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FORMER EDITOR DIES

Gary Orr dies at the age of 64. Read more about his life on Sunday.

Upcoming Edition



SWEETWATER ADVANCES

The Mustangs advance to the state semifinals with a 38-14 convincing win over Seminole at Grande Communications Stadium. Their next opponent will be the Gilmer Buckeyes.

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Permian Basin has 2 out of every 5 rigs, closes with 235

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin's presence in the oil and gas industry maintained its prominence, as the nation's most active basin accounting for 82 percent of all rigs in Texas and 39 percent of all rigs nationwide this week.

The Permian closed the week with 235 rigs, an increase of seven, according to Baker Hughes. The counties with the most rigs in the Permian are Reeves in the Delaware subbasin, which rose three to 39, and Midland in the Midland subbasin, which was unchanged at 31.

Other counties with double-digit counts were Loving (22), Martin (22), Lea, New Mexico (15), Eddy, New Mexico (13), Upton (12), Howard (11), Culberson (10) and Reagan (10).

Hale County idled its lone rig, while Lamb added one rig after a week off from activity.

Most activity is in Railroad Commission District 8, which increased 10 rigs to 165. Seventy percent of all Permian rigs are in District 8, which lies in the center of the West Texas basin.

More coverage

Find out what happened this week in oil.

Coming Sunday

In other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B was unchanged at three rigs, District 7C dropped two to 24, District 8A fell one to 14 and New Mexico was unchanged at 29.

The Permian had 217 rigs a year ago this week.

Texas & New Mexico

Texas added seven rigs statewide for a total of 286.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas rose two to 40 rigs, far from the 71 rigs it started the year with but higher than its year low of 29 recorded the weeks ending May 27 and June 3.

The Haynesville in East Texas climbed to 26 rigs after three more rigs went online. The Haynesville's rig count is now higher than its previous year high of 23, recorded four times, including the first week of the year.

The Granite Wash was unchanged at 11. Located in the Panhandle, the Granite Wash is one shy of its first rig count of the year.

The Barnett in North Texas added two rigs, raising its tally to four.

Texas had one rig offshore and didn't have any listed in inland waters.

All of New Mexico's rigs were in the Permian Basin.

At this time last year, there were 333 rigs in Texas and 40 in New Mexico.

United States

Of the 597 rigs nationwide, 477 were searching for oil, 119 explored for natural gas and one was listed as miscellaneous. Oil rigs rose three, natural gas rigs rose one and miscellaneous rigs were unchanged.

All rigs operating offshore were in the Gulf of Mexico, which dropped one to 22. Inland water rigs lost one rig, leaving one total. Rigs on land tallied 574, up six.

By drilling trajectory, there were 485 horizontal rigs, up 10; 66 vertical rigs, unchanged; and 46 directional rigs, down six.

The U.S. had 737 rigs at this time last year.

Most active

Basins with the highest rig counts this week were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Cana Woodford (39), the Marcellus (34) and the Williston (31).

States with the most rigs were Texas, Oklahoma (81), Louisiana (48), North Dakota (31), Pennsylvania (31) and New

Please see **RIG COUNT**/6A

Merry Christmas, baby



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Sixteen-month-old Liam Trotter expresses displeasure while sitting on Santa's lap during the Midland College Holiday Evening event Thursday. For a list of holiday events, see the "Today in Midland" box on **Page 4A**. Sunday's edition will feature photos from the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.

NWS: November in Midland hottest on record

By Stewart Doreen
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The National Weather Service in Midland is reporting a new record for average monthly temperature in November.

The NWS reported an average monthly temperature about 59 degrees, which is one degree warmer than the previous record set in November 2012 and more than six degrees warmer than the typical average for a November in Midland (52.9 degrees).

This is the second straight month for a new average temperature record for the month and third time in five months.

The NWS reported in October an average temperature of 72.5 degrees, which was 1.4 degrees warmer than the previous record set in October 1963 and 7.6 degrees warmer than the typical October average.

The NWS previously reported July 2016 was not only the warmest July in Midland's history but the warmest month overall. Also, every month this year has been above the typical average for that month.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 40 percent chance of a warmer-than-average month of December and a 50 percent chance of warmer-than-average conditions during the next 90 days.

Although Midland has experienced record temperatures, precipitation this year has been slightly greater than average. In fact, the 2.01 inches in November was more than 1 inch above average for the month. The wetter November also took Midland County out of an "abnormally dry" listing by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for average rainfall in December and a 40 percent chance of below-average rainfall over the next three months.

The National Weather Service expects the month to start off wet; there is a 60 percent chance of showers Friday and Saturday.

November top 5 temperature records

1. 2016 ..... 59.0 degrees
2. 2012 ..... 58.0 degrees
3. 1965 ..... 57.4 degrees
4. 1942 ..... 57.3 degrees
5. 1981 ..... 57.0 degrees

Note: The average monthly temperature for a typical October is 52.9 degrees

Source: National Weather Service

Warmest months in 2016
February
10th warmest February on record
March
Fourth warmest March on record
July
Warmest July on record
Warmest month in Midland's history
October
Warmest October on record
November
Warmest November on record

Source: National Weather Service

Border wall seen as threat to Big Bend beauty

Associated Press

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK— Opponents of a vast border wall championed by President-elect Donald Trump say it will impair tourism and conservation efforts at Big Bend National Park and beyond, according to a newspaper report.

They contend Big Bend was first envisioned in the 1930s as Big Bend International Peace Park, extending from Texas into Mexico, and that a wall will ruin that original vision.

But supporters of the wall argue border security is paramount and that concerns it would threaten wildlife and undermine the park's beauty are secondary, The Dallas Morning News reports.

"The idea of putting a wall up from Brownsville to San Diego can't be discounted," said Shawn Moran, vice president of the National Border Patrol Council, the union representing Border Patrol agents.

The union supported candidate Trump and now it's advising him about border security issues.

"We can look at each sector of the border and decide. Are we able to control an area without a fence? If the answer is yes, then we can look at that," Moran told the newspaper. "Security really has to come first."

But Rick LoBello and others counter that enhanced security measures can be introduced without constructing a border barrier, and this approach would allow for promising conservation gains to continue, such as the remigration of black bears into Texas from Mexico.

"A big wall in Big Bend would basically destroy the wilderness quality Big Bend has protected," said LoBello, a member of the Greater Big Bend Coalition, a nonprofit pushing to create a binational park or protected area.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote to Mexican President Manuel Avila Camacho in 1944, the year the national park was created, to say Big Bend would not be complete until "both sides of the Rio Grande form one great international park." The current boundaries of the park extend along 118 miles of the border.

Please see **BORDER**/4A

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The big number
The Mandela Childrens Hospital
Cost $76 million
to build, and has 200 beds.
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Word of the Day: chiasmus
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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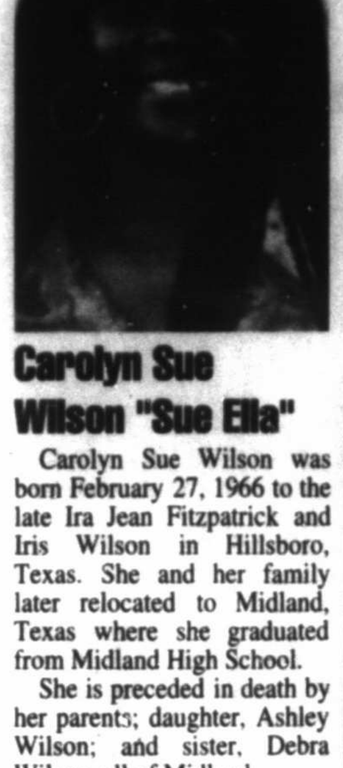

Carolyn Sue Wilson "Sue Ella"

Carolyn Sue Wilson was born February 27, 1966 to the late Ira Jean Fitzpatrick and Iris Wilson in Hillsboro, Texas. She and her family later relocated to Midland, Texas where she graduated from Midland High School.

She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Ashley Wilson; and sister, Debra Wilson, all of Midland.

She is survived by her children, Mark Wilson of Midland, Mercedes Lane of Midland, and Isaiah Terrell of Midland; one brother, Iris Wilson of Midland; five sisters, Jessie Wilson of Athens, Texas, Linda (Wilson) Smith, Donna and husband Benny Jordan, Cassandra and husband Clifton Jonson of Lubbock, Texas, and Pamela and John Shields of Midland; aunt, Wilma and husband Raymond Green of Midland; and uncle, Cecil Davis of Midland. She has seven grandchildren, and an abounding host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

She was employed with Southwest Medical Clinic and Midland Security for numerous years until she became ill.

Carolyn loved the Lord with all her heart, mind, and soul and found joy in filling others lives with joy, and a great time. She had a true passion for daytime, nighttime, anytime BINGO. She enjoyed events with her her family, and was always the life of the party and holds the reigning title of "Queen of the Dance" of one of her favorite hits, "Step in the name of love".

Carolyn hardly met a stranger. She was a woman of beauty, and determination. She was a natural-born survivor indeed, to say the least. She made a profound impact on all those she came in contact with.

There will be a funeral service at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. on December 3, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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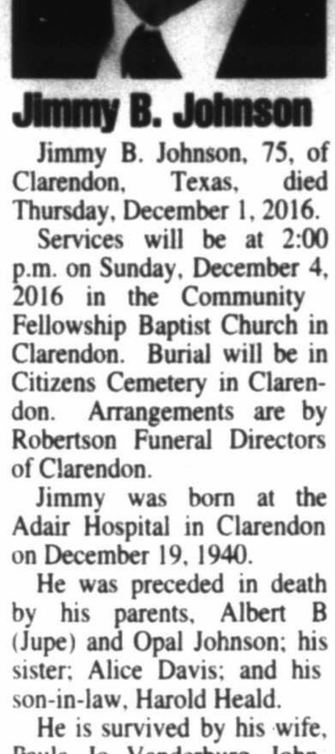


Jimmy B. Johnson

Jimmy B. Johnson, 75, of Clarendon, Texas, died Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2016 in the Community Fellowship Baptist Church in Clarendon. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jimmy was born at the Adair Hospital in Clarendon on December 19, 1940.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert B (Jupe) and Opal Johnson; his sister; Alice Davis; and his son-in-law, Harold Heald.

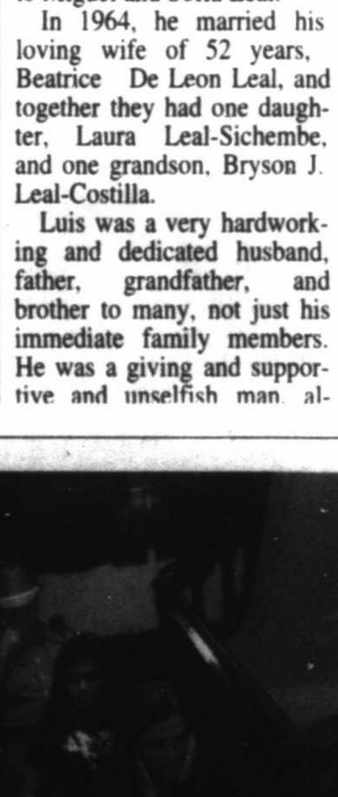
He is survived by his wife, Paula Jo Vanderburg Johnson; daughter, Lisa Heald of The Colony, Texas; son, Michael Van Johnson and wife Lyrisa of Keller, Texas; daughter, Jana White and husband Randy of Clarendon; and by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He worked for the Permian Corp in Midland, Texas for 31 years. After retirement in 1991, he moved back to Clarendon full time to pursue his love of ranching and country life. While living in Clarendon, he had the opportunity to serve in many areas of the community. He was the Justice of the Peace of Donley County for 14 years as well as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Clarendon and the City of Howardwick.

Jimmy was an active member of the Clarendon Lions Club and served as president in 1996. He was also a member of the Community Fellowship Church and served the Lord in many areas including serving as a Deacon for his church.

He married the love of his life, Paula Jo, on September 21, 1957. His kids were his pride and joy. To say he was an awesome papa would be an understatement. His favorite pastimes were golfing, gardening, Blue Bell ice cream, and loving his adoring wife Paula Jo. Family was everything to him.

Donations may be made to the Community Fellowship Church. Sign the online guestbook at *www.robertsonfuneral.com* .



Luis Leal

Mr. Luis Leal, 78, died after a struggle with cancer on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in Houston, Texas.

He was born on August 30, 1938 in Hebbronville, Texas to Miguel and Sofia Leal.

In 1964, he married his loving wife of 52 years, Beatrice De Leon Leal, and together they had one daughter, Laura Leal-Sichembe, and one grandson, Bryson J. Leal-Costilla.

Luis was a very hardworking and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and brother to many, not just his immediate family members. He was a giving and supportive and unselfish man, always concerned about others before himself. He moved to Midland in 1971 where he established his carpentry career as Leal's Cabinets of Midland. There he helped countless individuals learn this trait, a trait that Jesus Himself when He was on earth. Baptized in 1958 as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, he moved to Midland to help in the Bible Ministry.

Luis is survived by his wife, Beatrice D. Leal; his daughter, Laura Leal-Sichembe; his grandson, Bryson J. Leal-Costilla; brothers, Filemon Leal of Midland, Roy Leal of San Angelo, and Pablo Leal of Midland, sisters, Adela Ramos of San Angelo, Olga Sanchez of Midland, Carmen Almaguer of Midland, and Oralia Leal of Midland; and by countless nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased in death by his parents and seven siblings.

Viewing will begin on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday December 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel, 405 N. Terrell St., Midland, TX 79701.

An evening Service and Talk will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness. 5100 N. Lamesa Rd., Midland, TX 79705, officiated by Gabriel Garza of San Angelo, Texas. For directions or information please, call (432) 894-5431.

Arrangements were made with 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*.

Heavenly Gate
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405 N. Terrell Midland, TX - (432) 687-1927

Death Notices

Carolyn Nicholas

Carolyn Nicholas, 84, of Midland, passed away on November 20, 2016.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

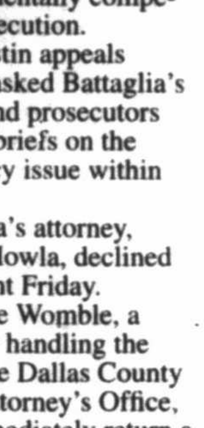
STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Appeals court halts execution for dad who killed daughters

An appeals court on Friday stayed the execution of a Dallas man so it can review if he's mentally competent to be put to death for fatally shooting his two young daughters more than 15 years ago while their mother listened helplessly over the phone.



Battaglia

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals delayed the Dec. 7 execution of John David Battaglia after his attorney had appealed a judge's ruling last month that he's mentally competent for execution.

The Austin appeals court has asked Battaglia's attorney and prosecutors to submit briefs on the competency issue within 60 days.

Battaglia's attorney, Michael Mowla, declined to comment Friday.

Christine Womble, a prosecutor handling the case for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Battaglia was convicted of killing his daughters, ages 6 and 9, at his Dallas apartment in May 2001. Authorities said he killed the girls to get back at his ex-wife, who was their mother, for lodging complaints with his parole officer that led to a warrant for his arrest.

Battaglia, 61, was due to be executed March 30, but a federal appeals court halted it so that his competency could be reviewed.

After a two-day hearing held last month in Dallas, state District Judge Robert Burns determined that Battaglia was mentally competent enough to be executed. He ruled Battaglia was faking delusions that could make him ineligible for the death penalty under U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

The U.S. Supreme Court has declared that a prisoner can be executed if he or she is aware that the death penalty is set to be carried out and has a rational understanding of why he or she is facing that punishment.

In court documents, Mowla had said that Burns' ruling was "unsupported and incorrect."

Dallas County prosecutors have argued that Battaglia has received "all of the due process for which he is entitled" under Texas and federal laws.

DALLAS

Judge says Dallas police and fire pension vote can happen

A Texas judge has denied a request to stop members of the ailing Dallas Police and Fire Pension system from voting on benefit reductions.

State District Court Judge Ken Molberg said Friday that the plaintiffs did not meet the requirement to show immediate harm if the election moved forward. The lawsuit alleges that the pension board illegally increased its members from seven to 12 and is set for trial in March.

Pension officials say the ailing fund is losing $3.3 million in savings from proposed plan amendments every month the vote is delayed. Members have pulled more than $500 million in deferred retirement accounts out of the fund since August.

City and state officials are urging the pension board to make immediate changes.

HOUSTON

3 charged with murder in shooting of 4-year-old girl

Three teenagers have been charged with capital murder, accused of fatally shooting a 4-year-old Houston-area girl while they tried to rob her mother as the family unloaded groceries in the parking lot of their apartment complex.

Authorities say Ava Castillo, her mother and her 10-year-old sister had returned home on Nov. 14 when robbers ambushed them and tried to take her mother's purse. During the robbery, Ava was fatally shot while her sister and mother were injured by gunfire. The Harris County Sheriff's Office announced on Friday that investigators had arrested three teenagers in connection with Ava's death. They were identified in court documents as: 18-year-old Philip Battles; 17-year-old Ferrell Dardar; and 17-year-old Marco Miller.

Court records did not list attorneys for the three teenagers, who remained jailed Friday.

AP file photo

In this 2013 file photo, abortion rights advocates, left, protest in the State Capitol as anti-abortion rights supporters pass them in Austin. New Texas rules requiring the burial or cremation of fetal remains could face a court challenge before taking effect. Regulations set to go into effect Dec. 19, would prohibit facilities from continuing to dispose of fetal remains as biological medical waste. Lawsuits have blocked similar measures in Louisiana and Indiana, where the law was signed by Gov. Mike Pence, who's now the vice president-elect.

Lawsuit 'likely' amid new Texas rules over fetal remains

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN— New Texas rules requiring the burial or cremation of fetal remains are likely to face a court challenge before taking effect, an abortion-rights attorney said Friday, months after the U.S. Supreme Court knocked down sweeping abortion restrictions in the state.

The new regulations, which the state plans to implement starting Dec. 19, are the latest battleground in Texas over abortion and would prohibit facilities from continuing to dispose of fetal remains as biological medical waste. Lawsuits this year blocked similar measures in Louisiana and Indiana, where the law was signed in March by governor and now Vice President-elect Mike Pence.

About 35,000 public comments poured into the Texas Health and Human Services Commission about the rule change, and funeral home operators worry about interment and cremation costs. The revisions came at the behest of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott and were first proposed in July — just four days after the Supreme Court struck down anti-abortion measures that would have left Texas with 10 abortion clinics, down from more than 40 in 2012.

"This is such an obvious end-run against the Supreme Court decision," said David Brown, an attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which was involved in the Supreme Court case. He said a lawsuit over the fetal remain rule is "highly likely" but could not say with certainty.

His and other abortion-rights groups have accused Texas of trying to create more barriers to abortion and shaming women into not ending a pregnancy. State health officials have denied those claims and framed the change as partly a matter of public health. But the state health department also wrote in response to public feedback that "the state's history of protection of the unborn" factored into the decision.

The rules state that fetal tissue must be buried or cremated regardless of the stage of gestation. Interment is defined under the rules as "placement of the ashes in a niche, grave, or scattering of ashes."

Indiana officials have argued that its law was passed as "a legitimate means of ensuring human remains are treated with dignity and respect." A federal judge blocked that rule in June, along with another that would have banned abortions sought because of a fetus' genetic abnormalities.

Michael Land, a funeral director and spokesman for the Texas Funeral Directors Association, said it has been common practice for funeral homes to cremate fetal tissue from miscarriages as a matter of charity for grieving families. Now, he said, "we can't keep giving away all this merchandise at no cost."

"Nothing like this in a number of years has left us with such open questions," Land said.

GOP leaders OK hiring hundreds of new child welfare workers

Associated Press

AUSTIN— Top Republican leaders have approved nearly $150 million in emergency funding to hire 800 new workers at a troubled Texas agency facing huge case backlogs in its effort to protect abused and neglected children.

Under terms of the plan promoted by Texas Family and Protective Services Commissioner Hank Whitman, the accelerated hiring of the additional workers could begin as soon as Friday. Whitman had originally proposed to begin bolstering the agency's staff a day earlier, but was waiting on funding approval.

More staff should help ease caseloads at Texas Child Protective Services, which has for years been plagued by high turnover and low morale among workers overwhelmed by rising numbers of children at risk statewide.

Also under the plan, about 6,000 caseworkers would receive a pay raise of $12,000, and approximately 1,100 managers and others would see salary increases as well. The nonpartisan Legislative Budget Board said in a letter to Whitman that it was approving $142.5 million for the moves through the end of fiscal year 2017, but also setting a series of benchmarks the agency must meet as part of the process.

Last year, a federal judge ruled that Texas' foster care system — which has about 30,000 children in homes and institutional settings — is "broken, and it has been that way for decades."

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in April tapped Whitman, a former head of the Texas Rangers, to shake up Child Protective Services. But there has since been little progress in reducing the scores of allegedly abused or neglected kids who welfare investigators are failing to visit in a timely fashion — meaning the state is effectively breaking its own rules.

Around 50 kids pulled from homes considered dangerous also slept in state offices, motels or emergency shelters in August and September, a roughly fivefold increase since February, according to state figures. In a statement Friday, Whitman said he was "very grateful for the continued strong support of CPS from Gov. Abbott and the Legislature."

"This will improve our capability to protect Texas children," he said.

The agency said it is constantly hiring caseworkers due to high turnover but that the funding would allow it to step up those efforts. A preliminary plan calls for hiring 100 special investigators between this month and next. They will be assigned to the Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin areas.

WORD OF THE DAY
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chiasmus
1. *Rhetoric.* a reversal in the order of words in twootherwise parallel phrases, as in "He went to the country, to the town went she."



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In this Nov. 10 file photo, a "missing" sign for Mountain Gate, Calif., resident Sherri Papini, 34, is placed along side Sunrise Drive, near the location where the mom of two is believed to have gone missing while on a afternoon jog on Nov. 2. Three weeks after Papini disappeared, the question of whether she was dead or alive was answered when the young mother and wife was spotted waving frantically for help along a California freeway early on Thanksgiving morning. But the mystery over what happened to her during those 22 days just seemed to grow deeper.

Chains and branded skin: California kidnap case baffles cops

By Paul Elias
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Three weeks after Sherri Papini disappeared, the question of whether she was dead or alive was answered when the young mother and wife was spotted waving frantically for help along a California freeway early on Thanksgiving morning. But the mystery over what happened to her during those 22 days just seemed to grow stranger. She was battered and bruised, her hands were chained, her long blond hair had been chopped off, and her flesh had been branded with a threatening message. The 34-year-old Papini told authorities that she had been kidnapped at gunpoint by two women Nov. 2 while she was out for a run near her home.

The bizarre turn of events — with many of the most sensational details released not by authorities but by her husband in an exclusive interview with ABC — has baffled police and set social media aflutter, with armchair detectives scouring the internet's darkest corners for clues and others arguing that the case is some kind of twisted hoax, like something out of the movie "Gone Girl."

Her husband, Keith Papini, has condemned the rumors as "exhausting and disgusting," and police have said they have no reason to doubt his wife's harrowing account. But they have a multitude of questions, among them: Who are these women? Where did they keep her? Was she selected at random or targeted?

And, most of all, why?

No ransom demand was ever received, and neither the Papinis nor their families are wealthy, according to Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko. She is a stay-at-home mom, he a Best Buy store employee.

Detectives are tracking hundreds of leads but haven't elicited much information from Papini and have only the sketchiest description from her of her captors, who were said to be Hispanic. Authorities have not divulged the message burned into her skin, and she hasn't been seen publicly since she was found.

"Sherri did her best that she could in providing the descriptions, but she was not able to provide a detailed description due to the suspects covering their faces, and at times Sherri's head was covered," the sheriff said. He noted also that victims of traumatic experiences sometimes suffer memory loss.

Among the leads detectives are following up on is a 13-year-old blog post on a white supremacist site signed by someone using Papini's maiden name. The post claimed she and her family had white supremacist beliefs and disliked Latinos.

"We do not know that it has any relevance to this case or not," Bosenko said Wednesday.

Papini's former husband, David Dreyfus, defended her, saying it must have been written by someone else.

"People are bullies, and it's easy to poke at people online," Dreyfus told The Sacramento Bee. "With as diverse of a friends group as she and I had, that's not her."

Papini said she was seized about mile from her rural home outside Redding, 215 miles north of San Francisco. She was found in Yolo County, about 140 miles from home, telling authorities that her captors shoved her out of an SUV near Interstate 5 with a bag over her head. Her hands were bound to a chain around her waist. Keith Papini said his wife's nose was broken and she was emaciated, weighing 87 pounds, or 13 pounds less than her normal weight. As for her hair, "obviously, a very sick person who may have wanted to not only to cut it off to change her physical appearance but also as to humiliate them, wear her down," Bosenko told ABC. She said her kidnappers spoke mostly Spanish. She said one was older, with straight dark hair and thick eyebrows, while the younger one had long curly hair and pierced ears.

Another curious part of the story has been the role played by a self-described "international kidnap and ransom consultant" named Cameron Gamble. Gamble posted a video offering an undisclosed amount of money as a "ransom" for Papini's safe return.

Then, when he got no response, Gamble posted another video offering the money as a reward for information leading to the kidnappers. He said the sum was put up by a concerned person who wanted to remain anonymous.

Papini turned up free the next morning, with Gamble claiming that his reward had put pressure on the kidnappers. Police said they don't believe it had anything to with her release.

During first look at wildfire rubble, residents in a daze

By Adam Beam and Jonathan Mattise
Associated Press

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — Residents and business owners in Gatlinburg got their first look at the wildfire destruction on Friday, and many walked around the once-bustling tourist city in a daze, sobbing.

They hugged each other and promised that they would stay in touch.

"We love it up here so much," said Gary Moore, his voice trembling. "We lost everything. But we're alive, thank goodness. Our neighbors are alive, most of them. And we're just so thankful for that."

A county mayor raised the death toll to 13 and said the number of damaged buildings now approached 1,000.

After days of waiting to see their homes, some of the shock began to give way to anger, and local authorities bristled when asked why they waited so long to order the evacuation.

"The city sure could have done a better job of getting us out of here," said Delbert Wallace, who lost his home. "When they got up that morning, when they seen that fire, we should have been on alert right then."

Sevier County Mayor Larry Williams and other officials noted the fire moved such a great distance so quickly it gave officials little time to react. Once they did, it was nearly too late.

Waters said it was not the time for "Monday morning quarterbacking" and promised a full review later.

John Matthews of the Sevier County Emergency Management Agency said a text alert telling people to evacuate went out around 9 p.m. Monday. But by that time, wildfires were raging in the area.

Matthews said some people did not receive the message due to power outages and loss of cellphone reception.

Local officials, bowing to pressure from frustrated property owners, allowed people back into most parts of the city Friday.

"This is all that's left of our house," said Tammy Sherrod, standing with her husband in front of the rubble. "We had five minutes to get off this mountain. We got off with the clothes on our back. We got off with a few pictures."

She found a coaster in the rubble that her 27-year-old daughter had made as a child. Half of it had bright colors and the other half was charred black. It still had her name, Brianna, written on the bottom in black marker.

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Gary Moore, resident

The dead included a Memphis couple who was separated from their three sons during the wildfires. The sons — Jared, Wesley and Branson Summers — learned that their parents had died as they were recovering in the hospital.

"The boys, swaddled in bandages with tubes hanging out and machines attached, were allowed to break quarantine, and were together in the same room, briefly, when I confirmed their parents' death," their uncle Jim Summers wrote on a Facebook page set up for the family. Their injuries "pale in comparison with their grief."

Other fatalities included a couple from Canada, 71-year-old Jon Tegler and 70-year-old Janet Tegler, and May Vance, who died of a heart attack after she was exposed to smoke. Officials said at a news conference that she was vacationing in Gatlinburg, but an obituary posted online said she was from the area.

The Associated Press was allowed into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park — the most visited national park in the country — on Thursday. Soot, ash and blackened trees covered the forest floor, and the gorgeous vistas of tree-topped mountain ranges were scarred by large areas of blackened soil and trees. Small plumes of smoke smoldered from hot spots.

Deputy Park Superintendent Jordan Clayton said the initial fire started Nov. 23 near the end of a popular hiking trail. Authorities urged anyone who hiked the trial to give them a call.

"Whether it was purposefully set or whether it was a careless act that was not intended to cause a fire, that we don't know," Clayton said. "The origin of the fire is under investigation."

Ohio State administrator derided over call for compassion for attacker

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio State administrator is being criticized for urging compassion for the Somali-born student who injured 11 people in a car-and-knife attack on campus before he was shot to death by police.

Stephanie Clemons Thompson, an assistant director of residence life at the university, urged people on Facebook to stop sharing photos of 18-year-old Abdul Razak Ali Artan's dead body and to not celebrate his death.

"I pray you find compassion for his life, as troubled as it clearly was," she wrote earlier this week. "Think of the pain he must have been in to feel that his actions were the only solution."

Those comments have sparked anger on social media, with an online petition calling for her to be fired.

Thompson has since removed the post. Thompson didn't immediately return messages left at her office Friday. Ben Johnson, a university spokesman, said Thompson's comment is not an official university statement and instead represents her personal viewpoint.

Authorities are investigating whether the attack by Artan on Monday was terrorism. The FBI has said Artan might have been inspired by the Islamic State group and a former al-Qaida leader killed in a 2011 U.S. drone strike in Yemen.

Artan was in his first semester at Ohio State and came to the U.S. in 2014 as the child of a refugee after living in Pakistan for years.

Author believes he has solved JFK Los Alamos photos mystery

Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — An author working on a book about President John F. Kennedy and the space age believes he has solved a photos mystery.

The Los Alamos Monitor reports that John Bisney has identified many people in photos taken during President John F. Kennedy's visit to the Los Alamos National Laboratory on Dec. 7, 1962.

Bisney had asked the newspaper to help his ID key people on some of the photos.

He is working on a book called "The Space Age Presidency of John Kennedy." The book is expected to be released in spring 2018.

It is the latest collaboration between Bisney and space photo archivist J.L. Pickering.

The two have made several photo books on the American space program.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

■ Christmas Market at the Gardens, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aldredge Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. Will feature more than 30 vendors along with a visit by Santa Claus. aldredgegardens.com.

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

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

■ Tabletop players group, 2:30 p.m., Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive.

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

■ Jingle Bell Jog, 4 p.m., Odessa College Deadrick Hall, 201 W University Blvd. odessabxparks.org/bj.

■ Midland Christmas tree lighting, 5:45 p.m., Wadley Barron Duck Pond, 1001 N. "A" St. midlandtexas.gov.

■ Parade of Lights, 6:30 p.m., Odessa. Features marching bands, floats, dancers and more. Route starts at 23rd Street and Grant Avenue and travels south to Third Street. downtownodessabx.com/parade.

■ Second annual Christmas Gala, 7 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott Midland, 1505 Tradewind Boulevard. Hosted by Young Professionals of Midland. The event is black-tie optional and will feature dinner, dancing, a photo booth and cash bar. $15 members, $25 nonmembers. ypmidland.org.

■ Wade Bowen, 7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $12 advance, $15 door. dosamigos.com.

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

■ Siggno, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $25. haciendamidland.com.

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

■ "A Christmas Carol" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

November weather report

■ Average high: 69.2 degrees
■ Average low: 48.8 degrees
■ Average temperature: 59.0 degrees, a new record for the month of November.
■ Typical average for November: 52.9 degrees
■ Warmest day: 90 degrees (Nov. 1)
■ Coldest low: 29 degrees (Nov. 30)
■ Precipitation: 2.01 inches, seventh most for a November
■ Average precipitation for November: 0.69 of an in.;h
■ Most rain in one day: 0.83 of an inch (Nov. 3)

Source: National Weather Service

Recycling container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

Midland Citizens Collection Station

■ 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

Midland College (Chaparral Center)

■ 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

Security Bank Ballpark west side

■ 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

H-E-B

■ 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

Super Mercado

■ 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

City of Midland

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Daily 4 evening: 7-0-8-2
Daily 4 night: 2-9-7-9
Cash Five: 8-24-26-27-34
Texas Triple Chance: 2-5-9-15-25-26-30-38-54-55
Mega Millions: 3-33-35-49-51
MB:1 Megaplier: 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-5-8-9-15-17-18-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-6-9-10-11-14-17-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-7-9-10-11-13-15-16-18-19-20
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-7-9-11-12-14-16-22-23-24



Associated Press

In this photo taken Thursday, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a "USA Thank You" tour event in Cincinnati. Trump spoke Friday with the president of Taiwan a move that will be sure to anger China. It is highly unusual, probably unprecedented, for a U.S. president or president-elect to speak directly with a leader of Taiwan, a self-governing island the U.S. broke diplomatic ties with in 1979.

The 'Two Trumps' surface in president-elect's transition

By Julie Pace and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's skeptics hope the presidency will reveal a serious side of the brash businessman. His supporters want him to keep the freewheeling style that rattled Washington.

In true Trump fashion, so far he's doing both.

Trump has soothed some Republican establishment anxieties with many of his early Cabinet picks, including the respected retired Gen. James Mattis to lead the Pentagon and Georgia Rep. Tom Price, an orthopedic surgeon tapped to head the Department of Health and Human Services. He's hinted that he's open to shifting some of his most controversial policies, including his rejection of climate change and support for torture. He's been full of praise for President Barack Obama and largely respectful of Hillary Clinton, his vanquished campaign rival.

But Trump is also refusing to abandon the raucous, stream-of-consciousness rallies and Twitter tirades that defined his presidential campaign. He's continued to level false statements, claiming without evidence that millions of people voted illegally in the election. And he's infused the normally staid Cabinet selection process with reality television drama, inviting cameras into his dinner with Mitt Romney, a leading candidate for secretary of state, and announcing the secretary of defense pick in an arena, seemingly off the cuff.

"He was a very unconventional candidate," House Speaker Paul Ryan said. "He's going to be an unconventional president."

Despite his tell-it-like-it-is reputation, Trump is fueled by a deep need to be liked, according to long-time associates. He often modulates his tone to his setting and frequently tries to curry favor with his audience by telling them what he thinks they want to hear. He often speaks in vague generalities, his policy plans short on details, and that allows supporters to read in what they wish.

And sometimes he seems to move in contradictions, as when he made simultaneous appointments of Reince Priebus — a nod to the Washington establishment — and Stephen Bannon — a shot across the establishment's bow — to fill two key roles in his administration, giving opposing factions of his coalition something to cheer.

People who meet with the president-elect personally talk about there being "two Trumps" — the self-promoting celebrity that's seen in public and the amiable and courteous grandfather who emerges in private.

"He's charming in person," said John Allison, the former CEO of BB&T, who recently met with Trump. "He absolutely has a lot of personal charisma."

Indeed, Trump has appeared to win over some of his toughest Republican critics since defeating Clinton. GOP lawmakers have praised all of his Cabinet nominees, some of whom hold more traditionally conservative views than Trump himself. Romney, who was one of Trump's fiercest critics during the campaign, emerged from their dinner this week with warm words for a man he'd only recently called a "phony."

"He continues with a message of inclusion and bringing people together and his vision is something which obviously connected with the American people in a very powerful way," Romney said in a stunning turnabout for the 2012 GOP nominee.

