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## OPEC agrees to production-cuts extension

By Javier Blas, Angelina Rascouet and Elena Mazneva  
Bloomberg

OPEC agreed to extend its oil-production cuts to the end of 2018 and included Libya and Nigeria in the deal for the first time, according to delegates gathered in

Vienna. The group's initial meeting concluded and talks were getting underway with Russia and other non-members, whose continued cooperation is necessary for the deal to be finalized. Libya and Nigeria, previously exempt from cutting production because of internal strife, agreed to caps on their output

that exceed the nations' current production, the delegates said, asking not to be identified because they weren't authorized to speak to the media. That means their inclusion wouldn't immediately deepen the overall level of supply reduction. The outcome of the day's talks so far reflects a rare consensus between members of the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries, with all agreeing that the market is moving in the right direction, but is not yet balanced. While Moscow has voiced its support for an extension, it is said to want assurances on how and when the agreement will be phased out. OPEC agreed to review the

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## COURTHOUSE THREATS



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. marshals block the road in front of the federal courthouse Thursday morning after a bomb threat was called in.

## Texas sheriff says it's unlikely border agents were attacked

Associated Press

VAN HORN — A Texas sheriff who was among the first people to reach two badly injured U.S. Border Patrol agents said he thinks they may have been sideswiped accidentally by a tractor-trailer, not attacked, as President Donald Trump and some others have suggested.

The injured agents were found the night of Nov. 18 along a culvert next to Interstate 10 near Van Horn, which is about 110 miles southeast of El Paso and about 30 miles from the border with Mexico.

Agent Rogelio Martinez succumbed to traumatic head injuries and broken bones. His partner, whose identity has not been disclosed, was seriously injured and hospitalized for several days. The agent has no memory of what happened that night.

Culberson County Sheriff Oscar Carrillo said he thinks a tractor-trailer may have accidentally sideswiped the pair, The Dallas Morning News reported.

I-10 is a heavily traveled route for truck drivers and accidents regularly occur, some due to wind drafts and others from drivers overcorrecting after drifting across lanes, Carrillo said. "From the beginning we were radioed to assist in the incident as an injury, not an assault," Carrillo told the newspaper. "That's the way it was communicated to us."

"If this was an assault, believe me, as sheriff, I'd be the first one out there emphasizing safety in our community and with our deputies, pairing them up," he said.

It's not clear why Martinez and his partner were along the highway, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that they "were responding to activity."

A Border Patrol union, the National Border Patrol Council, has said the pair was attacked and struck with a rock or rocks.

President Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz and Gov. Greg Abbott also have said the two were attacked, with Trump using the incident to renew his call for a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Bue Jr. in the FBI's El Paso office said last week that investigators were treating the incident as a "potential assault," but they could not rule out other scenarios.

Federal officials have released few details about the circumstances leading to their injuries.

## County, federal courthouses reopen after bomb threat

■ Dog could reduce time for clearing buildings

By Simone Jasper  
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Two local courthouses are scheduled to be open today after a bomb threat was called in Thursday, according to law enforcement officials. The investigation continues to determine who called in the threat.

A call received at 7:30 a.m. Thursday prompted responses at the Midland

County Courthouse and George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush U.S. Courthouse. Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Brent Sheets said the responses didn't come after separate calls, as previously reported.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter on Thursday morning said his office was conducting an investigation into the caller. The call came from a pay phone at Al's Grocery on North Lamesa Road, according to a press release. People with information are encouraged to contact the sheriff's office at 688-4600 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-8477.

After 911 dispatch received the call, the Midland County Sheriff's Office conducted an evacuation procedure at the county courthouse and searched the building and its grounds, according to a press release. The building was given an all-clear determination before 8 a.m. and was opened to residents and employees, according to the release.

The call also prompted a response at the federal courthouse involving multiple law enforcement agencies, according to Sheets. He said actions included evacuating the building, notifying nearby businesses and blocking off surrounding streets.

Officials waited for a dog from Lubbock that could be used to detect bombs, according to Sheets. He said the building was given an all-clear determination at about 11 a.m. and was functioning by about noon.

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## Town repeals law making English official language

Associated Press

FARMERS BRANCH — Officials in a Dallas suburb have repealed a controversial, decade-old ordinance that made English the city's official language.

The Farmers Branch City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to repeal the 2006 English-only resolution. The resolution had declared that all city business must be conducted in English. It also prohibited official translations for city documents, meetings, programs and publications unless required by state or federal law.

Mayor Robert Dye said the repeal will help the city move beyond its controversial past and be able to focus on development and growth.

"We want to show not only to our community but to other communities outside Farmers Branch that it's a new day," he said. "We've learned, and we are now focused on moving forward

and planning for the future."

The council approved another ordinance around the same time as the English-only resolution that required home renters to provide proof of citizenship or residency. It also threatened to fine or revoke renter's licenses for landlords who leased property to immigrants illegally living in the U.S.

After a seven-year legal fight, a federal court ruled the rental ban unconstitutional. The fight cost Farmers Branch about \$6.6 million.

"I remember protests here where they would say, 'Go back to Mexico,'" said Carlos Quintanilla, an immigration and civil rights activist who partnered with the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the rental ban in court.

Quintanilla said repealing the English-only ordinance this week is "part of a long healing process."

## Officer fired in shooting of black man seen as suspect

Associated Press

MESQUITE — A police officer in suburban Dallas has been fired after investigators determined he violated department policy in the shooting of a black man who was mistaken for a burglar as he attempted to unlock his own truck.

Mesquite police Chief Charles Cato said in a statement late Wednesday that officer Derrick Wiley was fired following a review of the Nov. 8 shooting.

Cato did not indicate

which department policy Wiley violated.

Authorities have said Lyndo Jones was shot twice after officers responded to a report of someone breaking into a vehicle, setting off its alarm.

The shooting occurred as Jones scuffled with Wiley, who is also black, and other officers.

Authorities later acknowledged that the truck belonged to Jones.

Police charged Jones with evading arrest, but it was later dismissed.

## OPEC

From 1A

deal at its next meeting in June, delegates said.

"OPEC ministers have very clearly said that they're extremely committed towards getting that inventory overhang down," Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at consultants Energy Aspects in London, said in an interview with Bloomberg television. "The questions that are going to get asked now are about Russia's involvement, which I also think is going to be very much for the full year."

Benchmark Brent crude traded up 1.1 percent at \$63.80 a barrel at 4:21 p.m. in London.

For Russia, reassurance about how the curbs will eventually be wound down seems to be as important as the duration of the extension, according to people

involved in negotiations earlier this week. It needs greater clarity than most OPEC members because its economic policy making is more complex, including a floating exchange rate that fluctuates with the oil price.

OPEC ministers didn't have a detailed discussion about the mechanism that will be used to review the deal in June, Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh told reporters.

It would be premature to talk about an exit strategy because OPEC and its allies are relying on oil demand in the third quarter of 2018 to finally eliminate the inventory surplus. Saudi Oil Minister Khalid Al-Falih said Thursday before the meeting. But the kingdom is open to discussions about how the group could wind down the cuts "very gradually" once its goals are achieved, he said.

## Jury: Mexican man not guilty in San Francisco pier killing

By Paul Elias  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A jury on Thursday found a Mexican man not guilty in the killing of a woman on a San Francisco pier that touched off a fierce national immigration debate two years ago, rejecting possible charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to first-degree murder.



Zarate

The shooting of Kate Steinle came during the presidential primary campaign in 2015 and was used by then-candidate Donald Trump to push for a wall on the Mexican border.

The president called the verdict "disgraceful" on Twitter late Thursday.

"No wonder the people of our Country are so angry with illegal immigration," Trump wrote.

The suspect's lawyers said outside court that their client's immigration status was unfairly exploited for political purposes and had nothing to do with the criminal case.

"From Day 1 this case was used as a means to foment hate, to foment division and to foment a program of mass deportation. It was used to catapult a presidency along that philosophy of hate of others," defense attorney Francisco Ugarte said after the verdict. "I believe today is a day of vindication for the rest of immigrants."

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate had been deported five times and was wanted for a sixth deportation when Steinle was fatally shot in the back while walking with her father on the pier.

The case spotlighted San Francisco's "sanctuary city" policy, which limits local officials from cooperating with U.S. immigration authorities.

Politics, however, did not come up in

the monthlong trial that featured extensive testimony from ballistics experts. Defense attorneys argued that Garcia Zarate was a hapless homeless man who killed Steinle in a freak accident. Prosecutors said he meant to shoot and kill her.

Garcia Zarate did not deny shooting Steinle and said it was an accident.

Jurors did find him guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm, meaning he knowingly had a firearm but there was no intent for him to hurt or shoot anyone. Public defender Jeff Adachi said the count carries a potential sentence of 16 months to three years behind bars.

"The verdict that came in today was not the one we were hoping for," said Alex Bastian, a spokesman for the San Francisco prosecutor's office. "The jury came back with the verdict they did, and we will respect that decision."

... This is really about the Steinle family. They showed incredible resolve during this whole process."

Jim Steinle told the San Francisco Chronicle the family was saddened and shocked by the verdict.

"There's no other way you can coin it. Justice was rendered, but it was not served," he said in what he called the last interview he would do about the case.

The family did not attend the reading of the verdict. Jurors left without comment and the judge sealed their names.

Before the shooting, Garcia Zarate finished a federal prison sentence for illegal re-entry into the United States and had been transferred to San Francisco's jail in March 2015 to face a 20-year-old charge for selling marijuana. The sheriff's department released him a few days later after prosecutors dropped the marijuana charge, despite a request from federal immigration officials to detain him for deportation.

The Trump administration has sought to punish sanctuary cities through a series of legal actions, including an executive order to withhold

funding, but a federal judge recently blocked it in a lawsuit from two California counties, San Francisco and Santa Clara. The administration has appealed.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement Thursday that San Francisco's decision to release Garcia Zarate led to Steinle's death.

"The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that all jurisdictions place the safety and security of their communities above the convenience of criminal aliens," Sessions said. "I urge the leaders of the nation's communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citizens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said it "will work to take custody of Mr. Garcia Zarate and ultimately remove him from the country" once he serves his local sentence.

San Francisco Deputy District Attorney Diana Garcia said during the trial that she didn't know why Garcia Zarate fired the weapon, but he created a risk of death by bringing the firearm to the pier and twirling around on a chair for at least 20 minutes before he fired.

"He did kill someone. He took the life of a young, vibrant, beautiful, cherished woman by the name of Kate Steinle," she said.

Defense attorney Matt Gonzalez said in his closing argument that he knows it's difficult to believe Garcia Zarate found an object that turned out to be a weapon, which fired when he picked it up.

But he told jurors that Garcia Zarate had no motivation to kill Steinle and that as awful as her death was, "nothing you do is going to fix that."

Garcia Zarate was sitting about 90 feet from Steinle when the gun fired. The bullet ricocheted on the pier's concrete walkway and fatally struck Steinle in the back.

## American Airlines vows to take steps against racial bias

By David Koenig  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Under pressure from the NAACP, American Airlines is promising changes in the way it trains employees and handles passenger complaints about racially biased treatment.

The airline announced the steps Thursday after a meeting between CEO Doug Parker and NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

The civil-rights group issued a "travel advisory" in October warning African-Americans they could face discrimination when flying on American. The alert followed several high-profile incidents including one involving an organizer of the Women's March who was booted from a flight after a dispute over her seat.

American pledged to hire an outside firm to review its diversity in hiring and promotion, train all 120,000 employees to counteract so-called implicit bias, create a special team to review passengers' discrimination complaints, and improve resolution of employee complaints about bias.

The NAACP did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The airline's promise followed the second meeting between Parker, Johnson, Women's March organizer Tamika Mallory and others at American's headquarters in Fort Worth.

In October, Mallory called an American Airlines pilot a racist after he ordered her off a flight in Miami. She posted an emotional video about the incident on Facebook, which has been viewed 530,000 times, and mullied whether to take legal action against American. Two weeks later, the



Willredo Lee/Associated Press

A pair of American Airlines jets are parked Nov. 6 on the airport apron at Miami International Airport. A scheduling glitch has left American scrambling to find pilots to operate thousands of flights over the busy Christmas holiday period. American said Wednesday it expects to avoid canceling flights by paying overtime and using reserve pilots.

NAACP issued its warning to African-American travelers.

Parker's initial response was to defend his airline's diversity — about 15 percent of its employees are African-American, slightly more than the national average — but called the NAACP's criticism an opportunity for the airline to improve and become a leader on issues of diversity and inclusion.

On Thursday, Parker said in a note to employees that the criticism has led to conversations with outside groups as well as the airline's own employees "that we may not have otherwise had."

Since the start of 2016 through September, American has been the subject of 29 racial-discrimination complaints by passengers, more than any other U.S. carrier although a tiny fraction of the airline's passengers.

Paul Argenti, a professor of corporate communication at Dartmouth Uni-

versity who wrote about racism at the Denny's restaurant chain in the 1990s, called American's measures Thursday a good first step but inadequate to significantly change the airline's culture.

"This is the kind of thing you do to get by. I don't think it's enough," he said.

American should take bolder steps, including naming more minorities to senior executive positions and the board of directors, Argenti said.

However, David Margulies, president of a Dallas firm that advises companies on crisis communications, said American had handled the NAACP's criticism well — in part by not being overly defensive or argumentative.

"This says, 'We want to do better. We recognize there could be an issue, and here's what we're going to do,'" he said. "I think they've been smart and strategic about it."

## THREAT

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A recent Midland County Commissioners' Court decision could cut down on time to clear buildings and reduce risk to responding officers in the event of future threats.

Commissioners last month approved a request from the Midland County District Attorney's Office to purchase a bomb dog. The court also approved adding a felony investigator who would serve as the dog's handler.

District Attorney Laura A. Nodolf on Thursday said the program starts today and that the investigator and dog will undergo training.

Nodolf told the Reporter-Telegram last month the closest bomb dog was in Lubbock. She said the minimum response time for that dog is 3.5 hours.

After a bomb threat was called into Nodolf's office in September, the Midland County Courthouse was

evacuated and closed to the public for the rest of the day. A bomb dog could have cleared the building in 1.5 hours and allowed people to return to their normal duties, according to Nodolf. She said a dog could be used in the event of a similar situation.

"Members of the unit as well as other personnel have to put themselves in potential of harm's way to go in and visually clear the building," Nodolf said last month. "The difference with a bomb dog is the fact that you can send in one

handler and the dog to be able to clear a building." Nodolf at the time said the Midland Police Department had received

13 bomb threats and seven suspicious package reports in the past year. She did not have revised numbers on Thursday.

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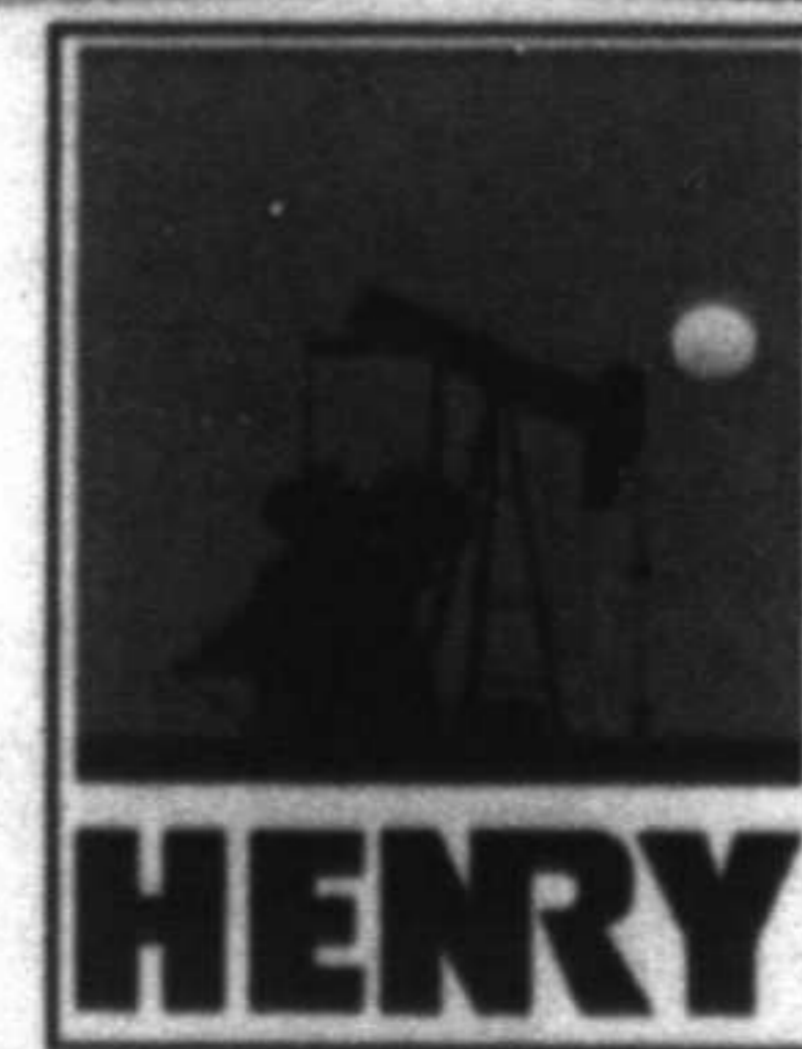
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Nemesis  
[nem-uh-sis]  
noun  
1. an opponent or rival whom a person can not beat or overcome.



