, Jerry Alan Napier; and by her grandson, Corey Robert McDaniel (son of Vera and Steve McDaniel.)

There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial service with prayer under the direction of Reverend Cheryl Homsher of Grace Presbyterian Church of Midland on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Graveside service is under the direction of EC Nuree Funeral Home in Bethel, Ohio with Associate Pastor Steve Fultz of Bethel United Methodist Church officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be Toby Joe Napier, Joshua Adam McDaniel, Joseph Asbille Gullett, and Kevin Joseph Knorr.

The family would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the caring nursing and support staff at Midland Senior Care for showing genuine care for the comfort and medical needs of our mother during such a difficult time. We would also like to thank MASA of Midland for finding homes for Mother's two best friends, Pugslee and Little Bit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Vera Napier to MASA at midlandpets.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Death Notices

LaVoe Peeler

LaVoe Peeler, 87 of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Friday, December 1, 2017.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

LaVoe is survived by her husband, Kenneth A. Peeler; sons, Kyle Peeler and Bruce Peeler; and two brothers.

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Two Democrats poised to jump into governor's race

By Peggy Fikac and Allie Morris
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN — Democrats appear to be headed for a contested primary for governor between candidates who showcase different aspects of the long-losing Texas party's message.

Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, who has tangled publicly with Republican Gov. Greg Abbott over so-called sanctuary city policies, submitted her resignation from her local office because she plans to run for governor, according to reports from Dallas media.

Valdez, 70, grew up in San Antonio, the youngest of eight children. She served in the U.S. Army.

And Houston entrepreneur Andrew White, the son of the late Democratic former Gov. Mark White, has been exploring a run for governor and said he plans his announcement next week. He left little doubt of what it will be.

"It would be a terrible announcement if my announcement was I wasn't going to run," White told the San Antonio Express-News. He has said he doesn't care if he's described as a moderate Republican or a conservative Democrat.

Either would have an uphill battle against Abbott, who has a campaign warchest of more than $40 million and trounced Democrat Wendy Davis in 2014. A Democrat hasn't won election to statewide office in Texas in more than two decades.

RIDDICK

From 1A

outside of the box and open things up and allow more accelerated learning for those kids who are ready for it," Mestas said. "I do think that's something that we as a group will readdress."

Mestas said the GTPA wanted to hear Riddick's perspective about topics related to GT students and hoped the meeting would help the association formulate its agenda.

The GTPA discussed a 2017-18 mission of improving test scores for Advanced Placement exams, according to minutes from last month's meeting.

Riddick on Wednesday addressed student scores when he presented a question related to students who have high grades in AP classes but fail the exams.

Mestas said the topic is an indication that the curriculum or teachers aren't preparing students for exams. The GTPA recently gathered Midland and Lee high school AP test results for the past five years and found they were sometimes below the global and Texas mean scores.

"It tells me we're not where we need to be," Mestas said. "Our students have the potential to have passing scores on these AP exams, and they're not being adequately prepared for these exams. That's what it tells me on the whole."

Mestas said there are now plans for AP preparation to start this spring during the student advisory period.

Also during Wednesday's meeting, Riddick spoke about his personal connection to GT programs as a parent and a former educator in secondary schools.

"I want to let them know that their superintendent, as well, is not disengaged from what they have gone through as a parent," Riddick said. "As a parent, when I put my parent hat on, I've had my students who had their experiences, as well."

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adjective
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Things to do

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ "Incoming!" dome show, 1 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ "Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" dome show for children, 4 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ Centennial Family Night features a variety of games for the entire family, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Fa-la-lalapalooza Christmas Party and tree lighting, 5-8:30 p.m., Occasions Fine Jewelry, 2308 W. Loop 250 N. Hot cocoa, cider, carolers and visits with Santa Claus. New, unwrapped toy donations will be accepted.

■ Starbright Village and Community Tree Lighting, 6-11 p.m., McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, Odessa. Free. odessatxparks.org.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Boom or Bust: "The World without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book, 7 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa.

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

■ Koe Wetzel, Grant Gilbert, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $12. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

See more information on the weekend's entertainment calendar in Weekender in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Meetings

Hospital District
11:45 a.m.
Administration boardroom

City to light Christmas tree

The city of Midland's annual Christmas tree lighting and parade are the first two weekends in December.
The tree lighting is 6 p.m. Saturday at Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" Street.

The Christmas parade will be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9. The theme this year is Midland's Merry Emoji Christmas. The parade route will follow "A" Street from Ventura Avenue (near Windlands Park) to near Midland High School. Road closures along "A" Street will begin at 4 p.m.; drivers are advised to use an alternate route.

To register a parade float or to learn more, please visit www.midlandtexas.gov or call 685-7379. Parade entry registrations will be accepted until Dec. 7.

TxDOT closure

Texas Department of Transportation crews will be working on service roads at the intersection of Highway 158 and Highway 191 in Midland County (1 mile west of west Loop 250) today. Expect lane closures and slight delays.

When it's open

Centennial branch
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
2503 W. Loop 250 N.
432-742-7400

Downtown branch
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
301 W. Missouri Ave.
432-688-4320

Midland Municipal Court
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (M, T, W, F)
8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday
201 E. Texas Ave.

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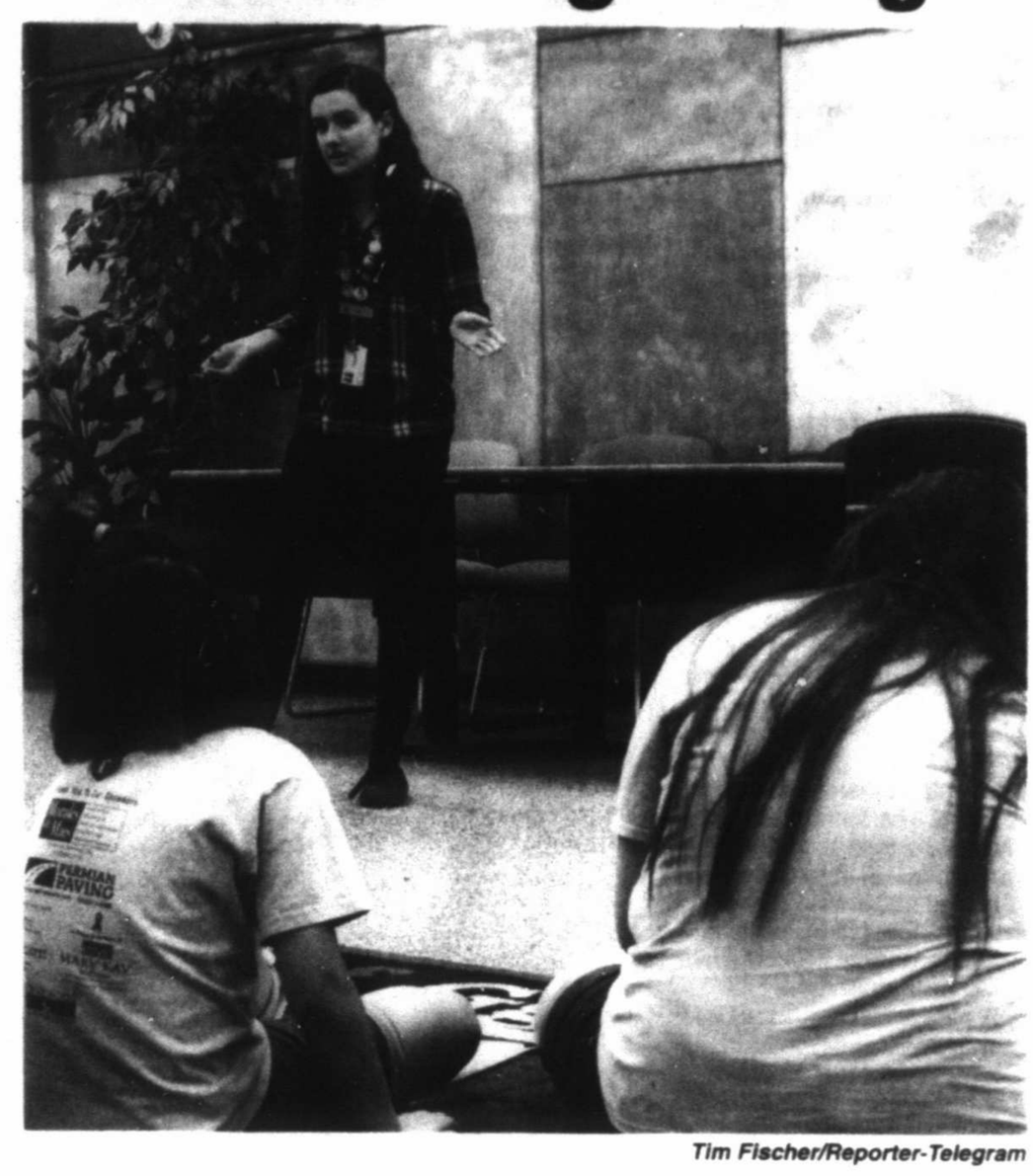

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Angela Johns, with the Midland County Public Library, talks about computer coding Monday at the SciGirls STEM Camp at the downtown branch.

Lottery

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Lotto Texas: 6-12-30-33-45-51
Powerball: 24-26-28-59-63 BB: 16 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-6-9-10-11-13-14-17-19-20-23
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Normal low ... 34

Nov. 29's records
Record high: 78, set in 1946 and equaled in 1975
Record low: 11, set in 2001

Precipitation
Tuesday ... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ... 0.00 in.
Month total ... 0.40 in.
Year total ... 17.34 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 13.98 in.

Winds
Average: 8.3 mph
Wind speed: 12 mph
Gust speed: 14 mph

Today's forecast
High: 66
Low: 44
Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 7:31 a.m.
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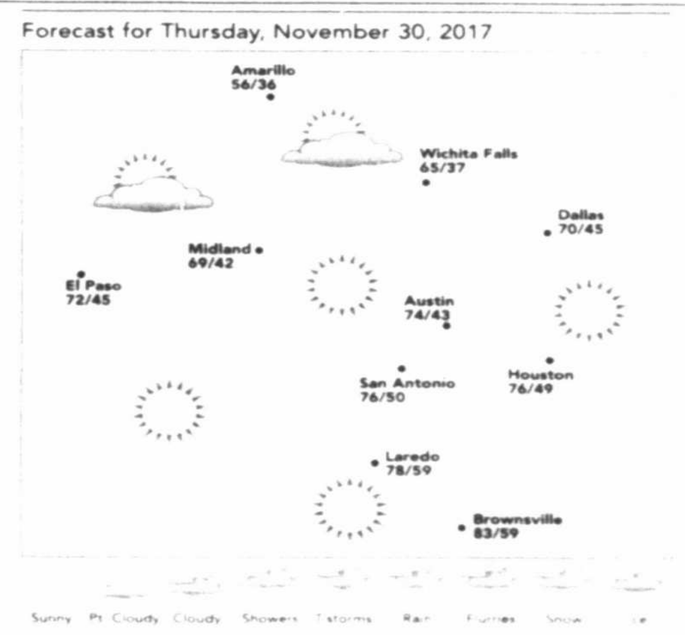
Source: National Weather Service



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Aries if born before 2:38 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017:**
This year you open up to some unusually conservative ideas, despite the fact that you typically favor thinking that is outside the box. You seem to flip back and forth between these two extremes, but ultimately you'll find a way to incorporate both. If you are single, several potential suitors find you intriguing. You will have an opportunity to develop a noteworthy relationship with someone who values you. If you are attached, the two of you want a traditional relationship, yet you both are unconventional in your own right. Accept this contradiction and worry less. TAURUS can be a stick in the mud at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the earlier part of the day for matters that are dependent on how you project yourself. Later in the day, take a hard look at a money situation that might make you uncomfortable. Recognize your limits, and decide if you would like to change them. **Tonight:** Run some errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be a little down and out until midafternoon, when you suddenly perk up. Your energy regains force and your smile broadens. People can't help but respond to you. A conversation with a partner could flow easily at the end of the day. **Tonight:** Share news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be a lot more upbeat than you have been in a while. A meeting or an extended lunch with a friend helps you feel more informed and prepared to present a new idea. Toward the end of the day, you might need some downtime. **Tonight:** Take a power nap first, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others look to you for advice and direction. You could be overly tired or bored with all of your responsibilities at some point in the day. Lighten up the moment. Call a friend to make some spontaneous plans; you need more fun in your life. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Have a long-overdue talk, and deal with a problem as it happens. You have taken on an unusual amount of responsibility, and probably need to take a break from everything that is happening. Lighten up and make the most of the moment. **Tonight:** Take a long walk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Make a point of looking at the big picture more often. You have a tendency to get too detail-oriented. Remain open to possibilities that are forthcoming, especially as they showcase the need for a different type of thinking; you will grow as a result. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. You'll experience excitement, but also a sense of feeling overwhelmed. Time probably will help you adjust. You could be surprised by how you feel once you make an adjustment. **Tonight:** Spread your wings and try something new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be more in tune with a partner than you realize. Sometimes you notice the differences between you instead of the similarities. Don't take this as an indication that you have little in common — it just means that you have different perspectives. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You'll feel grounded and efficient until the midafternoon. A call from someone you care about could be quite disruptive. You might have difficulty focusing on any other matter. Has it occurred to you that you have been overworking? **Tonight:** Accept a spontaneous suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your imagination encourages you to make positive choices for the long term. Try to envision yourself on each possible path, and you'll be able to make the right decision. Share more of what you are feeling with a loved one. **Tonight:** Get some rest before the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Getting going might be tough at first, but it will get easier as the day goes on. You might want to challenge a friend to a game of racquetball or sign up for a class. Consider taking tomorrow off; you'll be able to focus better on Monday if you do. **Tonight:** Be a little naughty.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will be unusually verbal and direct with others today. How you express what you want could make or break a situation. Recognize that you need to consider toning down your style, as it is currently is unlikely to help you get your message across. **Tonight:** Head home early, if you can.

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Suspect in trooper shooting was given deal in 2015 attack

Associated Press

DALLAS — The suspect in the fatal shooting of a Texas state trooper during a traffic stop on Thanksgiving Day had previously beaten a deputy and tried to take his gun, but had the charges dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor in a plea deal.

Police camera footage obtained by WFAA-TV from the 2015 incident in Smith County, about 95 miles east of Dallas, shows Dabrett Black beating a sheriff's deputy. The deputy, identified as Wesley Dean in court documents, no longer works at the department. The court documents say he suffered black eyes, a broken nose and lacerations above his eyes that required stitches to close. The footage also shows him talking to the in-car camera saying to imagine if he had had a weapon and talking about his belief that law enforcement officers target minorities.

A plea agreement filed in March 2016 shows a Smith County prosecutor recommended a one-year jail sentence on a misdemeanor charge in lieu of the two felony charges of assault against a public servant and trying to take an officer's weapon. A spokesman for the district attorney's office told WFAA that the deputy prosecutor who worked on the plea deal did not ask for permission from District Attorney Matt Bingham or his top assistant when the recommendation for reduced charges was made, which is a violation of the office's policy.

It was unclear from court records whether Black had an attorney as of Wednesday.

The district attorney's office did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press seeking additional comment.

An arrest warrant in Thursday's fatal shooting of Texas Trooper Damon Allen said Allen initiated the traffic stop and after getting Black's driver's license and information went back to his patrol unit. The filing said troopers believe Allen had gotten back in his car when police allege Black stepped out of his vehicle, took out a rifle and began shooting at the patrol car.

Smith County Sheriff's Office via AP

This March 2015 photo provided by the Smith County Sheriff's Office shows sheriff's deputy Wesley Dean after an altercation in Texas. According to police Dabrett Black, the suspect in the fatal shooting of a Texas state trooper during a traffic stop on Thanksgiving Day, had beaten Dean and tried to take his gun, but had the charges dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor in a plea deal.

The affidavit said Allen died on scene from at least one gunshot wound and that his gun was holstered.

It said he appeared to try to exit the vehicle and Black's license was found under his body.

Black was being held by the Freestone County Sheriff's Office in the nearby Limestone County jail on a charge of capital murder of a police officer. A judge has denied setting bond on that charge.

When the shooting occurred, Black was free on $15,500 bail in another Smith County incident where he was charged with assault on an officer and evading arrest after a police chase this summer ended with Black allegedly ramming a patrol car.

Probation officers had told staff to be careful of Black in internal emails after the 2015 attack, according to the material obtained by WFAA.

In a July 2015 email, a probation officer told staff he believed Black was trying to provoke them into responding and encouraged them to be vigilant both inside and outside the office because he believed Black was the kind of guy who would ambush someone.

Texas, Montana men avoid prison for North Dakota well crime

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Men from Texas and Montana who were convicted of illegally operating a saltwater disposal well in North Dakota have avoided prison time.

Federal Judge Daniel Hovland this week ordered 44-year-old Jason Halek, of Southlake, Texas, to serve up to one year in a halfway house with work-release privileges, pay a $50,000 fine and serve three years of supervised release.

The judge sentenced 48-year-old Nathan Garber, of Kalispell, Montana, to three years of supervised release.

The Bismarck Tribune reports both men had earlier pleaded guilty. The charges against Halek were connected to a state case against Halek Operating which was fined a state-record $1.5 million in 2013.

The state also is requesting restitution estimated at $115,000 to plug and reclaim the well. The matter will be decided later.

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United States.

The question is whether shale drillers, guided by profits rather than the cartel's fiats, will react to higher prices with a production surge that offsets OPEC's cuts or maintain the discipline recently promised to investors by controlling costs and expanding slowly.

Which path U.S. companies take could determine if prices pass $60 a barrel, or fall back below $50, and whether Houston's plodding economic recovery gains speed next year, analysts said.

That $10 spread could mean the difference between the Houston area adding almost 70,000 jobs next year or 42,000, according to an economic forecast by Bill Gilmer, director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston.

"Tell me the price of oil, and I can tell you where we're going," Gilmer said.

At the closely watched gathering in Vienna (today), the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will consider a second extension of production cuts to bring global supply and demand into balance after a crushing oil bust that pushed scores of North American energy companies into bankruptcy, cost hundreds of thousands of jobs globally, and crippled the economies of oil-producing nations.

This time last year, crude prices also were climbing, leading U.S. oil companies to dispatch hundreds of drilling rigs and reviving economic activity in Houston. But the enthusiasm — and Houston's economy — sputtered in mid-2017 amid fears that a second shale boom would boost global supplies and undercut prices.

The latest wrinkle is U.S. oil companies have said they will only drill as long as they can earn profits on the crude they pump, as opposed to expanding operations at a loss to gain or hold onto market share.

Drilling rigs increase

Gilmer is skeptical that U.S. companies will hold that course if prices continue to rise. The number of working U.S. drilling rigs has increased in recent weeks amid higher oil prices, after a months-long decline. The Baker Hughes oil-rig count, the industry's go-to metric of drilling activity, has increased by 18 to 747 since early November.

"It's hard to believe they can keep their fingers off the levers," Gilmer said.

"Having confidence in these oil prices is just very hard right now."

OPEC's production-cut agreement, reached among two dozen countries and renewed over the summer to run through March, has cut deep into crude stockpiles around the world, reducing inventory levels from 338 million barrels above historical norms in January to 138 million barrels in September.

But U.S. drillers also are pumping more oil. In August, crude production across the continental United States rose by 115,000 barrels a day, even with disruptions in Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey. The Energy Department estimates domestic output will reach 10 million barrels a day by the end of next year, breaking the nation's record.

U.S. oil prices edged lower by 12 cents on Tuesday to a $57.99 a barrel, but are still about $10 a barrel higher than a year ago and $15 above the summer's low point.

Signs of change

There are already signs that oil companies are taking advantage of higher prices.

As oil prices climbed in the third quarter, U.S. producers locked in higher prices through long-term contracts for almost 900,000 barrels a day, more than double the amount contracted in the previous three-month period, according to energy research firm Wood Mackenzie. That could support an increase in drilling activity.

"For most of these guys, $60 oil means they have cash flow for the first time in many years, after cutting and cutting," said R.T. Dukes, a Wood Mackenzie analyst.

But several Houston area oil companies including Anadarko Petroleum Corp., Marathon Oil Corp., EOG Resources and Occidental Petroleum Corp., recently told investors in earnings calls that they plan to proceed with caution, gearing incentives to reward executives for maximizing profits, controlling costs and boosting shareholder returns, in addition to production growth, long the top metric used in setting compensation.

"There's a lot of pressure from investors to not just plow cash they get from higher prices back into the ground," said David Pursell, head of macro research at Houston investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. "If you're OPEC you've got to love what you're hearing. But we'll see how long it lasts."

Supreme Court frets over erosion of privacy in digital age

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Worried about the erosion of privacy amid technological advances, the Supreme Court signaled Wednesday it might restrain the government's ability to track Americans' movements through collection of their cellphone information.

The justices heard a case in which the government obtained 127 days of cellphone tower information, without a search warrant, that allowed it to place a criminal suspect in the vicinity of robberies. But underlying the 80-minute argument was unease about how easy it has become to track so many aspects of American lives — and the expectation that new advances would only make things easier.

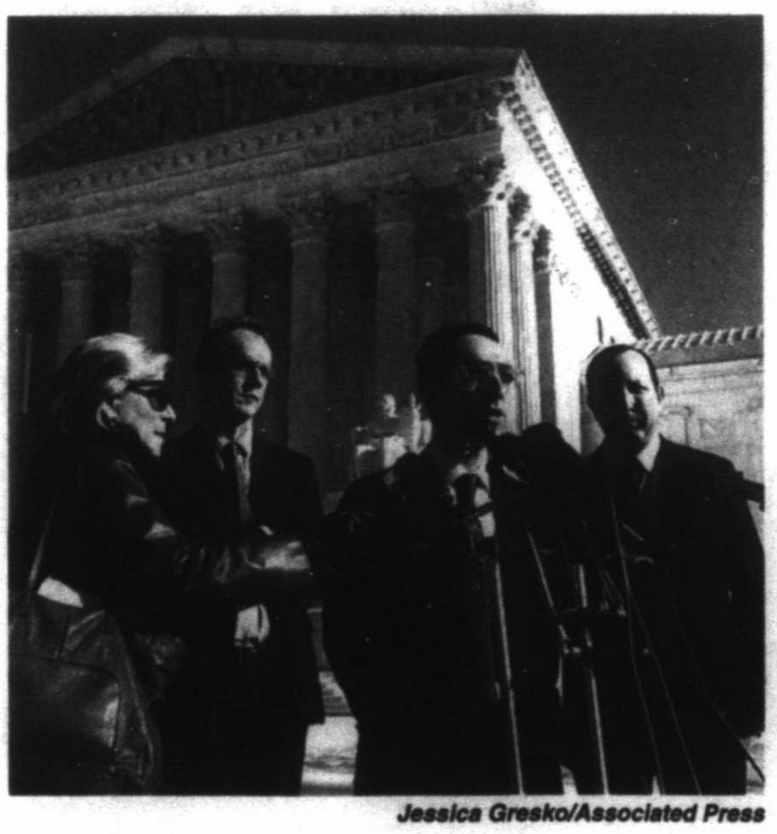
"Most Americans, I think, still want to avoid Big Brother," Justice Sonia Sotomayor said, adding that Americans take their phones with them to dressing rooms, bathrooms and bed.

Chief Justice John Roberts, reprising a line from an earlier opinion, noted that having a cellphone these days is a matter of necessity, not choice.

With those devices, Justice Elena Kagan said, authorities have the ability to do "24/7 tracking." And the accuracy of cell tower location information also has improved from a vicinity of 10 football fields to half the size of the courtroom in which the argument was occurring, she said.

Those justices appeared to be among a majority of the court that could extend the Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches to apply to police collection of cellphone tower information that has become an important tool in criminal investigations.

The cell tower records that investigators got without a warrant bolstered their case against Timothy Carpenter in a string of robberies of Radio Shack and T-Mobile stores in Michigan and Ohio.



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American Civil Liberties Union attorney Nathan Wessler speaks outside the Supreme Court on Wednesday in Washington, following arguments in a case about the government's ability to track Americans' movements through collection of their cellphone information. Chief Justice John Roberts and the court's four liberal justices indicated they could side with Wessler and extend the Constitution's protection against unreasonable searches to police collection of cellphone tower information that has become an important tool in the investigation of crimes.

Investigators obtained the cell tower records with a court order that requires a lower standard than the "probable cause" needed to obtain a warrant. "Probable cause" requires strong evidence that a person has committed a crime.

The judge at Carpenter's trial refused to suppress the records, finding no warrant was needed, and a federal appeals court agreed. The Trump administration said the lower court decisions should be upheld.

Arguing before the Supreme Court, American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Nathan Freed Wessler said a warrant would provide protection against unjustified government snooping.

On the other side, Justices Samuel Alito and Anthony Kennedy seemed most receptive to the administration's argument that privacy rights do not come into play when the government gets records from telecommunications providers and other companies that keep records of their transactions with customers.

Alito said most people would not be shocked to learn that cellphone towers can help locate them. "I mean, people know. There were all these commercials, 'Can you hear me now? Our company has lots of towers everywhere.' What do they think that's about?" Alito asked, referencing a onetime Verizon Wireless ad campaign.

Justice Department lawyer Michael Dreeben said, "The technology here is new, but the legal principles the court has articulated under the Fourth Amendment are not."

The administration relied in part on a 1979 Supreme Court decision that treated phone records differently than the conversation in a phone call, for which a warrant generally is required.

The court said then that people had no expectation of privacy in the records of calls made and kept by the phone company. That case involved a single home telephone.

The Supreme Court in recent years has acknowledged technology's effects on privacy. In 2014, the court held unanimously that police must generally get a warrant to search the cellphones of people they arrest. Other items people carry with them may be looked at without a warrant, after an arrest.

Courts around the country have wrestled with the issue. The most relevant Supreme Court case is nearly 40 years old, before the digital age, and the law on which prosecutors relied to obtain an order for the records dates from 1986, when few people had cellphones.

Dreeben said federal agents obtained the order before examining cellphone location records after "a bullet was fired through the window of a federal judge in Florida."

The court has several options if it sides with Carpenter. It could declare the need for a warrant any time police want cell tower records. Or it could say a warrant is needed only when seeking records over a period of time. The ACLU suggested a warrant for anything more than a day's worth of records.

The justices also might say that obtaining the records is a search under the Fourth Amendment, but a reasonable one because a judge signed off on it.

Even if Carpenter wins at the Supreme Court, it may not matter to his conviction or 116-year sentence.

Korean Central News Agency/Korea News Service via AP

In this undated photo provided Thursday by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects an intercontinental ballistic missile test in North Korea on Wednesday. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the North Korean government. The content of this image is as provided and cannot be independently verified. Korean language watermark on image as provided by source reads: "KCNA" which is the abbreviation for Korean Central News Agency.

Haley: NKorea 'brings us closer to war' the US doesn't seek

By Edith M. Lederer and Matthew Pennington
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Wednesday that North Korea's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile — which some observers believe could reach the Eastern U.S. — "brings us closer" to a war the U.S. isn't seeking.

Nikki Haley, speaking at an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council, said that if war comes as a result of further acts of "aggression" like the latest launch, "make no mistake the North Korean regime will be utterly destroyed."

"The dictator of North Korea made a decision yesterday that brings us closer to war, not farther from it," Haley said. "We have never sought war with North Korea and still today we do not seek it."

The Trump administration threatened new sanctions on North Korea after the reclusive government shattered 2 1/2 months of relative quiet with its most powerful weapon test yet.

President Donald Trump tweeted that he spoke with Chinese President Xi Jinping about Pyongyang's "provocative actions," and he vowed that "additional major sanctions will be imposed on North Korea today. This situation will be handled!" Trump's top diplomat, Rex Tillerson, said the U.S. could target financial institutions doing business with the North.

At the emergency Security Council meeting, China's deputy U.N. ambassador Wu Haitao reiterated the China-Russia proposal for North Korea to suspend all nuclear and missile tests and for the U.S. and South Korea to suspend all military exercises.

Russia's U.N. ambassador Vassily Nebenzia also urged North Korea to stop the tests and called on the U.S. and South Korea to cancel large-scale military maneuvers scheduled for December.

The fresh deliberations about new forms of punishment for North Korea came after its government said it successfully fired a "significantly more" powerful, nuclear-capable ICBM it called the Hwasong-15. Outside governments and analysts concurred the North had made a jump in missile capability.

A resumption of Pyongyang's torrid testing pace in pursuit of a viable arsenal of nuclear-tipped missiles that can hit the U.S. mainland had been widely expected. But the power of the missile and suddenness of the test jolted the Korean Peninsula and Washington. The launch at 3:17 a.m. Wednesday local time — early Tuesday afternoon in the U.S. capital — indicated an effort to perfect the element of surprise and obtain maximum attention in the U.S.

In a government statement released through state media, North Korea said the Hwasong-15, the "greatest ICBM," could be armed with a "super-large heavy nuclear warhead" and is capable of striking the "whole mainland" of the U.S. The North said the missile reached a height of 2,780 miles and traveled 590 miles before accurately hitting a sea target, similar to the flight data announced by South Korea's military.

After the launch, it said leader Kim Jong Un "declared with pride" that his country has achieved its goal of becoming a "rocket power." State TV said Kim gave the order Tuesday, and it broadcast a photo of Kim's signed order where he wrote: "Test launch is approved. Taking place at the daybreak of Nov. 29! Fire with courage for the party and country!"

Speaking later Wednesday, Trump could not resist taking a dig at Kim. Digressing during a speech in Missouri on tax reform, Trump called Kim "Little Rocket Man" and described him as "a sick puppy."

The North Korean launch was a message of defiance to the Trump administration after it restored North Korea to a U.S. list of terror sponsors. It raises fears of war or a pre-emptive U.S. strike and casts a deeper shadow over the security of the Winter Olympics early next year in South Korea.

A rattled Seoul responded by almost immediately launching three of its own missiles in a show of force. South Korean President Moon Jae-in expressed worry that North Korea's missile threat could force the U.S. to attack the North before it masters a nuclear-tipped long-range missile.

The launch was North Korea's first since Sept. 15 and may have broken any efforts at diplomacy. U.S. officials have sporadically floated the idea of direct talks with North Korea if it maintained restraint.

The missile also appeared an improvement on North Korea's past launches.

If flown on a standard trajectory, instead of the lofted angle of the test flight, the missile would have a range of more than 8,100 miles, said U.S. scientist David Wright, a physicist who closely tracks North Korea's missile and nuclear programs. "Such a missile would have more than enough range to reach Washington, D.C., and in fact any part of the continental United States," Wright wrote in a blog post for the Union for Concerned Scientists.

Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera said the missile landed inside Japan's special economic zone in the Sea of Japan.

A big unknown, however, is the missile's payload. If, as expected, it carried a light mock warhead, then its effective range would have been shorter, analysts said.

In his call with Xi, Trump made clear "the determination of the United States to defend ourselves and our allies," according to a White House statement. Trump also "emphasized the need for China to use all available levers to convince North Korea to end its provocations and return to the path of denuclearization."

The Trump administration bolstered U.S. sanctions against North Korea last week and imposed new restrictions on North Korean shipping firms and Chinese companies that deal with the North.

China's state-run Xinhua news agency said Xi told Trump that China remained determined to clear the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons, and to preserve peace and stability in Northeast Asia.

Conservatives slam GOP proposal to automatically raise taxes

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conservative groups and lawmakers are lining up against a proposal by Senate Republicans to impose automatic tax increases on millions of Americans — if their sweeping tax package doesn't grow the economy and raise tax revenues as much as projected.

The opposition comes as the tax package cleared a key procedural vote in the Senate on Wednesday. The Senate voted 52-48 to start debating the bill. Wednesday's vote potentially could pave the way for the Senate to pass the package later this week. The Senate could start voting on amendments tonight.

Opposition to the tax "trigger" could doom a delicately negotiated proposal aimed at mollifying deficit hawks who worry that tax cuts for businesses and individuals could add trillions to the mounting national debt.

Tucking a potential tax increase into the tax cut bill isn't sitting well with conservatives. "Automatic tax increases are a special level of insanity," said Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz. "I don't think it survives."

Rep. Jeb Hensarling called the proposal "a uniquely bad idea," especially if revenues fall short because of an unforeseen slowdown in the economy.

Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., said the threat of an automatic tax increase would make businesses reluctant to invest.

"If businesses or individuals have no ability to plan on a rate, it makes an investment decision, for instance, very, very difficult," Sanford said.

The proposal is being pushed by Republican Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee, James Lankford of Oklahoma and Jeff Flake of Arizona. It is picking up steam in the GOP-controlled Senate, even if it could land with a thud in the GOP-controlled House.

Corker said he has received assurances from Republican Senate leaders and the White House that some sort of "trigger" would be added to the Senate package that would increase taxes if the economy doesn't grow — and tax revenues don't increase — as much as projected.

