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Clovis firefighters climb a ladder to reach the roof at a house fire Wednesday afternoon on Wallace Street.

Cold weather brings out firefighters

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

CLOVIS — It's cold outside and that means it's house fire season.

Clovis firefighters were called to residential fires on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening.

While no injuries were reported, both fires caused damage and major problems for property owners.

On Thursday, firefighters were called to a shed fire near 8th and Edwards streets in Clovis about 5:15 p.m. A neighbor said she reported the fire a few minutes earlier after seeing smoke from the small abandoned white building next to her house.

Two fire trucks and an ambulance were on scene for close to an hour, with the intersection on 8th Street blocked off by police cruisers between Edward and Davis streets.

A large plume of smoke from the fire was

visible in downtown Clovis before responders extinguished the blaze.

The entrance to the building appeared scorched as firefighters wrapped up but the building stayed intact.

"It's just an abandoned, vacant building and it was most likely arson," said Battalion Chief Dale Hand. "There's no utilities to the building."

The official cause of the fire is still under investigation, Hand added. Firefighters have responded to a report of a fire at the same location at least once before in the past year.

On Wednesday, firefighters responded to an attic fire at 1110 N. Wallace St. in Clovis. It was under control in about 45 minutes, Clovis Fire Chief Mike Nolen said.

Nolen said there was possibly insulation burning in the attic and the fire was believed to be electrical in nature, but the cause remains under investigation.

Nolen said he was not sure how extensive the damage was but the utilities have been shut off due to the fire and the house cannot be occupied.

Nolen said the house won't be inhabitable again until after the investigation is complete and the house has been determined to be up to code.

Nolen said he did not know how many people lived in the house or where they will stay in the meantime, but an offer of assistance from the Red Cross was declined.

Nolen said there are always more fire hazards when the weather turns colder.

"All the heaters get turned on, the electric heaters are running more of the time and we have more fires," he said.

Nolen advised those especially with electric heaters to pay attention and make sure the cords do not get hot, as well as keeping children away from heaters.

Transition, tragedy in Clovis

□ Three hold city manager position across 2017.

By Kevin Wilson

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CLOVIS — For the city of Clovis, 2017 was a year with nothing left out. Whether it was transition, tragedy or triumph, everything played a part.

Most recently, the city approved the first steps in what Mayor David Lansford said would set the current Clovis City Commission apart as a visionary body. After nearly a year of formation, commissioners unanimously approved a master water plan focused on ensuring a 40-year supply of water for the city.

The draft includes five action plans — effluent water reuse, water banking, playa lake restoration, conservation land and water trust and the Ute Water Project. The final plan is the long-discussed plan to pump water from the Ute Reservoir in Quay County to Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority members, with Clovis funding about three-quarters of the authority.

"I don't think it's going to make any changes in my life," Lansford said. "But it's going to improve the quality of life for future citizens of eastern New Mexico."

The water plan echoed to part of the city's transition, as well. Over the course of the year the committee was led by Commissioner Ladona Clayton, and more than one city manager played a role. The city had three overall for 2017.

First was Larry Fry, who came to the city in April 2015. He left early in the year, succeeded by Tom Phelps as interim manager in April.

Phelps' run continued until October, when Justin Howalt was hired for the spot. In his six months, Phelps had plenty to deal with. Just a few months into his time, the city faced tragedy when 12-year-old Gevion Lewis went under water during a July 4 swim with friends at Hillcrest Park. He was pulled out of the water a few minutes later by first responders, but died two weeks later at a Lubbock hospital. The pond was drained when the water tested positive for cholera, and later filled. Additionally, new signs were placed at the pond to indicate swimming was not permitted there.

Phelps was championed for his leader-

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Wind, storms pounded Roosevelt County

□ More than 60 miles of roads damaged by weather.

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PORTALES — Roosevelt County had a wet and windy summer in 2017, with storms flooding over 60 miles of roads and pulverizing homes and buildings.

The weather ranked among the year's top stories for county residents.

The largest storm of the season hit on Aug. 3, flooding areas north and west of Floyd through to parts of the county south of Portales.

County Manager Amber Hamilton, seeing the scope of the damage, met with state officials just days after the storm hit to assess the situation.

"Our road department superintendent said that, rurally, that

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this has mirrored or even exceeded, at this point, the damage that we sustained during the Goliath (snow) storm in 2015," she said.

That work eventually culminated in a December declaration by New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez that the county receive up to \$750,000 for "resources and services necessary to avoid or minimize economic and physical harm until the situation becomes stabilized."

Hamilton said the funds would be used to repair roads, to which rain damage was estimated to be roughly \$4.5 million.

"Though we will not be able to repair each and every road damaged this past summer, we will be able to repair numerous



A large storm ripped through Roosevelt County on Aug. 3, severely damaging property, including Jon's RV Storage on New Mexico 206.

miles," she said.

Several county residents were also affected by the Aug. 3 storm.

"Everything just went white because of the amount of hail that was hitting the house," said Julie Rooney, who lives in south Roosevelt County.

"When it stopped briefly, we looked out and our bird barn was missing, our shed was miss-

ing, our round pen was missing," she said.

Some structures were destroyed in the storm, including Jon Skinner's RV storage business.

The building was devastated, with pieces scattered in a ditch on the opposite end of New

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Teenager Nathaniel Jouett is charged with the deadly shooting at the Clovis' library.

Forecast:

Today



High: 67
Low: 26

Saturday



High: 59
Low: 24

Sunday



High: 33
Low: 13

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Events calendar**Ongoing**

Artist of the month — Art from Sarah Bice will be on exhibit all month at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Information: 575-762-6359

The events calendar is a daily listing of area events. To place an item on the calendar, call the newsroom at 575-356-4481 or e-mail: escarbrough@thenews.email

DEC. 29**On this date ...**

1972: Elida students were performing a play called "Thirty Minutes with Santa Claus."

Cast members were Rocky Burris as Santa Claus; Mark Daugherty and Jennifer Hutt as Father and Mother; Jacque Wilcox as Daughter; Katy Craig and Becky King as voices 1 and 2; Sherry Jackson as Mary; Tim Bob Wilson as Joseph; Lupe Contreras as the innkeeper; Danny Sadler, Leslie May, and Donald Gibson as the wise men; Carey Lynn Moore as the angel; and carolers Mark Anthony, Tony Gomez, Debbie Gurwell, Darla Chenault, Sandra Smith, Sam Southard, Shirley Wilson, Ishmael Contreras, Jimmy Dale Ward, and Jackie Skipworth.

Candle lighters were Debbie Davis and Sandra Beard.

The production was under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Shelley, Mrs. Marion Shaw, Mrs. Bettye Lambirth, and Charles Gurwell.

1957: Clovis merchants were gathering an impres-



sive collection of merchandise and services to present to the first baby born in the coming new year.

To win, the baby had to be born in Curry County, and be the child of parents living in or stationed in Curry County.

The lucky newborn was promised, among other treasures, a "baby exerciser" from Sasser Drug, baby shoes from Children's Vogue, \$5 worth of prescriptions from Kenner Drug, 10 quarts of milk from Campbell's Dairy, \$10 in a savings account at Clovis National Bank, a baby ring from Holmberg's Jewelry, and a bassinet from J.C. Penney.

Clovis Ambulance Service promised a free ride home for the lucky mom and her new baby as long as they lived within 25 miles of Clovis.

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LOCAL ROUNDUP**Heat back on at Curry County offices**

CLOVIS — Just like Glenn Frey's hit song from 1984, the heat is on at the Curry County Administration Complex.

Less than a week after the main boiler malfunctioned at the building, located at 417 Gidding, heat has been restored, according to a county news release.

The boiler stopped working last Friday morning due to a short that burned the boiler's circulation motors, according to Facilities Maintenance Superintendent Ben Roberts.

The clerk's, assessor's and treasurer's offices and the district attorney's office were affected by the outage.

Tip helps police recover stolen property

PORTALES — An anonymous tip helped the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department quickly recover over \$2,500 in stolen property Wednesday afternoon.

Heavy emphasis on the quickly

part.

The tipster said that on Tuesday night, a horse trailer carrying a welder and air compressor was stolen from a property by Portales resident Justin Husted, 43, and was received by Roosevelt County resident Shawn Castaldi, 45, according to Sheriff Malin Parker.

The property was reported stolen on Wednesday and recovered at approximately 1 p.m. the same day at Castaldi's residence east of Portales, said Parker, adding that the anonymous tip led to the quick recovery.

"We followed up on that tip and recovered the property," Parker said. "We actually recovered the property before my deputy finished taking the report from the victim."

Castaldi was arrested on one count of receiving stolen property and Husted was charged with unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, felony possession of a controlled substance, and the use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both were in Roosevelt County jail on Thursday.