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**Things to do**

- "Astronaut" dome show in 3D, 4 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museum.org
- Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m., (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib
- Writing is Magic teen writing club for ages 13-19, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Family movie and game night hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus), 7 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Desouville Road. Enjoy board games and a screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for children. The night will also host the Texas State Health Department to conduct free STI screenings. Free pbright.org
- Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more, 6-10 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane 682-5511
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway
- "Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical," 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. 528. midland.org
- Aaron Embrosas, 9 p.m., the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
- Donnie Everts, 9 p.m., Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa
- DJ Widman, 9 p.m., the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa
- **Coming Saturday**
- Jingle Bell Run: A Night Time Christmas Light Experience benefiting Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Heritage USA FCU, 5507 W. Wadley Ave. This year's run will go through Grasslands Estates. \$10-\$35. enduranceco. active.com
- Christmas Tree Lighting by the city of Midland, 6-9 p.m., Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" St.

**TODAY IN MIDLAND**  
**Grand Buffet renovations**



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Grand Buffet, which suffered major damage from a storm in June, reopened Sunday, manager June Hu said Wednesday. The exterior has been repaired, and improvements have been made to the inside of the Chinese restaurant on Andrews Highway. The restaurant is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Gas prices in Midland**

Cheapest gas: \$2.31 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)  
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): \$2.37 (Tesco, Midland/Wadley, H-E-B, Midland/Wadley, Murphy USA, Midland/Brianwood)  
Most expensive: \$2.59 (Chevron, Rankin Highway/CR 135)  
Most common price: \$2.55  
Cheapest prices in West Texas: San Angelo \$2.02, Lubbock \$2.15, Abilene \$2.25, Midland \$2.31, Odessa \$2.37

**Mid-Odessa Texas**

Thursday \$2.493 \$2.249  
Last week \$2.489 \$2.278  
Last month \$2.432 \$2.244  
Last year \$1.936 \$1.919

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

**Prices hold steady**  
COPPELL — Retail gasoline prices across Texas held steady this week, while nationwide prices declined an average 3 cents per gallon. AAA Texas on Thursday reported

**the average price at the pump statewide was \$2.27. Drivers across the country are paying an average \$2.49 per gallon.**

The association survey found San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average \$2.16 per gallon. The most expensive gasoline statewide is in Midland at an average \$2.52 per gallon. AAA experts predict motorists in December will not find significant holiday savings at the gas pump.

Source: Associated Press

**Today in History**

Today is Friday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2017. There are 30 days left in the year.

**Today's highlight:**  
On Dec. 1, 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States. The goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort.

Source: Associated Press

**Lottery**

- Pick 3 morning: 6-7-0
- Pick 3 day: 8-2-2
- Pick 3 evening: 2-9-4
- Pick 4 morning: 6-6-4
- Daily 4 morning: 3-4-6-0
- Daily 4 day: 1-5-5-8
- Daily 4 evening: 3-8-3-6
- Daily 4 night: 2-7-9-5
- Cash Five: 2-3-8-24-35
- Triple Chance: 6-10-27-29-30
- 34-41-50-54-55
- Texas Two Step: 1-5-8-21
- BB: 18
- All or Nothing morning: 1-2
- 5-6-9-11-13-14-16-17-18-19
- Daily 4 morning: 1-2-3-5-7
- 8-11-13-14-15-17-23
- All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4
- 7-11-12-13-15-17-18-20-22
- All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4
- 7-8-9-11-13-17-23-24

**Weather**

**Thursday's temperatures**  
High: 66  
Low: 39  
Normal high: 61  
Normal low: 34

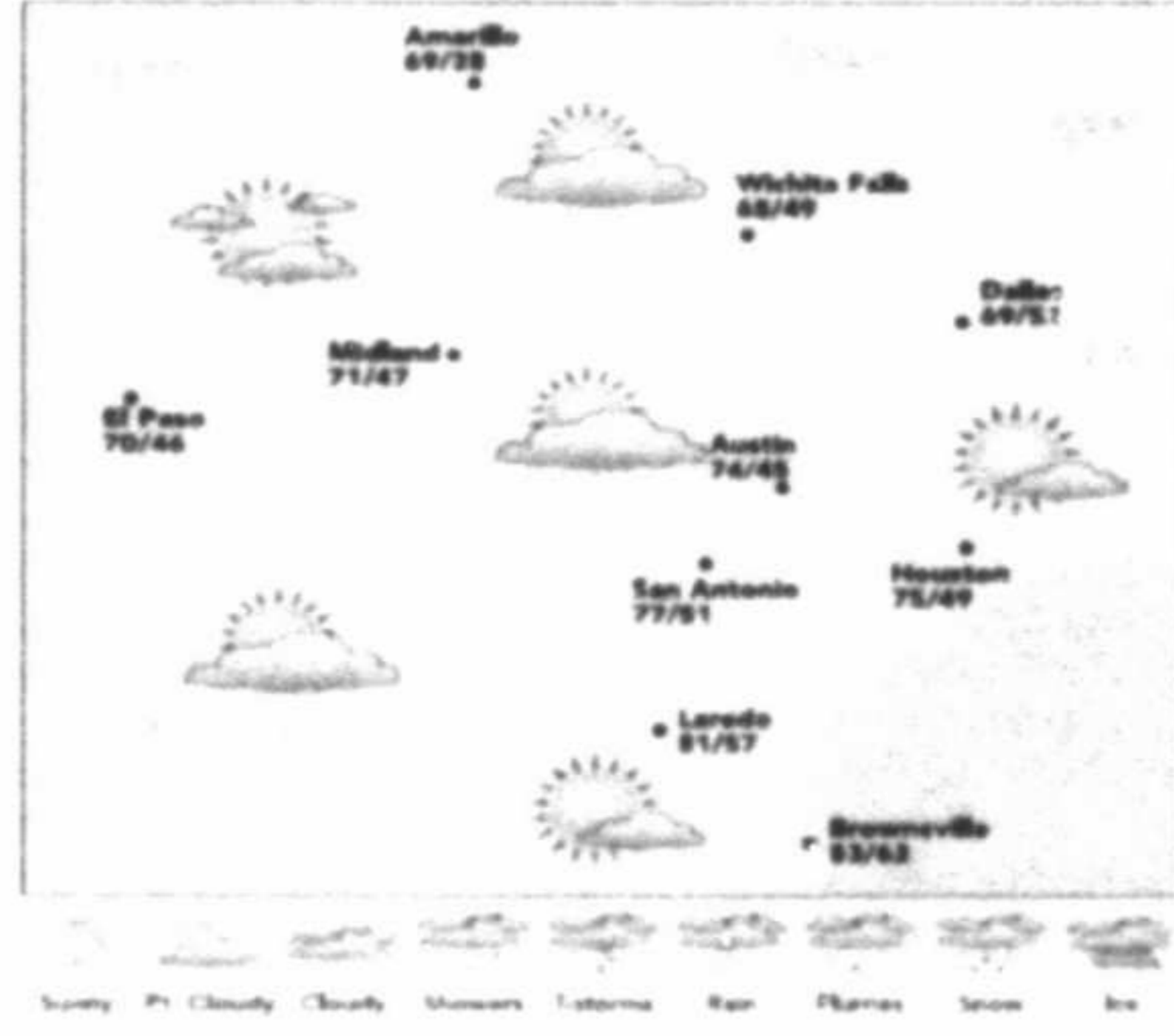
**Nov. 30's records**  
Record high: 81, set in 1946  
Record low: 18, set in 1979

**Precipitation**  
Wednesday: 0.00 in  
Thursday: 0.00 in  
Month total: 0.40 in  
Year total: 17.34 in  
Normal total (year to date): 14.00 in

**Winds**  
Average speed: 8.1 mph  
Highest speed: 20 mph  
Highest gust speed: 25 mph

**Today's forecast**

**Forecast for Friday, December 1, 2017**



**High: 68**  
**Low: 49**  
**Conditions:** Mostly sunny during the day; mostly cloudy at night  
**Winds:** 5-15 mph during the day and night  
**Chance of rain:** None  
**Sunrise:** 7:31 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 5:44 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 1, 2017:**  
This year you never seem to know what will happen next. You are full of vitality and are all about living life to the fullest. You will experience some big highs and lows. The unexpected often triggers a sequence of events that you might find difficult to handle, just roll with it. If you are single, you could fall madly in love all of a sudden. Know that this relationship could have many ups and downs. If you are attached, the two of you often have disagreements, but you seem to work out your problems in your unique style. TAURUS can be stubborn.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ You might be ready to take a new approach, but could be held back by some of the people involved. You can't curb your adventurous spirit. One person often acts like a stick in the mud. Whatever occurs today has an extreme tone to it. **Tonight:** Play it cool if you go out.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Extremes mark your day. You might be overwhelmed by an associate who can't seem to handle your unpredictability. Strong reactions seem to come in from out of left field. You could be both serious and sensitive at the same time. **Tonight:** Success comes from just being you.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ Be aware of what is going on in your mind. You have many thoughts, and you'll want to explore them by yourself before sharing them with others. You might want feedback from a dear friend or loved one. You find that the unexpected keeps happening. **Tonight:** Play it low-key.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You have the

wherewithal to make a big difference. Remain sensitive to a friend who has become more significant in your life. Know that you can't control anyone but yourself. Those around you are strong-willed. You might need to be more compliant than usual. **Tonight:** Out.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Others pressure you to take over a project or a role at work. You could feel as though this request is somewhat of a burden. You might not be sure of your choices at the moment, but you will need to make a decision soon. Ask questions, if need be. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ When facing a changeable situation, focus on the big picture. Examine your alternatives more carefully. You might opt to head down a new path that seems to be more workable. A family member could be unusually needy. **Tonight:** Join friends and be near great music.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You are sure of yourself, and will want to pursue a certain path. You have a lot of problems when dealing with a key person. This individual

could be rather reactive and difficult. Recognize when you have had enough and need a change of pace. **Tonight:** TGIF with friends!  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You might want to get to a point where you gain greater understanding. Observe several key people in your life, particularly how they deal with the vicissitudes of life. Changes occur quickly right now. You could feel as if you are on a roller coaster ride. **Tonight:** Say "yes."  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Stay centered, no matter what happens. A situation could be full of unexpected moments. Be sure to express your understanding. Your perspective is likely to be the right one. Do not judge others at the moment, and just be aware of their conversations. **Tonight:** Follow the fun.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You might be more laid-back than you have been of late. A conversation with a friend could be full of the unexpected. Your sixth sense comes through for you. You know what words to use and what tone to take in order to elicit a strong response. **Tonight:** Be a little naughty.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Invite people over for a casual get-together at your place. You even might encourage your friends to bring their work until they have completed it. The sense of togetherness that comes from this type of situation pleases you. **Tonight:** Enjoy some munchies and other such goodies.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Kick back and do whatever you need to do in order to relax and recharge your batteries. When you feel renewed, you will see a problem differently. Emphasize what you want when you're in a group for a meeting or just a get-together. **Tonight:** Join friends at a favorite spot.  
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## Nancy Pelosi calls on Conyers to resign amid sex allegations

By Andrew Taylor and  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top Democrat in the House on Thursday called on Michigan Rep. John Conyers to resign in the face of multiple accusations of sexual misconduct. Conyers' lawyer swiftly rejected the request, saying Nancy Pelosi "sure as hell won't be the one to tell the congressman to leave."

House Minority Leader Pelosi called the accusations against Conyers, the longest serving member of the House, "very credible" and "serious," and said he should step down after decades on Capitol Hill. Conyers was first elected in 1964.

Pelosi said she prayed for the 88-year-old Democratic congressman, who was hospitalized in Detroit, and his family. "However," she said, "Congressman Conyers should resign." Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan minute later told reporters that Conyers "should resign immediately."

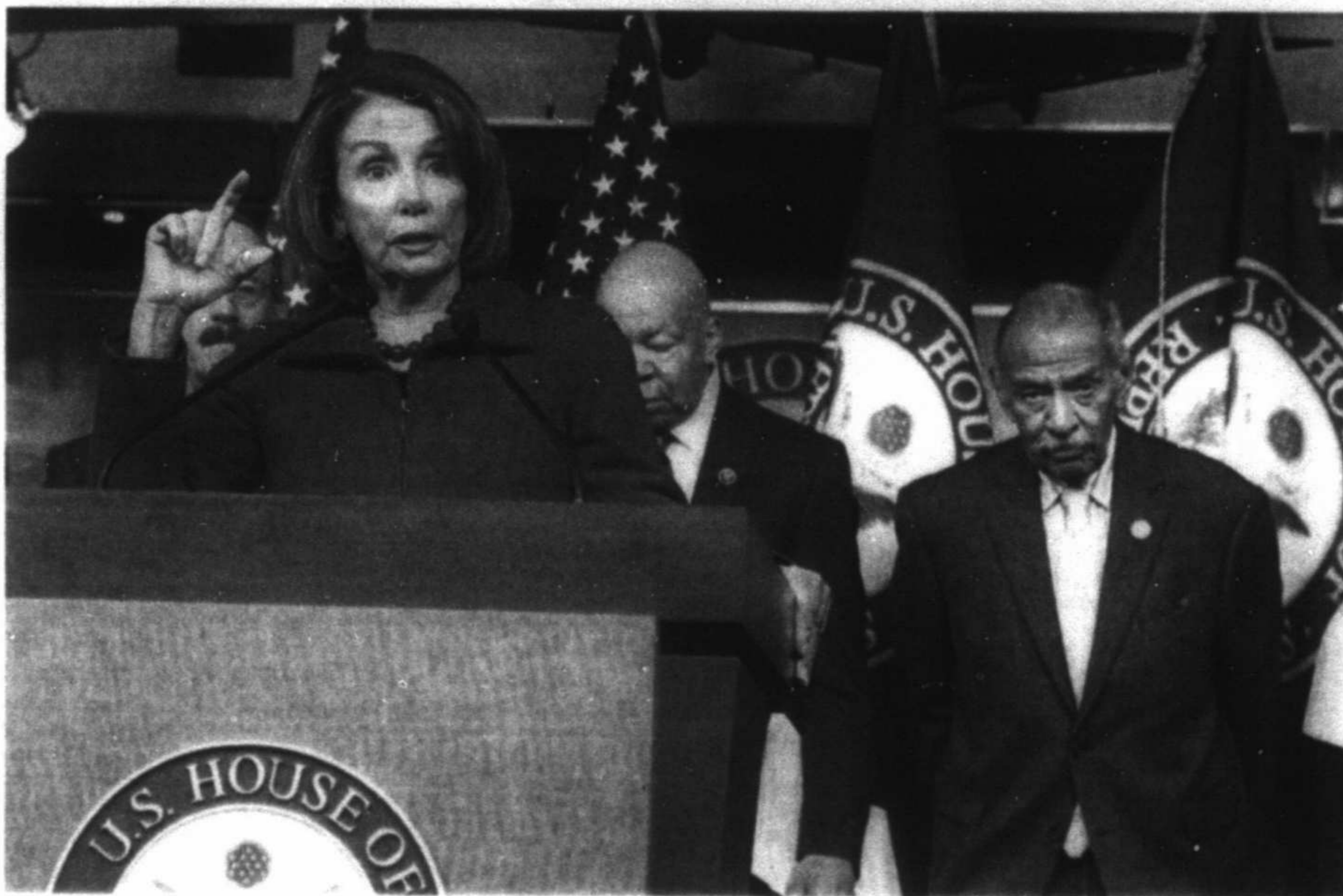
In Michigan, Conyers' attorney, Arnold Reed, strongly dismissed the growing clamor for Conyers to step aside, coming not only from Pelosi but other Democrats. Conyers, who has insisted on his innocence, gave up his seat as the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee on Sunday while holding onto his congressional seat.

Reed noted that Conyers was admitted to a Detroit hospital after feeling light-headed late Wednesday. No details about his condition have been released.

The dramatic call from Pelosi came just hours after a former aide publicly accused Conyers of sexual harassment, telling NBC's "Today" show that she was fired for rejecting his advances.

Marion Brown, 61, said the congressman propositioned her for sex multiple times over more than a decade. Brown initially told her story to BuzzFeed News on condition of anonymity, saying she'd settled a complaint in 2015 with Conyers over the allegations, according to her attorney.

"It was sexual harassment



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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., right, and other top House Democrats, at a news conference Feb. 14 on Capitol Hill in Washington. Pelosi said Thursday that Conyers should resign, saying the accusations are "very credible."

violating my body," Brown said Thursday. "Propositioning me. Inviting me to hotels with the guise of discussing business and then propositioning me ... for sex."

Brown told The Associated Press that if asked, she would testify before the House Ethics Committee, which is investigating Conyers. She said she would prefer to be subpoenaed, saying she and other witnesses would be more comfortable speaking publicly if they were legally compelled to do so.

Reed said Conyers will cooperate with any investigation.

On Sunday, Pelosi called Conyers an icon and argued for the due process of an Ethics Committee investigation. But on Thursday, she said: "Zero toler-

ance means consequences — for everyone. No matter how great the legacy, it's not license to harass or discriminate. In fact, it makes it even more disappointing."

A wave of allegations against titans of entertainment, media and sports has resulted in swift punishment. In Congress, however, two lawmakers facing accusations — Conyers and Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat — have remained in their jobs.

Brown broke a confidentiality agreement to tell her story to "Today," saying she stayed on the job because she needed to support her family and found the work rewarding.

BuzzFeed News reported last week that Conyers had settled a complaint two years ago for

\$27,000 with a female staffer who alleged she was fired because she rejected his sexual advances. BuzzFeed didn't disclose her name in its initial report and said the settlement was confidential.

Brown's lawyer, Lisa Bloom, confirmed to the AP that Brown is that former employee. She said Brown worked for Conyers in a variety of capacities from 2003 until 2014, mostly in the Detroit district office.

"This went on the entire time — the whole journey of being in the office," Brown said.

Brown said she kept the job partly because she had four children in college. She said she had conversations with Conyers, to make sure he knew she loved her job, but believes she was fired in

retaliation for filing a sexual harassment complaint against him.

"I felt there was nowhere to go. I couldn't get a job in the area that I loved. I wasn't ready to retire," she said.

She insists her goal isn't for Conyers to resign.

