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Obituaries

Weather

Narcissa Abundez
Narcissa Abundez, 87, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass

will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Police blotter

- **ALEX COCHIES LADESMA**, 35, of 1003 N. Runnels St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license.
- **SYLVIA MARIE EVANS**, 29, of 617 McEwen St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **SONIA LEOS**, 34, of 505 S. Aylesford St. was arrested on warrants for failure to yield right of way at a stop intersection, driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 46, of 1311 Mobile was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief

- (impairing/interrupting/diverting public water); and on other outstanding warrants.
- **JOHN KHOURY**, 24, of 22 Brickwood Dr. in Little Rock, Ark., was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
 - **TRAVIS CLINT HULL**, 43, of 1010 Goliad St. in Odessa was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
 - **TAMMY HERNANDEZ**, 34, of 1403 Stanford St. was arrested on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).
 - **DOYCE RAY COYLE**, 48, of 3307 Auburn St. was arrested on

- a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.
 - **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of North First Street and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
 - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of McEwen Street and the 3700 block of Dixon Street.
 - **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of State Street.
 - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Northeast Ninth Street.

Sheriff

- The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:
Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 46, was booked by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (impairing/interrupting/diverting public water), theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and forgery of a financial instrument.
 - **DOYCE RAY COYLE**, 48, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).

- **SYLVIA MARIE EVANS**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **TAMMY HERNANDEZ**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft (\$50 to \$500).
- **TRAVIS CLINT HULL**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **JOSE JIMENEZ**, 60, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for forgery by passing a forged check.

- **JOHN EDISON KHOURY**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- **ALEX COCHIES LEDEZMA**, 35, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license.
- **SONIA LEOS**, 34, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to yield right of way at a stop intersection, driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **JONATHAN ADAM SEANEZ**, 29, was booked by DPS on a warrant for injury to a child or elderly/disabled person.

Fire/EMS

- Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of North Gregg Street.
 - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Gregg streets.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
 - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Gregg streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Business

- 87 and Martha May Rockhouse Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of George. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3000 block of Highway 87.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North

- Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3000 block of North Highway 87.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Canary. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will host a fish fry Saturday, Jan. 21. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Carry out is available. For more information, contact 263-2084. American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W. Highway 80
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998. The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

Today: Mostly cloudy with patchy fog in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 50s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph in the afternoon.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.
Thursday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.
Friday night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.
Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.
Sunday: Windy. Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 50s.
Sunday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
Monday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.
Monday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tuesday: Windy, Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

Support Groups

- WEDNESDAY**
- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
 - A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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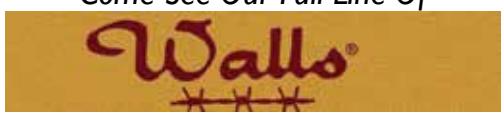
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For third straight time, Earth sets hottest year record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government scientists say the Earth sizzled to a third straight heat record last year.

They mostly blame man-made global warming with help from a natural El Nino, which has since disappeared.

The figures announced Wednesday come from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which measure global temperatures in slightly different ways. They said last year passed 2015 as the hottest year on record.

NOAA calculated that the average global temperature last year was 58.69 degrees (14.84 degrees Celsius) — beating the previous year by .07 degrees (.04 Celsius).

NASA's figures include more of the Arctic, which was warmer than usual. The agency said last year was .22 degrees (.12 degrees Celsius) warmer than 2015. NASA's Gavin Schmidt said most of the record heat was from man-made climate change.

TRUMP

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sylvania. "In particular, it's important when you've had a divisive election. You need to become president of all of the people, including those who vehemently opposed your election."

Trump seems to get that.

He's spoken admiringly in recent weeks about the speeches of past presidents Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy, and is said to be deeply involved in preparing his address. He's expected to deliver a personal speech, while returning to some of the big themes of his campaign, including a deep love of country.

Trump told Fox on Tuesday that he'll start his address with words of thanks to "everybody," including President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, for being "so gracious."

The president-elect showed he can deliver a straight-forward, prepared address at the Republican convention, where he largely stuck to a script and shut down anti-Hillary Clinton chants of "lock her up" from the crowd of GOP loyalists.

But that address was strikingly dark in tone, sketching a portrait of an America in crisis, and he later em-

braced that chant from supporters at his freewheeling campaign rallies.

The inaugural address, by contrast, needs to be "an inherently aspirational speech," said Michael Gerson, who wrote speeches for President George W. Bush and is a frequent Trump critic. "It has to be about the future and about your vision."

Veteran speechwriters have plenty of other advice for Trump and his chief wordsmith, Stephen Miller. Keep it short. Don't overdo the gravitas. Don't gloat, the victory tour is over. No deviations from script.

Oh, and don't undo a successful inaugural address with an intemperate tweet — or two or three — a few hours later.

While Trump used his victory speech on Election Night to sound a call to "come together as one united people," his tweets since then have featured name calling, score settling and petulance.

Wayne Fields, a Washington University expert on presidential rhetoric, said Trump is in an awkward situation, going into his inaugural address as a man who seems to regard precise language with contempt "rather than respect."

After all, this is a candidate who reveled in taking juvenile potshots during the campaign, labeling his

JPMorgan settles mortgage discrimination lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP) — JPMorgan Chase is settling charges that independent brokers working for the bank discriminated against minorities seeking home mortgages. A federal suit filed Wednesday in Manhattan accused JPMorgan Chase & Co. of charging black and Hispanic borrowers higher interest rates and fees for mortgages from 2006 to at least 2009. The lawsuit alleges that discrimination cost at least 53,000 minorities borrowers tens of millions in higher interest payments and fees. The New York bank denied wrongdoing, but says it's agreed to settle the claims for \$55 million.

US homebuilder confidence, sales outlook slip in January

U.S. homebuilders are feeling slightly less confident this month about their sales prospects, a pull-back from December when builders' confidence reached the highest level in 11 years.

The decline in builder confidence comes amid heightened concerns about how rising mortgage rates could affect sales this year.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Tuesday fell to 67 this month. That's down two points from a revised reading of 69 in December.

Rain pounds Houston as flooded roadways strand motorists

HOUSTON (AP) — Emergency crews have made dozens of high-water rescues as thunderstorms flood streets in the Houston area and batter other parts of Texas.

Flash flood warnings are in effect for the Houston region, where torrential rains prompted officials to close some schools and delay opening many others on Wednesday. The area's public transportation has also been delayed or suspended.

Forecasters say some metro areas received more than 5 inches of rain overnight.

rivals "stupid," "dumb" and "bad."

"I know words," he declared at one rally. "I have the best words. But there's no better word than stupid, right?"

Even if Trump delivers a statesmanlike speech that hits all the right notes, Fields says, "nobody would know how to receive it or who it was coming from or how seriously to take it. It's a huge challenge."

Any reframing of Trump's tone for the presidency — if he wanted to do that — would require a consistent, longer-term shift, Fields said. Trump does go into the speech with the benefit of low expectations: His off-the-cuff and often inflammatory style has long been a big part of his appeal. The soaring rhetoric of Obama, for example, simply wouldn't ring true.

"Because of the high level of attention and the low expectations, he's far more likely to exceed expectations," Jamieson said.

At the same time, Gerson cautions, Trump faces an extra hurdle in his inaugural address because he won the election by dividing the country.