But Trump appears acutely aware that the enthusiastic supporters who propelled him to the White House are watching carefully to see if he'll back away from his pledges to shake up the political system. Supporters shouted their opposition to Romney being in the Cabinet Thursday as Trump stood on stage in Cincinnati for the kickoff of a "thank you" tour for voters.

Trump gave them plenty else to cheer about, fully re-embracing his firebrand and raucous campaign persona.

He took the stage full of swagger and as focused on score-settling as he was during the campaign. He spent more than 10 minutes bashing the press, recounting how the media doubted his chances of winning.

"These are very, very dishonest people," said Trump, one of several times during the night when he incited the crowd to jeer the press gathered in the pen at the back of the arena. "Ok, I love this stuff. Should I go on with this just a little bit longer? I love it." Shifting to how he broke Clinton's so-called Midwest firewall, he said, "We didn't break it, we shattered that sucker. We shattered it, man. That poor wall is busted up."

Trump did hit some of the right notes in terms of unifying the nation when he managed to stick to the script rolling down the teleprompter. He called for a "truly inclusive society, where we support each other, love each other, and look out for each other."

But he also reminisced how "fun" it was "fighting Hillary." He stunned even his own advisers by announcing his nomination of Mattis from the stage. And facing the pressures of the presidency, he seemed to still be reliving and relishing his victory.

"We had a lot of fun," he said, adding: "The bottom line is, we won."

An all-encompassing need to win seems to be one thing the "two Trumps" have in common.

"Nothing is presidential except victory," Trump said in March. "Victory is presidential."

Adulation of Fidel Castro runs deepest in rural eastern Cuba

By Andrea Rodriguez
Associated Press

EL GUAYABO, Cuba — The single dirt street in El Guayabo runs past a few dozen cinderblock homes, the medical clinic and the primary school to a grove of 76 trees planted to honor Fidel Castro on his 76th birthday. On Friday, residents of El Guayabo walked a mile down that street to Cuba's central highway to bid a final farewell to the man they credit for bringing medical care, education and basic comforts to this hamlet in the farming and ranching country of arid, sun-scorched eastern Cuba.

"We owe him everything," said Rafael Toledo, a 71-year-old rancher. "There'll never be another one like him." Mourning for Castro has reached near-religious peaks of public adulation across Cuba since his death at age 90 on Nov. 25. Huge crowds have been shouting his name and lining the roads to salute the funeral procession carrying his ashes from Havana to the eastern city of Santiago. By midday on Friday, the cortege had reached the city of Las Tunas, about 1,450 miles east of Havana. Las Tunas residents shouted, "I am Fidel!" as the seven-vehicle caravan sped by, some waving little Cuban flags and others capturing the moment with cameras on their cellular phones. In the cities some of the ceremony has been undercut by grumbling about Cuba's autocratic government, inefficient bureaucracy and stagnant economy. The outpouring has seemed the most heartfelt in Cuba's east, the region his ashes are crossing Friday. Castro was born in eastern Cuba. His revolution started here, and it's here and in other parts of rural Cuba where his campaigns for literacy, social welfare and land redistribution had their deepest impact. "Before the revolution, the countryside wasn't what you see now," Toledo said. "My parents were sharecroppers, canecutters. They did what they could to support a family of 12, but they couldn't even sign their names. When they died they were literate and had a house with electricity, television and a refrigerator." For many foreigners, landing in Havana feels like traveling back in time, to an era of 1950s cars and Art Deco homes unpainted for decades. Heading into the countryside is another step back — to a region where farmers plow with oxen and people travel by horse-cart. But, thanks to Castro's programs, there are also neighborhood health clinics, small-town libraries and specialized high schools with dance and arts instructors.

Trump, backers ask courts to halt or block 3 state recounts

By David Eggert and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich.— President-elect Donald Trump and his supporters went to court Friday to prevent or halt election recounts in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, less than two weeks before the states would have to complete the tasks to meet a federal deadline to certify their election results.

The legal actions seeking to block or halt the recounts in three states Trump narrowly won could cause delays that would make them extremely difficult or impossible to complete on time. Even if the recounts happen, though, none would be expected to give Democrat Hillary Clinton enough votes to emerge as the winner.

The recounts were requested by Green Party candidate Jill Stein, who says they're necessary to ensure that voting machines weren't hacked, even though there's no evidence that they were. Critics say Stein is simply trying to raise money and her political profile while building a donor database.

"In an election already tainted by suspicion, previously expressed by Donald Trump himself, verifying the vote is a commonsense procedure that would address concerns around voter disenfranchisement, "Stein said in a statement. "Trump's desperate attempts to silence voter demands raise a simple question: why is Donald Trump afraid of these recounts?"

Wisconsin is the only state where a recount is underway. It began Thursday, and one of the state's 72 counties had already completed its task by Friday, with Clinton gaining a single a vote on Trump. Clinton lost to Trump in Wisconsin by about 22,000 votes, or less than 1 percentage point.

Two pro-Trump groups, the Great America PAC and the Stop Hillary PAC, along with Wisconsin voter Ronald R. Johnson went to federal court late Thursday to try and stop the recount. U.S. District Judge James Peterson on Friday rejected their request for a temporary restraining order to immediately halt the recount, saying there was no harm in allowing it to continue while the court considers their lawsuit. A hearing on the lawsuit is scheduled for Dec. 9.

The lawsuit says Wisconsin is violating the U.S. Supreme Court's 2000 Bush v. Gore ruling because it doesn't have uniform standards to determine which votes should be counted in a recount. They also argue that it threatens due process rights because it may not get done by the federal deadline to certify the vote, putting Wisconsin's electoral votes in jeopardy.

If states miss the deadline, Congress would allot their electoral votes.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice was reviewing the lawsuit, said Johnny Koremenos, spokesman for Attorney General Brad Schimel.

Michigan's elections board deadlocked Friday on a Trump campaign request to deny Stein's recount request and on how a recount would be conducted. Both Republican members voted to prevent the recount while both Democrats voted to allow it, meaning it likely would begin Wednesday unless the courts intervene. It also would be conducted by hand, as Stein requested.

Police: Marksman killed gunman after child ran to porch

By Martha Bellisle
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The gunman had already shot a police officer, threatened to kill two children and barricaded himself upstairs in a house for 11 hours when one of the kids, a 6-year-old boy, escaped.

As the suspect held a little girl as a human shield, his movements exposed him to a sheriff's marksman who targeted him through a window and killed him with a shot to the head, allowing the 8-year-old girl to break free from his grasp and run to safety, authorities disclosed Friday about the killing of Bruce R. Johnson in Tacoma, Washington.

"Once we were able to assess that the kids were still alive, it went into play," sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said of the SWAT team's plan to end the standoff in a suburban neighborhood south of Seattle. "He had a choice to put the guns down. We weren't about to let those kids get hurt."

Authorities said Friday that about two weeks prior, Johnson had impersonated a law enforcement officer at the Tacoma Mall. He was spotted walking through the mall Nov. 15 carrying what looked to be a soft rifle case over his shoulder, wearing handcuffs on his belt and a hat reading "Sheriff's," The News Tribune reported. Security officers confronted Johnson and called Tacoma police.

Police later sent a bulletin to area law enforcement agencies, notifying them that Johnson had been impersonating an officer.

The standoff began after Police Officer Reginald "Jake" Gutierrez, 45, was fatally shot Wednesday night when he and his partner went into the house to investigate a domestic violence call. Gutierrez's partner returned fire and helped get Johnson's wife safely out of the house.

Other officers came under fire as they worked their way into the house and pulled Gutierrez out. He later died in surgery.

Police escorted his body to a funeral home Friday as people lined the streets to pay their respects.

The 17-year veteran officer is survived by three daughters and a granddaughter. A fund has been set up to help the children, and the department is overseeing another fund to help with memorial services.

BORDER

From 1A

"It's hard to live up to the original vision of Big Bend if there's a big wall going through it," LoBello said.

But Moran said the aim must remain a continuous wall inaccessible at any point to smugglers. He points to problems on the Arizona-Mexico border in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, which became a hot spot for smugglers carrying loads of marijuana and people crossing illegally into the United States after security was tightened elsewhere on the border, according to the newspaper.

"My concern is you leave Big Bend National Park open but fortify the areas around it, then you could have thousands of people coming through Big Bend National Park," Moran said.

Not likely, said Mike Davidson and others living in the rugged, remote West Texas region.

Davidson runs the Boquillas International Ferry along the Rio Grande and believes the area could never become a major smuggling route.

"Only three paved roads come out of Presidio and Brewster counties and they all have (Border Patrol) checkpoints," Davidson said.



Associated Press

French President Francois Hollande delivers a speech after awarding the Legion of Honour (Legion d'Honneur) and the National Order of Merit (Ordre National du Merite) to Olympic and Paralympic athletes at the Elysee Presidential Palace in Paris on Thursday. French President Hollande says he's not running in 2017 because he knows he might not have enough support.

Francois Hollande: A leader perhaps too 'normal' for France?

By Angela Charlton
Associated Press

PARIS — Francois Hollande has always been an unlikely French president, a guy proud to call himself "normal" and who ended up in the Elysee Palace almost by default.

Perhaps the most presidential thing he has done was decide to step down after one term and not run in France's presidential election next spring.

Hollande steered a terrorized France through its deadliest extremist attacks and left a lasting global legacy with the Paris Agreement to fight climate change. As commander-in-chief, he flexed France's military muscle from the Mideast to Mali.

Yet he was the least loved French president of modern times, because French voters felt he failed them where it mattered most — their paychecks, taxes and job prospects. He seemed to let go of the wheel when it came to the economy, veering left, then right, and letting divisions in his Socialist party eclipse his economic reforms.

He promised a 75 percent tax on the super-rich, painfully tried to implement it, then abandoned the idea.

He vowed to curb unemployment, yet French joblessness stubbornly stayed around 10 percent.

He pledged to fight austerity, then slashed government spending.

He raised taxes, then cut them.

Hollande championed labor reforms meant to give employers more freedom, but infuriated many who feared the moves undermined workers' rights, unleashing months of violent protests.

"I served the country with sincerity, with honesty," Hollande told the nation Thursday night. Expressing concerns about rising populism and acknowledging the risks to the French left of a weak presidential bid, he said: "I have decided not to be a candidate."

It was a stunning announcement for its emotion and lucidity — but also since it reflected courage for a lifelong politician to admit his failings and walk away.

Hollande, a 62-year-old bachelor with four kids, has been a bit of a paradox all along, someone who wanted to remain ordinary while running a country of 65 million people with nuclear weapons.

From the day he took office in 2012, his hair and glasses drenched in his rainy inaugural parade because he refused a presidential umbrella, it was hard to believe the jovial, approachable Hollande was really in charge.

He even tried to keep his sexual dalliances down-to-earth: When he started an affair with actress Julie Gayet, he rode a motorbike to her flat in a simple white bike helmet — presidential security be damned.

Parisian Marion Laulier blamed the Socialist party for failing to rally around Hollande's reforms, and for being afraid "to see that France and the world are on the move, and they need to be more realistic and responsible." She praised Hollande and his courage, but said he "was unable to explain to us all of his decisions, his choices, that's his mistake."

At times, Hollande proved to be decisive — sending troops to quash extremists in Mali and Central African Republic, and legalizing gay marriage despite resistance. But often, his positions were muddy.

"Some say black, some white and he says gray ... but in France, people want a president of authority," said Fabrice Lhomme, who co-authored an unusually close-up recent book on Hollande titled "A President Shouldn't Say That..."

Hollande's path to the presidency was long overshadowed by more charismatic figures.

First Segolene Royal, the mother of his children, ran for the Socialists in the 2007 presidential race because she seemed more electable than party leader Hollande.

Then Dominique Strauss-Kahn was long considered the front-runner for the 2012 presidential race, until a New York sex scandal torpedoed his career — leaving Hollande as the Socialists' next-best hope.

Hollande won the 2012 election, but some voters chose him simply because he wasn't Nicolas Sarkozy, the outgoing conservative president whose flashy style and angry rhetoric alienated many.

In deciding to step aside after a troubled four and a half years, Hollande earned praise from voters and rivals alike for his integrity.

"I think this was perhaps the best thing to do to ... try to bring the left together," Paris commuter Vincent Forbin said Friday.

Far right leader Marine Le Pen, hoping to ride Europe's populist wave to the French presidency, said it was "an act of lucidity on the part of Mr. Hollande, considering the results of his presidential term and the disenchantment and the total absence of confidence from the French people."

Prime Minister Manuel Valls, a potential Socialist presidential contender, praised Hollande's "tough, mature, serious choice" and insisted it was too early to rule on his boss' legacy.

"History will, of course, put back into perspective the action carried on over the past five years. We must defend his record," Valls said.

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Mandela Children's Hospital opens in Johannesburg

By Stuart Graham
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela's dream of a hospital to provide specialized care for children has opened in Johannesburg on Friday.

The 200-bed Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital cost $70 million to build. It was conceived by Mandela more than a decade ago, will employ 150 pediatric doctors and 450 nurses.

"There are only four other hospitals in Africa to serve nearly 450 million children," said Sibongile Mkhabela, chief executive of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust. "Millions of these children suffer from life-threatening illnesses and have little or no chance of receiving the care they need."

Mandela's "love for children was deep," Mkhabela said. "When you brought a child in to the room, his eyes lit up. This hospital will be part of his legacy."

The hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and will provide child-centered treatment for cancer, kidney, brain, lung and heart ailments. Video equipment has been installed in the operating rooms to send live broadcasts of surgeries to educate doctors in remote areas across southern Africa.

Corridors and walls in the wards have been painted with murals of African folklore and children playing. The landscaping around the hospital aims to promote nature and play.

The poor will not have to pay for treatments, according to the hospital trust. Construction of the hospital was funded largely through donations from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Islamic Relief Worldwide and the Kellogg Foundation, said the trust. Specialist doctors from Canada's Hospital for Sick Children and Johns Hopkins Medicine International in the U.S. will be among those working at the hospital.



Tribal leaders press feds on drilling plan in New Mexico

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Leaders from several American Indian communities want federal land managers to consider the cultural significance of a large swath of land surrounding Chaco Cultural National Historic Park as they plan for more oil and gas development in northwestern New Mexico.

The All Pueblo Council of Governors recently passed a resolution calling for the Bureau of Land Management to make permanent a 10-mile buffer around Chaco park. They're also asking for the federal agency to develop a master leasing plan that takes into consideration the significance of the region.

The governors stated they understand the need for energy development but that drilling should not threaten "our ancestral graveyards, sacred sites or water sources."

The resolution comes as the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs hold the last of several public hearings Friday on the Navajo Nation as part of an expanded review of management in the area that was sparked by oil and gas development concerns. Some Navajos have been outspoken about development in the San Juan Basin, one of the largest natural gas fields in the nation. They have attended the public meetings, armed with signs that state "No leases, no pipelines, no drilling."

They've also voiced their solidarity with the hundreds of protesters fighting a proposed pipeline in North Dakota. "Water protectors up north are showing the world the true power we have always held as Native Americans," said Kendra Pinto, Navajo community leader and Twin Pines resident. "We know we must protect Mother Earth."

The Bureau of Land Management plans to have a draft management plan for northwestern New Mexico ready in 2017. Officials said Friday they are incorporating the request for a master leasing plan into the alternatives to be considering but that it's too soon to say what the final plan could look like. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Chaco park includes the remnants of an ancient civilization whose monumental architecture and cultural influences have been a source of mystery for years. While the park represents the heart of the area, numerous archaeological sites lie well outside park boundaries. Native American groups, archaeologists and environmentalists have been pushing for years for the Bureau of Land Management to consider the historical and cultural significance of the area as it develops the new management plan.

21 Chinese miners trapped for 4 days confirmed dead

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's state-run Xinhua News Agency says 21 miners who were trapped for four days after an explosion have been confirmed dead. One is missing. Xinhua quoted Heilongjiang provincial authorities in northeast China as saying the miners' deaths were confirmed on Friday night.

State media reported the mine in the city of Qitaihe was unlicensed and the managers were being questioned. China is the world's top producer and consumer of coal, and government officials have made a commitment to shutting down unlicensed mines in an attempt to improve safety.

Although the cause of the blast has not yet been identified, such incidents usually occur when unventilated coal gas is ignited by a spark or open flame.



Associated Press

In this photo taken Wednesday, people form a circle for the morning prayer at the Oceti Sakowin camp where many have gathered to protest the Dakota Access pipeline near Cannon Ball, N.D. President-elect Donald Trump supports completion of the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline in the Midwest, a view based on policy and not the billionaire businessman's investments in a partnership building the $3.8 billion pipeline.

Memo: Trump backs pipeline based on policy, not investments

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—President-elect Donald Trump supports completion of the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline in the Midwest, based on policy and not the billionaire businessman's investments in a partnership building the $3.8 billion pipeline, according to an aide's memo.

Spokesman Bryan Lanza said in a memo this week to supporters that Trump's backing for the pipeline near a North Dakota Indian reservation "has nothing to do with his personal investments and everything to do with promoting policies that benefit all Americans."

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the memo.

Trump's most recent federal disclosure forms, filed in May, show he owned a small amount of stock in Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, the pipeline builder, and at least $100,000 in Phillips 66, an energy company that owns one-quarter of the pipeline.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said in response to an AP story last week that it is her understanding Trump recently sold his Energy Transfer stock, but she provided no details. Neither Hicks nor other Trump aides have responded to repeated requests for information since then.

In a 17-page memo to campaign supporters and congressional staff, Trump's transition team says Trump "intends to cut the bureaucratic red tape put in place by the Obama administration that has prevented our country from diversifying our energy portfolio."

The four-state Dakota Access pipeline is part of that strategy, the memo says. Then, in an apparent reference to criticism by congressional Democrats and environmental groups, the memo says those claiming that Trump's support for the project is related to his investments "are only attempting to distract from the fact that President-elect Trump has put forth serious policy proposals he plans to set in motion on Day One."

While Trump's stake in the pipeline company is modest compared with his other assets, ethics experts say it's among dozens of potential conflicts that could be resolved by placing his investments in a blind trust. Trump said this week that he will soon announce plans to step back from his company while he is president.

The memo also offers encouragement to protesters who have camped out near a proposed pipeline crossing in North Dakota close to the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. Hundreds of protesters — calling themselves water "protectors" — have shrugged off heavy snow and frigid temperatures to hunker down in a large encampment near the crossing site beneath a Missouri River reservoir.

The government has ordered protesters to leave federal land by Monday, although it's not clear what, if anything, authorities will do to enforce that mandate. Demonstrators insist they will stay for as long as it takes to divert the pipeline, which the Standing Rock Sioux tribe believes threatens sacred sites and a river that provides drinking water for millions of people.

The memo says Trump and his team "respect all Americans' First Amendment right to peacefully protest, and we hope that local and federal officials continue to give support to local law enforcement so they are able to continue to protect these protesters."

The Obama administration said last month it wants more study and tribal input before deciding whether to allow an easement for the partially built pipeline under the Missouri River reservoir. The 1,200-mile pipeline would carry oil across four states to a shipping point in Illinois.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., said the Obama administration should approve the easement immediately. Because of continued delays, Hoeven said he met with Trump's transition team to urge him to support the project. Trump was meeting Friday with North Dakota's other senator, Democrat Heidi Heitkamp.

Hoeven said he's confident that Trump "will work to help us grow and diversify our energy economy" and create jobs in the state, the nation's second-largest oil producer after Texas.

Rig Count

From 1A

Canada and North America

Canada's rig count hit 200 this week after 26 new rigs went online. Most rigs were searching for natural gas, which rose 20 to 98. Oil rigs rose six to 100. Canada's miscellaneous rig count was unchanged at two. Canada topped the year-ago count of 177. The total number of rigs operating in North America rose 30 to 797. A year ago this week, North America had 914 rigs.

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Rig counts: county by county

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts for the week ending Dec. 2, with changes in parentheses.

DISTRICT 7B	
Nolan	2
Stonewall	1
Total	**3**
DISTRICT 7C	
Irion	2 (-1)
Reagan	10
Upton	12 (-1)
Total	**24**
DISTRICT 8	
Andrews	6
Culberson	10 (-1)
Ector	2 (+1)
Glasscock	7
Howard	11
Loving	22 (+5)
Martin	22
Midland	31
Pecos	4
Reeves	39 (+3)
Ward	6 (+1)
Winkler	5 (+1)
Total	**165 (+10)**
DISTRICT 8A	
Borden	1
Crosby	2
Dawson	2
Gaines	3 (-1)
Garza	1
Hale	0 (-1)
Lamb	1 (+1)
Lubbock	1
Scurry	2
Terry	2
Total	**14 (-1)**
NEW MEXICO	
Eddy	13
Lea	15
Roosevelt	1
Total	**29**

2 Indiana men sentenced prison for biodiesels fraud

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two Indiana men have been sentenced to prison for their roles in what federal authorities say was a multi-million dollar fraud scheme involving biofuels.

U.S. Attorney Josh Minkler says Jeffrey Wilson, the president of Imperial Petroleum based in Evansville, was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Friday while Craig Ducey of Fishers was sentenced to six years and two months in prison. On Thursday, Ducey's brother, Chad Ducey of Fishers, was sentenced to seven years.

Authorities say the men took part in fraud involving federal incentives to produce renewable fuels, specifically biodiesel. They say the securities fraud began when Wilson learned that E-biofuels LLC, a business Wilson arranged for Imperial Petroleum to buy, was faking paperwork to claim incentives for biodiesel it had not manufactured.

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Jobs report shows Trump to inherit solid but uneven economy

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. jobs report on Friday made one thing clear: President-elect Donald Trump will inherit the same two-track U.S. economy that bedeviled his predecessor.

Hiring is solid and the unemployment rate low. But longer-term problems persist — especially a stubbornly high number of men who are out of work and have given up looking. Many are likely frustrated former manufacturing workers who voted for Trump over Hillary Clinton.

Employers added 178,000 jobs in November, the government said, extending the longest streak of hiring since World War II. And the unemployment rate sank from 4.9 percent to a nine-year low of 4.6 percent. Yet the jobless rate dropped mainly because many of those out of work gave up on their job hunts and were no longer counted as unemployed.

A key challenge for the Trump administration is to extend the benefits of job growth to include many of those who feel left out. The job market's durability will help to some extent. Eventually, low unemployment should compel employers to offer higher pay to attract more workers. That, in turn, could persuade more Americans to resume their job hunts and find work.

"With the unemployment rate this low and wages rising, now is the real test of whether a stronger economy can bring people back into job market," said Jed Kolko, chief economist at job hunting website Indeed.

Aside from the longer-term challenges, recent data suggest that the economy is in decent shape. Americans bought homes in October at the fastest pace in nearly a decade. They're also more confident in the economy than at any other point in the past nine years and are spending more.

Those trends are keeping the Federal Reserve on track to raise short-term interest rates at its next meeting in less than two weeks.

"For the Fed, barring a very adverse ... development, a hike at the Dec. 14 meeting appears to be a done deal," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

Two measures illustrate the mixed nature of the economic recovery:

The unemployment rate is now back to where it was in August 2007 — four months before the Great Recession began. That suggests that the economy has fully recovered.

Yet the percentage of all adults with jobs is still 3 percentage points below where it was in August 2007. Some of that decline has been driven by retirements among the aging baby boom generation. But for men age 25 through 54 years old — prime working years — the proportion who have jobs remains substantially below its pre-recession level. That translates into millions of men who are neither working nor looking for work.

Why have so many men dropped out?

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A Cabinet of generals? Trump's choices get mixed reviews

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's move to pack his administration with military brass is getting mixed reviews, as Congress and others struggle to balance their personal regard for the individuals he's choosing with a broader worry about an increased militarization of American policy.

No fewer than three combat-experienced retired Army and Marine leaders, with multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, are on tap for high-level government jobs normally reserved for civilians. Others are entrenched in Trump's organization as close advisers.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn will serve as the president's national security adviser, and Trump announced retired Marine four-star Gen. James Mattis Thursday night as his secretary of defense. In addition, retired Marine Gen. John Kelly is a likely pick to head the Department of Homeland Security. All three had high-profile military careers leading top commands, and they are known for their willingness to offer blunt policy assessments publicly and privately. But their strategic advice could be colored by their years on the battlefront watching soldiers and Marines fight and die battling insurgents in the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq.

Those experiences can have markedly varied effects, making some officers a bit cautious when considering plans to send troops into battle but making others more likely to urge aggressive military responses to national security crises and less patient with the slow pace of diplomacy.

The men Trump has chosen so far are familiar faces on Capitol Hill, having made frequent trips in their former jobs, and lawmakers are expressing personal respect. But some temper that with a wariness about the wisdom of putting so many military leaders at the helm of the country's national security when the nation was founded on the idea of civilian control.

In particular, some Democrats oppose passing a law overriding a prohibition on an officer leading the Defense Department before he has been out of the military for seven years. That law has been waived only once in American history, for George Marshall in 1950. Flynn's appointment does not require congressional approval, and there is no similar law for Homeland Security.

Mattis retired from the Marine Corps in June 2013, and Kelly retired early this year. Flynn retired in 2014 after being pushed out of his job as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

"While I deeply respect General Mattis' service, I will oppose a waiver," said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., a member of the Armed Services Committee. "Civilian control of our military is a fundamental principle of American democracy, and I will not vote for an exception to this rule." Rep. Adam Smith, ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, echoed that concern, saying that while Mattis served with distinction, "civilian control of the military is not something to be casually cast aside."

It is unlikely, however, that those trepidations will threaten Mattis' nomination. He has broad support from Republicans, who hold the majority in both chambers, including from John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"America will be fortunate to have General Mattis in its service once again," said McCain, R-Ariz.

There were even positive words Friday from House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, who said, "We are grateful that the president-elect reportedly found General Mattis' argument against torture persuasive. We will need the secretary of defense to continue to uphold the laws, alliances and norms that protect our nation and enshrine our values as Americans."



AP file photo

In this March 5, 2013, file photo, then-Marine Gen. James Mattis, commander, U.S. Central Command, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. President-elect Donald Trump says he will nominate retired Gen. James Mattis to lead the Defense Department.

Still, national security experts raise concerns about the possibility of a greater reliance on military solutions to international problems. Vikram Singh, a former senior adviser at the Defense Department and now vice president at the left-leaning Center for American Progress, said the law requiring a gap between military service and leading the Pentagon "exists to preserve civilian control of the military, a cornerstone of American democracy, and appointing a general so recently retired from active service to be secretary of defense is a serious matter, no matter how qualified that general may be for the position."

Jon Soltz, who leads the liberal political action committee VoteVets, said that people with military service are needed in Washington, but "it is somewhat concerning that Donald Trump continues to eye recently retired generals for some of the most important traditionally civilian positions in government."

He added, "We should never lose sight of the balance in civilian and military roles that has served our nation well for centuries."

Spencer Meredith, an associate professor at the National Defense University, said Friday that military officers can bring vital strategic thinking and organizational skills to administration jobs. But he acknowledged possible concerns about a cadre of advisers with military viewpoints — the idea that "everything looks like a nail to a hammer." The generals themselves have expressed little worry about any militarization of U.S. policy.

Military officers, said Kelly, spend their careers willing to give their lives to defend their country and the U.S. Constitution. He said civilian control is rooted in the president as commander in chief and the Congress, which controls spending.

Mattis, in a recent exchange, showed a sense of humor about his status as a career military officer. When a reporter addressed him as "General," he responded, "Please call me Jim. I was once a general, but it was long ago and I've happily rejoined the human race."

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Jobs

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Kolko says that is "probably the biggest question facing the labor market today."

Many men who aren't working blame mental or physical health problems. Alan Krueger, an economist at Princeton and a former top adviser to President Barack Obama, has found that nearly half of men ages 25 through 54 who are outside the workforce take pain medication.

The nation has lost nearly a third of its manufacturing jobs since 2000, and many who once held those positions have struggled to find work that pays as well.

But Nicholas Eberstadt, an economist at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute, notes that most European countries also lost manufacturing jobs, yet haven't seen a similar decline in male employment.



AP file photo

In this Nov. 2 file photo, job seekers attend a New York Department of Citywide Administrative Services job fair, in New York. On Friday, the U.S. government issued the November jobs report.

Instead, Eberstadt points to high levels of incarceration over the past three decades. That's left millions of men with criminal records that can make it hard for them to find work even years after they've completed their sentences.

Randy Shacka, president of Lansing, Michigan-based moving firm Two Men and a Truck, says job applicants have had a harder time passing drug tests in recent years, particularly in states that have eased marijuana laws.

The company hopes to add 3,000 to its 8,000-person staff by June, when moving season heats up. But with unemployment down and the economy growing consistently, the company has had to try harder to find qualified applicants. It recently introduced a 401(k) plan and has ramped up training, Shacka said.

Sluggish pay gains have been a chronic problem for the economy and have provided less incentive for those who have dropped out to resume job hunts. Average hourly pay slipped in November and has risen just 2.5 percent in the past year. Wage increases remain below the level consistent with healthy growth.

The economy "is fundamentally underperforming, and needs structural fixes to improve its long-term growth rate," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the conservative American Action Forum and former director of the Congressional Budget Office.

Holtz-Eakin said the Trump administration's plans to cut corporate and individual taxes and lift many regulations should enable companies to invest in machinery and other equipment. That, in turn, could make workers more productive and boost pay.

Dave Arndt, chief executive of Pentaflex, a manufacturer in Springfield, Ohio, hopes Trump will also follow through on his promise to boost spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

Pentaflex makes axles, exhaust systems and other parts for long-haul trucks. It's had to cut jobs in the past year as truckers have shipped less freight. More building would mean more shipping of construction materials.

"Anything that puts more trucks on the road is good for business," Arndt said.







Cowboys on verge of longest winning streak

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dez Bryant and the Dallas Cowboys are on the verge of the team's longest winning streak in any form — better than the carry-over run in 1968-69 after already topping the playoff-included surge from the proud franchise's first Super Bowl-winning season in 1971.

There's something else a 12th straight win would do when the Cowboys return from an extended break with a visit to the New York Giants on Dec. 11. It would give Dallas (11-1) a firm hold on the No. 1 seed in the NFC.

Now that's progress toward where the Cowboys hope they're headed. Dallas could clinch a playoff spot as early as Sunday with a Tampa Bay loss or tie or a Washington loss.

"The plan is way bigger than being 11-1," Bryant said after Thursday's 17-15 victory over Minnesota. "It's a pretty cool situation but there's more ball left. This success thing is kind of tricky. You can't get too high. That's the beginning of falling off. That's something that we are not going to do."

The win over the Vikings was the roughest of a run that started after a season-opening loss to the Giants. Dallas had season lows in points, yards and first downs along with penalties that contributed to just one third-down conversion in nine tries.

The Cowboys needed their punt coverage unit to provide probably the biggest play of the game, when Kyle Wilber forced and recovered Adam Thielen's fumble in the fourth quarter. Bryant scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 8-yard catch on the next play.

And Dallas won despite giving Minnesota a chance to tie when rookie quarterback Dak Prescott and center Travis Frederick botched a snap to force a punt.

A play earlier, Prescott thought he scrambled for a critical first down with a brilliant slide along the sideline that kept the clock moving. The spot was overturned on review.

"There's no question you can get challenged differently over the course of a 16-game season," coach Jason Garrett said Friday. "And if you do have an ability to win different ways, it's certainly going to make you more difficult

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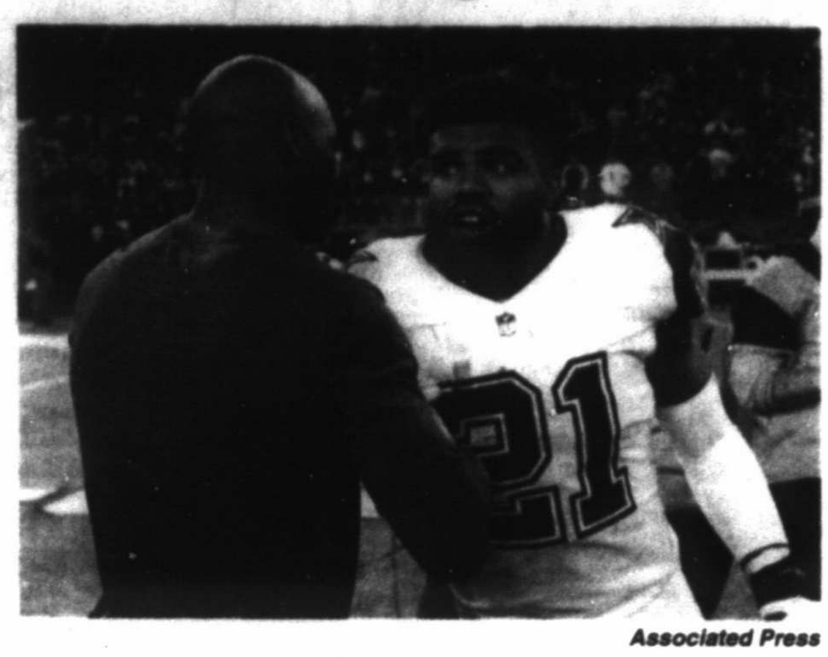

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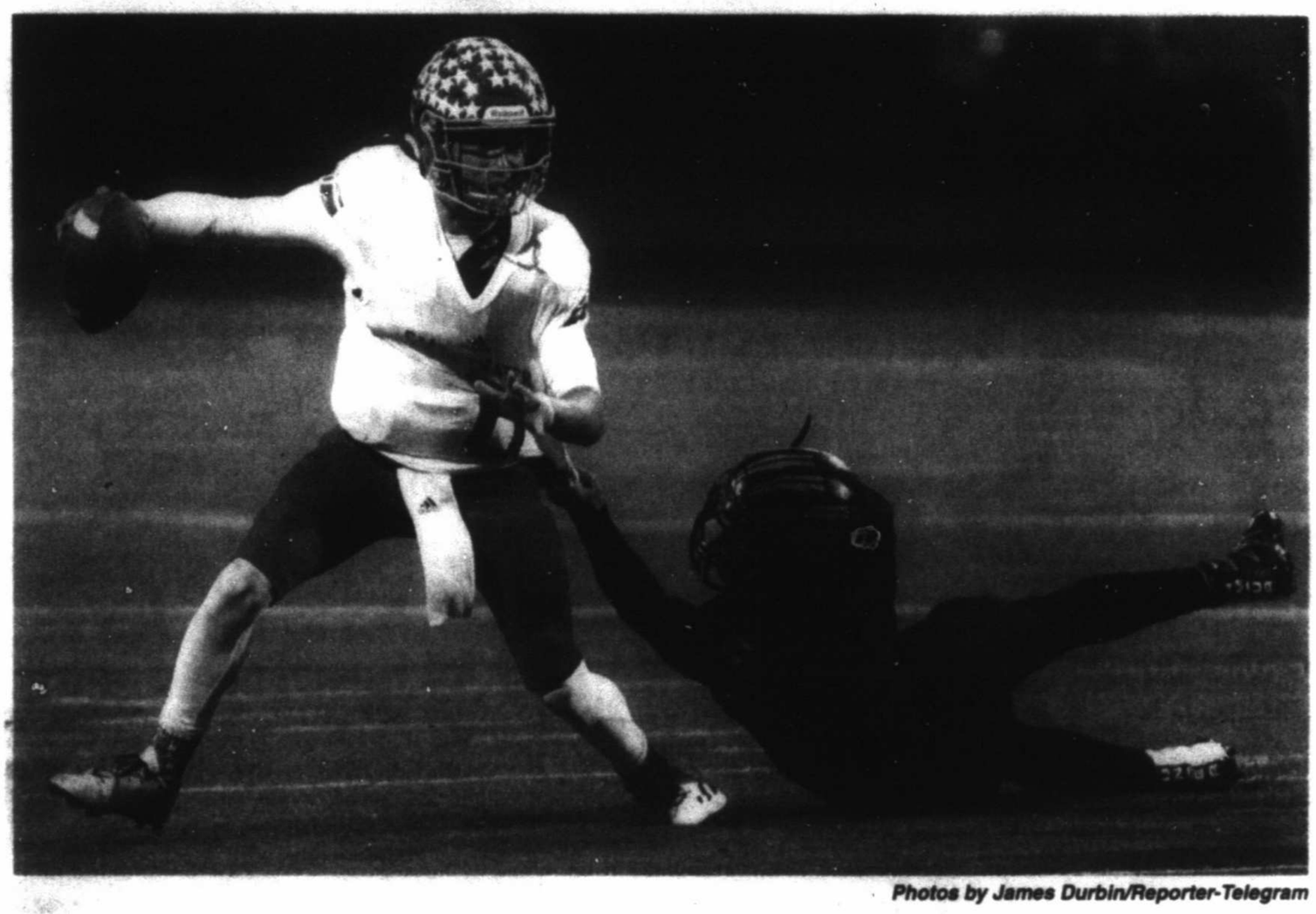
Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, left, talks with Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott after a game Thursday in Minneapolis.