"All I wanted from him was an apology in calling me a liar," she said. "I want him to acknowledge what he did. He's 88 years old. He is an icon. He's done a lot of good things."

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

## Cuts

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C.K. was accused of harassment, HBO removed the comedian from its "Night of Too Many Stars" special and took down his previous standup specials and series from its on-demand services.

The latest allegations facing Simmons comes from Lumet, who co-wrote "The Mummy" in 2017 and "Rachel Getting Married" in 2008, wrote an essay for The Hollywood Reporter on Thursday in which she recalled Simmons sexually violating her in 1991, when she was 24.

"I desperately wanted to keep the situation from escalating. I wanted you to feel that I was not going to be difficult. I wanted to stay as contained as I could," wrote Lumet, the daughter of filmmaker Sidney Lumet.

Simmons said in a statement released after the essay's publication that Lumet's memory of the night is "very different" from his, but it's clear to him "that her feelings of fear and intimidation are real." He apologized for being "thoughtless and insensitive" in some of his relationships. He said he would resign from his businesses because, "I don't want to be a distraction."

Lumet wrote that she never told anyone about that night until last month after allegations lodged against movie mogul Harvey Weinstein unleashed a torrent of stories about sexual misbehavior in multiple fields.

Lumet said she went public after model Keri Claussen Khalighi said Simmons coerced her to perform a sex act and later penetrated her without her consent in his New York apartment in 1991.

Simmons, 60, denied those allegations, saying everything that occurred between himself and Khalighi was completely consensual and with her "full participation." He suggested that Khalighi's accusation came from feeling shame.

"I'm deeply saddened and truly shocked to learn of Keri's assertions as to what happened over the course of that weekend," Simmons said in the statement. He later wrote that he "never committed any acts of aggression or violence in my life" or would "never knowingly cause fear or harm to anyone."

Hollywood figures including Debra Messing and Ron Perlman praised Lumet for coming forward. Messing on Twitter thanks Lumet for "bravely sharing your harrowing experience" and Perlman said: "Every man or woman having trouble understanding the ripples of this abhorrent behavior should read Ms. Lumet's words."

Def Jam Recordings was founded in 1984 by Simmons and Rick Rubin, making stars of such hip-hop artists as LL Cool J, Slick Rick, The Beastie Boys and Public Enemy. Its roster currently includes Kanye West, Justin Bieber, Frank Ocean, Alessia Cara, Jeremih, Jeezy, Iggy Azalea, Big Sean, Nas and 2 Chainz.

Simmons' empire includes the Argyleculture clothing line, Rush Communications, yoga studio Tantris, the energy drink Celsius and the film and television production company Def Pictures, along with several other philanthropic efforts like the Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation and the Diamond Empowerment Fund.

He was married to TV personality and designer Kimora Lee Simmons from 1998-2009 and they had two daughters. She did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

Simmons is the latest figure in the entertainment world to have his career derailed by accusations of misconduct. The accused include Pixar and Disney Animation chief John Lasseter, actors Kevin Spacey and Jeffrey Tambor, writer-director James Toback and TV anchors Matt Lauer and Charlie Rose.

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## Fake news fails to trip up mainstream media

■ If anyone should feel betrayed by James O'Keefe, it would be all those people who have been duped into believing that the mainstream media are the bad guys

The phrase "the truth will out" has always been at home in American newsrooms where journalists dedicate their days to making it so. Sometimes Truth needs a little nudge, as was the case recently when an anti-media organization, absurdly named "Project Veritas," apparently invented a story intended to impugn The Washington Post (and the media more broadly), while also helping Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore.

Briefly, the more aptly named "Pretext Veritas" and its creator, the self-regarding (bad) actor James O'Keefe, seems to have hired a woman to say that Moore impregnated her in 1992 and that she got an abortion at 15. As if you could forget, Moore has been accused by several women of molesting them when they were teens and he was in his 30s.

Jaime T. Phillips presented herself to Post reporters with her scandalous tale,

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apparently expecting them to concede the paper's bias against Moore, and, voila, a scoop! O'Keefe surely would have raced to present his findings, all filmed on hidden camera, his usual modus operandi, and launched a fresh fundraising drive.

You see? O'Keefe's mission has been to prove that the media are biased. While this may be true to the degree that all human beings carry biases, the Post's editorial board isn't coy about its positions. That said, the editorial and opinion pages shouldn't be confused with the reportorial staff, which adheres to basic journalism tenets, including, "park your bias at the door."

Essentially, Phillips baited the Post and the Post declined to play. Or, rather, the paper did what it's supposed to do and checked out the story. This isn't cause for

trumpets and heraldry, mind you. It's what journalists do. As opposed to what pseudo-journalists — also known as typists — claim they do. With a little footwork, Post reporters were able to trace Phillips to Project Veritas and demonstrated that her story was a fraud.

It was — you may now cue the horn section — FAKE NEWS.

Thanks to O'Keefe, the Post also showed a skeptical public just how different real journalism is from the effluvia produced by Project Veritas. Perhaps there's a place for him at Pravda.

Moore, meanwhile, might have hoped to discredit all his accusers, though O'Keefe refused to respond to questions Monday regarding his relationship to Moore. If one woman would lie, however, wouldn't it be possible to suggest the others were lying as well? In a lesser-case scenario, if the Post had run with the story without confirming it, O'Keefe could prove that the Post was biased against Moore for publishing a fake story.

Again, none of this happened. The lie was outed by the truth, while O'Keefe's own obvious agenda was revealed. Hating the media these days is good business and good politics among a

certain constituency. If anyone should feel betrayed by O'Keefe, however, it would be all those people who have been duped into believing that the mainstream media are the bad guys. Let's be very clear. The bad guys are the ones who knowingly lie.

Recall that it was Trump who popularized the phrase "fake-news" whenever he didn't like some story written about him. Not that covering Trump requires embellishment or fakery. Originally the term was used in real news stories about fake stories being promulgated through social media. But Trump's marketing savvy — and his appreciation for the fact that people tend to believe what they want to believe — prompted him to make "fake news" the battle cry of the conservative right.

Excuse the echo, but this bears repeating: Those who would purposely mislead or seek to confuse others are bad people. Worse, they are evil.

Conspiracy theorists will always be among us, and the credulous are in no danger of extinction. However, that a million people — or 60 million — believe something doesn't make it true. Nor does crying "fake news" alter what is. The proof is anyone's for the asking.

### OPINION EXTRA

## How long can Trump's tweets, serious policy development coexist?

The Trump presidency is bifurcated. It is coming apart, but not in the way most people think. There is a stark divide between the governing aspect of the Trump presidency and the tabloid aspect. Assuming tax reform passes in the Senate, these two worlds will have been proven capable of coexisting — at least so far.

On the governing side, some important things are happening. Tax reform could lead to serious long-term economic growth, and recent immigration initiatives are making a lasting impact on the border and having a chilling effect on migrants trying to illegally enter the United States. Judgeships are being filled at an unprecedented rate, and the market likes what it sees in the regulatory rollbacks that have had a powerful psychological impact on businesses. The Dow has reached record highs, and consumer confidence is at its highest point since November 2000.

But clearly, President Donald Trump has no passion for policy development. Even on tax reform, his role has been mostly to provide cosmetic support. I can't tell you whether his role has even been a net plus in keeping the Republican caucus together. Instead, it appears Trump loves living in the tabloid world. He thrives on outrage, insults and bewildering distractions. In fact, it appears he enjoys his war with CNN. Maybe he even thinks it helps him politically.

According to a piece in The Washington Post on Wednesday, "Trump's advisers and friends said he feels emboldened, even invincible, to communicate as he chooses — especially on cultural issues, believing that his stances work for him politically by galvanizing his base." Well, I've worked in politics my entire adult life, and it is hard to see how an official with an approval rating in the 30s can think he is doing the right thing. But here we are.

While much of the news media has been preoccupied with sexual harassment scandals involving mostly Democrats in Congress, liberals in Hollywood and media personalities — not to mention Senate candidate Roy Moore — the president always gets a credible mention, thanks to his 2005 Billy Bush tape. And as though near-daily reminders of the president's lewd comments from his past weren't enough, The Post reports that this week, Trump has "disseminated on social media three inflammatory and unverified anti-Muslim videos, took glee in the firing of a news anchor for sexual harassment allegations despite facing more than a dozen of his own accusers and used a ceremony honoring Navajo war heroes to malign a senator with a derogatory nickname, 'Pocahontas.'" And that's only through Wednesday.

The rapid nature of Trump's bizarre tweets, insults and outrageous behavior has taken on an almost white-noise quality. It is constantly present, and most of the media can focus on little else. Fox News does too much to accommodate and deny the obvious. CNN is simply obsessed. I've discovered that just about the only person you can look to on television to find out what happened in the world today is Judy Woodruff of "PBS NewsHour," as well as some news programming on BBC.

Incredibly, the sheer volume of Trump's self-inflicted distractions hasn't completely disrupted the governing process. There is no doubt in my mind that Trump's modus operandi and inability to behave or communicate in a normal fashion will not change. While White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and a few others have to maintain that what Trump says is somehow the truth and isn't crazy, GOP allies in Washington, political leaders out in the states and Hill Republicans mostly just stare into space, shrug and try to change the subject. Nobody makes the case that Trump's ramblings are effective or helpful.

The question isn't whether Trump will change. It is whether his behavior can continue to coexist with progress in policy development.

— Ed Rogers  
Washington Post

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## The Abbott campaign raffle is legal

As an American who believes it's important for us to be able to believe in our elected leaders, I'm happy to bring you this update: It looks like the Gov. Greg Abbott campaign's Astros flag raffle is legal. I told you this would work out OK.

You might recall I raised a question about this after several readers noted that, under state gambling law, a political campaign cannot conduct a raffle in which folks must pay to enter. The legal term for that is "illegal."

The Abbott campaign last week announced it's raffling off an Astros flag that hung at the Governor's Mansion after our beloved Houston baseball team won the 2017 World Series. The email fundraising pitch said the contest was open to folks who donate \$3 or more to the Abbott re-election campaign.

That would appear to make it an illegal raffle under state law. But buried way down in the email pitch about the raffle was fine print saying, "No purchase or contribution is necessary to enter or win. For more information, contact [info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com)." That would make it legal.

So, wanting the flag (though a longtime Mets fan), I dutifully sent an email to [info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com) to figure out how to enter without a purchase or contribution. My first request was sent Monday morning. After hearing nothing in return, I sent another email Tuesday morning. Friday is the deadline and the drawing is Saturday, so the clock is ticking on this.

Early Wednesday, still not having heard how to enter without sending money, I tried to enter by putting zero dollars on the entry form that offered eight choices ranging from \$35 to \$2,500.

There's another box in which you can choose to "Make this a monthly recurring donation." The campaign has helpfully checked that box, requiring entrants to uncheck it if they don't want to make it a monthly recurring donation.

There's also an "other" box, one I thought might be able to be used to enter without contributing. So I entered a zero in the "other" box but got dead-ended when the form asked for my credit card number. It seemed weird to give my credit card number for a transaction in which no money

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was changing hands. So I didn't, and I gave up and waited to see if I'd get a response to my inquiry sent to [info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com).

Sure enough, my answer came in a cordial 11:20 a.m. email from Peyton at Texans for Greg Abbott:

"Mr. Herman, Thank you for contacting Texans for Greg Abbott about our Astros flag contest. No contribution is required to be entered into the contest. Based on your email, it appears you wish to be entered, so we will do that now. The contest ends Dec. 1, 2017, and we will contact the winner the day after the drawing. Thank you and have a great day."

Well, thank you, Peyton. And you have a great day, too. And any day I have a chance, at no cost, to win sports memorabilia is a great day. And it will be even greater if I win. FYI, several readers told me they got the exact same response, so that must be the form email that's going out.

I still think it's kind of weird to raffle off, for political fundraising purposes, something with a value based on the fact that it was displayed on a state-owned building. But if you're going to do that, it's best to do it legally. Good for you, Gov. Abbott.

Let me take this opportunity to renew my call for lots of folks (perhaps including Abbott non-supporters) to take advantage of this no-cost offer to win the Astros flag. That email address again is [info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com).

It might be fun to display the flag next to a banner supporting Abbott's Democratic challenger, assuming the Democrats come up with one. Did I mention that the email address is [info@gregabbott.com](mailto:info@gregabbott.com)?

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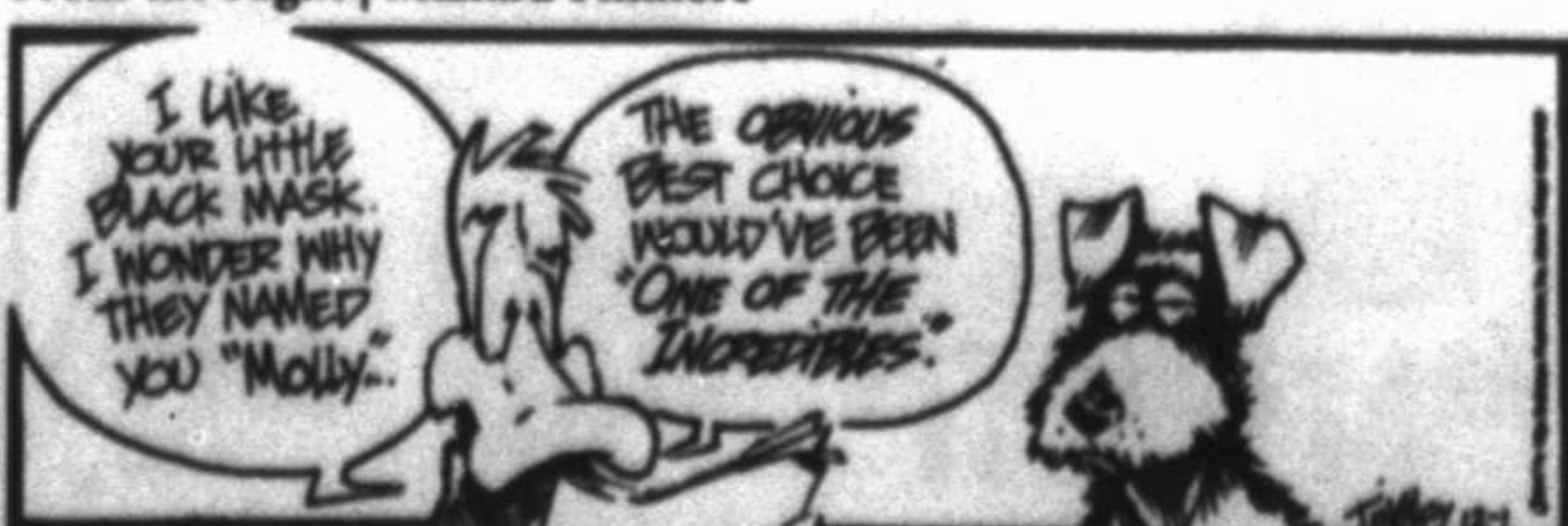
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Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., arrives for votes Monday on Capitol Hill. President Donald Trump and Senate Republicans are scrambling to change a Republican tax bill in an effort to win over holdout GOP senators and pass a tax package by the end of the year.

## GOP tax bill gains support; Senate leaders work on holdouts

By Marcy Gordon and Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leaders wrangled with the last few GOP holdouts Thursday as they pushed toward passing the first major rewrite of the nation's tax code in more than three decades.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he expected a final vote late Thursday or early Friday on a \$1.4 trillion package that would slash the corporate tax rate, offer more modest cuts for families and individuals and eliminate several popular deductions.

Lawmakers would then try to reconcile the Senate package with one passed by the House in the hope of delivering a major legislative accomplishment to President Donald Trump by Christmas. Republicans have cast passage of a tax overhaul as a political imperative to ensure they hold their House and Senate majorities in next year's midterm elections.

"We're heading down the homestretch," McConnell told reporters Thursday.

In a dramatic roll call that lasted an hour, the package cleared a procedural hurdle that threatened to derail the GOP's entire tax drive.

Democrats forced on a vote on whether to return the measure to the Senate Finance Committee so it could be rewritten to not make federal deficits larger. After holding out until the last moment, Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Jeff Flake of Arizona eventually joined fellow Republicans to scuttle the Democratic proposal.

Had it succeeded, it would have derailed the bill.

The dispute was over a ruling by the Senate parliamentarian that a key provision of the bill designed to guard against big deficits would violate Senate rules about what could be in the tax bill. Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., has been pushing to add automatic tax increases in future years if the package doesn't raise as much revenue as projected.

With the provision dead, Corker said senators would change the bill to roll back some of the tax cuts in future years, regardless of whether tax revenues meet expectations.

The package would add \$1 trillion to the budget deficit over the next decade, much less than previously projected, according to a congressional analysis released Thursday.

The tax bill would increase economic growth, generating an additional \$458 billion in tax revenue, according to the analysis by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation. The committee previously estimated that the package would add \$1.4 trillion to the deficit.

The additional revenue is a boost to the bill but is still far short of the \$2 trillion promised by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Two Republican senators, John McCain of Arizona and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, announced their support for the tax package Thursday, giving it a major boost. Both McCain and Murkowski had voted against the GOP bill to dismantle the Obama health care law this past summer in a blow to the GOP.

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

"It's clear this bill's net effect on our economy would be positive," McCain said in a statement. "This is not a perfect bill, but it is one that would deliver much-needed reform to our tax code, grow the economy, and help Americans keep more of their hard-earned money."

Murkowski said she supports the tax bill now that it would allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Murkowski got the provision added earlier this week, but the initial version violated arcane Senate rules about which provisions can be added to the tax bill.

Murkowski said Thursday the provision was tweaked to comply. "We have done it and we're ready to go," she said.

Drilling in the refuge has long been a contentious issue, pitting environmentalists against those who want to increase domestic oil production.