"The method that he won creates the initial challenge of his presidency, which is to rally people broadly around his agenda and vision," he said.

Trump also knows his audience will include plenty of supporters who elected him to challenge the status quo. An address that doesn't offer any flavor of Trump-the-disruptor could disappoint those eager for a sea change in the ways of Washington.

Beyond Friday, there is the larger question of how Trump will adjust his speaking style over the next four years. His past pledges to "act more presidential" when the time is right are coming due.

"Any president is going to have to learn how to make use of good speeches," said Gerson, noting that presidents may have to speak at three public events in a given day. "That may be different from anything he's ever experienced before, because the campaign rewarded spontaneity and being extemporaneous. There are huge portions of the presidency where that can't be the case."

CUPID

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In addition to McKain's vocal skills, the men are looking for volunteers to help spread Valentine's cheer to local couples. Volunteers are needed for singing, playing musical instruments such as the guitar, and helping to deliver the telegram baskets.

"I posted on Facebook looking for volunteers," said McKain. "For people singing or driving or playing an instrument or both. People can contact us or contact Gale's if they are musically inclined or want to spend at least an hour stopping at different places, that would be super helpful. I have a couple people, but it would be nice to have a group leader who can orchestrate each group. They are doing different time slots at Gale's and then we are arranging the music."

For those who would rather send a telegram to their significant other than volunteer, a few different options are available.

"I think I'm going to come up with two different packages," said Pittman. "I think there will be two different songs to choose from. This is the first time we have done something like this. I'm looking into if they don't want a singing telegram, if they just want cookies delivered to a business during business hours, I'll probably have someone to deliver during that day."

Pittman explained that the Valentine's Day telegrams would only be deliverable within Big Spring city limits and that all the telegrams would need to be pre-paid. Pittman said that the telegrams could be delivered to businesses, homes, and restaurants the day of Valentine's. Although this is his first go at singing telegrams, Pittman has been a staple of the Big Spring community for years. Voted the Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year" in 2016, Pittman is well known around the community for not only his delicious cookies, but developing relationships with people.

"I have people that I did cakes for years ago when I first started and now their kids are coming in" said Pittman. "Two weekends ago I had a lady bring a picture of a wedding cake I did for them 25 years ago, and so I redid it for their anniversary. I'm starting to catch a new generation."

The Valentine's Day singing telegrams are available all day on Feb. 14, and are \$50 apiece. Reservations will be made in 30-minute increments throughout the day. To schedule a singing telegram, call Gale's Bakery at 432-606-5002. If you are interested in volunteering with the Salvation Army and delivering singing telegram, call McKain at 432-267-8239.

"The more people that we have signed up to do the singing, the more money we can raise for the Salvation Army," said Pittman.

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windbreak are allowed to utilize their energy to continue gaining weight rather than use it to keep warm, as a result, the amount of feed afforded by the producer is reduced.

These windbreaks also reduce the risk of mortality during the harsh winter months, such as Winter Storm Goliath in 2015. They also provide shade during the hot summer months and help keep the dust down when used around dairies and feedlots. The following evergreen container seedlings are sold in bundles of 25/\$65 plus tax (\$70.36): Afghanistan Pine and Austrian Pine.

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The deadline to order is Feb 17. Orders will be delivered in March.

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Gabina Bustamante, 85, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Templo Centro de Alabansa with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Narcissa Abundez, 87, passed away Tuesday. Vigil service will be held at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: *Dr. Strangelove*

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

In 1964, just two months after the assassination of John F. Kennedy rocked the nation, a film was released that satirized, among other things, the presidency, conspiracy theories, the Cold War, and nuclear weapons. That movie, “Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb,” is my favorite movie made before I was born.

The black-and-white classic starts with Brigadier General Jack D. Ripper



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sent to the Soviet Union, who manage to shoot most of them down, but the crew we've been watching manages to escape by flying very low under the Soviet radar. I'll stop there with the plot so as not to give away any big spoilers.

Two other characters of note are Col. Bat Guano (Keenan Wynn), one of the Army unit sent to arrest Ripper; and the titular Dr. Strangelove (Peter Sellers, character #3), a wheelchair-bound German mad scientist working for the Americans in the vein of Wernher von Braun.

My dry description doesn't do it justice, but “Dr. Strangelove” is flat hilarious. There is so much win in this movie that I don't even know where to start. I watched the movie



(Sterling Hayden), commander of Burpelson Air Force Base (love these names? Get used to them), ordering his wing of B-52s armed with hydrogen bombs to follow “Attack Plan R,” targeting various locations within the Soviet Union. He locks down the base, ordering his men to shoot on sight anyone approaching. His executive officer, a British officer named Group Captain Lionel Mandrake (Peter Sellers, character #1) attempts to reason with Ripper, but the General is convinced the commies are trying to taint his precious bodily fluids, and must be wiped out. Meanwhile, Air Force General “Buck” Turgidson (George C. Scott) is enjoying a romantic encounter with his secretary Miss Scott (Tracy Reed) when he receives a call about Ripper's unauthorized attack, so he hurries down to the War Room to see what's going on. Meanwhile, the crew of a B-52 are shown receiving the order.

The crew consists of Major T.J. “King” Kong (Slim Pickens), commander and pilot; Capt. “Ace” Owens (Shane Rimmer), co-pilot; and Lt. Lothar Zogg (James Earl Jones), bombardier; among others. Initially skeptical of the order, the crew double-checks with headquarters before going on the offensive. Scenes with the crew preparing for their attack are peppered throughout the film; watch for a hilarious listing of the contents of government-issue survival kits, when they realize they will be forced to ditch the plane inside Russia. Meanwhile, at the War Room, President Merkin Muffley (Peter Sellers, character #2) is holding a meeting on how to deal with the situation. The planes can't be recalled without a special three-letter code.

An Army general sends a unit of soldiers to Burpelson to arrest Ripper to get the code. Despite Turgidson's objections, Muffley decides on transparency, inviting the Soviet Ambassador, Alexei de Sadeski (Peter Bull) into the War Room and calls up the Soviet Premier on the hotline after tracking him down at his mistress' apartment. The ambassador reveals that the Soviet Union has just put a devastating “doomsday device” into effect; any attack against Russia will automatically trigger giant underground hydrogen bombs, ending all life on Earth.

The nation had built the device as a deterrent, and was going to publicize it next Monday morning. Muffley has all of the planes' flight plans

again recently (I've seen it about five or six times) for this review, and as every part came on in sequence, the thought ran through my mind, “Oooh, I love this part!” Just to stop gushing and get to some specifics, let me start with Peter Sellers. Sellers plays three roles in this film, and they're all fairly big roles. The President is played fairly straight, as a weak man caught in an impossible situation. Imagine how the president would explain to the leader of another country how we accidentally sent our nukes to bomb their cities: “Well now, what happened is, uh, one of our base commanders, he had a sort of - Well, he went a little funny in the head. You know. Just a little funny. And uh, he went and did a silly thing. Well, I'll tell you what he did. He ordered his planes...to attack your country.” Group Leader Mandrake is a no-nonsense, stiff-upper-lip British officer, but he's also dealing with an impossible situation: A commander who has gone cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs... and has a gun. And then there's Dr. Strangelove. This is Sellers' opportunity to let his freak flag fly. The man speaks with an over-the-top German accent, wears dark goggles, and has an uncontrollable hand with a little Nazi mind of its own. Sellers is pure genius.

