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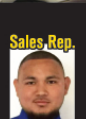

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Cabbie decorates for Christmas.

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Arctic front to sweep through area

❑ Temperatures to stay chilly through Sunday.

By Douglas Clark
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CLOVIS — After experiencing high temperatures that hovered in the upper 60s Friday, Curry and Roosevelt counties are expected to experience a reversal of weather fortunes Saturday evening — with the mercury plummeting to single digits.

"There will be an arctic cold front through the eastern plains of New Mexico, delivering a projected low of three degrees," said National Weather Service Meteorologist Jennifer Palucki, who noted this region most recently experienced single-digit temperatures Feb. 28, 2015, when it was 9 degrees. "This will be the case for northeast and central New Mexico, with wind chills approaching minus 10 degrees. The arctic blast won't last long, but it will remain cold Sunday, as temperatures will struggle to rise above the freezing mark. Sunday night will offer temperatures in the low teens and there will be a gradual warm up from there into early and mid portion of next week."

Palucki offered a few tips to help residents through the chill period.

"Folks headed out Sunday morning should probably wear layers," she said. "And when the weather is very cold outside, it's good to let the cold water drip from the faucet. Running water through the pipe, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing. Wrapping pipes to keep them warm is also an option."

Additionally, the American Red Cross recommends keeping thermostats set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.

Moreover, officials maintain by temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, consumers may incur a higher heating bill but also prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

Meanwhile, it's recommended pet

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Windchill chart

The National Weather Service Windchill Temperature (WCT) index uses advances in science, technology and computer modeling to provide an accurate formula for calculating the dangers from winter winds and freezing temperatures.

Frostbite times: 30 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes

Temperature (°F)

Wind (mph)	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
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35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-90	-98

Source: National Weather Center
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Staff photo: Alisa Boswell

Eastern New Mexico University has finished its investigation on the Sigma Chi fraternity regarding illegal drug use. President Steven Gamble did not disclose the university's decision on the fraternity, but said students had been disciplined. No criminal charges were filed in the matter.

Fraternity investigation complete

❑ ENMU president declines to disclose disciplinary measures.

By Alisa Boswell
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PORTALES — Eastern New Mexico University President Steven Gamble confirmed Friday a Title IX investigation on a university fraternity is complete, but did not disclose the college's disciplinary measures.

According to documentation from an investigation by the ENMU Police Department, several members of the Zeta Sigma chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity may have used more than one type of controlled substance in the fraternity house.

"That's where we're at right now," said Gamble. "We have concluded this issue unless it's appealed, and we have given the members of the fraternity our decision."

Gamble said he wouldn't disclose the university's decision was on the fraternity until after Sigma Chi's appeal deadline of Jan. 9. If members of the fraternity decide to appeal the decision, a second hearing will be held, he said.

Gamble said the Title IX investigation "has resulted in discipline for currently enrolled students." He declined to comment on whether the investigation had impacted any university staff members or not.

Repeated attempts by The News to contact fraternity members have been unsuccessful.

The Portales Police Department was also conducting an investigation regarding accusations that a drug-facilitated sexual assault took place at the fraternity house.

PPD Public Information Officer Charlie Smart said Friday that the department has completed the investigation and turned it over to the Ninth Judicial District Attorney's Office, but he understood the office decided against pursuing charges.

Assistant District Attorney Jake Boazman confirmed Friday that charges will not be pursued against any members of the fraternity.

"We felt there was not enough evidence to bring charges regarding (drug accusations)," Boazman said. "The District Attorney's Office also declined charges on the sexual assault (allegations). We felt there was not enough to go forward."

Christmas concert scheduled in Clovis

❑ Clovis Community Band features players from across region.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

CLOVIS — With one week left until Christmas, eastern New Mexico residents can spend about an hour taking in live performances of the season's music.

The Clovis Community Band will be at First United Methodist Church 4 p.m. Sunday and join two handbell choirs associated with the church.

The band, which features players from Clovis, Cannon Air Force Base, Portales, Melrose, Friona and Hereford, has been performing a Christmas concert pretty much since it began in the late 1970s.

Conductor Steve Baldock said the pieces are all traditional, including the Dallas Brass Nutcracker and "Four Carols" and well-known songs like "Let It Snow" and "Jingle Bells."

The band has played with FUMC's Asbury Ringers for the last few years, Baldock said, but this will be the first time in a while the band has been part of a show with the Wesleyan Quartet.

The Methodist Church won't be the only one with a role in the show, however. Baldock said the band will perform "The Night Before Christmas," while 21st Street Church of Christ Pulpit Minister Larry Tittle will read the familiar story.

"It's a free concert," Baldock said, "but we do offer the opportunity for donations. That's how we pay for new music."

Forecast:

Today	Sunday	Monday
High: 48	High: 33	High: 41
Low: 4	Low: 14	Low: 21

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On this date ...

1976: U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-New Mexico, was in Clovis to speak with High Plains farmers about their struggles with energy costs and production.

Ben McAlister told the senator:

"American agriculture is on the brink of bankruptcy. The only way it can survive is to cut production back so that farmers can get a fair price for their products."

1971: Two dozen Sandia Elementary School sixth-graders had spent three weeks building a paper-mache replica of a brontosaurus.

The students, who included Joey Wells, were in Gary Smith's science class.

Joey won a drawing that

allowed him to keep the creation as "an early Christmas present," the Clovis News Journal reported.

1956: The Monday night television lineup included "I Love Lucy," "Highway Patrol" and "Celebrity Playhouse."

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Attorney claims preferential treatment

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

PORTALES — A Portales attorney intends to sue Roosevelt County, alleging preferential treatment of suspects by the Sheriff's Office.

Eric Dixon filed a tort claim Friday in the county clerk's office, alleging the sister of one of Sheriff Malin Parker's deputies was not treated the same as his clients.

Dixon has sought Parker's removal as sheriff, accusing him of misrepresenting an informant's credentials to procure warrants in an April drug sting where three of his clients were arrested.

In his tort claim, Dixon alleges:

■ Parker filed a criminal complaint against the deputy's sister in April for trafficking methamphetamine. She was released on her own recognizance, while others arrested for the same crime were required to post cash bonds between $5,000 and $7,500.

■ The woman failed to appear for a May 26 preliminary hearing, but her bench warrant was canceled later that day with the $100 bench warrant fee waived.

■ Charges were dismissed against the sister on June 15 in the "best interest of justice," while related charges against others are ongoing.

"This crony criminal justice," Dixon wrote, "is a violation of my clients' civil rights."

Parker said Friday he had not seen the tort claim and declined further comment.

Portales man arrested on sex charges

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

PORTALES — A Portales man was arrested Thursday on three counts of attempted criminal sexual penetration of a minor under 13 years old.

Lane Ellsworth, 24, is accused of intent to have sex with a 10-year-old girl. He remains in the Roosevelt County Detention Center without bond.

According to court records:

■ In August, an undercover agent with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office responded to Craigslist post from Ellsworth. The agent posed as the mother of a 10-year-old child.

■ The agent continued email conversations with Ellsworth over the next few months regarding having sex with the fictional 10-year-old with Ellsworth sending the agent a pornographic picture of himself.

■ Ellsworth and the agent agreed to meet Thursday at a park, where he was taken into custody.

It was not immediately known if Ellsworth had an attorney.

Ellsworth

Events calendar

Today

■ **Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge** — 2 p.m., 7 p.m. in Town Hall at Clovis Community College. Tickets: $10. Information: 575-769-2811

■ **Lighthouse Mission Children's Christmas Party** — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Lighthouse, Clovis. Donations still accepted for this event. Information: 575-762-1933

■ **Special food distribution** — 9 a.m. at Central Christian Church, Portales. Information: 575-769-2103

■ **Gun show** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Melrose Senior Center, 427 Main St. Admission: $4 adults, $2 military, under 18 free. Information: 575-309-4496

■ **Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree gifting** — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Living Word Church, 3719 E. 21st St., Clovis. Volunteering encouraged. Information: 575-218-1914

■ **Jingle & Mingle Christmas Craft Show and Sale** — 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at Java Loft, 810 E. 21st St. Clovis. Information: 218-4914

■ **Samaritan House Christmas Bonanza** — 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at Church of the Brethren, 101 Acoma, Clovis. Proceeds go toward sponsorships. Information: 575-265-8676 or 575-219-2670

Sunday

■ **Gun show** — 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Melrose Senior Center, 427 Main St. Admission: $4 adults, $2 military, under 18 free. Information: 575-309-4496

■ **Christmas dinner** — 10:45 a.m. at Living Word Church, Clovis. Information: 575-218-1914

■ **Clovis Community Band concert** — 4 p.m at United Methodist Church on Sycamore Street, Clovis. Also features two handbell choirs. Admission: Free. Information: 575-760-6257

Monday

■ **Stitch Addicts** — 1:30 p.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Lesson: Review. Information: 575-763-9683

Tuesday

■ **Chamber Open House / Potluck** — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roosevelt Chamber. Bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks, enchilada casserole provided. Information: 575-356-8541

■ **Blood drive** — 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Roosevelt General Hospital, Portales. Information: 575-840-8178

Thursday

■ **Teen, tween program** — 2 p.m. at Portales Public Library for ages 9-18. Information: 575-356-3940

Ongoing

■ **Pintores Artist of the Month** — Art from Lois Snyder featured at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-769-7840

■ **Juried Student Art Show** — Through Jan. 13 in Eula Mae Edwards Museum and Gallery at CCC. Information: 575-769-4956

The events calendar is a daily listing of area events. To place an item on the calendar, call the newsroom at 575-763-6991 or e-mail: mmontgomery@cnjonline.com

Meetings calendar

Tuesday

■ **Friends of the Library** — 11 a.m. at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-769-7840

■ **Roosevelt County Commission** — 9 a.m. in the commission room at the court house, Portales. Information: 575-356-5307

■ **Portales City Council** — 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at the Portales Memorial Building, 200 E. 7th St. Information: 575-356-6662 ext. 1012

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owners bring their animals inside during Saturday's night freeze, per the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, which offers like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside during extreme bouts of cold weather.

Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing conditions.

Markets

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Closing Quotes

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AT&T Inc.	41.67
Atmos Energy Corporation	74.16
Bank of America Corp	22.66
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	58.62
Citigroup Inc	59.75
Chevron Corporation	118.08
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	50.16
Edison International	71.72
Exxon Mobil Corporation	91.18
Ford Motor Company	12.63
General Electric Company	31.75
GlaxoSmithKline plc (ADR)	38.54
Int'l Business Machines Corp.	166.73
Intel Corporation	36.31
The Coca-Cola Co	41.74
Southwest Airlines Co	49.93
McDonald's Corporation	123.24
Merck & Co., Inc.	62.44
Microsoft Corporation	62.30
Newmont Mining Corp	31.66
PepsiCo, Inc.	105.87
PNM Resources Inc	33.55
Sears Holdings Corp	10.41
Tenneco Inc	63.55
Verizon Communications Inc.	52.27
Washington Federal Inc.	34.90
Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc	86.08
Wells Fargo & Co	55.34
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	70.98
Xcel Energy Inc	40.69

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These are the high and low prices for grain as reported by the N.M. Dept. of Agriculture in Clovis.

Wheat	2.70-3.21
Milo	5.42-5.57
Corn: Bushel	3.86-3.92
Corn 100-wt	6.90

Obituaries

Death notices

Ricky Sweat

Ricky Mark Sweat, 53, of Clovis, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2016, at his home.

He was born May 1, 1963, in Truth or Consequences.

Services: 2 p.m. Monday at the Church of God, Portales.

Information: 575-762-4435.

Mary Clotfelter

Mary Clotfelter, 93, of Portales, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Wheatfields Senior Living Community in Clovis.

She was born on May 15, 1923.

Services: Noon Monday at First Baptist Church in Portales.

Information: 575-762-4435

Linda Bryant

Linda L. Bryant, 65, of Clovis, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at Clovis Healthcare and Rehab.

She was born January 6, 1951, in Warren, Ohio.

Services: 2 p.m. Monday at Shekinah House of Praise in Clovis.

Information: 575-762-4435.

Funerals

Today

Josephine Yost — 9 a.m. in St. Anne's Catholic Church, Tucumcari.

Jean Berry — 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Portales

John Thomas — 11 a.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Moriarty.

James Cunningham — 1 p.m. at The Chapel, Clovis

Carsten Douglas — 2 p.m. at the Steed-Todd Chapel, Clovis

Sunday

Kathryn Autrey — 1 p.m. at AMVETS Post 14, Clovis

Kenneth Miller — 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Retreat Center Chapel, Mesilla Park

Monday

Mary Clotfelter — Noon at First Baptist Church, Portales

Mary Baines — 2 p.m. at The Church on The Hill, Fort Sumner

Linda Bryant — 2 p.m. at Shekinah House of Praise, Clovis

Ricky Sweat — 2 p.m. at the Church of God, Portales

Jan. 10

Sharon Cowman — 6 p.m. at The Chapel, Clovis

Services pending

Kent Peterson, 60, of Portales, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, in Lubbock.

Services are pending.

Arrangements are by Wheeler Mortuary.

Politicians bypass press, control message with social media

By Ivan Moreno
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — To deliver his first extensive remarks on the contentious Dakota Access oil pipeline, all the new North Dakota governor needed was a camera and a Facebook account.

The simplicity of the setup spared Republican Gov. Doug Burgum from having to answer questions from reporters on Thursday and allowed him to convey his thoughts unfiltered and unchallenged by the press.

It's a strategy that's been used for a while by governors, state lawmakers and other elected officials in more tech-savvy states and becoming increasingly popular among new-to-politics officeholders, such as Burgum, Illinois Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and, of course, President-elect Donald Trump, who heavily relies on Twitter to share his thoughts.

By making social media platforms the first stop to announce or react to events in a controlled setting, the politicians are bypassing the press — who would call into question assertions made at news conferences — and taking their message to where their audience is most likely to be engaged.

"Politicians are always trying to communicate with potential voters. They want to get a message out and they want to tell the story the way they want to tell it," said Christopher Mooney, director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois.

This week, Democratic U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced her run for New Mexico governor in a YouTube video. In Utah, Republican Gov. Gary Herbert declared on Twitter he was pulling his support for Trump after a video surfaced in October of the businessman making lewd remarks about women.

Some House Republicans in Colorado film a YouTube message every week during the legislative session because "we can't be sure how it will be covered," House GOP spokesman Joel Malecka said.

Rauner, a former venture capitalist who hadn't served in an elected position before January 2015, usually takes questions from reporters after news conferences. Recently, he began hosting Facebook Live events, typically drawing about 500 viewers who listen to his answers to screened questions about policies he's advocating for during his 18-months-and-running budget struggle with Democrats.

"As the world continues to engage and connect on social media, it's important to the governor to interact directly with people in Illinois to explain how he is working to create jobs, lower property taxes, improve schools and enact term limits," spokeswoman Catherine Kelly said in a statement.