Senators were still grappling with several issues Thursday, including a provision to add a deduction for local property taxes. The current Senate bill completely eliminates the federal deduction for state and local taxes, a popular deduction in the Democratic-leaning states of New York, New Jersey, California and Illinois as well as many wealthy suburbs nationwide.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, proposed an amendment to let homeowners deduct up to \$10,000 in local property taxes on their federal returns. It is similar to a provision in the House-passed bill.

Without the deduction, Collins said, it would be "very problematic for me" to vote for the bill.

Collins would make up the estimated \$146 billion in lost revenue by keeping the personal income tax rate for the wealthiest earners at 39.6 percent and make a smaller cut in the corporate tax rate. Trump and other Republicans insist that the corporate tax rate must be reduced from 35 percent to 20 percent.

Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., backed the package Wednesday after securing an increase in the deduction for business income from 17.4 percent to 20 percent. The deduction is for business owners who report their business income on their individual tax returns.

Johnson, the Wisconsin Republican, has also been pushing to increase the tax break for these business owners. He has been noncommittal about his support, even with the change secured by Daines.

The tax package would mark the first time in 31 years that Congress has overhauled the tax code.

The plan would nearly double the standard deduction to around \$12,000 for individuals and about \$24,000 for married couples. The tax cuts for individuals would expire in 2026 while the corporate tax cuts would be permanent.

Under Senate rules, senators can offer unlimited amendments, setting up the possibility of dozens of votes that could stretch all night into Friday morning at <http://twitter.com/stephenatp>.

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## Trump weighs plan to oust Tillerson, put CIA's boss at State

By Josh Lederman  
and Jill Colvin  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After months of clashes on policy and personality, President Donald Trump is considering ousting Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replacing him with hard-nosed CIA Director Mike Pompeo following less than a year on the job, senior U.S. officials said Thursday as turmoil within Trump's national security team burst into the open.

The White House plan, which Trump has not yet signed off on, would force a major realignment early in his term, also creating a vacancy atop the CIA that officials said could be filled by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The overhaul could produce a significant shift in both the tone and direction of the president's foreign policy, removing it from the understated former oil man whose style has never fit well with Trump's.

It is exceedingly rare for a secretary of state, America's face on the global stage, to be fired or to serve for a year or less. Nor is it common for presidents to have such a significant Cabinet revamp so soon after taking office. Too much churn could fuel the perception of chaos in the Trump White House — perhaps one reason he has yet to pull the trigger.

Tillerson's likely ouster loomed awkwardly over an Oval Office meeting Thursday between Trump and the visiting Bahraini crown prince. Asked by a reporter whether he wanted Tillerson to stay on the job, Trump was coy, merely pointing out that Tillerson was in fact in the building.

"He's here. Rex is here," the president said.

Timing for any move was uncertain.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Tillerson's closest ally in the administration, simply brushed off the report. "There's nothing to it," he said when asked.

But White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders didn't deny it. She did suggest that no move was

imminent, saying the president and Tillerson planned to "work together to close out what we've seen to be an incredible year."

Does the president still have confidence in Tillerson? "When the president loses confidence in someone, they will no longer serve in the capacity that they're in," she said.

Friction between the president and the nation's top diplomat has grown increasingly public through the year.

After a report last month that Tillerson had called the president a "moron," Tillerson was forced to appear before cameras at the State Department to pledge fealty to his boss. Soon after, Trump publicly challenged his secretary to an IQ match.

For Tillerson, who left his job as Exxon Mobil's CEO, a premature departure from the Cabinet has seemed increasingly inevitable.

"There's been a Tillerson death watch since the spring," said Derek Chollet, a former State Department, Pentagon and National Security Council official in the Obama administration.

When Tillerson was tapped for the job late last year, many Trump critics expressed quiet relief that he'd picked a sober "adult" who could form a counterweight to the president's brasher, impulsive approach, especially on critical matters of war and peace.

Yet divisions on key foreign policy issues emerged quickly, and Trump has repeatedly undermined Tillerson by voicing positions at odds with those the State Department was pushing.

When Tillerson in June called on Arab nations to ease their blockade on Qatar, Trump emerged in the Rose Garden hours later to lambaste Qatar for funding terrorism. Trump also deemed diplomacy with North Korea a waste of time, when Tillerson was pursuing just that. Tillerson's advice to Trump to stay in the Paris climate deal and certify Iran's compliance with the nuclear deal was similarly overruled.

Pompeo, in contrast, has formed a tight relationship with Trump that's led to a role much broader than many past CIA chiefs. A former businessman and conservative Republican congressman from Kansas, Pompeo is at the White House nearly every day to deliver the daily intelligence briefing, a task often delegated to less senior officials. He

sometimes stays longer to accompany Trump to other meetings. He shares the president's headline stance against Iran.

Cotton, a top contender to take over at CIA, has been one of Trump's staunchest defenders on foreign policy in Congress. Yet moving him would create a Senate vacancy just as Republicans need every vote possible. Under Arkansas law, if Cotton steps down before next July, the state's Republican governor would appoint a replacement who would serve until the November 2018 election. If Cotton stays in the Senate, his current term doesn't end until 2020.

Cotton's office wouldn't comment other than to say: "Senator Cotton's focus is on serving Arkansans in the Senate."

Several administration officials said that Pompeo has said previously he's open to the job.

Tillerson's top priority as secretary has been his sweeping overhaul of the State Department, a "re-design" that has been lambasted by lawmakers from both parties and that the State Department concedes has hurt morale among diplomats. Still, Tillerson aides say he expects to remain in his role to see the overhaul through.

At the White House, meanwhile, frustration with Tillerson has mounted over what officials have described as Tillerson's aloofness and his slowness in filling key roles to carry out the president's agenda.

By September, the White House was telling some people that Tillerson would be replaced and some issues needing sign-off from the secretary of state were being put off until after he was gone, said a senior administration official, who like others wasn't authorized to comment publicly and demanded anonymity.

Tillerson's future came up in the Oval Office earlier this month at a meeting in which White House officials closest to the president agreed the Texan should go — and soon — said one individual who consults regularly with the administration. But Trump never signed off, and officials have struggled to focus his attention on the matter, the individual said.

No matter how long Tillerson is allowed to stay on, his stature and ability to speak on Trump's behalf has been impaired, it is widely agreed.



Tillerson

## Detained American accused of fighting with IS has no lawyer

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government acknowledging Thursday that it has detained an American citizen accused of fighting with the Islamic State for more than two months without fulfilling his request to see a lawyer.

Responding to a court order, the government said the man picked up on the Syrian battlefield indicated he was willing to talk to FBI agents but "felt he should have an attorney present."

The unidentified American, who has not been charged, surrendered to U.S.-backed fighters in Syria around Sept. 12 and is currently being held in Iraq as an unlawful enemy combatant.

The American Civil Liberties Union recently filed a court petition challenging his detention and asking to act on his behalf to provide him access to legal counsel.

The detainee was in a legal "black hole," Jonathan Hafetz, a senior staff attorney with the ACLU in New York, told U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan.

The judge repeatedly asked Kathryn Wyer, an attorney in the Justice Department's civil division, whether the detainee had requested an attorney or had been advised of his constitutional rights. When Wyer wouldn't answer the questions, the judge ordered the government to respond by 5 p.m.

The government met the deadline with a two-page response. It said that during questioning, FBI special agents advised the detainee of his right to remain silent even though he might have spoken earlier to other interrogators. That was an apparent reference to intelligence agents who are believed to have questioned the detainee first.

The government said the detainee also was advised of his right to an attorney. "The individual stated he understood his rights and said he was willing to talk to the agents, but also stated that since he was in a new phase (of questioning), he felt

he should have an attorney present," the government said.

When the agents told the detainee it was unclear when he would be able to get an attorney, he "stated that it was OK and that he is a patient man," the government said.

The detainee later said he "did not wish to speak with agents of the FBI" at all, the government said. No further questioning for law enforcement purposes has occurred.

"This admission by the government reinforces our demand that the citizen be given access to a lawyer, which is his fundamental right under the Constitution," Hafetz said. "The Trump administration's position that it can lock up an American in secret without charges or the ability to challenge the detention in court is not how our legal system works."

During the morning court hearing, Wyer told the court that the U.S. military was working "diligently" on the matter, but had not yet decided what to do with the detainee. Wyer cited case law stating the executive branch should be given a reasonable period of time to determine a detained individual's status.

"Two and a half months?" the judge asked, before giving her until 5 p.m. to provide the answers.

The judge asked how long the government thought it should be able to hold someone without a lawyer. That kind of "unchecked power" is "quite frankly, frightening," Chutkan said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross visited the detainee on Sept. 29 and Oct. 23, but has not disclosed details of those contacts. Hafetz said the Red Cross' mission is not to obtain legal counsel for detainees it meets. He also said there is no indication the detainee wants to or could contact relatives or whether they would be willing to risk reprisal by seeking a lawyer for him.

Stephen Vladeck, a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said the case has created a quandary for American officials.

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**TAKING TOYS**  
The Midland Soup Kitchen kicks off its toy drive today and will accept new, unwrapped toys for ages 2 to 12 and \$25 gift cards for teens through Dec. 15.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
MARC's invites the public to its 12 Days of Christmas Wine 'n' Song open house with refreshments and youth performing holiday music at Spectrum of Solutions, 4-6 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**NIGHT LIGHT**  
Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin's annual Jingle Bell Run: A Night Time Christmas will have runners enjoying the Christmas lights of Grasslands Estates, 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
**QUIET CLAUS**  
Caring Santa makes an appearance at Midland Park Mall where surroundings and photo sessions are toned down for families of children with special needs, 9-11 a.m.

**MONDAY**  
**ROCK ON**  
Philanthropic group 100 Women Who Rock the Permian Basin host Mingle all the Way! at The Ballroom Dance Studio. The group invites women to enjoy a night of fun and learn more about the association and its 2018 goals, 7 p.m. RSVP on Facebook to @pb100women.

**TUESDAY**  
**HOUSE BEAUTIFUL**  
The sixth annual Gingerbread Haven Extravaganza benefiting Midland Fair Havens will feature gingerbread house decorating and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and the family house decorating party at 4:30 p.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

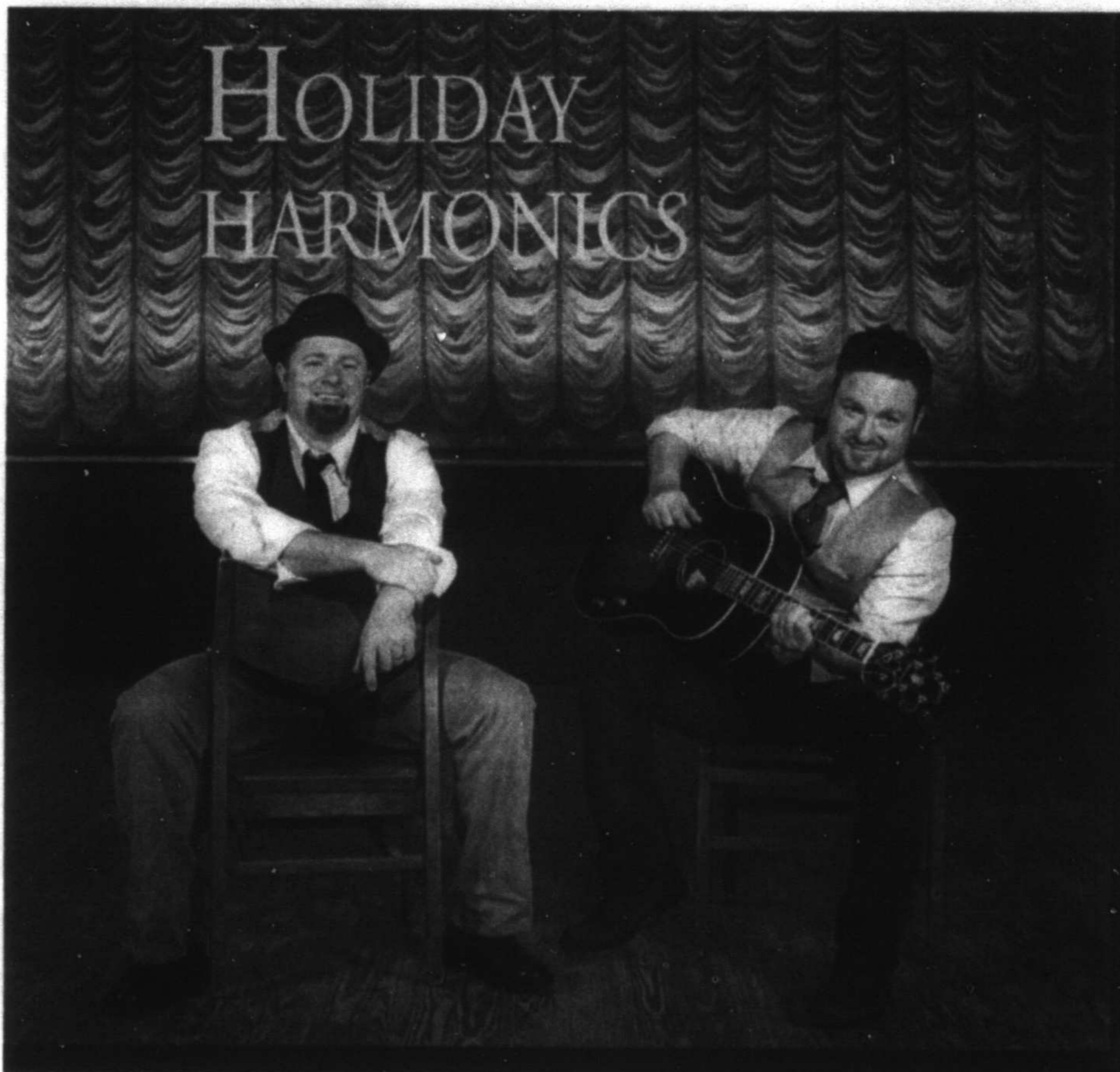
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The Salvation Army is looking for more volunteers to serve on its Red Kettle team. For information on volunteering call 683-3614.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at [midlandvolunteerconnections.com](http://midlandvolunteerconnections.com) for current needs by area nonprofits.

**HOSPICE HELP**  
Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 682-2855 for more information.

**RETAIL SKILLS**  
Habitat ReStore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old. [bbmidland.org](http://bbmidland.org).



Courtesy photo

Christian pop/rock duo Shane and Shane bring the holidays alive with their Christmas Tour 2017. The show stops in Midland 7 p.m. Sunday at Mid-Cities Community Church. Singer Phil Wickham co-headlines the concert for a night of classic Christmas songs as well as original holiday tracks. Tickets are available online at [midcities.org](http://midcities.org) for \$15 or \$20 at the door.



Courtesy photo

Jamie Richardson of the Midland RockHounds presents a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland resource development director Molly Murphy.

## RockHounds donates to Big Brothers Big Sisters on Giving Tuesday

From staff reports

The Midland RockHounds, in partnership with Bush's Beans, provided a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland on Tuesday as part of #GivingTuesday, which kicks off the

charitable season during the holidays. Observed the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday celebrates and supports generosity and philanthropy. RockHound B.J. Boyd was named the Bush's Most Valuable Player at the 2017 Texas League All-Star Game in Frisco. As an extension of this award, Bush's and the RockHounds will provide a \$1,000 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland.

"This generous donation by Bush's shows their commitment to the communities and great nonprofit organizations within Minor League Baseball cities," Monty Hoppel, RockHounds general manager said in a statement. "We thank Bush's for their donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters — Midland. This donation further strengthens the tie between Minor League Baseball, its member teams, sponsors and local communities."

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West Texas Food Bank



## West Texans' assistance appreciated for Harvey relief

The mantra for the West Texas Food Bank during Hurricane Harvey became "getting the right food and supplies to the right people, at the right time, and in the right place." We took this very seriously. As a member of Feeding Texas, a network of 21 food banks throughout Texas, we were privy to a bit of "insider information." Staff from Feeding Texas sat in with the Emergency Outreach Center, the state agency whose purpose is to coordinate with federal agencies during an emergency. With resources on the inside, calls every three hours and only 48 hours since the storm had hit the Corpus Christi area, the West Texas Food Bank coordinated the first delivery to the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent in Victoria, which serves 11 southeastern Texas counties.

West Texas generosity has often been reported, and for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, you made a tremendous impact. The West Texas Food Bank was proud to partner with our community and coordinate the overwhelming response to the disaster. It only took concerned West Texans 48 hours to fill an entire semi-truck with food and supplies, all while the hurricane was still over Houston.

Immediately one thing became clear: Rushing head first into the storm would cause only more problems. Despite multiple reports of independent relief efforts needing rescue, West Texans and their big hearts were determined to help. As the storm waters receded, another flood was upon Southeast Texas — the donations and support of a nation. Unfortunately, with this immense support, another issue emerged. Where were they going to put all of these donations? Who would have the capacity to receive truckloads at a time?