Mustangs roll to semis



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TOP: Sweetwater's Chris Thompson (6) runs against Seminole's Scout Powers (5) in the Class 4A Division II state quarterfinal game Friday at Grande Communications Stadium. **BELOW RIGHT:** Seminole's Brett Hicks rolls out of the pocket on a play.

Sweetwater ends Seminole's playoff run

By Christopher Hadorn
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Mustangs	38
Indians	14

The Sweetwater football team put on a suffocating defensive performance Friday night that typically goes hand in hand with playoff success.

In a battle of District 2-4A Division II combatants, the Mustangs rolled to a 38-14 victory over Seminole during the Class 4A Division II state quarterfinal played during a chilly and soggy evening at Grande Communications Stadium.

Sweetwater (12-1) held its rival Indians (9-4) to only six first downs, one offensive touchdown, 98 total yards and 20 yards passing to reach the state semifinals for the first time since 2005.

The Mustangs will face Gilmer (12-2) next week at a location, date and time to be determined.

In addition to its defensive success, Sweetwater controlled the game from the start with a rushing attack that compiled 357 yards on the ground.

Mustang running back Jacoby Hunt led the way with 124 yards and a TD, while Sweetwater quarterback Chris Thompson added 117 rushing yards and three scores.

Thompson's most impactful run occurred in the third quarter while the Mustangs were leading 24-8. On fourth-and-4, Thompson broke away on a 49-yard scoring run, pushing Sweetwater to a 32-8 advantage.

"We feel like at this level, you've got to take gambles, you've got to take risks," Sweetwater head coach Shane Mobley said.

Just two plays before the run, Sweetwater faced a vaunting second-and-35 situation and was able to not only convert the first down, but put Seminole in a deep hole.

"That fourth down was the back-breaker, there's no doubt about it," Indians head coach Kent Jackson said. "Give him credit, the quarterback is special. He does a great job.

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Dismissal deal done in Manziel's domestic case

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Johnny Manziel has a dismissal agreement with prosecutors that will require the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback to meet conditions for a year before being cleared of a domestic violence charge against him.



Manziel

Dallas County District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Brittany Dunn said Manziel wasn't present Friday when the agreement was filed.

The former Cleveland player will be required to complete an anger management class, attend a domestic violence impact panel and participate in the NFL's substance-abuse program or something similar.

Manziel, who turns 24 Tuesday, faced a misdemeanor charge that carried a penalty of up to a year in jail and a $4,000 fine after the former Cleveland player was accused of hitting and threatening former girlfriend Colleen Crowley during a night out in January.

As with previous court orders, the former Texas A&M star will not be allowed to have contact with Crowley under the agreement.

"If the undersigned defendant fails to meet one of the requirements of this agreement or is charged with a new offense, the defendant will be prosecuted for this offense," the agreement states.

Prosecutors said the agreement with Manziel was far from the end of its process.

"A conditional dismissal is only the beginning of the process of educating an individual on how to make better choices when facing conflict," prosecutors said. "It is an important first step for a defendant. Success or failure will depend upon one's commitment to the treatment programs included."

Judge Roberto Canas said at a hearing last month that the sides had reached a tentative deal. Canas had required Manziel to attend a hearing to finalize the agreement, but it was postponed Thursday so court personnel could attend the funeral of a bailiff.

"I'm thankful to both the court and prosecutor for their hard work and diligence in trying to come to a fair and just resolution for all parties involved," Manziel attorney Jim Darnell said. "My client is pleased to be able to put this part

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Right now, it's Nick's World, and everyone else gets the crumbs

PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Nick Saban rolled into the room with all the warmth of a tray of ice cubes you just pulled from the freezer.

The pursed lips, the tightened jaw, the forced smile — tell-tale signs that made it clear he preferred to be anywhere but here, sitting in front of a group of reporters on the eve of another Southeastern Conference championship game.



Saban

Then, over the course of a half-hour Friday, the coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide provided some tantalizing glimpses into the World According To Nick.

A world where failure is not an option, complacency is treated like some sort of horrific disease, and no one talks about what they did a year ago, a day ago, even a few minutes ago.

"Be where your feet are," Saban said. "I'm right here, right now. This is what's important, and this is what we have to focus on."

To some degree, all coaches have that sort of single-minded drive. But Saban takes it to an entirely different level.

More football

See more college football coverage inside.

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That's why he's left everyone in his wake, from those who came long before (sorry, Knute Rockne and Bud Wilkinson) to contemporaries faced with the unenviable task of trying to beat him now (sorry, rest of the SEC).

This much is clear: As along as Saban reigns in Tuscaloosa, college football is his world.

Everyone else is just fighting over the crumbs.

"I hate to lose more than I like winning," Saban said. "I'm not in love with what we did last week or the week before that or the whole season. The challenge is the next game because that's the game we can lose."

It seems a joyless existence, but it's one that makes perfect sense to Saban.

Don't bring up the "crazy, amazing run" — as former Florida quarterback Tim Tebow described it — that Alabama has been on since the beginning of the 2008 season. During that span, the Crimson Tide has won 110 of 122 games, captured four national titles and gone to the last week of November four other times with a shot at winning it all.

Don't bring up the fact that Saban has five national titles overall, counting the BCS crown he won at LSU, and is just one away from tying Bear Bryant's mark for the most national titles by any coach.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

American Athletic Championship: Temple at Navy, 11 a.m., ABC

C-USA Championship: Louisiana Tech at Western Kentucky, 11 a.m., ESPN

Troy at Georgia Southern, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Kansas State at TCU, 11 a.m., FS1

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m., FOX

Baylor at West Virginia, 2:30 p.m., FS1

SEC Championship: Alabama vs. Florida, 3 p.m., CBS

SWAC Championship: Grambling vs. Alcorn State, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Arkansas State at Texas State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

MW Championship: San Diego State at Wyoming, 6:45 p.m., ESPN

ACC Championship: Clemson vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m., ABC

Big Ten Championship: Wisconsin vs. Penn State, 7 p.m., FOX

GOLF

PGA: Hero World Challenge, 3rd Round, 11 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Hero World Challenge, 3rd Round, 1:30 p.m., NBC

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

TAPPS D1 Championship: Dallas Bishop Lynch vs. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 7 p.m., FCSC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wake Forest at Richmond, 11 a.m., ESPNU

UCLA at Kentucky, 11:30 a.m., CBS

Oklahoma at Wisconsin, Noon, BTN

West Virginia at Virginia, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Rice at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

VCU vs. Illinois, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Centenary at Stephen F. Austin, 2 p.m., ESPN3

Stanford at Kansas, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Xavier at Baylor, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Rhode Island at Providence, 3:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW)

Oral Roberts at Michigan State, 3:30 p.m., BTN

Wichita State at Colorado State, 4 p.m., CBSSN

Prairie View A&M at Houston, 4 p.m., ESPN3

Texas Southern at Southern Illinois, 4 p.m., ESPN3

Arizona vs. Gonzaga, 4:30 p.m., ESPN

Maine at Duke, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2

DePaul at Northwestern, 6 p.m., BTN

BYU vs. USC, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Oklahoma State at Maryland, 8 p.m., BTN

NBA

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

Denver at Utah, 8 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Chicago at Philadelphia, Noon, NHL

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NHL

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mississippi State at Iowa State, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW+)

Texas Tech at Arkansas, 3 p.m., SEC

ON RADIO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Kansas State at TCU, 11 a.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

Baylor at West Virginia, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

NBA

Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament

Midland Christian, MCA at Monahans Tournament

Trinity at Rankin Tournament

Andrews at Denver City Tournament

Garden City, Grady at Miles Tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee, MHS at Doug Mc-Cutchen Memorial Tournament, San Angelo

Greenwood at Denver City Tournament

Midland Christian at Brock Tournament

Trinity at Rankin Tournament

Andrews, Big Spring at Lamesa Tournament

Stanton at Merkel Tournament

Coahoma vs. Forsan at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring, 6 p.m.

Grady at Miles Tournament

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Clarendon College, 2 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Clarendon College, 3:45 p.m.

Lone Star edges Jackalopes, 2-1

From staff reports

ODESSA — A third period goal by the Lone Star Brahmas proved to be the difference in a 2-1 win over the Odessa Jackalopes at the Ector County Coliseum on Friday.

The loss spoiled a great night by Jacks goalie Jack Flakne, who saved 30 of 32 shots.

Zach Zech scored Odessa's only goal in the first period when the Jacks were short handed because of a penalty.

On the same power play, Lone Star's Peter Kessel scored the equalizer.

It stayed that way until the third when Jakub Melisko skated through traffic for the game winner.

The teams spilt the two games after Odessa won on Thursday night, 6-3.

Odessa returns home next Thursday to play Wichita Falls in the first of a three-game homestand.

Tech's Mahomes wins Sammy Baugh Trophy

From staff reports

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Texas Tech junior quarterback Patrick Mahomes II has been named the winner of the prestigious 2016 Sammy Baugh Trophy, presented to college football's top passer by The Touchdown Club of Columbus.

Mahomes joins fellow Red Raiders Graham Harrell (2007), B.J. Symons (2003), and current Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury (2002) as the fourth Tech quarterback to win the award.

Mahomes has been the nation's most prolific quarterback in 2016, concluding the regular season leading the FBS in total offense (5,312 yards), passing yards (5,052 yards), points responsible for (318) and total touchdowns (53).

He concluded his 2016 campaign with a 586-yard, six-touchdown performance against Baylor, earning the sixth Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week award of his career in the process. The 500-yard performance was one of four this season for Mahomes—no other FBS quarterback hit the 500-yard plateau more than once this season.

SWEETWATER

From 1B

Chris Thompson does a tremendous job and really makes things happen for them. That was a big, big play."

On the ensuing kickoff after Thompson's TD, Seminole's Brett Hicks returned it to the Mustangs' 14-yard line, but one play later, the Indians couldn't capitalize as they lost the football on a poor pitch to their running back.

Sweetwater responded with a five-play, 82-yard drive that culminated with Thompson's 18-yard TD run to extend its lead to 38-8.

The Mustangs soared to an early 24-0, behind three offensive TDs, with 8:35 to go in the second quarter.

However, Seminole was able to hang around when Daniel Grado blocked a Sweetwater punt, picked up the loose ball and returned it 15 yards, cutting the Mustangs' lead to 24-8 with 6:13 to go in the second quarter.

But the Indians could not generate any offense, as they didn't make a first down until 40 seconds remaining until halftime. Seminole passers were 4 of 21 for 20 yards.

"We knew he had to stop the quarterback tonight and be aggressive behind the line of scrimmage, and I thought our defense did an outstanding job," Mobley said. "I'm very proud of them."

The Indians had only 78 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

"We had such a hard time dealing with them inside," Jackson said. "Up front, they're so athletic and they do such a great job. Our kids are fighting, but boy they were hard to block and it made it tough on us getting our run game established."

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SWEETWATER 38, SEMINOLE 14

Sweetwater	16	8	14	0	—38
Seminole	0	8	0	6	—14

First Quarter

Sweetwater - Jordan McQueen 18 pass from Chris Thompson (Kiante McCoy pass from Thompson), 6:23

Sweetwater - Thompson 13 run (Kobe Clark run), 1:41

Second Quarter

Sweetwater - Jacoby Hunt 10 run (Luke James pass from Thompson), 8:35

Seminole - Daniel Grado 15 blocked punt return (Cade Barnard run), 6:13

Third Quarter

Sweetwater - Thompson 49 run (Hunt pass from Clark), 6:54

Sweetwater - Thompson 18 run (run failed), 3:48

Fourth Quarter

Seminole - Brett Hicks 3 run (pass failed), 6:04

	Sweetwater	Seminole
First downs	18	6
Rushes-yards	50-357	24-78
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-12-0	4-21-0
Passing yards	72	20
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-avg.	6-25.5	6-33.0
Penalties-yards	8-79	4-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Sweetwater, Jacoby Hunt 15-124, Chris Thompson 14-117, Jordan McQueen 3-48, Lowell Williams 5-35, Alex Gallegos 8-34, Kobe Clark 1-3, Luke James 2-3, Tristan Longoria 1-0, Team 1-(-4). Seminole, Brett Hicks 13-71, Matt McGuire 1-12, Cade Barnard 7-11, Scout Powers 2-(-8), Team 1-(-8).

PASSING - Sweetwater, Thompson 7-12-0-72. Seminole, Hicks 4-20-0-20, Barnard 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING - Sweetwater, McQueen 4-51, Clark 2-16, Hunt 1-5. Seminole, McGuire 2-16, Reese Moore 1-3, Drew Dendy 1-1.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCORES

PRIP FOOTBALL

CLASS 5A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Klein Collins 21, Spring Westfield 18

CLASS 5A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Dallas Highland Park 14, Mansfield Legacy 7

CLASS 5A Division II

State Quarterfinal

College Station 31, Fort Bend Marshall 27

Mesquite Poteet 34, Lancaster 20

CLASS 4A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Sweetwater 38, Seminole 14

CLASS 3A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Cameron Yoe 27, Malakoff 26

Yoakum 20, Hallettsville 17

CLASS 3A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Arp 13, Newton 6

Canadian 27, Sonora 21

CLASS 2A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Centerville 23, Price Carlisle 17

Crawford 41, De Leon 14

Refugio 26, Mason 7

CLASS 2A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Bremond 31, Teneha 7

Burton 41, Flatonia 20

Iraan 40, Munday 12

Wellington 51, Seagraves 0

CLASS 1A Division I

State Semifinal

Jonesboro 50, Gilmer Union Hill 44

CLASS 1A Division II

State Semifinal

Balmorhea 74, Turkey Valley 52

TAPPS 11 Man

Division II

State Championship

Grapevine Faith 30, Austin Regents 29, OT

Division IV

State Championship

Shiner St. Paul 49, Arlington Grace Prep 34

Ross, Revere, Asche among 35 new free agents

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tyson Ross, an All-Star pitcher for San Diego two years ago, was among 35 players who became free agents when their teams declined to offer them 2017 contracts on Friday.

Washington outfielder Ben Revere and Philadelphia outfielder Cody Asche also were cut loose, along with Arizona catcher Welington Castillo and pitcher Rubby De La Rosa; Baltimore pitcher Vance Worley; and Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Louis Coleman.

Milwaukee first baseman Chris Carter and Pittsburgh pitcher Jeff Locke were non-tendered as well; their teams had already designated them for assignment earlier this week.

Teams cut players at the tender deadline to avoid committing to salary arbitration, in which about one-sixth of next season's salary is guaranteed.

Ross, a 29-year-old right-hander, was 13-14 with a 2.81 ERA in 2014 and 10-12 with a 3.26 ERA the following season. He was limited to one major league appearance this year and had surgery in October for thoracic outlet syndrome. Recovery time was expected to be four to six months, and the Padres deemed him too pricy for arbitration after he earned $9,625,000 this year.

Asche, 26, was designated for assignment earlier Friday to clear a roster spot for left-hander David Rollins, claimed off waivers from Texas. Asche hit .240 with 31 homers and 125 RBIs for the Phillies during 371 games in the past four seasons and would have been eligible for arbitration for the first time.

The 28-year-old Revere was acquired from Toronto in January for reliever Drew Storen but strained his right oblique in his first at-bat of the season, left after four innings and went on the disabled list. Revere returned May 6, hit just .217 with two homers and 24 RBIs in 103 games and would have been on track for a raise from his $6.25 million salary.

Castillo batted .264 with 14 homers and 68 RBIs and would have gotten a big raise from his $3.7 million salary.

Thirteen players agreed to deals ahead of the deadline, including Colorado reliever Jake McGee ($5.9 million), Oakland first baseman Yonder Alonso ($4 million), Chicago White Sox second baseman Brett Lawrie ($3.5 million) and outfielder Avisail Garcia ($3 million), Minnesota infielder Eduardo Escobar ($2.6 million) and New York Mets catcher Rene Rivera ($1.75 million).

Milwaukee reached deals with second baseman Scooter Gennett ($2,525,000) and outfielder Kirk Nieuwenhuis ($900,000 in majors, $257,000 in minors).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed OF Adam Walker off waivers from Milwaukee. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Jayson Aquino.

BOSTON RED SOX — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to C Bryan Holaday.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with 2B Brett Lawrie and OF Avisail Garcia on one-year contracts. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Dane Smith.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Jeff Manship.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated LHP Cody Ege for assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Named James Rowson hitting coach. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Yorman Landa. Agreed to terms with INF Eduardo Escobar on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to LHP Jacob Lindgren.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned INF Rangel Ravelo outright to Nashville. Agreed to terms with 1B Yonder Alonso on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned RHP Ryan Weber outright to Tacoma (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to 2B Ryan Brett.

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed RHP Brady Dragmire off waivers from Pittsburgh. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to OF Jared Hoying.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to C Welington Castillo and RHP Rubby De La Rosa.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with C Anthony Recker and LHP Paco Rodriguez on one-year contracts. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Chris Withrow.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Duensing on a one-year contract. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to LHP Gerardo Concepcion, LHP Zac Rosscup, RHP Conor Mullee and INF Christian Villanueva.

CINCINNATI REDS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to C Ramon Cabrera. RHP Keyvius Sampson and OF Gabriel Guerrero.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms LHP Jake McGee on a one-year contract. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Matt Carasiti and INF/OF Stephen Cardullo.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Louis Coleman.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to 1B Chris Carter. Agreed to terms with OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis and 2B Scooter Gennett on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with C Rene Rivera on a one-year contract. Promoted Tommy Tanous to vice president/international and amateur scouting. Marc Tramuta to director/amateur scouting. Doug Thurman to national crosschecker and Drew Toussaint to regional supervisor.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Designated OF Cody Asche for assignment. Claimed LHP David Rollins off waivers from Texas. Named Dusty Wathan manager of Lehigh Valley (IL), Greg Legg manager and John Mizerock hitting coach of Reading (EL). Shawn Williams manager of Clearwater (FSL), Marty Malloy manager of Lakewood (SAL), Tyler Henson coach of Williamsport (NYP) and Charlie Hayes coach and Hector Mercado pitching coach of the GCL Phillies.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Wade LeBlanc on a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Seth Maness.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Traded C Derek Norris to Washington for RHP Pedro Avila. Declined to tender a 2017 contract to INF/OF Alex Amarista. RHP Jon Edwards. RHP Erik Johnson. INF Jose Pirela. RHP Tyson Ross and C Hector Sanchez

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with INF Ehire Adrianza and RHP Cory Gearrin on one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Declined to tender a 2017 contract to RHP Dan Revere.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Dallas LB Rolando McClain indefinitely for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse. Fined Kansas City S Eric Berry and Houston CB Kareem Jackson $24,309. Carolina QB Derek Anderson $12,154 and Carolina S A.J. Klein $9,115 for their actions during last week's games.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Activated S Tyvon Branch from injured reserve.

DENVER BRONCOS — Placed FB Andy Janovich on injured reserve. Signed WR Kalif Raymond.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released WR Dez Stewart from the practice squad. Signed QB Joe Callahan to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DT Kelcy Quarles from the practice squad. Signed QB Stephen Morris to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released TE Kennard Backman from the practice squad. Re-signed FB Glenn Gronkowski to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived OT Blaine Clausell. Waived/injured S David Bruton Jr. Signed CB Dashaun Phillips from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled C Tyler Gaudet from Tucson (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed F Jonathan Toews on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 24. Activated Trevor van Riemsdyk from injured reserve.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned F Gabriel Bourque to San Antonio (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Returned D Scott Mayfield to Bridgeport (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled D Macoy Ekstrapp and F Gabriel Gagne from Wichita (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed F Brandon Vasquez.

D.C. UNITED — Re-signed D Steve Birnbaum to a multi-year contract.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Exercised 2017 options on G David Bingham, Ms Fatai Alashe and Matheus Silva and Ds Victor Bernardez, Kip Colvey and Andres Imperiale.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed M Tyler Pasher and G Adrian Zendejas.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	16	5	2	34	68	50
Ottawa	24	14	8	2	30	57	59
Boston	24	13	10	1	27	57	54
Tampa Bay	25	13	11	1	27	75	70
Florida	24	12	10	2	26	60	61
Detroit	24	11	10	3	25	58	61
Toronto	23	10	9	4	24	70	74
Buffalo	23	9	9	5	23	48	60

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	25	16	8	1	33	91	63
Pittsburgh	24	14	7	3	31	75	72
Columbus	21	12	5	4	28	67	48
Washington	22	13	7	2	28	57	51
Philadelphia	25	12	10	3	27	60	62
New Jersey	22	10	7	5	25	55	58
Carolina	23	9	9	5	23	55	61
N.Y. Islanders	23	9	10	4	22	59	67

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	15	6	3	33	68	60
St. Louis	23	13	7	3	29	62	63
Nashville	22	11	8	3	25	65	57
Minnesota	22	11	8	3	25	62	47
Dallas	25	9	10	6	24	63	65
Winnipeg	26	11	13	2	24	69	78
Colorado	21	9	11	1	19	47	63

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	24	14	9	1	29	58	50
Edmonton	25	13	10	2	28	76	66
Anaheim	23	11	8	4	26	59	55
Los Angeles	23	12	10	1	25	58	58
Calgary	26	11	13	2	24	60	77
Vancouver	23	10	11	2	22	54	70
Arizona	21	8	10	3	19	51	65

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

Scores and schedules

Friday's Scores

Minnesota at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Montreal at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, noon

Boston at Buffalo, noon

Chicago at Philadelphia, noon

New Jersey at Nashville, 1 p.m.

Washington at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at St. Louis, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Vancouver, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Florida at Ottawa, 6 p.m.

Columbus at Arizona, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	293	197
Miami	7	4	0	.636	249	240
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	281	226
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	196	266

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	5	0	.545	194	236
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.455	270	301
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	214	293

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	5	0	.545	218	201
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.545	286	222
Cincinnati	3	7	1	.318	213	245
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	9	2	0	.818	307	275
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	252	214
Denver	7	4	0	.636	266	219
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	313	291

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	11	1	0	.917	333	228
N.Y. Giants	8	3	0	.727	231	213
Washington	6	4	1	.591	280	264
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	254	213

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	358	302
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	249	264
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	334	307
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	276	281

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	247	236
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	233	209
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	274	289
Chicago	2	9	0	.182	178	264

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	3	1	.682	224	187
Arizona	4	6	1	.409	245	228
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	170	236
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	228	344

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Score

Dallas 17, Minnesota 15

Sunday's Games

Kansas City at Atlanta, noon

Los Angeles at New England, noon

Philadelphia at Cincinnati, noon

Miami at Baltimore, noon

Denver at Jacksonville, noon

Detroit at New Orleans, noon

San Francisco at Chicago, noon

Houston at Green Bay, noon

Buffalo at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

Washington at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.

Tampa Bay at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.

Carolina at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

Monday's Game

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION'S
UPCOMING EVENTS

Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party
Dec. 31st at DoubleTree 7-1
Casino games, dinner, dancing, prizes, and a complimentary champagne toast to ring in 2017

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

LEE DROPS TWO IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO — Lee dropped both of its games on Friday at the Doug McCutchen Memorial Tournament, losing to Class 4A No. 5-ranked Abilene Wylie, 65-52 and then falling 71-65 to former district rival San Angelo Central.

Eron Pena paced the Rebels (0-8) with 13 points against Wylie, while James Lydia led Lee with 17 points against Central.

Lee wraps up tournament play at 9 a.m. today against Del Rio.

MD. 5 ABILENE WYLIE 65, LEE 52

Wylie — Jeter 8, Lopez 18, Brasel 6, Isenhower 18, Erickson 3, Lynch 9, Roberts 2

Lee (0-7) — Taye Britt 2, Sema'J Davis 12, Eron Pena 13, Cesarae Easter 4, Patrick Okimi 12, James Lydia 7, Juwon Packer 2

Wylie	16	19	19	11 —65
Lee	9	7	16	20 —52

Free throws — Wylie 15-28; Lee 11-23. 3-point goals — Wylie 9 (Lopez 5, Brasel, Isenhower, Lynch, Erickson); Lee 2 (Davis, Pena). Total fouls — Wylie 20; Lee 22. Fouled out — Roberts, Pena, Packer.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 71, LEE 65

Lee (0-8) — Sema'J Davis 11, Eron Pena 10, Avery Chambers 6, Patrick Okimi 14, James Lydia 17, Juwon Packer 6, Anthony Ford 1

Central — Oliver 13, Taylor 4, Ramos 9, Bonner 19, Clark 17, Hendon 1, Fields 2, Gibbs 6

Lee	25	17	15	8 —65
Central	24	16	16	15 —71

Free throws — Lee 16-25; Central 5-10. 3-point goals — Lee 5 (Davis, Pena 2, Chambers 2); Central 16 (Oliver 3, Taylor, Ramos 3, Bonner 5, Clark 4). Total fouls — Lee 14; Central 19. Fouled out — Lydia.

Next: Lee vs. Del Rio, 9 a.m. today at the Doug McCutchen Memorial

STANTON IN CHAMPIONSHIP

MERKEL — Behind a game-high 15 points from Tristan Graves, Stanton edged Cisco 51-49 in overtime on Friday in the Merkel Tournament to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Buffaloes (6-0) will take on Abilene Cooper's JV team at 2 p.m. today in the title game.

Colby Gordon and Sebastian Escamilla each added nine points for Stanton, which hit four critical free throws in the overtime period.

STANTON 51, CISCO 49, OT

Cisco — Gayle S. Hunn 9, Bryson 2, Witt 5, Walkingstick 14, Batson 10

Stanton (6-0) — Tristan Graves 15, Reed Thomas 3, Austin Luna 4, Colby Gordon 9, Blake Snellgrove 4, Austin Fryar 2, Wes Ulmer 5, Sebastian Escamilla 9

Cisco	9	10	16	10	4 —49
Stanton	10	5	18	12	6 —51

Free throws — Cisco 6-15; Stanton 11-16 3-point goals — Cisco 3 (Gayle, Witt, Walkingstick); Stanton 5 (Graves 2, Gordon 2, Thomas) Total fouls — Cisco 12; Stanton 10. Fouled out — None.

Next: Stanton vs. Abilene Cooper JV in Merkel Tournament championship game, 2 p.m. today

BIG SPRING LOSES TWO

LAMESA — The Big Spring boys basketball team dropped both its games during Friday's action of the OW Follis Tournament, losing to host Lamesa 77-45 and falling to Lubbock All Saints 66-46.

Dimas Garcia led the Steers (0-8) with 17 points in their loss to All Saints.

LAMESA 77, BIG SPRING 45

Big Spring (0-7) — Dimas Garcia 8, Jeovne Ford 6, Jaiden Ludington 2, Jeremiah Rushin 9, John Ibanez 10, Jermiah Cooley 6, CJ Hurtis 4

Lamesa — Dre Smiley 5, Buddy Williams 8, Jordan Derington 6, Christian Coker, Jaisel Edwards 11, TrQuail Maxwell 14, KeShawn Hunter 6, Josh Enriquez 6, Nathan Cunningham 5, Ethan Rodriguez 3, Ebo Stevenson 2

Big Spring	10	3	14	18 —45
Lamesa	22	11	16	28 —77

Free throws — Big Spring 3-12, Lamesa 7-12 3-point goals — Big Spring 3 (Ibanez 2, Ford), Lamesa 9 (Coker 3, Edwards 3, Smiley, Williams) Total fouls — Big Spring 14, Lamesa 22. Fouled out — Stevenson.

LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 66, BIG SPRING 46

Lubbock All Saints — Luke Stuart 10, Ret Taylor 1, Brett Berger 20, Jackson Jones 3, Austin Hickle 20, Tyler Logan 1, Brice Nix 2, Joseph Bayouth 1, Jacob Cates 8

Big Spring (0-8) — Dimas Garcia 17, Jeovne Ford 5, Jaiden Ludington 9, Jeremiah Rushin 6, Abel Clark 3, Albert Martinez 4, CJ Harris 2

All Saints	17	17	14	18 —66
Big Spring	14	17	10	5 —46

Free throws — All Saints 15-20, Big Spring 4-8 3-point goals — All Saints 7 (Hickle 3, Jones, Berger, Stuart), Big Spring 4 (Ibanez 2, Garcia, Ford). Total fouls — All Saints 13, Big Spring 16. Fouled out — None

ANDREWS SPLITS IN LAMESA

LAMESA — Andrews split its two Friday games at the O.W. Follis Tournament, first losing 38-37 to New Deal before topping Lubbock All Saints, 66-57, in its second game.

Jonathan Bailey had a team-high 13 points for the Mustangs against New Deal, while Brett Leach paced Andrews with 19 points against All Saints.

NEW DEAL 38, ANDREWS 37

New Deal — Dylan Jerden 2, Jackson Durham 3, Brandon Cooper 2, Jarren Lacy 10, Jordan Lacy 21

Andrews — Brett Leach 7, Johnnie Phillips 2, Matt O'Connor 9, Jace Keesee 4, Noah Lujan 1, Robbie Velasquez 1, Jonathan Bailey 13

New Deal	6	13	5	14 —38
Andrews	10	4	12	11 —37

Free throws — New Deal 11-21, Andrews 10-18. 3-point goals — New Deal 1 (Durham), Andrews 4 (O'Connor 2, Bailey 2). Total fouls — New Deal 17, Andrews 19. Fouled out — None.

ANDREWS 66, LUBBOCK ALL-SAINTS 57

Andrews — Brett Leach 19, Payton Lopez 3, Johnnie Phillips 7, Aaron Dodge 5, Matt O'Connor 7, Noah Lujan 5, Robbie Velasquez 5, Beau Narrell 4, Jonathan Bailey 8

All Saints — Luke Stuart 14, Brett Berger 12, Jackson Jones 1, Austin Hickle 20, Brice Nix 4, Joseph Bagouth 2

Andrews	9	22	16	19 —66
All Saints	12	22	11	12 —57

Free throws — Andrews 14-24, All Saints 14-22. 3-point goals — Andrews 6 (Leach 3, O'Connor, Lujan, Velasquez), All Saints 3 (Berger 3). Total fouls — Andrews 19, All Saints 18. Fouled out — None.

Next: Andrews vs. Big Spring at O.W. Follis Tournament, 10:30 a.m. today

O.W. Follis Tournament
Today-Saturday
Lamesa High School
Today's games

New Deal 49, Amarillo Caprock 47
Lubbock High 77, Andrews 50
Amarillo Caprock 55, Lubbock All Saints 51
Lamesa 70, Andrews 46
Lubbock All Saints 79, Lubbock High 76
Lamesa 92, Fort Stockton 58

Friday's games

Lamesa 77, Big Spring 45
Amarillo Caprock 72, Fort Stockton 42
New Deal 56, Andrews 37
Lubbock All Saints 66, Big Spring 46
New Deal 65, Fort Stockton 52
Amarillo Caprock 55, Lubbock High 44
Andrews 66, Lubbock All-Saints 57
Lamesa 77, Lubbock High 63

Today's games

9 a.m. — Lubbock All Saints vs. New Deal
10:30 a.m. — Andrews vs. Big Spring
Noon — Fort Stockton vs. Lubbock All Saints
1:30 p.m. — Big Spring vs. Lubbock High
3 p.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Andrews
4:30 p.m. — Lubbock High vs. Fort Stockton
6 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Amarillo Caprock

Girls

MCS IN TITLE GAME

MONAHANS — After sweeping its two games on Friday, No. 8-ranked Midland Christian is in the championship game of the Monahans Sandhills Tournament.

MCS (9-2) will take on Odessa High at 1:30 p.m. today at the Jerry Larned Sports Complex for the title.

Blaire Neatherlin led MCS with 23 points in the first game, a 58-56 win against TAPPS 3A No. 1 Midland Classical. In the second game, Neatherlin paced the Lady Mustangs with 15 in a 59-17 blowout victory against host Monahans.

NO. 8 MCS 58, NO. 1 MCA 56

MCS (8-2) — Blaire Neatherlin 23, Daniella Anastasio 18, Anaiz Galindo 7, Kayla Ackerman 4, Megan Ashton 4, Makenzie Mondragon 2

MCA (6-2) — Delanie Griffin 28, Leia Beattie 12, Ellen Haest 10, Andie Sheppard 4, Makenna Beattie 2

MCS	20	10	17	11 —58
MCA	7	10	16	23 —56

Free throws — MCS 10-21, MCA 18-24. 3-point goals — MCS 6 (Anastasio 6), MCA 4 (Griffin 3, L. Beattie). Total fouls — MCS 19, MCA 16. Fouled out — Ashton, M. Beattie

NO. 8 MCS 59, MONAHANS 17

Monahans — E. Huber 5, H. Brandenburg 4, P.J. Gruner 8

Midland Christian (9-2) — Shea Fender 5, Megan Ashton 11, MacKenzie Mondragon 4, Anaiz Galindo 10, Kayla Akerman 3, Daniella Anastasio 2, Blaire Neatherlin 15, Lexi Davila 6, Avery McKinney 3

Monahans	5	8	9	0 —17
MCS	19	19	12	9 —59

Free throws — MHS 0, MCS 7-13. 3-point goals — MHS 3 (Huber, Gruner 2), MCS 2 (Fender, Ashton). Total fouls — MHS 9, MCS 4. Fouled out — None.

Next: MCS vs. Odessa High at Monahans Sandhills Tournament, 1:30 p.m. today

NO. 1 MCA IN 3RD PLACE GAME

MONAHANS — After falling 58-56 to MCS earlier in the day, MCA rebounded with a 71-21 rout of Alpine in its second game, Friday at the Monahans Sandhills Tournament.