Public record

The following marriage licenses were compiled from court records through Wednesday at the Curry County Clerk's Office:

■ Thomas Lee Orton-McIntyre, 24, to Sherri Lynn Santos, 34, both of Clovis

■ Edgar Antonio Marroquin Chavez, 29, to Melissa Ann Martinez, 25, both of Muleshoe

■ Rafael Leroy Marquez, 24, to Elicia Leona Howe, 22, both of Clovis

■ Caleb Michael Sapp, 20, to Ashley Nicole Bock, 18, both of Portales

■ Joshua David Stumpf, 25, to Ashley Marie McNealy, 24, both of Clovis

■ Paul Rey Vincent Romero, 25, to Victoria Andrea Flores, 32, both of

Clovis

■ Brett Anthony Gamble, 26, to Kayala Marie Poppel, 26, both of Clovis

■ Joshua Elias Strlek-Brylski, 23, to Elizabeth Celeste Skermetta, 21, both of Clovis

The following divorces were compiled from court records through Wednesday at the district court clerk's office in Clovis:

■ Helen Page from Allan Page

■ Amanda Jones from Joseph Lujan Jr

■ Duon Thuy Nguyen from Canh Huu Truong

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Jail logs**Booked**

The following were booked into local jails Wednesday:

Clovis

■ James Dimas, 49, probation violation

■ Michelle Chavez, 25, concealing identity

■ Ventura Garcia, 28, probation violation

■ Brandon Garza, 30, residential burglary

■ Scott Foster, 42, trafficking controlled substances

■ Michelle Torres, 41, failure to appear on a felony charge

■ Victor Herrera, 34, failure to appear at time and place stated in citation

■ Patrick Sengara, 20, trafficking (by distribution)

■ Aaron Garcia, 32, possession of a firearm or destructive device by a felon, operating vehicle without required headlamps, driving while license suspended or revoked

or possession of drug paraphernalia

■ Angel Lucero, 33, three bench warrants

■ Jerry Owen, 50, felony possession of a controlled substance, use or possession of drug paraphernalia

■ Mark Tapia, 23, probation violation

Released

The following were released from local jails Wednesday:

Clovis*

■ Jamani McClendon, 20

■ Michael Day, 31

■ Evelyn Martinez, 28

■ Christopher Romero, 32

■ Jake Deatherage, 26

■ Bobby Bently, 29

■ Jon Hausmann, 37

■ Meshael Stewart, 28

■ Paula Dowell-Hurd, 29

Portales

■ Angel Lucero, 33, other jail

■ Jamani McClendon, 20, released by court order

■ Celestino Ruiz, 30, time served

■ Juan Venegas, 45, other jail

* The Curry County Detention Center in Clovis does not disclose the reasons for release in its daily briefings.

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Markets

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Gold: 1,295.01/oz **Silver:** 16.89/oz **Oil:** 59.84/barrel

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AT&T Inc.	39.18	Southwest Airlines Co	65.87
Atmos Energy Corporation	85.59	McDonald's Corporation	173.10
Bank of America Corp	29.80	Merck & Co., Inc.	56.60
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	61.77	Microsoft Corporation	85.72
Citigroup Inc	75.08	Newmont Mining Corp	37.51
Chevron Corporation	125.58	PepsiCo, Inc.	119.35
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	56.35	PNM Resources Inc	40.6
Edison International	63.94	Sears Holdings Corp	3.60
Exxon Mobil Corporation	84.02	Tenneco Inc	59.39
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General Electric Company	17.36	Washington Federal Inc.	34.55
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ship in the aftermath of the Aug. 28 shooting at Clovis-Carver Public Library. Teenager Nathaniel Jouett is accused in the shooting that took the lives of librarians Krissie Carter and Wanda Walters and injured four others.

Lansford called the shooting senseless, while Phelps said the community was in shock.

"You hear about this in other communities," Phelps said, "but not Clovis."

A state crime victims fund paid medical expenses for anybody injured in the shooting, and residents raised more than \$30,000 to take care of unmet needs in the shooting's wake.

The #ClovisStrong hashtag soon emerged, a nod to the #CannonStrong hashtag started by local residents in the wake of a March training accident that claimed the lives of three Cannon Air Force Base personnel.

The city was undergoing another transition by then, as the commission approved Howalt as city manager in August. The former city engineer began again with Clovis in October with a three-year term worth \$152,000 annually. The

salary was bumped to that level because Howalt would also take back many of his engineer duties that were left unfilled when he first left the city in 2015 to become executive director for the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority.

Here are some of the other items tackled by the city in 2017:

■ Commissioners in March approved a hike to the gross receipts tax, making the rate 8.1875 percent. The change is equal to an extra 25 cents per \$200 spent on taxable items. Officials estimated it would generate about \$860,000 annually.

The hike, commissioners said, was to help offset losses from the phasing out of hold harmless — a provision by which the state paid municipalities for the revenue it lost following the 2005 elimination of gross receipts tax collection on food and prescription drugs.

■ City commissioners in September approved pay raises for nearly every employee.

The pay plan, which comes at an annual cost of \$742,000, was the result of a study that created new job classifications and salary ranges for city employees. The plan did not impact officers with the Clovis Police Department, as they collectively bargain with the city.

■ The city said goodbye to a pair of former city commissioners. Six-term commissioner Isidro Garcia died in November at age 87, while Gloria Wicker died in February at 86.

■ The commission approved a new senior center site near the Wellness Center, located inside Hillcrest Park. For years, indications were that a new senior center would utilize the current Parkview Elementary building, designated to go to the city in 2019 when the Clovis Municipal School district had completed a new campus near 14th Street and Schepps Boulevard.

However, a task force created through the Commission on Older Adults found the city had to expend state money before that transition would be complete, or face the risk of losing it.

■ The commission voted 6-2 against an ordinance that would allow residents to have backyard chickens.

Proponents of the ordinance said it boiled down to giving neighborhoods control instead of the city and giving residents a better shot at self-reliance.

Opponents of the measure, who swamped commission members with calls and emails, said they didn't want chickens in their neighborhood.

Roosevelt

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Mexico 206, but most of the vehicles inside survived, according to Skinner.

"They had little scratches here and there, but the building held up good. The boats, most everything is just damaged a little," said Skinner, who added he plans to rebuild the \$250,000 building.

Also in 2017:

■ County commissioners were informed by Sheriff Malin Parker in October that his department could soon be in search of new headquarters.

Parker told the commission in a meeting that the New Mexico attorney general's office sent a letter expressing a desire for the sheriff's office to either renegotiate its lease or relocate the building in favor of a national guard unit (the

building formerly housed a national guard armory).

Parker said his office could move into the Portales Police Department's current facility, but wanted to wait until that agency moved into the former magistrate court building.

"We're all just trying to work as best we can for every situation. We don't have a timeframe yet. There was no timeframe in the letter. We'll wait and see," County Manager Hamilton said.

■ In September, the county was informed by 9th Judicial District Court Chief Judge Drew Tatum that bailiffs would no longer be responsible for security during court hearings in Roosevelt County.

This prompted the county to consider commissioning a security officer (a cost of between \$50,000 and \$55,000 to the county) who would have the power to make arrests and serve war-

rant in the courthouse.

While no decision has been made on the issue, the sheriff's office has since reclassified its three transport officers as court deputies in order to provide security.

■ A pilot program aimed at reducing opiate overdoses among jail inmates was given the go-ahead by commissioners in December.

The program, provided by a \$550,000 statewide grant from the New Mexico Association of Counties, was introduced in an attempt to address a "huge opiate overdose problem and opiate misuse problem" in New Mexico, Roosevelt County Detention Center Administrator Justin Porter said at a December commission meeting.

The program identifies detainees that could potentially overdose on opioids and provides them Naloxone, as well as training in the use of the drug.

Obituaries**Death notices****William Greenwalt**

William Charles "Bill" Greenwalt, 88, of Melrose, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017, at Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born Jan. 11, 1929, in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Information: 575-762-4435

Funerals

Today

Edna Minyen — 2 p.m. (CST) at First Baptist Church, Bovina

Saturday

Jean Norris — Noon at Timpanogos Stake Center in Orem, Utah

Rosa Delaney — 10 a.m. at Grady Baptist Church

Shelley Turner — 1 p.m. at VFW Post 3280, Clovis

Lucyann Bamforth — 3 p.m. at The Chapel, Clovis

William Greenwalt — 11 a.m. at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens

William Charles Greenwalt

January 11, 1929 - December 28, 2017

William Charles "Bill" Greenwalt, 88, of Clovis, NM died Thursday, December 28, 2017, at Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center. Visitation will be held at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Friday, December 29, 2017, at Muffley Funeral Home, 1430 Thornton. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, December 30, 2017, at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens, 1601 E. Llano Estacado, with Bobby Jack Stewart officiating. All of his grandchildren will be honorary pallbearers.

Bill was born January 11, 1929, in Kittanning, PA to Russell Henry Greenwalt and Ruby Eneska Corman Greenwalt. He married Helen Jennette Erick January 1, 1949. Bill loved fishing, traveling, and hunting. He was an avid Nascar fan, his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt.