Six food banks — including the Houston Food Bank, the country's largest — were knocked offline during the storm. A disaster of this scale was unprecedented within the food bank family, leaving us between a rock and a hard place. We were collecting donations, enough to fill many semi-trucks, but

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- Parus Memorial Church of God in Christ**  
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432-352-9524

**Full Gospel**

**Living Hope Church**  
2911 CR 1140  
432-693-6398

**Voice of Victory - A Word Church**  
1508 S. Main St  
432-685-7566

**Redeemer Christian Fellowship**  
3000 Franklin Street  
432-683-1370

**Hindu**

**Hindu Association of West (HAWT)**  
4401 Cardinal Lane  
432-520-4298

**Interdenominational**

**Midland Center for Spiritual Living**  
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas  
432-684-4230

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(formerly Christian Life Center)  
2901 W. Kansas  
432-683-4506

**West Texas Cowboy Church**  
12144 E. Hay 158 Gardendale, TX  
432-486-8588

**Jewish**

**Temple Beth El**  
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX  
432-560-5111

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3800 Bluebird Lane  
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**Grace Lutheran Church**  
3000 W. Golf Course Rd  
432-697-3221

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
5110 N. Garland  
432-570-8149

**Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)**  
2003 1/2 A St  
432-683-1936

**Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord**  
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX  
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**Midland Lutheran Church**  
2705 W. Michigan  
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13370 Hay 191, Odessa, TX  
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**St. Mark's United Methodist**  
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432-683-3339

**First United Methodist Church**  
Main & Ohio St  
432-682-3701

**First United Methodist Church**  
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3011 W. Kansas  
432-694-2571

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
4501 Thomson Drive  
432-694-2544

**Visionary Hollowell Community UMC**  
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432-682-1574

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**Muslim Association of West**  
1200 S. Midland Dr  
432-262-6226

**Islamic Center of the Permian Basin**  
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E  
432-520-3751

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3303 W. Illinois, Space #2  
432-889-9178

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4201 W. Illinois  
432-269-6988

**The Potters' House**

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**The Orchard, Your Neighborhood Church**  
6112 N. Big Spring Street

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432-699-4513

**Christian Faith Ministry**  
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432-218-6412

**Church of God 7th Day**  
609 N. Dallas  
432-218-8595

**Church of New Beginnings**  
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A  
432-553-1400

**Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**  
901 N. Midland Dr  
432-689-8898

**Crossroads Fellowship**  
6901 East State Hwy 191, Odessa, TX  
432-368-2500

**Family Faith Christian Center**  
7909 Hwy 307  
432-686-9468

**The HUB Outreach Ministry & Church**  
4201 W. Illinois, Midland, TX  
432-269-6988

**Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries**  
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX  
432-272-2544

**LifeHouse Fellowship**  
3300 Thomas Avenue  
432-262-LIFE

**Manna of the Word Ministry**  
1312 S. Jackson, Odessa, TX  
432-230-0599

**Mid-Cities Community Church**  
8700 W. Hwy 191  
432-563-9444

**Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ**  
701 S. Calhoun  
432-687-0630

**New Harvest Fellowship Church**  
4010 North County Road 1130  
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3309 Nemy  
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**Beacon Light Outreach Ministries**  
410 S. Lee  
432-599-0793

**Christian Motorcyclists Association**  
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432-978-1986

**Christian Tabernacle Church**  
10807 W. CR 145  
432-262-5072

**Church in the Wind**  
1001 Austin St  
432-566-2062

**Crossway Church Adult**  
1000 Upland  
432-528-8541

**Destiny by Grace Christian Worship Center**  
3303 S. Hwy 349  
432-566-6638

**Elevate Church**  
200 Bardwin  
432-685-1981

**Faith Apostolic Church**  
4001 W. Illinois Ave  
432-520-5371

**Faith Country Church**  
Exit 143 off I-20 E. to FM 1208, 5 miles  
432-458-3580

**Footprints Redemption Church**  
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866-544-7223

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432-563-5683

**Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship**  
1306 E. Taylor  
432-337-9372

**Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias**

405 E. Stokes  
432-684-8541

**Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries**  
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432-272-2544

**New Day Christian Fellowship**  
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280  
432-694-4233

**New Harvest Fellowship**  
4010 NCR 1130  
432-699-5821, 432-853-9830

**Rock Fellowship Church**  
410 S. Pecos  
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3500 Park Lane  
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**Solid Rock Fellowship Outreach**  
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**The World Wide Church of God Bible**  
1207 W. 10th St, Odessa, TX  
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**True Life Christian Fellowship Church**  
3001 N. A St  
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**Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church**  
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**Lighthouse Pentecostal Church**  
200 N. Lincoln  
432-682-7186

**Templo Gloriosa Mañana**  
511 S. Stonewall  
432-664-0803

**The Pentecostals**  
5110 W. Illinois Ave  
432-697-4007

**The Generation OPC (United Pentecostal Church)**  
409 W. Pine  
432-685-3919

**Presbyterian**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
800 W. Texas  
432-684-7821

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
2801 N. Garland  
432-684-6542

**Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
2900 Princeton  
432-520-5255

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**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
3114 Travis  
432-694-2746

**Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
110 W. Pennsylvania  
432-620-0882

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**Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor**  
4712 Shadylane  
432-684-5490

**Grace Covenant Church**  
5711 Whitman  
432-553-1053


**Universal Universalist**

**Universal Universalist Church of Midland**  
3301 Neely  
432-694-4308

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**but with GOD**  
*all things are*  
**POSSIBLE**  
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## Facebook pledges \$50M a year to match relief donations

By Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is pledging \$50 million a year to match disaster-relief donations, part of a bevy of tools and efforts around charitable causes the social media giant announced Wednesday.

The pledge isn't all new money, but represents an effort to formalize matches Facebook has already been making on an ad-hoc basis. For example, it matched user donations up to \$1 million for Hurricane Harvey relief earlier this year. The company says it has not yet determined how it will distribute the money.

Facebook also said it will give relief organizations such as the Red Cross access to data on what users need and where they are during a disaster.

While Facebook users can already see individual pleas and offers for help, relief groups will get a broader set of aggregated, organized data similar to what Facebook sees.

That includes real-time maps showing where people need help, whether that's water, shelter or baby supplies.

"Sometimes there are hundreds of thousands of posts and it's really hard to scroll through all of them," said Naomi Gleit, Facebook's vice president of social good.

The company announced the new features during its Social Good Forum in New York, a gathering for nonprofits and individuals using the site to help with various causes.

Facebook is also launching a mentorship program that pairs people from nonprofits with people who need support. CEO Mark Zuckerberg said that while Facebook is typically "connecting you with people you may know," the program is meant to help connect you "with people you should know."

Facebook is also expanding its fundraising tools beyond the U.S. and eliminating the fees it had been charging for people using its service to raise money for various causes.

## Supreme Court won't take student prayer case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is leaving in place a court ruling that a Texas school board can open its meetings with student-led public prayers without running afoul of the Constitution's prohibition against government-established religion.

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to take a case challenging the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans.

A three-judge panel of that court earlier this year said a lower court was correct to dismiss a lawsuit against the Birdville Independent School District over its practice of beginning meetings with a statement from a student that is usually a prayer.

The suit was filed by the American Humanist Association and a graduate of Birdville High School.

## Obituaries



LaVoe Peeler

LaVoe Peeler slipped the earthly bonds of advanced dementia on November 28, 2017. With eighty-seven years to her credit, she leaves a legacy of devotion to her family and service to her community.

Frank and Geneva Bigham gave birth to Jerriene LaVoe on July 5, 1930 in Colorado City, Texas. Though she was born with spina bifida, she persevered, going on to become an outdoorswoman who loved fishing, camping, and playing tennis. LaVoe had two younger brothers, Norman and Maurice. Her family lived in several panhandle communities before they took root in Levelland when she was ten years old. She didn't know it at the time, but her lifelong companion and soulmate, Kenneth Peeler, lived only three blocks down the street.

LaVoe loved animals and was an accomplished equestrian, a skill that would later be used when she and Kenneth became part-owners of the "Lazy Three Cattle Co.," running five hundred thirty head of first-year heifers on thirty-four sections just south of Midland. It was not unusual for them to saddle horses and ride fence in the early evenings together.

Kenneth and LaVoe began their sixty-nine-year marital journey on December 22, 1948 when Ken secured a ten-day pass from his service in the U.S. Army at Ft. Hood. The young couple lived in a two-room renthouse in Belton while Ken finished his active duty training. Upon completion of his service, they moved back to Levelland for a brief stint before moving to Midland in 1951, where Ken began a long career with the newly established Midland 66 Oil Co. While he was working long hours during the Sprayberry boom, LaVoe kept up their little home on the south-side caliche-covered McKenzie Street, carrying meals to Ken at the warehouse loading dock on the Garden City highway.

The family flourished with the birth of two sons, Kyle in 1952 and Bruce in 1955.

Although her boys shared the same birthday, she never took the easy route of joint celebration, instead preparing separate birthday cakes and parties for each of her sons. LaVoe devoted her time to her kids and was actively involved in school, athletic, and scouting activities. She was always proud that both her sons went on to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

LaVoe used the skills she developed in her father's furniture store, along with the raw artistic talent she inherited from her mother, to return to school and become an interior designer at Aladdin House Furniture. Her God-given ability for matching colors was impeccable, and her gifts as a painter led her to obtain state and national recognition as a juried member artist in the Texas Watercolor Society and the Pastel Society of America. LaVoe shared this talent with her community by voluntarily teaching art classes at the Midland Senior Citizen Center for eight years.

She was an active member of the Midland Palette Club, a former board member of Midland Meals on Wheels, and a Grey Lady Volunteer at local rest homes for the elderly. She was a six-decade member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, and she helped organize "Reindeer Run," one of Midland's first unified-theme streets during Christmas lights season. Few people know that at LaVoe's suggestion, "Pepe Paisano" became the name of the Midland College chaparral mascot.

Later in life, LaVoe was a proud and enthusiastic grandmother, and in 2014, she and Ken were named Midland's Grandparents of the Year by the Mission Center Adult Day Service. She loved baking homemade rolls and "grandma cookies," and she cherished time spent with friends and family at their cabin in Rufoso, New Mexico.

LaVoe is survived by her two brothers, Norman and Maurice Bigham, her loving husband, Kenneth Peeler, son, Kyle Peeler and his wife, Pam, son, Bruce Peeler and his wife, Alison, six grandchildren, Austin, Andrew, Chase, Adam, Madison, and Zane, and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will take place Friday, December 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. LaVoe's funeral service will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily will display many of LaVoe's paintings and ask that memorials be made to the Midland College Art Department or the Midland Palette Club.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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Marjorie Bruce Holland

Marjorie Bruce Holland, 98, a former resident of Dallas and Midland, passed on November 25, 2017 in Ridgefield, Connecticut.

She is survived by sons George T. Holland, Jr., of Tyler, Texas, and John Bruce Holland of Spring, Texas; daughter Leann Holland Schumann of Ridgefield; five grandchildren, Jonathan Schumann of New York City, Matthew Schumann of Vancouver, British Columbia, Garrett Schumann of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Rachael Holland of New York City, and Elizabeth Suhr of Houston; as well as in-laws Mark Schumann of Ridgefield, Mary Endres of Tyler, and Jenice Holland of Spring.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Ivan and Robert Bruce.

Marge was born in Center, Texas to Ivan and Eddie Bruce June 29, 1919. Following her high school graduation, the family moved to Longview, Texas. During World War II, she worked in Washington, D.C. and, after the war, married George Traylor Holland in Longview in February 1946.

George, a petroleum engineer for ARCO, and Marge moved to Midland in the early 1950s where they were charter members of Memorial Christian Church. After he suddenly died in 1958, Marge, buoyed by her faith, devoted her life to her family and friends, participating in Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), supporting educational opportunities for women with PEO and, most important, creating a wonder-

ful life for the three young children she raised as a young widow.

Marge was an amazing seamstress, a talented cook and baker, a gracious hostess, and an advocate for community events. She was, as many experienced, a selfless and supportive friend to a broad group of friends.

In 1975, Marge began a 13-year role as Director of the Senior Citizen Center in Midland. When she became a grandmother in 1983, she initiated a new chapter as "Nano," creating, for her five grandchildren, lifetimes of memories. Marge moved to Dallas in 1996 to begin a new chapter as an active member of Northway Christian Church and her PEO chapter. In 2014, she moved to Ridgefield to spend her final years with her daughter Leann and son-in-law Mark.

For anyone she met, Marge was a beacon of hope, love, and support, always greeting anyone she would meet, through her final days, with a smile, a twinkle in her eye, and a warmth in her heart. With the strength of her Christian faith, she always believed in the good in people, the joys of tomorrow and the beauty of today. Up to the end of her life, she was grateful for everything and complained about nothing. Marge is cherished and will be deeply missed.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Northway Christian Church, Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Regional Hospice of Danbury, Connecticut, Juliette Fowler Communities of Dallas, or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left at [www.burkwalkertippit.com](http://www.burkwalkertippit.com).



Shirley Ann Mason

"Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones shine down to let us know they are happy."

Shirley Mason was born on the twenty-first day of February 1957 to Dean and Lucille Brinkley in Manila, Arkansas. Shirley was taken peacefully into the arms of the

Lord on the twenty-ninth day of November 2017, at the age of 60.

At the age of 5, Shirley and her family settled in Andrews, Texas, where she attended school. At the young age of 14, Shirley displayed an amazing work ethic and began working at The Old Steak House.

The eighth day of December 1977, Shirley married the love of her life and her best friend, Ross Mason, which began a forty year adventure. Using her soft and gentle nature, she taught Ross true and unconditional love and to always find the good within people. Shirley believed strongly everyone has good in their hearts, because "Sometimes you just have to look deeper than the surface to find the true person." Shirley was an amazingly tender and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. It was her true gift and talent. Ross will tell you that it was what she put on this earth to do.

Within her family, her cooking will never be forgotten, especially her enchiladas. Everything she prepared never tasted the same prepared by others, because they did not put the love into everything like she did.

Waiting to greet her as she entered into Heaven were her parents, Dean and Lucille Brinkley; brothers, Von Ray, Daniel, and Gary Brinkley; and a sister, Arline Brinkley.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her husband, Ross Mason; her two sons, Will Rich and his wife Julie and Dusty Mason and his fiancé Sarah Barnett; four grandsons, Tristan, Parker, Landon, and Darrell; as well as sisters, Peggy Brinkley and Kathryn Astman.

Shirley also leaves behind her best friends whom she loved and valued, Wanda Roney, Donna Holmes, and Gwen Hall.

A celebration of her life and love will be held on Saturday the second day of December 2017 at the Second Baptist Church, 107 NW 7th Street, Andrews, Texas 79714, at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following the service, a short committal service will be at Andrews County Cemetery. All are invited to a reception at the church upon conclusion of the graveside services.

Honorary pallbearers will be Walter Bramley, Wayne Bramley, Billy Nevels, and Rodney Holmes.

In lieu of flowers, Shirley and the family request that you please make donations in her honor to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## No sister act: Nuns' album tops charts in time for Christmas

By Jeff Karoub  
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The members of Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, silently filed into the chapel. Within minutes, they were singing — first in unison, then in a transfixing, layered harmony that reverberated off the marble floors, wood-paneled walls and cathedral ceiling.

The evening prayer service was not for an audience but the Lord they have taken vows to serve. Still, The Chapel at the Motherhouse on the rolling grounds of the Catholic order's campus outside Ann Arbor, Michigan, is also the place where the members record music that has been heard by millions. Their third and latest album, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring: Christmas with the Dominican Sisters of Mary," has gracefully muscled its way to the top of Billboard's classical chart and climbed nearly as high on the holiday chart.

They may be sisters, but this is no act. "It's such a part of our prayer life that when we make a CD, we're just praying," said Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, a founder of the community who has overseen the production of three CDs. "It's what we do, it's who we are."

The album's 16 songs span from the fifth century to present day and represent the music of 10 countries. The collection includes the well-known ("We Wish You a Merry Christmas,") obscure ("Sleep, Little Jesus," based on a Polish carol) and original ("Snowflakes," composed by Bogdanowicz). Some songs are a cappella, others contain light instrumentation — all supplied by the sisters.

For them, the music is a gift to God, but also to people who can't see the sisters perform live. They don't tour, and only on rare occasions do they sing in public

or on national broadcasts. Their evening services at the Motherhouse are open to visitors on Sundays, but space is limited and those are structured prayers, not performances.

"We want them to have this beauty, and that's the only way we can do it," Bogdanowicz said. "It can even be in another country or part of the world or somebody who doesn't even have a clue who we are but if they're quietly listening to this and it's elevating them towards God, then God's done everything we wanted him to do."

The unconventional recording artists got their start in the music business a few years ago, when the sisters were approached by Monica and Kevin Fitzgibbons, music industry veterans who founded DeMontfort Music and attended the sisters' service known as "Vespers." The label specializes in sacred music produced by "hidden communities," and the Dominican Sisters of Mary's latest album is distributed by Sony Music Entertainment.

Some time and prayer, not surprisingly, was necessary, but a spiritual match was lit.

"My thought was, if we're going to do it, we need to do it well." Sister John Dominic Rasmussen, also a founder of the 20-year-old order that started with four sisters and now has roughly 130. "The team that came here and approached us — just from my conversations I knew they would be able to do it well."

Rasmussen oversees the business side of the sisters' musical projects, and she comes by it honestly: Her mother was a country music publicist in Nashville, Tennessee, working for major record labels and then independently. Growing up around the industry has helped her understand some of its language and logistics.

Her mother attends a weekly breakfast meeting of music industry people, and Rasmussen recently tagged along. She wanted to share a video of her sisters performing, so she turned to a longtime TV show host.

"I said, 'Let me see your iPhone,' and I called it up and showed it to him," she said, and soon, others grew intrigued. "They're like, 'This is beautiful, let me see that. ... We got to promote this.' My mom's like, 'We'll get 'em for everybody.'"

## CAMPBELL

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where could we send it all?

Food banks and even entire cities were without power. Whole towns had been devastated. Roads were blocked or washed out. How best could West Texans help without diverting resources away from the emergency? How could we best help the affected communities while they were busy cleaning up their own lives and without causing them more work? We had to help without sending unnecessary items which, without the manpower for distribution, would go to waste. So, the question remained: How could the West Texas Food Bank and our surrounding communities help?

The staff in Victoria welcomed the West Texas Food Bank's "Big Orange Truck" on the morning of Aug. 31. Meanwhile, Harvey was parked over Houston dumping 50 inches of rain. Victoria was without power and its food bank was being kept alive by generators. You, the amazing citizens of West Texas, saw your donations of food and supplies delivered right into the impact zone, to the right people, in the right place, at the right time.