A July report from the Pew Research Center on Journalism and Media found that 44 percent of U.S. adults said social media was the platform that informed them of events in the 2016 presidential election during a week in January. About 29 percent said they relied on a local print newspaper.

"(Social media has) weakened the hand of traditional media in many senses. ... Candidates had to give access, they had to give interviews, they had to be hospitable to reporters," said Tom Hollihan, professor of media and politics at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

"Nowadays," he added, "the Trump campaign has challenged very powerful news organizations, including the Washington Post."

For decades, most presidents-elect have held a news conference within days of the election, which differ from one-on-one interviews, because the president-elect must field questions from a broader range of journalists. Trump has not held a news conference for more than 140 days —the longest stretch by a president-elect in recent memory, according to a running tally from National Public Radio .

During that time, he's sent nearly 1,500 tweets by NPR's count, and carefully grants one-on-one interviews. And it's not unusual for presidents to champion a direct-to-voters approach: President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave intimate radio addresses called "Fireside Chats," and President Barack Obama posts weekly video addresses on the White House website.

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The SwitchEasy iPhone 7 or 7 Plus case is touted as the world's first see-through-glass back case, built with 7H hardness glass and 90 percent optical transparency so the phone design is always visible. The structure of the hardcore, yet attractive case is composed of aluminum and glass; a patent-pending wireless pass-through design gives users a better wireless experience than other metal cases.

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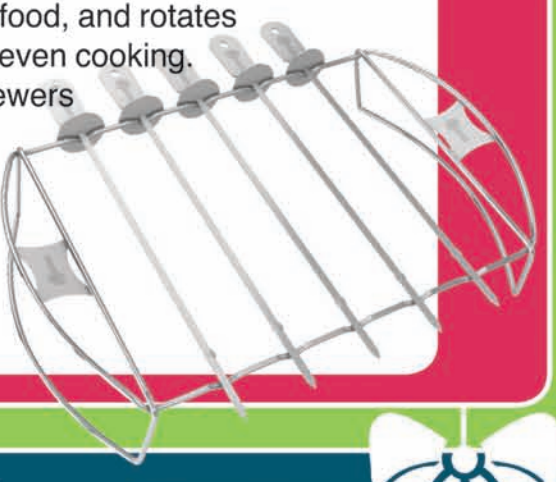
Big sound comes from the **Libratone ZIPP 360-degree 100-watt wireless desktop Wi-Fi speaker.** You can connect up to six units to play simultaneously with a Bluetooth, USB, Apple Airplay, Spotify connection or a direct 3.5 mm wired connection.

Kabob Skewer rack

cavetools.com | $15.99



Cave Tools kabob skewers rack (14.5-by-10-by-2-inches) holds up to five skewers, packed with food, and rotates them 360 degrees for even cooking. The rack holds the skewers a few inches off a hot grill and a built-in food slider makes it simple to push the cooked food off the skewer and onto your plate.

Bluetooth headphones

marshallheadphones.com | $150

Marshall Major II Bluetooth headphones are built with 40mm dynamic drivers, providing crystal-clear audio in both ears with comfortable padded ear cups and a rechargeable battery, good for 30 hours. They work wirelessly or with the included coil cord, which has an inline mic and music control.

C200 turntable

crosleyradio.com | $279

The Crosley C200 turntable brings back the vinyl sound you miss of the needle dropping on your 33 or 45 rpm records; an industry making a great comeback. It's built with a direct-drive, high-torque motor and has a start stop button, an adjustable counterweight balanced, hydraulic-lift control arm, and sets up in minutes.

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Bag of food can go long way

Sharna Johnson
◆
In search of ponies

The shopping and planning may have been going on for months, or perhaps it has crept up like an afterthought-turned-emergency, but, prepared or not, Christmas is one week away.

Yep, this time next week the kids will be bouncing off the walls, anticipation and excitement radiating from them in budding supernova style as they try to make it through that final 24-hour stretch that stands between them and piles of presents.

They really have no idea how much effort goes into making their dreams come true one morning each year — finding the perfect gifts, keeping them hidden from nosey little eyes, hours of wrapping awkward packages, and of course all the time and effort that goes into funding the whole enterprise — a feat of planning and work that amounts to a true miracle when it is successfully pulled off.

Faced with the exuberant faith of little ones who believe, to keep the miracle alive in the hearts of their kiddos, they must scramble, or figure out a way to explain why some wishes don't come true.

Hard to find, impossible to obtain or well beyond financial possibilities, there are plenty of things kids want that aren't realistic, but that doesn't mean the adults that love them won't try to meet expectations, and the price will be significant.

This year, according to the National Retail Federation, the average shopper plans to spend more than $900 on Christmas — gifts, food, decorations and all the other incidentals that go along with it.

The projected 2016 shopping budgets for average Americans mark an increase in spending of about 10 percent, and an amount unseen since the Great Recession, according to market analysis reports produced by PwC, a professional services firm.

Sales growth and increased spending during the holidays is certainly good for retailers, and indeed, for the families blessed with financial healing in the last couple of years.

At the same time, there are still plenty of people that continue to struggle, particularly through the cold winter months and around the holidays when costs rise but budgets don't.

And it is during these times that families — facing higher electric bills, holiday expenses, seasonal illnesses and all kinds of other costs they may not have reserve resources to address — can feel the pinch in little ways that many of us don't always think of.

There's any number of programs to help with different life challenges, but when costs rise and finances are strained, there often aren't resources available for things such as buying food for a loved pet or paying for unexpected veterinary care.

For those with animal loving tendencies and tender hearts, this is a time of year that provides a unique opportunity to make a difference, both through the holiday season and winter months.

Consider finding ways to help the critters in the community — one way to help is donating pet food and supplies or gift cards for veterinary care to organizations that can get them where they are needed most.

For example, local senior centers, meal delivery programs and other outreach programs can help pass along things to help provide for the pets that enrich the lives of seniors and provide them companionship.

Churches and community programs aimed at helping families through donated items also work closely with folks experiencing difficult times and can distribute pet supplies, food and other items to those who can use it the most.

Helping out doesn't always have to be complicated or cost a lot of money, sometimes something as simple as a bag of dog food can ease a mind and provide comfort that's priceless.

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Officials full of excuses for failings

Steve Hansen
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Local columnist

For the second consecutive year, Wall Street 24/7, a respected online business news publication, has ranked New Mexico as the worst-run state in the union.

WS24/7 faults the state's high rate of poverty, its low rate of high school graduates and its declining labor force, combined with a high rate of unemployment.

Further, WS24/7 notes, the state's debt and outlook have been downgraded. Our tax shortages were large and unexpected, the publication says.

Comparing New Mexico both to the best-performing states and its neighbors raises a lot of questions.

The best-performing state is North Dakota and the fourth-best performer is Wyoming. Like New Mexico, both of these states rely heavily on oil and gas revenues and are sparsely populated.

North Dakota, WS24/7 says, has the nation's lowest unemployment rate and home prices have increased more than 40 percent in five years.

As in New Mexico, North Dakota state government is facing a large budget gap and North Dakota's economy actually shrank by 2.1 percent this year, but home prices are rising and people are working.

In Wyoming, WS24/7 notes that despite declining oil and gas tax revenue, the state's state budget reserves amount to 50 percent of total annual expenditures, which is apparently far more than enough to cover shortfalls, WS24/7 says.

Wyoming also spends 43 percent more than the national average per student on education, and about 92 percent of Wyoming adults have at least a high school diploma, compared to 87 percent nationwide.

Two of our neighbors, Texas and Colorado, ranked seventh and eighth, respectively.

Texas' population has increased by 1.2 million in five years. WS24/7 calls such growth a "bellwether of a well-managed state."

And, WS24/7 reports, they're working. Texas' unemployment rate is only 4.5 percent.

Meanwhile, Texas state government has managed to save a fifth of its funds as reserves.

Like Texas, Colorado has enjoyed high net population growth, and only 3.1 percent of the Colorado labor force was out of work in October.

Colorado's economy increased by 3.6 percent in 2015, ranking it fourth in growth. That growth has been lit up by Colorado's legal marijuana business, WS24/7 reports.

The top two states have seen the same impact of falling oil prices as New Mexico, and our neighbors are scooping up people and keeping them employed.

New Mexico needs to start asking hard questions about its tax, regulatory, workforce development and education systems.

Other states seem to be getting beyond the obstacles New Mexico's officialdom cites as excuses.

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Trump's picks at odds with message

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President-elect Donald Trump, Vice President-elect Mike Pence, cabinet nominees and technology company chiefs Wednesday at a meeting in the Trump Organization conference room at Trump Tower in New York.

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump promotes himself as a man divorced from party ideology, a president-elect just as open-minded to input from Al Gore as from Newt Gingrich.

But with his Cabinet picks nearly complete, he has chosen one of the most consistently conservative domestic policy teams in modern history, setting himself up for hard decisions and potential conflict with some of his supporters when he begins to govern.

The internal conflicts have emerged with nearly every pick.

Trump campaigned against the big banks, then chose a former Goldman Sachs partner, Steven Mnuchin, to run his Treasury Department. He pledged to save Medicare and Social Security, then chose Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., who has advocated sweeping revisions in Medicare and Medicaid, to run Health and Human Services.

Trump has placed the burdens of working people at the top of his agenda, yet chose as Labor secretary an executive, Andrew Puzder, who talked in an interview about the advantages of replacing human workers with machines because they are "always polite, they always upsell, they never take a vacation, they never show up late, there's never a slip-and-fall, or an age, sex, or race discrimination case."

And even as Trump aides put out word that the president-elect's daughter Ivanka would be an influential administration voice in favor of curbing global warming, Trump named a man who has repeatedly expressed skepticism about the scientific consensus on climate change, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.

"This is a big mystery to a lot of people, and it's going to be one of the hardest things about this presidency," said Elaine Kamarck, a former adviser in the Clinton administration now at the Brookings Institution in Washington, who has written extensively about the inner workings of White Houses.

Trump has so far shown a deftness at drawing attention away from sticky policy debates with bold, attention-grabbing strokes, a tactic that may help him deflect controversies when he moves to the Oval Office. On Monday, he announced he was delaying until next month a news conference at which he had promised to address his business conflicts of interest, then on Tuesday morning, he staged a photo opportunity at Trump Tower with entertainer Kanye West.

He defied some ideologues in his party, and won goodwill from many supporters, by dramatically persuading Carrier Corp. to keep some of the air conditioning company's manufacturing jobs in Indiana rather than ship them to Mexico.

Despite criticism over singling out an individual company with tax incentives and implicit threats to its government contracting business, Trump was able to use the publicity over the deal to promote a message that workers, particularly those in manufacturing, were at the top of his agenda.

"We are going to see a lot of symbolic politics," said Lara Brown, a professor of political management at George Washington University. She expects gestures like the Carrier deal to prove effective for some time.

Trump's supporters, Brown said, are more invested in shaking up the system than a particular policy agenda.

But the splashy moves could wear thin if Trump fails to deliver on signature promises, like a jobs boom.

"People will give him the benefit of the doubt for a while, but if things have not become different for them by this time next year, they are going to get restless," she said.

Trump has sent conflicting signals about how much direct control he will exert over federal agencies.

Transition officials say Trump will be calling all the shots and giving clear direction.

"It is his agenda being implemented," spokesman Sean Spicer said Tuesday. "It's not a vice-versa thing where we are buying into their agenda. They are buying into the president-elect's vision and his desire to see real change."

Yet Trump has never demonstrated a sustained interest in policy details. By contrast, at least some of his presumed appointees would take office with detailed agendas they have honed for years as well as ties to lawmakers who know the workings of the federal government in much more detail than the president-elect.

A survey that the nonpartisan Pew Research Center released last week suggests voters remain uncertain of Trump's agenda.

Just 4 in 10 Americans polled, fewer than for any president-elect since Pew began asking the question during the 1989 transition, said they approved of the job Trump has done explaining his plans and policies.

Trump's Cabinet picks also won approval from only 4 in 10 Americans, another low for a president-elect during the transition.

Kamarck said Cabinet secretaries normally seek guidance on day-to-day decisions by looking to presidents' prior government actions and their campaign policy papers — two things Trump lacks. In the absence of clear guidance, they may interpret their selection as a mandate to pursue their own agendas. That could lead to conflict if those policies prove unpopular or at odds with Trump's desires.

She pointed to failures in two Democratic administrations — President Bill Clinton's effort to allow gays to serve openly in the military and President Barack Obama's desire to close the military prison at Guantanamo Bay — as examples of the difficulties that can ensue when presidents have public disagreements with the people in charge of implementing their policy goals.

Southwest Roundup

School board member slain

HOUSTON — Investigators say a Houston-area school board member has been fatally stabbed at her home and her 22-year-old son was charged with the slaying.

Harris County court records show Blake Jefferson was arrested Friday on a murder charge, with bond at $50,000.

Officials say 48-year-old Dedre Jefferson was vice president of the Alief Independent School District board and an ex-teacher. The district released a statement of condolences following her death.

Sheriff's Sgt. Ben Beall says the woman was talking to her own mother early Friday when she said her son was acting strangely. Beall says the victim then screamed that her son was stabbing her.

Pot debate doesn't end argument

ALBUQUERQUE — A debate about marijuana legalization sponsored Thursday by an Albuquerque business group suggests that Colorado's three-year experience with recreational pot has done little to settle arguments about the industry's risks and benefits.

A leader of Colorado's cannabis industry said legalization has provided an economic boon for the state, with about 22,000 people directly employed in marijuana production and sale.

"We have more people moving to Colorado and less people out of work," said Dan Anglin, CEO of Americanna, a manufacturer of edible cannabis products.

A Colorado tax official said revenue from cannabis excise taxes and fees climbed to $141 million in fiscal 2016, which ended June 30, up from $88 million in 2015.

But legalization opponents said those benefits must be weighed against the social costs of marijuana use.

Some water restrictions eased

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Restrictions on the use of tap water in Corpus Christi are easing as workers flush water pipes in the Gulf Coast city to make sure any remnants of a harmful chemical are removed.

Officials said Friday that limited use of water is allowed in some neighborhoods. They say it can be used for showering and washing clothes, but not yet for drinking. They warn that young children and those with weakened immune systems should avoid bathing so as not to accidentally swallow the water.

Officials announced Thursday that residents in some parts of the city can consume water however they wish, but there are still sections where authorities urge no use at all.

Texas jobless rate down slightly

AUSTIN, Texas — The statewide unemployment rate declined slightly in November to settle at 4.6 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

Texas had an October jobless rate of 4.7 percent. The nationwide jobless rate for November also stood at 4.6 percent.

The Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock areas all had the lowest unemployment rates in Texas last month at 3.0 percent, according to a commission statement. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the state's highest jobless figure for November at 7.1 percent.

Texas has added jobs in 19 of the past 20 months, with an estimated 210,800 seasonally adjusted jobs added over the past year. The changes included the addition of 20,900 nonfarm jobs in November.