Delanie Griffin and Leia Beattie co-led the Lady Knights (7-2) with 18 points each in the win, whole Elleri Haest added 16.

MCA will take on Monahans in the tournament's third-place game at noon today at the Jerry Larned Sports Complex.

NO. 1 MCA 71, ALPINE 21

MCA (7-2) — Kori Kish 3, Lexi Beattie 18, Bekah Jones 3, Delanie Griffin 18, Elleri Haest 16, Jenny Coco 4, Andie Sheppard 4, Makenna Beattie 5

Alpine — Dominguez 3, Morris 2, Nunez 2, Chavez 2, Torres 3, Hernandez 9

MCA	26	10	19	16 —71
Alpine	5	5	6	10 —21

Free throws — MCA 9-12; Alpine 8-15. 3-point goals — MCA 6 (Griffin 2, Kish, L. Beattie, Jones, M. Beattie); Alpine 1 (Dominguez). Total fouls — MCA 13; Alpine 8. Fouled out — None.

Next: MCA vs. Monahans at Monahans Sandhills Tournament, Noon today

TRINITY SPLITS IN RANKIN

RANKIN — Trinity split its slate of games on Friday at the Rankin Red Devil Classic, falling 64-25 against Ira before topping McCamey, 28-26.

Reagan Long led the Lady Chargers (2-5) with 19 points against Ira and 17 against McCamey.

Trinity will play for the tournament's consolation championship at 10:30 a.m. today.

IRA 64, TRINITY 25

Ira — Chavez 5, Manning 5, Womack 13, Peterson 20, Hanshan 4, Cowan 6, Goodwin 4, Welch 3, M. Cowan 4

Trinity (2-4) — Julia Sharum 3, Reagan Long 19, Mugan Sports 3

Ira	21	14	11	18 —64
Trinity	7	4	10	4 —25

Free throws — Ira 4-7, Trinity 5-9. 3-point goals — Ira 10 (Manning, Womack 3, Peterson 3, Cowan 2, Goodwin); Trinity 2 (Long 2). Total fouls — Ira 12, Trinity 9. Fouled out — None

TRINITY 28, MCCAMEY 26

Trinity (2-5) — Brooke Widner 2, Julia Sharum 2, Reagan Long 17, Karoline Watson 7

McCamey — Cox 1, Dominguez 8, Babb 8, Black 2, Ramirez 7

Trinity	5	7	11	5 —28
McCamey	4	8	7	7 —26

Free throws — Trinity 1-3; McCamey 6-13. 3-point goals — Trinity 5 (Long 4, Watson); Total fouls — Trinity 14, McCamey 10. Fouled out — Sharum

Next: Trinity in consolation championship at Rankin Red Devil Classic, 10:30 a.m. today

NO. 9 GARDEN CITY 49 GRADY 13

MILES — Madison Hastings scored a game-high 18 points to lead No. 9-ranked Garden City to a blowout win against Grady on Friday at the Miles Tournament.

NO. 9 GARDEN CITY 49, GRADY 13

Garden City — Madison Hastings 18, Kortney Haffmann 13, Allison Haffmann 8, Kenzie Schaefer 6, Bethany Matschek 2, Ally Burnett 2

Grady individual scoring unavailable:

Grady	5	2	3	3 —13
Garden City	2	17	19	11 —49

Free throws — Grady 2-4; Garden City 8-20. 3-point goals — Grady 1 (Garden City 5 (Schaefer 2, K. Haffmann 2, Hastings); Total fouls — Grady 16, Garden City 12. Fouled out — None

THURSDAY'S LATE BOX
NO. 9 GARDEN CITY 71,
SAN ANGELO CENTRAL FRESHMAN 14

Central — Hudson 2, Sanchez 2, Reyes 2, Rodriguez 3, Hard 2, Castro 2, Flores 1

Garden City — Kortney Haffmann 27, Madison Hastings 16, Allison Haffmann 10, Kenzie Schaefer 8, Ixchael Sotelo 6, Ally Burnett 4, Bethany Matschek 2

Central	4	1	7	2 —14
Garden City				

Free throws — Central 2-6; Garden City 6-7. 3-point goals — Garden City 7 (K. Haffmann 2, Schaefer 2). Total fouls — Central 12, Garden City 8. Fouled out — None

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 107 WIZARDS 105

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard scored 23 points, including the winning jumper with 6 seconds left, and the San Antonio Spurs overcame another sluggish start at home to beat the Washington Wizards 107-105 on Friday night.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 19 points for San Antonio, which won its 17th straight home game against Washington.

Bradley Beal was 5 for 5 on 3-pointers in scoring 23 points for the Wizards.

Beal's final 3 gave Washington a 103-102 lead with 53 seconds remaining. Danny Green's 3-pointer, his first points of the night, put San Antonio ahead 105-103 with 19 seconds to go.

John Wall tied it at 105 with 11.2 seconds left on a driving layup against Manu Ginobili before Leonard rose for a 20-foot jumper at the top of the key. Otto Porter Jr. missed a 9-foot runner off a Washington inbounds play that would have tied the game.

BULLS 111 CAVALIERS 105

CHICAGO — Jimmy Butler scored 26 points, Dwyane Wade had 24 and the Chicago Bulls beat LeBron James and the slumping Cleveland Cavaliers 111-105 on Friday night.

Taj Gibson added a season-high 23 points and 11 rebounds for Chicago. Rajon Rondo had 15 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds as the balanced Bulls handed the Cavaliers their third straight loss.

James showed up in a Cubs uniform to honor a World Series bet with his buddy Wade, then scored 27 points. Kyrie Irving added 20 points and eight assists, but the Cavaliers matched their longest losing streak in a year.

Chicago dominated Cleveland 78-60 in the paint and came out on top despite hitting shooting 3 of 18 on 3-pointers.

The Bulls used a strong third quarter to turn a one-point halftime deficit into an 88-80 lead. And they withstood several pushes in the fourth to knock off the defending NBA champions.

KNICKS 118 TIMBERWOLVES 114

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points, Derick Rose had 24 and Kyle O'Quinn added 20 points and 13 rebounds as the Knicks defeated the Timberwolves.

Zach LaVine scored 24 points and Karl-Anthony Towns had 20 for the Timberwolves.

Despite trailing 98-88 after three quarters, the Timberwolves went on a 12-2 run to start the fourth, aided by five Knick turnovers in the first four minutes, and took their first lead of the game, 102-101, on LaVine's dunk with 6:33 remaining.

O'Quinn got the Knicks' lead back with consecutive baskets, and after Minnesota got within one, Rose scored the next five points to give New York a 110-104 lead.

Andrew Wiggins converted a layup with 2:11 left, but Anthony answered with a dunk off of a full court pass from O'Quinn to make the score 112-106.

CELTICS 97 KINGS 92

BOSTON — Al Horford scored 26 points and blocked six shots, Isaiah Thomas scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half and the Celtics held off the Kings.

Jae Crowder added 24 points and Avery Bradley had 15 points and nine assists for Boston, which needed a 10-0 run in the fourth quarter to pull away and finish off the Kings.

Sacramento outrebounded Boston 51-44, but hurt itself in the final period with turnovers, missed shots and a technical foul called on Matt Barnes as Boston surged ahead.

DeMarcus Cousins led Sacramento with 28 points and nine rebounds.

The Kings were playing for the first time since Monday. Sacramento's six-game road trip was interrupted when Wednesday's game at Philadelphia was postponed because of condensation on the floor.

MAGIC 104 76ERS 88

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Gordon scored a season-high 20 points, Nikola Vuvevic had 12 points, 11 rebounds and five assists and the Magic cruised by the 76ers in a matchup of slumping Eastern Conference teams.

Serge Ibaka, Evan Fournier and Jeff Green all added 16 points for the Magic (8-12), who had lost five of six coming in. Bismack Biyombo had 13 rebounds.

The Sixers (4-15) lost their fifth straight despite 25 points and 10 rebounds from rookie Joel Embiid. It was his fifth double-double of the season.

Jahlil Okafor, who saw extended action with Embiid for the first time this season, also had a double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

RAPTORS 113 LAKERS 80

TORONTO — Even though it is Kyle Lowry currently shooting lights out for the Toronto Raptors, second-year man Norman Powell is only too happy to take the credit.

Lowry had 24 points and seven assists for the Raptors in a 113-80 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night, compared to Powell's 16. But according to Powell, it's his pre-game tradition with the All-Star guard that is powering his hot hand.

"We have a little shooting competition, the first to make five from five spots, and ever since we've started doing that he's been lighting it up, so I'm taking credit for it," Powell said jokingly after the game. Toronto's season-high fifth straight victory and a fourth consecutive win over the Lakers.

Lowry, who has scored 20-plus points in his last six games against the Lakers, averaging 24.8 points, was only too happy to back up his teammate's claim.

"He can take credit. My teammates, they can all have the credit," he said. "My teammates are the reason I'm able to do the things that I'm able to do."

Lowry tied his season high for 3-pointers, going 6 of 9 from beyond the arc as the Raptors registered their biggest win of the season. The 33-point victory surpassed the 27-point win over Philadelphia on Oct. 28.

PISTONS 121 HAWKS 85

ATLANTA — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 23 points, Tobias Harris added 18 and the Pistons beat the reeling Hawks.

The Pistons, who tied a team record with 17 3-pointers, have won five of six and are 3-1 on a trip that included stops at playoff contenders Oklahoma City, Charlotte and Boston.

Andre Drummond finished with 14 points and 14 rebounds and Ish Smith had 13 assists as seven players scored in double figures for Detroit.

The Hawks, losers in eight of their last nine games, were 9-2 and tied for the Eastern Conference lead after beating Milwaukee on Nov. 16. Now they are one-half game behind eighth-place Detroit and headed to play Toronto, the East's second-best team, on Saturday.

Dennis Schroder had 17 points and 13 assists for Atlanta. Tim Hardaway Jr. and Mike Muscala scored 11 each.

CLIPPERS 114 PELICANS 96

NEW ORLEANS — Blake Griffin had 27 points and 10 rebounds, Chris Paul had 17 points and 13 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the New Orleans Pelicans 114-96 on Friday night.

Jamal Crawford scored 21 points and Luc Mbah a Moute had 15 for Los Angeles, which capped a 10-day, six-game trip with victories on back-to-back nights on the shores of lakes Erie and Pontchartrain, having defeated Cleveland on Thursday night.

Anthony Davis hurt his right shoulder but played through it, scoring 21 points for New Orleans. E'Twaun Moore scored 15 points and Terrence Jones had 14 for the Pelicans, who have lost three of four and saw their home winning streak snapped at five.

The Clippers made 10 3-pointers, with Mbah a Moute hitting three. The Pelicans were 5 of 20 from long range.

Los Angeles opened a 15-point lead in the third quarter, when Griffin scored 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting. Griffin hit three 19-foot jumpers, another from 17 feet and a finger roll during a pivotal 17-5 surge. Paul assisted on three of those baskets.

MCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

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Women

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

When/where: 2 p.m., Bulldog Gym, Clarendon

Records: Midland College 6-3, 0-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 8-5, 0-1

Last game: South Plains College 69, Midland College 61; Howard College 66, Clarendon College 60

Notes & quotes: Midland College goes into today's game without sophomore post players Janea Bunn and Teneshia Dixon as they have been suspended by the WJCAC for two games following their ejections in the fourth quarter of Wednesday's loss to South Plains. MC coach Ron Jones said the league deemed that they were "violent ejections" and would have to sit out today's game and the Dec. 9 non-conference game at Coastal Bend College. ...Jones added the team will also be without freshman post Paige Robinson (broken finger) meaning that Lady Chaparrals will only have two available post players in 6-foot-2 sophomore Lisa Kaempf and 6-3 freshman Lowendie Laporal. "We're just going to have to find our way offensively," Jones said. "Those are the consequences and that's what we have to deal with." ... Sophomore guard Kayla Bretherton (13 points) was the only Lady Chap in double figures on Wednesday. ... Clarendon is also coming off a loss but the Lady Bulldogs don't have much size. Jones said Clarendon does shoot and make a lot of 3-pointers, so his team has to find a way to limit their best players and the number of shots they get. Mia Castaneda, a 5-5 freshman guard led Clarendon with a game-high 22 points, 5-9 freshman guard Lizet Sosa added 16 and 5-7 freshman guard Chauntel Acosta had 12 in the loss.

Next: Midland College at Coastal Bend College, 4 p.m. Dec. 9; SWCID at Clarendon College, 2 p.m. Sunday

Women's WJCAC standings

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

Wednesday's Scores

South Plains College 69, Midland College 61; Howard College 66, Clarendon College 60; Odessa College 77, New Mexico Junior College 68; Cisco College 55, Western Texas College 52 (non-conference); Frank Phillips College is open

Today's Games

Midland College at Clarendon College, 2 p.m.; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 2 p.m.; Western Texas College at New Mexico Junior College, 2 p.m. (CST); Odessa College at Ranger College (non-conference) 2 p.m.; Weatherford College at Howard College, 2 p.m.

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

When/where: 3:45 p.m., Bulldog Gym, Clarendon

Records: Midland College 7-6, 0-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 8-5, 1-0

Last game: South Plains College 81, Midland College 65; Clarendon College 58, Howard College 57

Notes & quotes: Midland College is coming off a loss against the No. 5-ranked Texans, who shot 47.7 percent from the floor and 40 percent from 3-point range. MC was limited to just 38.8 percent shooting, including 29.4 percent from 3-point range. Devin Campbell led MC with 15 points and Jachai Simmons had 13 in the loss, while Grant Weatherford and Juan Cardenas each finished with nine. The good news for MC is that it played SPC closer than any team has this season, but the Chaparrals know they have plenty of room for improvement. ... It won't get any easier for the Chaps as they travel to play at always-tough Clarendon College. The Bulldogs are coming off a win at Howard College for their fourth straight victory. Three players were in double figures, led by 6-foot-1 freshman guard Marcus Burwell with 14 points, while 5-9 freshman guard Reece Brooks and 6-4 freshman wing Xavier Trent each had 11. MC coach Jordan Dreiling said Clarendon has a good team with good guards. "You go to Howard and win on the road, they're going to be ready for us," said Dreiling about Clarendon. "Hopefully we're up for the challenge. We have to be stubborn offensively, get the ball where we want it, and then we have to guard." ... This will be the final game for MC before the semester break.

Next: Aspire Academy at Midland College, 3 p.m. Jan. 8; Creating Young Minds at Clarendon College, 3 p.m. Jan. 3

Men's WJCAC standings

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

Wednesday's Scores

South Plains College 81, Midland College 65; Clarendon College 58, Howard College 57; Odessa College 96, New Mexico Junior College 88 ; New Mexico Military Institute 91, Frank Phillips College 64; Western Texas College is open

Today's Games

New Mexico Military Institute at Odessa College, 1 p.m.; Midland College at Clarendon College, 4 p.m.; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 4 p.m.; Western Texas College at New Mexico Junior College, 5:45 p.m. (CST); Howard College is open

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Scores

MEN
SOUTHWEST
SMU 49, CS Bakersfield 43
SOUTH
N. Dakota St. 85, NC A&T 67
SC-Upstate 80, Campbell 73
St. John's 96, Maine 75
The Citadel 108, Colgate 101
MIDWEST
Indiana 83, SIU-Edwardsville 60
Kent St. 85, Grambling St. 57
St. Cloud St. 98, Minn.-Crookston 78
Wis.-La Crosse 64, Albion 61
EAST
Baruch 81, CCNY 79, OT
Canisius 77, Manhattan 76
Castleton 83, Maine-Farmington 66
Delaware 84, Delaware St. 49
Duquesne 64, Pittsburgh 55
Iona 78, St. Peter's 65
Marist 79, Niagara 68
Misericordia 68, Utica 76

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 102, Crowley's Ridge 31
SOUTH
Belmont 87, Trevecca Nazarene 58
Clemson 69, Maine 61
Coastal Carolina 91, Pfeiffer 49
James Madison 71, Hampton 53
Radford 70, UNC-Greensboro 54
W. Carolina 62, Florida A&M 61
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 77, SE Louisiana 31
Montana St. 75, Carroll College 59
Wyoming 68, S. Utah 48
MIDWEST
Cincinnati 80, Tennessee Tech 39
Dayton 61, Morgan St. 42
Illinois 58, IPFW 33
Marquette 77, N. Illinois 61
Michigan St. 81, Oakland 74
Missouri 73, Missouri St. 49
N. Illinois 61, Bradley 51
SIU-Edwardsville 71, Utah Valley 64
South Florida 74, Butler 59
Wichita St. 69, Arkansas St. 51
EAST
Binghamton 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 69
Columbia 76, Mass.-Lowell 57
George Washington 81, VCU 67
Iona 70, Manhattan 53
Niagara 68, Monmouth (NJ) 45
Rider 71, Canisius 70

Schedules

MEN
TODAY
SOUTHWEST
Rice at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.
Centenary College of Louisiana at Stephen F. Austin, 2 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at North Texas, 2 p.m.
Xavier at Baylor, 2:30 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at Incarnate Word, 3 p.m.
Tulsa at UALR, 3 p.m.
Prairie View at Houston, 4 p.m.
LSU-Shreveport at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas St. at TCU, 7 p.m.
Austin Peay at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Northwestern St. at UTEP, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Wake Forest at Richmond, 11 a.m.
UCLA at Kentucky, 11:30 a.m.
Georgia Tech at Tennessee, noon
Memphis at Mississippi, noon
Florida College at Stetson, noon
Pfeiffer at UNC-Wilmington, noon
Louisiana-Monroe at Chattanooga, 1 p.m.
West Virginia at Virginia, 1 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at McNeese St., 1 p.m.
UNC-Asheville at Coastal Carolina, 1 p.m.
SC-Upstate at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
Illinois vs. VCU at Miami, FL, 2 p.m.
W. Carolina at Appalachian St., 2:30 p.m.
Navy at Furman, 3 p.m.
Southern U. at Florida A&M, 3 p.m.
William & Mary at Hampton, 3 p.m.
Mercer at George Mason, 3 p.m.
American U. at Howard, 3 p.m.
Boston U. at NC State, 3:30 p.m.
NC Central at East Carolina, 4 p.m.
Tennessee St. at Lipscomb, 4 p.m.
Colgate vs. Campbell at Charleston, SC, 4 p.m.
James Madison at Longwood, 4 p.m.
Wofford vs. Miami at Miami, FL, 4:30 p.m.
Maine at Duke, 4:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Charleston Southern, 4:30 p.m.
N. Kentucky at Norfolk St., 5 p.m.
Oregon St. at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Marshall at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Drexel at High Point, 6 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at FIU, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at VMI, 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Alabama A&M, 6 p.m.
Liberty vs. UNC-Greensboro at Greensboro, NC, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Murray St., 7 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.
Auburn at UAB, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Maryland, 8 p.m.

WOMEN
TODAY
SOUTHWEST
Rice at Incarnate Word, 1 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Texas-Arlington, 2 p.m.
North Texas at Tulsa, 2 p.m.
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Georgia at Oklahoma St., 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Lipscomb at Morehead St., noon
W. Kentucky at Austin Peay, noon
Alabama A&M at Samford, noon
Akron at Winthrop, noon
Bob Jones at SC-Upstate, noon
Georgia St. at Georgia Tech, 1 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Mercer, 1 p.m.
Wofford at NC Central, 1 p.m.
UNC-Asheville at Furman, 1 p.m.
Davidson at ETSU, 1 p.m.
Stetson at High Point, 1 p.m.
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Jacksonville St. at Savannah St., 3 p.m.
Long Beach St. vs. Florida at Tempe, AZ, 3:30 p.m.
Chattanooga at UT Martin, 6 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	6	.684	—
Boston	11	8	.579	2
New York	10	9	.526	3
Brooklyn	5	13	.278	7½
Philadelphia	4	15	.211	9

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	7	.579	—
Atlanta	10	10	.500	1½
Orlando	8	12	.400	3½
Miami	7	12	.368	4
Washington	6	12	.333	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	5	.722	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	2
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	3½
Detroit	11	10	.524	3½
Indiana	9	10	.474	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.800	—
Houston	12	7	.632	3½
Memphis	12	8	.600	4
New Orleans	7	13	.350	9
Dallas	9	15	.167	12

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	12	8	.600	—
Utah	11	9	.550	1
Portland	10	10	.500	2
Denver	7	11	.389	4
Minnesota	5	14	.263	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	16	3	.842	—
L.A. Clippers	16	5	.762	1
L.A. Lakers	11	11	.476	7
Sacramento	7	12	.368	9
Phoenix	6	13	.316	10

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Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30

Cowboys' Rolando McClain suspended indefinitely by NFL

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dallas Cowboys linebacker Rolando McClain's on-again, off-again career could be over this time.

McClain was suspended indefinitely Friday for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy, his third suspension since the end of the 2014 season. That was his only full year with the Cowboys, although he missed three games with injuries, after reviving his career following a year away from the game.


McClain

The suspension likely means the end of McClain's Dallas career. The 27-year-old McClain was on his third straight one-year contract but never saw the field for the Cowboys. McClain was suspended the first 10 games this year after a four-game ban to start 2015.

McClain was eligible to return for the Thanksgiving game this season, but owner and general manager Jerry Jones said he wouldn't report to the team. Jones declined to be more specific.

"Rolando has got to work on his off-the-field situations before he can even begin to think about being a productive player on the field," executive vice president Stephen Jones said on his radio show Friday. "We certainly wish him the best."

The eighth overall draft pick by Oakland in 2010 out of Alabama, McClain had three disappointing seasons before the Raiders dumped him. McClain signed with Baltimore shortly after his release but retired twice while with the Ravens.

The Cowboys were looking for help at linebacker in 2014 after leading tackler Sean Lee sustained a season-ending knee injury in offseason workouts. McClain decided he wanted to play and came to Dallas in a trade just before training camp.

McClain had a career-high 108 tackles that first year with Dallas, second to safety Barry Church and good enough to get him another one-year contract. But the four-game suspension shortened his second season before the announcement in June that he was banned 10 games for another substance-abuse violation.

McClain has 479 tackles and 9 1/2 sacks in 345 games with 134 starts over five seasons


Associated Press

Alabama head coach Nick Saban and Florida head coach Jim McElwain pose for a photo with the trophy at the press conference for the Southeastern Conference Championship game, Friday in Atlanta.

Sheriff: McKnight shooting was 'road rage'; defends case

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

HARVEY, La. — The shooting death of an ex-NFL player in a New Orleans suburb was a "road rage" incident that began on a nearby bridge, a sheriff said Friday, as he urged against a rush to judgment and defended his handling of the case.

Joe McKnight was shot Thursday afternoon in Terrytown, across the Mississippi River from New Orleans. Authorities identified 54-year-old Ronald Gasser, who stayed at the scene, as the shooter and released him overnight, sparking criticism.

At a news conference Friday, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand said the altercation that ended with McKnight's death started on a nearby bridge — possibly when one of the two men cut the other off — and then proceeded into streets of the New Orleans suburb. He didn't say which driver cut off the other.

Authorities said Gasser shot McKnight three times from inside his car with a semi-automatic handgun while McKnight was standing outside. Witnesses reported the two had been in a heated argument, the sheriff said.

Normand defended his handling of the case, saying the investigation was ongoing. No charges have been filed. Some protesters upset at Gasser's release gathered outside the sheriff's office earlier Friday.

Speaking of Gasser's release, the sheriff said the state has certain "statutes" that provide a defense to certain crimes but did not go into further detail.

"The easiest thing for me would have been 'Book him Danno.' Right?" Normand said, referring to the police saying made popular on Hawaii Five-0. But Normand urged caution.

"Mr. Gasser is not going anywhere. He has been completely cooperative with us in every request we have made," he said. "We will do a very through and deliberate investigation."

Normand didn't go into details from the investigation, saying he didn't want to taint any prospective witnesses that might still come forward.

Brady on Gronk: 'We've still got a lot of good players'

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots went back to practice without Rob Gronkowski on Friday as the 2015 All-Pro tight end prepared for season-ending back surgery.

It didn't look much different than a lot of their workouts this season.

"We've had some experience I think this year being without him," quarterback Tom Brady said a day after the team announced that Gronkowski is expected to miss the rest of the season recovering from a herniated disk in his back. "It's not something that you want to deal with. But at some point in the year, based on how long the season is, you're always going to deal with something."

One of the dominant tight ends in NFL history, Gronkowski's biggest struggle is often to stay on the field. He has had ankle and knee surgery once, three operations on his forearm, and two previous back operations. He was the 2014 Comeback Player of the Year, a year after he played in just seven games because of injuries to his back, forearm and knee.

The 2010 second-round draft pick has already missed three weeks this season and had a limited role in three others — the fifth year in a row that he hasn't been able to play in every game.

NEWBERRY

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"I haven't thought about it. I'm not thinking about it," Saban insisted. "I'm focusing on what can I do for our players so we have a chance to win the SEC championship."

Top-ranked Alabama (12-0) shouldn't have any trouble with this game, going in as a whopping 24-point favorite over No. 15 Florida (8-3). The Gators are a team with all sorts of offensive limitations, which doesn't bode well against Saban's latest stellar defense, a group that hasn't given up a touchdown since October. After this little formality in Atlanta, it's on to the College Football Playoff for a shot at a second straight national title and fifth in the last nine seasons.

By any objective standard, Saban's tenure at Alabama makes him the greatest coach in college football history. This nearly decade-long run is almost beyond belief in what should be an era of enhanced parity, when there are plenty of schools that can match Alabama's resources but don't have the right guy at the top.

Florida coach Jim McElwain got a firsthand look at Saban's genius while serving as his offensive coordinator.

Alabama's success goes far beyond the Xs and Os.

"I was able to see a commitment and understanding of the organization and what it takes on a daily basis to help yourself have the opportunity to be successful," McElwain said. "It's about being in the line. Everything's got to be in alignment. Everything's got to be aligned. That's one thing he was ahead of his time as far as making sure everybody was aligned. It was a fascinating working experience."

In some ways, Saban's dominance may be hurting the reputation of the SEC, long regarded as the nation's best football conference. Everyone is playing catch-up, which has led to some hasty coaching changes and an air of desperation among the other 13 schools.

In the long run, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey believes it will have a positive impact.

"Around this league, there are coaches trying to figure out how to beat Alabama," he said. "When a team is ranked first and has had the sustained success, I think that effort makes everyone better. I would use the phrase you often hear, 'a rising tide lifts all boats.'"

Sankey quickly caught himself.

"I want to be careful about using the word 'tide,'" he said with a smile, "but I think you understand."

Actually, the only thing we can see is Alabama ruling the SEC as long as Saban is around. At 65, he's certainly got more seasons behind him than in front of him, which provides a glimmer of hope to the rest of the league.

"We all have fears sometimes," he said, revealing a bit of vulnerability. "When you start getting up there, you say, 'I wonder how long I'm going to be able to do this?'"

Then, just like that, he got back on point.

There are no plans to ease into retirement.

Not anytime soon.

"I love coaching," Saban said. "I'm going to do it as long as I feel like I can do a good job of it, and I'm healthy enough to do it. That's always been what I've wanted to do, and as long as I can keep doing it, I'll be happy doing it."

Sorry, everybody else.

COWBOYS

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to beat."

While Prescott was limited to 139 yards passing on just 18 attempts, fellow rookie Ezekiel Elliott was slowed before a 30-yard run in the fourth quarter helped push him to 86 yards and set up Dallas' final points on a field goal.

The pattern for Elliott has been consistent in recent weeks.

And now he gets ready for a rematch with the only team that contained him the entire game. Elliott had season lows of 51 yards and a 2.6-yard-per-carry average in a 20-19 loss to the Giants in his regular-season debut.

"We've certainly changed as a team, they've changed as a team, different guys have played, there's a lot of different factors that go into it," Garrett said. "But there's no question we'll use that game extensively to prepare for this one. We're just starting that process right now."

The Cowboys won 11 straight over two regular seasons in 1968-69 and two years later won the last 10 games, including the playoffs, for the Super Bowl title.

The last time Dallas was 12-1 was 2007 with Tony Romo at quarterback, when the Cowboys rested regulars late in the regular season, finished 13-3 and lost to the Giants in their first playoff game.

Dallas could be looking at a similar scenario this season, with Romo as the backup to Prescott after the rookie took the job and kept it following Romo's preseason back injury.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones isn't interested in top seed talk.

"Let's don't go there," Jones said on his radio show Friday. "We've got some teams that are looking better. And then of course we know playing Philadelphia played us to the wire. And this Giant game has the makings of a playoff game itself. So, let's don't count it."

MANZIEL

From 1B

of the situation behind him and is eager to satisfy the terms of the agreement."

Manziel, a free agent who hasn't signed with a team since the Browns released him in March, served a four-game suspension this season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. He remains under review of the league's domestic policy, which could include a six-game suspension under guidelines that were toughened after the NFL was criticized for its handling of Ray Rice's domestic case.

Manziel's agreement is similar to one that star Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant successfully completed following a domestic incident involving his mother in 2012.

Cleveland took the dazzling dual-threat quarterback 22nd overall in the 2014 draft, and the Browns cut him after two tumultuous seasons marked by inconsistent play and off-the-field headlines about his partying and drinking, including one stint in rehab. Since the 2015 season ended, Manziel has been dumped by two agents after both demanded a second trip to rehab.

The allegations stem from a night out on Jan. 30. Crowley said Manziel accosted her at a Dallas hotel, a confrontation that continued downstairs to the valet station.

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Tiger avoids mistakes and posts 65 in 2nd round back

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods saved par from the dunes with a shot so good that two spectators ran over and scooped up sand for a souvenir.

It also served as motivation Friday at the Hero World Challenge. The tee shot on the par-3 eighth that landed next to a bush was so bad that Woods said he told caddie Joe LaCava after his par putt, "I'm not dropping a shot."

And he didn't.

Woods capped a bogey-free round with an even more unlikely par save on the 16th hole. What stood out on a balmy day at Albany was a seven-hole stretch in the middle of the round in which he never really missed a shot. It led to enough birdies for a 7-under 65, leaving him six shots behind and in a tie for ninth in the 17-man field.

His golf was as good as it was Thursday, his first competition in 15 months, only this time he eliminated the mistakes.

"I wanted to keep that card clean," Woods said. "I don't know what it is about playing and competing, but keeping cards clean, there's something really special. And it feels pretty good about doing that."

And he did it quickly, in just under three hours.

Justin Rose, who opened with a 74, withdrew with back problems. That left Woods as a single, and when he realized there would not be much wind, he felt he could play just as well without a marker (typically the club pro) to get a feel for how various shots might be affected.



Associated Press

Tiger Woods reacts after saving par on the 16th hole during the second round at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament, Friday in Nassau, Bahamas.

He was on his own and moving in the right direction.

The par save on No. 8 and a wedge to tap-in range on the No. 9 allowed him to make the turn in 33, just like Thursday. The difference was how he finished.

After pounding a drive down with the wind at his back on the par-5 11th — he had to carry a bunker 290 yards away — he switch to a 5-iron to play away from a bunker to the right of the green, making sure he would have the right angle to the pin. It was right where he was aiming, a yard off the green, setting up an easy two-putt birdie. He followed that with a 6-iron to a foot for birdie on the 12th, a 10-foot birdie putt on the 14th and a two-putt birdie on the par-5 15th.

He made seven birdies, but nothing brought out the emotion like a par.

His tee shot on the 16th, where he made double bogey Thursday, took a wild hop into a bush in the sandy area. Enough of the ball was showing that Woods tried to hit 6-iron to the front bunker, but it came out heavy into more of the waste area. The next shot was well beyond the hole.

The par putt dropped on its final turn, and Woods thrust his fist toward the cup and slapped the face of his putter.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Hero World Challenge

Friday
At Albany Golf Club
Nassau, Bahamas
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,287; Par: 72
Second Round

Dustin Johnson	66-66—132
Hideki Matsuyama	65-67—132
Matt Kuchar	67-67—154
Louis Oosthuizen	67-67—134
Bubba Watson	72-63—135
Brandt Snedeker	72-64—136
Jordan Spieth	68-69—137
J.B. Holmes	64-73—137
Tiger Woods	73-65—138
Rickie Fowler	68-70—138
Henrik Stenson	67-71—138
Brooks Koepka	72-68—140
Zach Johnson	72-69—141
Patrick Reed	72-69—141
Russell Knox	69-72—141
Emiliano Grillo	70-72—142
Jimmy Walker	70-74—144
Justin Rose	74-WD

Alfred Dunhill

Friday
At Leopard Creek Country Club
Malelane, South Africa
Purse: $1.275 million
Yardage: 6,951; Par: 72
Second Round

Brandon Stone, South Africa	67-66—133
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	66-68—134
Chris Hanson, England	69-65—134
George Coetzee, South Africa	70-65—135
Keith Horne, South Africa	69-66—135
Jean Hugo, South Africa	67-69—136
Branden Grace, South Africa	69-67—136
Benjamin Hebert, France	70-66—136
Alexander Bjork, Sweden	67-69—136
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	69-67—136
Christian Bezuidenhout, South Africa	70-67—137
Carlos Pigem, Spain	68-69—137
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	67-70—137
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	67-71—138
Richard McEvoy, England	72-66—138
Jaco Ahlers, South Africa	68-70—138
Nathan Kimsey, England	69-69—138
Richard Sterne, South Africa	68-70—138
Also	
Daniel Im, United States	73-74—147
Heath Slocum, United States	75-74—149
Ryan Carter, United States	77-77—154

Australian PGA

Friday
At RACV Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast, Australia
Purse: $1.12 million
Yardage: 7,364; Par: 72
Second Round

Andrew Dodt, Australia	65-67—132
Ashley Hall, Australia	65-69—134
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	67-69—136
Adam Scott, Australia	68-68—136
Harold Varner III, United States	65-72—137
John Senden, Australia	70-68—138
Julian Suri, United States	67-71—138
Brad Kennedy, Australia	71-68—139
Greg Chalmers, Australia	70-69—139
Natipong Srithong, Thailand	68-71—139
Ian Poulter, England	72-68—140
Brett Rumford, Australia	69-71—140
Matthew Griffin, Australia	66-74—140
Daniel Popovic, Australia	70-70—140
Paul Waring, England	68-72—140
Geoff Drakeford, Australia	68-72—140
a-Brett Coletta, Australia	72-69—141
Stephen Leaney, Australia	71-70—141
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	72-69—141
Daniel Nisbet, Australia	69-72—141
Missed Cut	
Peter Uihlein, United States	76-73—149

Bolt says 200-meter world record now likely beyond him

By John Leicester
Associated Press

MONACO — The world's fastest man is slowing down.

Usain Bolt again said he doesn't plan to run the 200 meters in his final season, realizing that his world record of 19.19 seconds is now likely beyond him.

Speaking Friday in Monaco before picking up the IAAF's male athlete of the year award for a sixth time, the 30-year-old Bolt said he thought he could dip under the 19-second barrier at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. But coming off the bend in the final, he felt his legs didn't have a record-beating performance in them.



Bolt

"After last season, I kind of figured out that no matter how hard I work at this point, it probably is going to be hard to get the 200-meter world record," Bolt said. "And it's a lot more work and for me, coming to the end of my career, I'm not trying to do too much work."