Then there's George C. Scott. Sellers gets top billing, but for my money, Scott's expressions and antics in the War Room are the funniest thing in this whole incredibly funny film.

Alright, this review is too long as it is. There are just so many things. Bat Guano's “preversions” theory. “A guy could have a pretty good night in Vegas with all this stuff.” “You're gonna have to answer to the Coca-Cola company.” “Gentlemen, you can't fight in here, this is the War Room!” Kong's final ride. “We'll Meet Again” as the credits roll. Trust me. This movie is great. Please watch it. Ten stars out of 10.

Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
Director: Stanley Kubrick

Writer: Screenplay by Stanley Kubrick, Terry Southern, and Peter George. Based on the novel “Red Alert” by Peter George

Production company: Hawk Films, Columbia Pictures

PG, 1 hr. 35 min., Comedy, Jan. 29, 1964

Judge hears arguments about TX Planned Parenthood funding

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge deciding whether Texas can block Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid dollars scolded attorneys Tuesday for rehashing the debate over secretly recorded videos that Republicans across the U.S. — Texas included — have used to try defunding the nation's largest abortion provider.

“You can give me all this baloney you want,” said U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, who became visibly frustrated after a Planned Parenthood employee testified for an hour about discussing fetal tissue research on the videos, which were filmed and heavily edited by anti-abortion activists posing as founders of a fake biomedical startup.

Come Saturday, Planned Parenthood will stop receiving Medicaid money in Texas unless Sparks blocks the ouster. His decision is expected later this week.

Federal judges across the U.S. have so far stopped other Republican-controlled states from similarly cutting off Medicaid dollars to Planned Parenthood. That list includes Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Kansas.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas argued that non-abortion care to nearly 11,000 low-income women is at stake.

“They know us. The trust us,” president Ken Lambrecht said. “My fear is they won't know where to turn.”

Sparks told attorneys he wanted to know about the type of Medicaid ser-

vices Planned Parenthood provides and how many clinics are impacted. He suggested that any arguments or testimony outside of that information won't have bearing on his decision.

In the states that have tried to cut off Medicare funding, Republican officials have justified the attempted actions by citing the videos filmed by the anti-abortion group Center for Medical Progress. Some feature Melissa Farrell, a researcher at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Houston, who testified Tuesday that her conversations were spliced and wrongly portrayed.

The footage from Houston showed people pretending to be from a company called BioMax that procures fetal tissue for research touring the facility. The makers of the videos, two anti-abortion activists from California, were indicted on charges of using fake IDs but those charges were later dismissed.

Investigations by 13 states into those videos have concluded without criminal charges, and Planned Parenthood officials have denied any wrongdoing.

Sparks is the same judge who put on hold new Texas rules requiring the burial or creation of fetal remains.

Originally scheduled to take effect in December, the rules were challenged by abortion-rights groups, who say such regulations don't provide any public health benefits and instead seek to shame women and make it tougher for doctors to perform abortions.

Sheriff criticizes TX Commissioner's account of West Texas 'attack'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A claim by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller that “illegal aliens” attacked a hunting party in remote West Texas is being discounted by the local sheriff who says the hunters fired on one another.

Miller said in a recent Facebook post that the attack is another reason why a wall must be built to secure the Texas border.

“Anyone who says that the people illegally crossing into our country are just those seeking a better future for their families simply do not understand what is happening on our borders,” the Republican said in his post. “There are violent criminals and members of drug cartels coming in.”

He said the gunmen ambushed the party and shot a guide as he tried to protect the hunters.

But Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez on Monday criticized Miller's account.

“The agriculture commissioner needs to do

his job and stick to that, and I'll do my job. You tell him I said that,” Dominguez told the San Antonio Express-News.

A request to Dominguez for further comment Tuesday was not returned.

Sheriff's investigators said in a statement last week that the Jan. 6 incident in which the guide and a second man were shot was the result of “friendly fire among the hunting party with several contributing factors.”

Authorities say about 30 law enforcement officers searched the perimeter of the ranch where the hunters were staying and didn't find signs of people approaching the camp that night. And investigators found no evidence of “cross-border violence,” according to the statement.

An online blog cited an anonymous family member in posting an account of the shooting, which was then publicized by media outlets. The blog had asserted multiple gunmen attacked the group in an

apparent effort to rob and kidnap the hunters.

Because Miller's post was to his personal Facebook page, his office Tuesday referred questions to his campaign spokesman, Todd Smith, whose phone was not accepting incoming messages.

But Smith told the Express-News that what surprised him is that “people think we're a news organization. It's a personal Facebook page.”

He said the shooting is “old news” and added if the sheriff has concerns about the commissioner's post then, “I'm sure he'll contact us.”

Miller has received criticism in the past for other posts, including one shared in 2015 that appears to suggest using an atomic bomb on the Muslim population.

He apologized in November after his official Twitter account briefly posted — then deleted — a tweet that used an obscenity to refer to Hillary Clinton.

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2 Texas Democratic congressmen boycotting Trump inauguration

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic U.S. Reps. Al Green and Joaquin Castro of Texas say they will boycott President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration in Washington on Friday.

Green, who represents much of southwestern Houston, and Castro, of San Antonio, both hail from safely Democratic districts.

They are joining around 50 House Democrats nationwide in skipping Trump's swearing-in. More Texas congressional Democrats may yet follow suit.

In a statement, Castro said Trump "has shown an utter lack of respect for so many Americans."

Castro cited Trump's "attack on civil rights hero John Lewis," a Democratic congressman from Georgia who Trump attacked over the weekend after Lewis questioned Trump's legitimacy as president.

Green also cited Trump's reaction to Lewis in saying he too was planning to skip the inauguration.

Texas officer shoots man following domestic disturbance

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas police officer responding to a domestic disturbance has shot and wounded a man who approached the officer while armed.

Killeen police spokesman Carroll Smith said in a statement that the officer went to an apartment following a 911 call about a dispute involving a man and a woman.

The man had left the apartment by the time the officer arrived but later returned while carrying a firearm, prompting a confrontation.

The officer then shot the man, who was taken to a hospital where police say he was listed in stable condition Monday. The woman was not harmed.

In keeping with department policy, the officer was placed on administrative leave as the investigation into the shooting continues.

Funeral on Saturday for 4 Texas siblings in gas poisoning

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Four children who died Jan. 2 following an apparent accidental gas poisoning at their Texas mobile home will be mourned in Amarillo.

An official with Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery says the funeral for the Balderas siblings is at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral.

Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Amarillo police Officer Jeb Hilton said Tuesday the investigation continues into the deaths of 7-year-old Felipe, 9-year-old Johnny, 11-year-old Josue and 17-year-old Yasmeen Balderas.

Four other siblings and their parents required hospitalization, but have since been discharged.

Authorities have said a professional-grade pesticide applied by the father, under the home, combined with water and led to release of dangerous phosphine gas.

City spokesman Jesse Patton on Tuesday said cleanup continues at the family's uninhabitable residence.

FBI faces backlash for child porn investigation

DALLAS (AP) — A case involving the FBI operating a child porn website undercover as part of a sting operation has sparked an ethics debate among legal scholars and defense attorneys.