— Wire reports

$2.6 billion contract awarded for Sandia National Labs management

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ALBUQUERQUE — A subsidiary of Honeywell International has won a contract worth $2.6 billion to manage the sprawling New Mexico-based Sandia National Laboratories weapons and research laboratory that specializes in national security, nuclear weapons and other projects deemed vital for the U.S., federal officials announced Friday.

The U.S. Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration identified the winning bidder as National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia, a division of Honeywell. Northrup Grumman and Universities Research Association will support the Honeywell subsidiary in managing Sandia National Laboratories .

Bidding began earlier this year, marking the first time in years that there was any competition for the lucrative contract. Lockheed Martin has operated Sandia, located in Albuquerque, for the past two decades and was among bidders that lost out to Honeywell.

"The Sandia bid generated unprecedented interest from across industry, demonstrating that our improved acquisitions process is attracting high-quality competition and the best talent to serve NNSA's mission," said Frank Klotz, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Besides Lockheed Martin, losing bidders included Boeing Co. and a team of higher education institutions made up the University of New Mexico, the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

The current contract expires April 30. There will be a four-month transition period that officials said will provide stability for the laboratory's thousands of employees and operations.

The lab's director told employees Friday in an email that there will be changes in the leadership team but that officials are committed to making the transition seamless.

"We ask that you continue the remarkable job you have done at staying focused on your work and the health and safety of yourselves and your colleagues. It is our phenomenal workforce that makes Sandia special," Jill Hruby wrote.

The Energy Department first announced its intention to put the contract up for bid in 2011. A series of extensions followed, including one in 2014 as federal officials conducted a review of management at Sandia, Los Alamos and its other defense laboratory in Livermore, California.

A report from the Energy Department's Office of Inspector General in 2014 found that Lockheed Martin used taxpayer money in lobbying for its no-bid contract extension several years ago. Lockheed Martin and its subsidiary, Sandia Corp., paid a $4.8 million fine.

With an annual budget of close to $3 billion, Sandia is one of the Albuquerque area's largest employers with more than 10,500 workers. Most are based in Albuquerque, but Sandia also operates sites at Livermore and testing facilities in Nevada and Hawaii.

Its Albuquerque campus spans more than 21 square miles and a recent report by a coalition of local governments found that Sandia's partnership with private organizations through a science and technology park has generated more than $315 million in economic impact across the state over two years.

The bulk of work at Sandia Labs centers on the research, development and maintenance of nuclear weapons but scientists there also have worked on energy and climate projects.

Federal officials have said previously that most staff and day-to-day operations at Sandia would be largely unaffected if Lockheed Martin lost the contract.

WIPP operators eye 2016 reopening despite issues

By Rebecca Moss
THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant officials for the first time publicly detailed a list of problems that must to be resolved before the underground nuclear waste storage facility can reopen, including issues with emergency response systems and radiation detection monitoring, as well as violations of federal fire safety protocol.

Despite these ongoing concerns, operators still hope to reopen the Southern New Mexico facility before the end of the year.

"We are extremely close," Todd Shrader, Carlsbad Field Office manager for the U.S. Energy Department, said Thursday during a town hall meeting in Carlsbad. "We have been saying for six months that our goal is to open in December, and we still maintain that as our goal."

The world's only deep geological repository was shuttered nearly three years ago after an underground fire and a radiation release from an improperly packaged transuranic waste drum.

Managers have been working to reopen the facility since, but they have faced a number of problems related to contamination, a compromised air ventilation system and, since September, a number of large salt rock collapses — some several feet deep — from ceilings of underground chambers.

Although officials reiterated that they hope to reopen by the end of 2016 — now just two weeks away — that might not happen. Shrader said there is a possibility that reopening could take longer for safety reasons.

Officials said inspections conducted in the past month by federal, state and mine safety inspectors were promising, but underscored a number of remaining problem areas.

Shrader said the Department of Energy expects to get the go-ahead to reopen shortly from the New Mexico Environment Department, which conducted an inspection last week that turned up no major issues.

But the Department of Energy still must sign off on 15 of 21 corrective actions before the facility can begin accepting nuclear waste for permanent disposal. These items were flagged during an inspection earlier this month.

These included underground fire hazards, the amount of time needed to get emergency responders into the underground, insufficient training of radiation technicians for assessing radiological contamination, and radiation detection devices that were not positioned properly to pick up radiological releases.

Federal officials also said the Carlsbad Field Office's procedures prior to placing waste in the underground are inadequate, among other issues.

Still, officials said there are no "showstopper" problems. But some members of the public disagreed.

"A prestart item 1/8which must be resolved before the facility reopens 3/8 is a 'showstopper' until it is validated," one participant in Thursday's meeting said. "I find it amazing that many prestarts came up," he said, later adding, "I see no evidence there has been any lessons learned since the first screw-up."

But officials countered that none of the issues are atypical and only speak to the level of scrutiny from inspectors.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I NEVER DREAMED ABOUT BEING A MILLIONAIRE — I DREAMED ABOUT BEING A FOOTBALL PLAYER. — VICTOR CRUZ

Horoscopes

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016

Eugenia Last

Invest in yourself and focus on financial opportunities that can improve your life. Make personal and domestic changes that will give you the space, security or peace of mind to carry out your dreams and hopes. If you offer love, romance and affection, the returns will be phenomenal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You can boost your reputation by bringing about changes that will improve efficiency at work or create comfortable surroundings at home. An emotional or physical commitment will change your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Move money around in order to ensure that you get the highest tax benefits. Take care of any legal, contractual or medical issues that are pending. Joint ventures or partnerships should be updated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Partnerships will improve if you offer help or incentives. Negotiations look promising, and a makeover will lead to compliments. Less talk and more action will encourage better relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Work-related events will give you the chance to mix business with pleasure while you boost your reputation and better position yourself for advancement. Don't miss out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Pick up last-minute items or get together with friends you won't see during the holiday season. Travel arrangements or plans to further your skills, knowledge or qualifications look promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Tidy up any loose ends before the end of the month. Pending contracts, investments, settlements or even a medical issue should be resolved. This will alleviate pressure and undue stress. Protect your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Fix up your place or host a party or event that will allow you to show everyone what you have to offer. Love, romance and personal gains all look promising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Channel your energy into something that will bring high returns. Exercise, proper diet and moderation will help you combat upcoming indulgence. Preparation is everything when you want to be at your very best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A last-minute change will play in your favor. Take advantage of an opportunity that will give you the time you need to do something special with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Channel your emotional energy into constructive work. Put in overtime at work if it will give you more days off during the holidays. Take care of personal paperwork to avoid being penalized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Personal enhancement and physical encounters will lead to positive changes. Shopping or spending quality time with someone special is favored. An unusual opportunity will lead to travel or an educational pursuit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotional matters will escalate, putting you in a precarious position. Avoid getting into a dispute when backing away and working on something you enjoy doing will benefit you most.

Newsday Crossword

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6 Two-legged plant, perhaps
9 Large sharks
14 Traffic symbol
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16 *Middlemarch* author
17 Put back into service
18 Make known
19 Tokyo shopping center
20 Part of some twill suits
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24 Let off steam
25 Bowl over
26 Range of understanding
27 Dean's list no.
28 Shirt spoiler
31 Pork purchase
34 Danish alternative
37 Certain Chippendale collectible
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41 City near Scottsdale
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43 Easily taught
44 Breach
46 Go cross-country, in a way
47 Partly open
49 Web access co.
52 Not far at all
57 "Easy" phrase ender
58 Use one's scope
59 Surmise
60 Orange coats
61 Sleep study acronym
62 Was awful at the Improv
63 Covert summons
64 Accept as true
65 Cub Scouts setups

DOWN
1 Boot camp figure
2 Unexpected delight
3 Dutch island
4 Sub __ (secretly)
5 Turn aside abruptly
6 Shirt spoiler
7 Gist
8 Days of old
9 Power-plant measure
10 Rabbit follower of fiction
11 Neck annoyance
12 Exude, as charm
13 Rush order of a sort
21 Cozy retreat
22 Teased
26 Type of shirt
27 Trait determinant
28 Spa wear
29 Tribulations
30 Court entry
31 *Variety* guffaw
32 __ before (no later than)
33 Response to "Good job!"
34 Word on boarding passes
35 Just painted
36 Ratchet (up)
38 Most shivery
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45 Loft lessee, maybe
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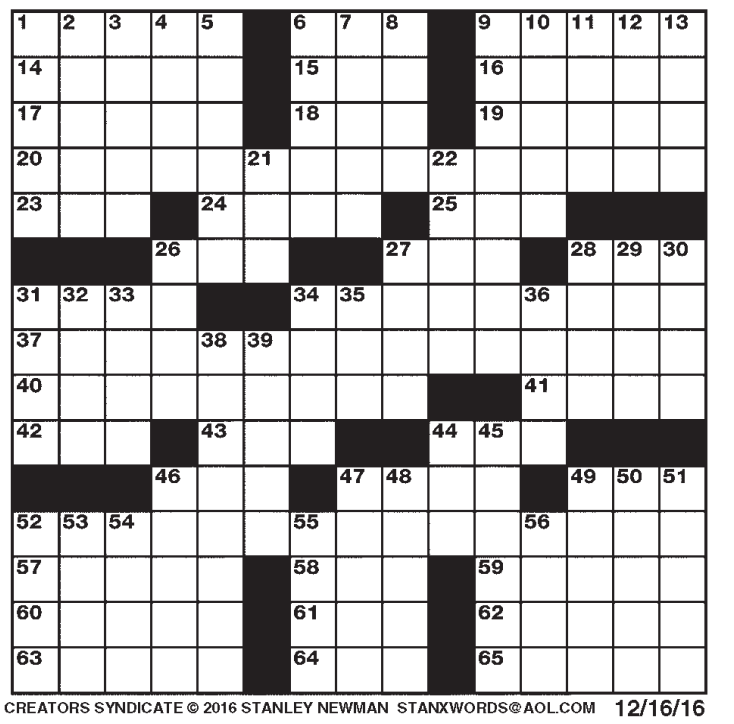

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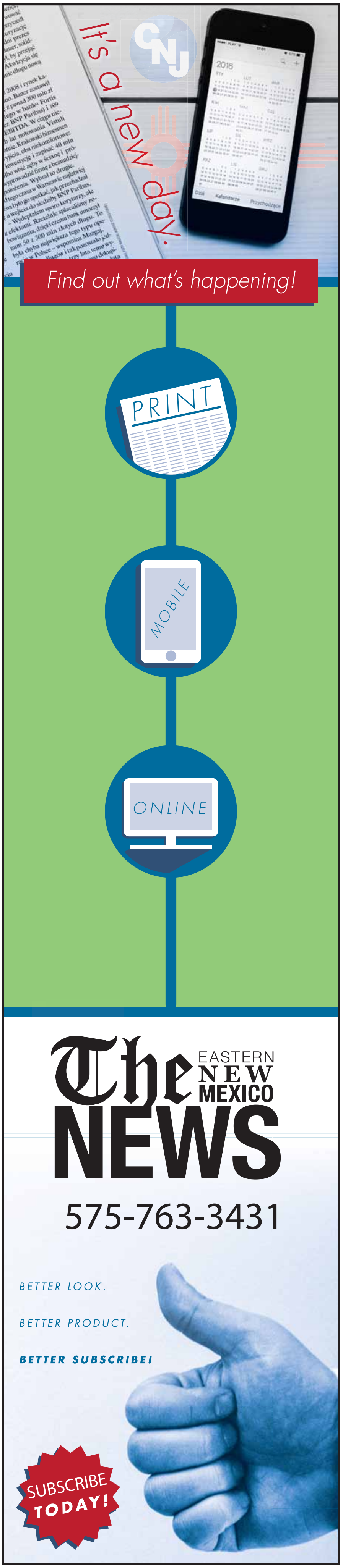
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● TV sports

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1:30 p.m. — ABC, Las Vegas Bowl, Houston vs. San Diego St., at Las Vegas, Nev.
2 p.m. — ESPN2, NCAA Division II, championship, NW Missouri St. vs. North Alabama, at Kansas City, Kan.
3:30 p.m. — ESPN, Camellia Bowl, Appalachian St. vs. Toledo, at Montgomery, Ala.
7 p.m. — ESPN, New Orleans Bowl, La.-Lafayette vs. Southern Miss., at New Orleans
Men's college basketball
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10 a.m. — ESPN2, Texas A&M vs. Arizona, at Houston
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10:30 a.m. — CBS, Memphis at Oklahoma
Noon — ESPN2, Purdue vs. Notre Dame, at Indianapolis
Noon — FS1, Chicago St. at DePaul
12:30 p.m. — CBS, UCLA vs. Ohio St., at Las Vegas
3:30 p.m. — CBS, North Carolina vs. Kentucky, at Las Vegas, Nev.
4 p.m. — FSN, Jackson St. vs. Baylor, at Fort Hood, Texas
5 p.m. — ESPN2, Davidson vs. Kansas, at Kansas City, Mo.
6 p.m. — FS1, Wake Forest at Xavier
9 p.m. — ESPN2, UNLV vs. Oregon, at Portland, Ore.
NFL football
6:15 p.m. — NFL, Miami at N.Y. Jets
Soccer
7:30 a.m. — FS1, Bundesliga, Leipzig vs. Hertha BSC Berlin
8 a.m. — CNBC, Premier League, Watford at Sunderland
8 a.m. — NBCSN, Premier League, Swansea City at Middlesbrough
10:30 a.m. — NBC, Premier League, Manchester United at West Bromwich Albion
11:50 p.m. — FS1, FIFA Club World Cup, third place, America (Mexico) vs. Atletico Nacional (Colombia), at Yokohama, Japan
Winter sports
12:30 p.m. — NBC, Team USA Winter Champions Series, big air snowboarding, at Copper Mountain, Colo.; FIL Women's World Cup luge, at Park City, Utah
2:30 p.m. — NBCSN, Team USA Winter Champions Series, women's hockey, United States vs. Canada, at Plymouth, Mich.
Women's college volleyball
7 p.m. — ESPN2, NCAA Division I tournament, championship, Texas vs. Stanford, at Columbus, Ohio

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Borger knocks Cats back to .500

❑ Bulldogs put 50-37 win out of reach via 19-10 third period.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

PREP BASKETBALL

BORGER, Texas — Clovis High's boys couldn't find their offense on Friday night.

The Wildcats struggled at the start of each half and couldn't recover, dropping a 50-37 decision to the Borger Bulldogs.

Borger rode 19 points, including three 3-pointers, from junior guard Josh Johnson and 15 points from senior guard Kyler Brewer to the victory. CHS boys coach Scott Robinson said Brewer had been out until about a week or so ago with a football injury.

"Obviously, he made a big difference for them," Robinson said.

The Bulldogs led 17-8 at the quarter, then put the game out of reach by outscoring the Cats 19-10 in the third stanza for a 17-point lead.