Survivors include: his children; Jeffery Greenwalt, Buzz (Terri) Greenwalt, Bobby (Terry) Greenwalt, Drooper (Sunnie) Greenwalt, Debbie (Carl) Avery, Teena (Richard) McDonald, and Ellie Marin, 16 grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife; Helen Greenwalt, sister; June, son; Mike Greenwalt, grandson; Coby Greenwalt, and great-grandson; Riley Greenwalt.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home, 575-762-4435, www.muffleyfuneralhome.com

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Feed the cake and eat it, too

There's this week between Christmas and New Year's that just seems to be the strangest sort of time. No matter the work you have to do or the places you have to be, it still seems like time and the world is just a little bit off from the speed that it normally runs.

Out on the farm and over at the ranch, work doesn't stop because it's the season for celebrating, but it still seems to soak up the festive



Audra Brown
◆
Local columnist

spirit.

The family manages to show up at Grandma's for Christmas dinner and most found the time to cook enough food that you can

call it a feast. For a few hours on that holy afternoon, the work isn't on top of everyone's mind and there's nothing but good times and family.

Then, it's time for dessert.

By the time the first round of stuffing wears off, the real world begins to come back too. Kids have calves that need to be checked for sickness and to make sure they didn't step out of the fence onto the road again. Parents have

cattle in the pens that need fed and cows in the pasture that need their water checked too.

Someone's got a pickup that needs a little fixing, and what better time to poll the sandhill mechanics society than when we're all together and have had at least one cup of coffee? That's right. There's not much of a better time or a better mood.

The wheels start turning again before the day gets

dark. A few problems are solved by the joining of experience and bright upstarts alike. The closest things are checked before everyone goes home to bed down. Morning will bring the long runs to the further places and back again.

A holiday isn't much of a break from the daily doings that agriculture requires. But it does bring a rare pause and time for family and good times. There's more time for the next few days,

even as the work doesn't stop, because there are enough leftovers, that the evenings can be spent around the fireplace, instead of fixing food for some or all of us.

For those few days, while the dessert lasts, you might have some cake for yourself while you cake the cows at the ranch.

Audra Brown hasn't had to cook yet. Contact her at: 2e@al-brown.com

Let us be vessels for God's love in 2018

What are your declarations for the new year? Many people call them resolutions, but I say that in each of our minds, many of us will declare that we are going to do things differently for the new year. So what areas of your life do you plan on making a declaration that things will be different?

I declare in my own heart that I will be more attuned to God's will for my life. I know many times he wants to use me but because of personal hangups or time or just plain stubbornness, I refuse to follow the opportunities of service he gives me each day. A good illustration of this is found in a true story about my children.



Judy Brandon
◆
Religion columnist

When Annie, John Scott and Buffy were children, we lived on the edge of town in a newly developed area and there was a large vacant field in front of our house. Many times I would pick up the children from school and come home to find a fire engine and a smaller fire department truck with several firefighters positioned in the field.

The firefighters would be there in place with a hose hooked up to the hydrant on

the corner, the valve open and water shooting out of the hose far into the field. The force of the thrust of water was so powerful and it was just amazing to watch. The children and I would stop, and get out of the car and stand and watch the water shooting some 100 feet over that vacant field down the street from our home.

If there was a little breeze, we could feel a damp mist on our faces from the spray of water. We would watch as the once-dry field became soaked with water that was spewing out of that fire hose.

About that same time I saw an advertisement on TV with one of those 1-800 numbers. It was an advertisement for a little watering

hose that could be connected to the kitchen sink and then taken all over the house to water house plants. It had a little valve on the end so the water could be turned on at the sink, but the valve would stay closed until it came time to water the plant.

I ordered that little hose because I had so many houseplants. It cost \$9.99 and I was so excited when the hose came in the mail. I attached my little hose, and walked all over the house. From the living room to the bedrooms to the bathroom, the little half-inch hose did the job for my houseplants.

Then one day it dawned on me. The same water source was behind the fire hydrant on the corner that spewed out the high-pres-

sured water that shot out over the field and totally drenched it for hundreds of feet. The difference was in the size of the hoses.

What is the spiritual parallel? Some claim they are Christians and profess to love God and are connected to the Source. But because of ungodliness, pride, bitterness and sin in their lives, they suffocate and dampen the spirit.

Consequently, the love of God only dribbles out of them in little amounts, if it does at all.

On the other hand, there are those people who give all that they have. They acknowledge to God that they have frailties and faults but they submit to God. They give every bit of themselves — their attitudes,

feelings, aspirations and hopes and dreams and, as a result, that obedience results in a gushing of the love of God out of their lives and people are touched and the world is a better place because they have lived out the Gospel in their everyday lives.

When Jesus told the people on the side of the mountain, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled," (Matthew 5:6) it might be a commentary on the hoses. We can be filled vessels in 2018 to carry the love of God to all we meet.

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Thank God for shepherds and stargazers

Thank the Lord for shepherds and stargazers.

While muckety-mucks in Rome were trying to figure out new and improved ways to shake even more shekels from the pockets of the subjugated populace and further filch the meager bread of the common man, the highest of kings was pretty much ignoring Rome. The most powerful of all earthly kingdoms was less than nothing compare to his. The true king was dispatching a troop of angelic hosts, any one of



Curtis Shelburne
◆
Religion columnist

whom would be stronger than an assembly of all of Rome's best troops, to appear before shepherds.

Shepherds?

Yes, shepherds.

Minimum wage kinds of folks Caesar would have

completely ignored if he hadn't wanted them on the tax roll.

And isn't that just like the king in whose kingdom the janitor waxing the floor and whistling "Amazing Grace" could easily be a wealthier man and a truly mightier citizen than the CEO scurrying off to attend yet another "success" seminar, completely unaware that the janitor he bumped in the hall has already found success and could teach him where to find it if he'd stop and listen and learn? But he doesn't have

time to stop. Or to learn.

And don't forget the stargazers, the night sky watchers with their faces turned upward focusing on another sort of heavenly host while Rome's bean counters had their noses buried in ledgers, figuring taxable income, gross national product and formulating plans to try to squeeze twice as much work out of tired employees for half as much pay. Bureaucrats never change. You can be sure they were looking for ways to further complicate anything they

could "improve" that had once been simple, and

struggling with such momentous questions as whether shepherds and bakers both had to file the same Form CCLXI-revised or Form CCLXI-EZ would do.

At Bethlehem, God reminds us that almost everything we take for granted about power and prestige, success and status — not to mention "generally accepted accounting principles" — in the kingdoms of men is in God's kingdom beautifully, won-

derfully, delightfully topsy-turvy if not altogether ignored.

As Max Lucado writes, "Were it not for shepherds, there would have been no reception. And were it not for a group of stargazers, there would have been no gifts."

Yes, indeed. Thank God for shepherds and stargazers.

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Sunday

Cirque Ziva
3 p.m., 8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$25
Information: 505-352-7829

Monday

Disney Live! Mickey & Minnie's Doorway to Magic
1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$23-\$53
Information: 432-552-4430

Tuesday

Disney Live! Mickey & Minnie's Doorway to Magic
1 p.m., 4 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$23-\$53
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 6

Bird Walk: Los Luceros Historic Site
6:30 a.m.-noon
Pajarito Environmental Education Center, Los Alamos

Cost: \$24
Information: 505-662-0460

Jan. 7

Colt Ford, Davission Brothers Band
8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$22
Information: 505-764-0249

Jan. 11

Crowder
7 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$21-\$42
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 12

Rob Schneider - An Evening of Lies
8 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$35-\$60
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 13

Laser Spectacular featuring music of Pink Floyd
8 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$32-\$47
Information: 432-552-4430

Ultimate David Bowie Experience
8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$22
Information: 505-352-7829

Jan. 14

Art of Wine - Winter Wonderland glass painting
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Heart of the Desert Winery, Alamogordo

Cost: \$35, reserve a space
Information: 575-434-0035

Jan. 18

Brass Transit
7 p.m.
Flickenger Center, Alamogordo

Tickets: \$18-\$38
Information: 575-437-2202

Gladys Knight

8 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$59-\$89
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 20

Red River Songwriters: Drew Kennedy, Josh Grider, Walt Wilkins, Susan Gibson, Brandy Zdan

6 p.m.
The Liberty, Roswell

Tickets: \$20
Information: 575-627-2121

Jan. 21

Chris Mann
8 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$60
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 23

The Price Is Right Live!
7:30 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$37-\$54
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 25

Portland Cello Project
7 p.m.
Marshall Auditorium, Clovis

Tickets: \$15-\$20
Information: 575-769-4031

Ronnie Milsap - Farewell Tour

7:30 p.m.