"While we are still working to finalize the details, I am encouraged by our discussions," Corker said.

Senators are also considering a companion proposal from Sen. Ted Cruz that would automatically cut taxes further if the economy grows faster than expected.

The overall package is a blend of generous tax cuts for businesses and more modest tax cuts for families and individuals. It would mark the first time in 31 years that Congress has overhauled the tax code, making it the biggest legislative achievement of President Donald Trump's first year in office. In crafting the bill, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has been trying to balance sometimes competing interests with very little room for error. Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., said Wednesday he would support the bill after reaching a deal to sweeten tax cuts for business owners who report their business income on their individual tax returns.

Senate Republicans hold a slim 52-48 majority in the Senate, meaning they can only lose two votes, with Vice President Mike Pence casting the tie-breaker.

Pence was dining Wednesday night with a group of Republican senators, some of whom have expressed reservations about the tax bill. Pence invited Flake, Daines, Lankford and David Perdue of Georgia to the vice president's residence to discuss the tax overhaul, budget and other priorities, the White House said.

Democrats, who have been excluded from crafting the bill, are expected to unanimously oppose it.

Pelosi's double standard is brazen partisanship

■ By circling the wagons around Conyers and Franken, House minority leader is all but guaranteeing the election of Senate candidate Roy Moore

JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Service

It's amazing how complicated simple principles can become when they're inconvenient to your team.

On Sunday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi created a mess for herself by insisting on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Rep. John Conyers deserves "due process" in the face of a series of accusations of improper conduct.

Politically, Pelosi's performance was a gift to her many critics. For liberals who think she's passed her sell-by date as a Democratic leader, her hapless effort will now be Exhibit A in the brief against her, despite her subsequent efforts to clean up the mess.

For populists on the left and right who think the political establishment is rigged to protect members of the club, Pelosi's effort to protect Conyers — and Sen. Al Franken, who has also been accused of several sexual transgressions — while at the same time insisting that we know all we need to know about President Trump and Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore is simply a naked partisan double standard.

"We are strengthened by due process," Pelosi insists when the topic is Conyers. But Moore is "a child molester."

This raises the most dismaying gift that Pelosi lobbed to the mob. By circling the wagons around Conyers and Franken (and Bill Clinton to some extent), Pelosi is all but guaranteeing the election of Moore.

It is difficult to exaggerate the anger among many Republicans who believe that liberals use the rules selectively, shamelessly invoking standards of conduct to delegitimize and destroy their enemies while exempting their own. "Zero tolerance" for thee, "it's complicated" for me.

It was this belief — hardly unfounded — that let millions of Republicans dismiss allegations of sexual abuse against Trump and now Moore. Every day, conservatives angry at my opposition to Moore tell me "we" can't "unilaterally disarm." If they won't play by the rules, why should we?

This isn't simply a Beltway game. Pelosi is a passionate supporter of Title IX regulations, which have been used to dismantle due process for sexual assault allegations on college campuses. When Education Secretary Betsy DeVos introduced reforms to Title IX, Pelosi denounced them as "outrageous, immoral attacks on Title IX protections" and a "shocking attack on women." Perhaps college students deserve at least as much due process as congressmen?

But as someone who believes pretty much all the accusers so far, I'm not interested in pecking out another column on partisan hypocrisy. These days, that's the easiest column in the world to write.

Instead, I'd like to point to a possible way out of this mess.

The philosopher John Rawls famously offered a thought experiment he called the "original position." Imagine you are in some kind of limbo waiting to be born into our world. Hidden behind what he called a "veil of ignorance," you have no idea what "kind" of person you will be — female, male, gay, straight, sickly, healthy, smart, dumb, rich, poor, black, white, etc. What rules would you want for society?

The point of this exercise is to make you think about what fairness looks like. If there's a good chance you're going to be born poor, you might see the point of having certain protections for the poor. If there's a 50 percent chance you'll be born a woman, you'll probably reject the model of society found in "The Handmaid's Tale." In short, the veil of ignorance allows us see justice through the lens of self-interest.

I don't like or agree with everything Rawls and his fans have done with this thought experiment, but the original position is nonetheless a useful way of thinking about society.

We live in a moment beset by tribalisms, from partisanship to myriad forms of identity politics. All of them work on the assumption that neutral rules are unfair or unjust because my tribe is somehow especially noble or your tribe is especially evil.

The original position is not as original to Rawls as some believe. In fact, it's embedded in the very idea of classical liberalism, because it presupposes that we should all be equal in the eyes of God and the government, and that therefore the rules of the society should be fair for everybody — and applied to everybody equally. It's a simple principle, but everyone wants to make it complicated these days.

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OPINION EXTRA

Trump is right about who serves as the acting director of the CFPB

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which sounds like something you'd find in a 1930s pulp fiction magazine, was borne out of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act. Adding yet another layer of bureaucracy to an already bureaucratic consumer protection arm of the federal government, the CFPB operates like no other agency in the federal government.

It is not accountable to Congress. Funding for the agency comes from the Federal Reserve, not a congressional appropriation. The director can only be terminated by the president for "inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance." The structure of the bureau faces a challenge in the courts. In 2016, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled the structure is unconstitutional and said:

"The Director enjoys significantly more unilateral power than any single member of any other independent agency. By 'unilateral power,' we mean power that is not checked by the President or by other colleagues. Indeed, other than the President, the director of the CFPB is the single most powerful official in the entire United States Government, at least when measured in terms of unilateral power."

The court vacated that decision (at the request of the CFPB) and the full circuit court will make a final decision. It is likely any ruling will be appealed to the Supreme Court, so we won't know for some time how that will play out.

Currently, however, a kerfuffle over who runs the agency in the interim is also being sorted out in a courtroom. Richard Cordray, director of the bureau until he stepped down last week, appointed Leandra English as the acting director until President Donald Trump named a permanent director. Trump, relying upon the advice of legal counsel, appointed Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney as the acting director. Both Mulvaney and English showed up for work on Monday, convinced they were the boss.

English took it a step further and filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration, saying the president didn't have the authority under Dodd-Frank to appoint an acting director. This is where it all gets sticky and where people have different interpretations of the law.

The Dodd-Frank law says the director can appoint an acting director in cases of "absence" and "unavailability." The Trump administration says once Cordray resigned, the position became "vacant" and therefore, the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 applies, allowing Trump to name the acting director.

If Cordray remained as director and planned a trip with "marine biologist" George Costanza to visit the Galapagos Islands to swim with the turtles for six months, that would certainly qualify as an "absence." If Cordray were going into the hospital for surgery that required an extended stay, that would trigger the "unavailability" language.

Cordray resigned. That makes the position vacant. Trump and his team are right that he has the authority to name the acting director.

English's lawsuit, likely pushed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., has an unexpected foe: CFPB general counsel Mary McLeod. She agrees with Trump. In a memorandum obtained by Politico, McLeod said Trump had the legal authority to name an acting director under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act.

"It is my legal opinion that the president possesses the authority to designate an acting director for the bureau," McLeod wrote in the Nov. 25 memo to the CFPB leadership team. "I advise all bureau personnel to act consistently with the understanding that Director Mulvaney is the acting director of the CFPB."

Trump is right not just because he says so. In this case, it appears he has the law on his side.

— Jay Caruso, Dallas Morning News

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Character doesn't matter anymore

■ The only reason Nancy Pelosi would stand by accused Democrats is that she doesn't care

BEN SHAPIRO
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Two weeks ago, it seemed that former President Bill Clinton was finished as a public figure. A variety of public intellectuals on the left had consigned him to the ashtray of history; they'd attested to their newfound faith in his rape accuser Juanita Broaddrick or torn him to shreds for having taken advantage of a young intern, Monica Lewinsky.

The moral goal was obvious: Set up a new intolerance for the sexual abuse of women. The political goal was even more obvious: Show that Democrats are morally superior to Republicans, and in doing so, shame Republicans into staying home rather than voting for Alabama Republican senatorial candidate Roy Moore, who has been credibly accused of sexual assault of minors.

Then it all fell apart.

On Sunday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. — the first female speaker of the House — brushed off Clinton's scandals with a simple one-liner: "Well, I think it's, obviously it is a generational change. But let me say the concern that we had then was that they were impeaching the president of the United States, and for something that had nothing to do with the performance of his duties."

Why would Pelosi defend Clinton? Because she also has to defend Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., both of whom have been accused of sexual harassment or sexual assault. And why would she have to defend either of them?

That's the $64,000 question. She really doesn't — just as the Democrats never had to defend Clinton. If they'd kept their mouths shut and let Clinton resign, then-Vice President Al Gore would have been president. There's a high likelihood he would have been re-elected in 2000. If the Democrats were to let Franken fall today, his replacement would be appointed by a Democratic governor of Minnesota. If they were to let Conyers go down, he'd be replaced in a special election in what The Cook Political Report deems a D+32 district, meaning it performed an average of 32 points more Democratic than the nation did as a whole in 2016. Democrats wouldn't miss a beat, and they'd have a shot at taking out Moore to boot. By defending Franken and Conyers, Democrats give Republicans ample opportunity to back Moore and point at Democratic hypocrisy all the while. While Republicans can at least point at the potential loss of a Senate seat to justify backing Moore, Democrats wouldn't suffer *any* loss by dumping Franken and Conyers.

There's only one real reason Pelosi would stand by accused Democrats: She doesn't care. Her logic with regard to Clinton is the only one that matters. He was a Democrat, and his sexual improprieties had nothing to do with his capacity for voting for her agenda. This was the national argument we had in 1998, and it was settled in Clinton's favor. Character doesn't matter. Only agenda does.

Republicans bucked that agenda. They don't anymore.

In order to shame Republicans, Democrats seemed to buck that agenda this time around. But that was all bluster.

Bill Clinton didn't just escape impeachment in 1998. He won the argument. He taught Americans that no matter how scummy our politicians might be, so long as they side with us on matters great or small, we ought to back them. We ought to back them not because our principles are important but because there might be some point in the future when our principles are at stake, and we don't want our feet held to the fire then, do we?

In the famous play "A Man for All Seasons," Sir Thomas More, betrayed by his former colleague Richard Rich in exchange for the post of attorney general in Wales, says: "Why, Richard, it profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world. ... But for Wales?" We're willing to give our souls for nothing. Or perhaps they're already gone.

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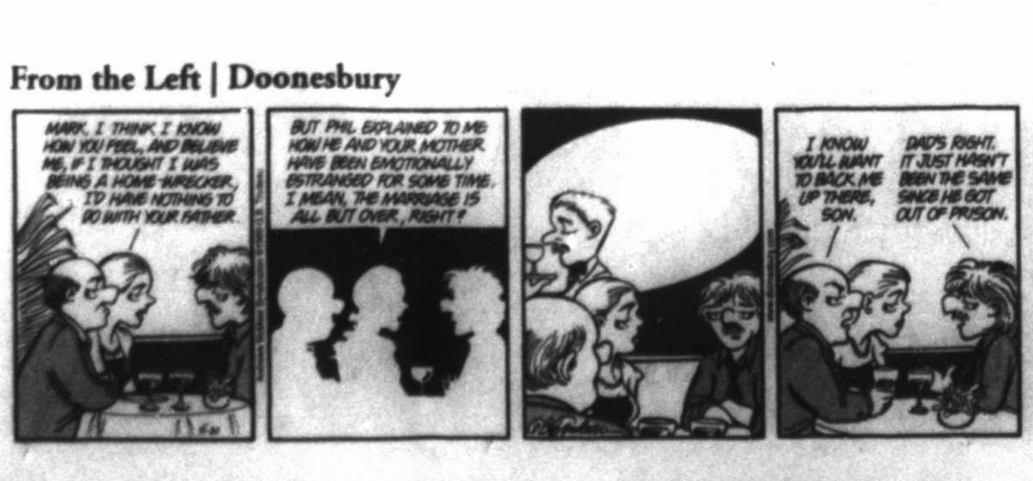

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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Monica Conyers, wife of Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., speaks to the media outside her home Wednesday in Detroit. Rep. Conyers is being pressured by some in Washington to resign. Rep. Conyers recently stepped down from his post as top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee after facing allegations of sexual harassment by former staffers.

Lawyer: Conyers has no plan to resign amid harassment claims

By Corey Williams and Mike Householder
Associated Press

DETROIT — Embattled U.S. Rep. John Conyers has no plans to resign amid allegations that the congressman sexually harassed several women when they worked on his staff, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Detroit-area attorney Arnold Reed told The Associated Press that the 88-year-old Conyers is going to fight claims that he inappropriately touched the women and that anyone making the allegations should be prepared to back them up.

Reed said Conyers is "innocent and will cooperate with any investigation that ensues."

"He's going to fight these allegations tooth and nail if he has to with evidence, with documentation, witnesses, whatever he has to do," Reed said. "And the accusers will have to prove up their case."

Last week, BuzzFeed News reported that Conyers had settled a complaint in 2015 from a woman on his staff who alleged she was fired because she rejected his sexual advances.

BuzzFeed reported that Conyers' office paid the woman more than $27,000 in the confidential settlement. BuzzFeed also published affidavits from former staff members who said they had witnessed Conyers touching female staffers inappropriately or requesting sexual favors.

A former scheduler filed a complaint earlier this year, but later dropped it. The Associated Press hasn't released her name. And a third ex-staffer, Deanna Maher, said Tuesday that in 1997, Conyers undressed to his underwear in front of her and twice touched her leg inappropriately.

Reed said he met with Conyers, who was at his Detroit home Wednesday and mostly remained indoors before being driven away in the afternoon as reporters gathered outside the gated driveway.

Monica Conyers told reporters that her husband is entitled to have the judicial process play out "before we start being his judge and jury ... and tarnish all of these years of his legacy for nothing."

Conyers first was elected to the U.S. House in 1964. He missed two roll-call votes late Tuesday and was photographed by a passenger boarding a flight to Detroit from Washington.

"It's very unfortunate to see him fight so long for so many people and to automatically have the allegations assumed to be true," said his son, John Conyers III.

He noted, however: "And of course, with sexual assault, women are to be believed. But in this instance he has no history of this."

Conyers told Reed that fears for his family over media coverage prompted his return to Detroit late Tuesday from Washington. Reed said the congressman will return to Washington when he feels it's safe to go back.

The House Ethics Committee is investigating Conyers, who announced Sunday that he would step aside as the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi pressured Conyers behind the scenes to leave the chamber, according to a senior House aide, who spoke late Tuesday on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Also Tuesday, members of the Congressional Black Caucus met with Conyers and explained to one of their founding members why he should resign, but stressed the decision was up to him, the senior House aide said.

On Wednesday, Rep. Kathleen Rice walked out of a Democratic Caucus meeting, saying the issue wasn't being taken seriously.

Rice said Pelosi spoke only "very briefly" about sexual harassment and focused mostly on efforts by female members to combat it. "But let's talk about the big elephant in the room. That's why I was done with the meeting," Rice said.

"I don't have time for conversations that are not real, that are not going to advance the ball for all of us here in Washington, and I for one am not going to stand silent even in the face of pressure from leadership," she added.

Caucus chairman Rep. Joseph Crowley said at a news conference after the meeting that Caucus members "believe these are very, very, very serious allegations."

But, he said, calling "for a resignation does not actually create the resignation" and that an ethics committee review could "bring this to the forefront."

Three Democrats have suggested Conyers should resign: Rice, Rep. Earl Blumenhauer and Rep. Pramila Jayapal.

Monica Conyers said her husband was spending time Wednesday with family and that she was sure he would return to Washington, eventually.

"I don't know when," she said. "He's doing good. Right now, he's just hanging out with his family."

Conyers is among a number of prominent men in politics, entertainment and journalism who have been accused of sexual misconduct in the wake of explosive allegations against former Hollywood executive Harvey Weinstein. Also, last week, Republican Rep. Joe Barton of Texas apologized for a nude photograph leaked on social media.

The latest woman to come forward with claims of harassment by Conyers is Deanna Maher, who ran a Michigan office for Conyers from 1997 to 2005.

Maher told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the first incident occurred in 1997 during a Congressional Black Caucus event in Washington.

Maher said while she was in the bedroom of a hotel suite, Conyers walked in, ordered sandwiches and undressed. "I had my nightclothes on," said Maher, who now lives in the Holland area in western Michigan. "I was just scared to death. I was married at the time. He sat in the bedroom taking his clothes off. I didn't say anything and he didn't say anything."

Nothing happened between them, she added.

"He didn't go naked. He was down to his skivvies," Maher said. "He sat there eating sandwiches and then he stormed out and slammed the door. I was so embarrassed and ashamed of myself for being so stupid. I needed a job."

Yellen suggests a continuation of gradual rate hikes

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

Jacquelyn Martin/Associated Press

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen testifies at a hearing of the Federal Reserve Board Joint Economic Committee on Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Wednesday that the Fed expects to continue raising interest rates gradually. And she sought to assure lawmakers that the Fed would take care not to choke off any extra growth generated by tax cuts as long as inflation stayed tame.

In likely her last appearance before Congress before she leaves the Fed in February, Yellen received praise and appreciation from Republicans and Democrats on the Joint Economic Committee who saluted her four-year tenure.

Yellen's testimony reinforced statements made Tuesday by Jerome Powell at his Senate confirmation hearing to succeed her as Fed chairman. President Donald Trump chose Powell, a Fed board member, to replace Yellen, the first woman to lead the central bank, after saying he wanted to impose his own stamp on the Fed.

Yellen and Powell both stressed this week that the Fed intends to keep moving incrementally to raise rates in response to a consistently solid economy. Powell said at his confirmation hearing that he thought the case for a rate increase when the Fed meets next month was "coming together." Indeed, most economists expect the Fed to raise rates in December for the third time this year.

In her appearance, Yellen painted a generally upbeat view of the economy, with growth achieving an annual rate above 3 percent for two straight quarters for the first time in three years. On Wednesday, the government estimated that the economy grew at a 3.3 percent annual rate in the July-September period.

Trump is pushing Congress to pass a tax cut bill this year to give the economy a boost. Republicans on the committee asked Yellen whether the Fed might end up negating any such stimulus effect by accelerating its rate hikes to prevent the economy from overheating.

"We welcome strong growth," Yellen replied. "The Fed is not trying to stifle growth."

She said that if economic expansion were to exceed the modest rates that have prevailed in recent years, "we will be delighted to support that. ... We do not have some cap on growth that we are trying to achieve."

But she said that in an economy already operating with unemployment at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, she hoped any economic acceleration would be accompanied by growth in the workforce or improved worker productivity.

The tax plans in Congress are projected to raise budget deficits by $1.5 trillion over the next decade. Yellen said the rising government debt was a concern and that proposals to rescind the tax cuts if faster economic growth didn't materialize were worth considering.

"I am very worried about the sustainability of the U.S. debt trajectory," Yellen told lawmakers. She said long-term projections by the Congressional Budget Office that take account of rising government benefits as baby boomers retire "should keep people awake at night."

During her four years as Fed chair, Yellen endured numerous contentious hearings before Congress, with Republicans attacking her policies and complaining that the central bank had grown too powerful and too unaccountable to Congress.

But at Wednesday's hearing, both parties applauded Yellen for her service.

Rep. Pat Tiberi, the Ohio Republican who chairs the committee, expressed his "deepest appreciation" for the work Yellen had done.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-New York, said that as the first woman to lead the central bank, Yellen had broken a major barrier.

On other topics Wednesday, Yellen:

- Said the Fed needs to keep slowly raising rates, rather than waiting until inflation hits its 2 percent target, to avoid a "boom-bust" economy whereby it might eventually have to tighten so aggressively as to tip the economy into recession.
- Declared that she still opposed Republican legislation that would impose audits on the Fed's rate decisions, saying such a measure would subject the Fed to harmful political pressure.
- Supported the changes in the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial overhaul law, saying they had produced a more stable financial system after the 2008 financial crisis.

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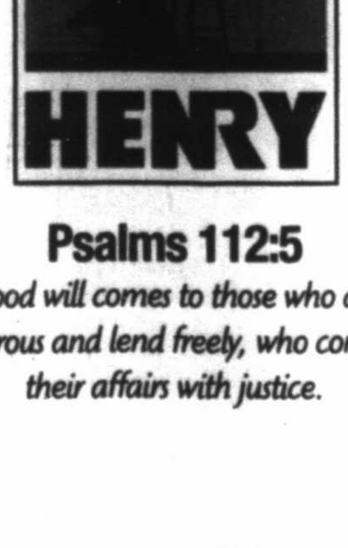

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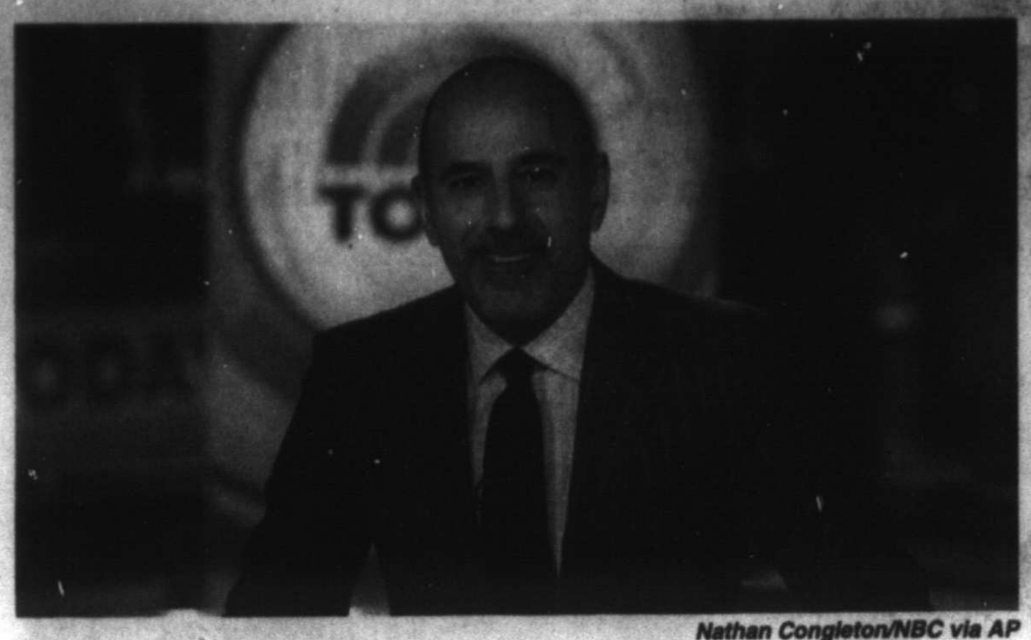

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This Nov. 8 photo released by NBC shows Matt Lauer on the set of the "Today" show in New York. NBC News fired the longtime host for "inappropriate sexual behavior." Lauer's co-host Savannah Guthrie made the announcement at the top of Wednesday's "Today" show.

Matt Lauer is fired at NBC, accused of crude misconduct

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Today" show host Matt Lauer was fired for what NBC on Wednesday called "inappropriate sexual behavior" with a colleague and was promptly confronted with a published report accusing him of crude and habitual misconduct with other women around the office.

With his easygoing charm, Lauer has long been a lucrative and highly visible part of NBC News and one of the highest-paid figures in the industry, and his downfall shook the network and stunned many of the roughly 4 million viewers who start their day with him.

He is easily one of the biggest names brought down in recent weeks by the wave of sexual misconduct allegations that have swept through Hollywood, the media and politics.

Network news chief Andrew Lack said in a memo to the staff that NBC received a complaint about Lauer's behavior on Monday and determined he violated company standards. NBC said the misconduct started when Lauer and a network employee were at the Sochi Olympics in 2014 and continued beyond that assignment.

Lack said it was the first complaint lodged against Lauer in his 20 years at NBC, but "we were also presented with reason to believe this may not have been an isolated incident."

NBC News received two new complaints against Lauer on Wednesday, "NBC Nightly News" reported. The network didn't respond to a request for comment.

Earlier Wednesday, it was left to Lauer's shaken "Today" colleagues, Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb, to break the news to viewers at the top of the morning's show.

Word of Lauer's abrupt exit came on the day of NBC's "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" special featuring the annual Manhattan tree-lighting ceremony. Lauer was to have co-hosted the Wednesday night program with Guthrie, Kotb and Al Roker.

Hours after the firing, the trade publication Variety posted what it said was a two-month investigation that included dozens of interviews with current and former staffers who asked to remain anonymous.

Among other things, Variety reported allegations that Lauer once gave a colleague a sex toy with an explicit note about how he wanted to use it on her; that he exposed himself to another female co-worker; that he would question female producers about their sex lives; and that he would talk about which co-hosts he would like to sleep with.

Messages to Lauer and his agent were not immediately returned, and NBC would not say whether he denied or admitted to any wrongdoing. He is married with three children.

Lauer becomes the second morning host in a week to lose his job over sexual misconduct allegations. CBS fired Charlie Rose after several women who worked for him complained about his behavior.

In other developments, former "Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor was cut loose by Minnesota Public Radio over an allegation of "inappropriate behavior." MPR gave no details, but the 75-year-old Keillor said he inadvertently put his hand on a woman's bare back in an attempt to console her.

Lauer, 59, has essentially been the king of television morning news since first being paired with Katie Couric on "Today" in 1997.

For many years, "Today" was the unquestioned ratings leader, until it was eclipsed by ABC's "Good Morning America" following the ugly 2012 firing of Lauer's co-host Ann Curry. The show had stabilized in recent years with Lauer's pairing with Guthrie.

Lauer's "Where in the world is Matt Lauer?" segments were popular for years, and he regularly played a lead role at the Olympics and other major news events.

He joins a lengthening list of media figures felled by sexual misconduct accusations this year. Besides Rose, they include Lauer's NBC News colleague Mark Halperin, Fox News prime-time host Bill O'Reilly and National Public Radio newsroom chief Michael Oreskes. The New York Times suspended White House correspondent Glenn Thrush last week.

The flood of allegations was set off in large part by the downfall of Hollywood studio boss Harvey Weinstein, who has been accused of sexually assaulting or harassing numerous women.

Ari Wilkenfeld, the attorney for Lauer's accuser, praised NBC for acting "quickly and responsibly" in response to the morning host's "egregious acts of sexual harassment and misconduct." The lawyer did not identify his client.

Lack, in his memo, said, "We are deeply saddened by this turn of events. But we will face it together as a news organization — and do it in as transparent a manner as we can."

An immediate challenge is filling a giant hole on a show that has long been the most lucrative for NBC News. One potential replacement, Willie Geist, on Wednesday called Lauer someone "I have always looked up to in the business, and he taught me a lot."

As for Keillor, Minnesota Public Radio said it will end distribution of the radio program "The Writer's Almanac," Keillor's daily reading of a poem and telling of literary events, and end rebroadcasts of old "Prairie Home Companion" episodes.

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On Wednesday's show, Guthrie appeared to fight back tears as she called Lauer her friend who is beloved by many at NBC. She said she was "heartbroken for my colleague who came forward to tell her story and any other women who have their own stories to tell."

"How do you reconcile your love for someone with the revelation that they have behaved badly? I don't know the answer to that," she said. "But I do know that this reckoning that so many organizations have been going through is important, it's long overdue, and it must result in workplaces where all women, all people, feel safe and respected."

Later in the show, NBC's Megyn Kelly, who has written about being sexually harassed by former boss Roger Ailes at Fox News Channel, noted the anguish on the faces of her colleagues but said, "What we don't see is the pain on the faces of those who found the courage to come forward, and it is still a terrifying thing to do."

On Twitter, President Donald Trump said, "Wow, Matt Lauer was just fired from NBC for 'inappropriate sexual behavior in the workplace.' But when will the top executives at NBC & Comcast be fired for putting out so much Fake News."

Trump also alluded to potential misconduct by three other NBC News figures, while offering no details.

Natalie Morales, a former "Today" show colleague who left the show for "Access Hollywood" last year, said she was in shock about the story. She referred to stories that said she and Lauer had an affair, which they both denied.

"I have personally dealt with rumors in the past few years that were hurtful to me and to my family," she said. "They diminished my hard work. I've addressed these rumors head-on in the past. It's not the story today."

Another former "Today" host, Deborah Norville, said she was stunned by the news.

Garrison Keillor fired for 'inappropriate behavior'

By Jeff Baenen
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Garrison Keillor, whose stories of small-town characters entertained legions of public radio listeners for 40 years on "A Prairie Home Companion," became another celebrity felled by allegations of workplace misconduct on Wednesday when Minnesota Public Radio terminated his contracts.

The homegrown humorist told The Associated Press he was fired over "a story that I think is more interesting and more complicated than the version MPR heard." Keillor didn't detail the allegation to AP, but he later told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that he had put his hand on a woman's bare back when trying to console her.

"I meant to pat her back after she told me about her unhappiness, and her shirt was open and my hand went up it about six inches. She recoiled. I apologized," Keillor told the newspaper in an email. "I sent her an email of apology later, and she replied that she had forgiven me and not to think about it.

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MPR said only that it received a single allegation of "inappropriate behavior" against Keillor last month about an alleged incident during his time hosting "A Prairie Home Companion." Keillor retired as host of the radio variety show last year, but continued to work for MPR on various projects.

MPR said it had received no other complaints but had retained an outside law firm that was continuing to investigate.

Keillor's hand-picked successor to host the show, mandolinist Chris Thile, tweeted Wednesday he was "in shock" after Keillor's firing. Thile had been a frequent musical guest on the show and said he knew nothing about the allegation, adding: "I trust that the proper steps are being taken."

Sue Scott, who worked on the show as a voice actor for 24 years with Keillor, told the AP she was stunned. She said she saw no evidence of inappropriate behavior from Keillor.

Fans also were shocked. Cindy Dina, of the Minneapolis suburb of Forest Lake, said she frequently listened when Keillor hosted the show and admired him, saying the Minnesota native was "iconic."

"It's just one more, wow," she said, adding that she hoped the continuous allegations against high-profile men would send a strong message to all men.

Keillor's storytelling earned him comparisons with Mark Twain and Will Rogers. His 1985 best-selling book, "Lake Wobegon Days," landed him on the cover of Time magazine.

"A Prairie Home Companion" was heard by nearly 4 million listeners a week on nearly 700 public radio stations across the U.S. the year before Keillor left as host. The inaugural show — attended by about a dozen people at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 6, 1974 — is in the Library of Congress' national registry of historic sound recordings.

Jeffrey Thompson/Minnesota Public Radio via AP

Garrison Keillor talks Sept. 30, 2014 with Daily Circuit host Tom Weber in the studios at Minnesota Public Radio in St. Paul, Minn. Keillor said Wednesday he has been fired by Minnesota Public Radio over allegations of improper behavior.

On Wednesday, Keillor didn't say when the incident with the woman occurred. In his statement to AP, Keillor said it was "poetic irony to be knocked off the air by a story, having told so many of them myself.

"But I'm 75 and don't have any interest in arguing about this. And I cannot in conscience bring danger to a great organization I've worked hard for since 1969."

His separation from MPR came just days after Keillor, an avowed Democrat, wrote a syndicated column that ridiculed the idea that Minnesota Sen. Al Franken should resign over allegations of sexual harassment.

MPR said it would rename the show now hosted by Thile and end distribution of "The Writer's Almanac," Keillor's daily reading of a poem and telling of literary events. MPR also plans to end rebroadcasts of "The Best of A Prairie Home Companion" hosted by Keillor.

Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" aired on Saturdays, featuring tales of his fictional Minnesota hometown of Lake Wobegon "where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average."

The show featured musical acts, folksy humor, parody ads for fake products such as Powdermilk Biscuits and the centerpiece: Keillor delivering a seemingly off-the-cuff monologue, "The News From Lake Wobegon," in his rich baritone voice.

He also has been working on a Lake Wobegon screenplay and a memoir about growing up in Minnesota.

"A person could not hope for more than what I was given," Keillor said in his statement Wednesday to AP.

Keillor was scheduled to appear Wednesday evening at a theater in western Massachusetts along with the folk duo Robin and Linda Williams, but the show was canceled.

Facing pressure, House OKs anti-harassment training

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pressured to respond to burgeoning sexual misconduct allegations, the House easily approved a bipartisan measure Wednesday requiring annual anti-harassment training for lawmakers and aides after a debate that rang with lawmakers' own accounts of such episodes.

Voice vote passage came as Congress waged year-end battles over Republican tax cuts and a potential government shutdown but has been diverted to also address allegations against some of its own. The accused include liberal heroes Rep. John Conyers and Sen. Al Franken and far-right GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore of Alabama.

With Conyers being pressed to resign from Congress by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and others, Pelosi seemed to suggest it was time for the long-serving liberal and civil rights hero to step down.

"No matter how great the legacy, it is not a license to harass and abuse," Pelosi, D-Calif., said without mentioning the 88-year-old Michigan Democrat's name. She said Congress must tolerate no abuse, "no matter your contribution to our country."