"We got off to a slow start," Robinson said. "It was just working uphill all night after that.

"We couldn't get into any rhythm on offense, and Borger did a good job of controlling the boards."

Junior guard Brandon Romero was the only player in double figures for the Cats (4-4), finishing with 12 points.

The Bulldogs held Clovis' top scorer, junior guard Jakeem Wynn, to just two points.

"Jakeem never could get any rhythm tonight," Robinson said. "He couldn't find his jumper. He just couldn't get anything to drop."

The Cats return to action on Tuesday night, hosting unbeaten Portales in a 7 p.m. tipoff at Rock Staubus Gym. On Friday night, the Rams notched a 74-54 victory at home over Muleshoe to improve to 4-0.

"It'll be a tough test for us," Robinson said.

PREP BASKETBALL

Rams thump Muleshoe

❑ Portales hits 12 treys in 74-54 victory, now 4-0.

By David Norton
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PORTALES — Despite a close first half, the Portales High boys basketball team ended up routing Muleshoe High Friday night with a final score of 74-54.

While the Rams (4-0) did a great job of spreading the scoring around, three players carried the load.

Led by Jeremy Karngbaye with 18 points, both Junior Ramirez and Ethan Self added 16 each. Both Self and Ramirez hit four 3-pointers apiece, eight of the teams 12, as Portales showed that they don't only command the paint, but the deep ball as well.

The Mules (4-6) were led by Dagen Dunham with 17, while Jason Flores and Beto Diaz added 14 and 11 points, respectively. While Muleshoe made their fair share of shots from beyond the arc, the second half saw the Mules go cold from outside, forcing them into the paint where Karngbaye racked up four blocks in the blowout.

Mules head coach Bryan Loera said, "We didn't have a(specific) strategy, we just wanted to play man and pressure them. They are pretty good shooters and everyone can play, so you really can't do a whole lot to them. You just have to do what you do and hope it works."

Portales' size and athleticism make matching up with them difficult, something coach Rickie McBroom tries to take full advantage of.

"Well one thing we've been doing real well is rebounding," said McBroom. "Our size and quickness both contribute to that. We are also pretty quick on the defensive end. . . Our defense lends to our length and quickness as well."

Staff photo: David Norton

Jeremy Karngbaye goes up top for a rebound during Portales' 74-54 win over Muleshoe High Friday night.

Trailing 36-30 heading into the locker room, the Mules were running with the Rams enough to stay in the game. The third quarter not only saw Muleshoe struggle to knock down outside shots, but the Rams would score 21 points to widen their lead to 13, 57-44.

The difference in the Rams' different halves was passing, with the ball starting to really move around the outside until Portales could find the open man. The undefeated team also cut down on their giveaways, limiting turnovers in the third.

McBroom said about what areas his team needs to improve in, "I think turnovers, especially when we are in the open floor, — we're giving up the ball to many times . . . Defensively I think we still have a lot of work to do. What I like though on offensive end, is we are really sharing the ball well and willing to make the extra pass."

Portales resumes play Saturday, with a 5:30 p.m. tipoff at Texico. The Mules will have a couple of days rest until traveling to Dimmitt, Texas, with a 7 p.m. start.

Six MLB teams to pay luxury tax

By Ronald Blum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A record six teams are paying baseball's luxury tax this season, led by the Los Angeles Dodgers at $31.8 million and the New York Yankees at $27.4 million.

Boston ($4.5 million), Detroit ($4 million), San Francisco ($3.4 million) and the World Series champion Chicago Cubs ($2.96 million) also were sent bills Friday by the commissioner's office, according to information obtained by The Associated Press.

The Yankees are paying for the 14th straight year since the tax began, raising their total to $325 million. New York has said it hopes to get below the threshold by 2018.

Los Angeles owes for the fourth consecutive year and like New York pays at a 50 percent rate on the amount above the $189 million threshold. The Dodgers paid a record $43 million for 2015, and their four-year total is $113 million.

Boston and San Francisco pay at a 30 percent rate as offenders for the second straight year, and Detroit and the Cubs — a first-time payer — are at 17.5 percent.

The number of teams over the threshold topped last year's mark of four. This year's total tax was $74 million.

Major League Baseball negotiated the luxury tax in an effort to slow spending by large-market clubs and combined with revenue sharing has helped increase the competitive of small-market teams and those in the middle.

The threshold increases to $195 million next year under the new labor contract, and tax rates go up, too. There will be additional surtaxes, raising the rate to as much as 95 percent for the amount above $235 million, with the increase to be phased in for 2017 at the midpoint between the old and new rules.

Los Angeles lowered its payroll from a record $291 million last year to just under $255 million, which topped the major leagues for the third straight year. Luxury tax payrolls figure to increase slightly across the major leagues next year because of a provision in the labor contract calling for the inclusion of salaries of players sent outright to the minors starting this Dec. 1.

The Yankees' regular payroll was second at $224.5 million, up slightly from last year's $223.6 million, followed by Boston ($200.6 million), Detroit ($199 million), the Cubs ($182 million), San Francisco ($181 million) and the Los Angeles Angels ($173 million).

ENMU basketball capsules

Texas Wesleyan at ENMU men

When: 3 p.m. today at Greyhound Arena.
Radio: KSEL-FM 105.9
Records: Texas Wesleyan 10-2, ENMU 4-8
Last meeting: n/a. ENMU has won two of three all-time against the Rams, including the last two.
Of note: Texas Wesleyan, a member of the NAIA's Sooner Athletic Conference, is treating today's game as an exhibition. ... The Rams, who have started the same lineup in all 11 games (one of their victories was by forfeit), opened the season 7-0, then dropped two games and have since won three in a row. ... Wesleyan, based in Fort Worth, is ranked 18th in the NAIA and has five players averaging in double figures, including two subs. The Rams are led by senior PG **Dion Rogers** (17.7 ppg, 4.7 apg). ... The Greyhounds come in on a five-game losing streak, although they've competed well for the most part against quality competition. ENMU has had five games this season decided by three points or less (3-2), and also has a pair of six-point losses. Ironically, all four of their wins have come on neutral courts. ... Senior G **CoRnell Neal** leads ENMU in scoring (16.6 ppg), with nine consecutive double-figure outings, including the last four with at least 15 points. He has four games of 20 or more this season. Junior G **Marquise Harris** is second (16.2 ppg) and has reached double figures in all 10 of his games, capped by a 17-point performance in Tuesday's 73-67 home loss to Lubbock Christian in which he scored 17 on 6-of-9 shooting and 5-of-6 from 3.

ENMU women vs. Northwest Nazarene, vs. Western Washington

When: 4:15 p.m. today (NNU) and 2:15 p.m. Monday (WWU) in the Holiday Hoops Classic at Las Vegas, Nev.
Radio: none.
Records: ENMU 6-2, Northwest Nazarene 4-2, Western Washington 6-2.
Last meetings: The Greyhounds have never played either opponent.
Of note: ENMU is one win away from 500 all-time, and three losses away from 600. Fourth-year coach **Josh Prock** is third on the school's all-time win list with 31, with **Dan Buzard** second at 47 and **Wayne Moore,** who led the then-Zias from 1980-2001, comfortably atop the list with a 318-259 record. ... Both oppponents in this event are members of the NCAA Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference. ... ENMU is currently atop the Lone Star Conference at 4-0, one-half game ahead of Angelo State (3-0). The Hounds are on their first winning streak of at least five games since winning seven in a row in 2003-04. ... Senior P **Kassandra Harris** leads the Hounds in scoring (11.9 ppg) and shares the team rebounding lead with junior P **Daeshi McCants** (6.1 rpg). ... Northwest Nazarene, located in Nampa, Idaho, has won two, lost two and won two so far. The Crusaders average just over 81 ppg and allow about 76, shooting 49 percent from the field, 40 percent on 3-pointers (34-of-85) and 75 percent on FTs. ... NNU is led in scoring by senior F **Kate Cryderman** (12.0 ppg), who shoots 54 percent from the floor, 50 percent (12-of-24) from beyond the arc and 8-for-8 from the FT line. ... WWU, located in Bellingham, is ranked 21st in NCAA Division II. The Vikings face Angelo State, which is 7-0 overall, in a 2 p.m. (MST) tipoff today. ... Vikings coach **Carmen Dolfo** is in her 26th season at the school (541-203). ... Three WWU players average in double figures, led by senior F **Taylor Peacocke** (23.9 ppg), a two-time All-GNAC selection who shoots 52 percent from the floor, 47 percent (23-of-49) from 3-point land and 87 percent on FTs. ... The Vikings average just over 80 ppg and allow just under 60. As a team, they are shooting 81 percent from the FT line.

— Compiled by Dave Wagner

By the numbers

Scores, standings and more

Basketball

Prep

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Friday
Boys

Artesia 53, Valencia 32
Belen 39, Alamogordo 37
Dexter 50, Hagerman 39
Goddard 78, Chaparral 49
Hobbs 72, Atrisco Heritage 59
Maxwell 74, McCurdy 34
Santa Fe High 48, St. Michael's 33
Van Horn, Texas 47, Eunice 37

Ben Lujan tournament
Championship semifinals

Pecos 68, El Paso Bel Air 40

Eddie Pena Holiday Classic

Espanola Valley 68, Bloomfield 60
Grants 67, Gallup 54

Girls

Dexter 40, Hagerman 36
Eldorado 48, Volcano Vista 47
Eunice 72, Van Horn, Texas 30
Fort Sumner 52, Santa Rosa 28
Hobbs 66, Atrisco Heritage 31
Las Cruces High 47, Rio Rancho Cleveland 30
Piedra Vista 44, Farmington 30
Rehoboth 60, St. Michael, Ariz. 58
Roswell High 42, Mayfield 40
Tularosa 69, Hatch Valley 50

Ben Lujan tournament
Championship semifinals

West Las Vegas 44, Pojoaque 36

Mescalero tournament
Consolation semifinals

Mesilla Valley 39, Gateway Christian 30

Championship semifinals

Hondo 44, Capitan 41

Prep summaries

Friday
Boys

Borger 50, Clovis 37

Clovis (4-4) — D'ondre Dawson 3, Brandon Romero 12, Dominick Urioste 5, Jakeem Wynn 2, Leroy Wilson 2, Ethan Davis 5, Isaiah Knight 8. Totals 14 6-11 37.

Borger — Marlon Jones 3, Brennan Anderson 2, Tyler Ausurez 2, Logan Moles 9, Kyler Brewer 15, Josh Johnson 19. Totals 19 8-12 50.

Clovis 8 9 10 10 — 37
Borger 17 8 19 6 — 50

3-pointers — Clovis, Dawson, Romero, Urioste. Borger, Johnson 3, Moles.

Portales 74, Muleshoe 54

Muleshoe (4-6) — Dagen Dunham 17, Jason Florez 14, Beto Diaz 11, Jesse Leal 5, Tre Villa 3, Kevin Gonzalez 2, Donovan Gutierrez 2. Totals 19 8-18 54.

Portales (4-0) — Jeremie Karngbaye 18, Junior Ramirez 16, Ethan Self 16, Braden Bridges 8, Darion Ontiveros 7, Jase Wallace 3, Andrew Underbrink 3, Treyton Neece 3. Totals 28 6-7 74.

Muleshoe 13 17 14 10 — 54
Portales 19 17 21 17 — 74

3-pointers — Muleshoe, Dunham 3, Diaz 2, Florez, Leal, Villa. Portales, Ramirez 4, Self 4, Bridges, Neece, Underbrink, Wallace. **Junior varsity —**, Portales 75, Muleshoe 30.

Girls

Dora 58, Floyd 38

Dora (7-2) — Savannah Kirchner 4, Brenna Bates 9, Kirsten Tapia 4, Daelynn Lee 24, Haileah Gramzow 11, Shaelei Payne 5, Tay Urioste 1. Totals 19 14-25 58.

Floyd (1-7) — Ryan Wallace 2, Anahi Chavez 12, Elizabeth Chavez 4, Cree Barber 6, Ch'ree Essary 10, Lexie Miller 4. Totals 14 8-13 38.

Dora 21 16 12 9 — 58
Floyd 17 6 4 11 — 38

3-pointers — Dora, Lee 4, Bates, Tapia. Floyd, A. Chavez 2. **Junior varsity —** Floyd def. Dora, score n/a. **Junior high —** Dora 25, Floyd 18.

Late Thursday
Boys

Lubbock Christian 78, Texico 56

Texico (6-2) — Skyler Davis 2, Ben Crist 10, Brock Thompson 6, Dalton Thatcher 3, Lance Myers 1, Luke Phipps 3, Braden Fraze 10, Nathan Phipps 19, Paden McDermid 2. Totals 23 6-10 56.

Lubbock Christian — Lowe 6, J. Ketcherside 10, Gomez 35, Bruington 8, Haggard 15, Rogers 4. Totals 23 15-23 78.

Texico 9 14 14 19 — 56
Lubb. Christian 18 24 15 21 — 78

3-pointers — Texico, Fraze 2, L. Phipps, Thatcher. Lubbock Christian, Gomez 11, Haggard 3, Ketcherside 2, Lowe. **Junior varsity —** Texico 58, Lubbock Christian 23.

Fort Sumner 54, Melrose 50

Melrose (4-3) — Tristan Sena 2, Sterling Sena 8, Jordan Jasso 21, Jared Lee 7, Carson Fraze 5, Blake DeVaney 7. Totals 20 9-13 50.

Fort Sumner (6-1) — Alex Moyer 4, Brant West 11, Cory Terrerll 3, Jude Segura 11, Noah Maxwell 8, Hunter Sparks 10, Kreston Butterfield 7. Totals 20 6-7 54.

Melrose 13 12 11 14 — 50
Fort Sumner 13 11 16 14 — 54

3-pointers — Melrose, Lee. Fort Sumner, West 3, Sparks 2, Butterfield, Segura, Terrell. **Total fouls —** Melrose 11, Fort Sumner 12. **Fouled out —** none. **Junior varsity —** Melrose 51, Fort Sumner 33.

Dora 70, Lake Arthur 34

Dora (5-3) — Hayden Skinner 4, Joseph Urioste 1, Dylan Roberts 4, Andrew Puebla 2, Zach Dewbre 6, Aaron Jasso 6, Caleb Fulfer 6, Slade Hammond 17, Trenton Paxton 5, Xavier Gramzow 15, Shaun Miller 4. Totals 29 7-14 68.

Lake Arthur (1-4) — Saul De La Cruz 5, Palmer 9, Jorge Rangel 3, Brandon Dalton 8, Luis Tarango 9. Totals 15 1-6 34.

Dora 19 13 23 15 — 68
Lake Arthur 7 7 14 6 — 34

3-pointers — Dora, Hammond 2, Paxton. Lake Arthur, De La Cruz, Palmer, Rangel. **Junior varsity —** Dora 48, Lake Arthur 24.