The Dallas Morning News (<http://bit.ly/2jkFt8v>) reports that federal prosecutors are defending the agency's decision to secretly run a child pornography website for two weeks as part of an operation to catch predators. The investigation, called Operation Pacifier, involved uploading tens of thousands of child porn images to the site.

While many defense attorneys have filed motions to suppress the evidence from the sting, legal experts say most attempts at getting charges dismissed have failed. Some judges have ruled the government acted inappropriately.

The U.S. attorney's office in Dallas says the agency acted within the law.

The FBI has declined to comment on the operation.

Dakota Access company seeks to block pipeline study



This Sept. 29, 2016 file photo, shows a section of the Dakota Access Pipeline under construction near the town of St. Anthony in Morton County, N.D. Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, the company building the oil pipeline, asked a federal judge on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, to block the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from launching a full environmental study of the \$3.8 billion pipeline's disputed crossing of a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota.

By BLAKE NICHOLSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline wants a federal judge to block the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from launching a full environmental study of the \$3.8 billion pipeline's disputed crossing of a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota.

Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners asked U.S. District Judge James Boasberg on Tuesday to stop the Corps from publishing a notice in the Federal Register on Wednesday announcing the study. ETP wants any further study put on hold until Boasberg, in Washington, D.C., rules on whether ETP already has the necessary permission to lay pipe under Lake Oahe — the reservoir that's the water source for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

ETP wants to block further study so that the decision on the permitting, which is likely weeks away, will be "free from the risk that its ruling will be frustrated or thwarted by new governmental actions." The Corps did not immediately respond to ETP's request.

The stretch under Lake Oahe is the last big chunk of construction for the 1,200-mile pipeline. The Corps wants to look at alternate routes, the potential for a pipeline leak and tribal treaty rights in the wake of opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux and its supporters who believe a pipe-

line leak would contaminate the tribe's drinking water.

ETP maintains the pipeline is safe and that the Corps gave it permission in July to proceed with the Lake Oahe stretch, but the Corps says all of the neces-

sary steps have not yet been completed — including an easement to work on federal land and the notification of Congress.

An environmental assessment

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 30, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS") (collectively "Applicants"), regulated electric utility companies, filed an application with the PUCT titled Amended Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., Statement of Intent to Change Rates, and Request for Grant of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Transfer of Certificate Rights ("Amended Application").

The Amended Application requests: (1) the setting of new wholesale and retail rates that Sharyland will charge its customers; (2) the establishment of rates that SDTS will charge its only customer, Sharyland; and (3) the grant of a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") and transfer of CCN rights to SDTS. This proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis.

The Amended Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015. The Amended Application supports an increase in Sharyland's adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$1.4 million or 1.4 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$101.2 million, plus an additional \$2.23 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will decrease by approximately \$3.14 per month, exclusive of riders, but in McAllen and Mission they will increase by approximately \$35.69 per month, exclusive of riders. The Amended Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$147.6 million, plus an additional \$3.7 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Amended Application also supports a total revenue requirement for SDTS of approximately \$170 million. SDTS' proposed rates are lease payments that SDTS will charge only to Sharyland for leasing its transmission and distribution assets. In a new tariff for SDTS, separate rates will be provided for the leasing of transmission assets and for the leasing of distribution assets.

The Amended Application also requests that the PUCT grant a CCN to SDTS and transfer rights under Sharyland's CCNs to SDTS authorizing SDTS to own transmission and distribution assets and lease those assets to Sharyland for the provision of electric service, along with any other rights as necessary. No new facilities are being sought in the Amended Application.

The Amended Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Amended Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The Applicants have proposed that the requested rates be made effective February 3, 2017.

A complete copy of the Amended Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

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Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is February 13, 2017.



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Poll: Young Americans doubt media's ability to cover Trump



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In this Dec. 1, 2016 file photo, attendees cheer at the media riser at the encouragement of President-elect Donald Trump while he speaks during the first stop of his post-election tour in Cincinnati. Most young Americans are concerned about the media's ability to report on Donald Trump and his efforts to obstruct coverage of his administration, and most think it's at least somewhat likely he will make it harder for Americans to express dissent, according to a new GenForward poll of Americans aged 18 to 30.

By **EMILY SWANSON and JONATHAN LEMIRE**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Most young Americans are concerned about the media's ability to report on Donald Trump and his efforts to obstruct coverage of his administration, and most think it's at least somewhat likely he will make it harder for Americans to express dissent.

That's according to a new GenForward poll of Americans aged 18 to 30, nearly two-thirds of whom say they're either very (25 percent) or somewhat (38 percent) concerned about Trump trying to impede journalists as they report on his incoming administration.

"I am really concerned that Trump tries to muddy the waters, that his attitude is to try to block the press from doing their job," said Becky Berenbon, 22, a graduate student who lives in West Bloomfield, Michigan. "I think the media will try to hold him accountable, but he will do what he can to stop them."

GenForward is a survey of young adults by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Most young people in the poll said Trump is likely to make dissent and protest more difficult. Twenty-two percent are very confident he will do so, and another 36 percent say they're somewhat confident. More than 7 in 10 young people say they have little to

no confidence that Trump will show respect for people he disagrees with.

"I don't think he'll outwardly limit free speech. But I think (the Trump administration) will limit or not acknowledge people's opinions they disagree with," said Desiree Batista, 22, a college student from Woodbridge, New Jersey. "There will be a rise in different protest movements, but I don't know how the administration will view it. And I also think that he thinks all press is good press, even if it's people smack-talking him."

In general, young people express little confidence in the media. Seven in 10, including similar percentages across racial and ethnic groups, say they have little confidence or none at all in the media to report the news fully, accurately and fairly.

Eileen King, a 23-year-old waitress from Norfolk, Virginia, who backed independent candidate Gary Johnson in last year's election, said she didn't trust the media, preferring to get her news from a diverse set of conservative and liberal friends on Facebook.

"I don't know that the media will give him a fair shake, but I also don't think it matters," King said. She said her biggest concern would be that an unfettered Trump would ignore the media's traditional role of a watchdog and "present an ugly face to the world."

Trump made the media part of his campaign in an unprecedented way,

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conducted by the Corps last year determined that the Oahe crossing would not have a significant impact on the environment. However, Assistant Army Secretary for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy said in December that a broader environmental impact statement was warranted. Such a statement can take up to two years to complete, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe has been urging people to lobby the Corps to start the environmental impact study before President-Elect Donald Trump, an energy supporter, takes office Friday.

ETP has already drilled entry and exit holes for the Oahe crossing, all on private property, and has already put oil in the pipeline leading up to the lake in anticipation of finishing the project, ETP executive vice president Joey Mahmoud said in court documents.

Poll: Young Americans fear that they will be worse off post-Trump



AP photo

In this Nov. 8, 2016 file photo, a woman weeps as election results are reported during Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's election night rally in the Jacob Javits Center glass enclosed lobby in New York. As Donald Trump approaches his inauguration as president, young Americans have a deeply pessimistic view about his incoming administration, with young blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans particularly concerned about what's to come in the next four years.

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and EMILY SWANSON**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As Donald Trump approaches his inauguration, young Americans have a deeply pessimistic view about his incoming administration, with young blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans particularly concerned about what's to come in the next four years.