Conyers' attorney, Arnold Reed, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the lawmaker has no plans to leave Congress and will fight the accusations against him "tooth and nail."

The House debate also saw Rep. Robert Brady, D-Pa., describe conversing with a female colleague in the chamber as a congressman he didn't identify "walked by and groped her from behind." Rep. Ann McLane Kuster, D-N.H., recounted a story she's told before about being sexually assaulted while a congressional aide four decades ago by "a distinguished guest of the United States Congress."

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., a sponsor of the training measure, said a woman told her of being on the House floor when a man "grinded up against her and then stuck his tongue in her ear." Speier, who offered no names and has described the incident previously, has said she herself was sexually assaulted by her office's chief of staff when she was an aide years ago.

Earlier, House Speaker Paul Ryan said there should be no room for sexual harassment "in any workplace, let alone in the United States Congress." Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters that having a hostile environment on Capitol Hill is "a disgrace."

Ryan and others said one upcoming target for examination is the secretive practice lawmakers use to settle complaints using federally financed payments. No information is publicly released and recipients must promise silence. Many such settlements go through Congress' obscure Office of Compliance, which has said it's paid more than $17 million over the last 20 years to resolve claims of sexual harassment, pay disputes and other disagreements. It's provided no detail. Rep. Gregg Harper, R-Miss., who chairs a committee that oversees that office, said he's requested figures on settlements involving sexual harassment by lawmakers.

Despite unanimity that harassment must be addressed, one Democrat complained leaders weren't being aggressive enough.

Conyers surrendered his post as the House Judiciary Committee's top Democrat after a report that he'd quietly settled a complaint by a former aide who said he'd harassed her. But at least three colleagues have said he should quit the House.

One critic, Rep. Kathleen Rice, D-N.Y., said she left a meeting of House Democrats unhappy that the issue wasn't being taken seriously enough. She cited recent firings of media figures and told reporters, "We don't do the same, and I think it's a disgrace."

Top Democrats disputed that, and one senior aide said eight lawmakers discussed the issue at the closed-door meeting. Other accusers have also emerged. Conyers has denied the allegations and returned to Detroit.

Ryan sidestepped a question on whether lawmakers should more vocally address some women's claims that they were sexually harassed by Donald Trump before he became president. Trump has denied the allegations.

"Right now we're focused on making sure this place works the right way," Ryan said.

Lawmakers say the House training measure, similar to a plan the Senate already approved, is merely a first step. Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-Va., a sponsor of Wednesday's resolution, said lawmakers are considering ending taxpayer-funded settlements, giving victims of alleged harassment more rights and requiring more information about complaints to be publicly released.

Franken was accused by one woman of forcibly kissing her and by three others of grabbing their buttocks while taking pictures. He's apologized.

In Alabama, Moore faces allegations he's denied of preying on teenage girls decades ago. Rep. Joe Barton has apologized after a nude photo of him was leaked on social media.

Monica Lewinsky slams HLN special carrying her name

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Monica Lewinsky isn't too pleased with the title of an upcoming TV special about her affair with President Bill Clinton that led to his impeachment.

Lewinsky tweeted a screenshot of a headline about an HLN special, "The Monica Lewinsky Scandal." She crossed out the title and suggested replacing it with "The Starr Investigation" or "The Clinton Impeachment." She quipped in the tweet: "fixed it for you. you're welcome."

The special is part of HLN's true crime series "How It Really Happened." The show's website lists the title of Sunday's episode as "The Clinton-Lewinsky Scandal."

Clinton initially denied the affair before admitting to it in 1998.

"The Starr Investigation" is a reference to Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel whose investigation led to Clinton's impeachment trial.

Clinton was acquitted by Congress.

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

COUNTRY NIGHTS Get a double billing of music when East Texas rock 'n' country band Jone Wetzel headlines Rockin' Rodeo with Grant Gilbert opening.

SATURDAY

GAME ON Merry Midland Reindeer Games will feature Santa's Workshop ice skating, a giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit through Dec. 23 at 303 W Wall St.

LIGHT IT UP Head to Wadley Barron Park for the annual Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY

GNOME HOME Join The Pottery at the Midland Beer Garden for Gnome Painting. You could even turn your gnome into a Christmas gift for that special someone. 4 p.m.

MAGIC EYE Authentic illusionist Jay Owenhouse mixes magic with tigers and a little bit of faith into his show at the Wagner Noel. 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

MAKE IT REIN The Museum of the Southwest hosts Reinbeer VII where guests can sample a variety of craft beers and ciders throughout the night and enjoy the campus' decorations. 7 p.m.

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters

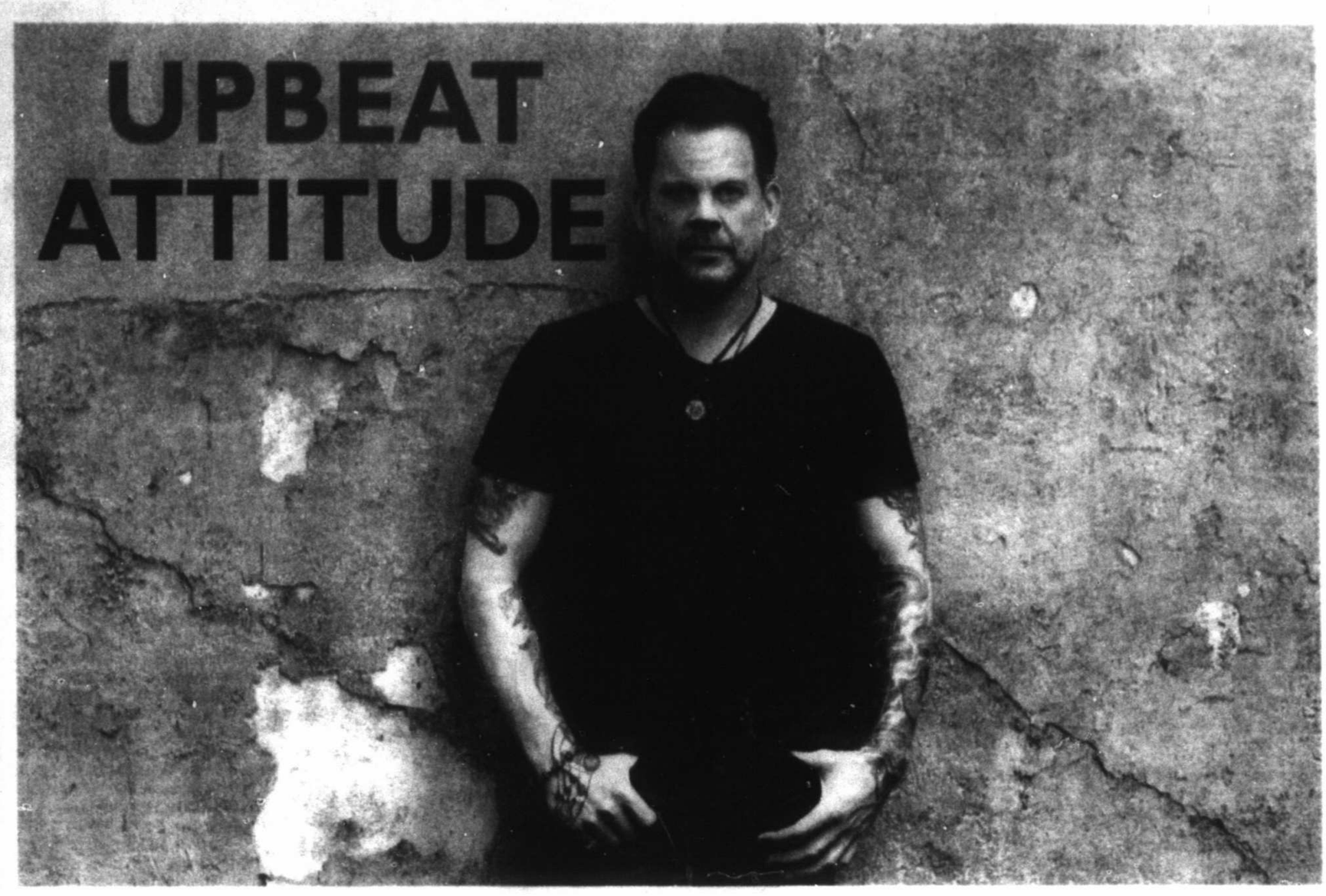
TALL CITY 14

Opening: "Lady Bird," "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

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

COMING SOON

Country legend Clint Black performs his Holiday and Hits show at the Wagner Noel with Hudson Moore opening on Dec. 7. Tickets available at wagnernoel.com



UPBEAT ATTITUDE

Gary Allan gets happy with new music

By Rich Lopez
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Country music has its fair share of tears in beer songs, and that always spoke to Gary Allan. With a catalog heavy on heartbreak, as well as reflective of personal tragedy, the singer's success was founded on sad songs. And then fans and media seemed to get tired of it.

"I got called out on it," he said in a phone interview. "I was called the 'Master of Misery' and it was pointed out to me how down my writing was."

Allan said that with a laugh but it clearly stirred something in him. As he works on his new album "Hard Way," he has promised a more upbeat attitude.

Some of those tracks can be heard when he performs Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center.

"I've been conscious about all that, so I wanted to keep things up this time around," he said.

And so he shifted his process by teaming specifically with female songwriters.

"Writing this was different. They had this way that made life seem rosier than how I could bring it. There's still the heartbreak, but it just sounded different."

Right now, his live show is the only preview to his new work except for the released single "Mess Me Up." The new album is on the horizon but he's concerned about the content.

"I don't think I have the singles just yet. I'm going to cut a few more tracks in the studio but when I'm making an album, I want them to feel like I feel at the time," he said.

And he's said in other interviews that he's in a good place right now — but that doesn't mean he's given up on the heartache.

"Hey, I love those tearjerkers the most," Allan said.

IF YOU GO

Gary Allan, Hunter Hutchinson, Bri Bagwell and the Banned. 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $45-$75. haciendamidland.com.

MOSC's 'Sounds of the Season' puts singer Brian Gravelle in spotlight

By Rich Lopez
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Among Midland's holiday traditions is the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale's "Sounds of the Season" concert. MOSC will kick off the month of holiday festivities with its popular show Saturday at the Wagner Noel.

And this is the symphony at full strength with all its players, every chamber ensemble and chorale under the lead of conductor Gary Lewis.

"It's the perfect way for the entire family to ring in the holiday spirit," executive director Jeanette Kolokoff said in a press release.

And for local singer Brian Gravelle, it's his first time to join in as the concert's special guest.

Gravelle

"It's cool. I don't think I realized how big this concert was going to be. Everyone is even asking my mom about it," Gravelle said.

The trained operatic singer will perform three pieces, including "O Holy Night." But he's been seen

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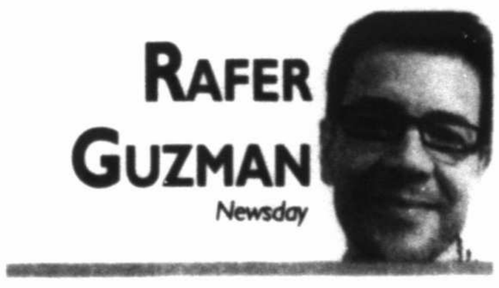
'LADY BIRD'

'Lady Bird' is a powerful, emotional coming-of-age story



"I wish I could live through something," says Christine McPherson, the bored young heroine of "Lady Bird." Well, of course she's young — that's why she says such ridiculous things. Trapped in suburbia, tethered to a disapproving mother and stifled by her Catholic high school, Christine is a ball of frustration, emotion and ambition. She has only two options: act out, or get out. For much of this movie, she's intent on doing both.

"Lady Bird" is written by Greta Gerwig and marks her directorial debut (barring a co-credit with Joe Swanberg on "The Naked Truth"). It's also one of the best movies about adolescence to come along in years. Starring Saoirse Ronan as Christine — whose self-bestowed nickname gives the movie its title — "Lady Bird" is a bittersweet symphony of teenage humiliations, hard knocks, rude awakenings and lessons learned. Set and filmed in Gerwig's hometown of Sacramento, California, this semi-autobiographical story also brims with love for its characters and, ultimately, for the underdog city that its heroine longs to leave in her rearview mirror.

Like a page ripped from an old diary, "Lady Bird" is a re-creation of notable moments from one girl's senior year of high school: snacking on communion wafers with her nerdy friend Julie (Beanie Feldstein), joining the drama club and falling for fellow actor Danny (a very good Lucas Hedges), then fixating on self-important rock musician Kyle (a wonderful Timothee Chalamet) and kissing up to queen bee Jenna (Odeya Rush). Hovering over everything is Marion, Christine's difficult mother, a 50-50 blend of love and toxicity played to Oscar-caliber perfection

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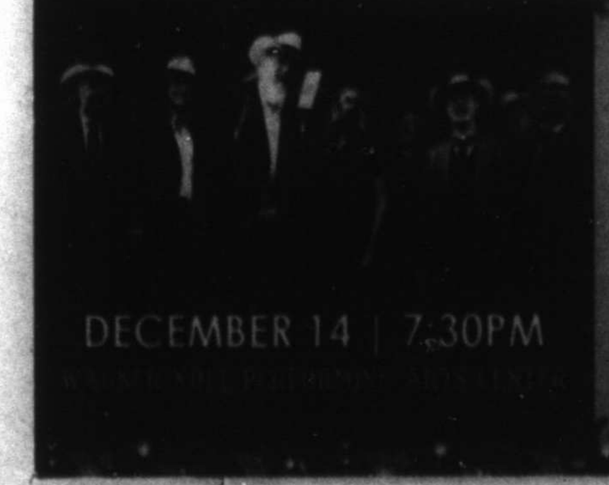

FUNDRAISER FOR THE MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE

Merry TEXAS Christmas from Y'ALL! Asleep at the WHEEL

Expect a wonderful evening that combines Asleep at the Wheel's most popular songs, new material, and holiday favorites such as "Christmas in Jail" and "Merry Texas Christmas Y'all." Don't miss a fun filled evening with these Texas legends performing holiday music inspired by the Lone Star State!

Asleep At The Wheel is delighted to perform as the annual fundraising event for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

TICKETS $25-$75
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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS

December Market at the Gardens with more than 30 local vendors for holiday shopping. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday at Alldredge Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road.

Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Gala by the Young Professionals of Midland. 7-10 p.m., Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. $15. Dress code encouraged. ypmidland.org.

Gnome Painting, 4-7 p.m., Sunday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $20 per gnome. midlandbeergarden.com.

Mingle all the Way! Enjoy refreshments, snacks and dancing at this event hosted by 100 Women Who Rock the Permian Basin. 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Ballroom Dance Studio, 4400 N. Big Spring St.

The sixth annual **Gingerbread Haven Extravaganza** benefiting Midland Fair Havens will feature gingerbread house decorating and luncheon and family house decorating party. Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; party, 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $95 luncheon, $80 party. mfh.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Centennial Family Night feature a variety of games for the entire family to enjoy. 4:30 p.m., today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Writing is Magic teen writing club for ages 13-19 is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 4:30 p.m. every first Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Family movie and game night hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). Enjoy board games and a screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for children. The night will also host the Texas State Health Department to conduct free STI screenings. 7 p.m. Friday at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

Caring Santa are private photo sessions exclusively for families of children with special needs. 9-11 a.m., Sunday at Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com/caringsanta.

SciGirls STEM Camp for ages 8-12. 5 p.m., Monday at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

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

Downtown Family Game Night with a variety of classic and new board games. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m., (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m., (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m., (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Centennial Family Night feature a variety of games for the entire family. 4:30 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

FINE ART & DANCE

Midland Arts Association: Jean Hoelscher. Works will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout December at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

OPENING: First Friday featuring the works of Anabella Charlton and Jesse Trejo. The artists' works will be on display Fridays throughout December. First Friday is the monthly opening reception for new shows. 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective" on display through Sunday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"What If," University of Texas of the Permian Basin Senior Art Exhibition by lamhilex Fernandez On display through Jan. 5 at the Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

FOOD & DRINK

Kids Christmas and Cookies. Children can learn to decorate Christmas cookies and take home a dozen sugar cookies they decorated. 1 p.m., Saturday at Cookie Shack by Erica Pando, 1307 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $40. Facebook: @CookieShack.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas Reinbeer Vii. 7-10 p.m., Tuesday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $50. museumsw.org.

GAMES

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

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

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour, 1709 Rankin Hwy.

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. 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. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

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

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

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

HOLIDAYS

Fa-la-lalapalooza Christmas Party and tree lighting. Hot cocoa, cider, carolers and visits with Santa Claus. New, unwrapped toy donations will be accepted. 5-8:30 p.m. today at Occasions Fine Jewelry, 2308 W. Loop 250 N.

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

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

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas mother-daughter brunch. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $60 per mother and daughter; $20 additional child. museumsw.org.

Belles in the Basin Christmas Bazaar with local vendors, an appearance by Santa Claus and children's activities. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas gingerbread workshop. 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required by calling 683-2882. museumsw.org.

"Santa's Coming." First 100 children get a free treat from Santa. Photographer on site for free photos. 2-4 p.m., Saturday at Susie's South Forty Confections, 401 S. Marienfeld St.

Very Merry Midland: Reindeer Games. The second annual event downtown will feature Santa's Workshop, ice skating, giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit. Stay tuned for information about "Elf on a Falling Shelf" and the "Great American Snowball Fight." Events run 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Opens Saturday and runs through Saturday3 at 303 W. Wall St. Free admission but $6 for skating and snow globe photos. doyourcity.us.

Downtown Odessa Parade of Lights begins on Andrews Highway and 23rd St. to Medical Center Hospital. 6:30 p.m. Saturday. downtownodessatx.com.

Christmas Tree Lighting by the city of Midland. 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Wadley Barron Park and Duck Pond, 1001 N. A St.

West Texas North Pole Village will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, Rudolph's Candy Store and more. Noon Sunday at Rolling 7's Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 with unwrapped gift.

Santa, Milk and Cookies, 2-5 p.m., Sunday at Miss Cayce's Christmas, 1012 Andrews Highway.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting by the Pilot Club for the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center. 6 p.m., Monday at PBRC, 620 N. Allegheney Ave., Odessa.

"Oh, What Fun!" 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. Tuesday at 6728 N. State Highway 349. betenbough.com.

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Boom or Bust: "The World without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa.

Boom or Bust: "The World without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 1 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Open Shop Nights are every Monday 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. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Palette Club Painting. 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palettemidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

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COUNTRY

Koe Wetzel, Grant Gilbert. 8 p.m. today at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $12. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Donnie Evetts, 9 p.m. Friday at Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa.

Gary Allan, Hunter Hutchinson, Bri Bagwell and the Banned. 8 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $45-$75. haciendamidland.com.

Jake Pyeatt, 8 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

DJ/DANCE

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

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

HOLIDAY

Tuba Christmas led by Kevin Young with guest conductor Nick Conn. 6:30 p.m. at Mason Hall in the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free with MOSC "Sounds of the Season" ticket.

MOSC: "Sounds of the Season" by the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale will feature performances by the chamber ensembles, Voices of the Permian Basin and feature tenor Brian Gravelle all led by conductor Gary Lewis. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25.80-$50. MOSC.org.

Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Sunday at Mid-Cities Church, 8700 State Highway 191. $15 advance, $20 door. Midcities.org.

Jazz Band and Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Globe Theatre at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. Free.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $56-117. Wagnernoel.com.

KARAOKE

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

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

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

METAL

Keychain, 8 p.m. today at W.O.W. Beer and BBQ, 6009 Golder Ave., Odessa.

ROCK

Lucky Odds, TFRP, 9 p.m. Saturday at Gabby-Doo Saloon, 6009 Golder Ave., Odessa.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Jingle Bell Run: A Night Time Christmas light Experience benefiting Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin. This year's run will go through Grasslands Estates lit by Christmas lights. 4:30 -7:30 p.m. Saturday at Heritage USA FCU, 5507 W. Wadley Ave. $10-$35. endurancecuiactive.com.

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

Yogalates, 4 p.m. Sunday at Project 30 Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Facebook: @project30pilates.

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup. 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasle Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Adult Kickball. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

ROAD TRIP

Christmas in Alpine will feature a Christmas Light Parade, tree lighting, an appearance by Santa Claus and more. 5:30-9 p.m., Friday in downtown Alpine. alpinetexas.com.

STAGE, COMEDY & FILM

"Incoming!" dome show, 1 p.m. today at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" dome show for children, 4 p.m. today at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

NEW!: "Astronaut" dome show in 3D. 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in December at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical" runs through Dec. 16. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 Sunday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. Mctmidland.org.

NEW!: "In My Backyard" dome show, noon Tuesdays-Saturdays in December. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Saturday Movie: "Frozen," 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free.

Saturday Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Jay Owenhouse: The Authentic Illusionist, 4 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$69.50. Wagnernoel.com.

NEW!: "Star of Bethlehem" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays in December. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Slugs and Bugs Live! Family Christmas Concert. This multimedia performance mixes catchy Christmas songs, Bible memorization and entertaining performers for families and children. 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. $5. Slugsandbugs.com.

"Dust 2 Glory," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

COMING SOON

DECEMBER

Q4 Modern Marketing Workshop will show how to approach marketing and branding using social media and other modern avenues. 5-7 p.m. Dec. 7 at Beyond Elite Marketing, 112 S. Loraine St., Suite 414A. $20. beyondelitemarketing.com.

Yappy Hour is a mixer for pet owners by the Midland Humane Coalition. Microchip clinic offered for $20. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at Midland Beer Garden.

"George Takei's Allegiance on Broadway 2017," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $19.45. fathomevents.com.

Clint Black's Holiday and Hits. Hudson Moore opens the show. 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$75. wagnernoel.com.

Read Southall Band, 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Davis Mountains Open Preserve Weekend, 8 a.m, Dec. 8 through 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at Davis Mountains Preserve in Fort Davis. Nature.org.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas Holiday Tea Party. 3:45-4:45 p.m. Dec. 8 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required by calling 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Allegro Chorale Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $12. wagnernoel.com.

Yuletide at the Yucca featuring performances by Absolute Dance, Aloha O'Hawaii, Ballet Folklorico and more. 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Tracy Lawrence, 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at Dos Amigos. dosamigos.com.

"A Place Called Christmas" and "Twelve Daze of Christmas" double feature runs Dec. 8-17. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

Midland Storytelling Festival will feature storytellers Charlotte Blacke Alston, Jasmine Cardenas, Antonio Rocha and more along with the winners of the youth storytelling contest. 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Free. Makingmemoriesmidland.com.

Torino's seventh annual Toy Drive featuring live music by J.R. McNutt, Jeremy Calley, Tommy Pool and DJ Daylen Keys, a silent auction, refreshments and more. The toy drive benefits High Sky Children's Ranch, CASA of West Texas and 311 Ministries. Bring a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation to Torino's for entry. 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Breakfast with Santa Cow, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dec. 9 at Chick-fil-A, 3805 E. 42nd St., Odessa.

Nature Club: Christmas Bird Count. Nature Club is a drop-off program for children grades K-3., 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 9 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 nonmembers. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

"The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $18-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Christmas at the Mansion: An Illustrated Christmas open house. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Christmas at the Mansion: Fifth Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $35 members, $40 nonmembers and $40 members, $45 nonmembers day of event. museumsw.org.

Santa, Milk and Cookies, 1-5 p.m. Dec. 9 at Miss Cayce's Christmas, 1012 Andrews Highway.

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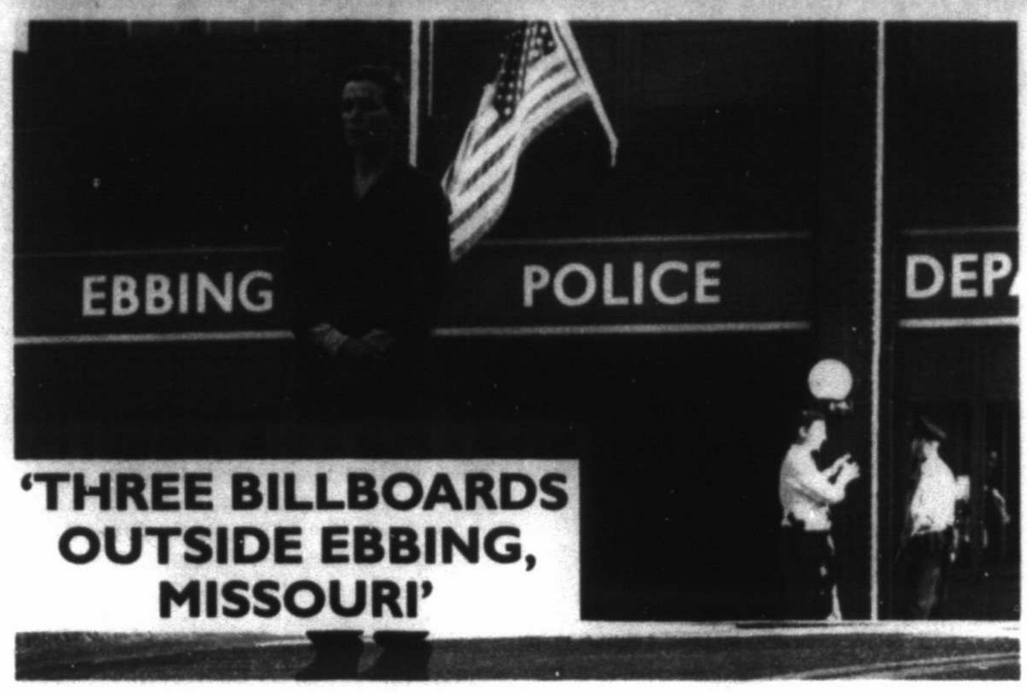

'THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI'

Frances McDormand is a wonder in 'Three Billboards'

MOIRA MACDONALD
Seattle Times

Frances McDormand, in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," is like kindling waiting for a flame; every muscle in her face seems to be slowly tightening, one by one. She plays Mildred Hayes, a no-nonsense woman (she dresses, every day, in a navy blue jumpsuit; the sort worn by plumbers or mechanics) who's out for revenge. "I'm Angela Hayes' mother," she says, in a voice so low you could jump over it. Her daughter, seven months ago, was raped and murdered by an unknown assailant; Mildred, frozen in clenched-jaw heartbreak, needs to know who to blame.

In the movie's early scenes, we learn of her unusual strategy to reach this end: She rents three billboards on a rural road leading into her small Missouri town, and on them taunts the town's chief of police, Wiloughby (Woody Harrelson), for not solving the case. A laconic but good-hearted fellow, Willoughby tries to reason with Mildred; no dice. "Looks like we got a war on our hands," he drawls. Because this is a Martin McDonagh movie ("In Bruges," "Seven Psychopaths"), mayhem ensues — of the violent, foul-mouthed, and often darkly comic variety.

But in between the sometimes over-the-top action (I didn't quite buy Mildred battering high-school kids, though McDormand valiantly sells it), a quiet little actors' movie unfolds, if you listen for it. Sam Rockwell, as hot-tempered cop Dixon, creates a symphony of blustery jerkiness (and, miraculously, makes you feel a bit for the guy); John Hawkes, in just a couple of brief scenes, tells you everything you need to know about Mildred's ex-husband. (That anger didn't begin with Angela's death.)

Harrelson, in one of his most gentle performances (it's as if Woody the bartender from "Cheers" got a little smarter, learned how to cuss and went into law enforcement), finds a touching chemistry with McDormand; he understands her, even as he's being driven mad by her. And McDormand, carrying the movie on blue-denimed shoulders, is a wonder. Every now and then, she lets us see the tiniest crack in Mildred's anger, through which something flickering shines through. Asked if she's given up hope, she replies, in a voice that seems too tiny to be coming out of this formidable woman, "I been trying not."

'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri'

3.5 stars

With Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell, Abbie Cornish, Lucas Hedges, John Hawkes, Peter Dinklage.

Written and directed by Martin McDonagh.

Rated R for violence, language throughout, and some sexual references.

Running time: 115 minutes.

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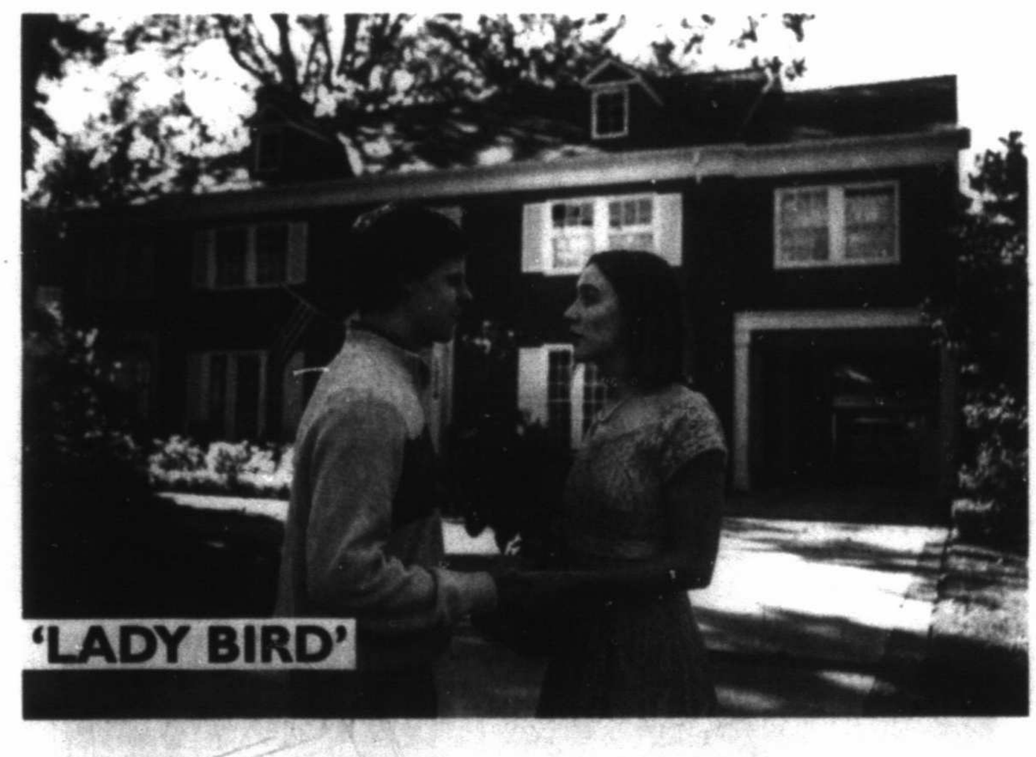

'LADY BIRD'

GUZMAN

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by Laurie Metcalf. The great Tracy Letts is Larry, Christine's doting but ineffectual father.

The Gerwig persona we've come to know from her acting — awkward, affable, endearing — is in every frame of this movie, so much so that your brain might visualize Gerwig, rather than Ronan, playing out a particular scene. That sense of authorship, though, is what makes the movie ring so true. "Lady Bird" feels like a grown woman's letter to her furious younger self, one that says nothing is so awful, everything is OK, and someday we'll all look back on this and laugh.

'Lady Bird'

3.5 stars

Cast: Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalfe, Timothee Chalamet.

Rated R (adult talk and sexuality).

Running time: 1:33

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MOSC

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more on local stages as an actor.

"There's no opera here in the same sense that there is musical theater so that has been a great outlet," he said.

Gravelle retains singing as his foundation; he's a singer who acts. He began singing as a sophomore at Lee High School, and then went to Texas Tech. He began studies at Northwestern but returned to Midland for his family. That decision proved fortuitous, as he found himself in big productions of "Les Miserables," "Man of La Mancha" and "Disney's The Little Mermaid."

Gravelle said that acting experience will add to his Saturday performance. He'll give his certain spin on music many people in the audience will be familiar with.

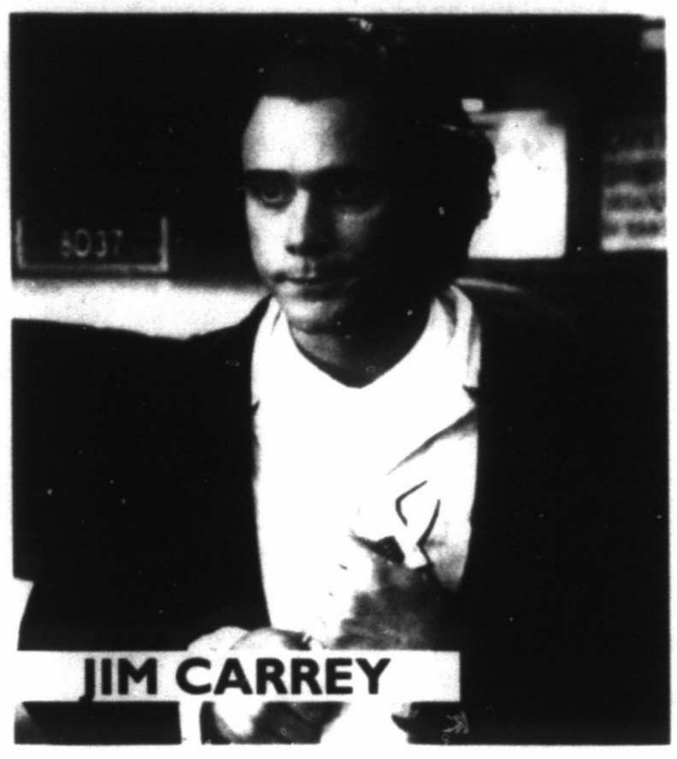
"Singing is one thing I have most positive control over. I know I'm good at it, and it's my constant. But then I'll bring the emotion to those pieces as well, and bridge the gap between a contemporary sound and operatic one. I'm super excited," he said.