Vaughn 77, Clovis Christian 43

Vaughn (7-1) — Hector Mendoza 29, Matthew Nelson 2, Aaron Nelson 10, Christian Mendez 23, Morgan Berumen 10, Jose Mendoza 1, Juan Hernandez 2. Totals 34 8-11 77.

Clovis Christian (6-5) — Quintin Garcia 2, Josh Fly 17, Juaquin Lopez 5, Josh Rojas 2, Jaden Stagner 2, Keith Dunton 2, Isaac Lindo 3, Dev Cockrell 10. Totals 19 5-15 43.

Vaughn 22 11 22 22 — 77
Clovis Christian 9 10 11 13 — 43

3-pointers — Vaughn, H. Mendoza. Clovis Christian, none.

Girls

Fort Sumner 58, Melrose 36

Melrose (4-5) — Jaydan Beard 2, LaKasey Mondragon 2, Landry Widner 8, Reagan Carthel 16, Carleigh Fraze 2, Nataley Mondrfagon 2, Brette DeVaney 4. Totals 11 14-22 36.

Fort Sumner (6-2) — Micah Crist 7, Paige Burney 2, Karla Paredez 5, Claudia Torres 18, Jordyn Stowe 15, Abby Wilton 11. Totals 24 8-17 58.

Melrose 6 9 13 8 — 36
Fort Sumner 12 12 16 18 — 58

3-pointers — Melrose, none. Fort Sumner, Crist, Torres. **Total fouls —** Melrose 16, Fort Sumner 20. **Fouled out —** none. **Junior varsity —** Fort Sumner 33, Melrose 30.

NBA statistics

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Through Thursday
Team offense

	G	Pts	Avg
Golden State	27	3166	117.3
Houston	26	2933	112.8
Toronto	25	2798	111.9
Portland	28	3084	110.1
Cleveland	24	2640	110.0
L.A. Clippers	26	2857	109.9
Denver	26	2772	106.6
Brooklyn	24	2556	106.5
Phoenix	26	2769	106.5
Oklahoma City	26	2745	105.6
New York	26	2716	104.5
L.A. Lakers	28	2924	104.4
Charlotte	26	2713	104.3
Boston	25	2608	104.3
Indiana	27	2813	104.2
Milwaukee	24	2500	104.2
Washington	24	2498	104.1
San Antonio	26	2697	103.7
Minnesota	25	2593	103.7
New Orleans	27	2774	102.7
Sacramento	25	2565	102.6
Chicago	25	2560	102.4
Atlanta	25	2540	101.6
Utah	26	2621	100.8
Detroit	27	2671	98.9
Philadelphia	25	2456	98.2
Memphis	27	2630	97.4
Miami	26	2531	97.3
Orlando	27	2609	96.6
Dallas	25	2330	93.2

Team defense

	G	Pts	Avg
Utah	26	2476	95.2
Detroit	27	2583	95.7
Memphis	27	2627	97.3
San Antonio	26	2540	97.7
Miami	26	2603	100.1
Chicago	25	2504	100.2
Dallas	25	2507	100.3
L.A. Clippers	26	2629	101.1
Orlando	27	2735	101.3
Cleveland	24	2458	102.4
Charlotte	26	2664	102.5
Toronto	25	2576	103.0
Boston	25	2579	103.2
Milwaukee	24	2479	103.3
Atlanta	25	2586	103.4
Sacramento	25	2617	104.7
Oklahoma City	26	2727	104.9
Golden State	27	2849	105.5
Philadelphia	25	2647	105.9
Houston	26	2753	105.9
Washington	24	2549	106.2
Indiana	27	2874	106.4
New Orleans	27	2878	106.6
Minnesota	25	2668	106.7
New York	26	2786	107.2
Denver	26	2841	109.3
L.A. Lakers	28	3108	111.0
Portland	28	3141	112.2
Phoenix	26	2938	113.0
Brooklyn	24	2747	114.5

Individual leaders
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Davis, NO	25	268	215	767	30.7
Westbrook, OKC	26	263	221	794	30.5
Cousins, Sac	24	234	171	680	28.3
DeRozan, Tor	25	246	197	701	28.0
Lillard, Por	28	249	202	776	27.7
Harden, Hou	26	210	222	718	27.6
Thomas, Bos	21	168	164	546	26.0
Durant, GS	27	242	154	688	25.5
Butler, Chi	25	194	220	637	25.5
James, Cle	22	203	108	549	25.0
Curry, GS	27	219	134	673	24.9
Leonard, SA	26	213	161	636	24.5
Wall, Was	22	191	117	527	24.0
Irving, Cle	22	197	77	526	23.9
Hayward, Uta	19	142	120	436	22.9
Walker, Cha	26	211	98	588	22.6
Antetokounmpo, Mil	24	202	123	542	22.6
McCollum, Por	28	232	89	628	22.4
Wiggins, Min	25	194	131	556	22.2
Love, Cle	23	160	127	507	22.0

FG percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Gobert, Uta	105	154	.682
Jordan, LAC	115	177	.650
Capela, Hou	142	225	.631
Howard, Atl	132	212	.623
Zeller, Cha	96	158	.608
Adams, OKC	119	204	.583
Gortat, Was	115	203	.567
Jokic, Den	99	179	.553
Kanter, OKC	130	236	.551
Plumlee, Por	126	229	.550

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Whiteside, Mia	26	113	268	381	14.7
Drummond, Det	26	97	260	357	13.7
Jordan, LAC	26	91	237	328	12.6
Howard, Atl	24	109	192	301	12.5
Gortat, Was	24	82	202	284	11.8
Gobert, Uta	26	83	220	303	11.7
Davis, NO	25	46	239	285	11.4
Vucevic, Orl	24	60	203	263	11.0
Cousins, Sac	24	58	204	262	10.9
Towns, Min	25	85	185	270	10.8

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Harden, Hou	26	305	11.7
Westbrook, OKC	26	276	10.6
Paul, LAC	26	250	9.6
Wall, Was	22	210	9.5
James, Cle	22	199	9.0
Frazier, NO	26	197	7.6
Lowry, Tor	25	183	7.3
Green, GS	26	184	7.1
Rondo, Chi	21	147	7.0
Teague, Ind	27	188	7.0

Football

Prep playoffs

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State championships
At AT&T Stadium, Arlington
Saturday
Class 6A Division I

The Woodlands (15-0) vs. Lake Travis (14-1), 8 p.m.

Class 6A Division II

DeSoto (15-0) vs. Cibolo Steele (14-1), 4 p.m.

Class 5A Division I

Dallas Highland Park (13-2) vs. Temple (12-3), noon

Friday
Class 5A Division II

Aledo (15-0) vs. CC Calallen (14-1) (n)

Class 4A Division I

Carthage 31, Abilene Wylie 17

Class 4A Division II

West Orange-Stark 24, Sweetwater 6

Thursday
Class 3A Division I

Mineola 35, Yoakum 14

Class 3A Division II

Gunter 43, Boling 7

Class 2A Division I

Refugio 23, Crawford 20

Class 2A Division II

Bremond 49, Iraan 28

Wednesday
6-man Division I

Borden County 60, Jonesboro 12

6-man Division II

Richland Springs 96, Balmorhea 50

College bowls

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Saturday
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque

UTSA (6-6) vs. New Mexico (8-4), noon (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas, Nev.

San Diego State (10-3) vs. Houston (9-3), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Camellia Bowl
At Montgomery, Ala.

Toledo (9-3) vs. Appalachian State (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Cure Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

UCF (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

New Orleans Bowl
At New Orleans

Southern Mississippi (6-6) vs. La.-Lafayette (6-6), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday
Miami Beach Bowl
At Miami Beach, Fla.

Tulsa (9-3) vs. Central Michigan (6-6), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday
Boca Raton Bowl
At Boca Raton, Fla.

Memphis (8-4) vs. Western Kentucky (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego

BYU (8-4) vs. Wyoming (8-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho

Idaho (8-4) vs. Colorado State (7-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Bahamas Bowl
At Nassau

Eastern Michigan (7-5) vs. Old Dominion (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas

Navy (9-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dollar General Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

Ohio (8-5) vs. Troy (9-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu

Middle Tennessee (8-4) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 26
St. Petersburg Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (6-6), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

Quick Lane Bowl
At Detroit

Boston College (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.

NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Dec. 27
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas

Army (6-5) vs. North Texas (5-7), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.

Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Temple (10-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego

Minnesota (8-4) vs. Washington State (8-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Cactus Bowl
At Phoenix

Boise State (10-2) vs. Baylor (6-6), 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.

Northwestern (6-6) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), noon (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

Miami (8-4) vs. West Virginia (10-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Foster Farms Bowl
At Santa Clara, Calif.

Indiana (6-6) vs. Utah (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Texas Bowl
At Houston

Kansas State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 29
Birmingham Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.

South Florida (10-2) vs. South Carolina (6-6), noon (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.

Virginia Tech (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio

Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Colorado (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.

Georgia (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas

North Carolina (8-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), noon (CBS)

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.

Air Force (9-3) vs. South Alabama (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ASN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami Gardens, Fla.

Florida State (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Dec. 31
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3), 9 a.m. (ABC)

TaxSlayer Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.

Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

CFP semifinals
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta

Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.

Clemson (12-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Jan. 2
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.

Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), 11 a.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl Classic
At Arlington, Texas

Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.

Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans

Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Jan. 9
CFP championship
At Tampa, Fla.

Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.

West vs. East, 1 p.m. (NFL)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.

National vs. American, 2 p.m.

Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

South vs. North, 12:30 p.m. (NFL)

NFL standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	11	2	0	.846	349	230
Miami	8	5	0	.615	281	301
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	325	301
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	229	324

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	6	0	.538	229	274
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	321	306
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	328	333
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	240	338

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	317	256
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	279	237
Cincinnati	5	7	1	.423	268	269
Cleveland	0	13	0	.000	207	375

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	302	255
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	358	320
Denver	8	5	0	.615	296	242
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	350	347

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	2	0	.846	340	238
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	255	244
Washington	7	5	1	.577	330	317
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	290	272

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	428	345
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	293	296
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	358	351
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	311	337

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	295	268
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	333	312
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	258	225
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	221	290

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Seattle	9	4	1	.679	298	235
Arizona	5	7	1	.423	299	277
Los Angeles	4	10	0	.286	197	328
San Francisco	1	12	0	.077	251	393

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game

Seattle 24, Los Angeles 3

Saturday's Game

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 6:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 11 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 11 a.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 11 a.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 2:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 2:25 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 2:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Carolina at Washington, 6:30 p.m.

NBA standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	8	.692	—
Boston	14	12	.538	4
New York	14	12	.538	4
Brooklyn	7	18	.280	10 1/2
Philadelphia	6	20	.231	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	13	.519	—
Atlanta	13	13	.500	1/2
Washington	11	14	.440	2
Orlando	12	16	.429	2 1/2
Miami	9	18	.333	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	6	.750	—
Milwaukee	13	12	.520	5 1/2
Chicago	13	13	.500	6
Detroit	14	14	.500	6
Indiana	13	14	.481	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	5	.808	—
Houston	20	7	.741	1 1/2
Memphis	18	10	.643	4
New Orleans	9	19	.321	13
Dallas	6	19	.240	14 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	10	.615	—
Oklahoma City	15	11	.577	1
Portland	13	15	.464	4
Denver	10	16	.385	6
Minnesota	7	18	.280	8 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	4	.852	—
L.A. Clippers	20	7	.741	3
Sacramento	10	16	.385	12 1/2
L.A. Lakers	11	18	.379	13
Phoenix	8	18	.308	14 1/2

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 108, Chicago 97
New Orleans 102, Indiana 95
Portland at Denver (n)
San Antonio at Phoenix (n)
New York at Golden State (n)

Friday's Games

Orlando 118, Brooklyn 111
Washington 122, Detroit 108
Atlanta 125, Toronto 121
Boston 96, Charlotte 88
Houston 122, New Orleans 100
L.A. Clippers 102, Miami 98
L.A. Lakers 100, Philadelphia 89
Milwaukee 95, Chicago 69
Sacramento 96, Memphis 92
Dallas at Utah (n)

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
New York at Denver (n)
Portland at Golden State (n)

College playoffs

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FCS (NCAA Division I-AA)
Semifinals
Friday

James Madison (12-1) vs. North Dakota State (12-1), 5 p.m.

Saturday

Youngstown State (11-3) vs. Eastern Washington (12-1), 3:30 p.m.

Championship
Jan. 7
At Frisco, Texas

James Madison (13-1) vs. Youngstown State-Eastern Washington winner, 10 a.m.

NCAA Division II
Championship
Saturday
At Kansas City, Kan.

North Alabama (11-1) vs. Northwest Missouri State (14-0), 2 p.m.

NCAA Division III
Championship
Friday
At Salem, Va.

Mary Hardin-Baylor 10, Wis.-Oshkosh 7

NAIA
Championship
Saturday
At Daytona Beach, Fla.

Saint Francis (Ind.) (12-1) vs. Baker (Kan.) (14-0), 4 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	19	7	4	42	94	68
Ottawa	16	11	3	35	73	82
Boston	16	13	3	35	77	79
Tampa Bay	15	13	2	32	87	84
Florida	13	13	5	31	74	86
Buffalo	12	11	6	30	65	77
Detroit	13	14	4	30	72	85
Toronto	11	11	7	29	83	90

Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	20	7	4	44	108	88
N.Y. Rangers	21	10	1	43	108	72
Washington	19	7	3	41	80	64
Philadelphia	19	10	3	41	105	97
Columbus	18	5	4	40	90	57
Carolina	12	11	7	31	80	86
New Jersey	12	11	6	30	71	87
N.Y. Islanders	11	13	6	28	79	93

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	20	8	4	44	88	75
Minnesota	17	8	4	38	85	59
St. Louis	17	10	4	38	87	87
Winnipeg	14	16	3	31	86	99
Nashville	13	12	4	30	86	86
Dallas	12	14	6	30	81	100
Colorado	11	16	1	23	63	90

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	19	11	1	39	79	68
Anaheim	16	10	5	37	87	84
Edmonton	15	12	5	35	94	88
Los Angeles	16	12	2	34	79	77
Calgary	16	14	2	34	84	92
Arizona	11	14	5	27	69	93
Vancouver	12	16	2	26	73	94

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

Thursday's Games

Chicago 5, N.Y. Islanders 4
Anaheim 4, Boston 3
Arizona 3, Toronto 2, SO
Los Angeles 4, Detroit 1
St. Louis 5, New Jersey 2
Winnipeg 4, Florida 3, SO
Minnesota 5, Nashville 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, Dallas 0

Friday's Games

Los Angeles 1, Pittsburgh 0, OT
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
San Jose 4, Montreal 2
Washington 4, Carolina 3, SO
Columbus at Calgary (n)
Florida at Colorado (n)
Tampa Bay at Vancouver (n)

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Dallas, noon
Arizona at Minnesota, noon
Montreal at Washington, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles at Boston, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 5:30 p.m.