That's according to a new GenForward poll of Americans aged 18 to 30, which found that the country's young adults are more likely to expect they'll be worse off at the end of Trump's first term than better off. Such young Americans are also far more likely to think Trump will divide the country than unite it, by a 60 percent to 19 percent margin.

Fifty-two percent of young whites, 72 percent of Latinos, 66 percent of Asian-Americans and 70 percent of blacks think Trump's presidency will lead to a more divided nation.

"Minority people are very afraid of all the rhetoric that he ran upon (in) his campaign," said Jada Selma, a 28-year-old African-American graduate school student living in Atlanta. "Anytime he mentioned black people, he would talk about poor people or inner city. He would think that all of us live in the inner city and that we're all poor."

"If you're not a straight white male, then I don't think he's looking out for you as an American," she said.

GenForward is a survey of adults age 18 to 30 by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The first-

of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of a new generation.

The poll found that 54 percent of young people overall say life for people of color will be worse with Trump as president. About two-thirds of young blacks, Asian-Americans and Latinos think things will get worse for people of color, and whites are also more likely to expect things to get worse than better for minorities, 46 percent to 21 percent.

Overall, 40 percent of young adults think they personally will be worse off four years from now, while just 23 percent expect to be better off. Young people of color are significantly more likely to think they will be worse off than better off, while young whites are more split in their personal expectations.

Kuinta Hayle, a 21-year-old African-American from Charlotte, said she is worried that Trump's selection for attorney general, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, could roll back civil rights. She said Trump's foray into "birtherism," during which he propagated the lie that President Barack Obama was not born in the United States, still bothered her.

"That was very meaningful. It still hurts," Hayle said. "He doesn't know anything about my life or the lives of people who aren't like him. I feel Donald Trump is only for rich people. Obama was for people who didn't have much."

Although he had a decisive win in

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B-wood sweeps Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

BROWNWOOD — Big Spring's basketball teams went down to the Lions' den Tuesday and, unlike what happened with the biblical Daniel, things did not go well at all.

Big Spring's girls ran into a virtual buzzsaw, falling 63-17 to drop to 1-3 in District 5-4A action. The BSHS boys, meanwhile, dropped a close 55-53 decision for their first district loss of the year.

The boys' game was close throughout, with the Steers holding a slim two-point lead at halftime, but a 20-14 third quarter eventually proved decisive for Brownwood's Lions. The Steers rallied in the fourth quarter, but fell just short at the end.

Four Steers scored in double figures Tuesday, led by Jeremiah Cooley's 13 points. Jeremiah Rushin and Dimas Garcia each had 12 points, while John Ibanez added 11.

Big Spring's squads return to action Friday when they travel to Snyder. Game time is 6 p.m. for the girls' game and 7:30 for the boys.

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Big Spring's John Ibanez (14) is fouled while shooting during the Steers' game at Brownwood Tuesday night.

Mavs edge Chicago for 3rd straight win

CHICAGO (AP) — Wesley Matthews was mad at himself after Jimmy Butler's clutch shot in the final minute. He exacted his revenge on the other side of the court.

Matthews made a go-ahead 3-pointer from the wing with 12 seconds left, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Chicago Bulls 99-98 on Tuesday night for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

"We've been struggling, it's been tough for 2 1/2 months, but guys kept hanging in and believing in each other," coach Rick Carlisle said. "Games like this give us even more confidence."

Six players scored in double figures for the Mavericks (14-27), including all five starters. Harrison Barnes had 20 points, Seth Curry added 18 and Dirk Nowitzki finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Dallas trailed 98-96 after Butler's long jumper over Matthews in a matchup of Marquette products with 23 seconds left, but Carlisle decided against a timeout and Deron Williams drove into the lane before kicking out to Matthews for the 3.

"Jimmy came down and made a great play. He went over the top of me and shot," Matthews said. "And I can't

really take much credit for the other end of the court. D-Will came down in transition. I think everyone was expecting a timeout, which was a good play by Coach to not do that.

"D-Will made a great play, he found me, and I just had to knock it down."

Matthews then prevented Butler from getting a shot off in the final seconds, and Dwyane Wade missed a potential game-winning jumper from the corner on his 35th birthday.

"They did a good job of pressuring on us, making us make tough shots," Wade said. "Wes Matthews is a great defender

and he did a great job of just pressuring Jimmy and making us get to other things at the end."

Butler finished with 24 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds for the Bulls, who had won two in a row. Robin Lopez scored 21, and Wade had 17 on 8-for-21 shooting.

Wade's fadeaway jumper gave the Bulls a 94-90 lead with 3:18 remaining, but they struggled to score down the stretch of another disappointing performance at home. Chicago (21-22) dropped to 13-9 at the United Center, including

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Spurs rally for win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After struggling to keep pace with the Minnesota Timberwolves for 24 minutes, San Antonio turned to its defensive stopper and offensive catalyst.

Kawhi Leonard has been both for the Spurs all season, showing off his all-around game once again.

Leonard has 34 points and San Antonio overcame a strong start by Minnesota for a 122-114 victory Tuesday night.

"That is what he does," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He plays both ends of the floor like nobody's business."

Leonard's fourth straight 30-point game helped him become the first San Antonio player to score 950 points in the first half of a season since Tim Duncan in 2003.

"I'm just happy we got the win," Leonard said. "I just try to approach every game like it's a Game 7 of the Finals. You don't care about numbers, you just want to come out with a win."

Coming off a career-high 38 points on Saturday against Phoenix in Mexico City, Leonard was 12 for 17 from the field to spoil Minnesota coach Tom Thibodeau's 59th birthday.

"He is an MVP candidate," Thibodeau said. "When you look at All-Stars and MVPs, you look at what they do for their team in winning. There are people that can get stats, but they don't contribute to

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Stars hold on for win

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Stars gave up an early goal for the third straight game. However, this time they quickly bounced back, took two big leads and held on for a win.

Patrick Sharp scored twice, Jamie Benn and Patrick Eaves had a goal and two assists each and the Stars got a wild 7-6 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Dallas fell behind just 27 seconds in as Derek Stepan scored on the Rangers' first shot. On Monday, the Stars gave up a goal 19 seconds into a 4-1 loss at Buffalo, and Minnesota scored 1:19 into a 5-4 win at Dallas on Saturday night.

In this one, the Stars rallied and led 4-1 and 7-3 before pulling out their third win in nine games (3-5-1).

"It's nice to put some pucks in the net," Sharp said. "It's the third game in a row we've given up a quick one. Credit the power play for getting it right back and then we were able to score quickly after. It's frustrating that we need to score seven goals to win the game, but right now we'll take a win whatever way we can."

Cody Eakin had a goal and an assist, Antoine Roussel and Adam Cracknell also scored and the Stars finished with their highest scoring total of the season.

"They had a couple good push-

es," Benn said. "But we did what we had to do. We hunkered down to the end and found a way to get two points."

Stepan had two goals and an assist, Mika Zibanejad also scored twice and Pavel Buchnevich had a goal and two assists for the Rangers, who lost a season-high third straight. Chris Kreider had a goal and an assist and Mats Zuccarello had three assists.