IF YOU GO

MOSC: "Sounds of the Season." "Tuba Christmas" will precede the concert at 6:30 p.m. in Mason Hall. Free with ticket. The concert is at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25.80-$50. MOSC.org.

Jim Carrey on losing himself inside Andy Kaufman and why he relived it for the documentary 'Jim & Andy'

By Josh Rottenberg
Los Angeles Times



JIM CARREY

LOS ANGELES — Jim Carrey sat in a Los Angeles hotel room on a recent evening explaining he was not really Jim Carrey anymore — at least not in the way he once was.

"I use his name," Carrey said, dressed all in black, his lanky frame folded onto a couch. "That's the mailing address."

But on a deeper level, the Carrey persona has fallen away. And now, at age 55, he is trying to live as much as possible without any mask or pretense and simply float through this vast, unending absurdity that is existence.

"There's always going to be two worlds: the absolute and the relative," Carrey said. "And the absolute is the understanding that there's only one thing: There's just a field of energy, and there's no you or I involved. It's just happening."

For as long as he can remember, Carrey has been a seeker. As a kid in Canada, years before he found stardom in smash hits like "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" and "Dumb and Dumber," he would write poems in which he tried to sort out what the universe was all about.

But perhaps the most pivotal moment in Carrey's spiritual journey came when he played his comic idol, Andy Kaufman, in the 1999 film "Man on the Moon," plunging himself so deeply into the role that he's never been the same since.

That experience has now been chronicled in the new Netflix documentary "Jim & Andy: The Great Beyond — Featuring a Very Special, Contractually Obligated Mention of Tony Clifton." Directed by Chris Smith ("American Movie") and produced by Spike Jonze, the film — now playing on the streaming platform and in a handful of theaters — draws from roughly 100 hours of behind-the-scenes footage that was shot during the making of "Man on the Moon."

In exploring the four months Carrey spent inhabiting Kaufman, "Jim & Andy" creates a kind of cinematic Venn diagram out of the lives of the two comedians.

Kaufman, who died in 1984, was perhaps best known to mainstream audiences for playing the lovably goofy Latka Gravas on the sitcom "Taxi." But he earned an enduring cult following for a style of high-wire, bizarro comedy that blurred the lines between what was real and what was not.

Whether Kaufman was lip-syncing to the "Mighty Mouse" theme song, wrestling women or appearing in the guise of a loutish lounge singer named Tony Clifton, his aim was as much to confound audience expectations and push the public's buttons as it was to deliver laughs in any traditional sense.

"Every story you heard about him expanded the possibilities of what you could play with," said Jonze, who cites Kaufman as a powerful influence on his own work, from the prankish series "Jackass," which he co-created, to mind-bending films like "Being John Malkovich." "You didn't just have to play in the area they told you to play in. All the stuff that everyone took so seriously was just a game and theater to him."

For Carrey, who was coming off the acclaimed 1998 satire "The Truman Show" when he signed on to "Man on the Moon," it seemed only fitting that he should approach the role of Kaufman with that same spirit of playfulness and total commitment. In the end, Carrey's performance would become something more than an exercise in Method acting, verging on an out-of-body experience.

"I didn't black out, but the balance was way in Andy's corner," said Carrey, who went on to win a Golden Globe Award for his performance in the film. "I broke a couple of times on weekends and stuff, but pretty much from when I woke up to when I went to bed, the choices were all his."

Carrey's insistence on staying in character at times proved exasperating to those around him, as when, playing Kaufman-as-Clifton, Carrey would hurl abuse at director Milos Forman. Still, he never dropped the act. "I love Milos and I respect him greatly, but Tony doesn't," Carrey said. "Somewhere in the background, there's a little piece of Jim going, 'Oh, no, you're not going to do that.' But I was just along for the ride."

The behind-the-scenes footage from "Man on the Moon" — shot by Kaufman's girlfriend, Lynne Margulies, and his close friend and creative partner, Bob Zmuda — initially had been intended to be released in conjunction with the movie as a kind of promotional add-on. But Universal Pictures ultimately decided to shelve it.

"They didn't want it to be seen by anyone," Carrey said. "They were protecting my persona. It was a scary thing."

For years, the footage sat in Carrey's office. Jonze, who had met with Carrey early in his career about possibly directing the "Ace Ventura" sequel and had gone on to befriend the actor, was tantalized by its very existence.

"Every time Jim told me about the footage, I was like, 'That sounds so cool,'" Jonze said. "'We've got to do something with that.'"

For his part, though, Smith, whose other documentaries include "The Yes Men" and "Collapse," initially wasn't quite sure what to make of the idea when Jonze first approached him about it.

"I hadn't made a movie in a while, and I was just terrified of making a glorified DVD extra," Smith said. "I didn't know Jim personally, and I was curious about what he had been up to. But I didn't know where it was going to go or what it would be For me, it was having faith in Spike that he saw something interesting here."

The filming, however, proved revelatory. Over the course of five hours of interviews with Smith, Carrey — wearing a heavy beard and staring deeply into the camera — delved into the profound effect that the experience of playing Kaufman had had on him. "I'd never done that before," Carrey said. "It was just nakedness. Fortunately, I'm at a point in my life where whatever expectations people have of me are not at the forefront of my consciousness."

For Carrey, the experience of letting go of Kaufman and finding himself again after "Man on the Moon" had been difficult. "I was looking back at myself and going, 'What the hell do I believe?'" he remembered. "That was a process."

But having temporarily lost himself, Carrey started to find a deeper sense of freedom from the person he thought he was supposed to be. "The process over time has been, 'Oh, even that is not real. Even that is not solid,'" he said. "It's disconcerting at first because it's a death. Like, 'Wait a second — I worked really hard putting this thing together.'

"But the good thing is that there is another facet to this now. Sooner or later, I'm going to ascend out of that belief and understand None of this is who I am. None of this matters." He paused. "That's liberation."

Carrey is well aware of how all this kind of stuff can sound. He knows that a movie star waxing philosophical about his place in the cosmos can come off as woo-woo. He knows that some people think he's had some kind of breakdown. But frankly, he doesn't care.

"I'm the same as them

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ON SCREEN

'Hitman's Bodyguard' displays perfect chemistry between stars

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Hitman's Bodyguard" (R) The violence is tremendous — the body count may go into four figures — and may be offensive to many viewers. But the chemistry between Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson is flawless. There are plentiful laugh-out-loud moments, many of which involve coarse language uttered by Jackson (natch) and Salma Hayek, who plays Jackson's incarcerated bride. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Ice Cream Truck" (not rated) Had the slow build-up actually led to some genuine chills, this film wouldn't be in this spot. It is well-made with good acting and dialogue. But it falls short in the scare department. Very short. **D+**

MORE REVIEWS

"Atomic Blonde" (R) One of the best action films of the year is basically popcorn fare. But star Charlize Theron puts on a show — a very physical show — that is her best outing of this kind since 2015's "Mad Max: Fury Road." Her Lorraine Broughton is a character who deserves a franchise. **B**

"The Bad Batch" (R) Actor Jason Momoa said in a featurette about the film that audiences will either love it or not understand it. I actually fell in between that spectrum. It is very violent — the main character has her arm and leg cut off and eaten by residents shortly after her arrival in a desert exile — but contains three very interesting appearances by a trio of A-listers: Jim Carrey, Giovanni Ribisi and Keanu Reeves. **B+**

"Beach Rats" (R) Poignant story of an aimless young man exploring his sexual identity is no "Moonlight," but his story still pulls at the heartstrings. **B**

"Leap!" (PG) Kind of an animated version of the "Center Stage," this film is about a young girl who longs to be a dancer. Despite a lack of originality, the animation is spectacular and the story develops its own personality. **B-**

"The Little Hours" (R) Story of a group of oversexed nuns set in the Middle Ages is, to say the least, quite irreverent in a very guilty pleasure kind of way. It's also very charming and hilarious. You may have to say a few extra Hail Marys, but it's worth it. **B+**

"Misfortune" (unrated) Although better than the vanity project given off on its first impression, there's not enough depth to be memorable. **C+**

"The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature" (PG) It is excruciatingly hard to get through the first act of this film. But then something wonderful happens when Jackie Chan's Mr. Feng appears on screen. Feng and his fearless army of white mice spring into action, making the rest of the journey somewhat redeeming. **B-**

"Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets" (PG-13) As derivative as it is — mostly of the "Star Wars" franchise with some "Fifth Element" thrown in — that derivation makes the film quite entertaining. **B**

Reeled & Stream

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FILM CAPS

"A Bad Moms Christmas" (R) Three mothers face the most daunting holiday — coupled with visits from their own moms — in this sequel to the 2016 comedy. With Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn, Jay Hernandez, Cheryl Hines, Peter Gallagher, Christine Baranski, Susan Sarandon. Written and directed by Jon Lucas & Scott Moore.

"Coco" (G) A young boy with musical aspirations visits the Land of the Dead. Voices of Gael Garcia Bernal, Anthony Gonzalez, Benjamin Bratt, Renee Victor. Directed by Lee Unkrich. Co-directed by Adrian Molina.

"Daddy's Home 2" (PG-13) Sensitive stepdad Will Ferrell and macho dad Mark Wahlberg return in this sequel to the 2015 comedy, this time dealing with the arrival of their own fathers just in time for Christmas. With Linda Cardellini, John Cena, John Lithgow, Mel Gibson. Written by Sean Anders & John Morris, based on characters created by Brian Burns. Directed by Anders.

"Justice League" (PG-13) Batman and Wonder Woman recruit a team of superheroes to defend the planet against a new threat. With Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Raymond Fisher, Jason Momoa, Ezra Miller. Written by Chris Terrio and Joss Whedon; story by Terrio & Zack Snyder, based on characters from DC Entertainment, Superman created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Directed by Snyder.

"Lady Bird" (R) As warm as it is smart, and it is very smart, this portrait of a high school senior year marks actor-screenwriter Greta Gerwig's superb debut as a solo director and yet another astonishing performance by star Saoirse Ronan.

"The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)" (NR) Three adult siblings grapple with the impact their domineering father has on them. With Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Elizabeth Marvel, Grace Van Patten. Written and directed by Noah Baumbach. Streaming on Netflix.

"Mudbound" (R) Two families — one black, one white — struggle to farm the Mississippi Delta under Jim Crow laws during World War II. With Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, Mary J. Blige, Jonathan Banks, Jason Clarke, Rob Morgan. Written by Virgil Williams and Dee Rees, based on a novel by Hillary Jordan. Directed by Rees. Streaming on Netflix.

"Murder on the Orient Express" (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in a mystery that plays out on a train across Europe. With Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Leslie Odom Jr., Michelle Pfeiffer, Daisy Ridley. Written by Michael Green, based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

"The Star" (NR) A tenacious little donkey and his newfound friends follow a bright light in the sky and become part of the first Christmas in this animated fable. Voices of Steven Yeun, Gina Rodriguez, Zachary Levi, Keegan-Michael Key, Tracy Morgan, Tyler Perry, Oprah Winfrey. Written by Carlos Kotkin; story by Simon Moore and Kotkin. Directed by Timothy Reckart.

"Thor: Ragnarok" (PG-13) Chris Hemsworth stars in the third installment as the thunder god is held prisoner without his mighty hammer. With Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett, Idris Elba, Jeff Goldblum, Tessa Thompson, Karl Urban, Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Hopkins. Written by Eric Pearson; story by Craig Kyle & Christopher Yost and Pearson, based on the Marvel Comic. Directed by Taika Waititi.

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (R) Uncommon writer-director Martin McDonagh and a splendid cast top-lined by Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell present a savage film, even a dangerous one, the blackest take-no-prisoners farce in quite some time.

"Wonder" (PG) The facial differences that a fifth-grader was born with present challenges during entry into a mainstream school. With Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, Jacob Tremblay, Mandy Patinkin, Daveed Diggs. Written by Jack Thorne and Steven Conrad and Stephen Chbosky; based on the novel by R. J. Palacio. Directed by Chbosky.

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WHAT TO STREAM THIS WEEK

'THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL'

Tribune News Service

Planning on staying in for the weekend and not sure what to watch? TV Guide Editor-in-Chief Mickey O'Connor has a few suggestions. Here's what you should stream this weekend.

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

From the creative mind of Gilmore Girls' Amy Sherman-Palladino comes a new dramedy about a housewife-turned-standup comedian. When her husband leaves her after admitting to an affair, she gets drunk and heads over to the comedy club he regularly appears at to perform an impromptu bit. The act goes over well and after a night in jail for exposing herself decides to follow her new passion. The series stars House of Cards' Rachel Brosnahan, Alex Borstein and Tony Shalhoub. Stream it on Hulu started Wednesday.

Dark

This German-language drama follows the disappearance of two kids which exposes the double lives of four families living in their small town. Taking on a supernatural twist, their concept of time is shattered and the question becomes when they were taken, not who took them.

Easy

This anthology comedy centers on the romantic lives of various Chicago residents, including a couple who discover Tinder and decide to spice things up in the bedroom. Season 1 featured a number celebrity guest stars, including Orlando Bloom, Dave Franco, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Hannibal Buress, Marc Maron and Kiersey Clemons. Season 2, which features Aubrey Plaza and Judy Greer, arrives on Netflix on Friday.

East Los High

Praised for its realistic portrayal of Latino youth culture, this drama centers on a group of teens and the problems they encounter during their last few years of high school in East L.A. The show's fourth and final season sees them gearing up for a new journey of self-discovery outside of school. Watch how it all ends starting Friday on Hulu.

Voyeur

This thrilling documentary follows famed journalist Gay Talese and the complications that arise when he tries to write a piece about a man who purchased a motel and spent decades watching unsuspecting couples have sex. The controversial story raises a number of ethical questions regarding both Talese and his subject. Watch the drama unfold when it arrives Friday on Netflix.

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CARREY

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— that's the thing," he said. "Most people walk around with a mask on, and if you take your mask off for long enough, they start to go, 'Hey, put your … mask on. You're blowing my deal.' The fallback is, 'That person is crazy. That person is depressed.' I'm not depressed — at all. I'm just another flower in the garden, and I'm dealing with the same weather everybody else is."

A few minutes later, Carrey found himself in the back of an SUV toward the Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard, where "Jim & Andy" was being screened at the AFI Fest. He saw a random young man walking down the street and broke into a mischievous smile.

"Watch this. I'm going to change this guy's life," he said, rolling down the window and sticking his head out. "You're going to make it, man!" he yelled with unbridled excitement. "You're going to make it!"

The man turned his head, a look of pure confusion on his face. Was that … Jim Carrey?

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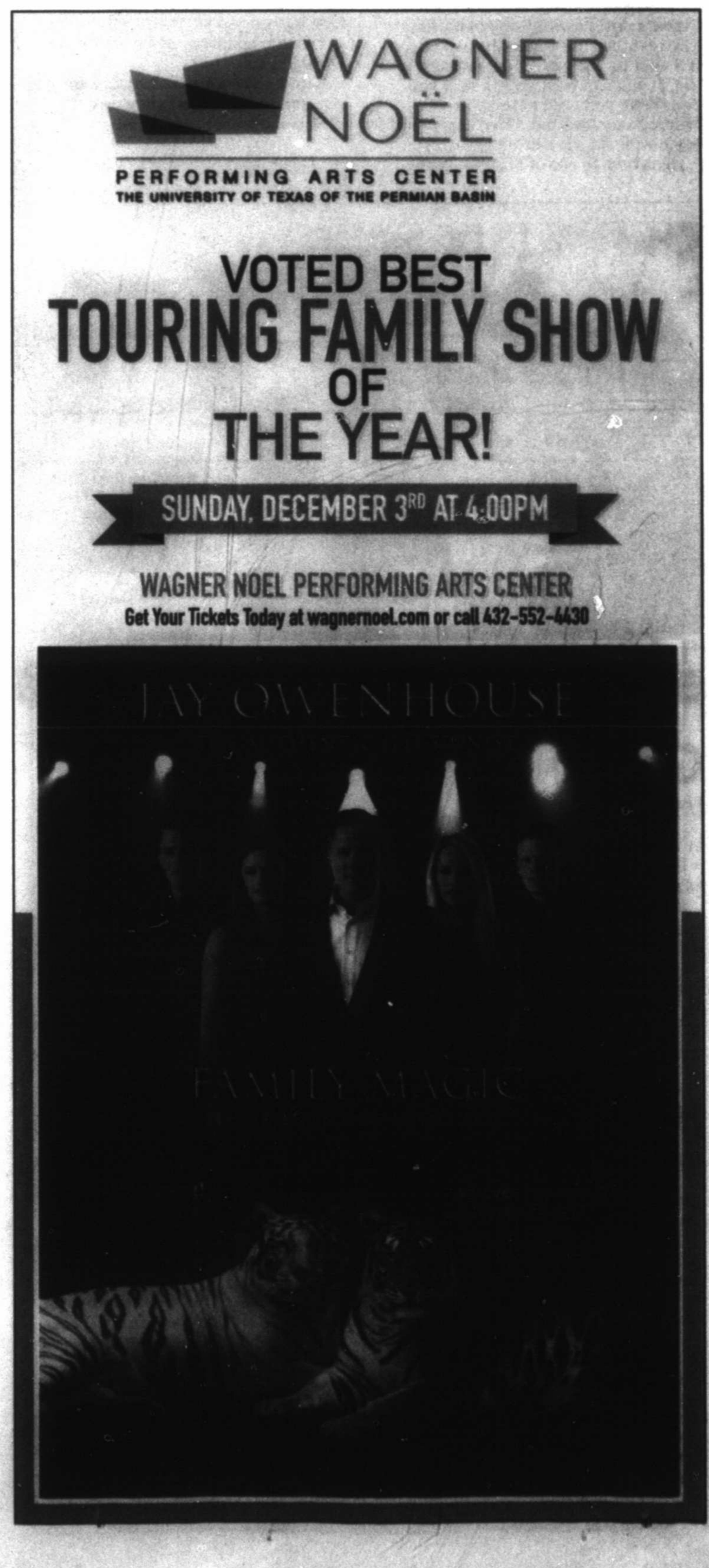

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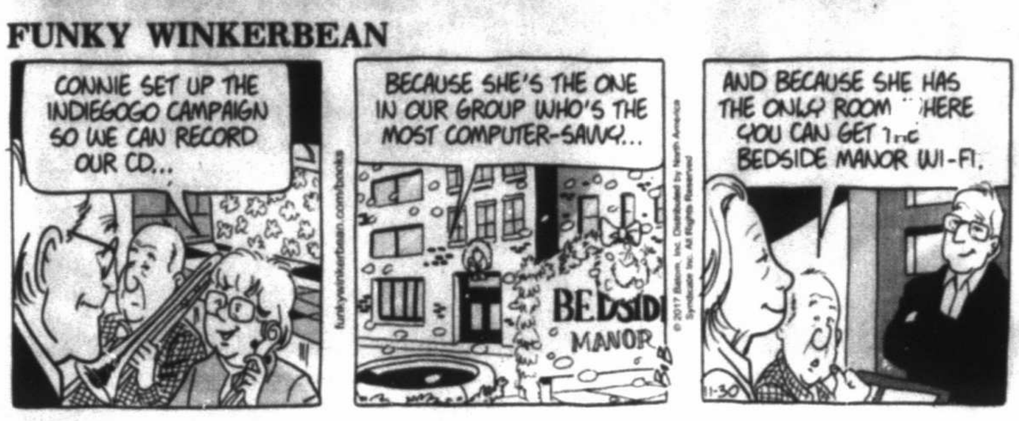

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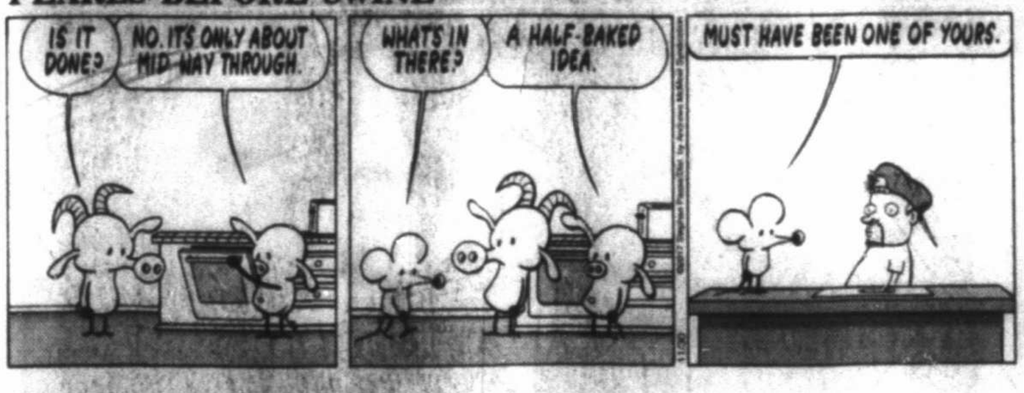

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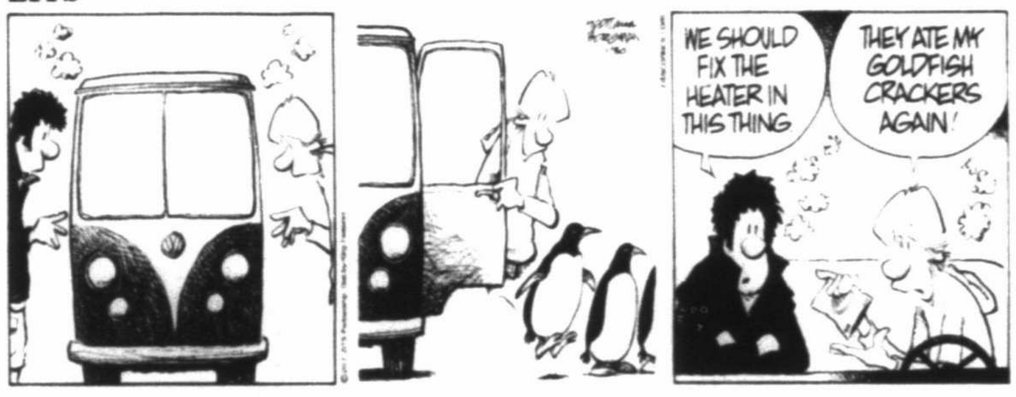

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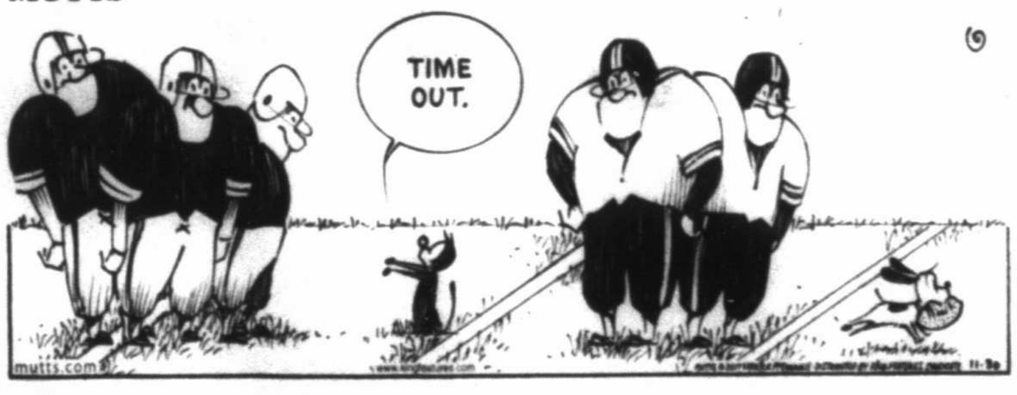


CLOSE TO HOME

For particularly difficult amnesia cases, psychiatrists at Cline Memorial Hospital tried music therapy.

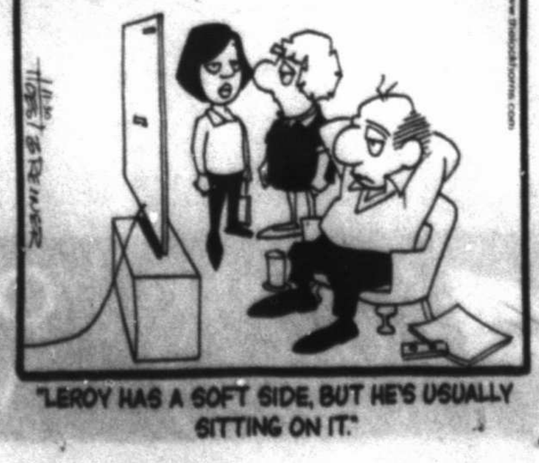
DENNIS THE MENACE

"HEALTHY SNACKS ARE EASY TO GET... BUT IF YOU WANT THE GOOD STUFF, YOU GOTTA WORK FOR IT!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Yes! I DO know a little boy who likes cookies, Grandma!"

LOCKHORNS



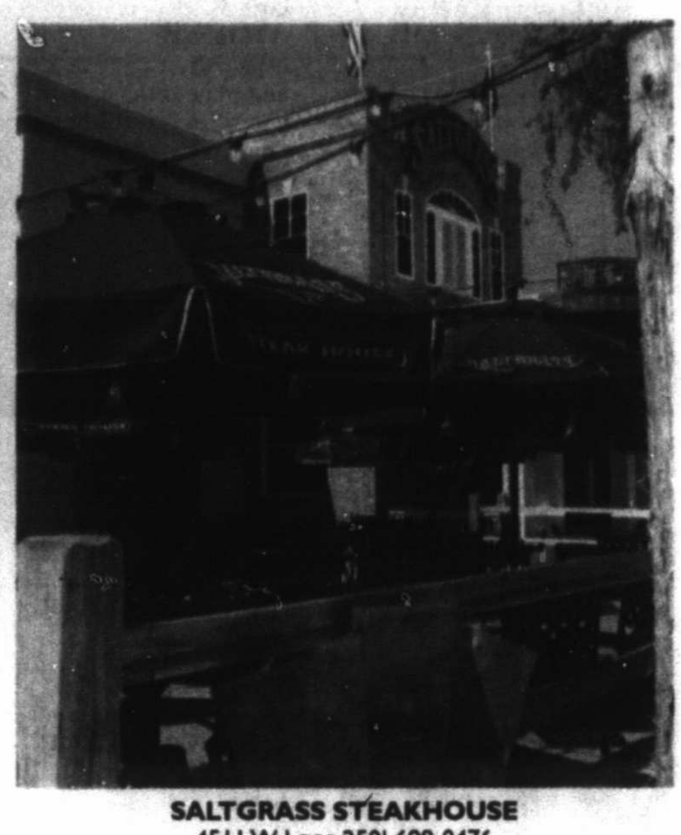
"LEROY HAS A SOFT SIDE, BUT HE'S USUALLY SITTING ON IT."

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

CATTLE BARON
418 WADLEY AVE. | 683-2334

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE
4610 N. GARFIELD ST. | 618-1110



SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE
4511 W. LOOP 250| 699-0476

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

BILL'S BISTRO Locally-owned fine-dining establishment featuring steaks and fresh seafood specials for dinner service and salads and burgers for lunch. Located next to The Wine Rack, diners may sit inside Bill's Bistro or The Wine Rack for lunch service. Appetizers from the restaurant are offered in the evenings at The Wine Rack. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite D3 | 218-7383 | $$$ | 4 spoons

CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. | 683-2334. cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE Churrasca serves meat — from chicken to lamb and pork to beef — directly at the table in an all-you-can-eat style. 4610 N. Garfield St. | 618-1110 | $$$ | 4 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else? Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. | 684-4422 | eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons.

GARLIC PRESS Fine dining with menu items including hand-cut steaks, seafood and pasta. Or try something from the small plates menu. Dessert menu changes weekly. 2200 W. Wadley Ave. No. 6 Oak Ridge Square | 570-4020 | thegarlicpress.net | $$$ | 4 spoons

LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE American standards including burgers, steaks and ribs, plus signature cocktails and all the peanuts you can shell and eat. The chain's Midland location has had some issues with slow service and cold food but things look to be on the mend. 609 N. Loop 250 W | 689-6464 | $$ | 2 spoons

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

RED LOBSTER Chain restaurant serving American seafood standards amid New England-themed decor. There's not a Midland location but the trip to Odessa is worth the drive. 4536 E University Blvd, Odessa, 432-367-8926 | redlobster.com | $$ | 4 spoons

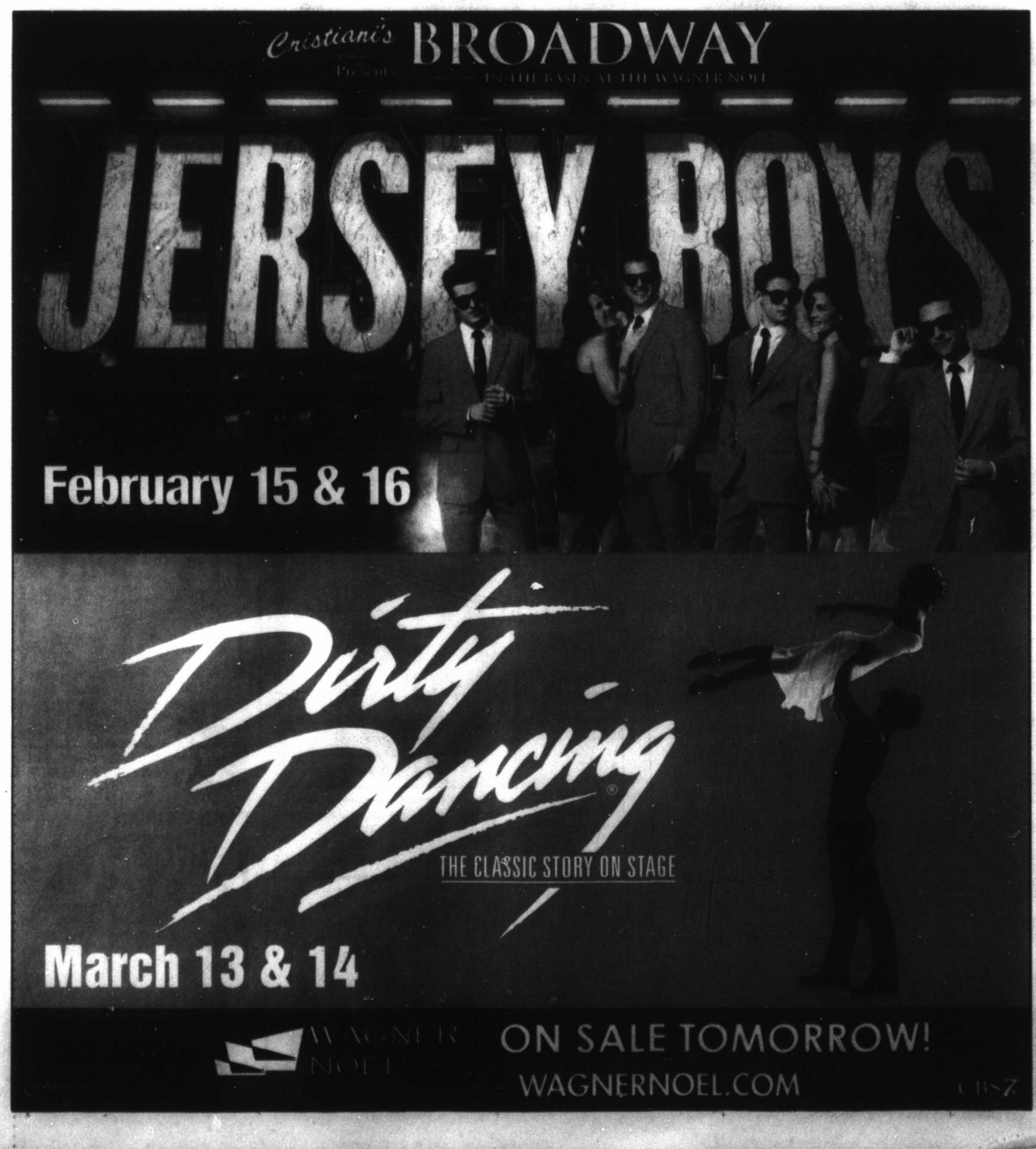
SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | 4 spoons

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

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant that offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and some of the best green beans you'll ever eat.. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. | 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

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



Chaps stumble, can't hang on in loss to SPC

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College men's basketball team was left frustrated and ticked off after Wednesday's game against No. 3 South Plains College at Chaparral Center.