He also didn't sound optimistic about breaking his 100-meter record of 9.58, either.

"If I can go through my season — which I doubt — without any injuries, then anything is possible," he said.

Bolt ruled out a return for the 2020 Tokyo Games. The nine-time Olympic champion said his coach has told him, "'Do not retire and come back to the sport, don't ever do that.' ... So you have got to make sure you are sure."

"Not to brag or anything, but a lot of people at 30 haven't accomplished what I've accomplished, so, for me, I think I've done all I wanted to," Bolt said.

He made it clear that his last season would be more of a farewell tour than a final drive for more records. He's targeting a few races in his favorite places: he mentioned Ostrava, Lausanne and Paris.

There are some things he is certain he won't be doing:

- He ruled out playing American football, saying he doesn't want to get hit.
- He also ruled out switching to bobsled, like American hurdler Lolo Jones, saying "anybody who knows me knows I don't do well with cold."
- And there is zero chance that he will challenge 800-meter Olympic champion David Rudisha to a race over 400 meters.

"That won't happen," Bolt said. "Not even for charity."

Bolt said his immediate plans in retirement are "pretty much to do nothing."

"No more training. I don't have to go to the track unless I want to," he said.

Bolt pinpointed the world championships in 2007 as a turning point in his career. After placing second behind Tyson Gay in the 200, Bolt's coach told him to get serious.

"'You're slacking off in the gym. If you want to win you have to get stronger.'" Bolt said he was told. "From then on, I just took the step and worked."



Formula One champion Rosberg announces retirement

By Ciaran Fahey
Associated Press

Quitting at the top, Formula One champion Nico Rosberg shocked the world of motor racing Friday by announcing he was retiring at the age of 31, five days after earning his first world championship.

"I have decided to end my Formula One career. I had a very, very clear dream, that was to become Formula One world champion. I have achieved this childhood dream now and I am not willing to do that sort of commitment again," Rosberg said in Vienna.


Rosberg

"So I have decided to follow my heart, and my heart has told me just to stop there, to call it a day."

Rosberg said he made the decision on Monday, a day after finishing second at the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix to clinch the F1 title.

"I am on the peak, so this feels right," he said.

He wrote on Facebook of the difficulties he faced over a season that took a toll on people close to him: "It was a whole family effort of sacrifice, putting everything behind our target."

Rosberg had a strained relationship with Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton. They came up through the karting circuits to became fierce rivals in F1, constantly needling each other in the media. They dueled for the F1 championship for the last three years. Rosberg was runner-up to Hamilton in 2014 and 2015, but hung on this year to relieve Hamilton of the title in the final race.

Rosberg's father, Keke, the 1982 F1 champion, said after watching his son in Abu Dhabi that the strain of fighting Hamilton was sapping him.

"I don't know how much it's taken out of him," Keke Rosberg said on Sunday. "Maybe he retires tomorrow."

All observers thought that was a quip. Mercedes said on its website that Rosberg "will stop racing in Formula One with immediate effect."

Hamilton said he was not surprised by his teammate's decision.

"I'm probably one of the only people that it was not a surprise to," Hamilton said. He later added: "Will I miss the rivalry? Of course."

The three-time champion said he would help Mercedes look for a replacement.

"I'm interested to see who would want to be my teammate, and respect anyone that would want to," Hamilton said.

Rosberg said it had been his dream, "my 'one thing' to become Formula One world champion. Through the hard work, the pain, the sacrifices, this has been my target. And now I've made it. I have climbed my mountain."

In an online video, the German said: "I'm not willing to do it again next year."

Rosberg won 23 races (tied for 12th all-time) and 30 pole positions (8th) from 206 races since his debut in 2006.

He began thinking of retirement after winning in Suzuka in early October, "when the destiny of the title was in my own hands."

Mercedes chief Toto Wolff paid tribute to Rosberg for making a "brave decision."

"He has chosen to leave at the pinnacle of his career, as world champion, having achieved his childhood dream," Wolff said. "The clarity of his judgment meant I accepted his decision straight away when he told me."

Rosberg is the first reigning champion to retire since Alain Prost in 1993.


Associated Press

Tony Stewart stands on stage during the NASCAR NMPA Myers Brothers Awards Luncheon on Thursday in Las Vegas.

Stewart leaving NASCAR so he can race more

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tony Stewart sat in a casino ballroom wearing a coat and tie he no doubt wanted to rip off and brushed off a question about whether he was happy his NASCAR career was over.

"It's not over yet," Stewart said. "Still got a banquet."

And Stewart wanted no part of being called a retiree, either.

"That's the funniest part about everybody saying we're retiring because my schedule is probably going to be twice as hectic as it was this year," he said. "But it's stuff that I'm looking forward to, so I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Stewart's signature biting and cutting remarks arrived on cue this week at NASCAR's awards event that culminated with Friday night's season-ending banquet. But Stewart was constantly smiling, too, as he goes through the final paces and duties before ending his 18-year career as a driver on NASCAR's top circuit.

"This was not the way we would have scripted our last season in the sport by any means, but it's still been a lot of fun," Stewart said, referring to the offseason broken back that kept him out of the Daytona 500.

The three-time series champion overcame his ATV accident to win at Sonoma — his first victory since 2013 — and qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup playoffs before being eliminated in the first round.

"It wasn't the way we wanted to finish the year, but we were glad we were one of 16 teams that had the opportunity," Stewart said.

The driver nicknamed Smoke finished with 49 wins in 618 races and didn't hesitate when asked about his favorite memories of his final season.

"I think it's two things," he said. "Obviously, the win at Sonoma was big. That was a place I really enjoy and to race somebody I really respect in Denny (Hamlin) like that. We both leaned on each other and knew at the end of the day there was nothing personal with it. That's what made it fun.

Stewart was honored at the season-ending race that saw Jimmie Johnson win his seventh series title. And while Johnson was the headline for Friday's awards show, Stewart has been the center of attention this week on the Las Vegas Strip.

Thursday night's fan event turned into an impromptu Stewart roast that included a surprise appearance by his boyhood hero, four-time Indianapolis 500 champion A.J. Foyt.

"The only thing I told Tony when he started was, 'Don't act like I do because I acted like a fool many times,'" Foyt said. "How do you think that worked out?"

Stewart will be long remembered for his fiery temper, but also his pure driving skills and love of the sport at the grassroots level.

One of the reasons he stepped away from NASCAR was so he could schedule 50-60 races on dirt tracks next season.

So you'll still see Stewart behind the wheel. And he'll continue his NASCAR presence as a team owner.

Stewart has no regrets with stepping away as a NASCAR driver at age 45. And he joked he's really leaving, taking a shot at Jeff Gordon, who retired then came back to fill in for the injured Dale Earnhardt.

Stewart leaves feeling healthy and, of course, feisty.

"If I had known I was going to feel this good after breaking my back I would have broke my back 15 years ago," Stewart said. "We thought at the end of this year that we were going to have two surgeries to take rods and screws out of my leg and my back. But meeting with the surgeons they said everything is looking so good that we don't really want to aggravate anything."

NASCAR hopes sponsor Monster attracts needed younger fans

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — NASCAR's top circuit has been called the Winston Cup, Nextel Cup and Sprint Cup.

Starting in 2017, the sport could have a Cup-less name, one of many changes expected as Monster Energy takes over as title sponsor with a desire to attract younger fans to a sagging sport.

"Young people set trends in fashion and then older people adapt," said Mark Hall, Monster's chief marketing officer. "Fashion is set by a small group of influencers. The challenge is to make your product relevant to that group and then have them influence the others. If we've been successful in the past, we've followed that model."

A decade ago, NASCAR was the cool sport, drawing record television ratings and numerous sponsors as it branched out from its Southeastern roots. The recession hit the sport hard, then the fans started to scatter and TV ratings dwindled. Sprint, which inherited the sponsorship of the sport's top series when it merged with Nextel, announced in December 2014 it wouldn't renew.

It took nearly two years to find a replacement, and it's believed Monster is paying much less. But NASCAR hopes the relationship with the California-based maker of caffeine-filled energy drinks will reinvigorate an aging fan base.

NASCAR Chairman Brian France kept saying "fun" and "edgy" in describing Monster at Thursday's news conference announcing the agreement.

"They get at a millennial audience in a different way than we've ever been associated with," France said. "They know what they're doing."

France declined to say what the name of the circuit will be in 2017. NASCAR's press release of the multiyear agreement referred to NASCAR's "premier series," hinting the Cup name will go away. An official announcement of the name and logo is expected within a couple weeks.

"We've got some real good options on that," France said.

NASCAR and Monster will have to move quickly. A marketing plan, signage and other sponsorship issues are pressing ahead of the Feb. 26 season-opening Daytona 500.

"It's a brand that can translate to the youth," said driver Kurt Busch, whose car has been sponsored by Monster since 2012. "Yet it's a brand that's respected in all of motorsports."

The culture change from a cellular company as face of the sport to an energy drink targeted to millennials was apparent as models in form-fitting outfits flanked both ends of the stage at Thursday's announcement.

"We want to bring some good shows and entertainment for NASCAR fans so they can interact with our brand and understand what our culture is all about," said Mitch Covington, Monster's vice president of sports marketing. "Of course, they will have met the fabulous Monster Energy girls. We're going to have a lot of fun at NASCAR, both in the parking lot and inside the oval."

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John 10:9
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For each of the three words below, change one letter to a C, and then rearrange the letters to spell something orange.

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DEFLATE, INFLAME, CONFESS, FORCEPS

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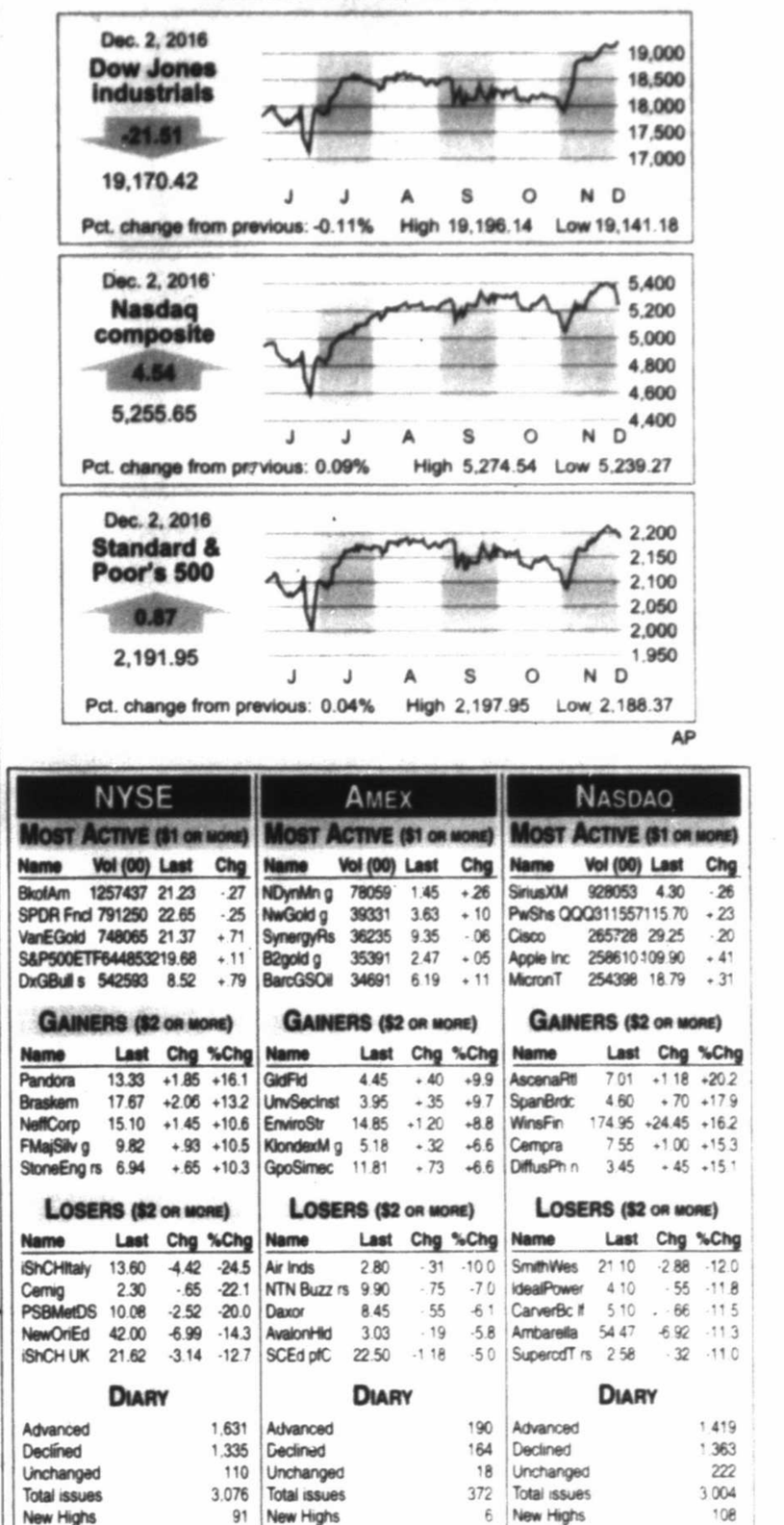
THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



A DAY ON WALL STREET



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NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1257437	21.23	-.27
SPDR Fncl	791250	22.85	-.25
VanEGold	748065	21.27	-.31
S&P500ETF	446853219	68	+.11
DxGBull s	542593	8.52	+.79

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pandora	13.33	+1.85	+16.1
Braskem	17.67	+2.06	+13.2
NetfCorp	15.10	+1.45	+10.6
FMajSilv g	9.82	+.93	+10.5
StoneEng rs	6.94	+.65	+10.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iShCHHaly	13.60	-4.42	-24.5
Cenlgn	2.30	-.65	-22.1
PSBMetDS	10.08	-2.52	-20.0
NewOrlEd	42.00	-6.99	-14.3
iShCH UK	21.62	-3.14	-12.7

Diary

Advanced	1,631
Declined	1,335
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,076
New Highs	91
New Lows	70
Volume	3,691,092,593

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	78059	1.45	+.26
NwGold g	39331	3.63	+.10
SynergyRs	36235	9.35	-.06
B2gold g	35391	2.47	+.05
BarcGSOil	34691	6.19	+.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	4.45	+.40	+9.9
UnvSecInst	3.95	+.35	+9.7
EnviroStr	14.85	+1.20	+8.8
KlondexMn g	5.18	+.32	+6.6
GpoSimec	11.81	+.73	+6.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Air Inds	2.80	-.31	-10.0
MTN Buzz rs	9.90	-.75	-7.0
Daxor	8.45	-.55	-6.1
AvalonHld	3.03	-.19	-5.8
SCEd pfC	22.50	-1.18	-5.0

Diary

Advanced	190
Declined	164
Unchanged	18
Total issues	372
New Highs	6
New Lows	23
Volume	119,946,412

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	928053	4.30	-.26
PwShs QQQ	3111557	115.70	+.23
Cisco	265728	29.25	-.20
Apple Inc	258610	109.90	+.41
MicronT	254398	18.79	+.31

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AscenaRtl	7.01	+1.18	+20.2
SpanBrdc	4.60	+.70	+17.9
WinsFin	174.95	+24.45	+16.2
Cempra	7.55	+1.00	+15.3
DiffusPh n	3.45	+.45	+15.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SmithWes	21.10	-2.88	-12.0
IdealPower	4.10	-.55	-11.8
CarverBc ff	5.10	-.66	-11.5
Ambarella	54.47	-6.92	-11.3
SupercdT rs	2.58	-.32	-11.0

Diary

Advanced	1,419
Declined	1,363
Unchanged	222
Total issues	3,004
New Highs	108
New Lows	56
Volume	1,789,737,561

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
19,225.29	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	19,170.42	-21.51	-.11	+10.02	+7.41
9,074.63	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	9,048.96	+11.76	+.13	+20.51	+13.75
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	632.22	+5.56	+.89	+9.41	+12.66
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,838.58	+5.59	+.05	+6.85	+4.13
5,403.86	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,255.65	+4.54	+.09	+4.96	+2.20
2,214.10	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,191.95	+.87	+.04	+7.24	+4.79
1,640.82	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,624.79	+1.51	+.09	+16.17	+12.13
23,168.24	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,928.72	+14.17	+.06	+8.32	+5.77
1,347.20	943.09	Russell 2000	1,314.25	+.45	+.03	+15.70	+11.96

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		29	9.80	+.47	+337.5
AT&T Inc		19	38.61	+.27	+12.2
Abraxas			**2.14**	**-.02**	**+101.9**
AdaDvsEqu			**12.37**	**-.03**	**-3.6**
AMD			8.53	+.14	+197.2
AlonUSA	.60		9.93	+.08	-33.1
Ambev	.19e		4.78	+.02	+7.2
Amgen	**4.00**	**13**	**144.01**	**+1.62**	**-11.3**
Anadarko	**.20**		**68.56**	**-.03**	**+41.1**
Apache	**1.00**		**65.11**	**-.03**	**+46.4**
Apple Inc	2.28	13	109.90	+.41	+4.4
Apldmatl	**.40**	**19**	**31.44**	**+1.34**	**+68.4**
ArcelorMit		28	7.82	+.15	+143.2
Archrock	.48f		13.40	+.40	+78.2
AscenaRtl		41	7.01	+1.18	-28.8
AtMOS	**1.68**	**21**	**71.47**	**+1.31**	**+13.4**
AutoData	2.28f	29	95.24	-.53	+12.4
BP PLC	**2.40e**		**35.48**	**+.09**	**+13.5**
BakrHu	.68		65.30	+1.30	+41.5
BkofAm	.30f	17	21.23	-.27	+26.1
B iPrvSrT rs			28.97	+.01	
BaringsCp s	1.20		16.16	+.08	-6.3
BarrickG	.08	36	15.66	+.64	+112.2
BasicEnSv			4.27	-.62	-82.1
Berkhtg A			**162390**	**70.00**	**-751.01**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**21**	**58.50**	**+.49**	**+26.0**
BrMySq	**1.52**	**39**	**55.96**	**+.16**	**-18.7**
BrownFA s		**30**	**47.25**	**+.52**	
BrownFB s			**47.25**	**+.43**	**-10.7**
CSX	1.72	20	36.48	+.14	+40.6
CVS Health	1.70f	14	77.62	+.86	-20.6
Caterpillar	3.08	26	95.14	-1.10	+40.0
Celestic g		10	11.89	+.08	+7.8
CntryLink	2.16	10	23.92	+.18	-4.9
ChesEng			**7.23**	**+.18**	**+60.7**
Chevron	**4.28**		**113.00**	**-.29**	**+25.6**
Chicos	.32	33	15.40	+.08	+44.3
Cimarex	.32		139.08	+1.57	+55.6
Cisco	1.04	14	29.25	-.20	+8.6
Citigroup	.64	15	56.02	-.25	+8.3
CmpEng			**105.23**	**-3.60**	**+255.9**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**24**	**40.36**	**+.19**	**-6.1**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**23**	**64.72**	**-.36**	**-2.9**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**36.89**	**+.42**	**+12.4**
ConchoRes			**142.80**	**+.81**	**+53.6**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**		**48.12**	**+.10**	**+3.1**
CrackerB	4.60	22	166.00	-1.41	+30.9
CSVInvNG			4.50	+.25	-64.1
CSVelIVST			41.85	-.05	+62.2
CSVLgCrd rs				25.72	+ .95
CrosTim	**1.09e**	**13**	**17.75**	**+.02**	**+36.4**
DCP Mid	3.12	16	34.45	+.51	+39.6
DTE	2.92	21	95.13	+1.52	+18.6
Dataram rs			1.18	+.01	-40.4
DevonE	**.24**		**47.86**		**+49.5**
DirGldBll s			7.31	+.71	
DxGBull s			8.52	+.79	
Disney	**1.56f**	**17**	**98.50**	**-.44**	**-6.3**
DowChm	**1.84**	**18**	**55.42**	**-.89**	**+7.7**
DryShip rs		1	4.80	-.45	-98.2
eBay s		**16**	**28.42**	**+1.03**	**+3.4**
EOG Resrcs	**.67**		**103.74**	**-1.01**	**+48.5**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.09**	**-.01**	**+21.4**
EnCana g	.06		12.89	-.06	+149.3
Energen	.08		60.19	-.82	+46.8
EngyTsfr	4.22		34.38	+1.16	+1.9
EnPro	**.84**	**40**	**61.89**	**-.71**	**+39.3**
EntProdPt	1.82f	20	25.38	-.08	-.8
Ericsson	.46e		5.16	+.04	-46.3
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**35**	**87.04**	**-.20**	**+11.7**
Facebook		41	115.40	+.30	+10.3
FairmSant			1.95	-.57	+280.9
FstChrys			7.63	-.11	-17.0
Fordtrl	.60a	6	12.24	-.19	-13.1
FrptMcM			15.42	+.39	+127.8
FrontierCm	.42		3.48	-.03	-25.5
GATX	**1.60**	**8**	**58.74**	**+.25**	**+33.3**
GathMatrT	**.04e**		**7.48**	**+.02**	**-.7**
GAInv	**1.10e**		**30.73**	**-.02**	**+7.1**
GenElec	**.92**	**28**	**31.34**	**-.05**	**+.6**
GenMotors	1.52	6	35.41	-1.02	+4.1
Gerdau	.02e		3.74	-.04	+211.7
GpPhanEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**20.31**	**+.11**	**-3.7**
Groupon			3.79	-.04	+23.5
Hallibrtn	**.72**		**54.17**	**+.93**	**+59.1**
HeatBiolog			1.24	+.21	-49.2
HeclaM	**.01e**	**35**	**5.36**	**+.33**	**+236.5**
HostHotls	.80a	17	17.74	+.40	+15.6
HuntBnsh	.32f	18	12.94	-.09	+17.0
iShBrazil	1.03e		31.68	+.20	+53.2
iShEMkts	.84e		35.12	+.04	+9.1

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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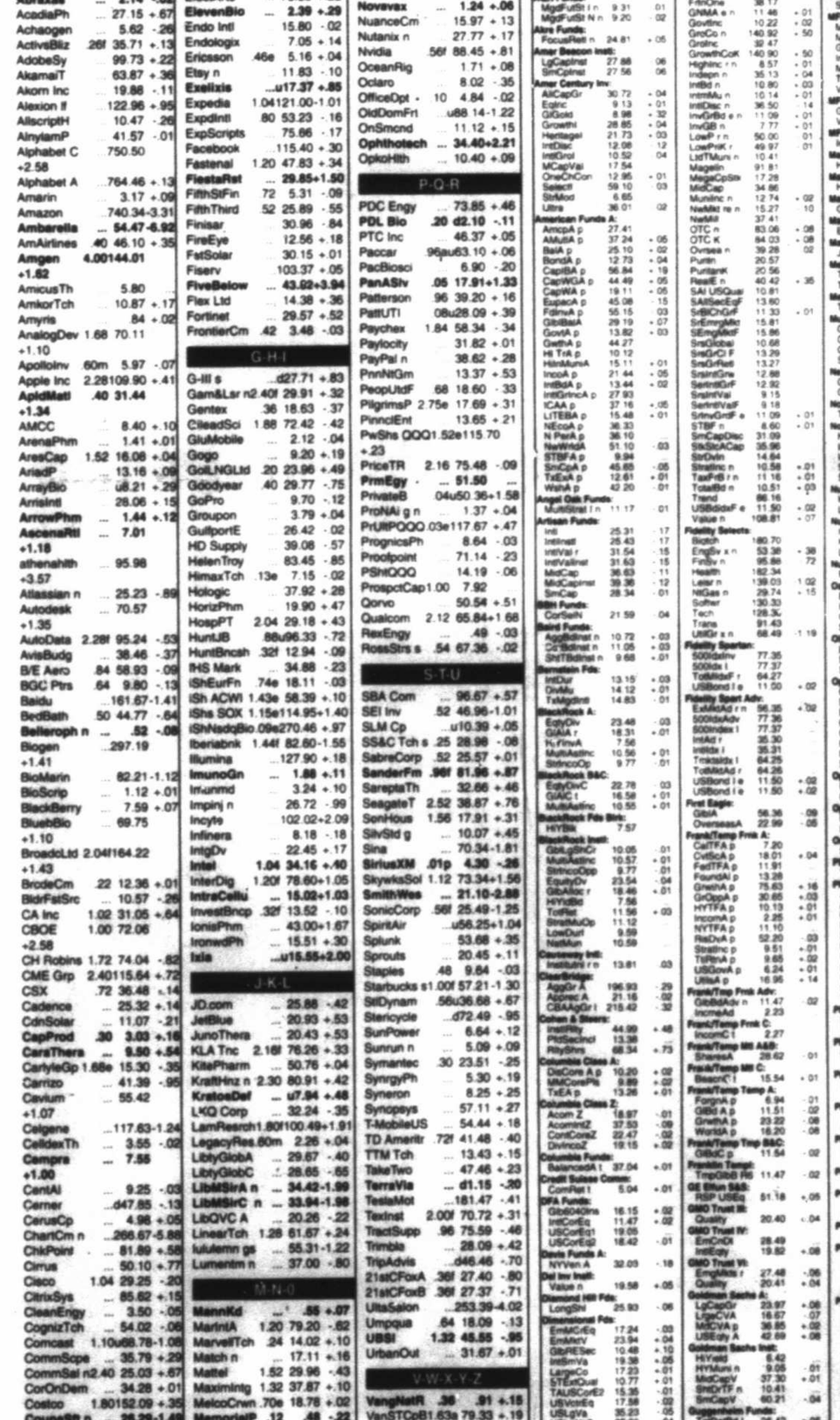

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy

What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction

For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction

For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons

For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons

For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed

For more info: Contact 889-8080

WTX Baseball

What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland. 413-0329

Private lessons

For more info: Call Mike Mungula 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Baskeball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials

For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees

For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training

Cost: $25 per session; one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midland-hoops32.com. venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League

When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League

When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl

What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl

When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling

When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp

For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps

What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons

Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings

When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbats.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks League

Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (6 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-8833

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed

What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials

Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido

When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons

For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez. 432-559-5009. ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts

When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Jydo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant

For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League

What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Hooters & Tweeters, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School

What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001 or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club

Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For moog info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gasstion Training Group

When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0986

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists

What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 6th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Julia's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association

What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association

What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park; located at corner of Dixit and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association

For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule

Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association

For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming

Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes

When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7756

COM Learn to Swim

Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming

What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction

Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive

What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team

Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team

What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team

Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7756

COM Adult Conditioning

What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class

What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7756

COM Senior Fitness Class

Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Who: All ages and ability
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West Texas Tennis Association

What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics

What: Balloon Tennis 36 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-12); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues

When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis

What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club

When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30; families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association

Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gamil.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

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Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club

What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

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For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
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When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
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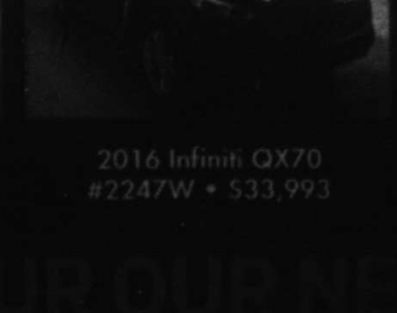
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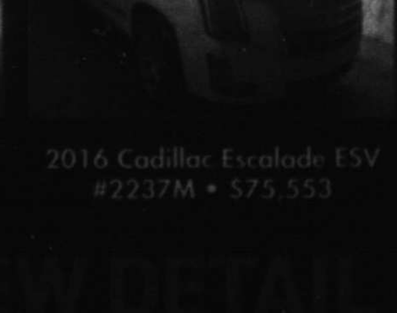
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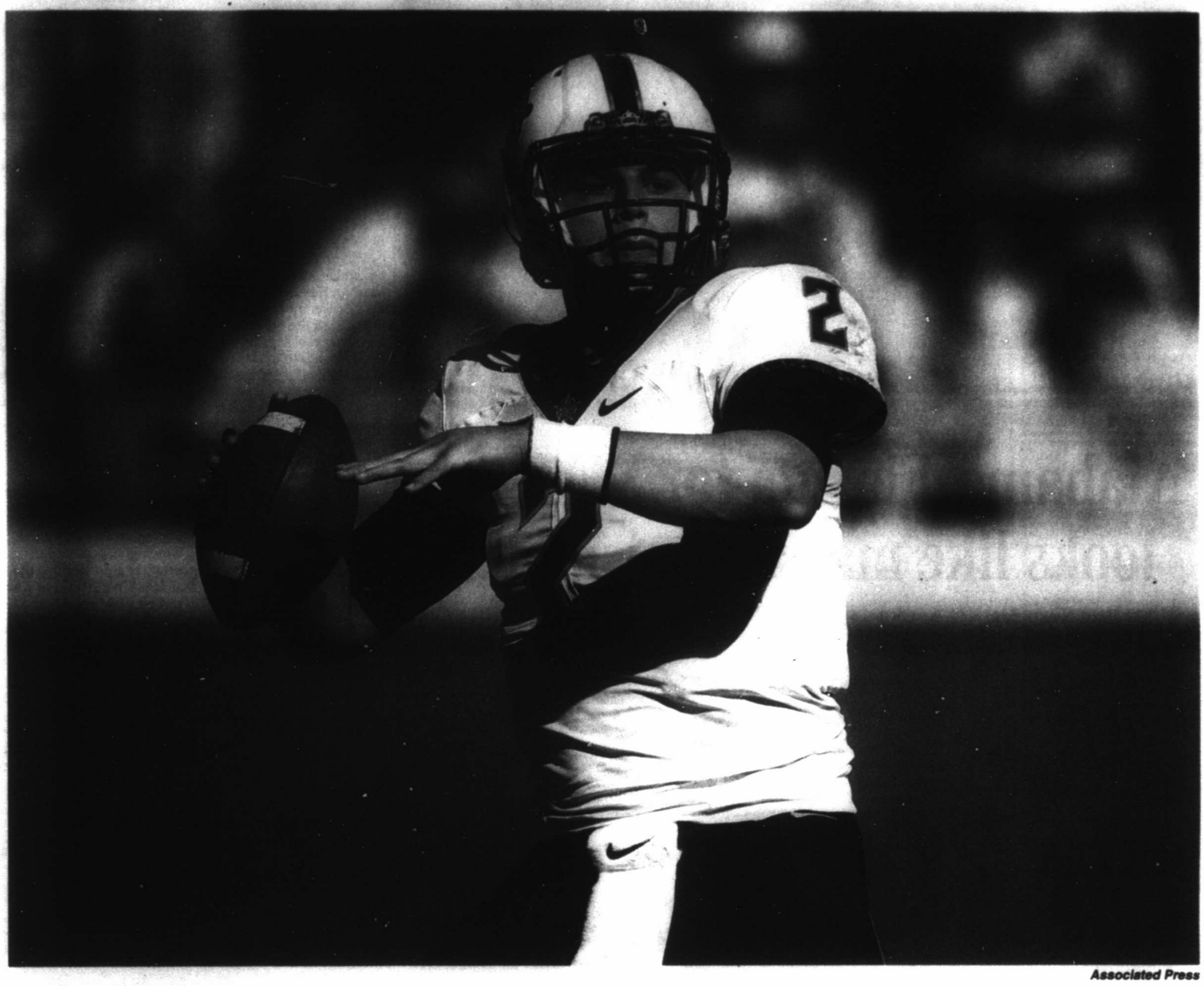

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Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph (2) passes the ball against TCU during the second half of a game, Nov. 19 in Fort Worth. Oklahoma State won 31-6.

Oklahoma-OSU rivalry reaches new level

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — It's another high-stakes Bedlam game for Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys have emerged in the past decade under coach Mike Gundy, turning the showdown into much more than just a yearly meeting between schools from the same state.

Oklahoma leads the series 85-18-7, but today's meeting will be the second straight that will decide the Big 12 title. A win for the Cowboys would be their second over the Sooners in three years and second straight in Norman, and it would give them their second conference title under Gundy. Matchups in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2013 also affected the conference title race.

"I think what's encouraging for the state of Oklahoma is that for a considerable number of times over the last six years, these two schools have gotten together to decide a conference championship, and I don't think we can ask for anything else," Gundy said.

Seventh-ranked Oklahoma (9-2, 8-0, No. 9 CFP) has won eight straight since a rough start, while No. 11 Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1, No. 10 CFP) has won seven in a row since losing to Baylor. Both teams still have an outside shot at reaching the College Football Playoff.

"The only thing that we can control is how we play Saturday," Gundy said. "What I told them is that I wanted them to play how they've played the last two months because as a coach it's enjoyable to watch them. They play for each other. There aren't any selfish players on the field, and I would fully expect them to play that way Saturday. Then, we can worry about the playoff system next Monday."

Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph has much to gain against the Sooners. While Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield has been mentioned in the Heisman Trophy race and is the defending Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year, Rudolph could shake things up by outplaying his more decorated counterpart and getting a win.

Rudolph barely played during Oklahoma's 58-23 win last season . But he is healthy this season.

"It's what you look forward to all season long, and last year, I kind of let it slip through my grip," he said. "Injuries happen, but I was kind of angry that I wasn't able to play and be at 100 percent. I've got a completely different mindset this year, and I'm ready to get out there and play in the game."

Here are some things to watch today:

Mayfield To Ny? Mayfield, who leads the nation in passing efficiency, could make a serious statement to Heisman voters with a strong performance. He wasn't invited to New York for last year's Heisman ceremony and finished fourth in the balloting. Mayfield wants the invite, but he knows he has to handle business first.

"The Heisman stuff is not going to matter if we don't win, so we want to put ourselves in a good position to see what happens with the rest of the country and see what we can do," Mayfield said.

Heisman Contender Ii: Oklahoma receiver Dede Westbrook is rising on Heisman lists, too. He has 11 touchdown receptions of at least 40 yards this season, the most of any FBS player since 1998. He is averaging 150 yards receiving during conference play.

Taylor Tough: Oklahoma State defensive tackle Vincent Taylor has been a force all season. He leads the team with 11.5 tackles for loss, and leads the nation with four blocked kicks.

James Washington: Amid the hype around Westbrook around the state of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State's James Washington has put together an impressive season, too. The junior has at least 100 yards receiving in four of his past six games and has 1,159 yards and nine touchdowns this season. His breakaway speed will cause problems, especially if the Cowboys can establish the run.

"He reminds of the big-play, strong guys they've had at Oklahoma State," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "Like Dez (Bryant) and those guys that not only had speed but the physical presence to shove you out of the way and get the football because of how physical their presence is."

In The Mix: Oklahoma's Joe Mixon is one of the nation's most dangerous players. The sophomore ranks second nationally behind Christian McCaffrey with 195 all-purpose yards per game. He's a force as a runner, receiver and return man. He's big — listed at 225 pounds, but likely much bigger — and he has breakaway speed.

This year's CFP has created controversy once again



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When this idea of a College Football Playoff was first brought up a couple of years ago, I knew that it was only asking for trouble.

I had predicted that very much like the NCAA basketball tournament, people were going to be upset and there were going to be disagreements with what the committee thought.

Yep, that's what we have.

Outside of Alabama and maybe Ohio State, an argument can be made as to why Clemson and Washington should be replaced in the top four. There are those who are even arguing that USC should be in the top four even though the Trojans got off to a horrible start, including a 52-6 loss to Alabama.