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$50-\$70
Information: 432-552-4430

Backcountry Film Festival
7 p.m.
Pajarito Environmental Education Center, Los Alamos

Admission: \$12 advance, \$15 at door

Information: 505-662-0460

Jan. 26

Portland Cello Project
7:30 p.m.
NM Tech Performing Arts Center, Socorro

Tickets: \$10-\$20
Information: 575-835-5688

Penn & Teller

8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$28-\$59
Information: 505-352-7829

Jan. 27

Machine Head
8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$20
Information: 505-764-0249

August Burns Red: The Phantom Anthem Tour

2 p.m.
Ei Rey Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$23-\$40
Information: 505-510-2582

Jan. 28

Classy Glass - Winter Wonderland glass painting
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Heart of the Desert Winery, Alamogordo

Cost: \$35, reserve a space

Information: 575-434-0035

STS9: Mountain Tour, Modern Measure

7 p.m.
Ei Rey Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$27-\$38
Information: 505-510-2582

Jan. 30

STRFKR
7 p.m.
Ei Rey Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$17-\$25
Information: 505-510-2582

Jenness N Friends

7:30 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$37-\$52
Information: 432-552-4430

Full Moon Snowshoe Outing and Potluck Dinner along Canada Bonita Trail

5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Pajarito Environmental Education Center, Los Alamos

Cost: \$5
Information: 505-662-0460

Feb. 1

STOMP
5 p.m. buffet
7 p.m. show
Spencer Theater, Alto

Tickets: \$20 buffet, \$39-\$69

show
Information: 888-818-7872

Feb. 3

Joan Jett and The Blackhearts
8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$40-\$79
Information: 505-352-7829

Dwight Yoakum

8 p.m.
Route 66 Casino, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$40-\$79
Information: 505-352-7829

Feb. 5

Walk the Moon, Company of Thieves
8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$28-\$179
Information: 505-764-0249

Feb. 6

Tonight Alive & Silverstein, Broadside, Picturesque
7 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$18
Information: 505-764-0249

Feb. 8

Golden Dragon Acrobats
7 p.m.
Marshall Auditorium, Clovis

Tickets: \$15-\$20
Information: 575-769-4031

Jerry Seinfeld

7 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$85-\$125
Information: 432-552-4430

Feb. 9

Scaffolding Theatre: 'Five Course Love'
7:30 p.m.
NM Tech Performing Arts Center, Socorro

Tickets: \$8-\$18
Information: 575-835-5688

Golden Dragon Acrobats

7:30 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$25-\$45
Information: 432-552-4430

Jan. 25

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Information: 575-769-4031

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Tickets: \$20
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Feb. 10

Bettman & Halpin

7 p.m.
Flickenger Center, Alamogordo

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Information: 575-437-2202

Jo Koy

7 p.m.
Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland

Tickets: \$32-\$112
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Lil Xan

7 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

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Feb. 11

Classy Glass - Heart to Heart

glass painting
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
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Cost: \$35, reserve a space

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Anthrax, Killswitch

6 p.m.
Ei Rey Theater, Albuquerque

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Feb. 12

The Expendables, Through

the Roots, Pacific Dub

8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Tickets: \$17-\$65
Information: 505-764-0249

Feb. 14

Tribal Seeds, The Original

Wailers, The Expanders

8 p.m.
Sunshine Theater, Albuquerque

Portales community calendar

Clubs/organizations

9 to 5 Club meeting — Third Tuesday each month. Information: 575-356-2132

Bethel Club meeting — 2 p.m. second Tuesday each month. Information: 575-356-4519.

Causey Club meeting — Second Monday of each month. Information: 575-276-4220

Eilda Club meeting — Second Thursday of each month. Information: 575-607-6157

Friendship Club Meeting — 1 p.m. second Wednesday of each month. Information: 575-973-2007

High Plains Breastfeeding Alliance — Weekly play group, location and times vary. Information: Heidi Zamora at 575-763-7964.

Masonic Lodge No. 26 — 7:30 p.m. fourth Monday each month, regular communication, 117 East 3rd Street. All Masons welcome. Information: Vern Newlin 575-626-4408

Mood Elevators fellowship group — 3 p.m. Sunday at Bowl-A-Matic in Fort Sumner, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Meetings subject to change. Information: 575-478-2525.

Peanut Valley Toastmasters — 7 p.m. Thursdays at ENMU broadcast center. Information: Donna Labatt 575-799-3215.

Portales Lions Club — Noon first and third Thursday of each month at Portales Senior Center, Industrial Drive. Information: 575-760-2417

Portales Masonic Lodge No. 26 — 7:30

p.m. every fourth Monday each month, 117 East 3rd Street. All Masons welcome. Information: Vern Newlin 575-626-4408

Portales Traditional Jam — 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Sundays at Wesley Foundation, 1417 S. Ave. K. Old time, bluegrass, Celtic music. All instruments, ages and skills welcome. Information: 575-356-1051.

Promise Keepers — 5:45 a.m. Mark's Grill, 1126 W. First Street. Information: John Pugh 575-799-2000.

Roosevelt County Literacy Council — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at Portales Public Library. Free GED, ABE, ESL and citizenship classes. Volunteers needed. Information: 575-356-8500.

Roosevelt County Association of Educational Retirees — 2 p.m. third Thursday each month at L.C. Cozzens administrative offices, Zia Room. Information: 575-799-9615.

Roosevelt and Curry County Right to Life — Call for time and place. Information: 575-714-0455 or 575-714-0160

Seasoned Prayer Warriors — Noon each Wednesday at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Love the Lord? Non-denominational prayer warriors, Praying for Portales. Information: 575-356-3588.

Starlight Square Dance Club — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Portales Senior Citizens Center, 421 North Industrial. Information: 575-760-1170.

United Daughters of the Confederacy — Noon first Saturday of each month. Information: 575-769-6052.

Women's Community Prayer Alliance

luncheon — 11:45 a.m. third Wednesday each month at Victory Life Coffee House. Information: 575-359-0050.

Education

Blackwater Draw Museum — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: 575-562-2202.

Health

ENMRSH — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday free development screening for infants from birth to 35 months. Call 575-742-9032 in Clovis/Portales, 575-487-2372 in Logan, 575-461-0212 in Tucumcari and 575-472-3111 in Santa Rosa.

HIV/STD testing — By appointment Monday-Friday at Roosevelt County Health Office, 1513 W. Fir Street. Information: 575-356-4453.

Pregnancy and TB Tests — 8 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir. Information: 575-356-6695.

Support groups

AA, Lamplighters group — 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Friday at Church of Christ student center, 207 S. Avenue K. Information: 575-769-6052.

AA, Willow group — 6 p.m. Tuesday book meeting, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday open meeting at Central Christian Church, 1528 S. Main Street. Information: 575-769-6052.

Divorce Care — 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church parlor. Support/recovery for those going through divorce. Information: 575-356-8597.

Grief support — 6 p.m. Mondays at First

AA, Men only group — 6 p.m. Monday at Church of Christ student center, 207 S. Avenue K. Information: 575-769-6052

AA, Twisted Sisters women only group — 6 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 108 S. Avenue F. Information: 575-769-6052

Al-Anon: Serenity Circle — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, 108 South Ave. F. Information: 575-769-6052

Bereavement Group — 1 p.m.-2 p.m. second and fourth Monday each month. Plains Regional Medical Center Home Health/Hospice, 1701 S. Ave. P. Support group for people whose loved ones have died and who would like help coping with grief, loss and living again. Information: Sandy Turner at 575-769-7399.

Brain Injury Support — 6 p.m. Thursdays at Wesley Foundation Building. Contact 575-359-1964 or kraltheresa@msn.com.

Cancer survivors/caregivers support — 5 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Mental Health Resources, 300 East First Street. Information: 850-797-1153

Diabetic Support — 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the auditorium, La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir. Information: 575-356-6695.

Divorce Care — 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church parlor. Support/recovery for those going through divorce. Information: 575-356-8597.

Grief support — 6 p.m. Mondays at First

United Methodist Church. Information: Dr. Keith Wilks at dr.Keithwilks@yahoo.com or 356-8597.

Hope for Hurting Women — 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 1513 S. Roosevelt Rd. 3. Prayer, support and encouragement for women. Information: 575-760-0598.

NA, Milagro Group — 6 p.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Church of God, 1427 E. Amazon. Information: 575-309-7593.

Narcotics Anonymous — 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays at Christian Campus House, 223 South Avenue K. Information: Rick B. at 575-309-7593.

Parents Anonymous — 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 1411 S. Ave. O. Parents can share their questions, concerns, problems and solutions about parenting. Information: Monica Hayes at 575-693-5867.

Seniors

Portales Senior Dance — 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays at Portales Senior Center, 421 N. Industrial Drive. Live band and potluck. \$5. Information: 575-356-8741.

Seniors commodity distribution — 8 a.m.-noon third Wednesday of each month at Los Abuelitos Senior Center. Food distributed to people age 60 and up. Application: 575-356-5056 or at the senior center, 1515 W. Fir Street.

Square dance lessons — 7 p.m. Tuesdays Starlight Swingers offers square dance lessons at the Portales Senior Center, 421 Industrial Drive. Call 575-356-5509 or 575-477-2318.



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In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Proverbs 22:1

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The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.
Proverbs 12:7

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
Proverbs 13:3

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by the words thou shalt be condemned.
Matthew 12:37

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Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:11

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
John 14:27

Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.
Ecclesiastes 4:6

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Charity

Food and clothing — 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Saturdays, Bread of Life Ministries, Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-762-2843.