Sherman's rant overshawks Seattle's win

By Tim Booth
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENTON, Wash. — Instead of spending the day after wrapping up another division title celebrating and talking about what comes next for the Seattle Seahawks, Pete Carroll was again forced to address another sideline outburst by Richard Sherman.

This time, Sherman's display had Carroll considering discipline for his standout cornerback.

Seattle clinched its third NFC West title in the past four seasons with a 24-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams on Thursday night. It's the fourth division title for the franchise since Carroll arrived in 2010 and a fifth straight playoff appearance dating back to 2012 and the arrival of quarterback Russell Wilson. The victory also kept alive Seattle's hopes of landing the No. 2 seed in the NFC and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

Yet, that accomplishment seemed to get overshadowed by a second visible sideline blowup by Sherman this season, this one directed at the plays being called by Seattle's offense near the goal line.

"There was a moment in the game there where he got really worked up and emotional," Carroll said.

Carroll met with Sherman on Friday morning to talk over what happened. Carroll indicated Sherman's response during the meeting determined whether there would be any discipline for what some might view as insubordination.

"The meeting went very well and was very clear," Carroll said. "And I know the guy I'm talking to. I know him as well as you could know a guy. I know how he feels about it and I'm fine about what happened. That doesn't mean it was OK. That doesn't mean it was something that didn't need to be addressed. He was the only guy in my office this morning. We went right after it. I was going to make my decision on how to move forward based on what happened."

Sherman's anger boiled over during the third quarter with Seattle inside the Los Angeles 5 and leading 10-3. On first-and-goal at the 1, Wilson forced a pass in the direction of Jimmy Graham that appeared to be intercepted by the Rams' Bryce Hager. After a review, it was determined Hager didn't have possession before stepping out of bounds, but that didn't stop Sherman from screaming in the direction of Carroll and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell.

Two plays later, Doug Baldwin caught a 1-yard TD pass, yet Sherman didn't back down after the game when asked why he was so upset. He even brought up the Super Bowl loss to New England and Wilson's famous pass from the 1 that was intercepted by Malcolm Butler.

Chicago Tribune: Brian Cassella

Hard-throwing reliever Aroldis Chapman, who helped the Chicago Cubs win their first World Series title in 108 years before re-signing this week with the New York Yankees as a free agent, says Cubs manager Joe Maddon "abused' him during the team's postseason run.

Chapman says Maddon 'abused' him in playoffs

By Ronald Blum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Aroldis Chapman says Cubs manager Joe Maddon misused him during the postseason, putting the hard-throwing reliever on the mound too often in Chicago's successful effort to win the World Series for the first time since 1908.

Traded from the New York Yankees to Chicago in late July, Chapman got the victory in Game 7 against Cleveland after wasting an eighth-inning lead. He became a free agent and agreed to an $86 million, five-year contract to return to the Yankees, a deal finalized Thursday.

"I think he was wrong in the way he used me. He abused a little bit on how much he made me pitch, and sometimes he made me pitch when I didn't need to pitch," Chapman said Friday. "But he's the manager. He knows his stuff. He manages the way he knows, the way he wants and the way he wants to win. It was his decision, and my duty is to be prepared. I prepare myself to be strong, so that my arm is healthy. Thank God I was able to do the job, and I could pitch the way he wanted me to."

The left-hander from Cuba threw 273 pitches in 13 postseason appearances, including 42 over 2 2/3 innings in Game 5, when he got his first eight-out save in the Cubs' 3-2 win.

He threw 20 on one day's rest to get four outs in Game 6, then 35 more in Game 7 when he entered with a 6-3 lead and allowed Brandon Guyer's RBI double and Rajai Davis' two-run homer.

Asked for an example of misuse, Chapman cited Game 6, when he entered with a 7-2 lead in the bottom of the seventh with two on and two outs. Francisco Lindor hit a grounder to first and originally was called safe, a ruling reversed when a video review concluded Chapman beat him to the bag after catching Anthony Rizzo's throw.

Chapman stayed in to start the bottom of the ninth with Chicago ahead by seven runs, then was replaced by Pedro Strop after a leadoff walk.

"I don't think I needed to come into the game," Chapman said. "Looking forward, the important game was going to be Game 7 because basically we had that game almost won. Then I had to pitch on Game 7 and I was a little tired. I felt a little different. It's not the same. I could go out to pitch, do my job, but you're not as efficient if you're tired."

Maddon did not immediately respond to a message Friday seeking comment. Speaking before Game 7, he said: "Yesterday that was a really clear-cut decision for me how to work that inning. The threat there, was that had we not done it, then Aroldis would have had a more stressful 1 2/3 innings in the eighth or ninth inning."

Chapman also was pursued in free agency by the Miami Marlins, who made a back-loaded offer and do not offer no-trade provisions.

"The Marlins were close on signing me, but at the end my wish was to come back to the Yankees," he said. "I also wanted to be part of a young team, like the Yankees have now and not go to the Marlins because as you all know from time to time they change their team a lot, and I wanted to have a stable team of young players where I could feel at home."

Chapman, who turns 29 in February, was acquired by the Yankees from Cincinnati last December and was suspended for the first 29 games of the season under baseball's domestic violence policy stemming from an October 2015 disturbance involving his girlfriend. According to a police report, Cristina Barnea told police he pushed and choked her. Chapman said there was an argument and he was pushed down by Barnea's brother. Chapman said he eventually got a handgun and fired eight shots into a wall and window while locked in his garage.

Criminal charges were not filed.

"I was coming to this team with a problem, and the way they treated me, the way they welcomed me, the way that they helped me, starting from the manager, the staff, my teammates, they made me feel at home," Chapman said. "That kind of support, it's something that you need in a moment like that."

Chapman's fastball reached as high at 105 mph last season, when he went 4-1 with 36 saves in 39 chances for the Yankees and Cubs. He has 636 strikeouts in 377 innings and 182 saves in seven big league seasons.

Because of the domestic violence dispute, Chapman understands why some Yankees fans were disappointed New York brought him back.

"We are all humans. We make mistakes, and we move forward," he said. "I've done therapy over the years, and it has helped me to be a better person, and it pushes me to be a better person every day."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Football team sets boycott at Minnesota

By Jon Krawczynski
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — One by one, the entire Minnesota football roster walked out of the locker room and onto the practice facility turf to face a group of reporters.

Wearing their maroon game jerseys with gold numbers, they lined up behind 10 of their teammates who were suspended earlier this week after an internal university investigation into an alleged sexual assault.

Three senior leaders stood in front of the group and delivered a defiant rebuke of the university's decision, saying they would not participate in any football activities until the school president and athletic director apologized and revoked the suspensions. If that meant they don't play in the upcoming Holiday Bowl against Washington State, they appeared ready to stand firm.

"All these kids' reputations are destroyed," senior quarterback Mitch Leidner said Thursday. "Their names are destroyed. It's extremely difficult to get back and it's very unfair for them and that's why we're sticking together through this thing."

According to police records, a woman told officers she was drunk when she was sexually assaulted in running back Carlton Djam's apartment on Sept. 2 by several men, including some of the suspended players. She said her sexual contact with two men may have been consensual, but her contact with four of them was not. Several players told police it was consensual, and an investigator who watched a video Djam took of the incident wrote that "she does not appear to be upset by the sexual activity and does not indicate that she wants it to stop ... and the sexual contact appears entirely consensual."

Four players were suspended earlier in the season for three games after becoming part of the sexual assault investigation. No arrests were made, no charges were filed and a restraining order put in place by the woman was lifted by a judge after a settlement on Nov. 2.

But this week, the school's Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action recommended suspending those four players and six others, saying they violated school conduct standards. Ray Buford Jr., KiAnte Hardin, Dior Johnson, Tamarion Johnson and Djam were also recommended for expulsion. Antoine Winfield Jr., Kobe McCrary, Seth Green and Mark Williams were recommended for one-year suspensions, and Antonio Shenault was recommended for probation by the EOAA.

All 10 were suspended from the team indefinitely and will not play in the Dec. 27 bowl game in San Diego.

While prosecutors need to be able to prove a criminal case "beyond a reasonable doubt" to get a conviction, the university uses a lower standard of proof for alleged violations of its student code, requiring only that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred.

"Our leaders make these decisions with the interests of our entire community in mind, regardless of timing or competitive considerations," school President Eric Kaler said in a letter to boosters.

The Gophers voiced their displeasure with a lack of communication from Kaler and athletic director Mark Coyle after the decision was made to suspend the players indefinitely.

"The actions of president Kaler have breached fiduciary duty not only to the 10 falsely accused, but to all of us," receiver Drew Wolitarsky said.

The players asked the Holiday Bowl committee to remain patient while they worked through the situation, saying they viewed their boycott of football activities as "day-by-day." Holiday Bowl executive director Mark Neville said they were "monitoring it closely." A request for comment from the Big Ten was not returned.

The decision does not come without risk for the players, who were asked about the possibility of the school revoking scholarships for their demonstration.

"We're in this together," Wolitarsky said. "What, are they going to pull 120 guys off the team? I mean, they're not going to have a team if that's the case."

Kaler and Coyle issued a joint statement Thursday night saying the school's decision was "based on facts and is reflective of the university's values."

"We understand that a lot of confusion and frustration exists as a result of this week's suspension of ten Gopher football players from all team activities," the statement read. "The reality is that not everyone can have all of the facts, and unfortunately the university cannot share more information due to federal laws regarding student privacy."

The players and former Minnesota Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield Sr., whose son was suspended, fumed at the university's adherence to the law preventing them from commenting.

"If the president and athletic director keep their jobs, my son, Antoine Winfield Jr., will not attend the University of Minnesota," Winfield Sr. said.

The players say they were further frustrated by Coyle's unwillingness to explain the university's reasons for the suspensions in a meeting with the team on Wednesday.

"So that led us basically to believe that this is kind of unjust and he has the power to reverse this and he won't," Wolitarsky said.

The Holiday Bowl is one of the most lucrative and well-known of the second-tier bowl games. The payout to each school was $2.8 million last year. Washington State sold out its 7,000-ticket allotment in less than two days and has already requested more.

Getting a team to fill a bowl spot on short notice would be difficult, if not impossible. But the next team in line to receive a bid could be Northern Illinois, which finished 5-7 but has the highest Academic Progress Rate among teams with that record. NIU athletic director Sean Frazier said Friday that the school was monitoring the situation.

"We're proud of the academic success of our football program which puts us in this conversation. If the situation warrants, we'll have an update at that time," Frazier said.

For now, all eyes are on Minnesota and its players.

"It became more than a game for me and I know it did, as you can see, for this whole team," Wolitarsky said, nodding to more than 100 players standing behind him, "about the livelihood of these kids after football. Because that's why we come here. We come here to get a degree. We come here to make a life for ourselves. And these kids' reputations have been ruined."

Option-based Lobos to battle Roadrunners' pro-style attack

By Russell Contreras
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE — The pro-style offense of UTSA will try to out-duel the triple-option threat of New Mexico in the New Mexico Bowl on Saturday.

It's the Roadrunners' first bowl appearance in their brief six-year history. The Lobos have only won two bowl games in the last 55 years.

Both coaches said a bowl win will give their programs a needed push in branding and recruiting. "How we play will define us," UTSA head coach Frank Wilson said. "We came here to win."

New Mexico head coach Bob Davie said although he knows the coaching staff and UTSA athletic director Lynn Hickey, the friends have opted not to make friendly wagers on the game. "We very competitive," Davie said. "It's not, 'let's bet a taco on the game."'

Players could see 25 mph wind gusts and high temperatures hovering around the mid-40s on Saturday. That could affect the Roadrunners' game plan since UTSA relies heavily on a deep receiving crew who can grab a big play. But Wilson said he didn't think it would be too much of a factor. "Whatever the weather is, it's UTSA weather," he said.

Davie said the high winds also could affect how the Lobos' pitch in the option. New Mexico leads the nation in rushing yards per game with 360.9.

Here are some other things to watch for in the New Mexico Bowl on Saturday:

Ground attack: The Lobos have racked up 4,331 rushing yards, the most in school history. New Mexico has two running backs — Teriyon Gipson and Tyrone Owens — with 1,000 rushing yards each and rarely turns the ball over. Gipson has 131 carries for 1,209 yards and 12 touchdowns. His 9.23 yards per carry average leads the FBS. Owens is second with 1,084 rushing yards. Both led the Mountain West in rushing yards.

UTSA has its own rushing threat in senior running back Jarveon Williams. The All-Conference USA selection rushed for a team-leading 775 yards on 191 carries. He rushed for 100 yards or more seven times in his career as a Roadrunner.

Airing it out: Wind or not, the Roadrunners will need a mistake-free passing game to keep the Lobos from controlling the tempo and clock. Quarterback Dalton Sturm, who threw for 2,052 yards and 18 touchdowns this season, will have to spread the ball around UTSA's speedy receiving corps. Junior wide receiver Josh Stewart leads the Roadrunners with 36 receptions for the school's single-season record of 682 receiving yards.

Even if Sturm can't get the ball to Stewart, he has junior receiver Kerry Thomas Jr. as a nice back up. Thomas set a program single-game record with 145 receiving yards in the Nov. 26 win against Charlotte that clinched a bowl appearance for UTSA.

Assignment football: Stopping New Mexico's quick and speedy ground game will rest with a defense anchored by UTSA senior safety Michael Egwuagu. He ranks third on the team with 76 tackles — 6.5 have come behind the line of scrimmage. The 6-foot, 200-pounder plays the "Lion" safety in UTSA's 4-2-5 defensive scheme.

Wilson said that means all defensive players will have to stay disciplined and make individual tackles.

By a foot: Should the game come down to the wire, Davie will turn to kicker Jason Sanders. He is currently the national leader in touchbacks and has made 81 extra points in a row. This year, the junior went 11-for-12 on field goals and 59-for-59 on extra points.

NEW MEXICO BOWL CAPSULE

New Mexico vs. UTSA
At Albuquerque

Records: New Mexico 8-4 (6-2 Mountain West), UTSA 6-6 (5-3 Conference USA).

When: Noon today at Albuquerque (ESPN)

Line: New Mexico by 7 1/2

Series record: tied 1-1

What's at stake? UTSA is making its first bowl appearance in its program's brief history. The Roadrunners football program was launched only six years ago and the team won five of its last eight to finish second in Conference USA's West Division under first-year coach Frank Wilson. New Mexico is 3-8-1 in bowl games and returns to the New Mexico Bowl for the second straight year. The Lobos' back-to-back postseason appearances come after years of turmoil on and off the field.

Players to watch: UTSA — Junior wide receiver Josh Stewart leads the Roadrunners with 36 receptions for the school's single-season record of 682 receiving yards. Defensive lineman Marcus Davenport has anchored the UTSA defense with 6.5 sacks and 62 tackles, 10 for a loss. **New Mexico:** Running back Teriyon Gipson has 131 carries for 1,209 yards and 12 touchdowns. His 9.23 yards per carry average leads the FBS. Fellow running back Tyrone Owens is second with 1,084 rushing yards. Both led the Mountain West in rushing yards.