As a food bank, we sort, process, and deliver food and supplies on a daily basis. We are efficient because of our volunteers and staff. Not wanting to sit idly by, the men, women and children of West Texas descended upon the food bank's facilities in Midland and Odessa to begin preparing thousands of food relief boxes and personal hygiene kits. Cleaning supplies, diapers and other baby items were sorted and made ready

to be sent. Each load was carefully coordinated with its recipient allowing food and supplies to be delivered only when needed.

The damage and devastation to Southeast Texas is extraordinary and the relief efforts will continue for the foreseeable future. The West Texas Food Bank is prepared to deliver food and supplies to our sister food banks as long as they need us, and we have you, the amazingly generous West Texas community, to thank.

## HARVEY RELIEF FACTS AND FIGURES

■ 21 semi-truck loads to and from the impact area, including the Southeast Texas Food Bank in Beaumont, one of the poorest and hardest hit areas.

■ 8,596 miles driven — the equivalent of three round trips from New York City to Los Angeles and back to Dallas.

■ 5,092 gallons of fuel — enough to fill 339 Toyota Camrys

■ 218 man hours provided by WTFB driver Bobby Vandenburg, who also drove relief missions during hurricanes Ike, Sandy and Katrina.

■ More than 500,000 pounds of food and supplies processed through the WTFB warehouse.

■ Countless individuals touched by donations made through the WTFB.

■ 2,086 hours volunteered in September alone (keep in mind, there are 720 hours in September).

Libby Campbell is executive director of West Texas Food Bank.



# CALENDAR

Dec. 1-7

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland. [acmidland.org](http://acmidland.org)

## Today

**Midland Soup Kitchen Toy Drive** — new, unwrapped toys for kids 2 to 12 and \$25 gift cards for teens — through Dec. 15 at 1401 Orchard Lane.

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

**Twelve Days of Christmas Wine 'n' Song Open House** will feature Spectrum of Solutions youth performing holiday music as well as wine, cheese, hot chocolate and more. 4-6 p.m. at MARC's Spectrum of Solutions, 2409 W. Illinois Ave. Open to the public.

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

## Saturday

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. [uumidland.org](http://uumidland.org).

**Jingle Bell Run: A Night Time Christmas Light Experience** benefiting Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin. This year's run will go through Grasslands Estates. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Heritage USA FCU, 5507 W. Wadley Ave. \$10-\$35. [endurancecui.active.com](http://endurancecui.active.com).

**Christmas Tree Lighting** by the city of Midland. 6-9 p.m. at Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" St.

**Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Gala** by the Young Professionals of Midland. 7-10 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. \$15. Dress code encouraged. [ypmidland.org](http://ypmidland.org).

## Sunday

**Caring Santa** — private photo sessions exclusively for families of children with special needs. 9-11 a.m. at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road. [simon.com/caringsanta](http://simon.com/caringsanta).

**Hanging of the Greens.** Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland invites the community to make edible decorations for animals

and bring mittens, scarves and hats to decorate the Mitten Tree, which will be donated to Lamar Elementary School students.

Poinsettia donations are welcome to decorate the interior. The event is followed by service with guest minister, the Rev. Dennis Blade. 9:30-10:45 a.m. at 3301 Neely Ave. [uumidland.com](http://uumidland.com).

**Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham Christmas concert,** 7 p.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191. \$15 advance, \$20 door. [midcities.org](http://midcities.org).

## Monday

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

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

**Grief Support six-week session,** 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. [hospiceofmidland.org](http://hospiceofmidland.org).

**Mingle all the Way!** Enjoy refreshments, snacks

and dancing at this event hosted by 100 Women Who Rock the Permian Basin. 7-9 p.m. at The Ballroom Dance Studio, 4400 N. Big Spring St.

**Belly dancing class,** 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. [uumidland.org](http://uumidland.org).

## Tuesday

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

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

**Intro to Buddhism** features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. [meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists](http://meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists).

## Wednesday

**Caregiver Support group,** noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. [hospiceofmidland.org](http://hospiceofmidland.org).

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

**Slugs and Bugs Live! Family Christmas Concert.** This multimedia performance mixes catchy Christmas songs, Bible memorization and performers. 6:15 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. \$5. [slugsandbugs.com](http://slugsandbugs.com).

## Thursday

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

**Yappy Hour** hosted by the Midland Humane Coalition is a mixer for pet owners. Microchip clinic offered for \$20. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. [Midlandhumane.org](http://Midlandhumane.org).

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at [rllopez@mrt.com](mailto:rllopez@mrt.com)

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11:00 a.m. - The Bridge in the Chapel  
5:30 p.m. - *Wise Guys and Starry Skies*, Children's Choir Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary


**December 10**  
8:15 and 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Lessons and Carols* in the Sanctuary (featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra)  
11:00 a.m. - The Bridge in the Chapel

**December 17**  
8:15 and 11:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. - The Bridge in the Chapel  
5:00-7:00 p.m. - *¡Feliz Navidad!*, Lynn Hall (Family Christmas event)

**December 20**  
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Healing and Wholeness Service in the Chapel  
*The Longest Night Service, also known as the Christmas in a modern Christian service designed to bring the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss. This may include the death of a loved one, divorce or separation, separation due to military service, the loss of a job, or living with chronic illness. Share your thoughts with us during the personal service and pray.*

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services**  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel  
5:30 p.m. - Family Worship with Candle lighting in the Sanctuary. Nursery available.  
7:30 p.m. - Worship with Communion in the Chapel. Nursery available.  
9:00 p.m. - Worship with Communion and Candle lighting in the Sanctuary.

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## Cowboys top Redskins 38-14 in 1st win sans Elliot

By Schuyler Dixon  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON— Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys finally found a way to win without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

The question is whether the defending NFC East champions figured it out in time to salvage their fading playoff hopes.

Prescott threw two touchdown passes, including a franchise record-breaker to Dez Bryant, and the Cowboys beat the Washington Redskins 38-14 on Thursday night.

Prescott, last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, shook off a hand injury and found Bryant on a 13-yard leaping grab in the end zone for the 2014 All-Pro's first score in six

games and 72nd of his career, one more than Hall of Famer Bob Hayes.

The Cowboys (6-6) started quickly thanks to three first-half turnovers and four overall by the Redskins (5-7) and kept it going after halftime with a 21-7 scoring edge after getting outscored 72-6 in the second half of three straight losses without Elliott.

Alfred Morris, Elliott's replacement during the six-game suspension for alleged domestic violence, had 127 yards rushing and a clinching touchdown.

The Cowboys forced NFL-leading Philadelphia to wait until at least Sunday to clinch the division title. But Dallas still faces a steep climb to playoff contention, and two more games without Elliott.

The Redskins had already been eliminated in the division

race and are virtually out of the postseason picture after Kirk Cousins threw two interceptions and lost a fumble while throwing two touchdown passes.

Jamison Crowder let the pass go through his hands on Cousins' first interception and fumbled on a Dallas punt a few plays later in the Redskins' fourth straight loss to the Cowboys, the longest such streak in the series since 2003-04.

Prescott injured his right hand in the second quarter, apparently when he was hit by linebacker Josh Harvey-Clemons just as he made an option pitch to Rod Smith, but didn't leave the game.

While Prescott was being evaluated, rookie Ryan Switzer scored his first career touchdown on an 83-yard punt return.

Please see COWBOYS/2C



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) and Zack Martin (70) celebrate a touchdown scored by Bryant in the second half against the Washington Redskins on Thursday in Arlington.

## Stopping the opponent



Garden City's Raul Almazan breaks up a pass play for Westbrook's Cristobal Chavez on Oct. 27 at Bearkat Stadium.

## Defense leads Garden City to state quarterfinals

By Oscar LeRoy  
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Rankin was giving Garden City all it could handle in a tight Class 1A Division I regional round playoff game when the Bearkats' defense stepped up and made some key plays.

A fumble recovery in the third quarter helped Garden City to go up by two scores, then another fumble recovery late in the game helped to



Chavez

ice a 54-40 victory.

Garden City head coach Jeff Jones said the defense has been the backbone of his team all season long, so he wasn't surprised with how it stepped up when it was needed the most.

"It starts with the defense, just creating chances for the offense and giving them a short field," said Jones, whose team forced four turnovers last week. "They came up big at the end. Early, they were up 8-0



McMillan

and Trent (McMillan) picked it off and we went and scored instead of them being up two scores on us. And then at the end, they had a scoop and run on a fumble that set us up nicely to run the clock out. Even this past week when things didn't look so good, they stepped up and secured the win for us."

Added McMillan, a senior safety and quarterback: "Rankin is a much improved team, they came out fired up and wanted it. Late in the game, we needed to give the offense a chance and get us some separation. We got a few stops and got the job

Please see BEARKATS/4C

## Transfer QBs Mayfield, Hill face off in Big 12 title game

By Stephen Hawkins  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Baker Mayfield was the first true freshman walk-on quarterback to start a season opener for an FBS team when he took his first snap in 2013. That same season, Kenny Hill began his college career behind a Heisman Trophy winner.

Four years later, both quarterbacks have a title shot at different Power Five schools. Mayfield is a Heisman front-runner for No. 2 Oklahoma, which faces Hill and No. 10 TCU in the Big 12 championship game.

"This final stretch of my college career is coming down to the wire, I try to enjoy every moment," Mayfield said. "But winning makes it a lot more fun

and that has to be the focus."

The Sooners (11-1, 8-1 Big 12, No. 3 CFP) go into Saturday's game, a week before the Heisman winner is named, in position to make the four-team College Football Playoff for the second time in Mayfield's three seasons if they beat TCU (9-2, 7-2, No. 11 CFP) for the second time in four weeks.

Mayfield has played his college career entirely in the Big 12 from his unprecedented debut and only season at Texas Tech to his standout tenure at Oklahoma. But had league officials not made a rule change in 2016, restoring a year of lost eligibility after his in-league transfer with no written scholarship offer from the Red Raiders, he would have been done after



Left: Texas A&M quarterback Kenny Hill (7) scrambles in the first half against SMU in 2014 in Dallas. Right: Texas Tech quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) gets ready to take the field against SMU in 2013 in Dallas. Hill began his college career at Texas A&M. Mayfield at Texas Tech. Mayfield is considered a Heisman favorite with No. 2 Oklahoma and going opposite Hill and No. 10 TCU in the Big 12 championship game on Saturday.

Please see QB'S/4C

## MCS battled through injuries, fell short of ultimate goal

By Christopher Hadorn  
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This week Midland Christian head football coach Greg McClendon said it hurt not to be preparing for a state semifinal game.

The Mustangs' once promising 2017 season came to an end in painstaking fashion when it fell to Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 41-6, in last Saturday's TAPPS Division II state quarterfinal in Tuscola.

While it was an agonizing setback for a proud program that has claimed seven Division II 11-man state titles, MCS (8-4) still put together another fine season of remarkable achievements.

The Mustangs defeated two Class 6A programs, El Paso Eastwood and El Paso Americas, for the first time in school history. MCS also defeated 2015 Class 3A Division I state champion Brock and another Class 5A program in Alvin Shadow Creek en route to a 4-0 start.

However, the Mustangs dropped three of their final five games, which included a 42-7 loss to Fort Worth Christian on Nov. 10, which cost them the TAPPS Division II, District 1 title.

"If there was anything, I didn't feel like we peaked at the end of the season," MCS head coach Greg McClendon said. "I am pretty sure we weren't playing our best football at the end of the season. That's my responsibility as a coach and I've got to do a better job of making sure that coming down the stretch, we are playing our best football."

MCS suffered several key injuries during district play.

Mustangs junior quarterback Peyton Powell, who rushed for 1,014 yards and 12 TDs, missed five games with a broken rib.

MCS also lost its starting running back Luke Sheppard for the season with a broken foot in its seventh game, and it didn't have backup running back Bryson Harper for five games because of a leg injury.

Furthermore, Sheppard was the team's backup quarterback, so the Mustangs turned to third-stringer Coy Stewart to play quarterback before he suffered an

Please see MCS/4C



Midland Christian's Randall Biancetti (2) makes a reception against Tyler Grace Community in the TAPPS Division II bi-district game Nov. 18 at Gordon Avery Field.

DAILY RUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

Alpine Skiing
USA A Birds of Prey: Men's Super G, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN
Audi World Cup Lake Louise - Women's Downhill, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN
Boxing
Real Deal Boxing, 8 p.m., CBSN
College Football
Pac-12 Championship: Stanford vs. USC, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2
PGA: Hero World Challenge, 2nd Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
EPGA: Australian Championship, 3rd Round, 8:30 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, 3rd Round, 2:30 a.m., GOLF
Men's College Basketball
Holy Cross vs. Manhattan, 10:30 a.m., CBSN
La Salle vs. Towson, 1 p.m., CBSN
Furduie at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN
North Carolina vs. Davidson, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Illinois at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN
Craighton at Gonzaga, 9:15 p.m., ESPN2
Men's Soccer
2018 World Cup Final Draw, 8:30 a.m., FS1, TELE, NBCU
Bundesliga: SC Freiburg vs. Hamburger SV, 1:20 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
Mixed Martial Arts
Julia Budd vs. Arlene Blencowe, 8 p.m., SPIKE
National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m., FSSW+
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., NBAU
Rugby
League World Cup: Final Australia vs. England, 3 a.m., FS2
Women's College Basketball
Alabama at TCU, Noon, FSSW, FCSC
Women's Soccer
NCAA Cup Semifinal: Stanford vs. South Carolina, 4 p.m., ESPNU
NCAA Cup Semifinal: Duke vs. UCLA, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
High School Football
Bushland vs. Seminole, 7 p.m., KSEW 106.3 FM, KIKZ 1250 AM (Seminole)
NAHL Hockey
Odessa at Lone Star, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
Lee at Doug McCutchen Memorial, San Angelo
Midland High at South San Antonio Tournament
Greenwood at Denver City Tournament
Midland Christian at Brock Tournament
Andrews, Big Spring at Lamesa Tournament
Stanton at Meadow Tournament
Garden City at Rankin Tournament
Grady at Miles Tournament
HS Girls Basketball
MCA at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament
Andrews at Denver City Tournament
Big Spring at Levelland Tournament
Stanton at Meadow Tournament
Trinity, Garden City at Rankin Tournament
Grady at Miles Tournament
HS Football
Class 1A Division I state quarterfinal: Garden City vs. Borden County 7:30 p.m., Forsan

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND REDS - Signed RHP Jason Kipnis to a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS - Signed LHP Justin Kelly to a one-year contract.
NATIONAL HOKEY LEAGUE
MONTREAL CANADIENS - Signed G Zachary Fucale to a one-year contract.
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NBA GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Central Division. Lists teams like Boston Celtics, Golden State Warriors, etc.

NHL GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Metropolitan Division. Lists teams like Tampa Bay Lightning, San Jose Sharks, etc.

Hopkins shines for Texans with toughness and tenacity

By Kristie Rieken Associated Press



Brett Coomer / Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The right side of his No. 10 jersey was torn almost completely apart and white paint that had rubbed off the field peppered his long dreadlocks. DeAndre Hopkins had a long day dealing with near-constant double teams and multiple defenders pulling and grabbing at him in Houston's loss to Baltimore on Monday night. But everything he went through against the Ravens wasn't anything new to Houston's star receiver. He's accustomed to it and actually revels in the attention he garners from defenses every week.

Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) catches a long pass against Baltimore Ravens cornerback Jimmy Smith (22) during the fourth quarter on Monday in Baltimore.

me if I'm double-teamed or triple-teamed to still come down with the play," he said. "And I hold myself to that mindset every time I'm on the field. I feel like it's on me. I want the game to be on me... I want that pressure." Some receivers shy away from contact and complain when dealing with tight coverages and the kind of yanking and pulling that would cause the destruction of a jersey. Hopkins is not among them. It's a mindset that came from years of playing defensive back as a youngster in South Carolina. "Just kind of getting down there in the trenches," he said. "And that's kind of how I play at wide receiver a little bit with that physicality. I'm not going to let anyone out-tough me on that island." He thinks that sets him apart from other receivers.

"I would say so," he said. "I see on film where some guys get beat up at the line of scrimmage or when the ball's in the air." Quarterback Tom Savage loves the toughness of Hopkins and raved about what he brings to the offense. "It just puts so much confidence in the quarterback to know that there's a guy out there that's going to fight for it," Savage said. "I know if I throw it to him, he's not going to let anyone pick that ball off and he'll go up and get it... he's the best receiver in the league and yeah, it's a blessing to have a guy like that out there." After signing a five-year \$81 million extension last offseason, Hopkins has put together one of the best seasons in his career despite dealing with struggles at quarterback in the wake of Deshaun Watson's injury. He's fourth in the NFL with 1,099 yards receiving and his nine touchdown receptions rank first. Fifty-two of his 69 receptions this season have been for first downs, to rank second in the league.

Janmark scores twice as Stars beat Blackhawks 4-3 in OT

By Jay Cohen Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mattias Janmark scored his second goal of the game 51 seconds into overtime and the Dallas Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-3 on Thursday night. Radek Faksa had a goal and an assist and Remi Elie also scored for Dallas, which has won three straight and five of six. Ben Bishop made 19 saves. Janmark skated in and beat Corey Crawford over the goaltender's right shoulder for his sixth of the season, giving the Stars the opener of the home-and-home series between division rivals. Dallas hosts Chicago on Saturday night.

Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who dropped to 1-1-1 in a seven-day stretch with five games. Alex DeBrincat and Artem Anisimov also scored, and Nick Schmaltz had two assists. Chicago trailed 3-2 before Kane redirected defenseman Gustav Forsling's shot past Bishop at 4:34 of the third. Kane has at least one point in eight of his last nine games. Elie, who replaced an ailing Martin Hanzal in the lineup, had three good looks at a potential go-ahead score with about 5 1/2 minutes left, but Crawford turned him away each time. Crawford finished with 31 saves.