That brings us to the Big 12, which has no real shot to get in the College Football Playoff after this weekend's de facto conference championship game between Oklahoma (9-2, 8-0 in Big 12) and Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1).

These teams would need not only a blowout win but they need just about everybody who's playing this weekend ahead of them in the rankings to lose badly as well.

Even then, they shouldn't be in the playoffs.

While it was early in the year, Oklahoma suffered bad losses to Ohio State (45-24) and Houston (33-23). Oklahoma State, meanwhile, lost to Central Michigan (30-27) and Baylor (35-24).

Yes, I know the Cowboys got hosed by the officials in the loss to Central Michigan, but it's still counted as a loss and OSU should have never been in that position to begin with if they would have put away that game earlier. Sorry Mike Gundy. Unlike some others, I respect the mullet, but his argument that the loss shouldn't count and publicly questions CFP

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No. 14 WVU, Baylor meet in Big 12 regular-season finale

By John Raby
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Halfway through the season, it looked as if the Big 12 was set up nicely to have Baylor and West Virginia face off in the regular-season finale for the conference title.

That de facto championship game will be played today, all right. Only it's 1,100 miles away from Morgantown with No. 7 Oklahoma hosting No. 11 Oklahoma State.

No. 14 West Virginia (9-2, 6-2) and Baylor (6-5, 3-5) couldn't maintain their early success, and now their meeting has nowhere near the flair it appeared to have when each team was 6-0 and ranked in the top 10.

West Virginia was eliminated from title contention two weeks ago . The Mountaineers still will earn their highest finish since joining the league in 2012.

Baylor has a five-game losing streak , its longest since dropping the final eight games of the 2007 season and then the 2008 opener.

"We have an option. We can fold, or we can come out fighting," Baylor defensive back Patrick Levels said. "And right now I feel like we're still swinging. We're not done yet."

Acting Baylor coach Jim Grobe heads back to his home state for what should be his final regular-season game. The Huntington native took over this season for the fired Art Briles and said he's committed to the program through January but plans to head back into retirement.

"I just came to help. I didn't come to re-create my career," Grobe said. "It's been more challenging than I expected. We've had some rocky times, but I have no regrets. I came for the kids and I

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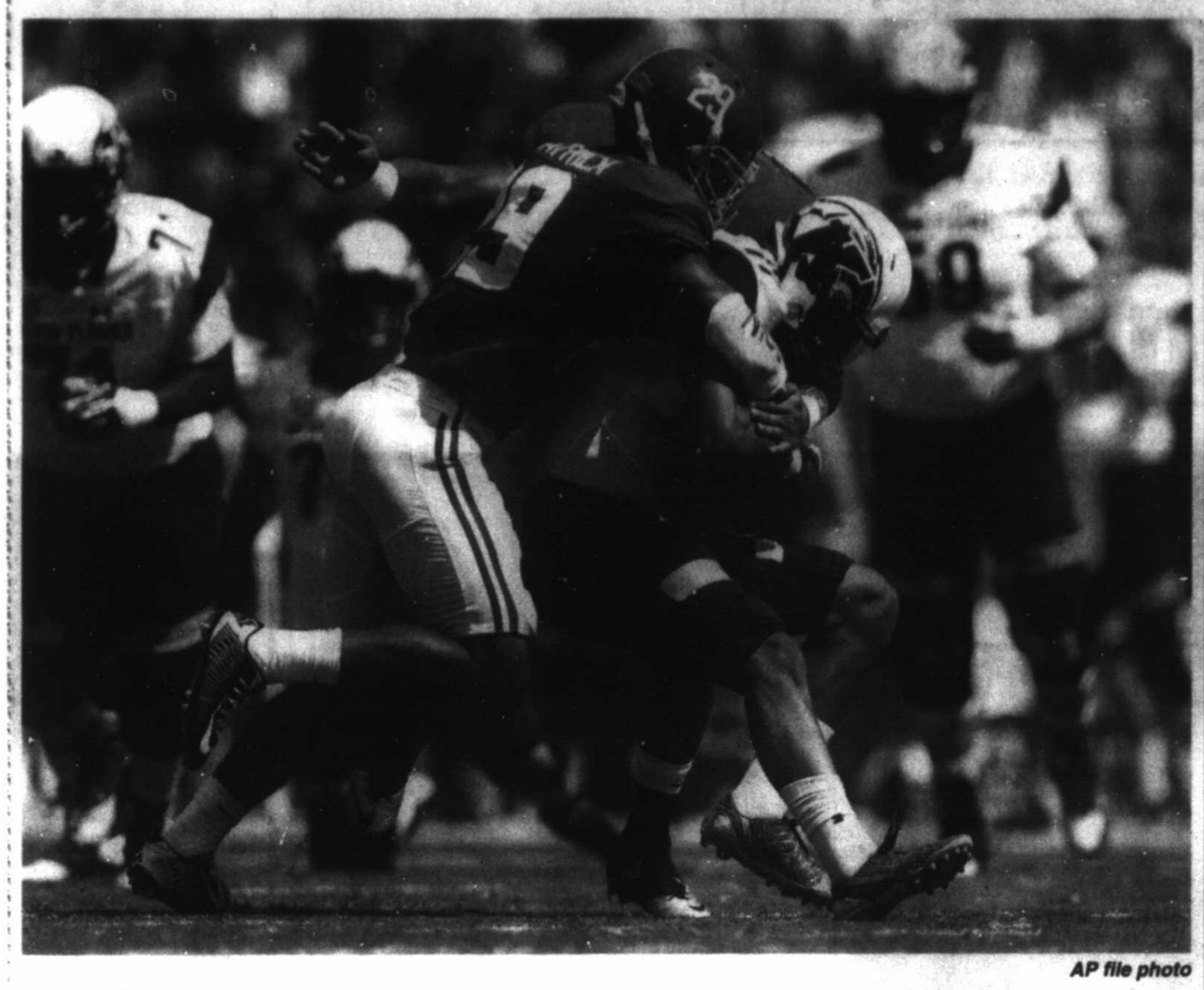

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Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick sacks Kent State quarterback Mylik Mitchell in the first half during a game, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Sept. 24. The Southeastern Conference's two stingiest defenses will take the field for Alabama and Florida in the league championship game.

Alabama-Florida for SEC title looks like massive mismatch

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Talk about a mismatch. Alabama's defense is the best in the nation. Florida's offense looks like one of the worst.

They'll face off today in the Southeastern Conference championships game, with the top-ranked Crimson Tide (12-0, 8-0 SEC) heavily favored to lock up its third straight trip to the College Football Playoff with a victory over the No. 15 Gators (8-3, 6-2).

Alabama has not given up a defensive touchdown in 17 quarters, a span that covers its entire November schedule. The Tide leads the nation in three major categories, giving up the fewest points, rushing yards and total yards.

"When we go out there Saturday, we just try to dominate," defensive lineman Jonathan Allen said. "Just do your job and just dominate the opposing offense. That's the legacy."

Florida will get a jarring reminder of its high-scoring legacy when former coach Steve Spurrier helps with the coin toss before the game.

These Gators are certainly a long way from the Fun 'n' Gun days.

Over its last 10 quarters, Florida has scored just one offensive touchdown — a 98-yard pass from Austin Appleby to Tyrie Cleveland that sparked an SEC East-clinching win over LSU. The Gators rank No. 114 nationally in total yards, ahead of only six other Power Five schools, and they haven't shown much ability to move the ball either running or passing.

Now, this offensively challenged team must contend with the stingiest defense in the land.

Coach Jim McElwain joked that it might be best to skip the film-work this week, just so his players wouldn't realize what they're up against.

Then he turned serious.

"The thing you point out is really how close you are from a consistency standpoint," McElwain said, doing his best to put a positive spin on such a dire predicament. "We had our opportunities last couple games, yet the mindset of finishing is something we have to do."

Good luck with that against the Tide, which has given up 10 points or less in eight games.

"Obviously with these guys that we're playing, the thing that really stands out is how short the explosive play reel is when you look at it," McElwain said. "They don't give a lot of big plays up. You've got to go earn it."

Under coach Nick Saban, Alabama has certainly earned the right to be called one of college football's greatest dynasties. Since the beginning of the 2008 season, the Tide is 110-12 with four national championships.

Saban has won five national titles during his career, leaving him one shy of the record held by Bear Bryant.

Of course, Saban is merely focused on the next one.

"Can't really fall in love with what we've done in the past," he said.

Some things to watch for today at the Georgia Dome:

Hurts Blossoms: While defense is always the name of the game at Alabama, the development of freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts has been a major part of the Tide's success. He took over the starting job in Week 2 and gave the offense a dual threat, throwing for 2,454 yards and 21 touchdowns and running for 840 yards and 12 TDs. Saban is most impressed with his maturity. "He really has a resiliency just to come back and focus on the next play," the coach said.

Lockdown Corners: Hurts will have to contend with two of the country's best cornerbacks. Teez Tabor has four interceptions, Quincy Wilson has three, and both have returned a pick for a touchdown. If the Gators are to have any chance against Alabama, it's likely that either Tabor and Wilson will have to come up with a game-changing play.

Kiffin's Future: There's plenty of speculation about how much longer Lane Kiffin will be Alabama's offensive coordinator. He's been mentioned for head coach openings at Oregon and Houston, and LSU new coach, Ed Orgeron, reportedly wants Kiffin as his offensive coordinator. "I know nothing about it," Saban said. "He's never mentioned it to me. I'm sure he would if there was something out there."

Davis Returns: Florida linebacker Jarrad Davis, the team's defensive leader and second-leading tackler, returned to practice this week after missing three games with ankle injuries. He's a senior and Georgia native who desperately wants to play in the title game. "If you can give the team one play, whatever that play might be, that's what it's all about," McElwain said.

Storied Rivals: It's only appropriate that Alabama and Florida meet in the SEC's 25th annual championship game. They played in the first three contests, and this will be their ninth meeting overall with the title on the line. In a nod to the inaugural game in 1992, the coin toss will be conducted by Spurrier, former Alabama coach Gene Stallings and Roy Kramer, who was SEC commissioner at the time. "It's two storied programs, two programs that year in and year out expect to be in Atlanta," McElwain said.

Patterson 202 games at TCU, Snyder seeks 201st K-State win

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — When Gary Patterson coaches his school-record 202nd game for TCU, he can easily put in perspective what that means by looking at Bill Snyder on the other side of the field.

Snyder will be going for his 201st win with Kansas State when the two bowl-bound teams play today.

"I saw what Coach Snyder said on his 200th win, not his 200th game, just a lot of people that have made a lot of sacrifices," Patterson said. "The guy sitting in my chair takes a lot of grief but also gets probably too much credit some time for what they did and how they do it."

Patterson is already TCU's winningest coach with 149 wins in his 16 seasons, and will break a tie with Dutch Meyer for the most games as head coach when the Horned Frogs (6-5, 4-4 Big 12) face his alma mater. A Kansas native, Patterson played at K-State and was a graduate assistant for the Wildcats before Snyder got there.

Kansas State (7-4, 5-3), which plays its 307th game in 25 seasons under Snyder, will finish no worse than a tie for fourth in the Big 12 after being picked eighth in the preseason poll. Snyder's 200th victory came last week in a win over instate rival Kansas.

"It is about possessing the commitment to reach the highest capabilities that you have and improve toward that end as an individual, day in and day out," Snyder said about his team, which has won four of its last five games.

Some things to know when Kansas State and TCU play:

Bowl Destinations: A trip to the Texas Bowl in Houston to face an SEC team could be next for the winner of Saturday's game. The Texas Bowl gets the fourth pick from available Big 12 teams. The loser is likely headed to the Liberty Bowl to play an SEC team in Memphis or the Cactus Bowl against a Pac-12 team in Phoenix. The Wildcats will be going to a bowl for the seventh season in a row and 19th time under Snyder. TCU will be in a bowl for the 14th time in Patterson's 16 full seasons.

Running Cats: Kansas State has rushed for 924 yards and 14 touchdowns in its last three games, and the Wildcats have five consecutive 200-yard games — their longest Big 12 streak since 2003. Banged-up quarterback Jesse Ertz is their leading rusher (71 yards per game) and redshirt freshman running back Alex Barnes has back-to-back 100-yard games. "If we have the capacity to run the football, then we will do that," Snyder said.

Receiving Runner: Kyle Hicks can run and catch for TCU. He leads the team with 894 yards rushing and 40 receptions, putting him on pace to be the first TCU player to lead the team in both categories since Basil Mitchell in 1996.

So Similar: In Big 12 games this season, Kansas State is averaging 30.6 points a game, and TCU 30.5. On defense, the Wildcats are giving up 27.2 points per game, just less than Patterson's defense allowing 27.9 points per game.

Unexpected Finish: "We were picked eighth in the conference and everything that we have accomplished so far was not expected from us," Kansas State junior linebacker Trent Tanking said. "We could go from the team that was considered young and inexperienced to the team that can finish strong with eight wins in the regular season. I think having a 6-3 record in a conference would be a great accomplishment."

Another Cool, Wet Finale? TCU's regular-season finale at home last season, a double-overtime win over Baylor, was played in a steady rain with temperatures in the 30s. "I was cold, but ... It was awesome," Patterson said. The forecast this week calls for rain, heavy at times, with temperatures in the 40s.

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committee chairman and Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt screams of desperation.

Bedlam should be fun for the Oklahoma rivals, but other than a Big 12 championship and a spot in a pretty good bowl game for the winner, they don't deserve much more.

This was a down year in the Big 12 with only six teams bowl eligible. And even with Baylor being one of those teams, don't be surprised to see bowls shy away from the Bears with all the bad publicity that has surrounded the program.

From the sometimes unimpressive showings on the field to the expansion debacle, 2016 was not the Big 12's proudest moment in football.

Maybe next year will be better. After taking its share of hits as a Power Five conference, it has to.

Here are the final Big 12 power rankings of the season heading into the final weekend of the regular season:

1. Oklahoma (9-2, 8-0): The Sooners have had trouble winning the big games out of conference. As for the Big 12, they haven't had many problems owning the league and look to do so again with a win over their rivals.

2. Oklahoma State (9-2, 7-1): If there's a team that can knock the Sooners off their perch it is the Cowboys. The only problem is they have to go to Norman and hope to slow down Baker Mayfield, Dede Westbrook and company.

3. West Virginia (9-2, 6-2): The Mountaineers look to get win No. 10 and add to Baylor's free-fall when the Bears come to Morgantown.

4. Kansas State (7-4, 5-3): Every year, a Bill Snyder coached team gets off to a slow start before finishing off strong and in the top half of the Big 12 standings. The Wildcats look for their eighth win of the year at TCU today.

5. TCU (6-5, 4-4): If Charlie Strong's fate at Texas wasn't sealed before last week, the Horned Frogs made sure of it in a 31-9 win over the Longhorns. They host Kansas State today with an opportunity to finish strong on what has been an up-and-down season.

6. Iowa State (3-9, 2-7): After pumping up the Cyclones last week, they got drilled by West Virginia, 49-19. Oh well, the Cyclones were still more consistent with lesser talent than the rest of the teams on the list.

7. Texas Tech (5-7, 3-6): The same Red Raiders who didn't show up in a 66-10 loss at Iowa State, arguably played their best of the year in a 54-35 win over Baylor. That makes Tech fans beg the question, "Where was this all year?" Coach Kliff Kingsbury would like an answer to that as well as his contract and buyout has helped him keep his job.

8. Texas (5-7, 3-5): Strong's a good man and a good coach and may not have been given enough time to build up his program. But late season losses to Kansas and TCU were the tipping point for a program that expects to win national championships. Is Tom Herman the answer? We'll have to wait and see.

9. Baylor (6-5, 3-5): The Bears have lost five straight heading into today's game at West Virginia. This just may be the beginning of a lengthy slide for the Baylor program.

10. Kansas (2-10, 1-8): The win over Texas was one of the few highlights over a program that suffered through another bad season.

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continue to stay focused on them."

West Virginia's motivation is on the final home game for 21 seniors and getting to 10 wins, which has been done only eight times in school history and would be its best regular season since 2007.

"This senior group has a chance to do something that will be remembered for a long time," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said.

Some other things to know when the Bears and Mountaineers meet today:

Film Critic: West Virginia senior center Tyler Orlosky admits he doesn't bother studying opposing defenses. He said he doesn't see the need for watching film. "Someone asked me that the other day and I just said, 'Once you start 40 games and have played close to 50, if someone throws something at me that I have never seen before, then they have reinvented the game of football or something has to be wrong,'" Orlosky said.

Turnover Troubles: Baylor has committed 14 turnovers and allowed an average of 48 points during its five-game losing streak. "Right now we need as many possessions as our offense can get, and we need as many stops on defense as we can get," Levels said. "Turnovers will be really big in this game."

Rb Carousel: Last week at Iowa State, freshman Martell Pettaway lost his redshirt status and became the fourth West Virginia running back to surpass 100 yards in a game this season. Teammates Rushel Shell, Justin Crawford and Kennedy McKoy have been injured in recent weeks, and Holgorsen said none have been ruled out for Saturday. "Whoever goes in there is going to play good, so why does it really matter?" he said.

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> **Tyler Orlosky,** West Virginia Center

Howard's Farewell: West Virginia quarterback Skyler Howard is 18-8 as a starter after arriving from junior college for the 2014 season. He threw for five touchdowns in a win at Iowa State a week ago and enters his final home game as West Virginia's third all-time leading passer behind Geno Smith and Marc Bulger.

He Said It: Holgorsen on Baylor's offense: "They're still putting up a bunch of yards. No, it's not Xbox-type numbers that it's been in the past. But it's still pretty dang good."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Today

SOUTHWEST
Kansas St. (7-4) at TCU (6-5), 11 a.m.
Oklahoma St. (9-2) at Oklahoma (9-2), 11:30 a.m.
SWAC Championship: Alcorn St. (5-5) at Grambling St. (10-1) at Houston, 3 p.m.
Arkansas St. (6-5) at Texas St. (5-6), 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH
Conference USA Championship: Louisiana Tech (9-4) at W. Kentucky (9-3), 11 a.m.
Troy (9-2) at Georgia Southern (4-7), 11 a.m.
New Mexico St. (3-8) at South Alabama (5-6), noon
Louisiana-Lafayette (5-6) at Louisiana-Monroe (4-7), 2 p.m.
SEC Championship: Florida (8-3) vs. Alabama (12-0) at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
ACC Championship: Virginia Tech (9-3) at Clemson (11-1) at Orlando, Fla., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST
Georgia St. (3-8) at Idaho (7-4), 4 p.m.
MWC Championship: San Diego St. (9-0), at Wyoming (8-4), 6:45 p.m.

MIDWEST
Big Ten Championship: Penn St. (10-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-2) at Indianapolis, 7:17 p.m.

EAST
AAC Championship: Temple (9-3) at Navy (9-0), 11 a.m.
Baylor (6-5) at West Virginia (9-2), 2:30 p.m.

FCS PLAYOFFS
Second Round
Youngstown St. (9-3) at Jacksonville St. (10-1), 1 p.m.
New Hampshire (8-4) at James Madison (10-1), 1 p.m.
Villanova (9-3) at S. Dakota St. (9-3), 2 p.m.
Chattanooga (9-3) at Sam Houston St. (11-0), 2 p.m.
San Diego (10-1) at N. Dakota St. (10-1), 2:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (10-2) at E. Washington (10-1), 3 p.m.
Richmond (9-3) at North Dakota (9-2), 5 p.m.
Wofford (9-3) at The Citadel (10-1), 5 p.m.



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SATURDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 3, 2016

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	WildA.	House	GMA Saturday		Wild C.	Ocean	S.Rescue	Wildlife D	RockPark	Outback	NCAA Football	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS This Morning Saturday (N)				LuckyDog	Dr. Chris	Innovate	Inspect	Chicken	OpenRoad	Bucket	Basket.
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	The Little Rascals		Track	Track	Have Gun	Have Gun	Daniel Boone		Wagon Train		The Big Valley	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Raceweek	Paid	Politics	Aqua Kid	Weird	Outdoors	Weekend Marketplace		Pre-game		NCAA Football (L)	
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Creation	Consumed	Mani E	Faith	News	Hebrew	Camino	Jerusalem	Z. Levitt	Zion
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Farmit.	Minute	Saturday Today (N)			Champ	Voyager	WildVet	Journey	Naturally	Give	Soccer
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	D.Tiger	Callou	Splash8.	C.George	Cat	Bob Build	Speaks	O. Squad	Lidia	Cook's	Julia Kit.	V.Garden
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Pagado	Rosa Guadalupe		Teleton USA							
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		(4:58) Jewelry IV		Brain	Dog Town	E. Wild	Hatched	Ocean M.	RecRehab	Into Wild	J. Hanna	RawTrav.	AmaMeta
CABLE	FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00) ½ 1492: Conquest of Pa...		(5:35) ½ The Virgin Suicides				(:15) ½ Star Kid Joseph Mazzello.				½ Hollywood Ho...	
	HBO	300	550	14		14	Movie	(:20) ★★★ Kung Fu Panda			Sesame	Sesame	½ Mr. Magorium's Wonder ...		(:35) ½		★★★ No Reservations	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:25) Real Sports		(:25) ★★★ Rushmore			½ ★★★★ The Man From U.N.C.L.E.				T. Ullman	T. Ullman
	HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:35) ½ ★★★★ The Martian ('15, Act) Matt Damon.					½ ★★ Bride Wars Kate Hudson.		Insecure		(:05) Open	Movie
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ½ ★★★★ Field of Dreams Kevin Costner.					The Water Diviner Russel Crowe.		(:25) ½		★★★ Magic Mike XXL	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		½ ★★ Cold Mountain ('03, Rom) Nicole Kidman.					MaxSet (L:50) ½	Trouble With the Curve		(:45) ½		The Winning Season	
	PLEX			96			(5:40) ½ Yolo Wolf	(:15) ½ The Land Before Time			(:25) ½ The Land ...		(:40) ½ The Land B...		(:50) ½		Cops and Robbersons	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	F.State	Inside the NFL		½ Intruders Rory Culkin.				½ ★★★ Domestic Disturbance		½ ★★ Cold Souls	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	½ ★★★ The Alamo ('04, West) Dennis Quaid.						½ Pride ('07, Dra) Terrence Howard.		½ Paddington Bon Wishaw.			
	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Flipping Vegas		Zombie House Flip.		Zombie House Flip.		Downtown Shabby		He Shed, She Shed		To Be Announced	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	½ ★★★ The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance James Stewart.					
	BET	58	-		40		Campmeeting		Martin	(:45) InkPaper	Scissors	Husbands	(:20) GaryOwenShow		FreshP.	Fresh P.	FreshP.	(:40) Payne
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Top Chef		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	EPL Soccer Southampton at Crystal Palace (L)				Paid	Paid
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Saturday		New Day Saturday		Smerconish		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Vegas Rat Rods		Vegas Rat Rods		Outlaws "OH-HI-NO"		Street Outlaws	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mouse	Lion Guard	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	Elena	Zhu Zhu	StuckMid	LivMad	Bunk'd	Underc.	½ To Be Announced	
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter				College GameDay (L)						NCAA Football (L)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFLGreat	NFL Live		MatchUp	SportsCenter						NCAA Football (L)	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox & Friends Saturday						America's News HQ				Bull Bear	Cavuto
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Pleasures	Top 5	Brunch	Giada	Rules	Pioneer	Pioneer	Southern	The Kitchen (N)		Cooking	Holiday
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	½ Mickey's Once Upon a Chris...		½ Mickey's Twice Upon a Chr...		½ Mickey's Once Upon a Chr...		½ ★★ Richie Rich's Christmas Wish				½ A Christmas Carol	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsDay		Huddle	Texans	Outdoor	Big 12	Paid	Paid	Sports Gameday (L)		Champions Tennis	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	½ ★★ XXX: State of the Union Ice Cube.				Mike&M.	Mike&M.	2½Men	2½Men	½ ★★ The Karate Kid Jaden Smith.			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ½ Best Christ...		½ Snow Bride ('13, Fam) Patricia Richardson.				½ Merry Matrimony Jessica Lowndes.				½ A Princess for C...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Alone "The Ascent"		Alone "The Madness"		Alone "The Gamble"		Alone "Winter's Fury"		Alone		Alone	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		The Way Home (N)		½ The Road to Chr...	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		AM Joy				MSNBC Live	
	NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) Live	(:25) EPL Soccer Chelsea at Manchester City (L)			Live		(:55) EPL Soccer (L)				Live	Auctions
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	Dino	LoudHou.
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		½ ★★★ Walking Tall				½ ★★★ xXx ('02, Act) Vin Diesel.			
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Incorporated		½ ★★★ Westworld ('73, West) Yul Brynner.				½ ★★ The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Hilary Swank.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinf. 1/2	Seinf. 2/2	Seinf. 1/2	Seinf. 2/2	½ ★★ Muppets Most Wanted Ty Burrell.				½ ★ Home Alone 4 French Stewart.			
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	½ ★★★ Phantom Lady			½ ★★★ Ride Lonesome			½ ★★ Dig That Uranium			½ She Wore a Yel...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Noodle	De chica	De chica	Nina's	Nina's	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	SOS: Salva mi casa	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law&O. "Purple Heart"		Law&Order "Switch"		Law & Order "Pride"		Law&Order "Pride"		Law&Order "Rebels"		½ ★★★ Wanted	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Rose. (:50) Rose.		(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Falling Water		½ ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Richard Gere.				½ Easy A	
	WGN	19	85				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Cops	Cops

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		G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(11:00) NCAA Football AAC Championship (L)				Football C. (L)		X Games	X Games	Paid	Paid	Paid	News
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(11:30) NCAA Basketball UCLA at Kentucky (L)				Football	Football	NCAA Football SEC Championship Alabama vs.			Florida (L)		
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Gunsmoke		Bonanza		Rawhide		Wanted	Wanted	Rifleman	Rifleman	The Wild Wild West	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) NCAA Football (L)					HomeT.	BigBang	BigBang	Modern	Modern	2½Men	2½Men
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	News	Walking	Aleph	S. Baras	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		Faith	Shepherd's	Heart	Audra
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) EPL Soccer Arsen.		W.H.U. (L)		PGA Golf Hero World Challenge (L)				USSA Alpine Skiing		Stanton	News
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Texas	Old House	House	Motor.	Woodsh'p	Travel	Fly Fisher	Americas	Tripper	Last of the Breed		
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Teleton USA								Teleton USA			
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Access Hollywood		Flipside	Spaces	Garden	Hazelton	For Life	For Life	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Moms Ev.	Studio 7
CABLE	FLIX	340	575			165	(11:00) ½ Hollywood ...		½ ★★ Blown Away ('94, Thril) Jeff Bridges.				½ ★★★ Sling Blade Billy Bob Thornton.				(:15) ½ Rocky Balboa	
	HBO	300	550	14		14	1stLook	(:35) Marathon: The Patriots' Day Bombing					½ ★★★ Ocean's Thirteen George Clooney.		(:40) ½		Batman v Superman: D...	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	T. Ullman	T. Ullman	T. Ullman	Westworld			½ ★★★ Old School		Insecure	Insecure	Insecure	Insecure
	HBOS	304	552	16	102		(11:40) ½ ★★★★ Deadpool				(:35) ½ The Wedding Singer		Divorce	T.Ullman	(:20) ½ Mr. Right Sam Rockwell.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:20) ½ Search Party Thomas Middleditch.				(:55) ½ ★★★ The Wrestler				(:45) ½ ★★★ Shaft Richard Roundtree.		Movie	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	½ ★★ Le Divorce ('03, Rom) Kate Hudson.					½ ★★ 27 Dresses Katherine Heigl.			(:25) ½ ★★ Hairspray		
	PLEX			96			Movie	(:25) ½ ★★★ The Big Picture			(:10) ½ ★★★ Teen Wolf				(:45) ½ Gold Diggers: The Sec...		(:20) ½ Babe: Pig I...	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	(:45) ½ The Salvation			(:20) ½ The Forger ('14, Cri) John Travolta.				½ Rampart ('11, Cri) Woody Harrelson.			
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:05) ½ The D Train Jack Black.				(:50) ½ ★★★ The Alamo ('04, West) Dennis Quaid.				(:10) ½ ★★★ Good Morning, Vietnam			
	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Nightwatch		Nightwatch		Nightwatch		Remini: Scientology		The First 48		The First 48	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	½ ★★★ The Shakiest Gun in the West Don Knotts.						½ ★★ Planes, Trains and Automobiles			½ ★★★★ Jumanji	Robin Williams.	
	BET	58	-		40		(:15) Payne	(:45) Payne	(:20) House of Payne		(:55) ½ To Be Announced				½ To Be Announced			
	BRAVO	65	76		41		VanderP. "Thirsty Girls"		Ladies of London		Below Deck		Below Deck		B.Deck "Bosun Blues"		Below Deck "Bemily"	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		News	Signs (N)	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Smerconish	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Gold Rush "Mutiny"		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Rush "Watery Grave"		Moonshiners	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:40) Austin	(:05) Walk	LivMad	Jessie	StuckMid	½ To Be Announced		Austin	Girl M.	Underc.	StuckMid
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) NCAA Football (L)				Scoreb.		NCAA Basketball Stanford at Kansas (L)				NCAA Basket. L.A. Invitational (L)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Football (L)				Scoreb.		NCAA Basketball Xavier at Baylor (L)				NCAA Basketball Me./Duke (L)	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	Forbes	Cashin' In	America's News HQ		The Journal Editorial Report				America's Election HQ			
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Holiday Baking		Clash Grandmas		Cake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Diners	Diners
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:00) ½ A Christm...		(:05) ½ ★★ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory						(:40) ½ ★★★ The Polar Express		Tom Hanks.	Movie
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(11:00) Tennis		NCAA Basketball Rice at Texas Tech (L)				Game365	NCAA Basketball R.I./Prov. (L)				UEFAMag.
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(10:00) ½ The Karate...		½ ★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Act) Andrew Garfield.						½ ★★ The Amazing Spider-Man 2			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) ½ A Princess...		½ Christmas List ('16, Rom) Alicia Witt.						½ A Heavenly Christmas Kristin Davis.		½ The Mistletoe P...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Tora, Tora, Tora				The World Wars "A Rising Threat"				The World Wars "Never Surrender"			
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ½ The Road ...		½ A Snow Globe Christmas Christina Milian.						½ Kristin's Christmas Past Shiri Appleby.		½ A Gift Wrapped...	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
	NBCSN	38	43				(11:30) Mecum Auto Auctions		Kansas City, MO		The Mecum Auction crew heads to Kansas City. (L)				Swimming			
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	½ Legends of the Hidden Te...		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	The Thundermans
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(10:00) ½ ★★ xXx		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(10:00) ½ The Core		½ Lake Placid: The Final Chapter				½ Lake Placid vs. Anaconda				½ ★★ Lake Placid	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(10:00) ½ ★★★★ The LEGO Movie Chris Pratt.				Friends	Friends	ELeague "Grand Finals of Valve's Counter-Strike: Global Offensive" (L)					
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) ½ She Wore...		½ ★★★ Mighty Joe Young				(:45) ½ ★★★★ Lust for Life ('56, Bio) Kirk Douglas.				½ 2010: The Year...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		½ Kiss of the Dragon ('01, Act) Jet Li.				½ Dead in Tombstone (2013)				Verdaderas Mujer		Conducta	Noticiero
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ½ ★★★ Wanted				½ ★★★ I Am Number Four ('11, Act) Alex Pettyfer.				½ ★★ The Hunger Games			
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	(11:30) ½ ★★★ Easy A				½ ★★ The House Bunny Anna Faris.				½ ★★★ Maleficent Angelina Jolie.			Movie
	WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops			½ ★★★ Miami Vice (2006, Action) Jamie Foxx, Li Gong, Colin Farrell.		Blue Bloods			

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Football Pre (L) (:05) NCAA Football ACC Championship Site: Camping World Stadium -- Orlando, Fla. (L)						(:20) Post-game (L)	(:35) Local 2 News	(:05) Garrett	(:35) Extra Weekend
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:00) Football	The Insider	Weekend	NCIS: New Orleans "The Third Man"		Criminal Minds "The Crimson King"	48 Hours		CBS 7 News		(:35) Elementary	(:35) P. Interest
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	The Incredible Hulk "Jake"		Wonder Woman "Gault's Brain"		Star Trek			½ ★★★ The Night Walker ('64, Thril) Robert Taylor, Barbara Stanwyck.			Batman	Batman
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	College Football Pre-game (L)		NCAA Football Big-10 Championship Site: Lucas Oil Stadium -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)						Son of Zorn		Jerry Jones	The List
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	HaYesod	Rabbi Rantz	Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Fruits of Zion	Hidden/ Hebrew	Somebody Cares	Cons-umed
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Country Reporter	½ ★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.						NewsWest 9 at 10		Saturday Night Live (N)	
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	The Last Waltz Martin the legendary The Band.		Scorsese chronicles the 1976 final performance of				Soundbreaking: Behind the Greatest Hits		West. Perspec.		Bluegrass Under	Backs-tage Pass
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(4:00) Teleton USA		Teleton USA		Teleton USA							
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Castle		CSI: Miami		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Major Crimes	
CABLE	FLIX	340	575			165	(5:10) ½ Rocky Balboa		½ ★★ Hollywood Homicide Harrison Ford.				½ ★★ The Presidio			(:40) ½ ★★★ Dressed to Kill		
	HBO	300	550	14		14	(4:40) ½ Batman v Su...		(:15) ½ Keanu ('16, Com) Keegan-Michael Key.		Pete Holmes (N)		Westworld				Pete Holmes	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Insecure	Insecure	Insecure	Insecure	½ Race ('16, Bio) Stephan James.				T.Ullman	(:45) ½	½ ★★★ Minority Report	
	HBOS	304	552	16	102		½ Ted 2 ('15, Com)		Seth MacFarlane.		½ ★★★★ Deadpool Ryan Reynolds.				½ Black Sea ('14, Thril) Jude Law.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) ½ Suicide Kings		(:15) ½ ★★ Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith.				½ Traders Killian Scott. (P)				½ ★★ Phone Booth	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:25) ½ ★★ Satisfaction					½ ★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 Anna Kendrick.		(:55) ½		We Are Your Friends	Movie
	PLEX			96			(5:20) ½ Babe: Pig L...		½ ★★ Getting Even With Dad (:50) ½ ★★ Cops and Robbersons							(:20) ½ ★★ The Big Picture		
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Shame. "Ouroboros"		½ ★★★★ The Hateful Eight ('15, West) Samuel L. Jackson.						Shame. "Ouroboros"		The Affair	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:15) ½ ★★ War ('07, Act) Jet Li.				½ Girl House Al Corbin.		(:45) ½		The Hills Have Eyes		(:15) ½ Girl House	
	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The Killing Season		Killing Season (N)		Killing Season (N)		(:05) Live PD		(:05) Killing Season	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ½ Jumanji		½ ★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York						½ ★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York			
	BET	58	-		40		(4:00) ½ To Be Ann...		½ To Be Announced						½ To Be Announced			
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta				½ ★★ My Cousin Vinny ('92, Com) Joe Pesci.			Movie
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		½ Enlighten Us: The Rise & Fall of Jame...						½ Holy Hell (2016, Documentary)		½ Enlighten Us: T...	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	LivMad	Bunk'd	½ To Be Announced			Kir.Buc.	Friends	Underc.	LivMad	Babysit.	½ To Be Announced	
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Basket.	Scoreb.	(:45) NCAA Football (L)						(:45) SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Basket.	NCAA Football (L)						Featured	(:30) for 30 "Phi Slama Jama"			F. Final
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Saturday		Legends & Lies		Justice JudgeJeanine		Greg Gutfeld Show		Hannity		Justice JudgeJeanine	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:45) ½ ★★ Arthur Christmas		(:30) ½ ★★★ Elf ('03, Com) James Caan, Will Ferrell.						(:50) ½ ★★★ The Holiday Cameron Diaz.			
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider	Mavericks	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Dallas Mavericks (L)					Maverick	Cowboys	H.S. Scoreboard (L)	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(6:00) ½ The Amazin...		½ The Fault In Our Stars ('14, Dra) Ansel Elgort, Shailene Woodley.						½ The Fault In Our Stars Shailene Woodley.			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(6:00) ½ The Mistlet...		½ A Dream of Christmas Nikki Deloach.				½ Every Christmas Has a Story				½ Once Upon a H...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Take New Orleans		Take New Orleans		Renovation (N)		H.Hunt	House	Take New Orleans	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	The World Wars "Trial by Fire"						Pearl Harbor: 75 Years Later (N)		(:05) The World Wars		"Trial by Fire"	
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Local forecast

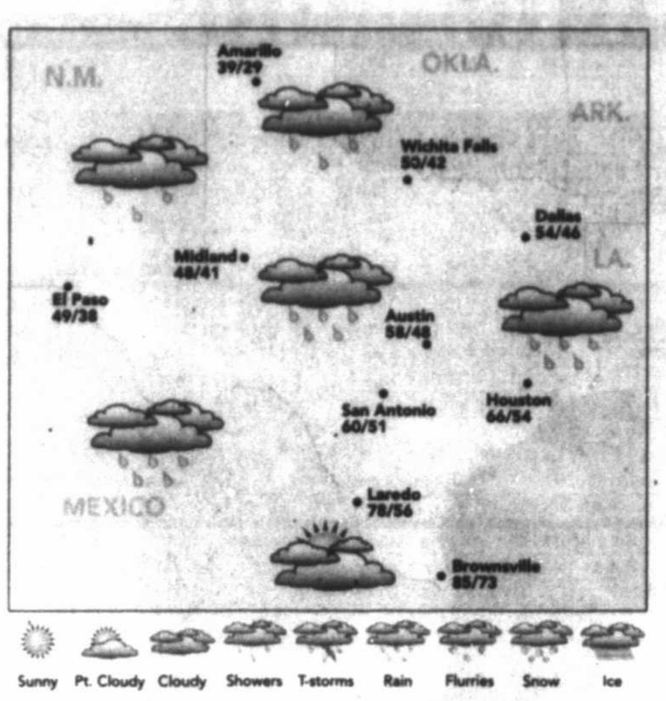
Showers and fog are in the forecast for today and Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. There is an 80 percent chance of showers today and 50 percent chance Sunday. Wind gusts up to 30 mph are also expected Sunday, according to the NWS.