Lighthouse Mission — 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. clothing give-away, Monday through Friday, 407 L. Casillas Blvd. Information: 575-762-1933.

Curry County Crime Stoppers — Help take a bite out of crime. Cash rewards for anonymous tips. Information: 575-763-7000.

Clubs/organizations

American Legion Unit 25 — 7 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting third Wednesday each month; 7 a.m.-11 a.m. first Saturday each month, \$6 breakfast, open to the public; 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, bingo; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance every Friday, 2400 West Seventh Street. Information: 575-763-5392.

American Legion Post 117 — 5:30 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting first Tuesday each month, 2900 W. Grand Ave. Information: 575-309-5673; 6:30 p.m. bingo at Red Arrow bingo hall, 320 W. 21st Street. Doors open two hours early. Information: 575-763-4030.

AMVETS Post 14 — 6 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting first Tuesdays monthly; 7 p.m. Sons of AMVETS meeting second Tuesdays monthly; 7 p.m. AMVETS meeting third Tuesdays monthly; 5:30 p.m. Riders meeting second Saturdays monthly. All meetings at Post 14, 2010 West Seventh Street. Information: 575-762-9355.

Border Sport Shooters (an IDPA Club) — 5:30 p.m. third Saturday each month at the club range. Call for directions. Information: Joe Stanford 806-777-2217.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Roundtable — 7 p.m. second Thursday each month at Saint James Episcopal Church, 1117 N Main Street. Information: Brian Chambers 575-760-9203.

Boy Scout Troop 226 — 7 p.m. Mondays at Kingswood Methodist Church. Information: Cheryle Csakan 575-760-6048.

Boy Scout Troop 411 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Parkland Baptist Church, 921 Parkland Drive. Information: Calvin Poppen 575-218-4432.

Christian Believers Community

Prayer Brunch — 10 a.m. third Saturday each month. Provides Christian counseling for substance abuse, provides a life coach and information for referrals. Christian Believers Center, Fifth and Main streets. Information: Sister Yancy 575-763-1715.

Clovis Astronomy Club — 7 p.m. second Monday each month at CCC room 145, Third Friday after dark at Ned Houk Park. Annual fee: \$10. Information: 757-846-7509 or Clovis Astronomy Club Facebook page.

Clovis Breastfeeding Support Group — 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month. Plains Regional Medical Center, Cannon Room. Information: 575-219-2359.

Clovis Community Chorus rehearsals

— 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. rehearsals on Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 1501 Sycamore Street. Information: 575-762-0479

Clovis Evening Lions Club — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at K-Bob's Restaurant, 1600 Mabry Drive. Information: Joe Whitehurst 575-760-1379

Clovis Masonic Lodge No. 40 — 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month at the lodge, 3100 Thornton Street, all Masons welcome. Information: Randy Stansell 575-762-4371

Clovis-Portales Community Orchestra rehearsals

— 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church of Portales. Information: Ashleigh Talbert, 575-219-2160.

Clovis-Carver Public Library — 10 a.m. Wednesdays Toddler time; 10 a.m. Thursdays Preschool Story Hour. Information: 575-769-7840.

Clovis Quilters' Club — 1 p.m.-3 p.m. second Monday each month at Trinity Lutheran Church. Open to all quilters, beginners to advanced. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398

Clovis Shrine Club — Noon Mondays at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 1600 Mabry Drive. All Shriners welcome. Information: Jerry Shade 575-762-3781.

'Coffeehouse' open mic night — 7 p.m. second Saturday each month except December at First United Methodist Church. Share your Christian favorites. Information: 575-799-2696

Community Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. An interdenominational Women's Bible study. Open to women of all denominations and Bible knowledge. Central Baptist Church, 2501 N. Norris Street. Children's classes for infant to age 5 and special classes for home schoolers through school year only. Information: 575-760-8565.

Cub Scout Pack 411 — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church, Sycamore. Information: Michelle Bjorklund 248-790-3126.

Curry County Republican Women — 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday each month at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 1600 Mabry Drive. Information: Judy Jennings 575-762-2524 or 575-763-4390

Curry County Health Council — 3 p.m.-4 p.m. every third Thursday each month at Hartley House, 900 N. Main Street. Information: 575-763-6009.

Daughters of the American Revolution — 10 a.m. second Saturday each month September through June. Information or venue: Pam Wallace 575-760-2127 or Nancy Bauder 575-769-3146.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 — 7 p.m. second Wednesday each month at DAV, 220 West Fourth Street. Information: 575-762-5335.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 Bingo — 6:30 p.m. Monday nights at Red Arrow Bingo, Hilltop Plaza. Information: 575-762-5335

Desert Cruzers Car Club cruises — 6:30

p.m. Thursdays, second Tuesdays at various locations. General meeting. Information: Jerry Bailey 575-693-2511. Facebook: Clovis Desert Cruzers. clubs.hemming.com/desertcruzers.

Eastern New Mexico Amateur Radio Club — 9 a.m. third Saturday each month at DAV Hall. Information: www.ka5b.org , Roy Creiglow 575-791-3734.

Eastern Plains Council of Governments Board — 10 a.m. second Wednesday each month at EPCOG office, 418 Main Street, unless otherwise notified. Information: 575-762-7714.

El Desayuno Kiwanis Club — 6:45 a.m. Thursdays at Taqueria Jalisco, 217 West Seventh Street. Information: Allan Isbell, 575-763-6559

or el.desayuno.kiwanis@gmail.com.

Elida Senior Center — 1 p.m. meeting first

Wednesday of each month, board and card games second Wednesday each month, art classes third Wednesday each month, floor games fourth Wednesday of the month. 401 Clark Street, Elida. Information: 575-274-6448.

Elida Senior Center Pancake Breakfast — 8 a.m. second Saturday of each month. 401 Clark Street, Elida. Information: 575-714-4781

Encanto Garden Club — 9:30 a.m. second Wednesday each month at Muffley's Backdoor. Visitors and new members welcome. Information: 575-799-5378.

Fairfield Extension Club — 10 a.m. second and fourth Fridays at Cheyenne Meadows Community Center, Clovis. Information: 575-763-6505

Freedom Foundation — 5:30 p.m. meeting first and third Mondays monthly. All meetings at 913 Mitchell Street. Information: 575-749-3628.

Friends of Bluegrass — 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursdays at Farwell Community Center. Bring your instruments for a picking good time. Information: Tressie Stroud 575-276-8284.

Friendship Rebekah Lodge — 1 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays each month at 405 N. Main St. Information: 575-762-4843.

Girls Circle — 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays at Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-763-7725.

Grady Alpha Extension Club — 1:30 p.m. first Thursday each month at Grady Senior Center. Information: Katy Machechne 575-799-5117.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association — 6:30 p.m. first Saturday each month at Red Lobster. Information: Tom Weingates at 575-762-5445.

High Plains Drifters Motorcycle Club — 8 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. second Thursday each month at various locations. All bikes and non-members welcome. Information: Gary Baker 575-799-1993 for locations.

High Plains Patriots — 7 p.m. last

Thursday each month at Master's Center. Information: Tim Ashley 575-760-5423 or www.highplainspatriots.com

Hil-Plains Toastmasters Club — 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Wheatfields Senior Living

Community, theater room on second floor, 4701 N Prince Street. Speaking and leadership club. Information: Donna Labatt 575-799-3215 or Kevin Wilson 575-760-9616.

Home at Heart Extension Club — 6 p.m. third Tuesday each month at 818 Main Street. Information: Jana Hudson at 575-639-1581

International Defensive Pistol Association — 12:30 p.m. third weekend each month. Shooting in Muleshoe. Map: border-shooters.org. Information: Joe Stamford 806-777-2217.

Joint Veterans Council — 7 p.m. meetings first Wednesdays monthly at various locations. Call for information: 575-749-3628

Just Us Extension Club — 5:30 p.m. second Tuesday each month at First United Methodist, Melrose. Information: Carol Moore 575-714-4781

Llano Estacado Quilt Guild — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. fourth Saturday every other month in May, July, September, November at Trinity Lutheran Church. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398

Martin Luther King Meeting — 6:30 p.m. second Monday each month at Clovis-Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main Street. Information: 575-762-2752 or 575-777-4721

Military Order of the Cooties — 7:30 p.m. first Friday each month at VFW Post 3015, 2815 West Seventh Street. Information: 575-763-6561.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) — 8:45 a.m.-11 a.m. first and third Tuesday at Central Baptist Church. Information: 941-744-7040

Noon Day Kiwanis Club — Noon first and third Thursday each month at various locations. Information: Elaine Williford 749-0231 for locations.

Oddfellows Club — 2 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays each month at 405 N. Main Street. Information: 575-762-4843.

Order of the Eastern Star — 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month at Melrose Masonic Lodge. Information: 575-355-2800.

Pintores Art League — 6:30 p.m. first Thursday each month at CCC Phase V building, room 524. Information: 575-985-2337.

Planning and Zoning Commission — 3 p.m. second Wednesday each month at City Hall. Information: 575-769-7828.