Dallas led 2-1 after a strange first period. The Stars jumped in front when Janmark stuffed home a wraparound off Crawford's left skate at 14:46, but the Blackhawks responded nine seconds later on DeBrincat's wrist shot by Bishop on the stick side. It was DeBrincat's fourth goal in his last three games and 10th of November, making him the first rookie in franchise history with 10 goals in a calendar month, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Faksa has four goals in his last two games. He had a natural hat trick in Dallas' 3-0 win at Vegas on Tuesday night.

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cutting up the middle before breaking to the sideline untouched. By the time the Redskins finished the subsequent 75-yard drive that ended with Cousins' 20-yard scoring pass to Ryan Grant, Prescott was ready to return. He had been holding his right hand in his helmet once he returned to the sideline. Prescott only threw for 102 yards, but didn't have a turnover after throwing five interceptions and losing three fumbles without a touchdown pass during the losing streak. And the Cowboys looked more like the offense they have when Elliott is around, with Morris picking up big yardage on clock-killing drives with the Cowboys in front. Cousins moved the Washington offensive sporadically because he was consistently harassed behind a patchwork offensive line that had to shuffle some more because of injuries. Cousins, who was 26 of 37 for 251 yards, was replaced by Colt McCoy late in the fourth quarter. DeMarcus Lawrence, the NFL sacks leader most of the first half of the season, had two of Dallas' four

sacks, ending a two-game drought and extending his career high to 13 1/2. Cousins was hit hard by David Irving on a sack in the fourth quarter. Bryant still hasn't had a 100-yard game, his longest drought to start a season since his second year in 2011. But the 61-year effort included a 24-yarder that set up his TD on the first play of the fourth quarter. Redskins right tackle Morgan Moses didn't return after injuring an ankle in the first half, forcing Ty Nsekhe to that spot after he was a fill-in starter at left guard on a patchwork line that's been dealing with injuries all season. Left tackle Trent Williams left the field briefly in the third quarter. He's been inactive three of the past six games because of a knee injury that will require surgery. Washington was already missing center Chase Roullier because of a hand injury. Injuries Redskins: WR Maurice Harris left the game in the first half to be evaluated for a concussion and didn't

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## Memories of molestation cloud girl's thoughts of the future

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm almost an adult now, starting to think about having children and a good marriage of my own. But I have a disturbing childhood memory I have never been able to erase.

When I was 6 or 7 and staying at my grandparents' house, and my grandmother would go outside to check the mail or water the flowers, my grandfather would try to put his hands on my private parts. He wouldn't speak a word to me EVER, even if she was around. In fact, I'm quite sure I never witnessed him say anything at all to anyone. But as soon as Grandma was out of sight, well, that was his chance to put his hands on me, then laugh when I tried to wiggle away.

Recently, after I remembered those episodes again, I tried to bring this up with my mom in order to get her support. Abby, she reacted as if there was something really wrong with ME or that I was lying!

Not surprisingly, I don't want that man around my future children. I have no real relationship with him. I know this memory isn't something I just imagined or made up "to embarrass the family." What should I do in reference to Mom's response? — **MOVING ON FROM THE PAST**

**DEAR MOVING ON:** In reference to your mother's response when you told her her father molested you when you were little, conclude the same thing likely happened to her. You should also conclude that, if that's the case, she knew what he was capable of and did nothing to protect you. For that reason, your grandfather should not be allowed to be around your children — or any children, for that matter.

Because of the seriousness of what happened to you, it would be a good idea for you to contact R.A.I.N.N., the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Its website is [rainn.org](http://rainn.org) and the toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673.

**DEAR ABBY:** My elderly mother lost her husband and will be moving in with me. The problem is, Mom is one of those people for whom nothing is ever good enough. One of my siblings has already informed me that Mom told her my house, my neighborhood, my town, our hospitals, etc. are not good enough for her. I'm worried that

**DEAR ABBY**

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## GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The late great

Both vulnerable. South deals

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7 6 4 2  
♥ 10 6  
♦ K Q  
♣ K Q J 10

**WEST**  
♠ 8 5 3  
♥ J 10 7 3  
♦ A J 8  
♣ 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ K J 10 9  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ 9 7 6 5 3  
♣ 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ A Q 9 2  
♦ 10 4 2  
♣ A 9 8 7 6

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass  
4♠ Pass 6♠ All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣

The late, great, Australian expert, Tim Seres spent most of his afternoons, for several decades, playing rubber bridge. He was not only the best player at his club, he was also the most well liked. People were honored to lose money to him. Seres was South, in today's deal.

The actual auction is not known to us, and it is hard to imagine a sound auction to slam. Please forgive our imaginative auction above. 12 tricks would have

been a cakewalk without a trump lead, but Seres found a way home despite the best lead. He won the opening lead in dummy and led a heart to his queen — a good start. Seres cashed the ace of spades and led a diamond. West stepped up with his ace and led another trump, also won in dummy. Seres ruffed a spade, led a diamond to dummy's king, and ruffed another spade. The ace of hearts was cashed, followed by a heart ruff. This was the position:

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7  
♥ Void  
♦ Void  
♣ K

**WEST**  
♠ Void  
♥ J  
♦ J  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ K  
♥ Void  
♦ 9 7  
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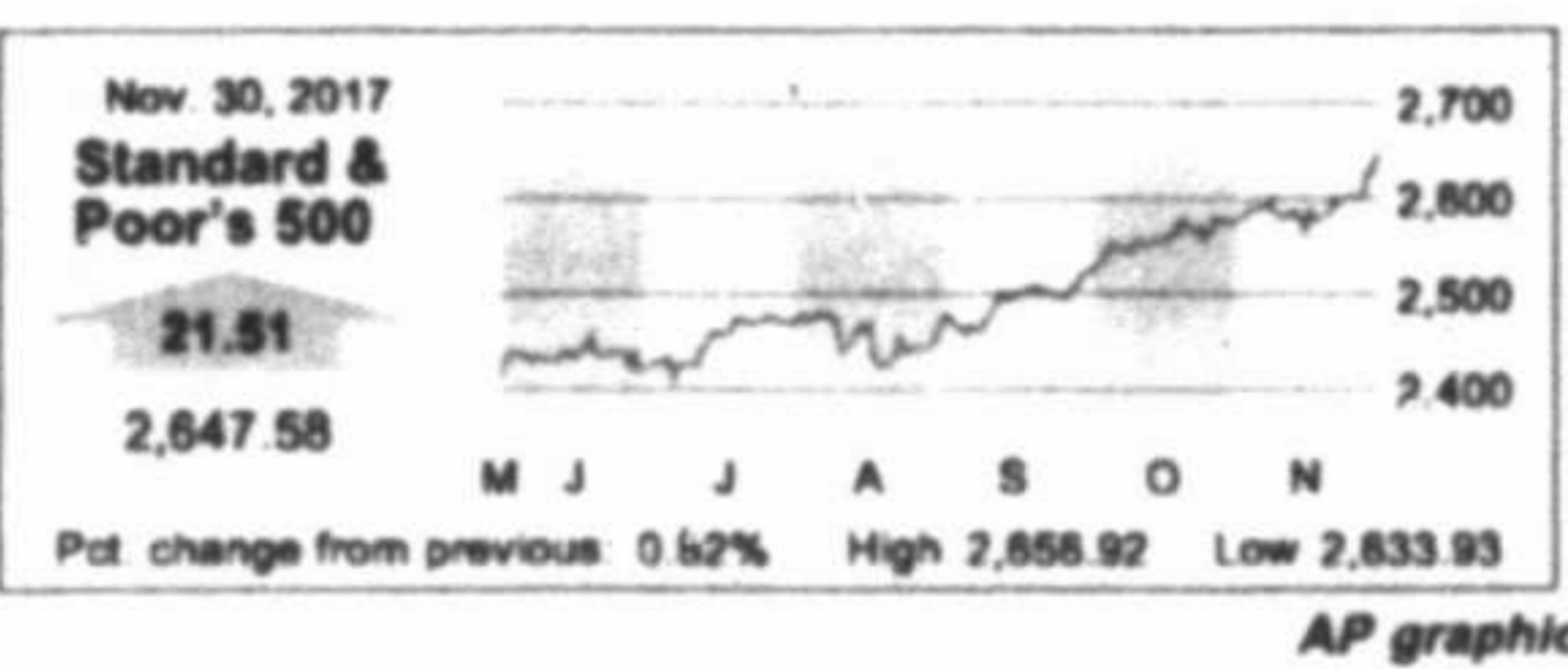
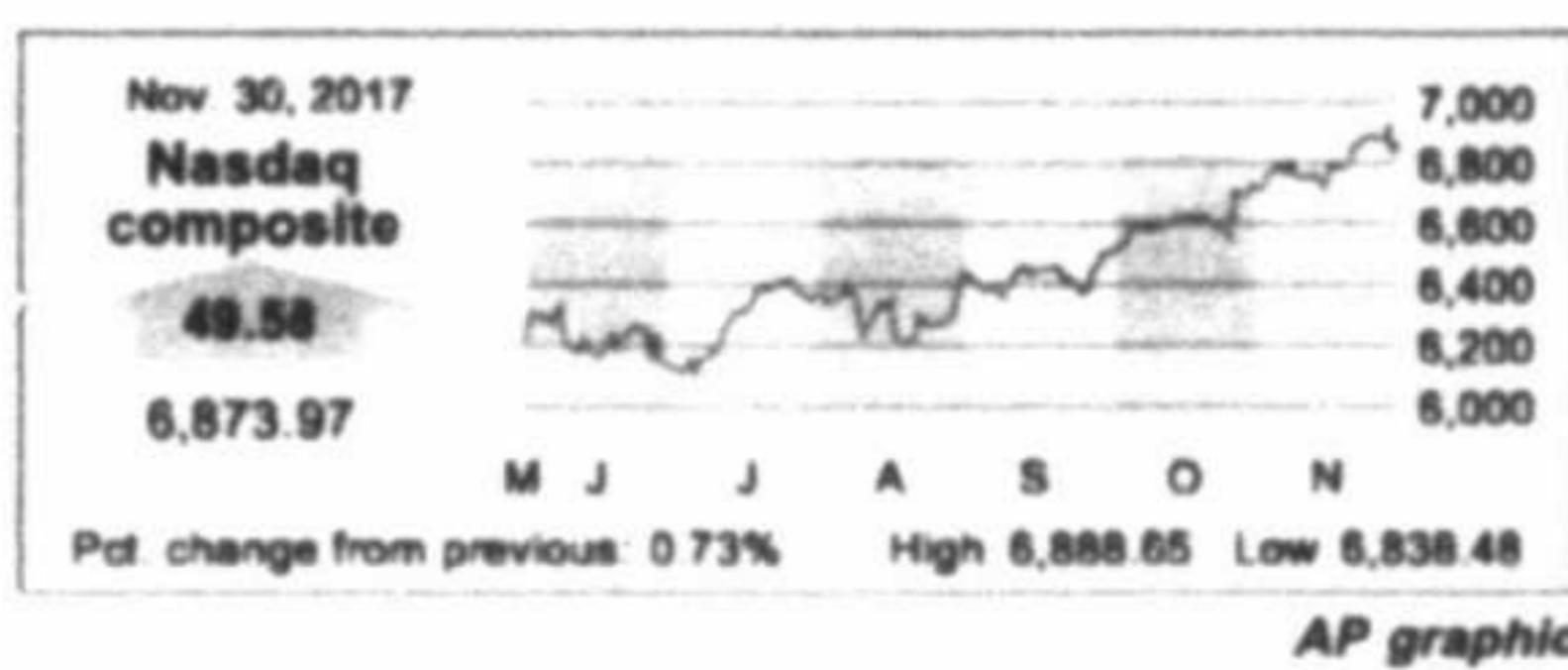
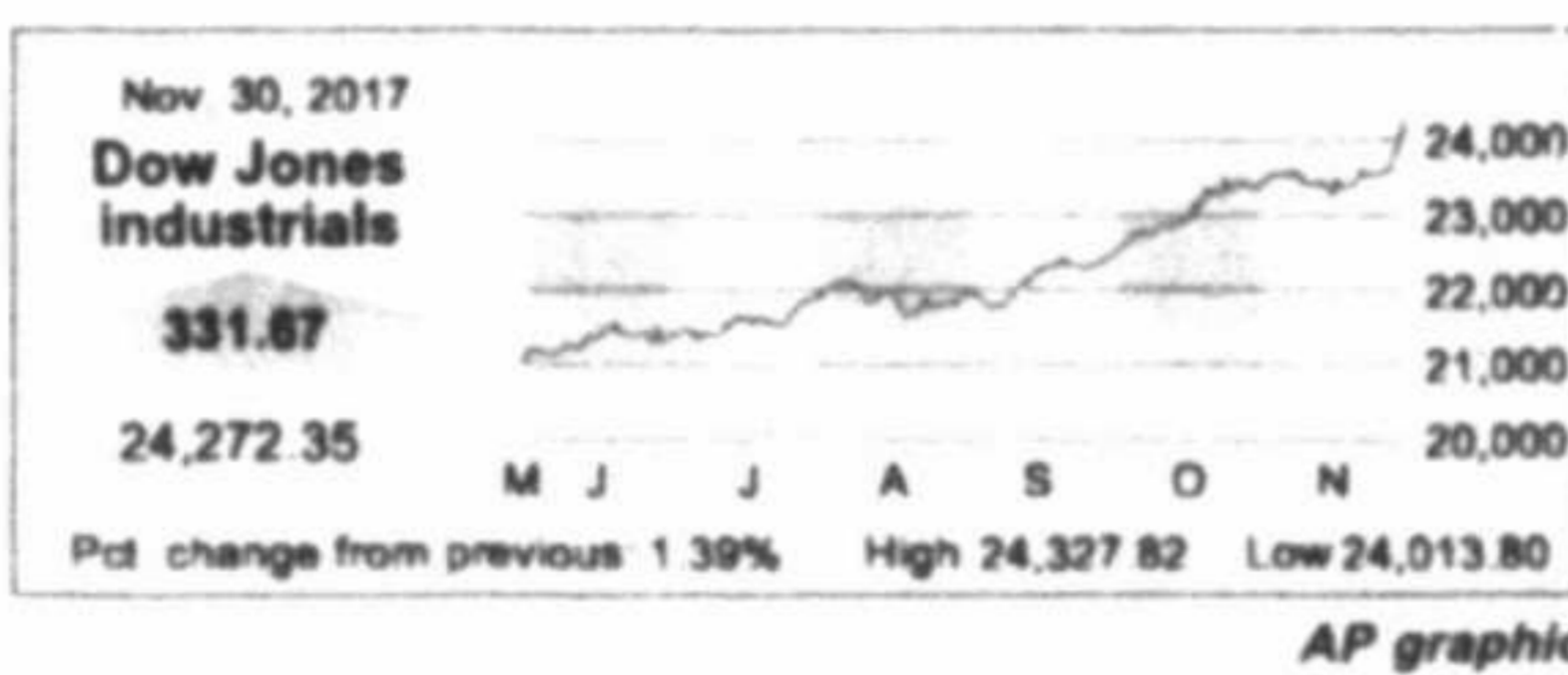
**SOUTH**  
♠ Void  
♥ 10  
♦ 10  
♣ A

Seres ruffed a spade with the ace of clubs and West couldn't defend the position. Should he under-ruff, dummy would be high. A discard of either red jack and Seres would cash his new winner in that suit and West would start suffering all over again. A beauty!

# BUSINESS & OIL

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## A DAY ON WALL STREET



## OIL PRICES

**FUTURES**

Thursday: \$57.40  
Previous: \$57.30

**POSTED**

Thursday: \$53.75  
Previous: \$53.75

**WEST TEXAS SOUR**

Thursday: \$50.40  
Previous: \$50.40

**NATURAL GAS**

Thursday: \$3.025  
Previous: \$3.179



**NYSE**

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on week)				GAINERS (\$2 on week)			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SPDR Finl	18,850	27.52	+1.18	TW	16.50	+3.28	+24.8
BioAm	11,700	28.17	+0.11	AltonCo	27.63	+4.06	+17.2
IBM	11,097	46.10	-0.11	NYCo	2.39	+3.4	+14.6
SAP	10,104	102.64	+9.19	VOC	4.89	+1.53	+31.3
Gen	9,647	18.29	-0.19	Lo27	32.90	+3.40	+11.5

LOSERS (\$2 on week)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
Amara	4.35	-1.70	-39.1	1,711	1,221	108	3,040
CPFL	11.97	-3.72	-31.1	307	307	0	614
Asafa	31.96	-5.89	-18.4	12	12	0	24
RFB	17.70	-2.63	-14.9	35	35	0	70
CSVL	8.60	-1.24	-14.4	155	155	0	310

Volume: 4,620,715,381

**AMEX**

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on week)				GAINERS (\$2 on week)			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Digital	802	1.70	+0.07	Cross	5.55	+1.00	+18.2
Ga	5,380	1.05	+0.22	Shel	3.31	+0.30	+10.0
Shel	4,797	34.78	+2.80	Cont	2.44	+1.17	+47.5
SFC	4,671	8.76	+0.28	Trans	2.31	+0.16	+7.4
Mv	4,345	1.70	+0.30	Char	27.86	+1.68	+6.4

LOSERS (\$2 on week)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
Mv	2.71	-0.70	-25.8	178	178	0	356
Cal	6.89	-0.67	-9.7	20	20	0	40
Bar	28.50	-1.83	-6.4	362	362	0	724
NTN	4.80	-0.30	-6.3	12	12	0	24
Flan	21.20	-1.30	-6.1	83	83	0	166

Volume: 134,659,834

**NASDAQ**

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on week)				GAINERS (\$2 on week)			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Micro	60,026	42.39	+1.36	Winn	7.61	+1.65	+21.7
Ph	50,024	101.95	+15.29	Avan	4.26	+0.76	+21.7
Con	49,025	37.54	+0.35	Re	7.11	+1.11	+18.5
App	38,253	171.86	+23.37	Ch	4.15	+0.54	+15.0
Int	31,729	44.84	+0.89	Ver	4.21	+0.55	+15.0

LOSERS (\$2 on week)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
Pr	7.89	-0.22	-2.8	1,032	1,387	196	2,615
Sm	29.99	-4.75	-15.9	134	134	0	268
TDH	6.26	-0.94	-15.0	269	269	0	538
Syn	10.04	-1.48	-14.7	35	35	0	70
Sm	4.41	-0.60	-13.6	116	116	0	232

Volume: 7,296,788,116

## Aggressive cost-cutting helps Sears narrow loss; shares rise

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sears said Thursday that revenue and a key sales figure plummeted in its most recent quarter as it closed stores, shut down pharmacies at some Kmart locations and lost shoppers to other retailers.