Facts & figures: Six years ago, New Mexico's football program was in dire straits and UTSA was just starting its program. Before New Mexico offered former Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie the Lobos coaching job, UTSA's Lynn Hickey reached out to him for advice on building the Roadrunners program. ... UTSA won seven games back in 2013 but the team was in its final year of reclassifying to the FBS and not eligible to play in the postseason. ... New Mexico's Jason Sanders is currently the national leader in touchbacks and has made 81 extra points in a row. ... High temperatures are expected to hover around the mid-40s with a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Players could see 25 mph gusts. ...The Roadrunner, UTSA's mascot, is the state of New Mexico's official bird.

— The Associated Press

Official: FBI backs CIA on hack

By Josh Lederman and Bradley Klapper
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI is supporting the CIA's conclusion that Russia interfered in the presidential election with the goal of supporting Republican candidate Donald Trump.

In a message sent to employees, CIA Director John Brennan said he had spoken with FBI Director James Comey and James Clapper, the director of national intelligence.

Brennan said in the message that "there is strong consensus among us on the scope, nature, and intent of Russian interference in our presidential election."

A U.S. official who had seen the unclassified message from Brennan confirmed it to The Associated Press on Friday.

President Barack Obama is promising that the U.S. will retaliate against Russia for its suspected meddling in America's election process, an accusation the Kremlin has vehemently denied.

As the White House grew more bullish about suggesting President Vladimir Putin was personally involved, Obama said he'd spoken directly to Putin about his concerns about Russian meddling. He said whenever a foreign government tries to interfere in U.S. elections, the nation must take action "and we will at a time and place of our own choosing."

"We have been working hard to make sure that what we do is proportional, that what we do is meaningful," Obama said in an NPR News interview airing Friday.

Obama's remarks were the clearest indication that whatever response the U.S. is planning, it hasn't happened yet. The White House has insisted for months that when the U.S. did retaliate, it might not be made public, a position that has created uncertainty about the strength and timing of any response.

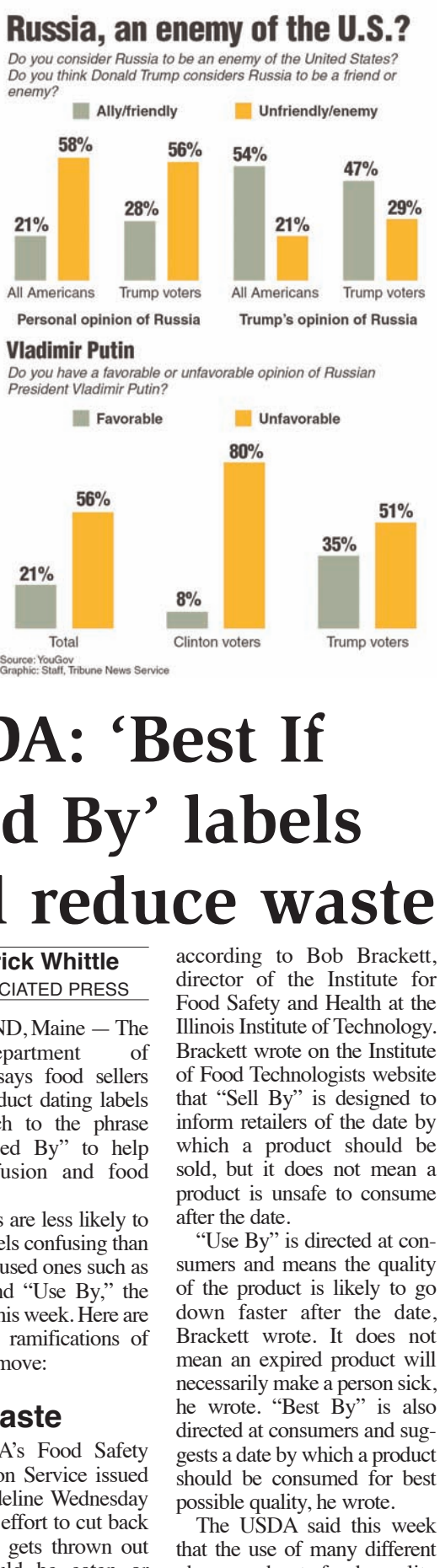
Obama was expected to face questions about the hacking and his response during a news conference at the White House on Friday afternoon.

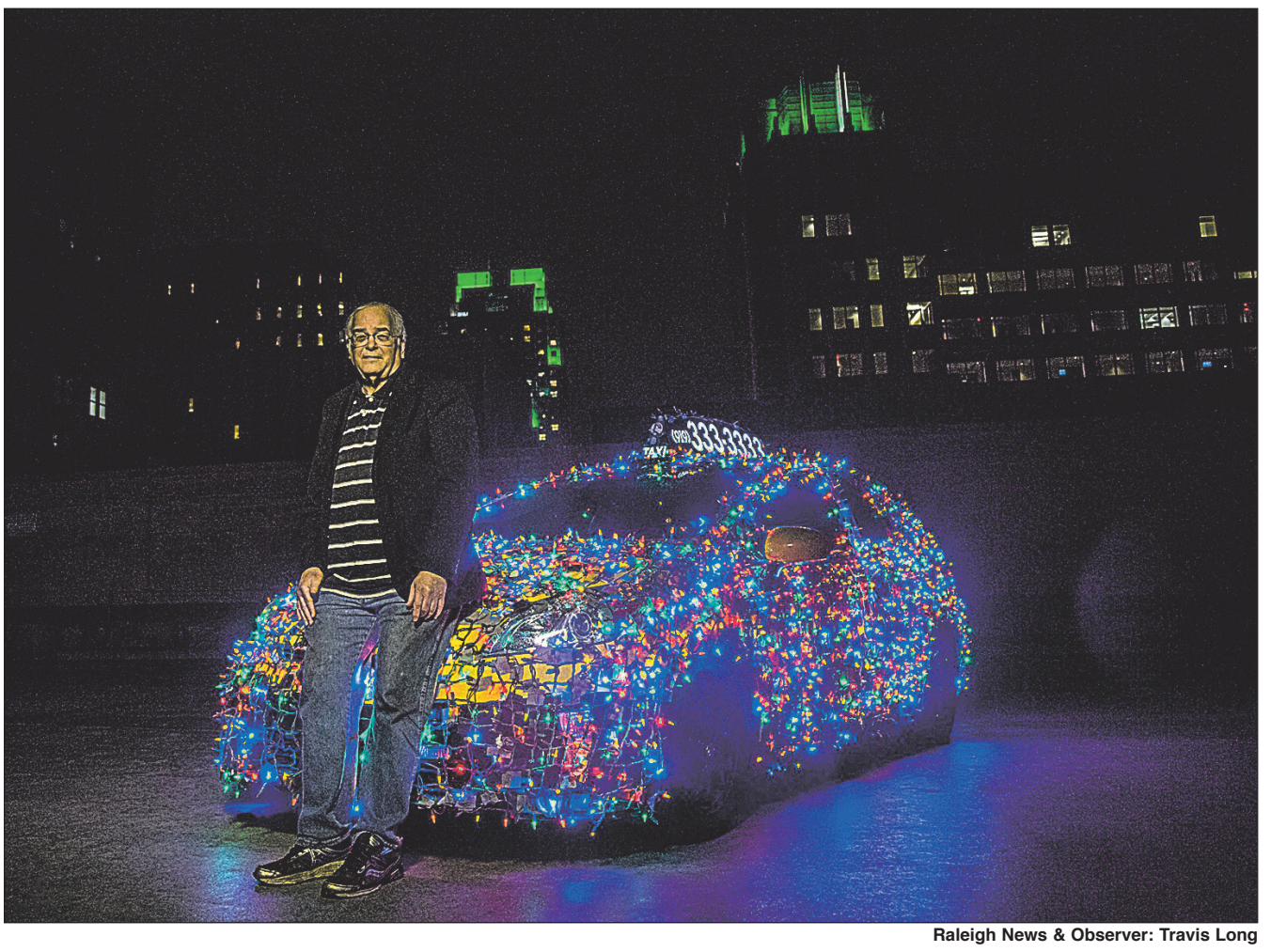
White House officials said it was "fact" that Russian hacking helped Donald Trump's campaign against Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. White House press secretary Josh Earnest on Thursday also assailed Trump himself over his refusal to acknowledge the hacking and his attacks on the U.S. intelligence community.

The tough talk from the White House fell flat in Moscow, where Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the accusations baseless and inappropriate.

"They should either stop talking about that, or produce some proof at last," Peskov told reporters Friday. "Otherwise it all begins to look unseemly."

There has been no specific, persuasive evidence shared publicly about the extent of Putin's role or knowledge of the hackings. That lack of proof undercuts Democrats' strategy to portray Putin's involvement as irrefutable evidence of a directed Russian government plot to undermine America's democratic system.





Raleigh News & Observer: Travis Long

Local cab driver Dwight Robinett spent about 20 hours attaching more than 9,000 LED Christmas lights to his 2014 Toyota Prius Taxi cab.

Cab driver decorates for season

By Chris Cioffi
THE RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

RALEIGH, N.C. — When people see Dwight Robinett's cab, they usually have one of two reactions: They scream and applaud, or they wonder aloud: "What the heck is that?"

Robinett, 66, has been a driver for Taxi Taxi of Raleigh, N.C., for about three years. For the last two, he has decked out his yellow cab for the holidays, wrapping it in multiple strands of lights, carefully attached with waterproof gaffer tape.

This year it took Robinett about 20 hours of painstaking work to attach about 9,100 lights over every inch of his Toyota Prius in a grid pattern that still allows people to get in and out of the vehicle, he said.

"It's tricky," he said. "You have to get the wires just right so you can open the doors."

Robinett said he hung about 4,000 lights on his cab last year because he thought it would be more fun than decorating his house again. This year he decided to double the number of lights because they got such a great reaction from people riding in his cab.

"Sometimes people want to ride in my cab just for my lights," he said. "I just had a lady call me to have me drive her around in my cab to deliver presents."

Robinett said he took up driving fares as a second career. Originally from Houston, Robinett retired from the North Carolina Symphony after spending roughly 35 years as the assistant principal trombonist.

He picked up the trombone when he was 12, after his band director suggested he should try the brass instrument because he had arms long enough to operate its long slide.

"When I was 15, I decided that's what I wanted to do for a living," he said.

He estimates that he played the trombone for about 50 years, but had to stop after some dental work made it difficult for him to play, he said.

Unable to sit still in his retirement, Robinett came across the idea of operating a cab for Taxi Taxi because he liked talking to people and liked driving, he said.

As a member of the symphony, Robinett played all sorts of holiday music in December and toured North Carolina many times bringing cheer to all corners of the state. In a different way, Robinett is still bringing cheer to others when he drives Raleigh's streets with his colorful cab sparkling down the road.

"A lot of people say, 'That made me smile. I had a really bad day but that made me happy,' and that's a good thing," Robinett said. "There's too much negativity in the world. I'm just trying to make some people smile."

USDA: 'Best If Used By' labels will reduce waste

By Patrick Whittle
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says food sellers who use product dating labels should switch to the phrase "Best If Used By" to help reduce confusion and food waste.

Consumers are less likely to find such labels confusing than other widely used ones such as "Sell By" and "Use By," the agency said this week. Here are some of the ramifications of the USDA's move:

Food waste

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service issued the new guideline Wednesday as part of an effort to cut back on food that gets thrown out when it could be eaten or donated. The agency estimates 30 percent of food is lost or wasted, either at the retail or consumer level.

"This new guidance can help consumers save money and curb the amount of wholesome food going in the trash," said Al Almanza, USDA deputy under secretary for food safety.

The guideline is aimed at food manufacturers and retailers. It follows a January directive from the USDA that the agency said would make it easier for companies to donate food that might otherwise go to waste.

Many labels

One reason food expiration labels are so confusing for consumers is that there aren't many strict federal standards for them. Food product dating isn't required by federal regulations except for infant formula.

Different labels are aimed at consumers and retailers, according to Bob Brackett, director of the Institute for Food Safety and Health at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Brackett wrote on the Institute of Food Technologists website that "Sell By" is designed to inform retailers of the date by which a product should be sold, but it does not mean a product is unsafe to consume after the date.

"Use By" is directed at consumers and means the quality of the product is likely to go down faster after the date, Brackett wrote. It does not mean an expired product will necessarily make a person sick, he wrote. "Best By" is also directed at consumers and suggests a date by which a product should be consumed for best possible quality, he wrote.

The USDA said this week that the use of many different phrases about food quality dates leads to disposal of food that is actually nutritious and safe to eat. The agency said its research shows that "Best If Used By" is easily understood by consumers.

What next?

U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, a Maine Democrat who has put a focus on reducing food waste, said she is encouraged by the USDA's move. She said a critical next move is to formalize changes with labeling legalization — a highly political issue. Changes are unlikely to happen swiftly, especially with a new Congress beginning in January.

Pingree introduced the Food Date Labeling Act earlier this year. The proposal would establish a uniform national system for date labeling and educate consumers about the meaning of labels. Pingree intends to reintroduce the legislation in the new Congress next year, a spokesman said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1777, France recognized American independence.
In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial in Washington of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty.
In 1944, the U.S. War Department announced it was ending its policy of excluding people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.
In 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its Project "Blue Book" by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spaceships behind thousands of UFO sightings.
In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, California, to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford. (Fromme was paroled in Aug. 2009.)
In 1979, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was fatally injured after leading police on a chase with his motorcycle in Miami. (Four white police officers accused of beating McDuffie were later acquitted, sparking riots.)
In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy.
In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.
In 1996, Peruvian guerrillas took hundreds of people hostage at the Japanese embassy in Lima. Six Red Cross workers were slain by gunmen in Chechnya.
Today's Birthdays: Pope Francis is 80. Actor Bernard Hill is 72. Actress Marilyn Hassett is 69. Rock musician Mike Mills (R.E.M.) is 58. Actress Laurie Holden is 47. DJ Homicide (Sugar Ray) is 46. Actress Milla Jovovich is 41. Singer-songwriter Ben Goldwasser (MGMT) is 34. Rock singer Mikky Ekko is 33. Actress Shannon Woodward is 32. Actress Emma Bell is 30. Actress Vanessa Zima is 30. Rock musician Taylor York (Paramore) is 27.
Thought for Today: "Democracy is not an easy form of government, because it is never final; it is a living, changing organism, with a continuous shifting and adjusting of balance between individual freedom and general order." — Ilka Chase, American author, actress, humorist (1905-1978).

California hit with rain, mountain snow

By John Antczak and Kristin J. Bender
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A late fall storm drenched California with rain and dumped nearly three feet of snow to help bolster the vital Sierra Nevada snowpack but also triggered mud flows, flooded roads and traffic snarls as it tapered off early Friday.