United States Civil Air Patrol Clovis High Plains Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m. every Tuesday at National Guard Armory, 601 S Norris Street. Information: beatie2001@hotmail.com

VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3015 — 7:30 p.m. first Thursday each month at Post 3015. Men and women groups meet at same time. Information: 575-763-6561.

Water Policy Board — 9 a.m. second

Tuesday each month at City Hall. Information: 575-769-7828.

Youth Services Lifeskills Class — 4 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-763-7725.

Education

AARP Smart Driver Safety Program — 8 a.m.-noon. third Tuesdays in January, March, May, September and November at Clovis

Community College, room 101, unless otherwise scheduled. Pre-registration recommended. Fees: \$15 members, \$20 non-members (payable by check only). Register by phone: David Tanner 575-769-1468

CPR and First Aid Classes — 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. third Saturday each month for AHA HeartSaver and BLS classes. Four different classes you can take. Fee includes course book and completion card. Please call for the fees. Information: 575-742-3031 or 575-799-4114.

Clovis Municipal Schools Early Intervention Services — Developmental screenings by referral for children age 2-5 with suspected disabilities at Student Support Center, 1600 Sutter Place. No charge to families. Information: Mayte Flores 575-769-4490.

Eastern Plains Headstart — 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Open enrollment for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Deadline by August. Information: 575-742-3426.

GED classes — 8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Clovis Community College. 8-week classes. Must register. New students must attend orientation. Information: 575-769-4095.

Parenting classes — 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Hartley House, 900 Main Street. Information: 575-762-0050.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training — 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. first and third Fridays at Matt 25 Hope Center, 1200 N. Thornton, Bethesda Room on second floor. Free training, RSVP required. Information: 575-935-8522.

Health services

Birth certificates — 8 a.m.-10 a.m. and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at Health Department. Cost: \$10. Information: 575-763-5583.

ENMRSH, Inc. Early Childhood Services — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 2700 E. 7th Street. Serves Curry, De Baca, Guadalupe, Quay, and Roosevelt counties. Free developmental screenings to children birth to 3 years old. Bilingual staff available. Services are free to all families. Information: 575-742-9032.

Free pregnancy testing — 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Pregnancy Resource Center, 621 North Main Street. Information: 575-935-5433.

Pregnancy tests — 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Women's Medical Center, 2000 West 21st Street. Information: 575-762-8055. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at La Casa Family Health Center, \$15, 1521 West 13th St. Information: 575-769-0888. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$15, La Casa Family Health Center, 1515 W. Fir, Portales. Information: 575-356-6695.

TB follow-up services — Monday-Friday by appointment only at Clovis Health Department. No charge. Information: 575-763-5583.

TB testing — 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at

New Mexico drug overdose death rate drops to 12th

By Katy Barnitz

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

Once home to the nation's highest fatal overdose rate, New Mexico fell to 12th place in 2016 as it was outpaced by Eastern states, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports.

"This is the first time since we've been measuring this that we're out of the top 10, and that's a big deal," said Laura Tomedi, head of the state Department of Health's Substance Abuse Epidemiology Section. "Unfortunately, it's not because our rate decreased; it's because our rate has plateaued while other states have increased."

While New Mexico's rate fell slightly, from 25.3 deaths per 100,000 in 2015 to 25.2 in 2016, the rate in top-ranked West Virginia soared from 41.5 per 100,000 in 2015 to 52 in 2016, according to the CDC.

Nationwide, overdose death rates continued to rise across all age groups and among both men and women in 2016, reaching 19.8 per 100,000, up from 16.3 in 2015

Fast facts

Common drugs involved in drug overdose deaths in New Mexico from 2013 to 2016:

- Prescription opioids: 46 percent
- Heroin: 32 percent
- Benzodiazepines: 24 percent
- Methamphetamine: 21 percent
- Cocaine: 12 percent

Note: In some cases, more than one drug may have been found in the person's system, and therefore the numbers do not add up to 100 percent

and 14.7 in 2014.

New Mexico's latest ranking is down from second place in 2014 and eighth in 2015. From 1999 to 2003 and from 2005 to 2009, New Mexico ranked first in the nation for fatal overdoses. Those rankings do not include the District of Columbia.

New Mexico was among just 10 states in which deadly overdose rates decreased or leveled off from 2015 to 2016, according to the state Department of Health. That is

due in part to an increase in fentanyl overdoses, particularly in Eastern states, the department said.

Overall, the United States had more than 63,600 drug overdose deaths in 2016. New Mexico had 500 of them, and of those, the state Health Department said, nearly half involved prescription opioids.

Lou Duran, prevention specialist with Healing Addiction in our Community, said New Mexico was among the first states hit by the opioid epidemic, so it had a head start in launching programs to fight back.

"What the rest of the country is doing now, we were dealing with five years ago," said Duran, whose nonprofit agency offers substance abuse education.

New Mexico has increased access to naloxone, or Narcan, a drug used to reverse opioid overdoses. Duran estimated the drug is saving the lives of hundreds of New Mexicans each year.

"Without Narcan, they would have just been another number to add to the death toll," she said.

Tomedi said the state Health Department encourages friends

and family of those who use opioids, as well as the users themselves, to have naloxone on hand in case of an emergency.

In a news release announcing the improved rank, the Health Department touted other efforts to prevent drug overdoses. Those include:

■ Expanding methadone clinics, along with the number of such clinics that accept Medicaid.

■ Encouraging use of a database that keeps track of the controlled substances prescribed to patients so that those struggling with addiction can't seek multiple prescriptions from multiple providers.

■ Requiring law enforcement agencies to provide officers with naloxone.

Tomedi said the new, lower ranking is welcome news, but there's still work to be done.

"While that's still something to celebrate, and I think that all the good work the state has been doing contributes to that, I definitely don't think we should rest on our laurels," she said. "We kind of have to keep pushing at it."

SOUTHWEST ROUNDUP

Family sues police over civil rights

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Public Safety is being sued by a Grants family who claims officers used excessive force while searching for an escaped prisoner.

Lawyer Adam Flores is representing the family. He tells the Santa Fe New Mexican that his clients were victims of a massive, misguided show of police power.

The lawsuit was filed last week in state district court. It claims officers entered the subdivision where Rueben Olveda was hosting a barbecue in celebration of his 21st birthday in June.

The complaint states the people in Olveda's home were ordered outside while officers pointed guns at them. They were handcuffed while the home was ransacked.

The agency declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Police finally recaptured the prisoner several days later. He had no connection to the family.

Sophia, Noah are top baby names

SANTA FE — Sophia has overtaken Mia as the top name for baby girls in New Mexico, and Noah is the favorite for boys.

The New Mexico Department of Health released the list of top baby names Thursday. The list is compiled by the agency's vital records and health statistics bureau based on birth certificates submitted to the state.

The Health Department has been releasing the top 10 list since 2014.

For 2017, Olivia, Isabella and Emma rounded out the top five for girls. Aurora and Charlotte also made their debuts in the top 10 while Aria returned to the list after dropping off in 2016.

Aside from Noah, the top names for boys in 2017 included Santiago, Elijah, Ezekiel and Josiah.

Big rig crash spills avocados

FORRESTON, Texas — About 40,000 pounds of avocados spilled across a major interstate in Central Texas when the big rig hauling them crashed and caught fire.

WFAA-TV reports that the spill in Forreston, Texas, Thursday snarled traffic and diverted drivers, closing Interstate 35E for three hours. The 18-wheeler went up in flames.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has not released the cause of the incident or the condition of the driver.

Police identify Roswell body

ROSWELL — Authorities are investigating the death of a woman whose body was found along a street on the north side of Roswell.

The woman has been identified as 39-year-old Marlena Guzman. An autopsy will be performed by the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque to determine the cause of death.

Police spokesman Todd Wildermuth says officers were called to the scene after a passer-by discovered the body about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

There was no identification found on the body, but Guzman's identity was later confirmed by her family. They told police they had not seen or heard from her since before Christmas Eve.

Wildermuth said investigators are treating the death as suspicious.

— Wire reports

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — An annual report suggests that several charter schools in Texas have some of the state's largest class sizes.

The Texas Education Agency report said most of the state's roughly 8,700 public schools had about

22 students per teacher during the 2016-2017 school year.

More than half the schools averaging at least 30 students per classroom were charter schools. Charters only make up about 7 percent of Texas public schools, the Dallas Morning News reported.

Charters usually run

independently from traditional school districts and don't have to follow many state regulations, such as caps on class size.

Officials with the Texas Charter Schools Association said many charters use teacher aides, which can skew class-size averages. They also said larger class sizes are a

result of growing demand for charters.

"Many public charter schools have not been able to expand quickly enough to enroll all who seek to attend them," the association said in a statement.

Education advocates have said that smaller class sizes significantly affect how well students learn.

But Tom Torkelson, who founded IDEA Public Schools, a nonprofit that operates charter schools, including 10 of the 34 charters with the largest average first-grade class

sizes, said he doesn't think classroom size matters as much as teacher quality.