After controlling the first half, the Chaparrals couldn't overcome 64 percent shooting by South Plains in the second half of a 70-60 loss in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener.

The Chaps (3-7, 0-1) felt that they went away from what was working in the first half and it cost them.

"We have a very good team, especially when we play hard and play to the best of our capabilities," said MC sophomore guard Marquell Fraser, who led the Chaps with 19 points. "During the first half we went out there, we didn't play scared and we attacked them. In the second half, we deviated from it and we let them go on the attack, we didn't get stops and we started forcing bad shots."

Added MC head coach Pat Rafferty: "I felt we beat ourselves. That's the hardest thing. We had to do a lot of things but we lost our grit in the second half and we have to have grit."

The Chaps took a 34-29 lead at the half as they overcame 35 percent shooting by playing solid on the defensive end. They also controlled the game and played at their pace by not forcing up silly shots.

But South Plains (6-3, 1-0), led by 6-foot-10 sophomore forward Isaiah Maurice, started the second half strong as he scored four of his game-high 25 points during an 8-3 run to begin the period.

The Texans eventually took the lead as they started to control

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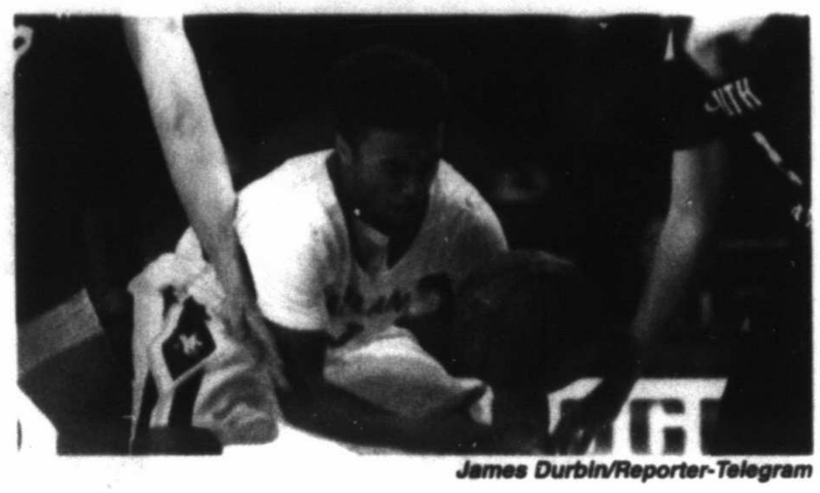

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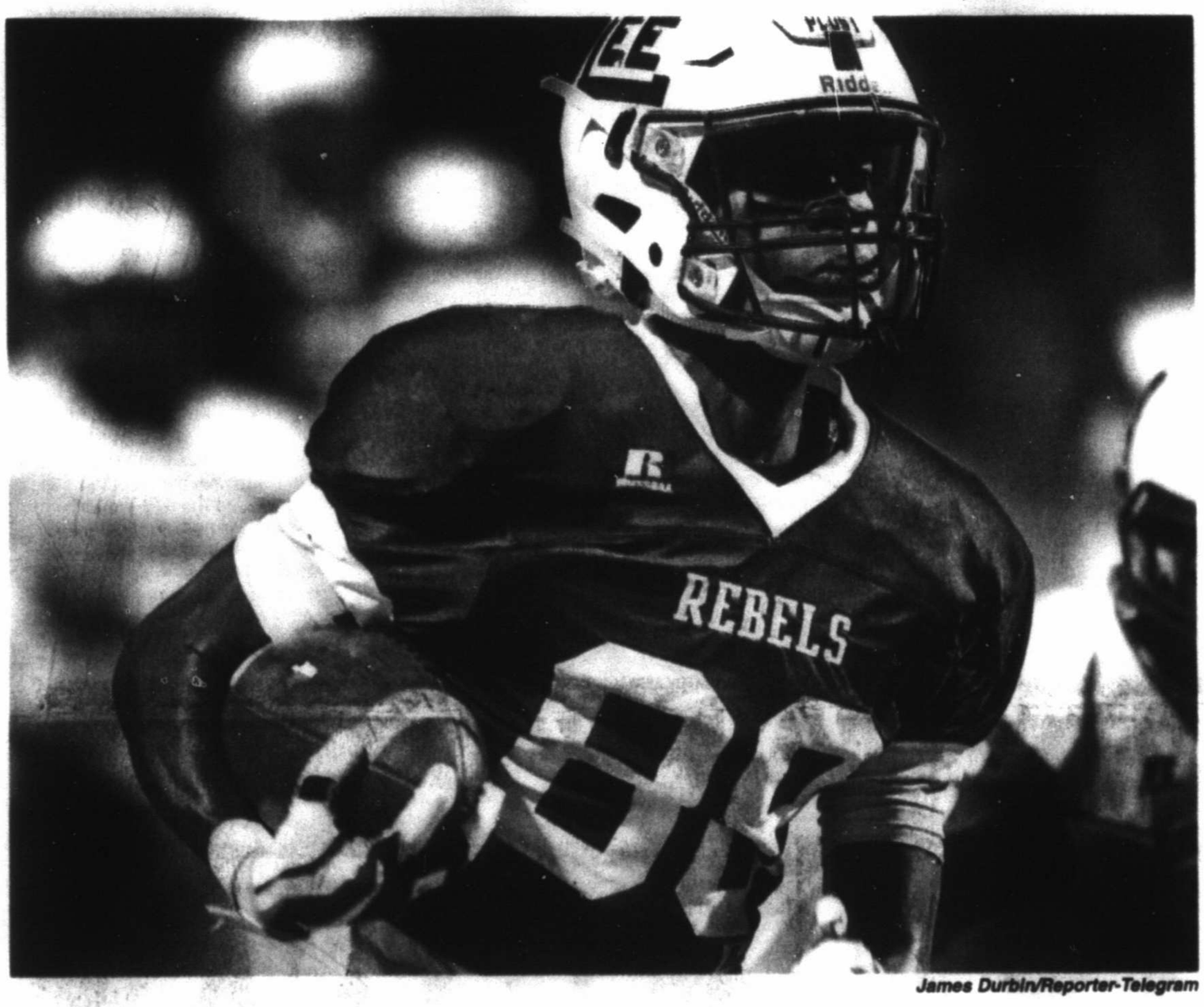
Midland College's Iseri Palacio (5) loses his footing while moving through South Plains College defense Thursday, at Chaparral Center.

Getting stronger



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Lee's Loic Fouonji (88) runs the ball for a touchdown against Odessa High during the homecoming game Oct. 20 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebels growing as playoff run continues

By Will Korn
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As recently as two weeks ago, not a single player on Lee's varsity roster had even one minute of playoff experience.

But this postseason, the Rebels are looking anything but unseasoned.

With or without injured San Diego State commit and star quarterback Cedarious Barfield, Lee dispatched El Paso El Dorado with ease in a 63-0 bi-district rout, showing the necessary focus to put a hobbled opponent away on the road.

In last Saturday's 42-38 area victory over Arlington Lamar at Grande Communications Stadium, the Rebels showed their toughness and resiliency in front of their home fans. After allowing a touchdown on Lamar's first two drives of the game – sandwiched around a Lee turnover – the Rebels stuck to their game plan and played without fear or hurry.

Lee rolled with the punches and finally got on the scoreboard courtesy of a 52-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Colby Standard to sophomore Loic Fouonji with 2:25 to play in the first. Just over 38 minutes and a thrilling fourth quarter duel later, the Rebels were celebrating their first trip to the regional round since 2001.

The Rebels (10-2) will next face traditional state power Euless Trinity (10-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. The winner will face the winner of Associated Press No. 1-ranked Allen (12-0) and Arlington Martin (11-1) in the quarterfinal next week.

Lee head coach Clint Hartman said his team continues to take in the playoff experience, but is also learning and growing as it advances. It isn't simply a team here for the party — the Rebels understand they must work relentlessly and do their jobs effectively to play another game.

The shootout against Lamar offered a slew of lessons that Lee hopes to continue to apply going forward in these playoffs.

"(Against Lamar) We weren't

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RockHounds named Minor League Team of the Year

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The Midland RockHounds organization continues to reach new heights.

The franchise, still glowing after capturing its fourth consecutive Texas League championship in September, announced Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark that it has been named the 2017 Minor League Team of the Year by Baseball America.

As an added bonus, Midland will also be hosting the 2018 Texas League All-Star Game at Security Bank Ballpark on June 26. It is the first time since 2010 that the RockHounds have hosted the game.

Longtime RockHounds General Manager Monty Hoppel said the organization's newest shining accolade and accomplishments over the last four seasons — 2017 in particular — are the result of a true team effort in the Midland community.

"It means so much for the community," said Hoppel, in his 28th year as GM. "This is not the RockHounds – this is a collaborative effort with the Chamber (of Commerce), the media, City Hall, City Council, the fans and we're just the caretakers of this franchise. Our staff helps a lot with the performance on the field. Really, the (Oakland) A's have done a tremendous job. It's a great award for the players and for the A's.

"For a small market team to still be here 47 years later when most Texas League cities that have had Double-A baseball have lost their affiliation, it's unbelievable. It just doesn't happen too often where everybody is working together."

Midland has been one of the most successful minor league baseball teams over the last near decade and a half. The franchise has now won six league titles since 2005 and is just the second team in the Texas League's 130-year history to win at least three consecutive titles outright.

Hoppel said the RockHounds hosting the 2018 TL All-Star Game is a golden opportunity to showcase baseball in the Tall City. He said he wants people to see for themselves what exactly makes this franchise so successful.

"I've always felt ever since I took the job in Midland, that Midland has been kind of a secret in Minor League Baseball," Hoppel said. "Not a lot of executives or major league people come (to Midland). I'm just looking forward to showing off Midland in a way. It's a great ballpark, the city has done a great job, I think we've done a good job promoting and the A's have done a good job.

"I look forward to having all these people on our turf to say 'What's going on in Midland?' How are they doing this in one of the smallest markets in baseball?' We've just been fortunate and we'll see how long we can keep going."

In its quest for a fifth consecutive league title, Midland opens its 2018 season on April 8, when it hosts the Springfield Cardinals at Security Bank Ballpark.

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Washington's clutch shooting lifts Lady Chaps to win

By Oscar LeRoy
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Caught in an offensive struggle against No. 16 South Plains College, the No. 21-ranked Midland College women's basketball team needed someone to hit some shots.

Fortunately for the Lady Chaparrals, Alexandrea Washington was willing to step up, especially in the second half of a 58-55 victory in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener at Chaparral Center on Wednesday night.

Washington finished with a game-high 22 points and shot 6 of 11 from 3-point range to help Midland College (6-5, 1-0) overcome a 29.8 percent shooting night.

"She made some big shots. We needed them because we were struggling offensively," said MC coach Ron Jones.

Added Washington: "It was frustrating but I'm glad we just kept playing and we were able to find open shots."

This game probably won't be in the highlight reel for either team as both struggled mightily from the floor and the free-throw line. South Plains (10-2, 0-1) also shot 29.8 percent from the floor but was 11 of 14 from the charity stripe, as opposed to MC going 16 of 2[illegible] from the line.

MC led 5-1 after the first quarter as Washington had all of the Lady Chaps' points.

The Lady Chaps continued to struggle shooting while the Lady Texans started to find some rhythm in the second quarter and took a 15-12 lead at the half.

"We talked about it at halftime that our posts were 0 of 15 (shooting)," Jones said. "We weren't attacking the basket. We had good shots inside and outside and we didn't make them. We didn't make any adjustments (at the half), we just said, 'go up with confidence and make some shots.

"We got what we wanted. We had the ball around the basket the whole first half. We made them play zone and got them in foul trouble but we missed layup after layup after layup."

Both offenses picked it up in the second half and thanks to a third quarter, MC took a 39-37 lead heading into the final quarter and then were able to hold off the Lady Texans down the stretch.

"This is going to help us a lot starting conference with a win but we know we have to be ready for our next

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Midland College's Alexandrea Washington (11) dribbles against South Plains College on Wednesday, at Chaparral Center.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing

Lamont Roach Jr. vs. Rey Perez, 7 p.m., ESPNDEP

Golf

PGA: Hero World Challenge, 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF

EPGA: Australian Championship, 2nd Round, 9 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Men's College Basketball

Seton Hall vs. Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Notre Dame at Michigan State, 6 p.m., ESPN

North Dakota State at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC

North Texas at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSP

Memphis at UAB, 7 p.m., Facebook

Missouri at UCF, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Temple vs. South Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPNU

New Mexico State at UTEP, 9 p.m., Facebook

Men's Soccer

Copa del Rey: Espanyol vs. CD Tenerife, 12:25 p.m., beIN, beIN E

Copa del Rey: Valencia vs. Real Zaragoza, 2:25 p.m., beIN, beIN E

MLS Western Final, Leg 2: Seattle Sounders FC vs. Houston Dynamo, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NBA

Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

Milwaukee at Portland, 9 p.m., NBAtv

NFL

Washington at Dallas, 7:25 p.m., NBC, NBCU, NFL, Amazon Prime

NHL

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

Women's College Basketball

NC State at Rutgers, 5 p.m., BTN

Ohio State at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN2

LSU at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA

Louisville at Indiana, 7 p.m., BTN

Kentucky at Baylor, 7 p.m., FCSC

Louisiana Tech at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Kansas State at Missouri, 8 p.m., SEC

RADIO

Men's College Basketball

Seton Hall vs. Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)

NFL

Washington at Dallas, 7:25 p.m., KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball

Lee at Doug McCutchen Memorial, San Angelo
Midland High at South San Antonio Tournament
Greenwood at Denver City Tournament
Midland Christian at Brock Tournament
Andrews, Big Spring at Lamesa Tournament
Stanton at Meadow Tournament
Garden City at Rankin Tournament
Grady at Miles Tournament

HS Girls Basketball

Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament
Andrews at Denver City Tournament
Big Spring at Levelland Tournament
Stanton at Meadow Tournament
Trinity, Garden City at Rankin Tournament
Grady at Miles Tournament

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with OF Jake Smolinski on a one-year contract.

American Association

TEXAS AIR HOGS — Released RHP TJ Bozeman, LHP Mario Mendoza, INFs Trevor Sealey and Beamer Weems and OF Charley Thurber.

Frontier League

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Jake Joyce to a contract extension. Traded OF David Harris to Sugarland (Atlantic) for a player to be named.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed INF Louis Mele.

BASKETBALL

NBA G League

AGUA CALIENTE CLIPPERS — Acquired F Vitto Brown from the available player pool.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Bronson Hill from the practice squad and RB Darius Victor to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Claimed LB Lamarr Houston off waivers from Houston.

DETROIT LIONS — Released LB Thurston Armbrister from the practice squad. Signed DE Jeremiah Valoaga to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Ahmad Thomas to the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed OT Chris Clark and LB Ben Heeney on injured reserve. Waived LB Lamarr Houston. LB Brian Cushing was granted a one-week roster exemption after reinstatement from the reserve/suspended list. Signed LBs LaTroy Lewis and Gimel President and G Chad Slade from the practice squad and QB Taylor Heinicke, TE Ryan Malleck and WR DeAndrew White to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed CB Janoris Jenkins on injured reserve. Signed DT Khyri Thornton.

NHL GLANCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	25	17	6	2	36	90	65
Toronto	26	16	9	1	33	92	78
Boston	23	11	8	4	26	63	68
Detroit	25	10	10	5	25	70	74
Montreal	26	11	12	3	25	62	82
Ottawa	23	8	9	6	22	68	76
Florida	24	10	12	2	22	72	83
Buffalo	25	6	15	4	16	55	85
Metropolitan Division							
Columbus	25	16	8	1	33	72	60
N.Y. Islanders	24	15	7	2	32	89	76
New Jersey	24	14	6	4	32	78	74
Washington	25	14	10	1	29	74	75
Pittsburgh	26	13	10	3	29	74	90
N.Y. Rangers	25	13	10	2	28	82	77
Carolina	23	10	8	5	25	68	70
Philadelphia	25	8	10	7	23	70	78
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	24	17	6	1	35	84	63
Winnipeg	24	15	6	3	33	80	64
Nashville	24	15	6	3	33	76	68
Dallas	24	13	10	1	27	70	69
Chicago	24	12	9	3	27	76	63
Minnesota	24	11	10	3	25	72	74
Colorado	22	11	9	2	24	73	71
Pacific Division							
Vegas	23	15	7	1	31	81	69
Los Angeles	25	14	8	3	31	73	57
San Jose	23	13	8	2	28	61	51
Calgary	24	13	10	1	27	70	76
Vancouver	25	11	10	4	26	68	73
Anaheim	24	10	10	4	24	65	73
Edmonton	25	10	13	2	22	67	81
Arizona	27	6	17	4	16	66	98

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Scores

Montreal 2, Ottawa 1
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Anaheim at St. Louis, late
Winnipeg at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Calgary,8 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	18	4	.818	—
Toronto	13	7	.650	4
Philadelphia	12	8	.600	5
New York	11	10	.524	6½
Brooklyn	8	13	.381	9½
Southeast Division				
Washington	11	10	.524	—
Miami	10	11	.476	1
Orlando	9	13	.409	2½
Charlotte	8	12	.400	2½
Atlanta	4	16	.200	6½
Central Division				
Detroit	14	6	.700	—
Cleveland	14	7	.667	½
Indiana	12	10	.545	3
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	3½
Chicago	3	16	.158	
10½				
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	17	4	.810	—
San Antonio	14	7	.667	3
New Orleans	11	10	.524	6
Memphis	7	13	.350	9½
Dallas	5	17	.227	12½
Northwest Division				
Portland	13	8	.619	—
Minnesota	13	9	.591	½
Denver	11	9	.550	1½
Utah	10	11	.476	3
Oklahoma City	8	12	.400	4½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	15	6	.714	—
L.A. Clippers	8	11	.421	6
L.A. Lakers	8	12	.400	6½
Phoenix	8	15	.348	8
Sacramento	6	15	.286	9

Wednesday's Scores

Detroit 131, Phoenix 107
Orlando 121, Oklahoma City 108
Philadelphia 118, Washington 113
New York 115, Miami 86
Toronto 126, Charlotte 113
Houston 118, Indiana 97
Minnesota 120, New Orleans 102
Brooklyn 109, Dallas 104
San Antonio 104, Memphis 95
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 9 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
COLLEGE FOOTBALL				
		Friday		
SOUTHERN CAL	3½	4	(59)	Stanford
		Saturday		
GEORGIA ST	4	4	(46½)	Idaho
APPALACHIAN ST	15	15	(60)	Louisiana-Lafayette
Georgia Southern	PK	2½	(52½)	COASTAL CAROLINA
ARKANSAS ST	1	1	(59)	Troy
NEW MEXICO ST	7½	9½	(54)	South Alabama
FAU	8	11	(73½)	North Texas
UCF	7½	7½	(82)	Memphis
Toledo	18	21½	(57½)	Akron
Auburn	1½	2½	(49)	Georgia
BOISE ST	10	9	(49)	Fresno St
Clemson	5	9½	(47½)	Miami
Ohio State	6½	6½	(53)	Wisconsin
FIU	1	1	(55½)	UMass
FLORIDA ST	27	26½	(65)	Louisiana-Monroe
Oklahoma	7½	7	(63½)	TCU
NFL				
		Today		
DALLAS	PK	1	(44)	Washington
		Sunday		
BALTIMORE	2½	3	(40½)	Detroit
CHICAGO	4½	3½	(40½)	San Francisco
ATLANTA	3½	3	(47½)	Minnesota
New England	8	8	(48½)	BUFFALO
Denver	1	1	(38)	MIAMI
TENNESSEE	7½	6½	(42½)	Houston
JACKSONVILLE	10	9½	(41)	Indianapolis
Tampa Bay	2½	OFF	(OFF)	GREEN BAY
Kansas City	3	3	(44)	NY JETS
NEW ORLEANS	3½	4	(48)	Carolina
LA CHARGERS	11	13½	(41½)	Cleveland
LA Rams	6½	7	(45)	ARIZONA
OAKLAND	5½	7	(42½)	NY Giants
Philadelphia	5½	6	(47)	SEATTLE
		Monday		
Pittsburgh	6	5½	(43)	CINCINNATI

Cowboys, Redskins meet with only faint playoff hopes on line

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Ron Jenkins/AP File photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) shakes hands with fans as he walks into the team's clubhouse after 28-6 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers Nov. 23 in Arlington.

ARLINGTON — Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys had to abandon any realistic hope of defending their NFC East title while losing three straight games without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

A fourth straight defeat when Washington visits Thursday night would hand the crown to Philadelphia with the Eagles still having five games left.

Even if they find a way to win without last year's NFL rushing leader, the Cowboys carry faint playoff hopes at best along with the team that shares second place in the division at 5-6 — the Redskins. "It's frustrating, it's shocking," Prescott said. "You look around and you see the Pro Bowlers and the talent you have, it's almost a loss for words on why it's happening. But it just shows you this game is tough."

Made even tougher without Elliott, who was moving up the rushing list again during a three-game winning streak when he finally ran out of legal options to avoid the six-game suspension for alleged domestic violence.

The Cowboys haven't had 300 yards in a game since then, the longest such stretch since the last four games in 2002.

"I'm sure it has a little bit to do with it," Redskins coach Jay Gruden said. "But they've had some issues. When you lose a game, you can't finger-point the offensive side of the ball."

The absence of 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee because of a hamstring injury hasn't helped, with the Cowboys getting outscored 72-6 in the second half on the current losing streak. Lee has been ruled out for the third straight game.

It's been more about the volume of injuries for Washington, which has 15 players on injured reserve and was eliminated in the division race in Week 12 despite beating the New York Giants.

Three starters have been ruled out against the Cowboys: tight end Jordan Reed (hamstring), center Chase Roullier (hand) and safety Montae Nicholson (concussion). A key reserve, former Dallas defensive lineman Terrell McClain, will sit with a toe injury.

"You take away all the dust and the smoke and everything else that people really say about this team and you see what type of fighters and guys we get off the street and come in and play and still win games, it's pretty great," said cornerback Josh Norman, set for another showdown with struggling Dallas receiver Dez Bryant.

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
New England	9	2	0	.818	325	220
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	224	260
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	228	257
Miami	4	7	0	.364	174	269
South						
Tennessee	7	4	0	.636	242	269
Jacksonville	7	4	0	.636	269	168
Houston	4	7	0	.364	283	285
Indianapolis	3	8	0	.273	195	300
North						
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	258	193
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	236	187
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	199	215
Cleveland	0	11	0	.000	166	289
West						
Kansas City	6	5	0	.545	272	236
L.A. Chargers	5	6	0	.455	249	202
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	225	261
Denver	3	8	0	.273	197	280
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	351	191
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	248	270
Washington	5	6	0	.455	258	276
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267
South						
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	322	222
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	248	207
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	265	230
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	223	262
North						
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	232	261
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	177	252
West						
L.A. Rams	8	3	0	.727	329	206
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	266	212
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	203	278
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	187	284

Today's Game

Washington at Dallas, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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

Focus more on how long Tiger lasts more than his score

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — One year later, the scene hadn't changed.

Jordan Spieth paused on the 17th green and looked across the water to the adjacent fairway at Albany Golf Club as Tiger Woods hit his shot to the ninth green, just like he did last year at the Hero World Challenge.

Curiosity is just as high over another return from injury for Woods and how he will fare after a long layoff.

What's different about the expectations for this comeback — his fifth since he first had back surgery in the spring of 2014 — is they are more about how long Woods will last than what kind of scores he posts.

"He seems more confident this year the way he's walking and talking," Spieth said Wednesday in a whisper, having lost his voice to illness. "He seemed more excited at the Presidents Cup before he was even swinging, more anxious. And it seemed to really bother him that he was following doctor's orders, like he really wanted to get going. So once he was given the go, I think it was exciting for him.

"So we're all very interested, as we should be, in how it goes for him this week — and obviously, hoping that's the start."

The start of his latest comeback is Thursday against an 18-man field that features eight of the top nine players in the world. It's the first time every shot counts for Woods since a 77 in the Dubai Desert Classic on Feb. 3.

That was his seventh round in his return. He withdrew the next day, citing back spasms, and had a fourth back surgery in April to fuse two disks in his lower back. Woods reports some stiffness and not as much range in motion. But he says he has no pain.

The hype about this return has been fueled by friendly rounds over the last few weeks.

Justin Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year who will be paired with Woods on Thursday, said fans will be "shocked at how good his game looks." Rickie Fowler made a casual reference to how far Woods was driving it past him. Brad Faxon, who played with Woods and Dustin Johnson last Friday in a round with President Donald Trump, said Woods looked at ease and held nothing back in his swing, especially with the driver.

Woods had to keep score in his pro-am round Wednesday, and that included a 2 on the 350-yard seventh hole when he drove the green with a breeze at his back and holed a 20-foot putt for eagle.

The tournament is unofficial, though it offers world ranking points. Woods is at No. 1,199 in the world, and even if he finishes last, he'll move up more than 200 spots into the top 1,000. That still seems odd for a guy who spent 683 weeks at No. 1 in the world.

What enthuses Woods is playing again.

"It's been a very long time, and I'm really looking forward to getting out there and playing with Justin and having a good time," Woods said.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL

AUSTIN: Water stained; 57-66 degrees; 0.81 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Sunfish are fair to good on cut nightcrawlers. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

BASTROP: Water stained; 71-75 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics and crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on liver and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 2.57 feet low. Black bass are good on dark soft plastics on the bottom. Hybrid striper are good on silver slabs. White bass are good on silver slabs. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night in 30 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on hot dogs and doughbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 2.94 feet low. Black bass are good on yellow spinnerbaits, craw colored jigs, and craw colored crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies, minnows, and shad colored crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on Li'l Fishies and tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on liver and doughbait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 4.42 feet low. Black bass are good on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, pumpkin Curb's jigs, and smoke/red flake grubs in 4-12 feet. Striped bass are good on Spoiler Shads, Rat-L-Traps, and jigging Pirk Minnows in 20-40 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live goldfish.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 3.34 feet low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and P.B.J. plastic stick baits over flats in 5-15 feet. Striped bass are good on Spoiler Shads and Red Fins. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on live bait.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 2.11 feet low. Black bass are good on black/blue soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are good on blue tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

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

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon and tequila sunrise soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.42 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 0.57 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are good on slabs and spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 0.75 feet low. Black bass are very good on Curb's buzzbaits and Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps in 5-12 feet. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies and Charlie slabs. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. Crappie are good on live minnows over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows under crappie docks. Yellow catfish are slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 1.73 feet low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits and soft plastic worms. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 2.67 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon and chartreuse soft plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on Charlie slabs and jigging spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 69-73 degrees; 0.09 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on silver spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 71-75 degrees; 2.69 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows, hot dogs, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 11.35 feet low. Black bass are good on crawfish crankbaits, watermelon worms, and jigs. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on white jigging spoons and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are good on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and soft plastic worms. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 4.54 feet low. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on silver/chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on pet spoons, Charlie slabs, and hellbenders. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on liver and nightcrawlers.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 24.20 feet low. Black bass are good on blue/black and red/black spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits and striper jigs. White bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, jigging spoons, and minnows. Catfish are good on liver and cheesebait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained to muddy upriver; 66 degrees; 4.72 feet low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spoons. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on punch bait and live worms.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 57-66 degrees; 2.08 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 15.09 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water off color; 55-64 degrees; 1.05 feet low. Black bass are fair on shakyheads, Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 58-64 degrees; 2.83 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, lipless crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shiners.

NASWORTHY: 56-65 degrees; 1.07 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and squarebills. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 58-65 degrees; 10.43 feet low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and chrome/black Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 57-66 degrees; 37.33 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 58-65 degrees; 1 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and tail spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 50.65 feet low. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 54-65 degrees; 0.31 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. White bass are fair on live bait and Little Georges. Blue catfish are fair on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 55-64 degrees; 24.13 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 53-63 degrees; 21.16 feet low. Black bass are slow. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on cheese bait.

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Big 12 now guaranteed title game rematch; last 1 was costly

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel (10) sits on the field after being sacked for a one-yard loss by Oklahoma in the fourth quarter of the 2007 Big 12 Conference championship game in San Antonio.

The last Big 12 championship game rematch 10 years ago cost the league a national title shot.

Back then it was Oklahoma knocking off then-No. 1 Missouri.

When the Big 12's title game is revived Saturday after a six-season hiatus, it will be the No. 2 Sooners (11-1, 8-1, No. 3 CFP) trying to stay in contention for a national championship. They almost certainly have to beat No. 10 TCU (10-2, 7-2, No. 11 CFP) for the second time in four weeks to make it into the four-team College Football Playoff.

The Sooners might already be playoff-bound if they didn't have another game to play. The Big 12 decided to revive the title game in hopes of an additional game for the playoff selection committee to weigh for the final rankings, which this season come on Sunday.

"You can sit there in any year and draw the scenario where it makes sense and where it doesn't make sense," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "The reality of it, and I get it, it's not going to be perfect every single year."

With the Big 12 now at 10 teams and playing a round-robin schedule, one thing the championship game will be every year is a rematch of the top two teams in the conference standings.

That wasn't always the case, not when the league had 12 teams in divisions from 1996-2010. Of the 15 previous title games, six of them were rematches:

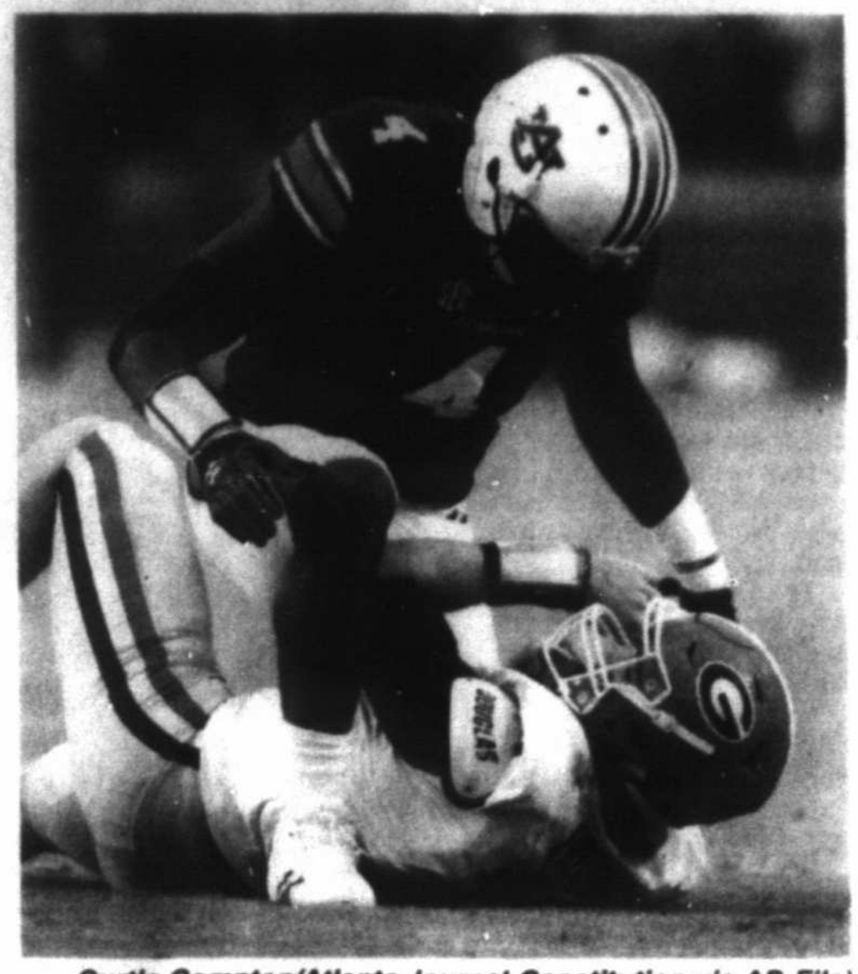
■ 2007: Missouri's only regular-season loss was 41-31 at Oklahoma in a mid-October game. The Tigers got to the Big 12 title game as the No. 1 team in the AP poll and BCS standings after winning their regular-season finale 36-28 over undefeated Kansas to claim the league's North Division title. Oklahoma freshman quarterback Sam Bradford threw two TDs in a 38-17 win over Mizzou for the Big 12 title. The Sooners lost to West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. Missouri beat Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

■ 2005: Texas beat Colorado 42-17 in their regular-season matchup. The rematch was a laugher as No. 2 Texas pounded the Buffaloes 70-3 before the Vince Young-led Longhorns went on to win the Rose Bowl and complete an undefeated national championship season with a 41-38 thriller over Southern California. That was the last of the Big 12's three national titles.