But the struggling department store operator did have one bright spot: Its third-quarter loss narrowed from a year ago as it aggressively cut costs. That sent its shares up more than 4 percent Thursday.

Sears has been cutting costs as it faces pension funding issues and lower sales. Competition from Home Depot, Amazon.com and other retailers has been prompting the company to sell brands and close stores as it loses ground in the market. In October, it cut Whirlpool-branded appliances from its operations, curtailing a business relationship that dates back more than 100 years.

Sears said Thursday that part of its turnaround plan is to open smaller stores. In June, it opened its first Sears Appliances & Mattresses store in Pharr which focuses on selling washing machines, microwaves or bedding. Two more were recently opened in Honolulu and Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, the company said. For drivers, it opened three DieHard Auto Centers in Texas and Michigan where customers can get an oil change or replace their tires. Robert Rickler, Sears Chief Financial Officer, said in a

pre-recorded call that the concepts were "successful" and that the company plans to open more of them.

Still, sales at established stores, a key measure of a retailer's health, plunged 15.3 percent during the third quarter. That's more than double the decline it reported in the same period a year ago.

"The dramatic loss of customers at existing stores continues apace," said retail analyst Neil Saunders of GlobalData, "and we believe that there is a danger this trend could accelerate into the new year."

The company reported a net loss of \$558 million, or \$5.19 per share, in the three months ending Oct. 28. In the same period a year ago, it reported a loss of \$748 million, or \$6.99 per share.

Revenue dropped 27 percent to \$3.66 billion, with more than half of that decline coming from store and pharmacy closures, the company said. The retailer plans to close 63 stores, including 45 Kmart stores, by late January. Those closures are on top of 250 stores already announced in 2017.

Sears said Thursday that it will continue to maintain "extreme cost discipline" going into the fourth quarter.

Shares of Sears Holdings Corp. rose 19 cents, or 4.4 percent, to \$4.51 in trading Thursday. Its stock is still down about 50 percent so far this year.

## Dow Jones industrials breach 24,000 in broad market rally

Investors are exuberant and for good reason: the global economy is strong, corporate earnings are solid. Washington appears closer to delivering lower taxes on corporations and is signaling less restrictive oversight of the financial sector.

Thanks to that enthusiasm, Wall Street finished November with a broad rally that gave the Dow Jones industrial average its biggest gain since March and pushed it past the 24,000 mark for the first time.

Other market indicators also reached milestones on Thursday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, which is widely followed by professional investors, had its biggest monthly gain since February.

The S&P 500 index climbed 21.51 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,647.58. The Dow jumped 331.67 points, or 1.4 percent, to 24,272.35. The average was briefly up more than 387 points.

The Nasdaq added 49.58 points, or 0.7 percent, to 6,873.97. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 1.84 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,544.14. The major stock indexes all ended November with gains.

## Metal prices mixed

Gold fell \$8.90, or 0.7 percent, to \$1,273.20 an ounce. Silver dropped 8 cents to \$16.38 an ounce. Copper was little changed at \$3.04 a pound.

## GM to launch self-driving vehicles in big US cities in 2019

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Co. expects to carry passengers and deliver goods with self-driving vehicles in big cities sometime in 2019, telling investors it's moving quickly and plans to be ahead of other automakers and tech companies.

The Detroit automaker made the announcement at an investor presentation in San Francisco on Thursday, saying that based on its current rate of change, it expects "commercial launch at scale" of the autonomous vehicles within the next year or so. The vehicles would not have a human backup driver, the company said.

Company executives didn't say how many vehicles GM would deploy or what cities they would be in, but they were clear that the company plans to run ride-hailing and delivery services and quickly make money off them — at higher profit margins than it now makes from selling cars and trucks.

"This business is potentially bigger than our current core business," Chief Financial Officer Chuck Stevens told the group. GM said it is important to be first to get the self-driving electric vehicles on the road

so the rider experience can be improved quickly and give the company a competitive advantage. GM said there still was much more difficult engineering work to do. And it's not quite clear yet whether the automaker will be first.

Delphi, an automotive supplier, has said it expects commercial vehicles to be using its autonomous system in limited areas in 2019. Delphi recently bought autonomous software startup NuTonomy and is also partnering with BMW AG, chipmaker Intel Corp. and camera and visual recognition software maker Mobileye.


Google's Waymo division is testing self-driving minivans in Phoenix, carrying passengers without a backup driver in the front seat. An employee in the back will be able to stop the vehicle by pushing a button but won't be able to steer the vehicle. Waymo plans to announce a commercial service in the next few months.

German automaker Daimler AG has teamed up with supplier Bosch to develop autonomous taxis by 2020. And Ford plans to have a self-driving car available for ride-hailing services by 2021.



## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AT&T	1.96	14	36.38	-0.10	-0.3	14.5	Comcast	1.00	18	179.80	+2.35	+1.3	15.8	RiteAid	2.01	15	75.6	-26.84	-35.4	+28.8
Alcoa	52	8.87	8.84	-0.04	-0.5	18.6	Costco	1.06	41	58.98	+1.15	+1.9	15.8	Target	4.0	9	14.47	-0.20	-1.4	+28.1
Amgen	13.24	14.87	89.17	+17.8	+20.0	17.8	Crocs	4.80	27	158.33	-19.4	-12.3	15.8	Walgreens	3.78	97	64.12	+4.12	+6.4	+17.9
AMC	—	—	1.80	-0.06	-3.3	4.0	CVS	3.34	10	7.34	+0.03	+0.3	10.3	WalMart	3.96	242.84	+34.2	+13.0	+23.0	15.8
Alibi	50	177.18	-2.83	-1.0	-0.6	101.7	CVS	3.34	10	7.34	+0.03	+0.3	10.3	US Steel	1.38	29	37.26	-3.26	-8.6	15.8
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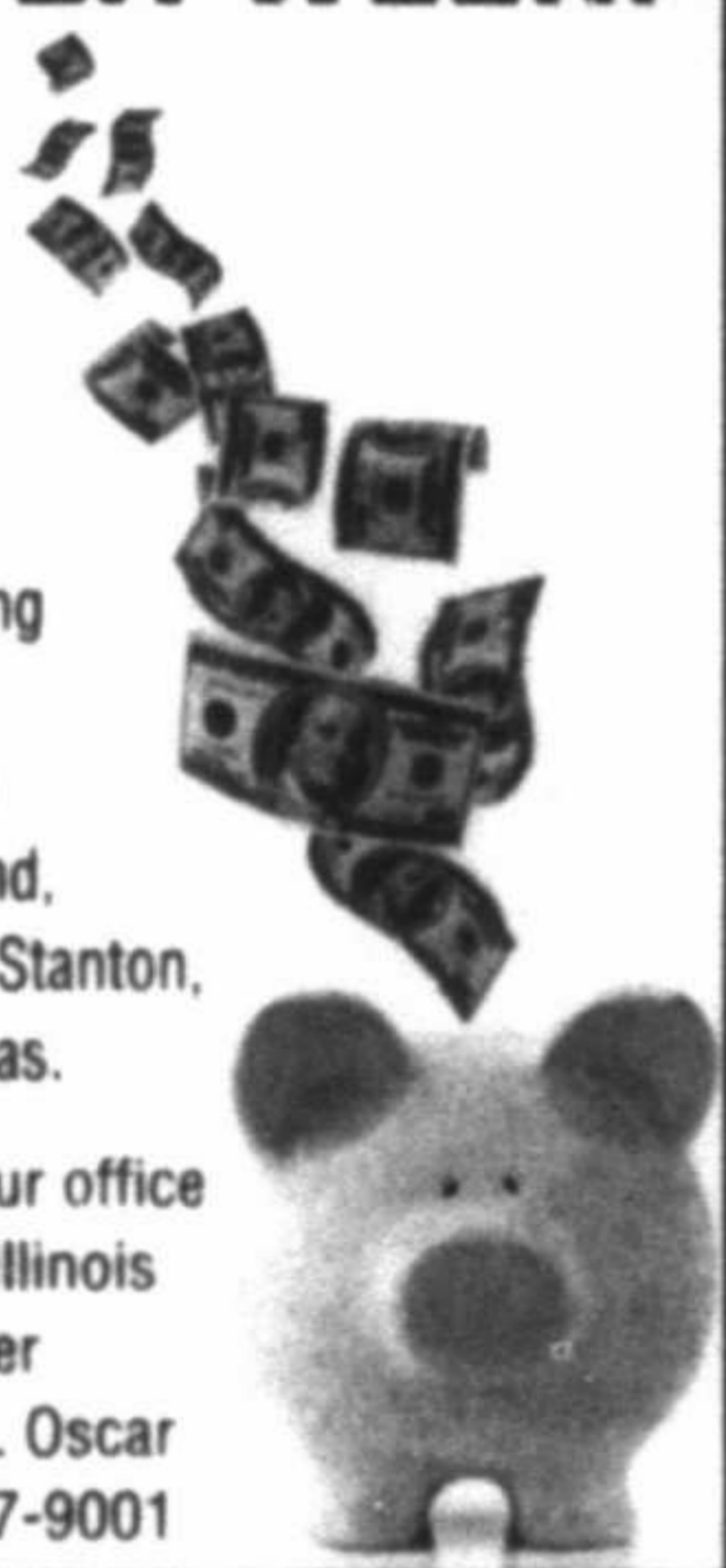
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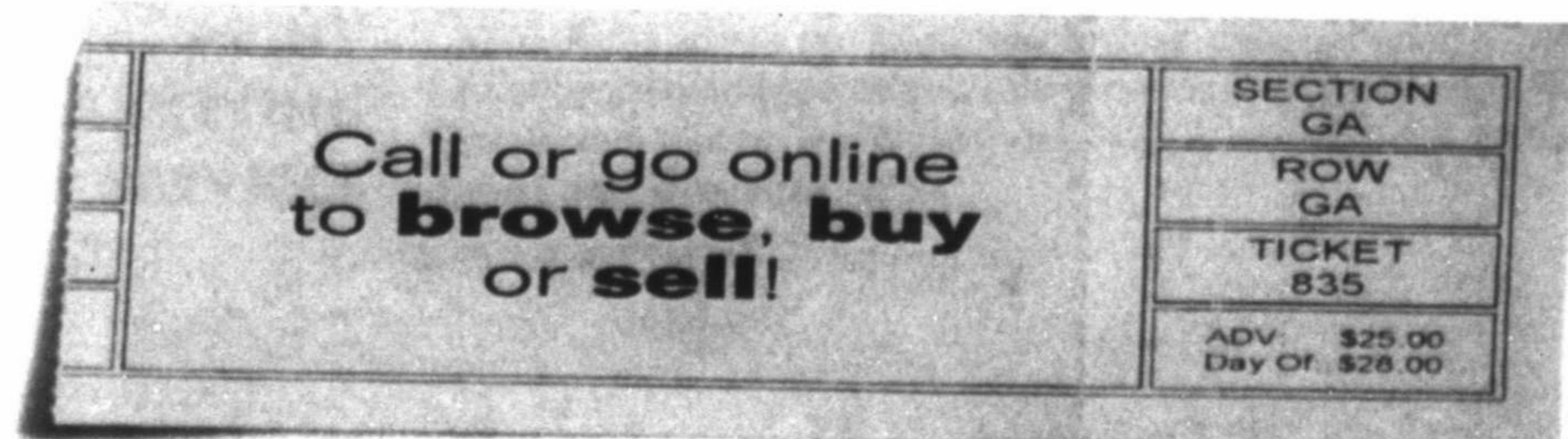
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Program	Dollar Amount	Percentage
Child Care Services	\$50,000.00	15%
Summer Earn & Learn	\$80,000.00	25%
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WIOA Adult	\$20,000.00	6%
WIOA Dislocated Worker	\$20,000.00	6%
WIOA Youth	\$85,000.00	26%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Choices	\$50,000.00	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$325,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

Bid proposal specifications may be obtained from the WSPB offices by contacting Denise Johnson at 432-367-1415 or by e-mail [djohnson@workforce.org](mailto:djohnson@workforce.org)

Detailed bid packages will be available November 22, 2017. Questions will be accepted through December 1, 2017. Responses to this proposal fully completed are due no later than 3 pm Central time on December 08, 2017. The winning bidder will be notified by 5 pm December 15, 2017 and will be expected to provide services beginning January 10, 2018.

ResCare reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals received as a result of this request or to negotiate with all qualified vendors or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Request for Proposals, if it is in the best interest of ResCare or WSPB.

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### Legal and Public Notices

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANCES ANNE GENTRY KLEMPNAUER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of FRANCES ANNE GENTRY KLEMPNAUER, Deceased, were issued to KERRY BRYANT HOWELL, Independent Executor on November 28, 2017 in the proceeding styled "FRANCES ANNE GENTRY KLEMPNAUER, Deceased," Cause No. P19236 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at 1901 N. Midland Drive, Suite 212, Midland, Texas 79701 before said date upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

KERRY BRYANT HOWELL, Independent Executor of the Estate of FRANCES ANNE GENTRY KLEMPNAUER, Deceased, Cause No. P19236 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

### Legal and Public Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., December 13, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M. in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bids:

Bid No. 18000540

For Phase I of the Dennis the Menace Park Renovation Project.

To receive a copy of the request for bids, please contact Mark Smith, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 1700 W. Walk, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 at 432-697-1447.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division  
City of Midland, Texas

### Legal and Public Notices

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp formation, Powell, E.L. B lease, well number 7 & Powell, E.L. C lease, well number 4. The proposed injection wells are located 10 miles East from Garden City in the Blalock Lake, S. (Wolfcamp) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 8100 - 8402 feet (B-7) & 8100 - 8510 feet (C-4).

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Generally located northwest of the intersection of Best Parkway and Leisure Drive. (Council District 4)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2999.

CITY OF MIDLAND  
Amy M. Turner MMC  
City Secretary

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clarence Ray Zachery, Sr. Deceased, were issued on November 28, 2017, in Cause No. P19198, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Clarence Ray Zachery II.

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

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DATED the 28th day of November, 2017

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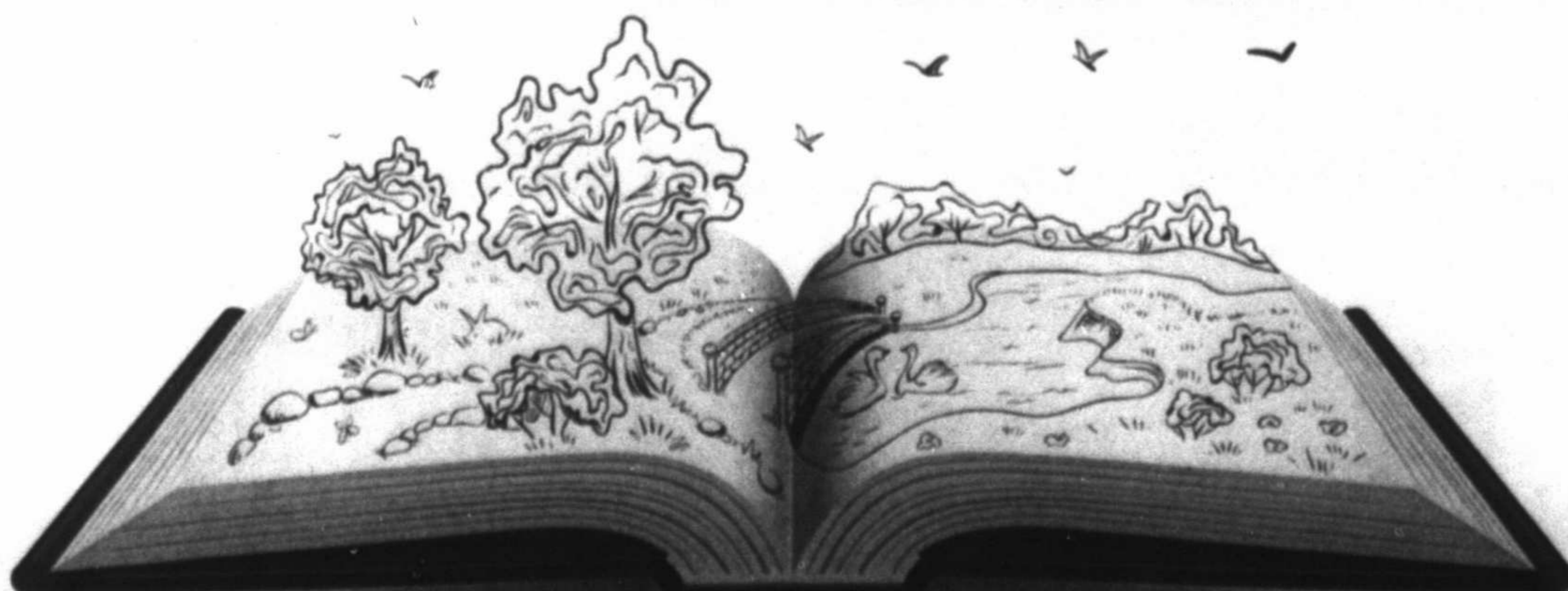
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