"I think if traditional school districts fired the bottom 20 percent of teachers and put more kids with the higher-performing 80 percent of teachers, you'd see a dramatic change in academics," Torkelson said. "I know that's not a popular opinion. But focusing on classroom size rather than teacher quality is a failed policy that actually drives down student performance."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: KINDNESS IS ALWAYS FASHIONABLE, AND ALWAYS WELCOME.

— AMELIA BARR

HOROSCOPES

Friday, Dec. 29, 2017

Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As the seconds tick by today, you'll grow more concerned about something you're going to have to face at day's end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You needn't hide your excitement about a coming event — especially one that is so important to you personally. Timely action is required.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Though someone may have made something of a mess of a situation of which he was in charge, you'll have the chance today to set it all right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — How you deliver the news to a loved one today will be one of the most important decisions you make. Consider all possible reactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A family member is concerned about your current situation, but doesn't want to intrude. He or she can be included today, however.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll find a certain gravitational pull to be virtually irresistible today — and it will surely bring you closer to a certain someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are coming up with all sorts of reasons why something recently happened the way it did, but you're overlooking the most likely — and obvious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are not in the mood to deal with the same old problems — but escape is not possible right now. You must deal with them head-on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you consider novel is actually old news to someone else. He or she is able to influence your point of view in a positive manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — This is no time for you to insist on having your way, as that is only likely to increase tensions between you and a certain someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Progress is measured in small increments today, but it's still progress. Focus more on what has been done than on what remains undone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — An apology may be in order, but you can rest assured that no one is going to fault you for something that was virtually unavoidable.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



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Cotton Bowl smells like Roses

□ Pac-12 champion, Big Ten winner more used to battling in Pasadena.

By Stephen Hawkins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Coach Urban Meyer could have easily stoked a debate about expanding the four-team College Football Playoff after his Buckeyes were the first team left out this season.

Instead, he focused — as much as he could — on the Cotton Bowl matchup Friday night against Southern California, another conference champion.

"We're on the outside looking in twice. We're in the playoff twice, and twice we're right on the edge of not being in it. If they extended the playoff ... but I don't see that happening," Meyer said Thursday. "College football is just hitting on all cylinders right now, so I don't know how much I'd change."

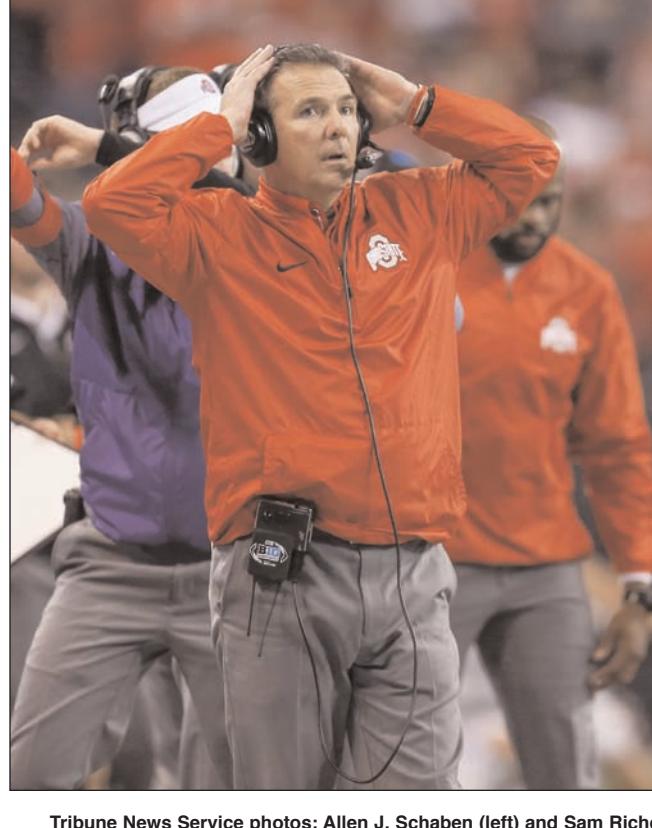
The Big Ten-winning Buckeyes won the first championship in the four-team CFP era three years ago. That game was at AT&T Stadium, where Ohio State (11-2) returns tonight to play Pac-12 champion and No. 8 Southern California (11-2) in the second Cotton Bowl for both teams.

USC coach Clay Helton mostly agreed with Meyer after initially deferring to Ohio State's coach with CFP experience to first answer the question posed about if it was time to consider an eight-team playoff.

"The playoff system has been great for our game," Helton said. "You're talking about two teams that were in that controversy and in that discussion right down to the end, and have the ability to have this game against two really premier teams in the country. That's what you focus on."

Had the Rose Bowl not been a CFP semifinal this season, the Trojans and Buckeyes almost certainly would have been spending this week in Pasadena, California. The Rose Bowl traditionally hosts the Big Ten and Pac-12 champions, but this year will host Oklahoma and Georgia for a bid in the Jan. 8 title game.

Instead, the two powerhouse programs with more than 1,700 wins combined meet in another traditional bowl. The



Tribune News Service photos: Allen J. Schaben (left) and Sam Riche Quarterback Sam Darnold, left, will lead USC against Ohio State, coached by Urban Meyer, right, in tonight's Cotton Bowl, a matchup of schools usually found in the Rose Bowl.

Cotton Bowl is being played for the 82nd time, the ninth since moving from its namesake stadium to the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

This is the eighth time Ohio State and USC have played in a bowl game. The first seven were all in the Rose Bowl, the last coming 33 years ago.

"This is just a classic, classic matchup on every level," Helton said, mentioning the schools, teams and bands. "I think it's great for college football for this to be able to happen."

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Lady 'Cats coast

By Peter Stein
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CLOVIS — Though it took a little while for the Clovis girls basketball team to find its rhythm Thursday, once the Lady Wildcats did so, they were off and running.

They coasted to a 60-10 victory over Rio Grande on the opening night of the Plateau Holiday Tournament at Rock Staubus Gymnasium.

Clovis didn't score until 1:40 had gone by in the game, finally getting on the board with Kaydee Weaver's



Staff photo: Jamie Cushman

Clovis senior Teya Morris drives to the hoop against Rio Grande sophomore Nadine Valdez in the first quarter of the Wildcat's 60-10 win Thursday in the Plateau Holiday Tournament at Rock Staubus Gymnasium.

short turnaround hoop. But, the floodgates were officially open, and Clovis posted a not-too-surprising win over hard-working but struggling Rio Grande, advancing to tonight's second round

against Farmington. Tip-off time is 5:50 p.m.

The Lady Wildcats scored the first eight points Thursday, taking charge after the slow start. With Clovis leading 2-0 by virtue of Weaver's hoop, a Rio Grande miss was followed by a Weaver defensive rebound, leading to a possession that ended with her hitting an inside basket under tough defensive pressure.

Teya Morris had the assist.

Baskets from Madison Tolbert and Antanishwa Molett doubled the Wildcats' lead to 8-0.

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ENMU players honored

□ Two 'Hounds named Preseason All-Americans.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

PORTALES — As Eastern New Mexico's 2017 baseball campaign draws near, two Greyhounds are already receiving hype before the season begins. Middle

infielders Alex de la Cruz and Endy Villalona were named to Collegiate

Newspaper's Preseason All-American Team.

De la Cruz, a second baseman, set a program record last year with 65 runs scored in 2016. He also posted the second-highest single-season batting average in team history (.441).

ENMU on Page 3B

'17 was good for Roosevelt County sports

By Eric Murray
STAFF WRITER

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PORTEALES — The Residents of Roosevelt County have become accustomed to prep athletic success over the years, including in recent memory. Once again, the county proved to be one of the most competitive in the state, thanks to a strong 2017 showing that crowned state champions in Portales and Elida, while others came up just shy of winning championships.

Portales had already notched one state title in the 2016-17 school year when the football team took the 4A crown. However, this past spring, coach Dusty Nusser's Rams gave the school another cause for celebration, as his squad finished 24-7 and took the NMAA's 4A baseball crown.

The Rams clobbered Ruidoso in the quarterfinals, 14-4, before taking down St. Michael's, 4-3, in the semifinal. Portales then carried that momentum into the title game

against Hope Christian at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, in which the Rams won 8-4, to finish the season with 13 wins in 14 games.

Prior to that feat, the boys and girls basketball teams looked to make runs at titles of their own. The boys finished 25-5, but came up just shy at The Pit in Albuquerque, falling to Hope Christian in the 4A final, 58-46.

The girls, meanwhile, had to reload in '16-17, and experienced some early growing pains, which ultimately led to an 11-loss season. However, despite youth and inexperience, Wade Fraze's team still managed to make a run to the 4A semifinals, before bowing to — not surprisingly, Hope Christian, 55-40.

In the fall, meanwhile, Jaime Ramirez' team was seeking a championship repeat in football. After an early season loss at St. Michael's, his Rams got on a roll, carrying a seven-game winning streak into their semifinal showdown at Robertson — whom they beat in the 4A championship game in 2016.

However, the Cardinals got their revenge this time around, 20-14.