■ 2002: No. 8 Oklahoma beat Colorado 29-7 in the Big 12 title game little more than a month after the Sooners won the regular-season matchup over the Buffs. Oklahoma, with two losses and no shot at a national championship, then capped its 12-win season by beating Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

No. 6 Georgia needs to be more physical vs No. 4 Auburn

By Charles Odum
Associated Press



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Auburn linebacker Jeff Holand tackles Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm, breaking up a play during the first half on Nov. 11 in Auburn, Ala.

ATHENS, Ga. — Three weeks after an ugly loss at Auburn, No. 6 Georgia is facing perhaps the biggest do-over in school history.

At stake Saturday will be the Southeastern Conference championship and a probable spot in the College Football Playoff.

Standing in the way is No. 4 Auburn, who a few weeks ago dominated Georgia.

The Bulldogs must fix the mistakes and be more physical than in the 40-17 embarrassing loss to the Tigers on Nov. 11.

Auburn (10-2, No. 2 CFP) was stronger on both lines, had the superior running game and better discipline. Still, Georgia (11-1, No. 6 CFP) believes the result was as much about what they didn't do as much as what Auburn did do.

The lopsided score did not look like a fluke. If the Bulldogs' assessment is correct, they must show dramatic improvement in all those areas to get revenge .

Georgia coach Kirby Smart had a one-word answer when asked what is the most important area in which his team must play better against Auburn.

"Physicality," he said, no doubt remembering lost battles up front three weeks ago. Quarterback Jake Fromm was sacked four times.

Asked if the problem on the line of scrimmage was technique or attitude, Smart said it was "a little bit of both."

"Physicality is an attitude," he said. "Physicality is size. It's a physics matter, too. It's an attitude with which you approach the game and how you approach contact. We didn't do as good a job as they did at that."

Uncharacteristic mistakes, including on special teams, hurt the Bulldogs in the regular-season loss to Auburn. Georgia set up an Auburn touchdown with a roughing the punter penalty and also fumbled a punt return to set up another score. Another mistake, a 15-yard personal foul penalty, hurt the Bulldogs when the Tigers pulled away in the third quarter.

To erase the mistakes, senior linebacker Reggie Carter said Georgia has to play with discipline.

"We did a lot of undisciplined stuff in the first game so we've got to be more disciplined in the game and this week in practice," Carter said.

Mississippi State names Moorhead next coach

By David Brandt
Associated Press

Mississippi State has hired Penn State offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead as its football coach, bringing in another up-and-comer who is largely in the mold of previous coach Dan Mullen.

The school officially announced the hiring on Wednesday morning. The 44-year-old Moorhead replaces Mullen, who left Starkville, Mississippi, after nine successful seasons to become the Florida Gators' new head coach on Sunday.

Moorhead will be introduced on campus on Thursday morning.

The new coach inherits a good situation at Mississippi State. The 24th-ranked Bulldogs were 8-4 this season with a roster that features only a handful of senior starters.

"I am thrilled to take the reins of an SEC program that has been as successful as this one has the past decade," Moorhead said in a statement released by the school. "I look forward to getting to know the young men on our team, hiring a staff and hitting the recruiting trail quickly."

Moorhead has been with Penn State the last two seasons, calling plays for one of the best offenses in the country.

Penn State coach James Franklin hired Moorhead after the 2015 season to bring his creative spread offense to State College, and it has helped the Nittany Lions post a 21-5 record over the last two seasons.

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OFFENSE
Colby Standard, Sr., QB

Standard was efficient against the Vikings, as he completed 15 of his 19 passes for 243 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. He added 129 yards rushing and two more scores.

DEFENSE
Elijah Prince, Sr., DB

Prince recorded four total tackles, two pass break ups and a key interception that helped the Rebels preserve a three-point lead midway through the fourth quarter. It was Prince's fourth interception this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS
Grant Brown, Sr., WR/KR

Brown's big kickoff return – the sixth longest in program history – put Lee back in front for good. He also caught four passes for 67 yards and a TD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Lee (10-2) vs. Euless Trinity (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Arlington Martin (11-1) vs. Allen (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium
Region II
Regional
Coppell (11-1) vs. Round Rock Cedar Ridge (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Garland Sachse (12-0) vs. Pflugerville Hendrickson (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Regional
Katy (9-0) vs. Humble Atascocita (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Houston Lamar (9-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Lake Travis (10-2) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Los Fresnos
SA Northside O'Connor (12-0) vs. San Benito (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium
CLASS 6A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Arlington (10-2) vs. Southlake Carroll (9-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Mansfield (11-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Region II
Regional
Longview (11-1) vs. Klein Collins (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Lufkin (10-2) vs. Spring Westfield (11-0), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cypress Fairbanks (11-0) vs. Friendswood (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Houston Langham Creek (10-1) vs. Humble Kingwood (6-5), noon Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Austin Westlake (12-0) vs. Edinburg Vela (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Portland
Cibolo Steele (8-4) vs. Weslaco East (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome
CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Lubbock Monterey (8-4) vs. Denton Ryan (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Collins Complex
Lubbock Coronado (12-0) vs. Colleyville Heritage (11-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)
Region II
Regional
Mansfield Summit (8-4) vs. Dallas Highland Park (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium
Mansfield Lake Ridge (11-1) vs. Prosper (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Carrollton's Standridge Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cedar Park (11-1) vs. Manvel (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waller
Temple (9-3) vs. Port Arthur Memorial (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Prairie View A&M
Region IV
Regional
Angleton (11-0) vs. CC Flour Bluff (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium
Richmond Foster (8-3) vs. CC Memorial (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Victoria
CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
EP Parkland (10-2) vs. N. Richland Hills (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Aledo (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region II
Regional
Waxahachie (8-4) vs. Frisco Lone Star (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Mansfield Legacy (10-2) vs. North Forney (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Allen's Eagle Stadium
Region III
Regional
Hutto (11-1) vs. Fort Bend Marshall (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center
College Station (10-2) vs. Port Neches-Groves (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Humble's Turner Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Austin McCallum (12-0) vs. Alice (9-3), noon Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome
Kerrville Tivy (10-2) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome
CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
WF Hirschi (10-2) vs. Decatur (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex
Stephenville (10-2) vs. Argyle (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium
Region II
Regional
Kennedale (11-1) vs. Midlothian Heritage (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (7-5) vs. Kaufman (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City
Region III
Regional
Carthage (12-0) vs. Silsbee (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium
Henderson (10-2) vs. Kilgore (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Longview's Pirate Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Waco La Vega (12-0) vs. Fischer Canyon Lake (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's Reeves Complex
China Spring (9-3) vs. Liberty Hill (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Killeen's Buckley Stadium
CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Bushland (10-2) vs. Seminole (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Graham (12-0) vs. Sweetwater (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)
Region II
Regional
Melissa (11-1) vs. Gilmer (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium
Texarkana Pleasant Grove (12-0) vs. Celina (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Sulphur Springs
Region III
Regional
Salado (11-1) vs. Bellville (7-5), 8 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome
Madisonville (11-1) vs. West Orange-Stark (10-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Wimberley (11-1) vs. Sweeny (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Brenham
Cuero (11-0) vs. Geronimo Navarro (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium
CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Brock (10-2) vs. Wall (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Comanche (11-1) vs. Merkel (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Region II
Regional
Whitesboro (9-3) vs. Grandview (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Justin's Northwest ISD Stadium
Kemp (11-1) vs. Commerce (6-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Emory Rains
Region III
Regional
Teague (10-2) vs. Franklin (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Rockdale (9-3) vs. West (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Belton HS
Region IV
Regional
Van Vleck (6-4) vs. Yoakum (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Katy's Legacy Stadium
Goliad (10-1) vs. Edna (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Canadian (12-0) vs. Colorado City (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Vernon
Sonora (12-0) vs. Childress (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie
Region II
Regional
Holliday (11-1) vs. Gunter (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Springtown
New Diana (9-3) vs. Jacksboro (11-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Frisco's Ford Center
Region III
Regional
New London West Rusk (10-1) vs. Newton (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tatum
Garrison (7-5) vs. Waskom (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carthage
Region IV
Regional
Lexington (12-0) vs. El Maton Tidehaven (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hallettsville
East Bernard (10-1) vs. Boling (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Gilmer
CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Stratford (11-1) vs. Post (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Panhandle (8-4) vs. Stamford (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Region II
Regional
Bosqueville (7-5) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robinson
De Leon (12-0) vs. Mart (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Whitney
Region III
Regional
Bogata Rivercrest (12-0) vs. Centerville (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens
San Augustine (12-0) vs. Price Carlisle (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Carthage
Region IV
Regional
Yorktown (8-4) vs. Mason (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, SA Edgewood
Refugio (10-1) vs. Holland (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Gustafson Stadium
CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Gruver (10-2) vs. Wellington (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Clarendon (11-1) vs. Hamlin (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper
Region II
Regional
Lindsay (10-2) vs. Albany (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Munday (9-3) vs. Muenster (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Region III
Regional
Grapeland (8-4) vs. Timpson (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Rusk
Tenaha (12-0) vs. Iola (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Palestine's Panther Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Burton (11-1) vs. La Pryor (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin HS
Falls City (10-2) vs. Milano (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Buda
CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Happy (12-0) vs. McLean (11-1), TBD
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Borden County (12-0) vs. Garden City (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Forsan
Region III
State Quarterfinals
May (12-0) vs. Jonesboro (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Dublin
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Tioga (10-1) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pattonville
CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Follett (9-3) vs. Turkey Valley (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Pampa
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Balmorhea (11-0) vs. Ackerly Sands (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Rankin
Region III
State Quarterfinals
Strawn (12-0) vs. Aspermont (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Milford (12-0) vs. Iredell (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, McGregor

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doing our jobs on the first two series on defense," Hartman said. "(The Lee players) owned up to it and they started fixing it. (We also learned) every team at this point doesn't want to quit, doesn't want to lose. With that being said, you better know that it's a four-quarter deal."

The seemingly magical effects that special teams can have on the outcome of a game also stood out to Team 57. It was Grant Brown's 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown midway through the fourth that put the Rebels back in front 34-32 before the extra point.

From Lamar's point of a view, two missed extra point attempts and a failed 2-point conversion might have been the difference in keeping the Vikings' season alive.

"Our kids learned how important special teams is – it was a major difference in that game," Hartman said. "We harp on it, we harp on it and we harp on it. We lost the lead for about 20 seconds and then we returned the kickoff. That's a big deal for us about how we've worked (on special teams) and how we continue to work. I told them in the playoffs that mistakes are magnified and big players have to make big plays. They believe what we're saying. It's a pretty good deal."

Hartman added that right now is a special time for the Rebels, who are in the midst of the program's deepest playoff run in 16 years. He said now is not the time for reflection, but rather a time to re-focus continue pushing forward with full force.

That goal is highlighted by the words "Forget the past and look forward to what lies ahead" in the team's prayer after every game.

"We're not done, even though our team has accomplished a lot of things," Hartman said. "As soon as you start patting yourself on the back, you're going to miss the next one. For us, we're just trying to live in the moment and keep getting better."

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REBEL YELLS

■ This is the 15th team in Lee history to advance to the third round of the playoffs and the first since 2001 to do so. Only seven Lee teams have advanced to the fourth round, most recently in 2000.

■ The Rebels' trio of rushers – Running backs Josh Traylor and Avery Akbar, as well as Standard – continue to climb the list of greatest individual rushing seasons in program history.

Entering Saturday's game against Trinity, Traylor (1,395 yards) holds the 12th greatest rushing yardage season in Lee history, followed by Standard (1,299) at 17th and Akbar (1,144) at 21st.

- Standard's three touchdown passes against Lamar tied the program's record for number of TD passes by a quarterback in a single playoff game. Caden Coots accomplished the feat against El Paso El Dorado in the 2013 bi-district game and Jon Rogers did it twice in the Rebels' 1999 run to the state title.

■ Lee junior kicker John Thompson has been one of the Rebels' steadiest players this season and has converted 71 of his 74 extra point attempts. In a Lamar game that demonstrated the importance of every single point, Thompson excelled, going 6-for-6. He is the team's fourth-leading scorer in 2017.

Thompson, who was the Rebels' JV kicker most of last season, credits assistant football and head boys soccer coach Scott Hicks for his nearly 96 percent conversion rate this year.

"When I'm in soccer, I normally kick (the ball) over the goal and he tells me 'Just don't think about it,'" Thompson said. "When I go out for the extra points, I get set up, take a deep breath and just think about the ball – nothing else but the ball. That's how it works."

Opponents	103	72	83	72—330
Lee	126	161	125	121—533

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Traylor	134	1,395	10.4	18
Colby Standard	163	1,299	8.0	14
Avery Akbar	139	1,144	8.2	15
Y'Man Collins	31	238	7.7	0
Felix Hinojosa	15	145	9.7	3
Isaiah Harvey	7	30	4.3	1
Isaiah Ramirez	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	490	4,261	8.7	51

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Colby Standard	136	214	7	2,189	19
Felix Hinojosa	4	7	0	72	2
John Henry Garcia	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	140	222	8	2,261	21

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Grant Brown	35	643	18.4	7
Sheldon Bass Jr.	39	621	15.9	6
Loic Fouonji	14	367	26.2	5
Tyler Madrid	16	208	13.0	2
Josh Traylor	8	105	13.1	1
Avery Akbar	12	132	11.0	0
J. Henry Garcia	6	64	10.7	0
Isaiah Ramirez	4	61	15.3	0
Jordan McDonald	5	50	10.0	0
Fernando Hernandez	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	140	2,261	16.2	21

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	S	TP
Josh Traylor	19	0	0	0	0	114
Avery Akbar	15	0	0	0	0	90
Colby Standard	14	0	0	0	0	84
John Thompson	0	65	0	0	0	65
Grant Brown	8	0	0	0	0	48
Sheldon Bass	6	0	0	0	0	36
Loic Fouonji	5	0	0	0	0	30
Felix Hinojosa	3	0	0	0	0	18
Tyler Madrid	2	0	0	0	0	12
Isaiah Harvey	2	0	0	0	0	12
Team	0	0	2	0	2	4
Totals	76	71	1	0	2	533

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Loic Fouonji	30	1,031	34.4
Totals	30	1,031	34.4

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	CF	FR	PD	INT
I. Nunez	84	50	134	17	8	1	1	3	1
K. Taylor	53	34	87	8	0	1	0	2	1
K. Rodriguez	47	36	83	8	1	1	0	0	0
M. Hinojosa	53	22	75	12	1	0	0	1	0
A. Burnett	29	23	52	2	1	0	0	0	0
J. Hart	27	17	44	7	1	0	0	0	0
I. Harvey	31	13	44	5	3	3	1	1	0
E. Prince	32	11	43	3	0	0	0	6	4
N. Lopez	23	19	42	3	1	1	1	1	0
M. Pertile	28	13	41	1	0	0	0	1	0
L. Acosta	23	14	37	1	0	0	0	6	2
J. White	15	21	36	3	1	0	1	0	0
T. Jacobo	20	14	34	0	0	0	0	5	1
Z. Morales	26	6	32	0	1	0	1	1	0
DD Spraglin	19	11	30	6	3	0	0	1	0
I. Garza	14	12	26	6	3	2	1	0	0
T. Mackey	15	8	23	5	2	0	0	0	0
O. Valadez	12	7	19	1	0	0	0	0	1
JJ Johnson	12	6	18	1	0	1	0	2	0
D. Madrid	10	6	16	3	2	1	0	0	0
O. Sullivan	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Bostick	2	8	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. Goode	2	7	9	1	2	0	0	0	0
B. Jones	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Mendez	8	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
Y. Collins	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
K. Leal	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Meeks	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Cervantez	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Low	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. Urias	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. McDonald	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Fouonji	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.H. Garcia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Rodriguez	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Strambler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - Solo tackle, AT - Assisted tackle, TT - Total tackle, TFL - Tackle for loss, S - Sack, CF - Caused fumble, FR - Fumble recovery, PD - Pass defended, INT - Interception

OFFENSE

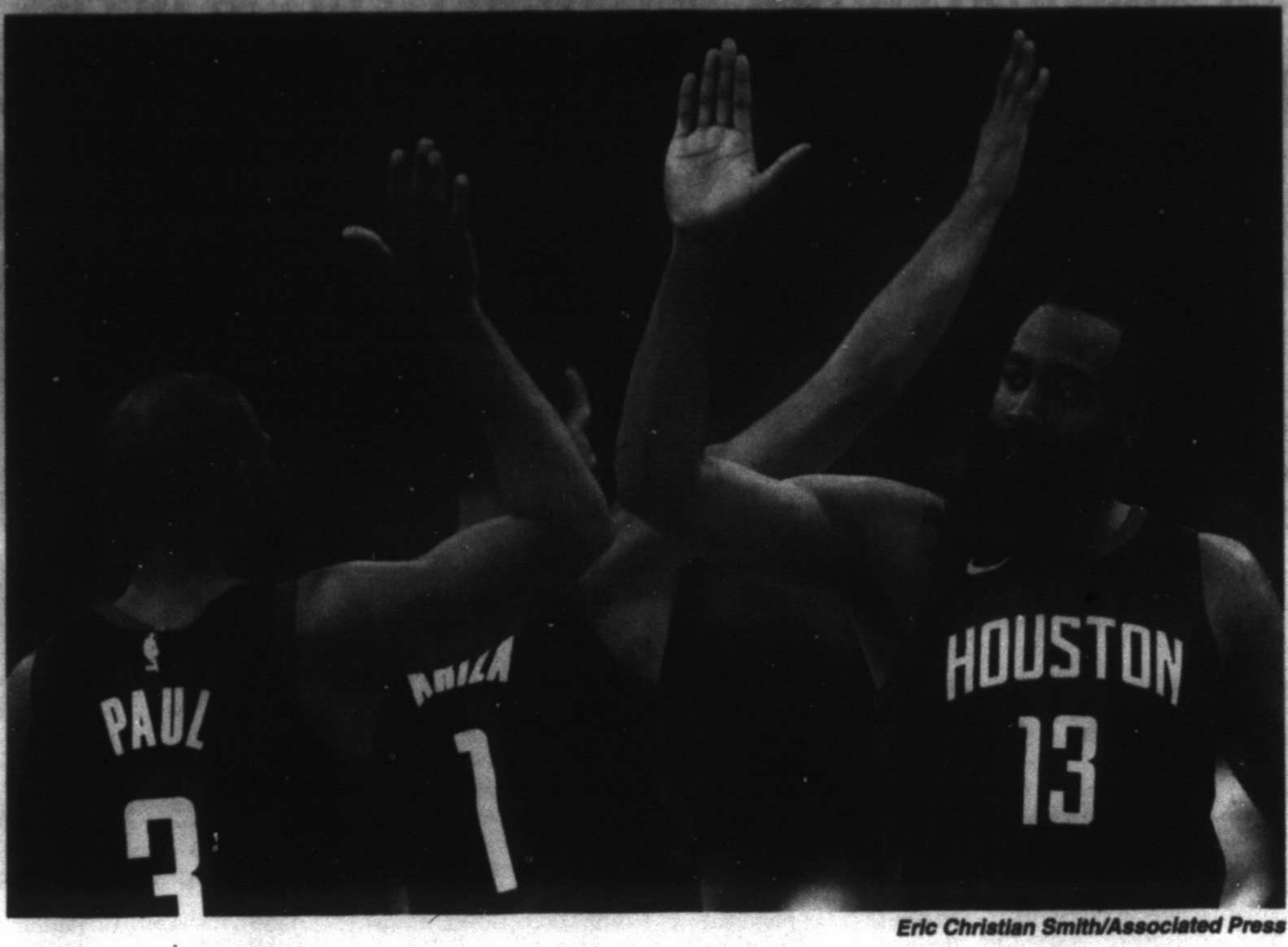
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
4,261	355.1	2,261	188.4	6,522	543.5

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,169	180.8	2,474	206.2	4,643	386.9

2017 Lee statistics
(10-2, 4-2)

NBA ROUNDUP



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Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) high-fives guard Chris Paul during the second half against the Indiana Pacers, Wednesday in Houston. Houston won the game 118-97.

ROCKETS 118
PACERS 97

HOUSTON — James Harden had 29 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds and the Houston Rockets rolled past the Indiana Pacers 118-97 on Wednesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Thaddeus Young cut the lead to 10 with a hook shot with about eight minutes left. The Rockets put it away with a 16-4 run that made it 110-88 with about four minutes left.

Trevor Ariza made a 3-pointer in that stretch and Ryan Anderson added two finished with 19 points.

The Pacers missed numerous shots, were called for defensive three seconds and committed an offensive foul to allow the Rockets to pad the lead.

The Rockets improved to 12-1 this month, with the only loss coming on Nov. 14 against Toronto.

Young had 23 points for the Pacers.

NETS 109
MAVERICKS 104

DALLAS — DeMarre Carroll scored 15 of his 22 points in the third quarter to help Brooklyn beat Dallas.

Carroll put the Nets ahead for good at 78-76 on a 3-pointer with 2:03 remaining in the third quarter.

Trevor Booker had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Spencer Dinwidde added 19 points for the Nets. Harrison Barnes had 17 points for Dallas, Maxi Kleber added a career-high 16, and Dwight Powell had 14.

SPURS 104,
GRIZZLIES 95

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge set his San Antonio high with 41 points and the Spurs spoiled J.B. Bickerstaff's debut as Memphis coach, handing the Grizzlies their ninth straight loss.

Aldridge established a season best for the second consecutive game, topping his 33-point outing Monday against Dallas. Tony Parker had 10 points and five assists while playing 18 minutes in his second game back since undergoing surgery to repair a torn left quadriceps tendon.

San Antonio is the first NBA team with 10 home wins this season. It has won three in a row overall.

The Grizzlies continued to play short-handed in their first game since coach David Fizdale was fired. Memphis was without Mike Conley, Chandler Parsons, Mario Chalmers and Brandan Wright. Tyreke Evans led Memphis with 22 points.

MAGIC 121
THUNDER 108

ORLANDO, Fla. — Aaron Gordon had 40 points and 15 rebounds to help the Orlando Magic end a nine-game losing streak with a victory over struggling Oklahoma City.

Russell Westbrook hit five 3-pointers and scored 20 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter for the Thunder. He shot 7 for 10 on 3s and added 11 rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Oklahoma City lost for the fifth time in six games and dropped its seventh straight on the road.

Elfrid Payton added 19 points for the Magic, and Evan Fournier had 16.

The Thunder went without a field goal for more than five minutes late in the third period, then went scoreless for the first 3 1/2 minutes of the fourth. They were outscored 28-5 during that span.

TIMBERWOLVES 120
PELICANS 102

NEW ORLEANS — Andrew Wiggins scored 28 points to help Minnesota beat New Orleans in a game that saw Pelicans forward Anthony Davis ejected for the first time in his career.

Jimmy Butler and Gorgui Dieng had 19 points each for the Timberwolves.

With Minnesota leading 45-43 in the second quarter, Davis was called for a technical foul. Fifteen seconds later, he picked up his second tech and was ejected. Minnesota responded by finishing the half on a 17-6 run to take a 62-49 lead into the halftime locker room.

Davis finished with 17 points and five rebounds. Jrue Holiday led New Orleans with 27 points.

KNICKS 115
HEAT 86

NEW YORK — Enes Kanter had 22 points and 14 rebounds and New York beat Miami despite losing Kristaps Porzingis to a sprained right ankle after 2 1/2 minutes.

Back after missing three games with back spasms, Kanter had his way against a Heat team missing starting center Hassan Whiteside because of left knee soreness, going 7 of 9 from the field.

The Knicks lost all three games Kanter missed, their longest skid since starting 0-3, but shot 60 percent and led by as much as 30 points with their center back.

Porzingis had started quickly, making his first two shots before he was hurt chasing the ball near the baseline by the Miami bench. Justise Winslow stepped on his foot, causing Porzingis' ankle to turn awkwardly, and he was helped to the locker room during a timeout.

The Knicks said X-rays were negative and that their leading scorer was available to return, but they later ruled out a return in the third quarter. There was no need by then the way they were playing.

Courtney Lee added 17 points for the Knicks. Kelly Olynyk had 18 for the Heat.

76ERS 118
WIZARDS 113

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Simmons had 31 points and a career-high 18 rebounds and overcame a Hack-a-Shaq strategy, leading Philadelphia past Washington.

Joel Embiid had 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Dario Saric added 24 points to help the Sixers win for the sixth time in eight games. Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 22 points for the Wizards.

Washington nearly overcame a 22-point deficit in the fourth quarter and spent the final five minutes intentionally fouling Simmons, who entered the game shooting 56.6 percent.

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Eric Gay/Associated Press

Texas guard Andrew Jones (1) scores ovɔr Florida A&M guard Marcus Barham (22) during the second half Wednesday in Austin. Texas won 82-58.

TEXAS 82
FLORIDA A&M 58

AUSTIN — Dylan Osetkowski scored 19 points and Texas overcame poor 3-point and free-throw shooting to defeat Florida A&M 82-58 Wednesday night.

Osetkowski, a junior who transferred to Texas after two seasons at Tulane, converted 8 of 11 shots from the field and grabbed eight rebounds, all in 21 minutes of competition.

Andrew Jones supplemented Osetkowski with 14 points. Jones hit 6 of 8 shots. Kerwin Roach II scored 11 for Texas, while Mohamed Bamba contributed 10 points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

Texas (5-2) hit just 4 of 19 3-point baskets and 10 of 23 free throws.

The Longhorns missed 11 of their last 12 shots in the first half and led by only nine at the break.

Desmond Williams led Florida A&M (1-8) with 21 points. Isaiah Martin added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Florida A&M committed 17 turnovers against Texas' defensive pressure, and the Longhorns turned those into 20 points.

HOUSTON 75
NEW ORLEANS 66

HOUSTON — Rob Gray scored 23 points and Houston went 8 for 8 from the foul line in the final 28 seconds to hold off New Orleans 75-66 on Wednesday night.

New Orleans made its four 3-pointers and shot 54 percent in the second half but the Cougars never faltered. After the Privateers closed within five with 2:17 to play, Armoni Brooks knocked down a 3-pointer and Gray followed with a layup for a 10-point lead at 1:13.

Travin Thibodeaux had 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting for New Orleans with Troy Green adding 16 with eight rebounds and six assists.

Houston (5-1) was more opportunistic, turning 20 New Orleans turnovers into 25 points while the Privateers only got 11 out of 18 Cougar giveaways. New Orleans (1-5) was just 8 of 16 from the foul line to get outscored by 10.

NO. 15 GONZAGA 103
INCARNATE WORD 68

SPOKANE, Wash. — Rui Hachimura scored 18 points and Zach Norvell Jr. added 17 as No. 15 Gonzaga beat Incarnate Word 103-68 on Wednesday night.

Josh Perkins scored 16 and Jacob Larsen 14 for Gonzaga (6-1), which lost to North Carolina in the NCAA Tournament title game last season.

Jalin Hart scored 17 points for Incarnate Word (3-3), which is in its second season of Division I basketball.

Perkins made all six of his shots, including four 3-pointers. The Zags finished with 12 3s.

Gonzaga shot 54 percent while holding the Cardinals to 44 percent, and won the rebound battle 41-27.

This game went off the rails early for Incarnate Word.

With the score tied 2-2, Gonzaga went on a 17-0 run as the Cardinals were held scoreless for more than 5 minutes.

A 10-4 run a few minutes later gave Gonzaga a 35-14 lead. The Zags shot 70 percent over the first 12 minutes of the game, with six 3-pointers.

The Zags cooled off, missing nine of 10 shots, but still led 49-26 at halftime. Gonzaga shot 56 percent in the first half, hitting eight 3-pointers.

Silas Melson had six points as Gonzaga opened the second half with an 18-6 run to build a 67-32 lead. The Bulldogs substituted freely but the Cardinals did not threaten after that.

This was the first meeting between the programs.

MC

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game and stay focused," Washington said.

Ella Tofaeono added 10 points off the bench for MC, while SPC was led by Gabbie Green with 17 points and Chelsea Hunter with 10.

MC travels to face Clarendon College at 2 p.m. Saturday.

LADY CHAPS LOSE BYFIELD: MC lost freshman guard Destiny Byfield early in the first half with what is believed to be a knee injury.

Jones said he did not know how severe the injury was but added that his team was down to just one point guard. Sophomore guard and Midland High grad Alexis Washington, Alexandrea's twin sister, is out for the year with a knee injury and she is scheduled to have surgery next week, according to Jones.

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NO. 21 MIDLAND COLLEGE 58,
NO. 16 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE 55

South Plains (10-2, 0-1) – La'Praisjah Johnson 3-10 0-0 9, Chelsea Hunter 2-6 7-8 10, Christina Baker 1-1 0-0 2, Mikayla Keuhne 1-5 0-0 3, Haleigh Hill 0-1 0-0 0, Gabbie Green, 7-17 0-0 17, Samajia Ogburn 2-4 1-2 5, Alexis Popham 0-0 0-0 0, Chantel Govan 2-7 2-2 8, Maddie Dorris 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 17-57 11-14 54

Midland College (6-5, 1-0) – Bethany Theodore 1-3 7-12 , Alexandrea Washington 7-15 2-2 22, Paige Robinson 1-9 1-1 3, Matangiroa Flavell 2-4 1-2 7, Lowendie Laporal 0-4 0-0 0, Ella Tofaeono 3-5 4-8 10, Destiny Byfield 0-1 0-0 0, Bianca Thacker 2-7 1-2 5, Ogechi Nowodo 1-3 0-0 2, Alyssa Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Wiebke Schwartau 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-57 16-29 58

South Plains	1	14	27	18—55
Midland College	5	7	22	19—58

3-point goals – SPC 9-30 (Johnson 3-4, Green 3-10, Govan 2-7, Keuhne 1-4, Hunter 0-1, Hill 0-1, Ogburn 0-1), MC 8-24 (Washington 6-11, Flavell 2-4, Theodore 0-2, Robinson 0-1, Byfield 0-1, Thacker 0-5). Total fouls – SPC 23, MC 17. Fouled out – Green, Dorris. Rebounds – SPC 38 (Hunter 6), MC 44 (Laporal 7, Washington 7). Assists – SPC 8 (Hunter 4), MC 14 (Theodore 5). Turnovers – SPC 15, MC 14.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 2 p.m. Saturday; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 2 p.m. Saturday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	1	0	11	0
Frank Phillips	1	0	8	1
Midland College	1	0	6	5
Clarendon College	0	0	11	0
South Plains	0	1	10	2
Odessa College	0	1	10	3
Howard College	0	1	7	5
Western Texas	0	1	6	4

Today's Games

Midland College 58, South Plains College 55; Frank Phillips College 75, Odessa College 65; New Mexico Junior College 75, Howard College 49; Cisco College 78, Western Texas College 69; Clarendon College is open

Saturday's Games

Midland College at Clarendon College; Howard College at Western Texas College; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College; Odessa

CHAPS

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the pace of game. Meanwhile Jordan Brangers (13 points) and Deshawn Corprew (17 points), who was in foul trouble early in the second half, both started to hit shots to help SPC regain command.

"We had too many guys deviate from what they do well and tried to do things they don't do well," Rafferty said. "We don't have that luxury and that margin of error where a guy can go, 'OK, I'm going to do my own thing right now.' We had too much of that and we weren't as solid defensively either. We let the game be too comfortable for them in the second half.

"I think it's a maturity thing. How you handle success is as important how you handle failures, adversity and difficulties. We had some success and we took our foot off the gas. (South Plains) is too talented to do that."

Amari Hale added 14 points for MC, which travels to face Clarendon College at 4 p.m. Saturday.

"We played some good minutes and we showed what we're capable of," Rafferty said. "But being capable isn't good enough. We've got to be able to do it for 40 minutes to secure a win."

Fraser hopes this game was another lesson for his young team.

"The past three games we've learned a lot," Fraser said. "We learned that we can compete with anybody in the country. As long as we stick to the game plan and we all play hard, we can win any game on our schedule. But once we deviate from that and stop playing our game, that's when things go downhill."