Antti Niemi made 22 saves on 28 shots for Dallas before being replaced in the third period by Kari Lehtonen, who finished with 12 saves.

Trailing 7-3, the Rangers were booed leaving the ice after the second period. New York then scored three times in a 4:15 span early in the third to pull within one.

Kreider tipped in a pass by Stepan on a power play for his 18th at 3:11, Stepan knocked in a rebound at 5:31 for his 12th and Zibanejad pulled the Rangers within one at 7:26. That prompted Stars coach Lindy Ruff to send in Lehtonen.

"That was more of a stall tactic, to get the goalie in and slow the game down," Ruff said. "I didn't want to burn my timeout. And (Lehtonen) has been good coming off the bench. I just felt it was something to do to try to slow things down."

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Big Spring Lady Steer Logan Terrazas, right, puts up a shot during the BSHS-Brownwood game Tuesday night.

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vating relationships,
connecting with
others -- it's where
many people find
happiness. Not
everyone. And not
all the time. If you're
pulled to solitude
as Mars and Saturn
move into a squared
position, that doesn't
make you antisocial.
There's just some-
thing you need that
can't be found in the
outside world, only
the inner one.

ARIES (March
21-April 19). The
current speed of
time is one second
per second. Try to
stay inside of that,
as one might stay
inside a car on the
freeway; speeding
through and yet si-
multaneously rather
still.

TAURUS (April
20-May 20). Amp
up the importance
of your goal. If it's
important enough,
you'll relate all deci-
sions to the ultimate
vision of that goal.
With everything you
do, you'll ask: Does
it get me closer?

GEMINI (May
21-June 21). You'll
spend part of the
day figuring out
what is best for the
health and devel-
opment of another
person. It's not so
easy to forget all
about you and really
feel life as the other
person might. This

is love.

CANCER (June
22-July 22). You
take a personal
approach, perform
with fluidity and
leave your audience
(whether it be one or
100) thinking: "Who
was that, and how
can I get more?"

LEO (July 23-
Aug. 22). Cognitive
dissonance isn't
something people
experience in times
of crisis. To some
degree it's the con-
stant. Our brains are
wired to continuous-
ly deal with inter-
nal disagreement.
Humor helps. Parts
of today will be ab-
solutely hilarious.

VIRGO (Aug.
23-Sept. 22). You
can't help whom you
prefer, though of
course it's only natu-
ral to want to spend
more time with the
one who inspires a
warm and reflective
feeling in you and
less time with the
one who makes you
work in some way or
another.

LIBRA (Sept.
23-Oct. 23). When
you know you don't
have much time for
a task, you tend to
give it your deep,
full attention. This is
why it will help you
to set a strict time
limit on things that
don't naturally have
one.

SCORPIO (Oct.
24-Nov. 21). There's
a reason why vid-
eos of funny dogs
and cute kittens are
the online refuge of
children from ages
1-101. We could all
use a little levity and
softness in our ex-
perience. None will
be immune to this
need today.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
Change always
comes at a cost.
Lose this, gain that
-- this is the balance
of life. The best is
when you wind up

trading something
you can no longer
use for something
you can (like what
happens today)!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
The old way is safe,
comfortable and
familiar. It's also
boring you to tears.
You'll come up with
a new way. Give
yourself the best
chance at being
accepted by private-
ly working out the
bugs before pre-
senting.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
The best perk about
seeing new places
in the world is that it
enables you to final-
ly see your home-
land for what it is.
Contrast is neces-
sary for perception.
It takes two eyes to
see depth.

PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).
Making things too
easy for the other
person is actually
not very nice. This
why "no spoilers" is
a good policy, and
it's also why you
should never give
an unwrapped gift.
The prize is in the
discovery.

TODAY'S
BIRTHDAY (Jan.
18). You take an
active role in your
environment. Your
every interaction is
a kind of creation.
People insist you
join them, stating, "It
won't be the same
without you," and
they're right. You'll
work in different
groups and take
home two victory
"trophies" by April.
Heartfelt promises
will be exchanged
in May. Leo and
Pisces adore you.
Your lucky numbers
are: 7, 1, 42, 9 and
38.

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CAL QUESTION:
"After going through
more than my share
of divorces, I want
someone I'll be with
for the rest of my
life. What should
I do differently to

make this happen?
I was born July 10,
1957."

First of all, don't
panic and marry the
next person who
comes along. You
have plenty of time.
The key to attracting
someone who can
hang for the long-
term is developing
a strong sense of
yourself during this
down time. Follow-
ing your own inter-
ests and learning to
love yourself more
deeply will inspire
the right person to
love and honor you
deeply, too. Nep-
tune in your home
and family sector
shows a tendency
to idealize marriage
and family; it will be
important that your
mate feel the same
devotion to the
family ideal that you
do. Ask lots of ques-
tions and pay close
attention to signals
men give on the top-
ic of family during
your courtship. With
Saturn in Sagittari-
us in your romance
sector, you may
have been attracted
to free-wheeling,
commitment-resis-
tant types in the
past; now you know
what to watch out
for and the qualities
needed to break the
spell.

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PROFILES: Acad-
emy Award-winner
Kevin Costner is a
charming actor and
a visionary director.
This Capricorn is
as multitaled as his
natal chart is
diverse. An intense
Scorpio moon sig-
nifies charismatic
appeal and Mercury
in Aquarius prom-
ises that Costner will
keep using his ce-
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good in the world.
Venus in Sagittarius
indicates a love for
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Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

A methodological approach

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 6
♥ 9 8 7
♦ A 8 4
♣ K Q 9 8 4

EAST

♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ 10 4 3
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ 7 5

WEST

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ K J 6 5
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 6

SOUTH

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ K 5
♣ A J 10 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
6 ♣

Opening lead — queen of spades.
Luck is undeniably an important
factor in bridge, but it is not nearly as
important a factor as skill. An
"unlucky" lie of the cards can often
be overcome by skillful play.
Take this case where the success
of the slam appears to depend upon
the location of the king of hearts. If
East has it, the contract is reasonably
secure, but if West has it, the slam is
in jeopardy because declarer could
lose two heart tricks. The location of
the king of hearts is, of course, sim-
ply a matter of luck.

Tomorrow: Maximizing your chances.
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This is where skill enters the pic-
ture. No declarer worth his salt is
willing to settle for defeat merely
because a card is badly placed. Some
effort must be made to overcome the
unfavorable lie, if it exists.
Declarer should start by assum-
ing that West has the king, because
there is no problem if East has it.
Next, he looks for a way to overcome
the presumed bad luck. The remedy
here is an elimination play that is cer-
tain to nullify the luck factor.
After winning the queen of spades
with the king, declarer draws trumps.
Next, a low diamond to the king is
followed by another to the ace, and a
diamond is ruffed. South then plays
the spade ace and ruffs a spade.
With diamonds and spades hav-
ing been cleared from both hands,
the nine of hearts is now led from
dummy and ducked to West after
East follows low. West wins with the
jack but is beyond salvation. He must
either return a heart to South's A-Q
or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either
return hands declarer the slam.
Observe that it does not help East
if he covers the nine of hearts with
the ten. In that case, playing the
queen forces West to resign. There is
no escape for the defense regardless
of the actual distribution of the
opposing hearts, and the luck factor
is thereby eliminated.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every
3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.
That means no number is repeated in any row, column or
box.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2017. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Massachusetts, of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1892, comedian Oliver Hardy was born in Harlem, Georgia.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY), France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread - aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts - went into effect.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 1997, former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, who rebounded from cancer to briefly become the Democratic front-runner for president in 1992, died in Boston at age 55.