With thousands of acres of wildfire burn scars all over the state, authorities were warily monitoring barren slopes where parched earth soaked with rain can cause life-threatening mudslides.

Mud from the San Gabriel Mountains flowed into the foothill city of Duarte east of Los Angeles before dawn, affecting 18 homes where residents were told to not to leave, KCBS-TV reported. Firefighters rescued two people stuck in cars.

Two people and seven puppies stuck in a possible homeless encampment on a small island in the swollen San Gabriel River had to be hoisted to safety by a Los Angeles County sheriff's helicopter.

Torrential rain fell on the coast between San Francisco and Los Angeles near the landmark Hearst Castle late Thursday and rockslides closed about 36 miles of Highway 1 in the region. Highway crews expected to have the scenic route reopened by midafternoon Friday. A weather station in the area recorded more than 5 inches of rain.

In the Sierra Nevada, the Tioga Pass entry point to Yosemite National Park received 35 inches of snow in 24 hours, the weather service said.

Building snowpack in the Sierra is critical for California's water supply after five years of drought.

Roads into Yosemite Valley were open again Friday after being closed overnight due to potential flooding. The Merced River crested below flood stage, resulting in no major damage to park roads or operations.

The storm entered the northern end of the state early Thursday and moved south, continuing to drop rain through the Friday morning rush hours across Southern California.

Downtown Los Angeles, in a part of the state that has been categorized as in the midst of "extreme drought," had collected 1.58 inches of rain from the storm by Friday morning.

In Hollywood, hundreds of people were pelted by rain for hours Thursday night as they stood outside trying to get into a rare Metallica concert at a small venue, the Henry Fonda Theater.

In Lancaster, north of Los Angeles, people out in the rain and wind were happy for the wintry holiday vibe.

"Just all of the sudden a little storm is kicking in," Kara McDonald told KTTV-TV as she shopped in an elf hat. "We can sit around the fire and drink some hot chocolate."

The storm caused worry in some spots like burn areas, where fire station were handing out sandbags.

"We're concerned about mudslides and flooding," Los Angeles fire spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said.

Get out quickly if "things go bad," she urged residents of foothill and burned areas. "Don't take the risk of being trapped in a mudslide."

Earlier Thursday, the San Francisco Bay Area was hit with one of its heaviest storms in an already wet season, with a small town in the North Bay receiving nearly 7 inches of rain in 24 hours.

More than 100 flights in and out of San Francisco International Airport were cancelled and about 360 were delayed for minutes to hours because of weather concerns, said Brian Horne, airport duty manager.

Venado, a remote former lumber town west of Healdsburg, was hit the hardest as the storm moved from the North Bay into San Francisco and the Central Coast.

Some creeks in those counties were over flood stages.

San Francisco recorded more than an inch of rain in 24 hours, with areas further north seeing 2 to 4 inches and 5 to nearly 7 inches recorded in some areas of the Sierra Nevadas, along with at least one wind gust of over 100 mph.

JUMBLE

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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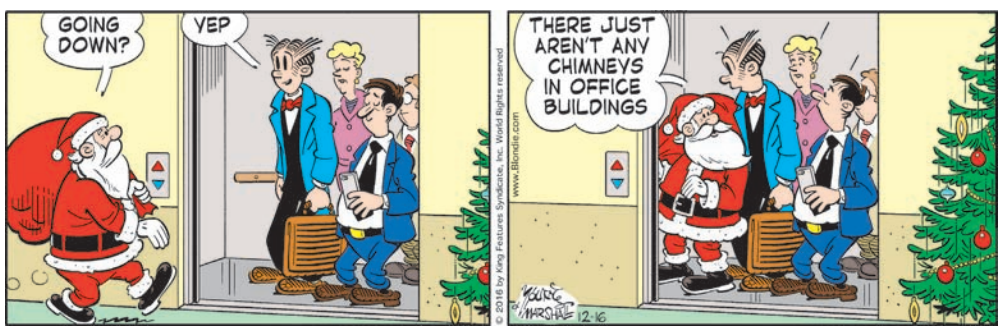

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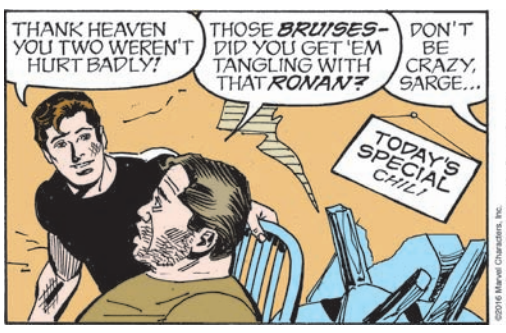

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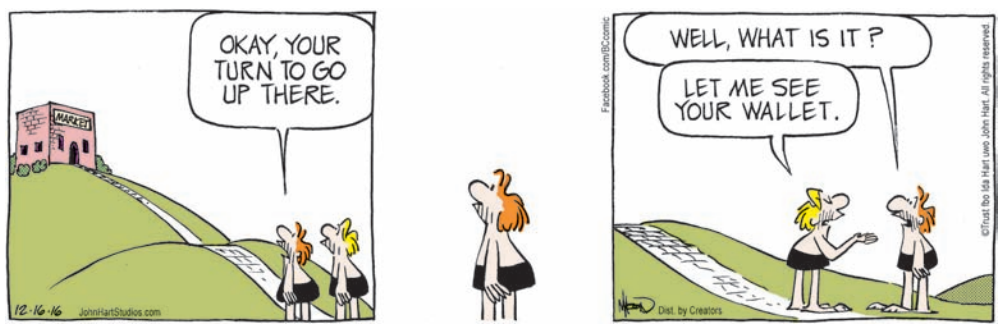

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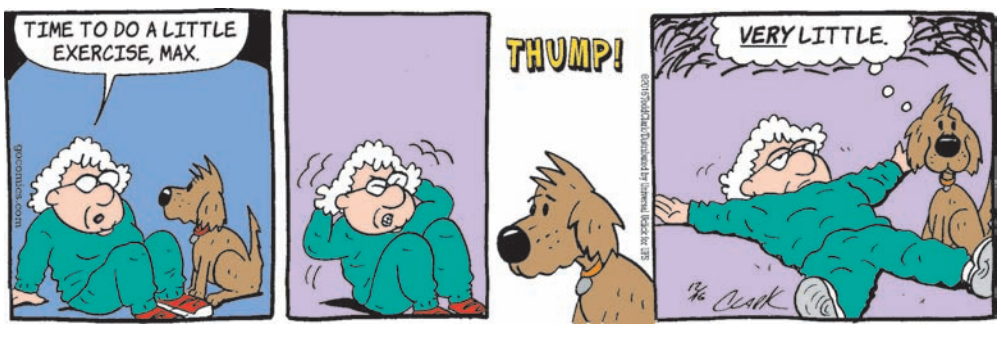

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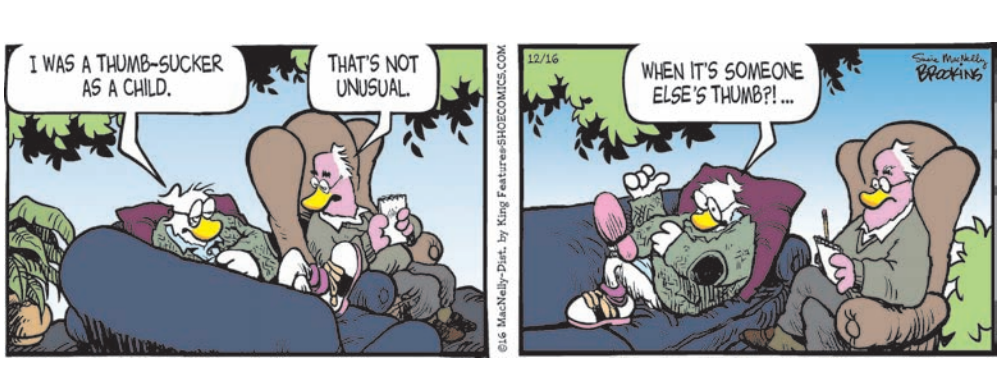

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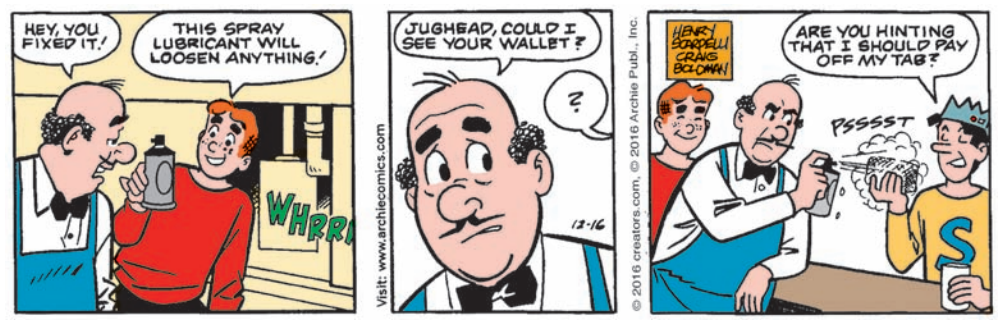

Election debates result in distance between siblings

Dear Annie

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Syndicated Column

DEAR ANNIE: I'll try to keep this nonpartisan and just give you the bare essentials. My sister and I are both in our late 50s. She's only two years younger than I am, and we grew up extremely close. We went to college together and made sure never to move too far away from each other or our parents afterward.

But she is a member of one major political party, and I'm a member of the other one. The presidential election caused a big strain on our relationship. I thought things would get better after Election Day, but they've actually gotten even worse. She's unwilling to compromise and see my point of view, and to be honest, I can't see her point of view, either.

Before the campaign season started (a year and a half ago), we talked on the phone at least three times a week. Now we haven't talked in two weeks, and I'm worried the distance between us will just continue to grow. I keep thinking I should swallow my pride and tell her she's right on a few points (even though I don't believe it) just to smooth things over. But I can't bring myself to do it. Will we ever be as close as we were? **— FAMILY DIVIDED**

DEAR FAMILY: This election year has done a number on many families. Based on what I've heard from other readers, the disagreement you and your sister are having is happening at tables all across the nation.

It's entirely possible — healthy, even — to love someone who has different opinions. You eliminate a lot of frustration once you realize that yelling never changed anybody's mind. Embrace the relief that comes with agreeing to disagree.

That said, I'm sure that if you two made a list of all the things you have in common, it would be much longer than the list of all the things you don't. You're just obsessing over the latter. Remember: You were sisters long before you even knew what a Democrat or Republican is. Give her a call today, and talk about your children, your health, a good book you're reading — anything but politics.

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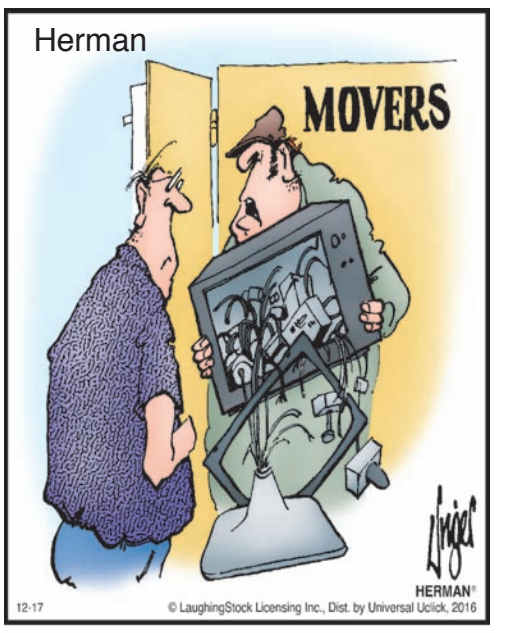

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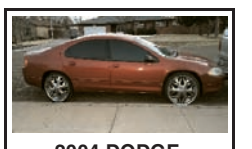

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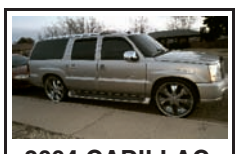

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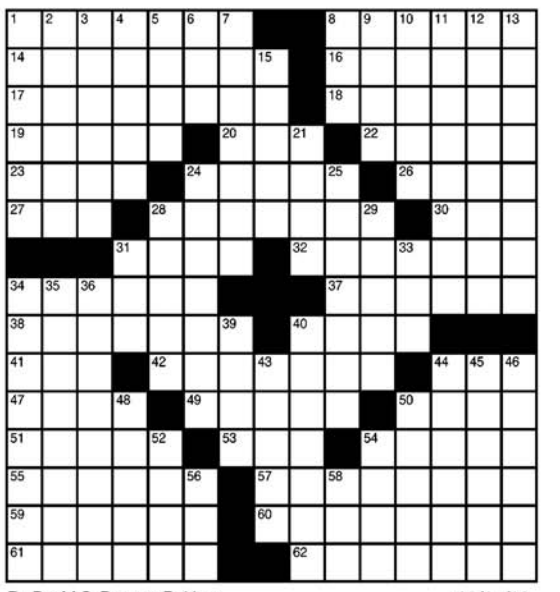

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ACROSS
1 Bud holder
8 Horrified
14 Symbol on viola sheet music
16 One who always finds himself over a barrel?
17 Pessimistic sort
18 Take down
19 Kitchen counter
20 Ball
22 Guy
23 "The Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
24 __ Penh
26 Disorderly conduct
27 Excitable toon canine
28 Examines informally
30 Who, in Quebec
31 Product of New Orleans
32 Do
34 Little squirt
37 "Sure, why not"
38 Parti-colored
40 Passed perfectly
41 So-so connection?
42 Process of elimination
44 Links org.
47 Truck parts
49 "The Martian" star
50 Links mounds
51 Option for a return
53 Moses, for one
54 Reznor of Nine Inch Nails
55 Destructive beetles
57 Message to a loser
59 Zealous
60 It can help with the healing process
61 Concluded one's case
62 Sooner or later

DOWN
1 Kidding
2 Seinfeld character who ordered the "big salad"
3 Word origin
4 Romantic buds?
5 '80s Chrysler
6 Cambridgeshire cathedral town
7 "Aw, shucks"
8 Fake being
9 "Oops!" evoker
10 Optimistic sort
11 Quilting technique
12 Smash hits, often
13 Pacts
15 __ Ferdinand, whose assassination set off WWI
21 Nod
24 At a loss
25 Salma Hayek, by birth
28 Doha is its capital
29 Franklin Mint founder Joseph
31 Spinnaker relative
33 Jersey chew
34 Elongated key
35 Sleeveless smock
36 Cards nickname
39 Key of Beethoven's Violin Concerto: Abbr.
40 Professions
43 Homer's final character?
44 Mad
45 Family subdivisions
46 Off the mark
48 Hard weather to deal with
50 Cache of cash, perhaps
52 Seaside glider
54 Brim
56 Norm: Abbr.
58 Stock response?

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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