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NO. 3 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE 70,
MIDLAND COLLEGE 60

South Plains (6-3, 1-0) – Greg Shead 0-2 0-0 0, Deshawn Corprew 7-8 2-2 17, Isaiah Maurice 10-13 5-7 25, Christopher Orlina 1-3 0-0 2, Jordan Brangers 5-15 0-0 13, Jamir Coleman 1-3 0-0 2, Raymond Doby 3-5 2-2 8, Keith McGee 1-3 0-0 3, Ben Perez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-53 9-11 70

Midland College (3-7, 0-1) – D'Andre McLamb 2-6 2-2 6, Marquell Fraser 6-13 7-11 19, Amari Hale 4-12 3-3 14, Kevin Kangu 4-8 0-2 9, Kayo Goncalves 1-7 0-0 3, Iseri Palacio 2-2 1-1 5, Musa Mohamed 0-0 0-0 0, Erkam Kiris 1-6 2-5 4, Michael Hillebrand 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 20-58 15-24 60

Halftime – MC 34, SPC 29. 3-point goals – SPC 5-20 (Brangers 3-13, Corprew 1-1, McGee 1-3, Coleman 0-2, Perez 0-1), MC 5-23 (Hale 3-8, Kangu 1-3, Goncalves 1-6, Fraser 0-2, Kiris 0-2, Hillebrand 0-1). Total fouls – SPC 22, MC 19. Fouled out – Kangu. Rebounds – SPC 34 (Doby 8), MC 35 (Palacio 8). Assists – SPC 16 (Shead 6), MC 5 (Palacio 2). Turnovers – SPC 13, MC 19.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 4 p.m. Saturday; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 4 p.m. Saturday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	1	0	10	1
Odessa College	1	0	11	2
Clarendon College	1	0	9	4
South Plains	1	0	6	3
Western Texas	0	0	8	1
New Mexico JC	0	1	8	3
New Mexico Military	0	1	7	5
Frank Phillips	0	1	5	6
Midland College	0	1	3	7

Today's Games

South Plains College 70, Midland College 60; Odessa College 84, Frank Phillips College 74; Howard College 68, New Mexico Junior College 66; Clarendon College 83, New Mexico Military Institute 80; Western Texas College is open

Saturday's Games

Midland College at Clarendon College; Howard College at Western Texas College; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College; New Mexico Military Institute at New Mexico Junior College; Odessa College at Wayland Baptist JV (non-conference)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST

Houston 75, New Orleans 66
Oklahoma St. 79, Austin Peay 63
TCU 87, Belmont 76
Texas 82, Florida A&M 58
Texas State 66, Texas A&M-CC 53
Texas-Arlington 69, Rice 49
UALR 71, Cent. Arkansas 65

SOUTH

Alabama 77, Louisiana Tech 74
FIU 79, Florida National 61
Florida Gulf Coast 115, Webber Int'l 61
George Mason 76, James Madison 72
Georgia St. 63, Alabama A&M 53
Hampton 117, Mid-Atlantic Christian 54
Kent St. 79, Norfolk St. 70
LSU 84, UT Martin 60
Longwood 84, Bluefield State 59
N. Kentucky 112, Berea 33
NC State 85, Penn St. 78
North Carolina 86, Michigan 71
North Florida 84, E. Michigan 81, OT
Northwestern St. 67, Lyon College 56
South Alabama 69, Southern Miss. 58
Southern U. 92, Wiley 69
Tennessee 84, Mercer 60
Tennessee Tech 86, Lipscomb 80
Troy 87, Ill.-Chicago 66
Tulane 81, Alcorn St. 65
UNC-Asheville 82, SC-Upstate 70
Vermont 71, Richmond 65
W. Kentucky 83, E. Kentucky 51
William & Mary 114, Marshall 104
Winthrop 93, Furman 74
Wofford 87, Coastal Carolina 81

FAR WEST

Arizona 91, Long Beach St. 56
Gonzaga 103, Incarnate Word 68
Montana St. 98, Bethesda 61
New Mexico 78, Evansville 59

MIDWEST

Auburn 73, Dayton 60
Bowling Green 85, San Jose St. 79
Clemson 79, Ohio St. 65
Cleveland St. 75, Arkansas St. 72
Indiana St. 74, Air Force 64
Kansas St. 77, Oral Roberts 68
Miami (Ohio) 123, Midway 40
N. Iowa 77, UNLV 68, OT
Nebraska-Omaha 75, Drake 73
Robert Morris 81, Youngstown St. 74
S. Illinois 88, SIU-Edwardsville 59

EAST

Albany (NY) 75, Colgate 69
Binghamton 65, Delaware St. 64
Boston U. 70, New Hampshire 69
Buffalo 106, Niagara 87
Drexel 68, Lafayette 67
ETSU 82, Fordham 77
George Washington 73, Morgan St. 66
Lehigh 85, Princeton 76
Providence 88, Rider 84
Quinnipiac 68, UMass 66
Sacred Heart 87, Mass.-Lowell 80
Saint Joseph's 83, Bucknell 70
St. Bonaventure 75, Siena 55
St. Francis (Pa.) 100, American U. 89
St. Peter's 77, Fairleigh Dickinson 53
Stony Brook 101, Shawnee State 58
UConn 77, Columbia 73, OT
Villanova 90, Penn 62
Yale 84, Bryant 67

Top 25 Fared

Wednesday

1. Duke (9-0) beat Indiana 91-81. Next: vs. South Dakota, Saturday.
2. Kansas (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
3. Michigan State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Thursday.
4. Villanova (7-0) beat Pennsylvania 90-62. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Saturday.
5. Notre Dame (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Michigan State, Thursday.
6. Florida (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Monday.
7. Kentucky (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Harvard, Saturday.
8. Wichita State (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Baylor, Saturday.
9. Texas A&M (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Rio Grande Valley, Thursday.
10. Miami (5-0) beat No. 12 Minnesota 86-81. Next: vs. Princeton, Saturday.
11. Cincinnati (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Xavier, Saturday.
12. Minnesota (7-1) lost to No. 10 Miami 86-81. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (6-1) beat Michigan 86-71. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.
14. Southern Cal (4-1) did not play. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
15. Gonzaga (6-1) beat Incarnate Word 103-68. Next: vs. No. 25 Creighton, Friday.
16. Baylor (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Wichita State, Saturday.
17. Louisville (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Sunday.
18. Virginia (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lehigh, Saturday.
19. West Virginia (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. NJIT, Thursday.
20. Arizona State (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Saturday.
21. Xavier (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Cincinnati, Saturday.
22. Texas Tech (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Thursday.
23. TCU (7-0) beat Belmont 87-76. Next: vs. Yale, Saturday.
24. Alabama (6-1) beat Louisiana Tech 77-74. Next: vs. UCF, Sunday.
25. Creighton (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Gonzaga, Friday.

Women

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 79, Abilene Christian 65
Houston Baptist 78, Jarvis Christian 30
North Texas 47, SMU 40
Oral Roberts 53, Tulsa 41
Texas A&M 82, Rice 76
Texas A&M-CC 71, Rio Grande 41
Texas Southern 77, Sam Houston St. 58
UMass 64, Incarnate Word 45

SOUTH

Auburn 67, Louisiana-Monroe 41
Austin Peay 97, Ark.-Pine Bluff 61
ETSU 96, Murray St. 68
George Mason 82, Md.-Eastern Shore 68
High Point 59, Norfolk St. 56
IUPUI 80, Memphis 57
Maryland 60, Virginia 59
Mississippi 65, Middle Tennessee 56
Mississippi St. 94, Louisiana-Lafayette 37
Nicholls 83, Southern University at New Orleans 45
North Carolina 88, Minnesota 83
Savannah St. 71, Georgia Southern 67
Stetson 67, N. Kentucky 56
Tulane 70, McNeese St. 66
UNC-Wilmington 83, VCU 67
William & Mary 78, Richmond 64

FAR WEST

Colorado 108, N. Dakota St. 59
Colorado Christian 68, Air Force 66
Montana St. 50, Wyoming 46

MIDWEST

Ball St. 87, Butler 75
Florida St. 94, Iowa 93
Kansas 63, UMKC 48
N. Illinois 76, Bradley 52
Notre Dame 83, Michigan 63
South Dakota 89, Bellevue College 32
Vanderbilt 74, Saint Louis 69
W. Illinois 71, Chicago St. 54
Wichita St. 72, Missouri St. 58
Xavier 62, Fort Wayne 50

EAST

American U. 61, UMBC 48
Army 71, Dartmouth 56
Boston U. 78, Bryant 61
Brown 82, Holy Cross 78
Bucknell 64, Binghamton 59
Columbia 68, Boston College 60
Delaware 53, St. Bonaventure 52
Delaware St. 60, Longwood 56
Fairfield 78, Mass.-Lowell 67
Fordham 54, Manhattan 48
Georgetown 77, FIU 56
LIU Brooklyn 67, NJIT 49
La Salle 66, Penn 59
Lehigh 75, Mount St. Mary's 71
Morgan St. 61, CCSU 41
New Hampshire 64, Colby-Sawyer 40
Oakland 83, Canisius 48
Providence 55, Yale 51
Robert Morris 84, Youngstown St. 52
Siena 73, Colgate 70
Temple 69, Saint Joseph's 66
Villanova 62, Princeton 59
Wisconsin 58, Pittsburgh 57

Top 25 Fared

Wednesday

1. UConn (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Notre Dame, Sunday.
2. Texas (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Thursday.
3. Notre Dame (7-0) beat No. 25 Michigan 8363. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Sunday.
4. Louisville (6-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
5. South Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Thursday.
6. Mississippi State (7-0) beat Louisiana-Lafayette 94-37. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Sunday.
7. UCLA (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Sunday.
8. Ohio State (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Duke, Thursday.
9. Baylor (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Kentucky, Thursday.
10. Oregon (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Weber State, Saturday.
11. West Virginia (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Texas A&M, Sunday.
12. Tennessee (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Thursday.
13. Florida State (7-0) beat Iowa 94-93. Next: vs. James Madison, Sunday.
14. Duke (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Ohio State, Thursday.
15 Maryland (6-2) beat Virginia 60-59. Next: at Akron, Saturday.
16. Stanford (5-3) beat San Francisco 86-66. Next: at No. 9 Baylor, Sunday.
17. South Florida (6-1) did not play. Next: at George Washington, Saturday.
18. Texas A&M (6-1) beat Rice 82-76. Next: vs. No. 11 West Virginia, Sunday.
19. Missouri (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Thursday.
20. Kentucky (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Baylor, Thursday.
21. Oregon State (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Friday.
22. Michigan (4-2) lost to No. 6 Notre Dame 83-63. Next: at LIU Brooklyn, Saturday.
23. Marquette (3-2) did not play. Next: at Green Bay, Saturday.
24. California (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seattle, Thursday.
25. Villanova (6-0) beat Princeton 62-59. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Sunday.

Gonzaga, Friday.

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	C	S	A	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	A Charlie Brown Christmas		Holiday Celebration Kick off the holiday season with Disney magic moments.				Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Impostess" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Nimble Nephew"	Twilight "Dust"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Things That Go Boom" (N)		The Orville "New Dimensions" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern "Spy"	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	Football Night (L)	(:20) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Dallas Cowboys Site: AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)							(:35) News (N)	(:05) The Tonight Show	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Great Performances "Hitman: David Foster and Friends"		Emin: Live Russia Join Emin for a spectacular concert.				InnerViews	News (N)	Tavis Smiley	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law & Order: C.I.		Law:CI "Anti-Thesis"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:15) ★★ 1408				★★ Primeval Brooke Langton.		(:35) ★★★★ The Descent			(:15) The Hills Have Eyes		Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	★★ Zoolander Ben Stiller.		All Def Comedy		M.Cotto		(:55)	★ Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy.		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	Curb	T.Ullman	T.Ullman	(:20) Real Sports		(:20) Collateral Beauty Will Smith.				T. Ullman	(:35) Cotto
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:05)	Why Him? ('16, Com) James Franco.			★★★ The Bone Collector					★★ Along Came a Spider		Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:40)	★★★ Aliens	★★ AVP: Alien vs. Predator		(:45) ★★★★ Deadpool Ryan Reynolds.					(:35) CHIPS Dax Shepard.		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10)	Central Intelligence Dwayne Johnson.			★ Ride Along 2 Ice Cube.		(:45)	Totem Kerris Dorsey.		(:20)	Dead Calm	
PLEX			96			(5:30)	Love Wrecked	★★ Autumn in New York		(:45) ★★ Down to You					(:20)	Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Soul2Soul		★ 11:55 Victor Almanzar.		White		Shameless		Gigolos	SMILF	Shameless	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:55)	Notting Hill	Love the Coopers Diane Keaton.				★★ Hateship Loveship			(:45)	I Love You Phillip Morris	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Broken Home"		First 48: Gangland "Fatal Mistake" (N)		The First 48 "Monster" (N)		The Menendez Murders (P) (N)		(:05) Tupac "East Coast vs. West Coast"		(:05) First 48: Gang "Fatal Mistake"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00)	Goodfellas	★★★ Young Guns ('88, West) Emilio Estevez.						★★ Young Guns II ('90, West) Emilio Estevez.			
BET	58	-		40		To Be Announced						Martin	Martin	Rundown	Get Down	Get Down	Rundown
BRAVO	65	76		41		Top Chef Junior (N)		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Real Estate Wars (N)		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		BelowD.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich (N)	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud (N)		Fast n' Loud "The Race: Busch vs. Logano" (N)				Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	LivMad	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Big-10/ ACC Challenge (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SpritC (N)		MLS Soccer Playoffs Houston vs Seattle (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Ohio State at Duke (L)				NCAA Basketball Missouri vs C. Florida (L)				Boxing Golden Boy			
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	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00)	★★★ Home Alone			★★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory				The 700 Club		★★ Snow	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	Stars Insider	Stars Pregame (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)					Postgame (L)	Stars Insider	Cowboys Game (L)	Power of Sports
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00)	Noah	★★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.						★★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00)	A Gift to Re...	The Christmas Train Dermot Mulroney.				★ Switched for Christmas				★ A December Bride	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipVega	H.Hunt	House (N)	VintFlip	VintFlip	Flip-Flop	FlipVega
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	A.BeautyStar "Take a Stand with Teen Vogue"		Runway "Finale"	(:50) P.Runway	Project Runway: Project Rewind "Reunion Special" (N)			American of Beauty"	"The Future (SF) (N)	Pflunway/ (:40)Sammy	Runway "Finale"	(:50) P.Runway
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				NASCAR America (L)				NASCAR Cup Series Award (N)				NASCAR Cup Series Award			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Sponge	★★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles William Fichtner.					Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt.						★★ Road House	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30)	★★ Battle Los Angeles			Van Helsing (N)		Ghost Wars (N)			★ Truth or Dare Heather Langenkamp.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Watch"	Seinfeld	Sein. "The Opera"	Sein. "The Virgin"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Drop the Mic	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00)	Always Lea...	★ Wee Geordie ('55, Spt) Bill Travers.				★ High and Dry (Dra) Paul Douglas.				The Master of ...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		De Navidad (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	To Be Announced		90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Out of Nowhere" (N)				Unexpected "Labor and Delivery" (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Out of Nowhere" David's drinking concerns Annie; Nicole and Azan fight.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Grief and the Girl"		★ We're the Millers A small-time drug dealer hires a fake family to help him smuggle drugs into the country.						★ Magic Mike XXL The Kings of Tampa set out for Myrtle Beach for one last performance before stepping down.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Patrimonial Burden"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Melancholy Pursuit"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Depravity Standard"		Chrisley Knows (N)	Cromarties (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Woman's marriage deadline may be working against her

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old woman who can't seem to find a man to call her own. Every time I search on websites or at gyms, I can't find anyone decent who lives nearby.

I met someone who took me to his house in Wisconsin for the holidays, but I live in Illinois. Ever since I slept with him (on the fifth date), he has come here less often — and when he does, it's never just to see me. He also texts less often than he did and has hinted that I should see other people here in town and keep him as a backup.

I'm desperate to find someone who will be there for me. I want to be married before my 30th birthday. I have tried everything, but all the decent men nowadays are already taken or not serious about forming a relationship. Hope you can help. — CAN'T FIND A MAN

DEAR CAN'T: Your problem may be your desperation. When people are desperate, their anxiety can drive people away. The idea that you must be married by the time you are 30 is setting an artificial — and possibly unrealistic — goal for yourself. It may be time to stop looking and begin concentrating on building a satisfying life for yourself without help from a partner. Once you accomplish that, you may find that both men and women find you more attractive to be around. I can't guarantee that it will help you to find a husband, but even if you don't, you will have a happier life. Not everyone needs to be married.

DEAR ABBY: I have twin grandsons. One is kind, mannerly and thoughtful. The other is rude, ungrateful and has a chip on his shoulder.

Every Christmas and birthday, my husband and I are generous with our gifts to them. One grandson thanks us, while the other does not even acknowledge the gift. I no longer want to continue giving the rude twin gifts, but I don't know if this is the way to deal with the problem. They will be 18 on their next birthday. My daughter has never corrected the problem, and I know she will accuse me of favoring the kind twin. What to do? — GRAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GRAN: If it were me, I'd give the grateful twin gifts worth the usual amount of money and the ungrateful one a token present. And when your daughter accuses you of favoritism, tell her she's absolutely right and also why you no longer felt inclined to shell out to someone who didn't think your generosity was worth acknowledging. It's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: I am 53 and constantly worry about the future. Because my husband has had to change jobs for various reasons, we have no money fund for retirement, and it isn't offered at his current job. I worry so much about the future that it's keeping me from enjoying the present. How can I stop worrying like this so I can enjoy the present? Talking to a doctor is not an option as money is very tight. — WORRYING TOO MUCH

DEAR WORRYING: You didn't mention whether you are currently employed. If you aren't, a way to fix your problem might be to start thinking about your own earning capacity and find a job so you can build a retirement fund. It's never too late to start.

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The late great

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6 4 2
♡ 8 6
◇ K Q
♣ K Q J 10

WEST
♠ 8 5 3
♡ J 10 7 3
◇ A J 8
♣ 5 4 3

EAST
♠ K J 10 9
♡ K 5 4
◇ 9 7 6 5 3
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ A
♡ A Q 9 2
◇ 10 4 2
♣ A 9 8 7 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

The late, great, Australian expert, Tim Seres spent most of his afternoons, for several decades, playing rubber bridge. He was not only the best player at his club, he was also the most well liked. People were honored to lose money to him. Seres was South, in today's deal.

The actual auction is not known to us, and it is hard to imagine a sound auction to slam. Please forgive our imaginative auction above. 12 tricks would have been a cakewalk without a trump lead, but Seres found a way home despite the best lead. He won the opening lead in dummy and led a heart to his queen — a good start. Seres cashed the ace of spades and led a diamond. West stepped up with his ace and led another trump, also won in dummy. Seres ruffed a spade, led a diamond to dummy's king, and ruffed another spade. The ace of hearts was cashed, followed by a heart ruff. This was the position:

NORTH
♠ Q 7
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ K

WEST
♠ Void
♡ J
◇ J
♣ 5

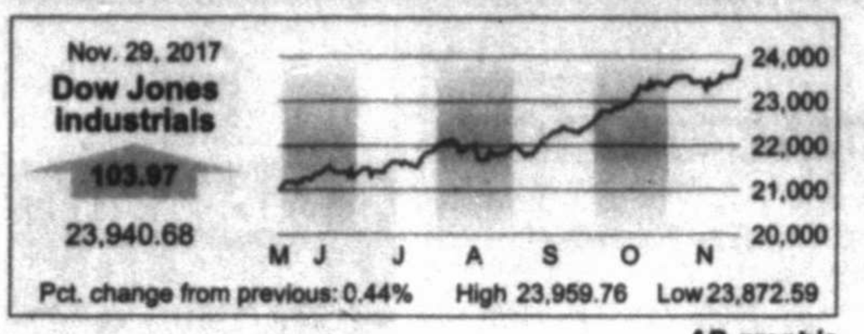
EAST
♠ K
♡ Void
◇ 9 7
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ 9
◇ 10
♣ A

Seres ruffed a spade with the ace of clubs and West couldn't defend the position. Should he under-ruff, dummy would be high. A discard of either red jack and Seres would cash his new winner in that suit and West would start suffering all over again. A beauty!

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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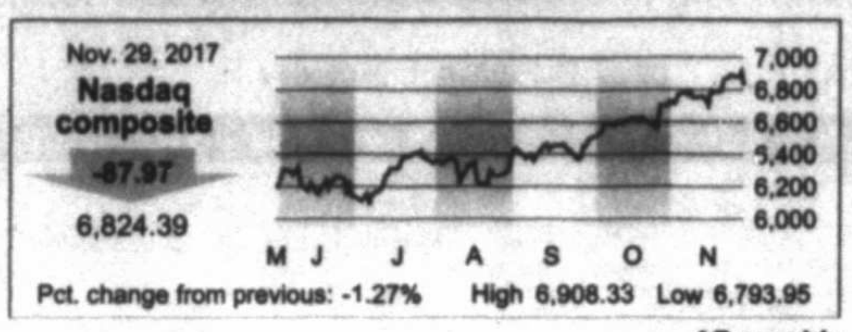

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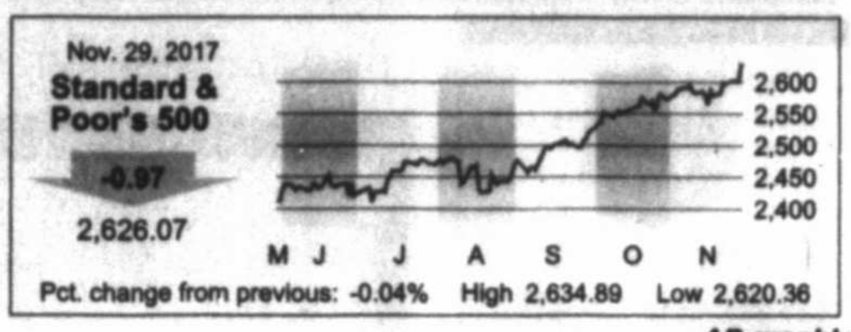

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday:	$57.30
Previous:	$57.99

POSTED

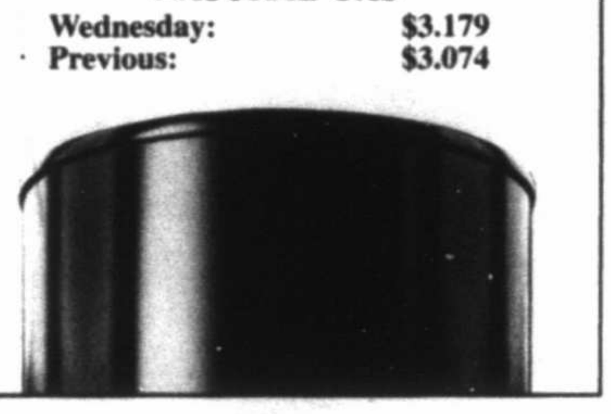
Wednesday:	$53.75
Previous:	$54.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday:	$50.40
Previous:	$51.15

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday:	$3.179
Previous:	$3.074



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	1328186	27.34	+.46
RiteAid	1232690	2.16	+.27
BkofAm	1144902	28.28	+.64
S&P500ETF	699557	262.71	-.14
iShEMkts	635566	46.61	-.75

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunTr wtA	28.43	+4.94	+21.0
Ooma n	11.65	+1.65	+16.5
RiteAid	2.16	+.27	+14.3
ChinaDEd	8.92	+1.01	+12.8
SunTr wtB	17.50	+1.90	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxSOXBll s	143.05	-21.65	-13.1
DxBrzBull s	37.84	-4.05	-9.7
Tronox	23.49	-2.49	-9.6
NatPresto	107.30	-10.80	-9.1
CtrMillr n	21.82	-2.14	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,478
Declined	1,455
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,036
New Highs	305
New Lows	61
Volume	3,941,821,916

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DigitalPwr	117934	1.63	+.25
Paretem rs	85403	1.09	-.10
iShIndia bt	47029	35.06	-.39
NDynMn g	38872	1.91	-.06
NwGold g	35659	3.11	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sifco	7.45	+.70	+10.4
Zedge n	2.82	+.20	+7.6
Reeds	2.30	+.15	+7.0
GeeGroup	2.93	+.18	+6.6
RegHlt pfA	9.24	+.50	+5.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	2.91	-.75	-20.5
Contango	2.27	-.51	-18.3
Plenex	2.32	-.28	-10.8
DeltaApri	20.43	-1.54	-7.0
TrioTch	7.86	-.48	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	145
Declined	194
Unchanged	20
Total issues	359
New Highs	8
New Lows	10
Volume	131,808,332

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	781968	43.74	-4.19
PwShs QQQ	695580	153.86	-2.73
Facebook	414041	175.13	-7.29
Apple Inc	401820	169.48	-3.59
Cisco	355006	37.48	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Proteos n	2.59	+.63	+32.1
PulseBio n	23.88	+3.04	+14.6
CeragonN	2.02	+.25	+14.1
Iridium pfB	426.50	+45.21	+11.9
Photrln	10.45	+1.10	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Xunlei Ltd	12.80	-5.78	-31.1
Data IO	12.31	-2.36	-16.1
Autodesk	109.34	-20.61	-15.9
USGlobInv	3.93	-.72	-15.5
IntegMed n	6.00	-1.00	-14.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,449
Declined	1,487
Unchanged	181
Total issues	3,117
New Highs	297
New Lows	31
Volume	2,370,412,199

Cineworld in talks to buy Regal for more than $3 billion

Bloomberg

Britain's Cineworld Group is in talks to purchase Regal Entertainment Group, the movie-theater chain controlled by billionaire Philip Anschutz, for more than $3 billion to double its size and create a bigger international rival to industry leader AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc.

The companies are negotiating a price for Regal of $23 a share, they said in separate statements, confirming earlier reports by Reuters and Bloomberg. The talks could still fall apart, the companies said. Cineworld declined as much as 16 percent, the most in a decade, after saying it would fund the acquisition with a stock sale and debt.

The deal would let Cineworld expand beyond its home market, as Britain's plan to leave the European Union weighs on consumer spending, and add thousands of screens as the industry faces intensifying competition from online-video providers. A deal to reshape Regal, the second-biggest cinema chain in the U.S., revives an unsuccessful attempt to sell the company in 2014.

"It's probably useful to be bigger in the industry now when everyone's concerned about video on demand, Netflix and the shortening of exclusivity periods for cinemas," said Owen Shirley, an analyst at Berenberg in London. "If you're a bigger player, you've got more negotiating power with the Hollywood studios."

Regal and its rivals in the U.S. theater industry are under pressure as streaming services like Netflix Inc. invest heavily in original movies, giving audiences more reasons to stay home. Movie attendance has stagnated in the U.S., and many films this year have failed to meet expectations at the box office. The summer season — usually the most lucrative for the industry — was the worst since 2006.

Knoxville, Tennessee-based Regal had been valued at $2.83 billion based on trading earlier Tuesday, while Cineworld has a market capitalization of $2.15 billion. Shares of Regal surged as much as 17 percent Tuesday before being halted, and other U.S. cinema chains also rose.

Cineworld and Regal could "sense an opportunity to assume the role of theater consolidator now that AMC is on the sidelines with an over-leveraged balance sheet," Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Paul Sweeney said.

Cineworld's shareholder Global City Holdings, which has a 28 percent stake, has committed to subscribe to the equity increase. The purchase of Regal would be classified as a reverse takeover, and a deal would require Cineworld shareholder approval, the company said.

Execution risk is probably playing into Cineworld's Wednesday share slide, as shareholders await clarity on the benefits of the deal and how the company can squeeze value from the purchase, as well as how much equity they will raise, Shirley said.

Many American Airlines flights in December lack scheduled pilots

Associated Press

DALLAS— A scheduling glitch has left American Airlines scrambling to find pilots to operate thousands of flights over the busy Christmas holiday period.

A spokesman for the airline said Wednesday that American expects to avoid canceling flights by paying overtime and using reserve pilots.

American isn't saying how many flights are affected, but the pilots' union says that about 15,000 flights were scheduled without a captain, a co-pilot or both.

American, the world's biggest airline, has about 15,000 active pilots and expects to operate more than 200,000 flights in December.

Pilots bid each month for flying assignments based on seniority. The scheduling glitch let pilots drop scheduled flights — to take a vacation over Christmas, for example — even when there were no other pilots available for that flight. Normally, such a request would be denied, especially during busy travel periods.

The pilots' union estimated that when the problem was discovered late last week, about 19,000 cockpit seats were left empty.

"This is a potential crisis that we see well in advance," said Dennis Tajer, a spokesman for the union. "This is very unusual."

The union has lodged a protest against the company's plan to fix the mistake by tapping reserve or on-call pilots and offering overtime pay for some of the unstaffed flights. The union says American is violating its labor contract by imposing a solution without union input, and is improperly restricting premium pay.

American officials "expect to avoid cancellations this holiday season," said airline spokesman Matt Miller. "We will work with the (union) to take care of our pilots and ensure we get our customers to where they need to go over the holidays."

Miller declined to say how much American expects to pay out in overtime because of the glitch.

Steep tech drop pulls US stock indexes mostly lower; Dow up

A steep slide in big technology companies pulled the major U.S. stock indexes mostly lower Wednesday, offsetting strength in banks and health care and erasing some of the gains the market made a day earlier.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite, which is the best-performing index this year, had its biggest single-day drop since August as investors cashed in some of their winnings and bid up shares in health care companies and retailers, among others.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed modestly higher, notching a record high for the second straight day, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped less than 1 point.