Ten years ago: Truck driver Tyrone Williams was spared the death penalty and sentenced by a federal court in Houston to life in prison for his role in the deaths of 19 immigrants crammed in a sweltering tractor-trailer. A heated controversy at the ABC show "Grey's Anatomy" boiled over as the network rebuked co-star Isaiah Washington for making an anti-gay comment against fellow actor T.R. Knight and Washington issued a lengthy apology.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama rejected the Keystone XL project, a Canadian company's plan to build a 1,700-mile pipeline to carry oil across six U.S. states to Texas refineries. Wikipedia and other websites went dark to protest two congressional proposals intended to thwart the online piracy.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 See 1 Down

5 Rich layered cake

10 Arm or leg

14 Actor Neeson

15 Ram constellation

16 Brainstorm

17 Bullets and bombs

18 Foundations

19 "Billy" beast

20 Considerate one's comment

23 Whichever

24 Sweet potato

25 Mink relative

28 PD alert

31 Not yet used to

35 Doctors' org.

36 Comrades in battle

39 Film ___ (dark movie genre)

40 Considerate one's comment

43 Regarding

44 Picturesque cavern

45 "A mouse!"

46 Retains

48 Alps and Rockies: Abbr.

49 Dictionary entries

51 America's uncle

53 "I do"

54 Considerate one's comment

62 It surrounds the Vatican

63 Peace Prize benefactor

64 Tears (up)

65 "Now it's clear"

66 Coral island

67 Fencing sword

68 Flex

69 Takes to heart

70 Hankerings

DOWN

1 With 1 Across, M*A*S*H star

2 VIP's auto

3 Slightly moist

4 Lacking principles

5 Striped house cat

6 Word-of-mouth

7 Move higher

8 Be overrun

9 Opinion piece

10 Bone-connecting tissue

11 Adored one

12 Brunch, for instance

13 Flying mammal

21 Hoops great Shaquille

22 Brown shade

25 Wheel of Fortune host

26 Make smile

27 Sew temporarily

28 Warning signal

29 Whirl on one foot

30 Borscht ingredients

32 Suitor

33 Pointed (at)

34 Taxing trips

37 Trip segment

38 Take a chair

41 Maximum velocity

42 Absorbent cloth

47 Be a drain on

50 Fish-eating bird

52 Talkative bird

53 Screams

54 Sprinkler attachment

55 Prayer's last word

56 Carryall bag

57 Woodwind instrument

58 Grasped

59 Cry of dismay

60 ___-book test

61 Deploys

62 Barbecue bit

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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MAVS

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home losses to the under-.500 Knicks, Lakers, Trail Blazers, Timberwolves and Mavericks.

“We’ve just got to be better, man,” Butler said. “It’s the same mistakes over and over again.”

Chicago played without forward Taj Gibson, sidelined by left ankle soreness. Paul Zipser, a second-round pick in last year’s draft, started in Gibson’s spot and finished with five points and three rebounds in his 13th game of the season.

Gibson, averaging 12 points and 7.3 rebounds, could return Friday night at Atlanta. He had played in every game this season.

Dallas put together a 15-4 run spanning half

time to open a 64-51 lead on Barnes’ turnaround jumper with 8:38 left in the third. But Chicago kept chipping away at the deficit, and Lopez’s three-point play off a pass from Butler trimmed the Mavericks’ lead to 76-74 heading into the fourth.

BULLISH AGAINST THE BULLS

The Mavericks earned their fourth consecutive win against the Bulls, including a 107-82 victory in their first meeting this season. They swept the series against Chicago for the second consecutive season for the first time since 2002-03 and 2003-04.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: C Andrew Bogut missed his third straight game with a right hamstring strain. ... Williams had 11 points, nine assists and six rebounds, and reserve J.J.

Barea scored 12 points. Matthews went 3 for 5 from 3-point range and finished with 11 points.

Bulls: Butler received his Olympic championship ring during a pregame ceremony. He helped the U.S. win gold in Rio de Janeiro last summer. ... F Doug McDermott, who scored a career-high 31 points in Chicago’s 108-104 victory at Memphis on Sunday night, finished with seven points on 3-for-10 shooting.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Visit Miami on Thursday night. The Mavericks have lost nine of their last 10 regular-season games against the Heat.

Bulls: Visit Atlanta on Friday night. The Bulls have dropped five in a row against the Hawks, including a 115-107 defeat at Atlanta on Nov. 9.

STARS

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It worked. The Rangers couldn’t get anything past Lehtonen despite outshooting the Stars 25-4 in the period.

New York’s Henrik Lundqvist gave up seven goals at Madison Square Garden for the first time in his career. He stopped 20 shots before being replaced to start the third by Magnus Hellberg, who was called up from Hartford of the AHL with Antti Raanta injured. Hellberg stopped four shots.

Lundqvist has allowed at least four goals in five of his last six games, including 12 goals on 49 shots over the last two.

“I feel like it’s embarrassing, frustrating, and disappointing, at the same time,” he said. “I need to find another level; it’s not good enough.”

Trailing 4-1 early in the second period, the Rangers scored twice in a 2:10 span. Zibanejad, back after missing 25 games with a bro-

ken fibula, tipped a shot to pull the Rangers within two midway through the period. Buchnevich then put a wrist shot past Niemi.

However, Sharp got his fourth of the season on a wraparound 48 seconds later. Cracknell made it 6-3 with 4:07 left in the second, and Eakin knocked in a rebound for his first of the season less than two minutes after that.

“There’s no doubt that we need to do a better job in front of our net,” Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. “Our offensive game is pretty good at this time, but defensively obviously there are too many breakdowns.”

Eaves, Sharp and Benn score late in the first period to make it 3-1.

NOTES: Faksa had at least a point for the fourth straight game, giving him a goal and four assists in that stretch. ... The Stars improved to 4-13-5 when giving up the first goal of the game and 13-0-3 when leading after two periods. ... Tyler Seguin had an assist, giving him six goals and six assists in his last 11 games.

SPURS

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winning. He does everything to help his team win.”

San Antonio went on a 20-2 run bridging the third and fourth quarters in winning its seventh straight against Minnesota.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 29 points on 12-for-20 shooting for the Spurs.

San Antonio had difficulty with Minnesota’s explosive starting lineup. Karl-Anthony Towns had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Ricky Rubio added 21 points and 14 assists. Zach LaVine scored 18, Gorgui Dieng had 17 and Andrew Wiggins 10. The Timberwolves’

starters dominated the first half.

Minnesota’s 41 points in the second quarter were a season high for any period and the most points in a quarter by a San Antonio opponent this season.

Minnesota shot 30 free throws in the first half, eight shy of the most by a San Antonio opponent all season.

“They played great,” Aldridge said. “They got to the basket. I thought they had us on our heels for a while. I thought guys did better in the second half, adjusting, trying to guard without fouling.”

Minnesota was held to 11 free throws in the second half, the same number of turnovers it had in the final two quarters.