Colder temperatures are expected next week, including a high temperature Thursday that is nearly 20 degrees below normal for this time of year.

The record high for Dec. 2 is 83 set in 2005. The record low is 17 set in 1985. On Dec. 2 of last year, the high was 59 and the low was 31.

Weather brief

Low pressure system will move slowly northward across the northern Plains. This system will pack strong winds and moderate to heavy precipitation. As cold air sinks southeastward over the north central portion of the country, snow will develop across the northern high Plains. A mixture of rain and snow will affect the northern Plains and the upper Mississippi Valley. A cold frontal boundary associated with this system will extend south southwestward from the northern Plains to the southern Plains.



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Thursday	0.00 in.
Friday	Trace
Month total	Trace
Year total	14.77 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.04 in.

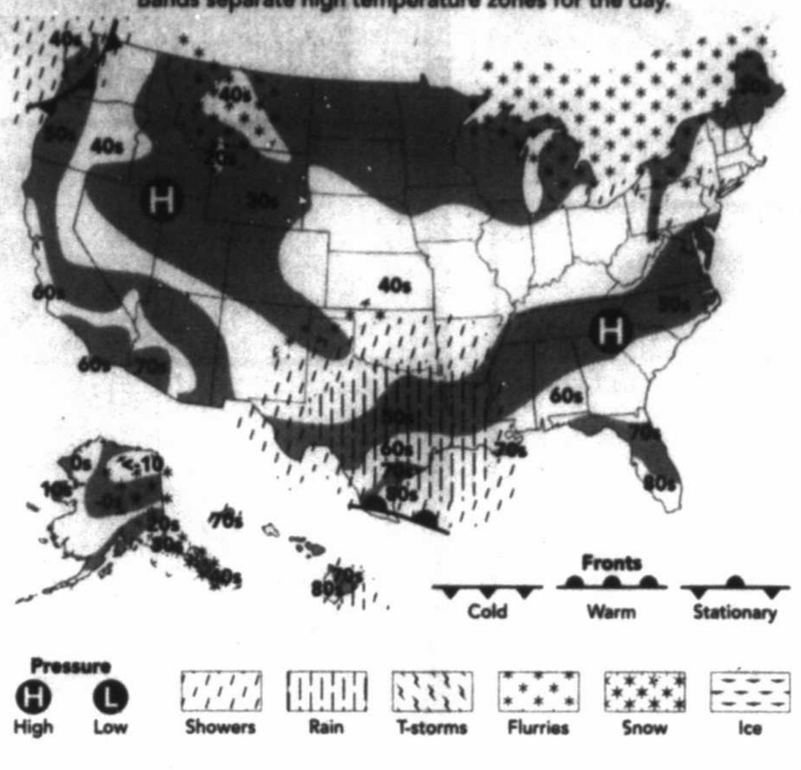
Friday's temperatures

High	54
Low	39
Normal high	61
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Saturday, December 3, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Teen's pursuit of crush could do more harm than good

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 14 and a freshman in high school. I'm not allowed to date (my mother's rule), but I really like a boy. I think of him all the time. Thankfully, I'm his friend, but he already has a girlfriend.

It hurts me to keep my feelings secret, and that he's happy with another girl. I don't want to ruin his relationship, but it sometimes crosses my mind even though I know it's wrong. Can you please tell me how to deal with this? I want to be his friend, but if I could, I would love to be more than friends. — FRIEND ZONED

DEAR FRIEND ZONED: I know it isn't easy, but your best bet would be to stand pat and make no announcements for now. Because your mother feels you aren't ready to date, imagine how restrictive she'll become if she knows you may be influencing this boy to break up with his girlfriend.

And furthermore, if word got around your school that you're the kind of girl who would deliberately cause a breakup, your reputation would be trashed. Be patient and bide your time, and the future will take care of itself.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 25 years. We have never had children together, but he has a daughter from a previous marriage. "Bridget" has blessed us with three grandchildren. We get along great, and she has been a wonderful daughter and stepdaughter.

I acknowledge all their birthdays by sending a card and check each year. Bridget always gets her father a gift and card for his birthday. She's also very close to her mother.

My problem is, Bridget has never acknowledged my birthday with a card or even a phone call. She has never asked, "When is your birthday?" when we are discussing birthdays. I once even hinted that mine falls in between two of the grandkids' birthdays.

Am I wrong to feel hurt for never having been acknowledged after 25 years, or should I just let it go? — SAD STEPMOM IN MICHIGAN

DEAR STEPMOM: After a quarter of a century, I think it's time to let it go. The time to have mentioned it was years ago, and the person who should have said something to Bridget was her father.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter got married recently and we discovered dear friends were left off the guest list. We are so upset I have lost sleep over it. How do we make amends? We would never have hurt them like this deliberately. — UPSET MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR UPSET MOTHER: If your dear friends live far away, pick up the phone and apologize. If they live close by, arrange to meet for lunch or dinner and offer the apology in person. Weddings are often stressful for those who are planning them. Mistakes like this are regrettable, but not uncommon. If these are true friends, they will understand and forgive the oversight.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016:

This year you have more on your plate than you might choose to deal with. Honor a fast change of pace, and try to schedule as much leisure time as you can. Take good care of yourself during this very busy year. If you are single, you have reached a point where you can no longer handle the superficial aspect of dating. If you want a more intimate relationship, know that it is yours to have. If you are attached, the two of you will want to make some major changes to your lifestyle. Have a discussion with your sweetie, and you will make a solid choice together. AQUARIUS often presents some off-the-wall ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have snap, crackle and pop when making plans, especially later in the day. Worry less about your responsibilities and just be yourself. Everyone needs an escape and some silliness from time to time. Step up to the plate and participate. Tonight: You are the life of the party.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Use the daylight hours to plan a weekend getaway in the near future. Express your gentleness in a way that means something to someone else. You might find a partner too serious, especially when he or she puts the kibosh on spending. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Others find you to be very provocative right now. You might not even be aware of how you project yourself. Make a point of touching base with a friend from out of town. Take the time for a lengthy chat now or in the near future. Tonight: Let a friend call the shots.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Defer to a partner or several close friends. Face the facts, and choose to have a long-overdue conversation with a loved one. A relaxed atmosphere will surround you if you opt for a quiet discussion rather than just avoiding someone. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Rethink a decision more carefully. Perhaps you have not been open enough about your feelings with the apple of your eye. You might want to create a scenario that allows you to express how you really feel. This person will appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your imagination emerges when dealing with a new friend. As a result, some wildness could head your way. You will need all your energy to achieve your goals. It appears that you have a project you should complete as quickly as possible. Tonight: Be clear, kind and direct.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your instinct to stay close to home is right-on. You seem to need a little more downtime than you had anticipated. As the afternoon progresses, opt to hook up with a dear friend or loved one. A good time will be had by all. Tonight: Listen to your gut, and you can't go wrong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be very tired after recent events. You still have many calls to make and lots of errands to run. Get them done as quickly as possible so that you can greet the leisure time you have been craving. Listen to news; consider a change as well. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might move slowly in the morning, but you'll liven up by the afternoon. Squeeze in a nap at some point, if you can. You have important information that you would like to share, but you keep backing away, perhaps out of fear. Tonight: Go for it — if only for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll find that your energy ceases to be as high as usual, as you are coming off some very important days that could define certain areas of your life for a while. Change gears for a short while and relax more. Tonight: Take care of your finances first. Balance your checkbook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ There is a lot you are choosing not to share, at least in the morning. You still might be working through some details of a situation that could affect your personal life. Your caring and interest will become very clear to a dear friend. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Use the morning to accomplish your holiday errands. Try to catch a sale or two, and start your gift buying. Stop and take the time to touch base with a special person in your life. You also will need to make a gift list, if you haven't already. Tonight: Play it low-key.

BORN TODAY

Novelist Joseph Conrad (1857), entrepreneur Sean Parker (1979), actress Amanda Seyfried (1985)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 6 5 ♡ 9 ◇ K Q 10 6 2 ♣ K 8 7 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 9 ♡ K 7 5 2 ◇ K 9 7 3 ♣ K 6

Right-hand opponent opens one heart.

What call would you make?

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J ♡ K Q 9 8 7 ◇ A ♣ Q J 10 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	2◇	3◇*	Pass

*Limit raise or better in hearts

What call would you make?

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 3 2 ♡ A ◇ A 10 8 6 5 ♣ A K 6 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	pass

What call would you make?

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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7 Free speech inhibitor?
15 Morsel
16 Tufted tweeter
17 Unspecific threat
18 "Right you are!"
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20 Tach readings
22 Norwegian king during the Cold War
23 Serial sequence
24 Attributes
26 Door opener?
27 Where Martin Scorsese taught Oliver Stone: Abbr.
28 Rhein tributary
29 16th-century rulers
32 Archaeologist, at times
34 Capital of Kazakhstan
36 Disdained, with "at"
38 Mickey Rooney septet
42 Blue on screen
44 Last Supper query
45 Completely overhauled
48 Revival figs.
50 Texter's appreciation
51 I, perhaps
52 Harsh
54 U.N. ambassador appointed by JFK
55 2008 Best New Artist Grammy winner
58 Sweet sign-off
59 King Ahab's father
60 Different exercises performed consecutively
62 Boxer Rebellion setting
64 Cherish
65 Shady Records co-founder
66 Snakes
67 Event associated with warm climates and big midday meals

DOWN

1 Driving instructor's reminder
2 "Star Trek: Voyager" actress
3 Initial encounter in a romcom
4 Fit
5 Frat letters
6 Former Nissan SUV
7 Hinders
8 "Bullets Over Broadway" Oscar winner
9 Sci-fi staples
10 Recess rejoinder
11 Stir up
12 Katy of "High Noon"
13 Sincere sign-off
14 Player of Kent
21 Flaunt
24 Fiction's Lord Greystoke
25 Pringles alternative
30 Ill-conceived
31 Stand for 45-Down
33 First name in architecture
35 Hybrid cuisine
37 "Nos __": 2000s French-Canadian drama set in a summer home
39 Total assets?
40 One way to connect nowadays
41 Quality control process with an alphanumeric symbol
43 Allots
45 They involve insult comedy
46 Stomach
47 Superior, vis-à-vis Michigan
49 Metaphors, e.g.
53 Wield
56 Vault
57 Language that gave us "plaid"
59 Tom Joad, e.g.
61 Flare producer
63 "Big four" record company

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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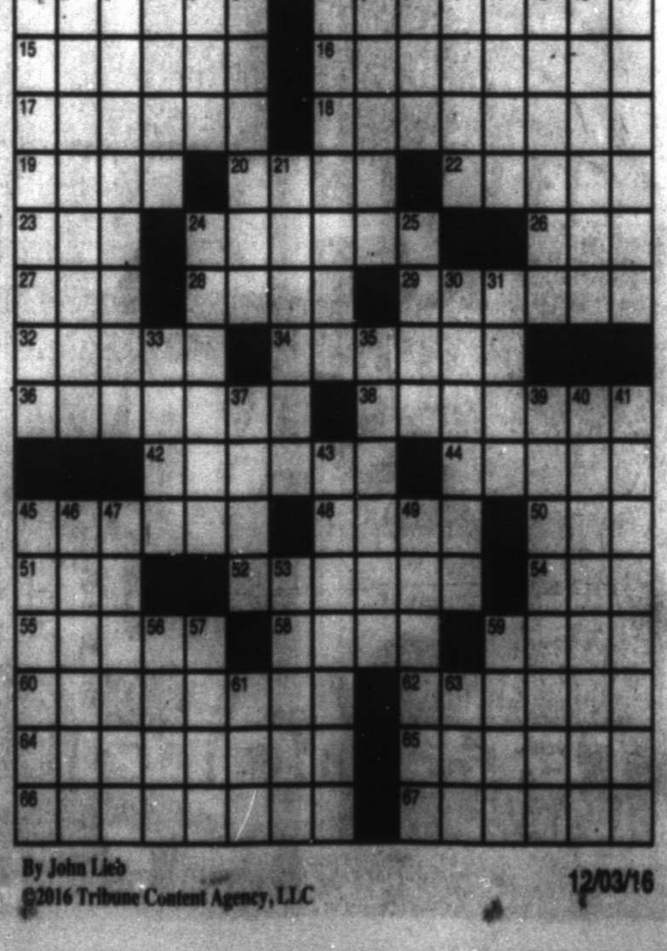

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Foster, Venables bring top schemes to ACC title game

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — When Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables learned the Tigers were facing Virginia Tech for the Atlantic Coast Conference title, he had a strong message for his players.

No. 3 Clemson (11-1; No. 3 College Football Playoff) tries to penetrate the defense of No. 19 Virginia Tech (9-3; No. 23 CFP) on Saturday night in the ACC championship game.

"We're going to have to play our butts off on defense because I know our offense is going to have to play its butts off," Venables said of Hokies' counterpart, Bud Foster. "Nothing's going to come easy."

It rarely does for opponents when facing the game plans of Venables or Foster, two of college football's best at what they do. Clemson's defense leads the ACC and is eight in the FBS with 307 yards allowed. Virginia Tech is close behind, fourth in the league and 19th overall at 332 yards per game allowed, perhaps more remarkable in a year many figured would be a transition under first-year coach Justin Fuente.

But one of Fuente's earliest moves was holding onto Foster, who won the Broyles Award in 2006 as the college football's top assistant.

Foster is glad to maintain his role in Virginia Tech's program .

"I've been a part of this thing for 30 years now and I like that," Foster said.

If Foster wasn't effective, though, he would not be the longest-tenured Bowl Subdivision defensive coordinator at 22 seasons and counting.

Virginia Tech defensive end Ken Ekanem said keeping Foster meant the Hokies would not surrender their championship goals to a coaching change.

Foster has kept the Hokies humming as they were while winning four ACC titles between 2004 and 2010. Among Power Five conference teams, only Michigan and Wisconsin have been better at stopping opponents on third down than Virginia Tech.

"I don't ever look forward to going against Bud Foster," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

"The one thing that I know I'm going to see is a group that's going to play incredibly disciplined. They're going to play hard, with great effort. They're going to play physical and tough. They're going to tackle well, and they're going to play with a relentless mindset, and that's their DNA."



Associated Press

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson reacts after throwing a touchdown pass to Artavis Scott during the second half of a game against South Carolina on Nov. 26 in Clemson, S.C.

Clemson can be just as relentless under Venables, an unrestrained personality on the sidelines who often needs a staffer to pull him back off the field as he wildly runs his defense.

Linebacker Ben Boulware calls him wired. Venables, under the alias "Jimmy Greenbeans ," plays scout team quarterback in prepping his defenders to make sure things are right. "Coach V is intense," defensive end Christian Wilkins said.

Venables was hired from Oklahoma after the 2011 season and Clemson's 70-33 Orange Bowl debacle against West Virginia. Since, he's steadily built a group of fast, fiery defenders adept at stopping the run and the pass. They lead the ACC with 16 interceptions and are second with 42 sacks. The Tigers are tied for second nationally with 104 tackles for loss.

And he did it this season after six of his starters, five who were underclassmen, were taken in the NFL draft.

"I'm definitely proud of our guys," Clemson senior linebacker Ben Boulware said. "We've been very focused the whole season, especially the latter part of the season."

The Tigers have picked things up on defense the past two weeks after giving up a season-high 43 points and 464 yards, their second highest total of the year, in a loss to Pitt on Nov. 12. Clemson has yielded only 20 points and 415 yards combined in easy wins over Wake Forest and South Carolina.

Venables is up for the Broyles Award this season, his second straight year as a finalist.

He's honored to share the defensive spotlight this week with Foster. "He doesn't chase money or (job) titles and has chosen to stay the course," Venables said. "I have a lot of respect for him."

No. 6 Wisconsin looks to pick off Penn State

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's defense is getting so picky.

The sixth-ranked Badgers have 11 interceptions over the last three games and 21 on the season, tops in major college football.

And now they are focused on Trace McSorley and No. 8 Penn State in the Big Ten title game on Saturday night.

"They've done a good job of playing the ball and ... looking for it," Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst said about his defense. "Not just knocking it down, but let's get the pick."

All those interceptions are, in part, a byproduct of the stout play of the front seven at Wisconsin (10-2, No. 6 CFP).

The defensive line has controlled the line of scrimmage, helping to free up a strong linebacker corps to make plays, whether in the backfield or in coverage. A secondary that had question marks at the beginning of the season has become a ball-hawking strength.

Safety Leo Musso, a former high school running back, has the speed to catch up to deep throws. He also has been displaying smarts in coverage, like when he stepped in front of a pass in the end zone last week against Minnesota after appearing to bait Mitch Leidner into making a seemingly safe throw.

"Our names are getting called but it's really the front seven doing their job," said Musso, who has four interceptions over the last three weeks. "We have the easy job of just covering guys and catching the ball."

But the quality of Wisconsin's competition hits a higher level Saturday when compared to the past three weeks. The Badgers had four interceptions apiece against Illinois and Minnesota, sandwiched around a three-pick game at Purdue.

Penn State (10-2, No. 7 CFP) presents a big-play problem.

McSorley has thrown just five interceptions all season. The Nittany Lions have 106 plays this season of 20 yards or more, with 57 coming through the air.

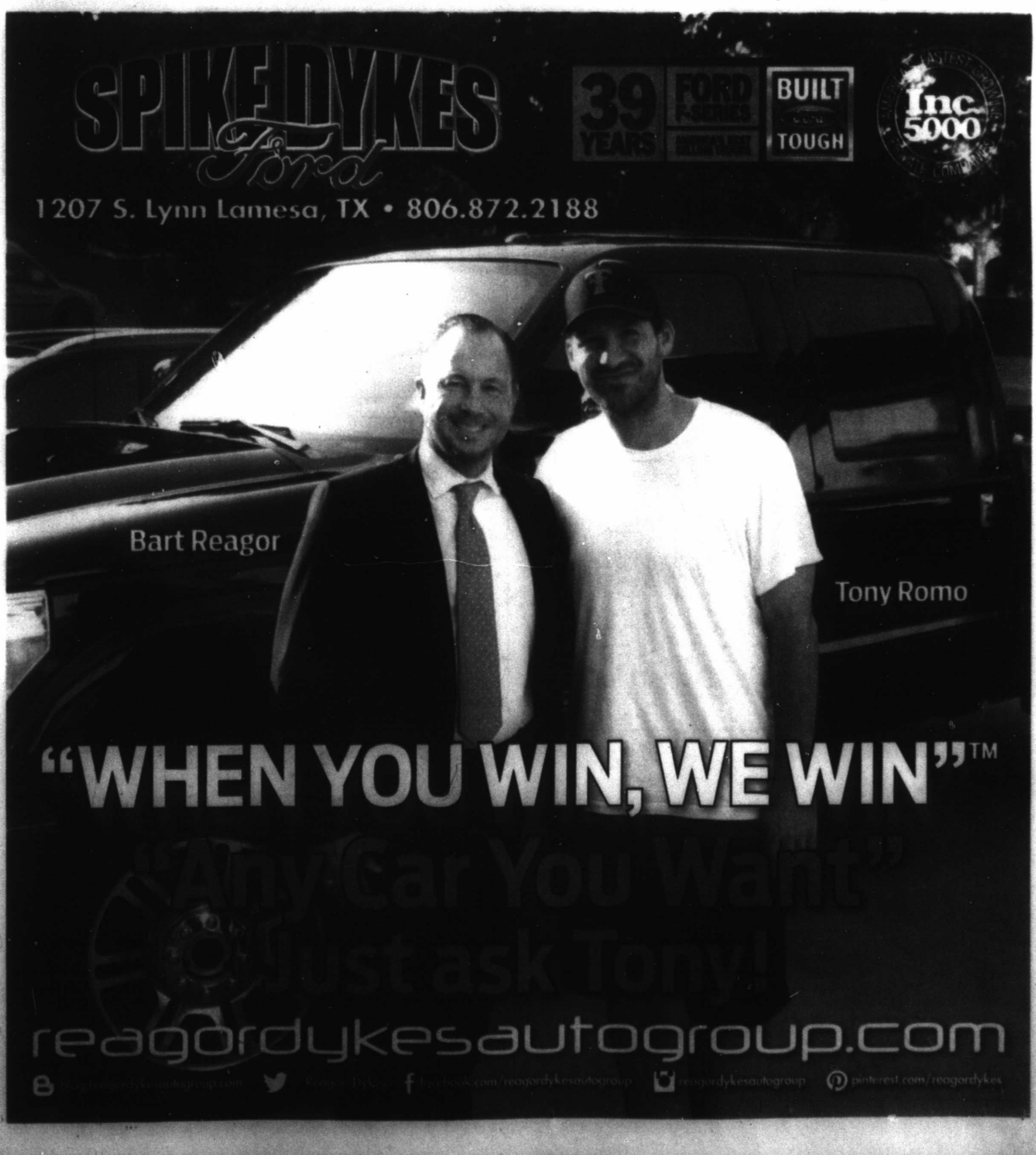
"I think the explosive plays come from Trace's mobility, when he is able to step up in the pocket and extend plays," Penn State coach James Franklin said this week. "If you can buy time and extend plays and force people to cover longer than is normal, it's really challenging. So I think that's where a lot of our big plays have come from."

Blitzing could be costly for the Badgers. McSorley was 12 of 15 for 245 yards and threw three TDs against the blitz in last week's 45-12 win over Michigan State .

Wisconsin has done a good job this year getting pressure with four rushers. Coordinator Justin Wilcox also has disguised rushes and blitzes, like he did last week against the Golden Gophers while rattling Leidner into a four-interception second half.

"Anytime you create some pressure on a quarterback, maybe the accuracy is off just a little bit, or the timing is off a little bit," Chryst said. "You're thankful —those are big plays."

Wisconsin has allowed just 40 plays of 20 or more yards, including 31 through the air and two touchdown passes. Cornerback Sojourn Shelton, a four-year starter, had two interceptions last week against Minnesota.



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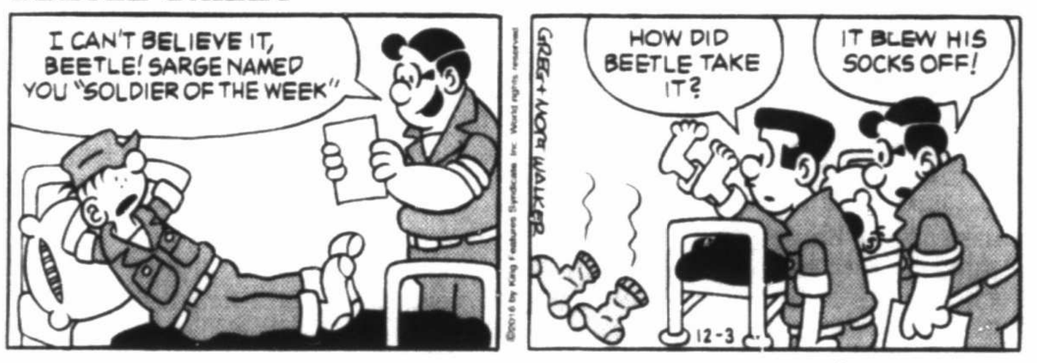

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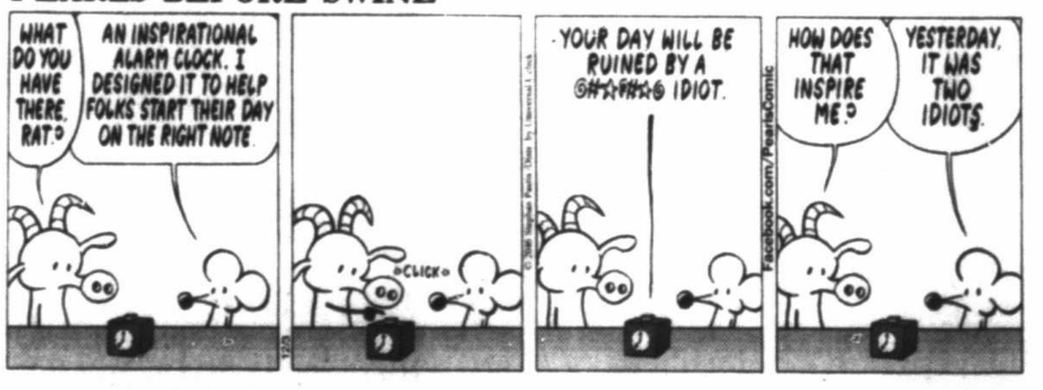

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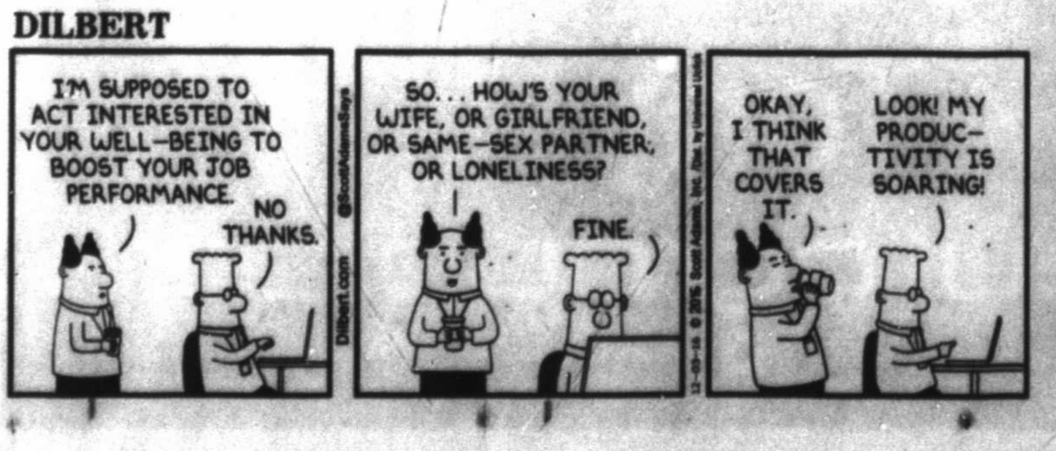

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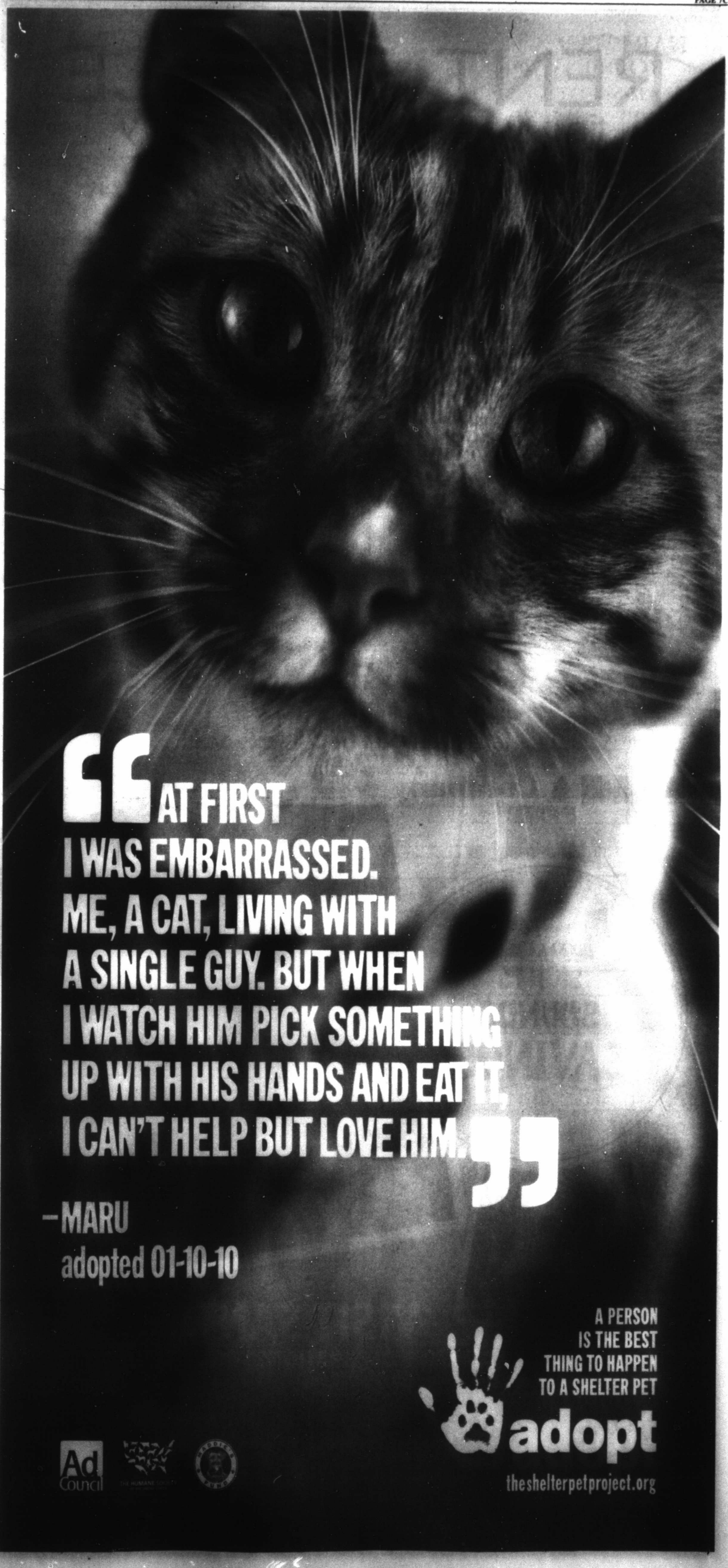
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HospiceMidland is seeking an Admission Nurse Prefer organized professional who enjoys working with the public. Excellent communication skills required. Home health or hospice experience preferred, but not required. RN license in Texas required. **Please apply at https://hospiceofmidland.bamboohr.com/jobs or call Andy Salcedo at 682-2855 for more information. E/O/E**

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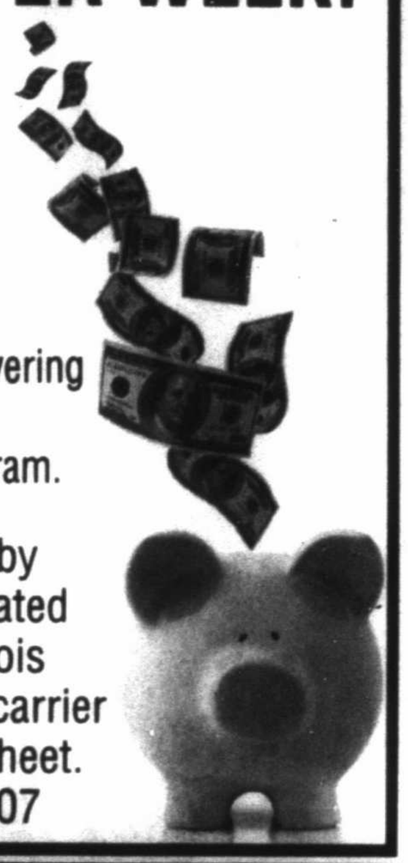

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Hiring Class A CDL Drivers- WTG Fuels Inc., 11501 County Rd 125 W, Odessa, TX 79765

We are seeking Class A CDL drivers with hazmat endorsement for fuel deliveries and boom truck operator. Must pass pre-employment drug screen and have clean driving record. We offer excellent pay and benefits. Applications can be completed on site or email resume to jking@gascard.net