The S&P 500 index fell 0.97 points, or 0.04 percent, to 2,626.07. The Dow gained 103.97 points, or 0.4 percent, to 23,940.68. The Nasdaq lost 87.97 points, or 1.3 percent, to 6,824.39. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 5.86 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,542.30. Rising stocks slightly outpaced declining ones on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell $12.80, or 1 percent, to $1,282.10 an ounce. Silver dropped 37 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $16.46 an ounce. Copper slid 3 cents to $3.04 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $137.51 Down 0.27

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.93 Up 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $108.15 Down 0.08

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.48 Up 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.49 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.40 Up 0.40

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $18.24 Down 0.56

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.55 Down 0.21

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.80 Down 0.04

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $20.14 Up 0.19

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	36.48	+1.06	-14.2
Abraxas	...	51	2.03	+.09	-21.0
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	14.86	-.03	+16.9
AMD	...	...	10.83	-.34	-4.5
Alibaba	...	51	179.91	-6.78	+104.9
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	9.90	-.08	-21.4
Altaba	...	...	70.36	-1.62	+81.9
Ambev	.05e	6	6.30	+.13	+28.3
Amgen	4.60	16	172.23	+1.97	+17.8
Anadarko	.20	...	47.88	+.11	-31.3
Apache	1.00	...	40.74	+.47	-35.8
Apple Inc	2.52	20	169.48	-3.59	+46.3
ApldMatl	.40	17	52.91	-4.42	+64.0
Archrock	.48	...	9.55	+.10	-27.7
ATMOS	1.80	26	90.51	+.24	+22.1
Autodesk	...	...	109.34	-20.61	+47.7
AutoData	2.52f	30	113.33	+2.11	+10.3
BP PLC	2.38	28	39.71	-.19	+6.2
BkofAm	.48	16	28.28	+.64	+28.0
B iPVxST rs	...	...	31.89	+.68	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.50	-.07	+.1
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...		23284900.00	+4460.00	+16.7
BlkHillsCp	1.78	17	58.38	+.14	-4.8
BostonSci	...	18	25.95	-.44	+20.0
BrMySq	1.56	22	62.90	+.38	+7.6
BrownFA s	...	35	59.84	-.16	+29.4
BrownFB s	...	...	59.20	-.28	+31.8
CVS Health	2.00	13	73.40	+.70	-7.0
CallonPet	...	33	10.68	-.05	-30.5
Caterpillar	3.12	36	138.06	-.93	+48.9
Celestic g	...	7	10.64	-.11	-10.2
CntryLink	2.16	7	14.54	+.85	-38.9
ChesEng	...	7	4.05	+.18	-42.3
Chevron	4.32	77	117.18	+.73	-.4
Chicos	.33	12	8.79	+.06	-38.9
Cimarex	.32	30	114.23	-.01	-15.9
Cisco	1.16	19	37.48	-.25	+24.0
Citigroup	1.28	14	75.04	+1.34	+26.3
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.50	-.33	+9.7
ColgPalm	1.60	25	72.01	-.75	+10.0
Comcast s	.63	16	37.19	+.94	+7.7
ConAgra	.85	21	37.20	+.76	-5.9
ConchoRes	...	...	137.51	-.27	+3.7
ConocoPhil	1.06	41	50.73	+.60	+1.2
CrackerB	4.80	27	156.52	+6.33	-6.3
CSVixSh rs	...	...	7.31	+.29	-92.3
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	9.84	+.41	-78.7
CrosTim	.93e	15	15.14	...	-15.7
CypSemi	.44	26	15.69	-1.18	+37.2
DCP Mid	3.12	47	33.15	-.11	-13.6
DTE	3.30	22	114.56	+.22	+16.3
DevonE	.24	53	37.10	-.07	-18.8
DxSCBear rs	...	...	12.22	-.13	-38.4
Disney	1.56	18	105.24	+1.83	+1.0
eBay s	...	5	34.38	-1.12	+15.8
EOG Rescs	.67	...	100.50	+.66	-.6
Energen	.08	...	54.87	+.11	-4.9
EngyTrfPt	2.26f	21	15.71	-.11	-34.6
EnPro	.88	49	85.94	+.20	+27.6
ENSCO	.04	...	5.24	-.01	-46.1
EntProdPt	1.69f	19	23.89	-.37	-11.6
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.35	-.09	+8.9
ExxonMbl	3.08	32	82.27	+.60	-8.9
Facebook	...	33	175.13	-7.29	+52.2
FordM	.60a	11	12.56	+.35	+3.5
GATX	1.68	13	61.45	+.55	-.2
GabMultT	.94e	...	8.78	+.01	+21.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.63	+.13	+7.9
GenElec	.48m	15	18.48	+.07	-41.5
GenMotors	1.52	7	43.81	-1.11	+25.7
GtPlainEn	1.10	20	34.05	-.14	+24.5
Hallibrtn	.72	94	41.30	+.28	-23.6
HuntBncsh	.44f	17	14.48	+.51	+9.5
iShBrazil	.67e	...	39.66	-1.34	+19.0
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	46.63	-.93	+34.3
iShEMkts	.59e	...	46.61	-.75	+33.1
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	70.04	-.28	+21.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	153.37	+.51	+13.7
Intel	1.09	19	43.95	-.78	+21.2
InterDig	1.40f	10	75.75	+.80	-17.1
JD.com	...	22	37.83	-.74	+48.7
JPMorgCh	2.24f	16	103.73	+2.37	+20.2
JohnJn	3.36	20	139.81	-.21	+21.4
JnprNtwk	.40	16	29.61	+1.42	+4.8
Keycorp	.38	17	19.01	+.52	+4.1
KimbClk	3.88	19	119.14	+1.76	+4.4
KindMorg	.50	31	16.76	-.27	-19.1
Kroger s	.50	13	24.38	+.82	-29.4
LegacyRes	...	...	1.48	+.05	-30.2
LendingClb	...	...	4.51	+.15	-14.1
Lubys	...	...	2.77	+.09	-35.3
Macys	1.51	8	23.98	+1.80	-33.0
MaraPat rs	...	...	4.05	+.20	-41.1
MarvellTch	.24	69	22.21	-1.06	+60.1
McDnlds	4.04f	29	170.43	-.91	+40.0
Merck	1.92f	14	55.36	+.43	-6.0
MeritMed	...	51	44.15	+.10	+66.6
MexcoEn	...	...	4.49	+.10	-10.2
MicronT	...	9	43.74	-4.19	+99.5
Microsoft	1.68f	29	83.34	-1.54	+34.1
Nabors	.24	...	5.70	+.10	-65.2
NOilVarco	.20	...	32.61	+.48	-12.9
Netflix s	...	...	188.15	-11.03	+52.0
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.02	-.03	+4.4
NuanceCm	...	...	16.37	+.51	+9.9
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.88	-.05	+5.0
NTXQI	.65	...	14.48	-.06	+5.5
Nvidia	.60f	54	196.42	-14.29	+84.0
OcciPet	3.08	...	69.90	+.94	-1.9
PDC Engy	...	...	44.66	-.20	-38.5
ParTech	...	20	8.21	+.10	+47.1
ParkDrl	...	...	1.03	...	-60.4
PattUTI	.08	...	20.49	+.40	-23.9
PayPal n	...	57	73.25	-4.54	+85.6
Penney	...	18	3.54	+.04	-57.4
PennaRE	.84	14	12.04	+.69	-36.5
Prmian	.63e	26	9.27	+.11	+20.2
Petrobras	...	...	9.81	-.35	-3.0
Pfizer	1.28	14	36.21	+.36	+11.5
PhaseRx n	...	...	1.16	+.36	-25.2
PioNtrl	.08	...	151.16	+.07	-16.1
PlainsAAP	2.20	22	18.57	-.16	-42.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	153.86	-2.73	+29.9
Praxair	3.15	27	155.17	-1.19	+32.4
PrmEgy	...	...	50.96	...	-5.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	13.37	+.57	...
ProctGam	2.76f	23	89.38	-.02	+6.3
PShtQQQ rs	...	...	22.49	+1.11	-56.8
Qualcom	2.28	26	66.52	-1.86	+2.0
RangeRs	.08	20	18.00	+.02	-47.6
RegalEnt	.88a	21	20.17	+.54	-2.1
RegionsFn	.36	17	16.57	+.57	+15.4
RiteAid	...	...	2.16	+.27	-73.8
Roku n	...	...	44.87	-1.56	+90.9
Rowan	.40	8	14.01	+.05	-25.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	97	63.69	-.24	+17.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	239.42	+1.08	+21.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	262.71	-.14	+17.5
SpdrS&P RB	.74e	...	59.84	+1.90	+7.7
SpdrRetl s	.49e	...	43.94	+1.07	-.3
SabnR	2.31e	21	44.00	-.45	+25.2
SanderFm	1.28f	15	166.50	+3.13	+76.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	48	62.15	-.14	-26.0
ScorpioTk	.04	...	3.24	-.02	-28.5
SiriusXM	.04f	30	5.48	+.05	+23.1
Smucker	3.12f	15	117.66	+2.73	-8.1
SnapInc A n	...	...	13.70	+.09	-44.0
SwstnEngy	...	46	6.45	+.05	-40.4
Sprint	...	...	6.07	...	-27.9
Square n	...	...	39.13	-3.42	+187.1
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.54	+.29	+7.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	68.08	+.37	-9.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	27.34	+.46	+17.6
SP Tech	.78e	...	63.28	-1.43	+30.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	56.41	+.03	+16.1
Target	2.48	13	61.68	+5.06	-14.6
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	10.20	...	+10.9
TevaPhrm	.73e	5	15.07	+.38	-58.4
3M Co	4.70	27	238.01	+2.38	+33.3
Torchmark	.60	19	89.09	+1.56	+20.8
TriContl	1.00e	...	26.50	+.15	+20.2
Twitter	...	...	20.79	-1.04	+27.5
TylerTech	...	57	179.87	-.22	+26.0
UBSI	1.36f	20	37.90	+1.60	-18.1
US OilFd	...	...	11.48	-.10	-2.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	11.01	-.32	+44.5
ValeantPh	...	4	16.45	+.05	+13.3
ValeroE	2.80	22	83.34	+.10	+22.0
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.50	-.43	+7.6
VnEkSemi	.58e	...	99.63	-4.41	+39.1
VangEmg	1.10e	...	44.77	-.63	+25.1
VerizonCm	2.36f	10	49.90	+1.08	-6.5
Visa s	.66	36	109.86	-3.50	+40.8
VulcanM	1.00	39	124.86	+3.20	-.2
WEC Engy	2.08	23	69.26	+.33	+18.1
WalgBoots	1.60	15	71.92	-.32	-13.1
Weathflntl	...	...	3.22	+.06	-35.5
WellsFargo	1.56f	14	56.68	+1.10	+2.8
WmsCos	1.20	49	28.32	-.04	-9.1
XcelEngy	1.44	22	51.26	+.01	+25.9
Xerox rs	1.00	10	29.30	+.30	+27.4
Xunlei Ltd	...	...	12.80	-5.78	+231.6
Zynga	...	...	4.05	-.23	+57.6

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We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
23,849.61	19,062.22	Dow Jones Industrials	23,940.68	+103.97	+.44	+21.14	+25.19
10,080.51	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,076.38	+322.35	+3.30	+11.42	+12.19
778.80	622.88	Dow Jones Utilities	767.55	+1.49	+.19	+16.36	+21.32
12,523.64	10,786.40	NYSE Composite	12,561.30	+41.07	+.33	+13.61	+15.90
6,914.19	5,238.21	Nasdaq Composite	6,824.39	-87.97	-1.27	+26.77	+28.19
2,627.69	2,187.44	S&P 500	2,626.07	-.97	-.04	+17.30	+19.43
1,880.52	1,618.97	S&P Midcap	1,888.90	+8.64	+.46	+13.75	+16.06
27,299.11	22,874.28	Wilshire 5000	27,290.12	-6.10	-.02	+16.50	+18.70
1,536.62	1,308.85	Russell 2000	1,542.30	+5.87	+.38	+13.64	+16.63

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

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

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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JUMBLE

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

CARKO

TXSYI

NKREEL

HARRET

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

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Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THICK WOUND WARMLY BEHAVE
Answer: When the farmer's baler malfunctioned, things — WENT HAYWIRE

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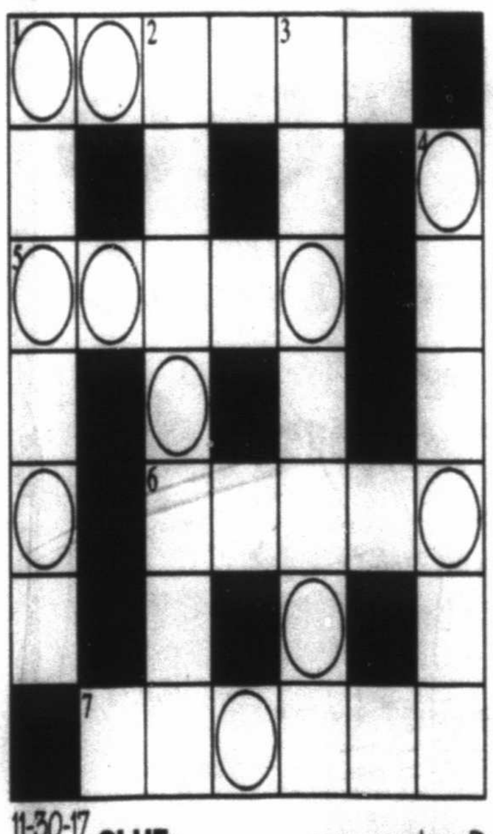

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Michael ___	NRJDAO
5. Melon	ROGDU
6. Infuse	UIMBE
7. ___ key	EETDEL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. XJS maker	AGUJRA
2. Join together again	RTUENIE
3. Able to be heard	LUDABEI
4. Unit of current	MRAEPE

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.

11-30-17 **CLUE:** ___ ___ was made a Dame of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2004.

BONUS ( ) ( )

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ANSWERS: 1A-Jovian 6A-Gourd 7A-Debtor 10-Jaguar 2D-Reunite 3D-Audible 4D-Ampere 5-Jane Goodall

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 WC
4 Cardiff-born
9 Many Dickens kids
14 Action film gun
15 Kauai greeting
16 Northern home
17 Pap
19 Like hardened mud on boots
20 Asks too many questions
21 Central points
23 Mountain legend
24 Pep
30 Getting-started instruction
32 1976 Dylan song about his first wife
33 Like FM radio, typically
36 Old lab heaters
37 Playa __ Rey: L.A. community
38 Pip
41 Biol. or chem.
42 Places to find stacks
44 Some DVD bonus tracks
46 Little dipper?
47 Lovey-dovey
49 Pop
51 Sounds of activity
55 __ beer
56 Legendary moralist
57 Angiogram image
60 Pup
64 Counterintelligence targets
65 The life of Paris?
66 Tre meno due
67 Disconcerting gaze
68 Stingray kin
69 Salary

DOWN

1 Like poorly made Cream of Wheat
2 Clear blue
3 Stay and catch up
4 Techniques
5 "The Hobbit" being
6 WC
7 "Homeland" channel, for short
8 Enjoyed themselves
9 Contemporary pagan religion
10 In contact with
11 Kind
12 A Capulet, to a Montague
13 Cover for a bald spot?
18 Art theft, e.g.
22 Unlatch, poetically
24 "Deadwood" actress Jewell
25 Fencing sword
26 "Should I have waited?"
27 Lenox china brand
28 Word with period or note
29 It might be a mirage
31 Koppel and others
33 By the seat of one's pants, e.g.
34 Indira Gandhi's father
35 Plumlike fruits
36 Classic accusation
39 Be catty?
40 Missouri River native
43 Laser device
45 Clambake leftovers
47 Ottoman honorific
48 Ice dancing Olympic gold medalist Davis and Oscar winner Streep
50 Pull the plug on
52 Run through
53 2016 Disney film set in the South Seas
54 Spread apart
56 Tommie of '60s-'70s baseball
57 Hee-hawing animal
58 Choose
59 Narrow inlet
61 Barrel wood
62 The Cavaliers of the ACC
63 It may be picked

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

M	A	S	T	S		R	I	M	E		G	L	E	A M
A	L	E	V	E		I	D	E	S		W	A	L	L E
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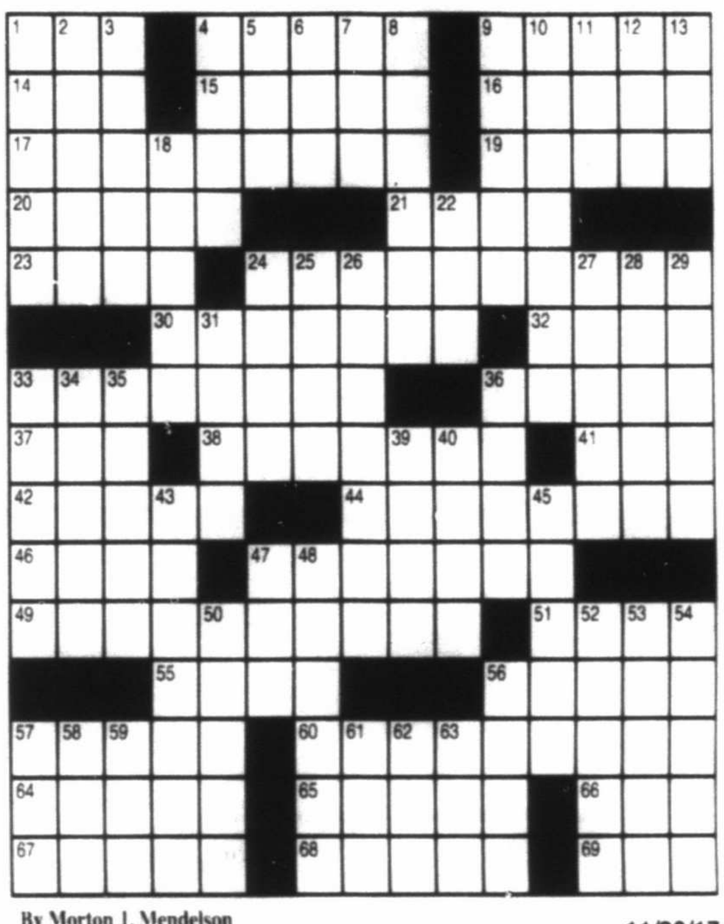

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1.

partner = partner

2.

HCTAC HCTAC
HIS SLEEP

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1. ( ) ( )
2. ( ) ( )

Today's Answers:

1. Equal partners
2. Catches up on his sleep

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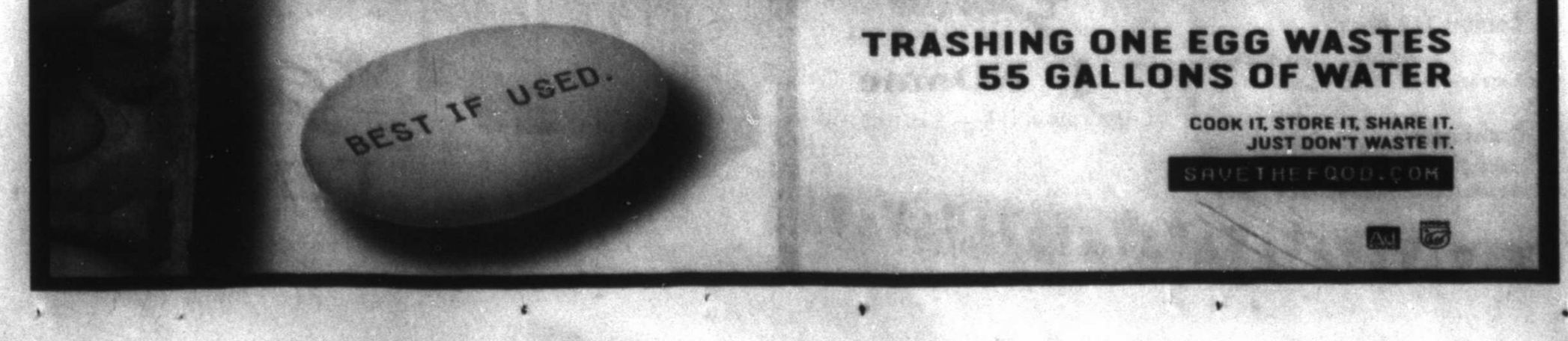

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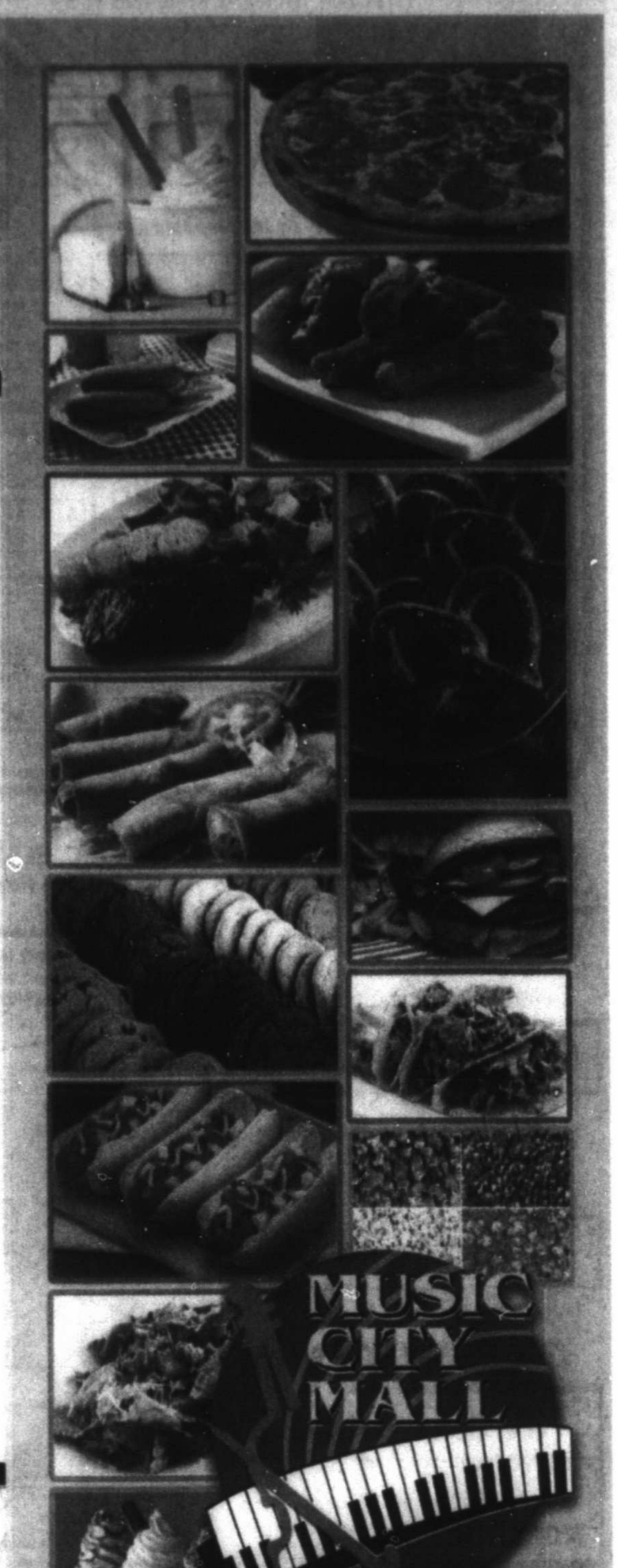

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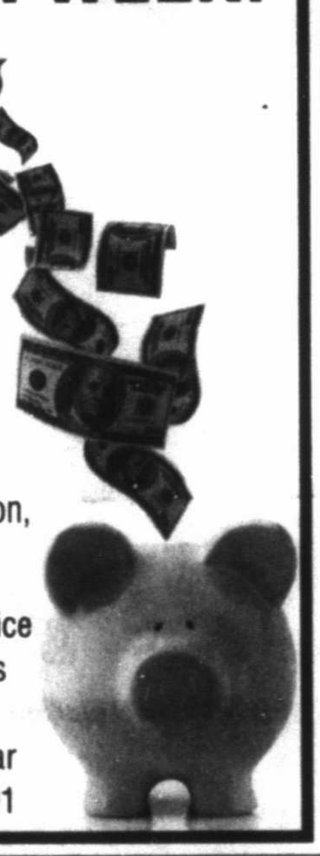

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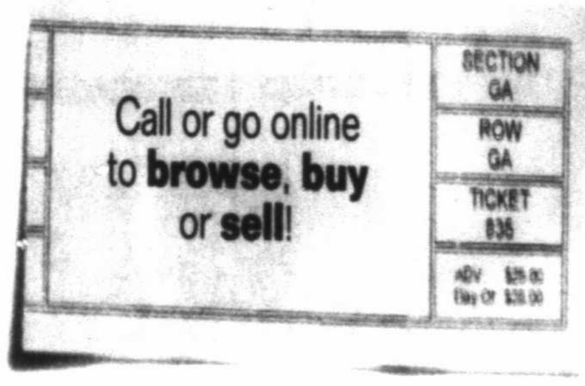

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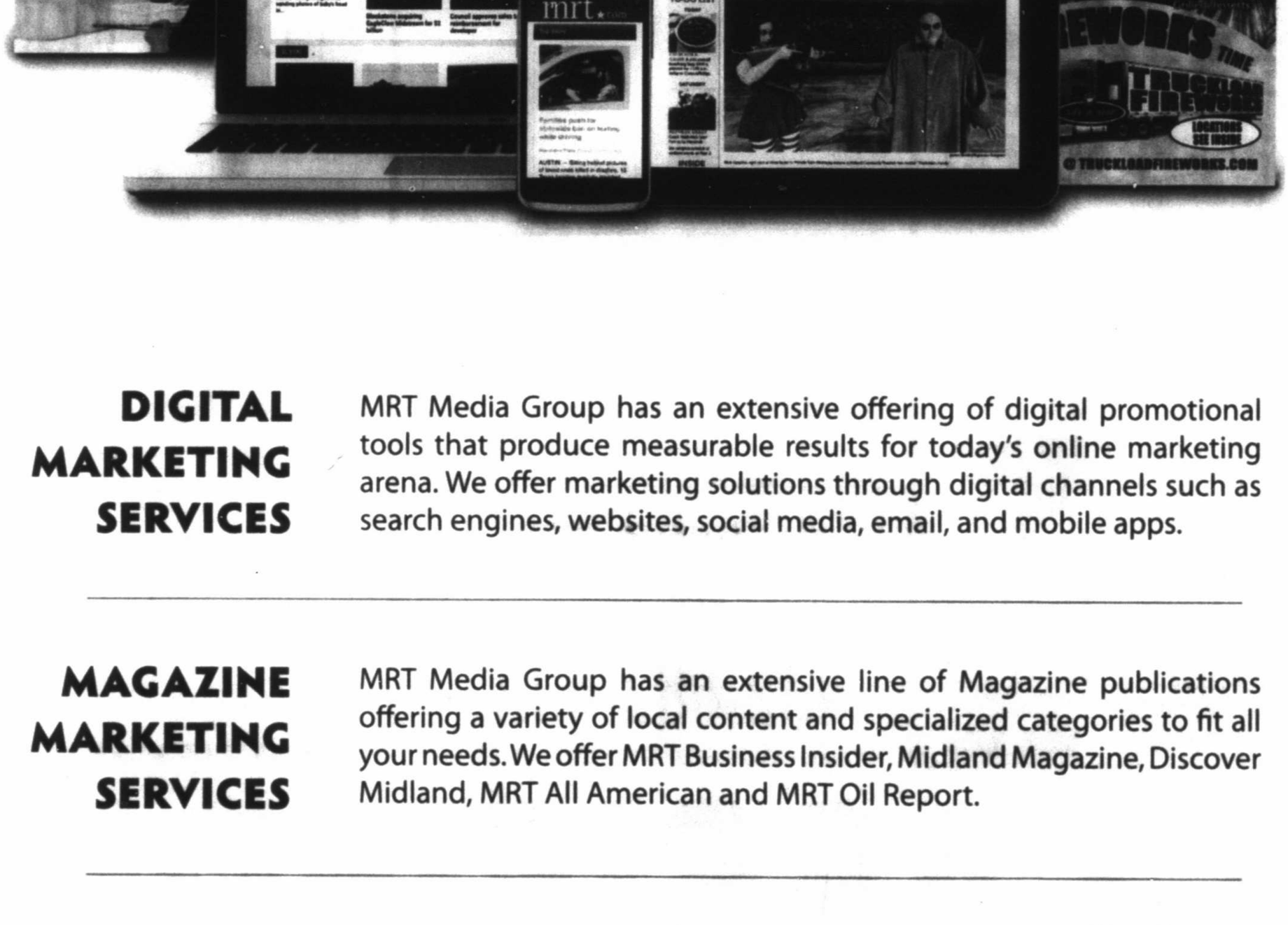

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Purchasing Division

ORDINANCE NO. 9713

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City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9715

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 0.82-ACRE TRACT OF LAND AND A 0.83-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 38, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 1,900 FEET SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 191); APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

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ORDINANCE NO. 9716

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, ORDAINING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (THE "ACT"); PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES. DE S IGNATING A LIAI SON FOR THE COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES; NOMINATING APACHE CORPORATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ("EDT") THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (THE "BANK") AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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ORDINANCE NO. 9717

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VIII, "FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, HEALTH AND GENERAL SANITATION", CHAPTER 1, "IN GENERAL", OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING SECTION 20, "ADOPTION OF THE TEXAS FOOD ESTABLISHMENT RULES", SO AS TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE TITLE 25, PART 1, CHAPTER 228 OF THE TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED, WHICH SETS FORTH RULES REGARDING THE REGULATION OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, RETAIL FOOD STORES, TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, MOBILE FOOD UNITS, AND ROADSIDE FOOD VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ORDERING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2018

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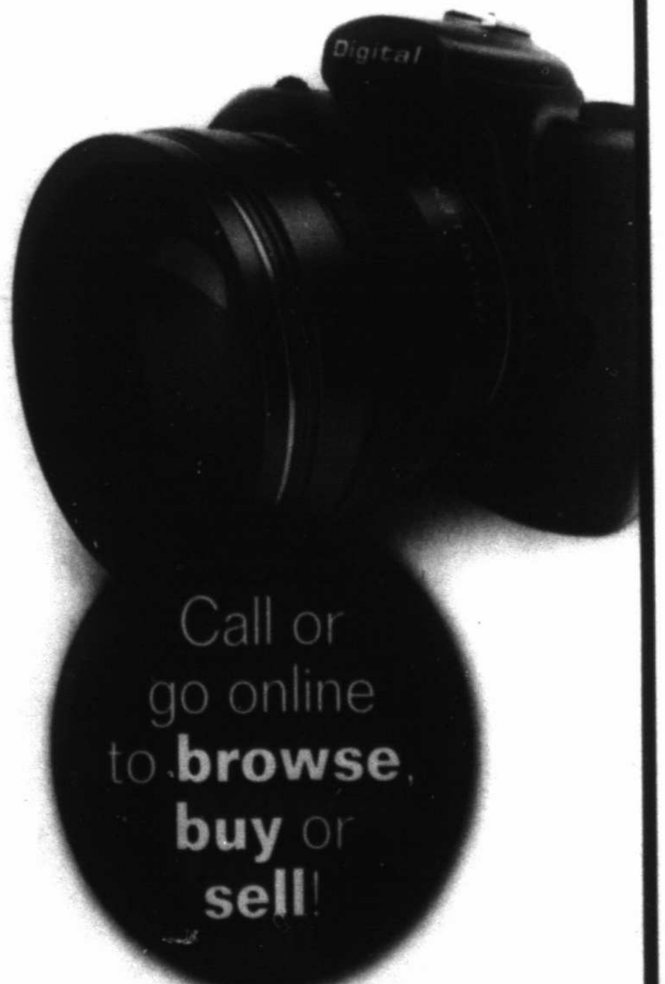

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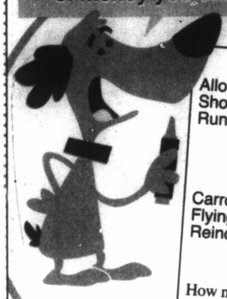
Thrifty & Fritter Budgeting for the Holidays

A **budget** is a plan that helps you to spend **only** the amount of money you can **afford.**



Shopping On A Budget

Look at the things Jodi would like to buy for her family. She has $50 budgeted for her holiday shopping. Make a list of the things she could buy on her budget.

INCOME

Allowance	$15
Shovel Snow	$20
Run Errands for Elves	$15
TOTAL:	

EXPENSES

Carrot Sticks	$10
Flying Lessons	$12
Reindeer Games Entry Fee	$10
TOTAL:	

How much money does Thrifty have left over each month? _____

THINK ABOUT IT: What could Thrifty do to **save** more money each month?

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand basic concepts of managing money.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve real-world problems involving computations with dollars and cents.

How many silly things can you find at this holiday party?

Standards Link: Investigation: Identify objects that fit into a cagetgory and those that do not belong.

Extra! Extra!

Holiday Party Time!

Thrifty and Fritter are planning a holiday bash for family and friends. They have budgeted $500 for the party!

They will need food, decorations and gifts. These are called **goods**.

They also need entertainment and perhaps folks to help set up and clean up. These are called **services**.

Look through today's newspaper and help Thrifty and Fritter find what they need. *Stay within their $500 budget!*

GOODS:	SERVICES:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the differences between goods and services.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Who bought what? An ice cream cone costs $1.50. A comic book is $1.65. A deck of cards is $1.10. Count each person's money to see what they bought.

Deb **Vanessa** **Theresa**

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Problem solving using money.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

THRIFTY
SPARKLY
SMART
BUDGET
HOLIDAY
SAVE
PARTY
COMIC
SALE
MONEY
SPEND
GIFTS
COUNT
TIME
PLAN

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

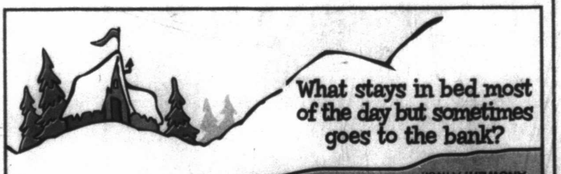
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

New and Used

Find five new items for sale in the newspaper. Chart the items and their prices. Can you find similar used items for sale? What is the difference in price? What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying new versus used?

Standards Link: Economics: Students demonstrate basic economic reasoning in terms of how individual economic choices involve trade-offs and the evaluation of costs and benefits.



What stays in bed most of the day but sometimes goes to the bank?

ANSWER: A river.

Weekly Writing Corner

Start a Business

Students describe businesses they would like to start.

If I could start my own business, it would be a holiday store with the perfect Christmas gifts for your kids and awesome costumes for Halloween. It would have just the right prices for you! You would love to come here, and kids would love to come here! I would love to see a smile on every kid's face. I'd love to see them play in my store with the toys they like when all the holidays are here!

Charlie, 4th grade

If I started it business, it would be called "Designer's Place." It's a combination of art and clothing. I combined art and clothing because an artist would design art and put it onto clothing. You need clothing for your body and because of the seasons. I would start this business because I love it and this is what I do at home. All the art designs I create come from my heart. I would love to start this business when I grow up.

Suzette, 3rd grade

I would open a police station because I want to be a police woman so I can fight crime and keep everyone safe. I would like to keep the earth safe.

Eliza, 3rd grade

When I grow up I want my first job to be a bus driver and my second to be a teacher and my last job to be a chef. I would like all these jobs because the more work I do the more money I would get to buy lots of things. I can get very rich and be able to buy my family stuff when I visit.

Leandrea, 3rd grade

Now hiring dancers. Just come on in and you can get us to come to your party. I know people would want my business because there are a lot of people that want dancers to come to their parties.

Cassie, 4th grade

If I started a new business it would be an ice cream shop. People might not need what we offer but it's always nice to have a treat. I would like to start this business because I love ice cream. We would sell many flavors of ice cream cones, milkshakes and ice cream in a cup. We would also have our own flavor called Rainbow Delight and give a piece of candy away with every order. Everyone should have a little ice cream once in a while.

Jessica, 5th grade

Write On!

Getting Through Sad Times

What do you do when you are sad? What helps you to cheer up? Write about it and compare your ideas with a friend's ideas.

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