“We’ve just got to

hit shots. We can’t be worrying about free throws,” Towns said.

The Spurs held the Timberwolves to 43 points in the second half.

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: LaVine has 29 points, nine rebounds and three assists in his past two games since returning from a two-game absence caused by a bruised left hip. ... Minnesota is 4-22 when allowing 100-plus points. ... The Timberwolves’ last win against San Antonio was April 8, 2014, a 110-91 victory at home. ... Minnesota’s previous high for a quarter was 39 points in the first against Orlando on Nov. 9. Its previous high for the second period was 35 in that same game against the Magic. ...

The Timberwolves are 5-15 on the road.

Spurs: Leonard has scored in double figures in 73 straight games, the seventh-longest active streak in the NBA behind LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Isaiah Thomas, Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Demarcus Cousins. ... Tony Parker collected his 6,500th career assist, joining James as the only two active players with 6,500 assists and 18,000 points. John Stockton, Isiah Thomas,

Gary Payton and Oscar Robertson are the only other players to reach those milestones. ... Popovich was assessed his fourth technical foul of the season with 3:41 left in the first quarter for berating Michael Smith over a non-call. ... The Spurs are 20-1 this season when Patty Mills has at least two 3-pointers. Mills was 3 for 5 on 3s in scoring 11 points.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Spurs have the third-best start in franchise history at 32-9, but

the coaches and players agree they must improve.

“We’ve still got a lot of work to do,” Leonard said. “I think we could rebound the basketball a little better and also get our 1-on-1 defense better.”

San Antonio has struggled in the first half of games for much of the season and has lost five home games after going 40-1 at home last season.

“We’re not where we want to be, that’s all I know,” Popovich said.

BSHS

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the Coahoma Bulldogs Tuesday, taking a 70-27 win in District 5-3A action.

The Badgers jumped out to a 14-3 lead after one quarter, and expanded their advantage to 30-13 at the half. The Bulldogs never threatened after that.

Coahoma returns to action at home Friday

vs. Stanton. Game time is 8 p.m.

Girls

Christoval 58 Forsan 40

CHRISTOVAL — The Forsan boys played even with Christoval for a half, but the host Cougars opened the third quarter with a 23-9 outburst, and held off the Buffaloes for the win.

The Buffs return home Friday to face Winters. Game time is 8 p.m.

Merkel 71 Coahoma 24

MERKEL — The Merkel Lady Badgers jumped out to a 21-10 lead after one quarter, and were never headed as they downed Coahoma in District 5-3A action Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes return to action Friday when they host Stanton. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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In 1997, the second inauguration ceremony of Bill Clinton was the first to be live streamed over the internet.

In 1929, Herbert Hoover’s inauguration (pictured above) was the first to be recorded on a newsreel. Decades earlier, William McKinley’s address was the first to be recorded by a motion picture camera in 1897.

In 2009, Barack Obama had to retake the oath of office for a second time after Chief Justice John Roberts accidentally changed the order of the words. Instead of saying, “faithfully execute the Office of the United States,” Roberts said, “execute the Office of the President of the United States faithfully.” Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. administers the oath of office to President Barack Obama a second time in the Map Room of the White House in Washington, DC on Jan. 21, 2009.

In 1953 Texas-born Dwight D. Eisenhower was lassoed in the reviewing stand by a cowboy who rode up to him on horse.

JFK’s inauguration almost went up in flames when the podium caught fire as Cardinal Richard Cushing was delivering the invocation. Thank goodness his robes didn’t light up, and Kennedy even managed a smile.

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MEDIA

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using his celebrity — along with a penchant for saying the outrageous — to draw hours upon hours of free coverage. But he is also quick to condemn news reports he does not like. During his campaign, Trump incited his rally crowds to boo reporters, singling out individual journalists with derogatory names such as “sleazebag.” Last week, during his first news conference as president-elect, he lashed out at a reporter from CNN and refused to field a question from the network.

Young adults have mixed opinions on whether the media have thus far gone too easy on Trump — or too hard. Overall, about a third say news coverage has been too easy, another third say it's been too tough, and the remaining third say coverage has been fair.

Batista, for one, said the media spent far too much time on Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and not enough time examining Trump's background. But many Trump supporters cheered the candidate's harsh treatment of the media. Saleena Dayani, a 20-year-old student from Fay-

etteville, Georgia, said journalists' coverage of the president-elect has been “the opposite of fair.”

“The major networks like CNN are totally unfair to him,” said Dayani, who voted for Trump. “They look at one bad thing and they want to stretch it like a piece of gum. They are only focusing on negatives and not the positives.”

Trump's transition team has signaled it wants to shake up how the White House press corps will cover the new administration, floating the idea of doing away with the press secretary's daily briefing or moving it to a more spacious location outside the building. The head of the White House Correspondents' Association has called any move to push reporters out of their White House workspace “unacceptable.”

“I imagine the media will do their best,” said Alice Ma, a 19-year-old student from Jupiter, Florida. “But that might not be good enough.”

The poll of 1,823 adults age 18-30 was conducted Dec. 9-12, 2016, using a sample drawn from the probability-based GenForward panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. young adult population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

WORSE

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the Electoral College, Trump lost the overall popular vote to opponent Hillary Clinton and has done little to reach out to those who didn't support him in November's election. He focused his post-election “Thank You” tour on states he won, settling scores on stage as he boasted about his surprising electoral victory.

Over the weekend, Trump tore into Georgia Rep. John Lewis, among the most revered leaders of the civil rights movement, for questioning the legitimacy of his victory and saying he would not attend Friday's inauguration.

As for Obama's presidency, young Americans are split on whether he has done more to unite or divide Americans, 38 percent to 35 percent, with 26 percent saying it did neither.

Young blacks (57 percent to 16 percent), Latinos (57 percent to 19 percent) and Asian Americans (46 percent to 27 percent) are far more likely to say Obama united than divided Americans. But young whites are more likely to say, by a 46 percent to 26 percent margin, that Obama's presidency was a dividing force.

Indeed, not all young Americans are pessimistic about the incoming president.

“He'll be good for the economy. He's a businessman and he'll bring more jobs back,” said Francisco Barrera, 26, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who voted for Trump. “I think he's going to do good and he's going to end this political correctness. You can't even say ‘God’ in the schools no more. Trump will put him back.”

A majority of young adults think Trump will go down in history as not a very good president or a poor one. Young people of color are particularly likely to think Trump's presidency will be not good or poor, but even

young whites are more likely to expect that than to think it will be good or great, 48 percent to 27 percent.

Young Americans are divided as to whether Trump will accomplish his campaign promises. While most think he'll probably cut taxes for the rich and more than half of young people (59 percent) think Trump will deport millions of immigrants living in the country illegally, just 39 percent expect that he will be successful in building a wall along the Mexican border.

However, about half of young Hispanics think that Trump is likely to build a border wall. And more than 7 in 10 young people believe he will definitely or probably succeed at repealing the Affordable Care Act.

“He's not even been inaugurated yet and he's already alienating people,” said Greg Davis, a white 28-year-old graduate student living in Columbus, Ohio. “He's still parroting the alt-right's messages. His policy ideas I think would be awful. His nominees for Cabinet positions are disastrous. He's nominating people who have the exactly the wrong ideas.”

“I think it's going to be a disaster,” Davis said.

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