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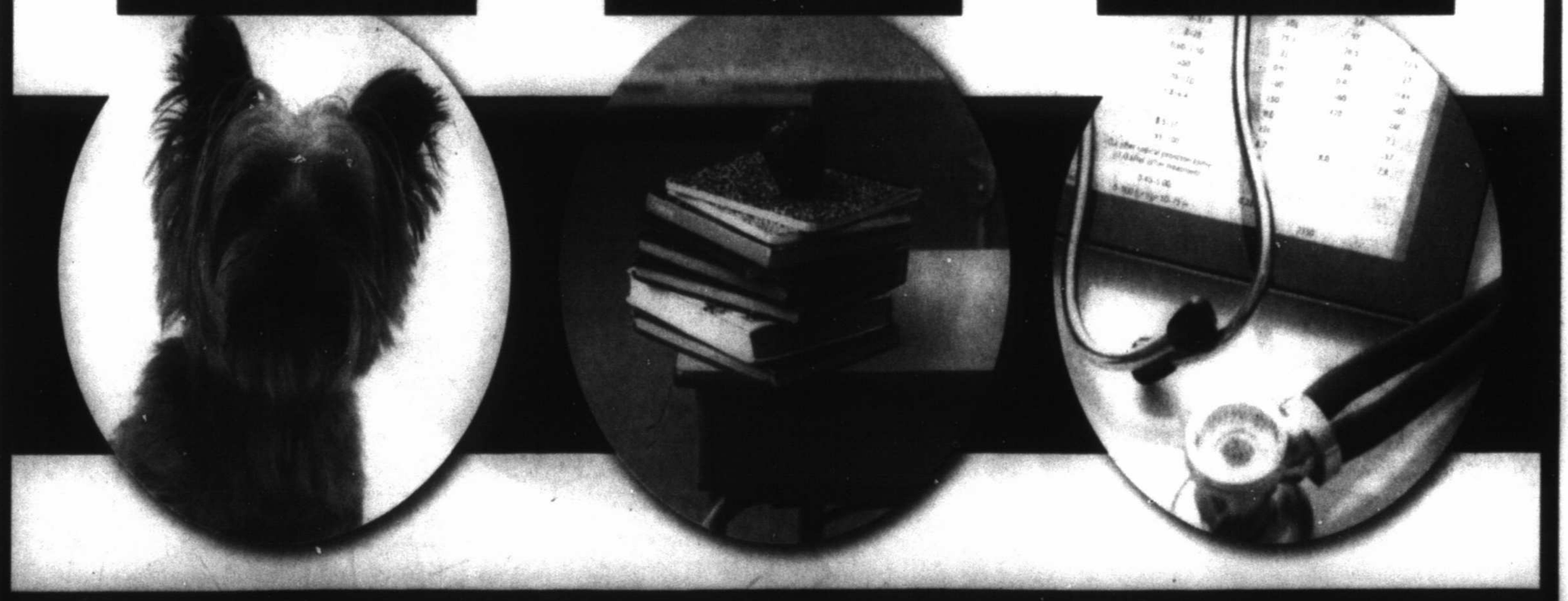

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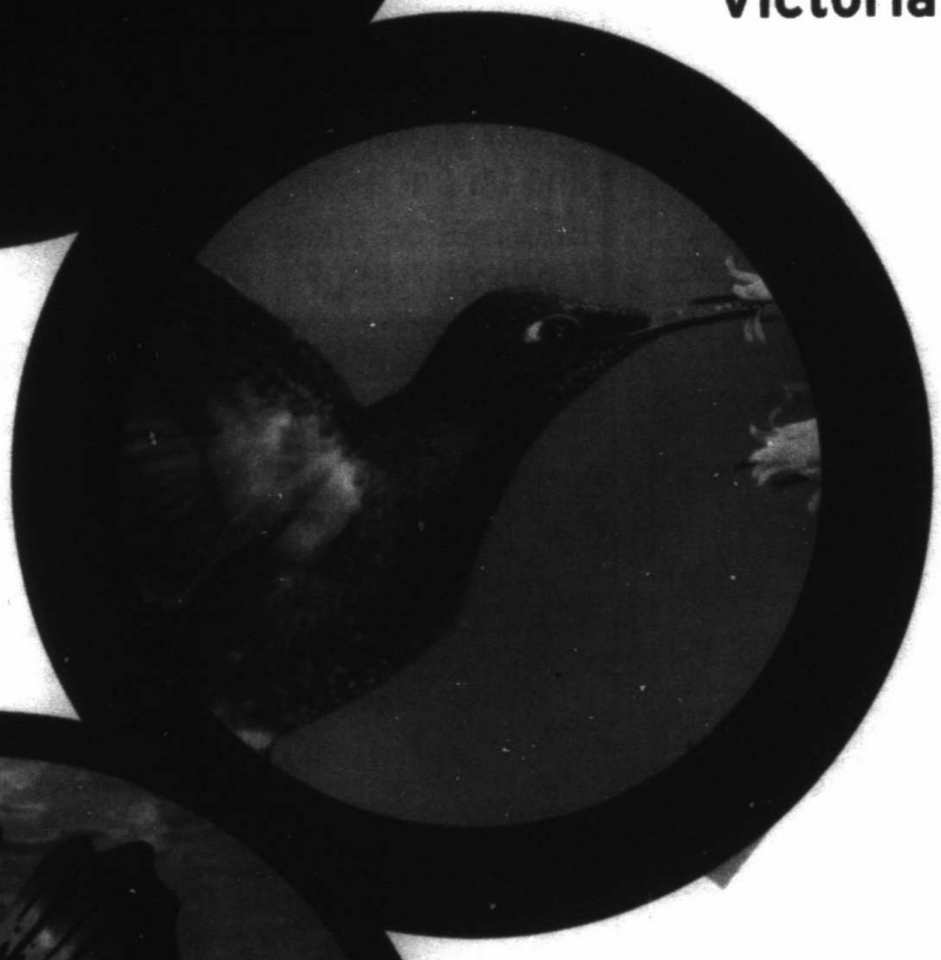



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General Announcement

ANNUAL FUR SHOW & SALE
THE CATS MEOW - 408 Andrews Hwy
(432) 687-2004 - Midland, Texas
Nov. 28 - Dec. 3,
Mon. - Wed. 1pm - 6pm.
Thurs. - Sat. 10am - 6 pm.
There are over 100 Furs including stoles, wraps, jackets, strollers, car coats, full length and more. There are 13 different shades of mink and 9 shades of Fox. We have Sable, Mink, Fox, Russian Squirrel, Persian Lamb, Curly Lamb, Russian Broadtail, Muskrat, Beaver, Raccoon & Lynx. All furs will be 20% off. Fur Specialist Marilyn Harris, from Dallas will be in the shop Thur. - Sat. Doc. 1st-3rd. Visa, MC, Amex accepted. View photos on estatesales.net in their other Liquidation catagory for Midland.

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost and Found

FOUND: LONG haired Chihuahua on Nov. 24th on the intersection of Gulf Ave. and Mark Lane. 432-553-4483.

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2003 SATURN 4 door, new tires. 94K miles. $3,500 OBO. 432-934-8961

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Recreation Vehicles

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Watercraft

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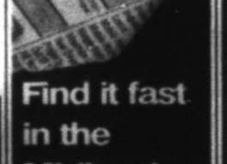

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79705

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Monday, Dec. 5th, 9am-5pm.
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Moving Sale
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Services by Wall St. Antiques

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View full details at EstateSales.NET:
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ESTATE SALES BY LAMAR COATS
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2011 Bedford
Fri. **9 am - 3 pm, Sat. 9 am - 2 pm, Sun. 2 - 4 pm**

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Yard - Garage Sales

79701

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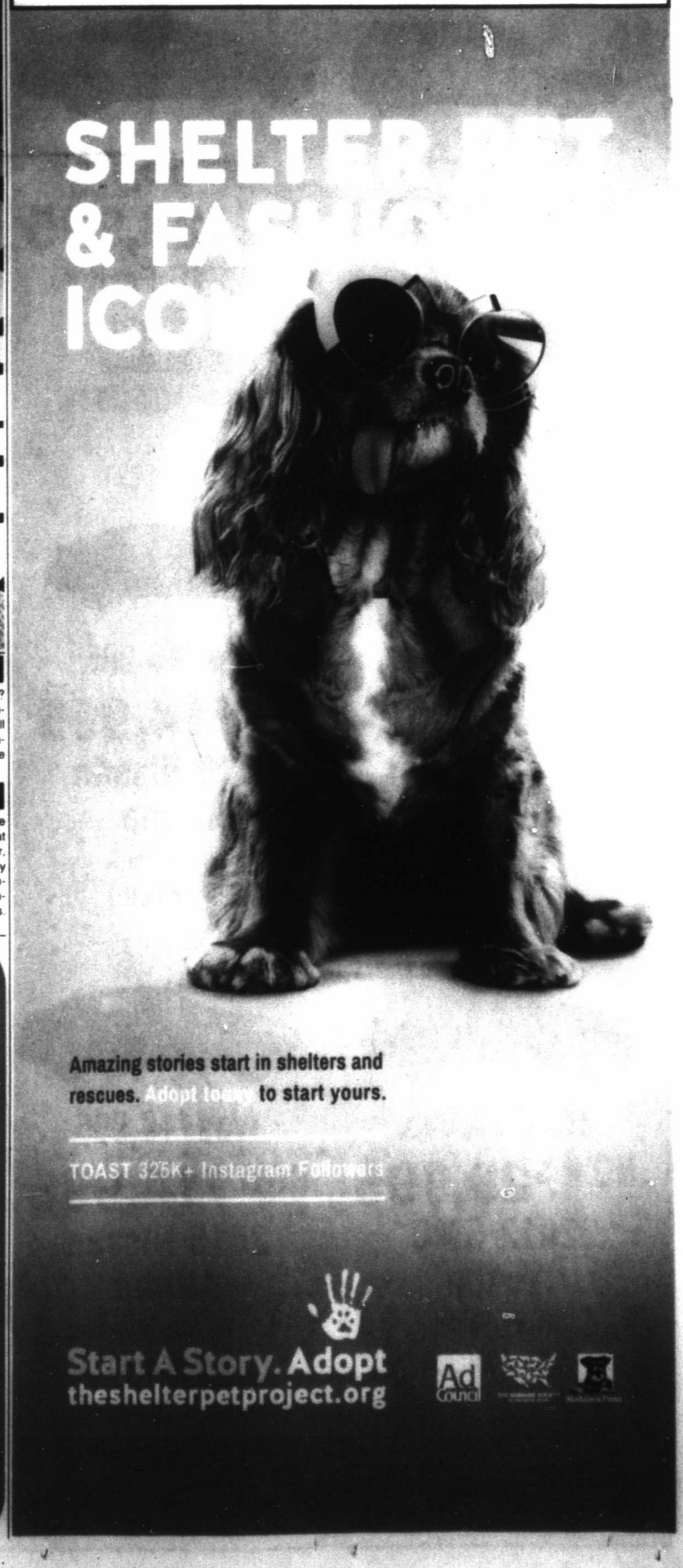

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SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

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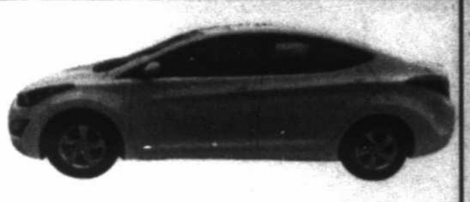

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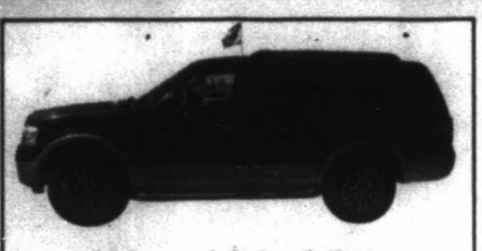

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77,107 Miles
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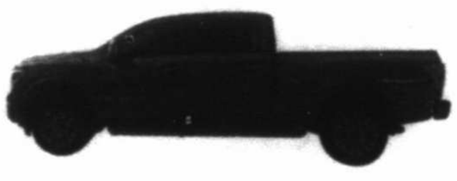

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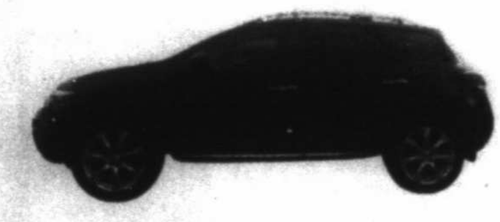

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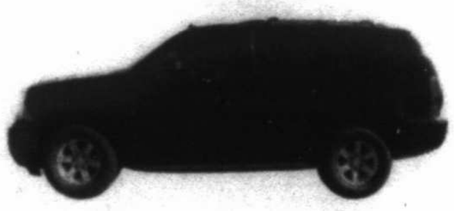

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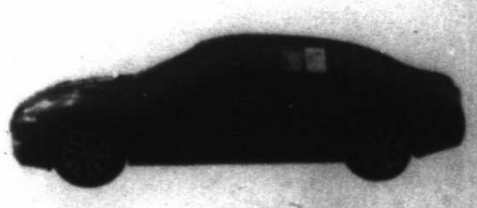

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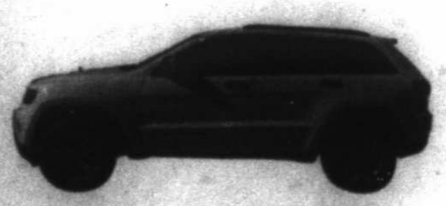

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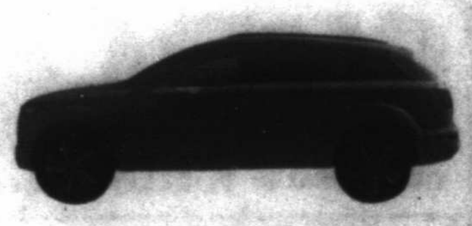

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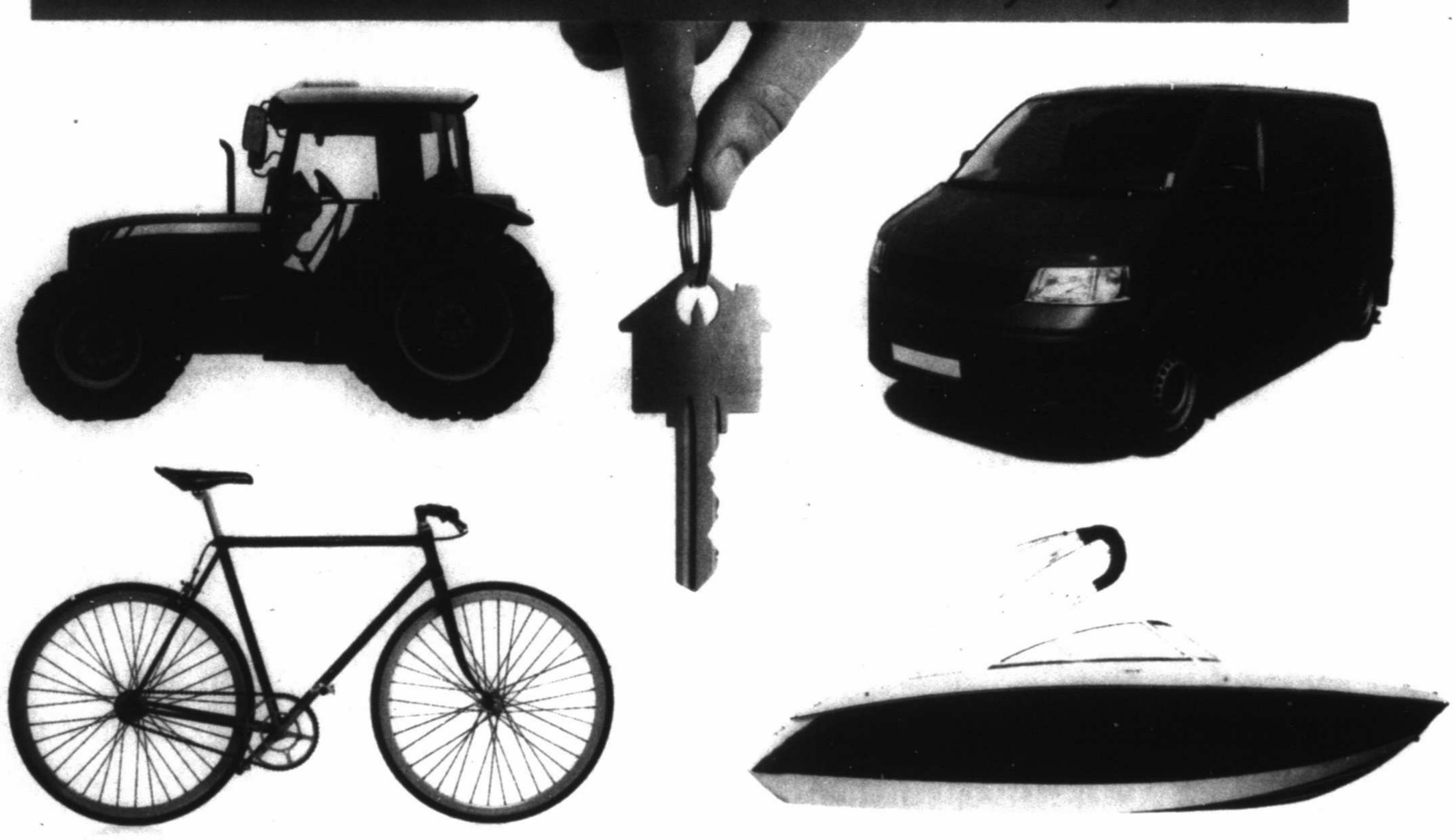

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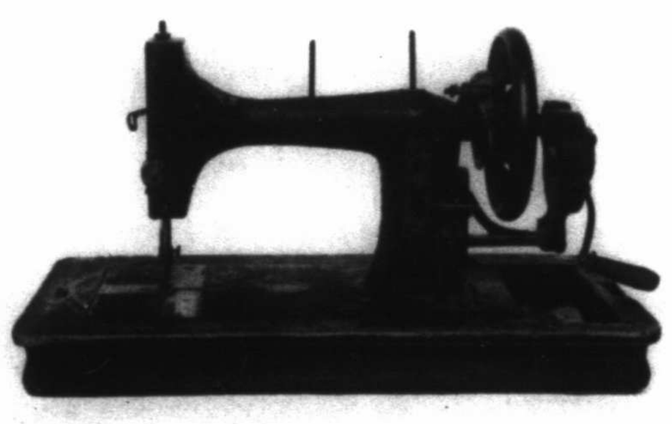

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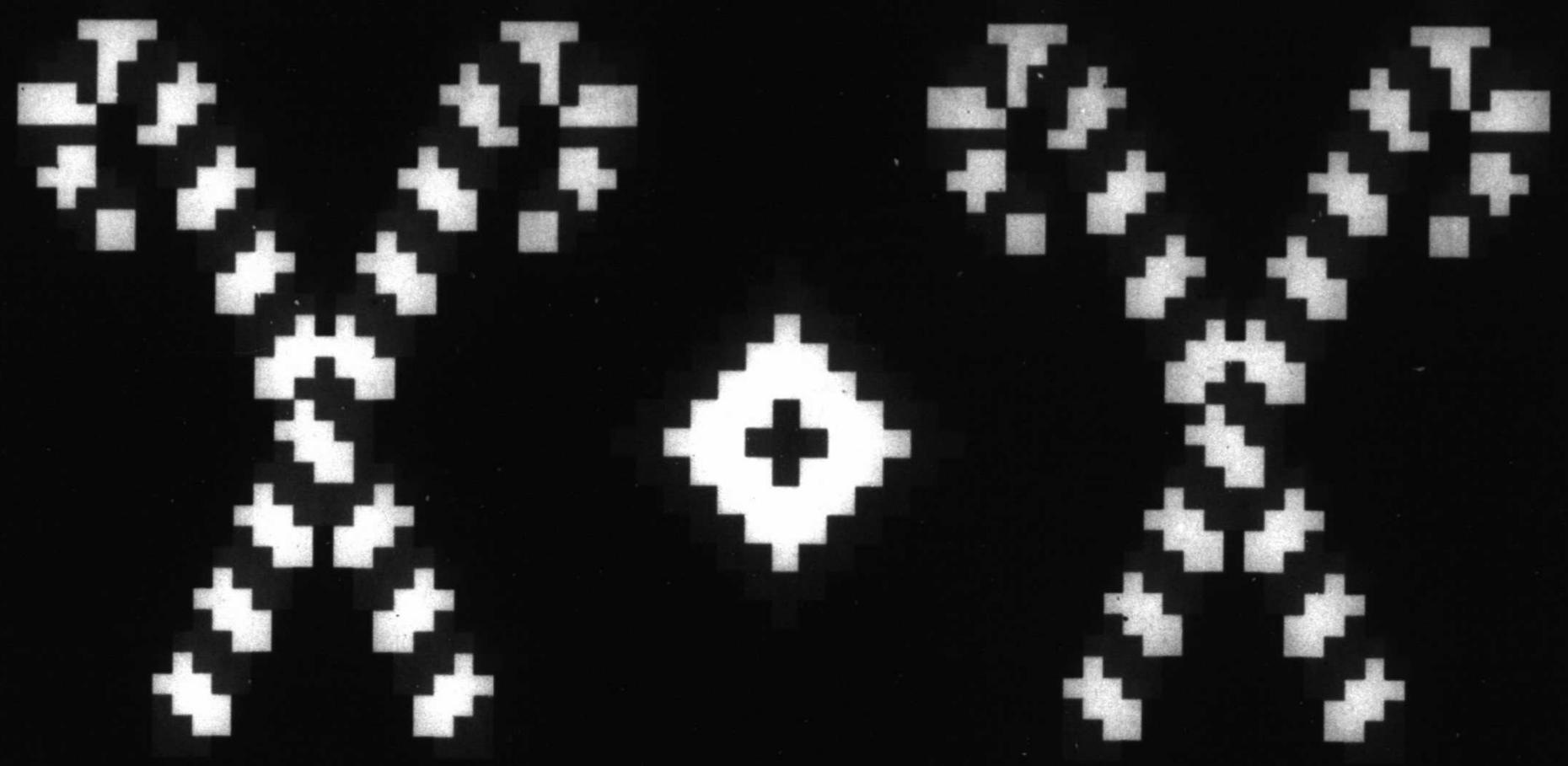

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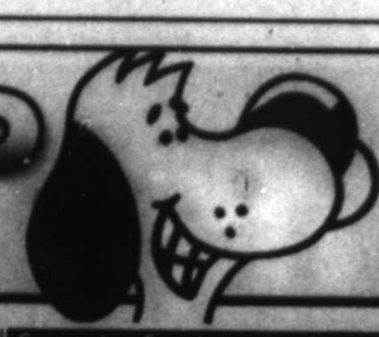

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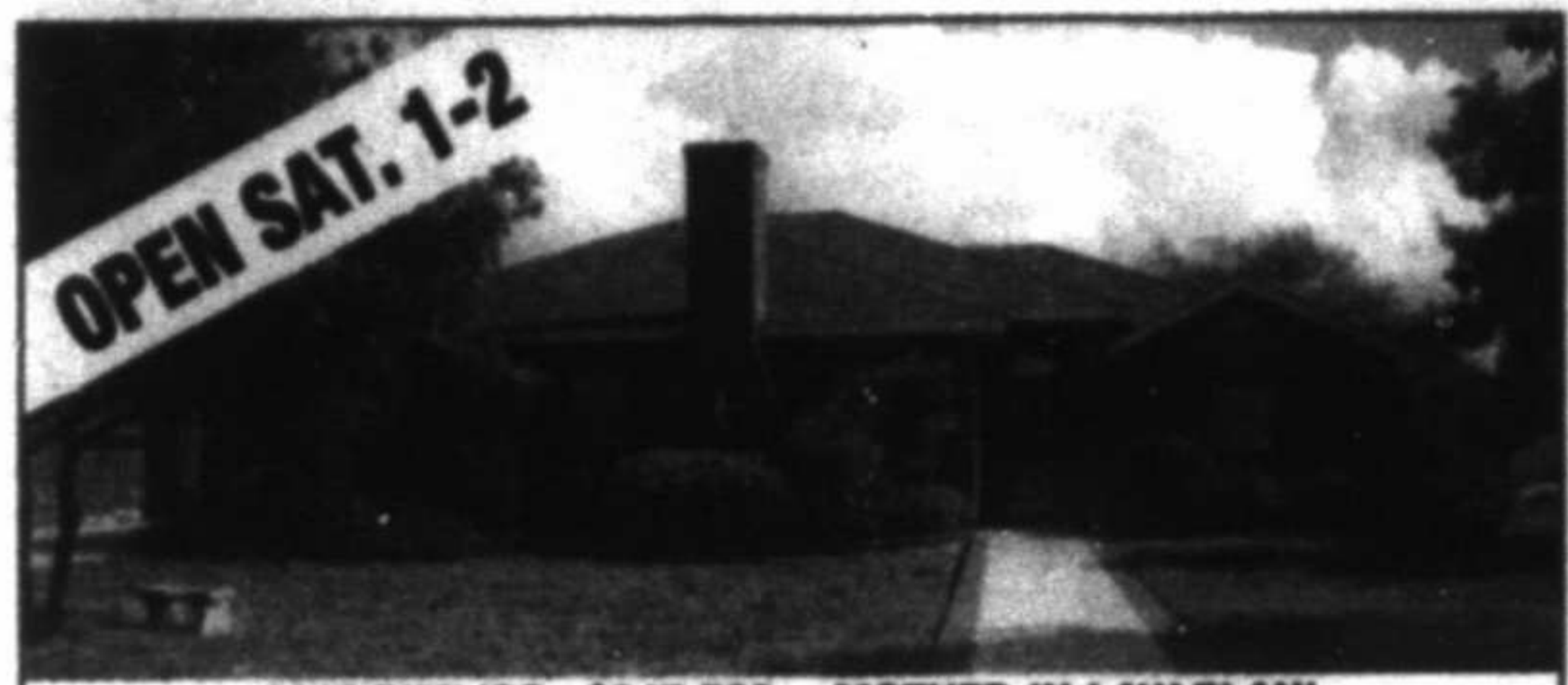

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Stunning home with an amazing pool in Midland's coveted Historic Museum district. One owner custom home with huge windows that overlook the lush pool and patio. Beautifully updated kitchen complete with subzero fridge. Oversized master with cozy fireplace! Massive master bath w/closets that will leave you speechless! Extra Storage and closets everywhere! And Don't miss the 4-car garage! Approx. 4,256 sq. ft. Call **Lillian Reynolds 432-210-9682 for more info. www.yourmidlandhome.com**

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4000 IRVIN DRIVE...........INSULATED SHOP..........$535,000
Amazingly renovated/updated home on 1.35 acres with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car garage and a huge living area. New paint, light fixtures, and flooring. Granite everywhere. Ceiling fans, elevated ceilings, sequestered master and study/office. Huge 24X38 insulated shop complete with 220 electric, auto sprinkler system, drip system for all trees. Country Living close to town! Approx. 3,348 sq. ft. Call **Lillian Reynolds 432-210-9682 for more info. www.yourmidlandhome.com**

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3400 LIMESTONE LN.........$399,000
Only one word. Gorgeous!! Open floor plan with an amazing living room and gorgeous Fireplace! Granite Countertops & Beautiful Cabinetry in kitchen! Den/Game room w/Atrium Door leads out to relaxing courtyard! Oversized rooms with HUGE Closets! Beautiful! Approx. 3,008 sq. ft. Call **Lillian Reynolds 432-210-9682 for more info. www.yourmidlandhome.com**

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1706 WARD STREET..........$357,000
Charming home with tons of room offers 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 car garage. Updated kitchen with granite, double oven, gas cooktop and tons of storage. Features include big dining room, huge laundry, sequestered downstairs master with plantation shutters and large walk-in closet, ceiling fans and pantry. Pretty backyard with sprinkler system. Don't miss this! Approx. 3,275 sq. ft. Call **Lillian Reynolds 432-210-9682 for more info. www.yourmidlandhome.com**

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4907 BRAZOS - FOR LEASE
Beautiful Home, Quiet Neighborhood. Both bathrooms being updated with new tub, tile and granite right now. Trees in front and back and lush lawn. Covered side patio off of living area. Fireplace with gas starter, shining wood floors. All residents must have a credit score of 600 or greater and clean criminal history. Pets up to 40 lbs. okay with $500 pet deposit. **For more info. call Caren McCourt today 432-967-1212.**

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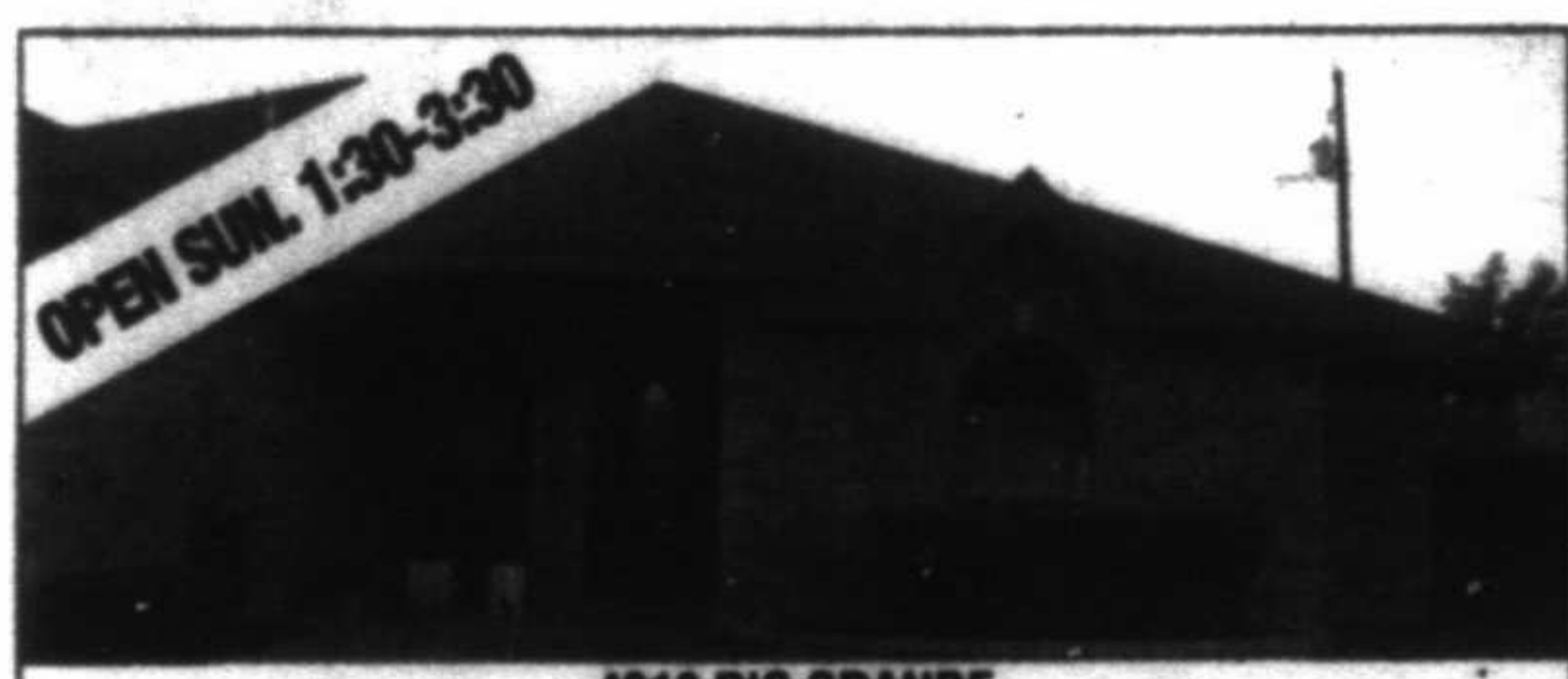

4910 RIO GRANDE
Join us for Hot Chocolate & Cider, Christmas Treats, Drawing for Outback Steakhouse gift card. Beautiful stained concrete floors have just been refinished and look amazing. Open concept with built in surround sound system. Carpet in bedrooms only. Stainless appliances, granite in kitchen and both bathrooms. Master bath has shower & jetted tub. There isn't another home on the market that can compare to this one. This is a Bernal Home and listed at an incredible price. Hosted By: **Laura Watkins 432-349-3283**

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4703 CROCKETT AVE - PRICE REDUCTION $149,000 - 2030 SQFT
A surprising home, super cute!!! So much remodeling including 2 year roof, awesome open kitchen, newer paint inside and out, walk-in closet, large windows & move-in ready. This is one you must see to believe because the front doesn't tell its story. 3 bdr, 2 bth, bonus room, parking pad, nice size yard and all at only $159,900. Call **Kandi Bagwell 432-352-4134.**

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2811 W. DENGAR, MIDLAND 79705
3 bedroom, 2 full baths and 1 half bath, 2717 S.F. Granite throughout in kitchen and bathrooms, freshly painted and updated, beautiful landscape and automatic sprinkler. Move in ready. Call **Wylea Brown, Texas Real Estate Broker 432-212-9526.**

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45 ROYAL MANOR DRIVE - ODESSA
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Spectacular newly constructed estate home furnished model in The Estates of Shiloh with 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 4 living - including media room & gameroom, 2 dining, 4 car garage, circle drive, gourmet kitchen. Trade-in your home for this newly constructed home (Directions: Hwy. 191, take Faudree Rd. exit, turn North on Faudree Rd., right into The Estates of Shiloh, left on Lamplight Ln., Right on Royal Manor Dr.). Contact **Cindy Brown a Texas Real Estate Broker with Realty Unlimited, Phone or Text: 432.352.3566.**

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4102 STRATTON ★ OPEN 2:00-3:00 TODAY
Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home! Great open Floor plan! Gorgeous remodeled kitchen w/granite and stainless appliances. Wood, brick, and tile floors. Tremendous storage!
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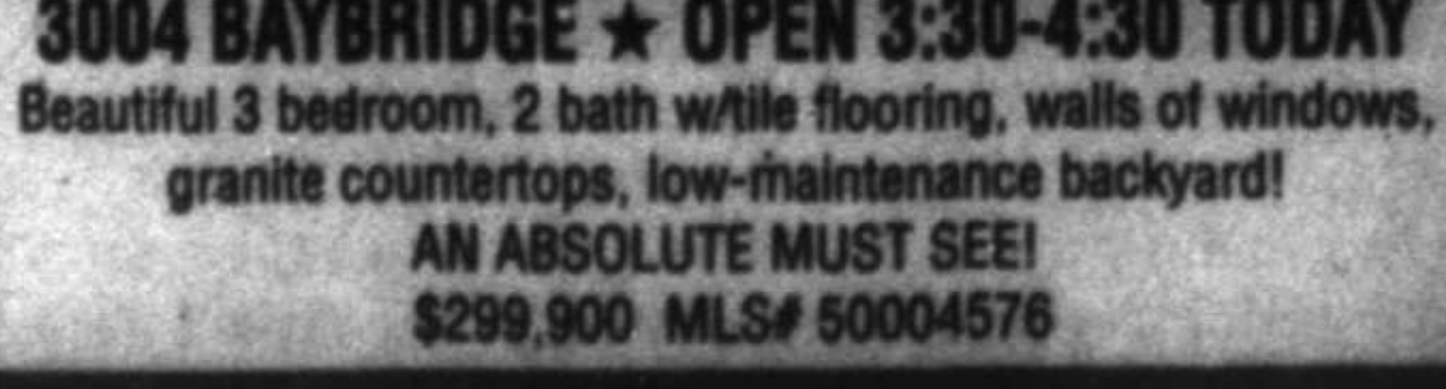

3004 BAYBRIDGE ★ OPEN 3:30-4:30 TODAY
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/tile flooring, walls of windows, granite countertops, low-maintenance backyard!
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$299,900 MLS# 50004576

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