In Elida, meanwhile, the girls basketball team made seven a truly lucky number. For the seventh-consecutive year, the Tigers were the girls basketball 1A champs, matching the volleyball team's equal success.

Elida won six in a row to end the year, and capped-off a 26-6 campaign with a 49-38 win over arch-rival Melrose in the championship game, 49-38. Speaking of Melrose, the Buffaloes were also responsible for some heartbreak for the Tigers in 2017.

Elida volleyball sought an eighth-straight title this past fall, only to have their dreams crushed by Melrose. The Tigers had taken three out of four previous matchups between the two in 2017, including the district championship game. But, when push came to shove, the Buffaloes rose to the occasion in the 1A title game in Rio Rancho, sweeping the Tigers in three sets, avenging their 2016 title game defeat.

Area Scoreboard (All Times Mountain)

Thursday/Today

Prep basketball

Girls

Clovis 60, Rio Grande 10

Stratford 71, Portales 55

Boys

Portales 69, Sundown 49

Borger at Clovis, n.

Today

Prep basketball

Girls

Dora at Elida, 4:30 p.m.

Today

Grady at Springer, 5 p.m.

Clovis in Plateau Holiday Tournament

Portales in Littlefield Tournament

Boys

Portales vs. Albany St. Teachers Coll., 3 p.m.

Dora at Elida, 6 p.m.

Grady at Springer, 6:30 p.m.

Clovis in Grierer and Sons Classic

Saturday/Tuesday

College basketball

Women

Lubbock Christian at ENMU, 2 p.m.

Men

ENMU at Lubbock Christian, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Prep basketball

Girls

Lubbock Coronado at Clovis, 6:30 p.m.

Portales at Artesia, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys

Portales at Goddard, 5:30 p.m.

College basketball

Women

Western New Mexico at ENMU, 5:30 p.m.

Men

Western New Mexico at ENMU, 7:30 p.m.

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In brief**Larry Fitzgerald mum on future**

TEMPE, Ariz.— Larry Fitzgerald might well be the most popular athlete in the history of the state of Arizona. The wide receiver's resume is packed with Hall of Fame-caliber statistics accumulated over 14 seasons with the Cardinals team that drafted him third overall in 2004. Add to that his easy-going personality combined with a remarkable durability — he's missed six games of his 224 since joining the league — and off-the-field contributions.

A year ago, Fitzgerald and the Giants' Eli Manning shared the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award.

And impressively, at age 34, he's still playing at a high level, all while staying mum on whether he will return for another season.

Last week, he said he would take some time off when the season ends to figure it out.

His uncertainty matches big questions with other Cardinals, including whether coach Bruce Arians will stick around for a sixth season, and whether quarterback Carson Palmer will be back with a mended broken arm at age 38.

Fitzgerald found it pointless to speculate.

"What happens after Sunday moving forward, none of us can control that on Thursday," he said. "We just need to focus on the things that we can control."

Johnny 'Canadian' Football?

TORONTO — The Canadian Football League said Thursday it would approve a contract for quarterback Johnny Manziel if one is reached with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who have the former Heisman Trophy winner on their negotiation list.

The team has 10 days to make an offer to the 25-year-old Manziel, who would remain on the list for another year even if he rejects the bid.

The league in September said it would not approve a contract for Manziel until next season and only if he met certain conditions stipulated by Commissioner Randy Ambrosie. The former Texas A&M star played two tumultuous seasons in the NFL until the Cleveland Browns released him in March 2016 amid a number of off-field issues.

Hamilton (6-12) finished third in the East Division last year and missed the playoffs. The team said it appreciated the league's "diligence" and Manziel "for thus far demonstrating the attributes necessary to continue his career in our great league."

— Wire reports

NFL Standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE											Div	
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
East	y-N. England	12	3	0	.800	432	290	5-2-0	7-1-0	9-2-0	3-1-0	4-1-0
Buffalo	8	7	0	.533	280	343	6-2-0	2-5-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	2-3-0	
Miami	6	9	0	.400	265	371	4-3-0	2-6-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0	.333	292	356	4-4-0	1-6-0	5-6-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	
South	y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	407	253	6-2-0	4-3-0	9-2-0	1-3-0	4-1-0
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	319	346	5-2-0	3-5-0	7-4-0	1-3-0	4-1-0	
Houston	4	11	0	.267	325	414	3-5-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0	
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	241	391	2-5-0	1-7-0	2-9-0	1-3-0	1-4-0	
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	378	284	5-2-0	7-1-0	9-2-0	3-1-0	5-0-0	
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	388	315	6-2-0	3-4-0	7-4-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	259	322	4-4-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	
Cleveland	0	15	0	.000	210	382	0-8-0	0-7-0	0-11-0	0-4-0	0-5-0	
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	388	315	6-2-0	3-4-0	7-4-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	325	262	4-3-0	4-4-0	5-6-0	3-1-0	2-3-0	
Oakland	6	9	0	.400	291	343	4-4-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	
Denver	5	10	0	.333	265	355	4-3-0	1-7-0	4-7-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div	
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y-Philila.	13	2	0	.867	457	289	7-0-0	6-2-0	10-1	3-1-0	5-0-0	
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	348	332	3-5-0	5-2-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	
Washington	7	8	0	.467	332	370	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	1-4-0	
N.Y. Giants	2	13	0	.133	228	378	1-6-0	1-7-0	0-11-0	2-2-0	0-5-0	
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div	
x-N. Orleans	11	4	0	.733	424	295	7-1-0	4-3-0	8-3-0	3-1-0	4-1-0	
x-Carolina	11	4	0	.733	353	305	6-2-0	5-2-0	7-4-0	4-0-0	3-2-0	
Atlanta	9	6	0	.600	331	305	4-3-0	5-3-0	8-3-0	1-3-0	3-2-0	
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	304	358	3-4-0	1-7-0	2-9-0	2-2-0	0-5-0	
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div	
y-Minnesota	12	3	0	.800	359	242	6-1-0	6-2-0	9-2-0	3-1-0	4-1-0	
Detroit	8	7	0	.533	375	365	3-4-0	5-3-0	7-4-0	1-3-0	4-1-0	
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	309	349	4-4-0	3-4-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	2-3-0	
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	254	297	3-5-0	2-5-0	10-0	4-0-0	0-5-0	
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div	
y-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	465	295	4-3-0	7-1-0	7-4-0	4-0-0	4-1-0	
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	342	306	4-3-0	5-3-0	7-4-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	269	337	5-3-0	2-5-0	4-7-0	3-1-0	2-3-0	
San Francisco	5	10	0	.333	297	370	3-5-0	2-5-0	2-9-0	3-1-0	0-5-0	

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at New England, 11 a.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 11 a.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 11 a.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 2:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 2:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 2:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 2:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 2:25 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 2:25 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 2:25 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 2:25 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 2:25 p.m.

Portales basketball teams split tournament openers

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

LITTLEFIELD, Texas — The Rams boys basketball team scored 60 points in the final three quarters of their win over Sundown, 69-49, in the first round of the Littlefield Wildcat Classic on Thursday morning.

Portales (5-3) trailed 13-4 in the early going, and were held to just nine points at the end of the first period. "We were getting really good shots in the first quarter — whole first half, really," Rams coach Rickie McBroom explained.

"But, we weren't making them. The difference in the second half is that we started making those shots." Another big difference for the Rams was holding the Roughnecks' (0-2) offense in check beyond the first period.

Ab Bocanegra scored 20 points on the day, but most of those came early. According to McBroom, Bocanegra scored 13 of Sundown's first 16 points, before the Rams switched into a zone defense, which limited the Roughnecks, a team that typically sees more man defense.

The rest of the Sundown squad was held to seven points or less, and as a team, the Roughnecks scored just 18 points after halftime. As for Portales, Braden Bridges lit up the scoreboard with 27 points, including 14th in the fourth quarter alone.

"In the second half, we changed to our zone defense, which allowed (Braden) to be up top when we rebounded," McBroom said. "It allowed him to get the ball deep, as Sundown posted him up and he managed to get a lot of shots under the basket in the second half."

Bridges, a countless number of other Rams

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stepped up on Thursday, as Vince Gardner had 12 of Portales' 53 rebounds, while Tyrese Dawson filled up the stat sheet with nine boards, eight assists and five blocks.

For McBroom, seeing so many of his players contribute was key to taking down the Roughnecks. "The good thing about today is that we had a number of kids contribute in a number of ways," McBroom said.

"The kids battled back and it was a great team win." The Rams will now advanced to today's winner's bracket semifinal against Levelland (5-2), played at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). Should Portales win, it will play in the title game Saturday night at 6:30.

As for the Rams girls (9-2), things didn't go as well for them on Thursday in Littlefield. Stratford (13-4) knocked down 10 3-pointer's and built a double-digit lead by halftime, en route to a 71-56 win over Portales.

"No. 1, I think they're good, and nobody shoots like they shoot," Rams coach Wade Fraze said of the Elks. "None of those girls play volleyball — they play basketball all year long, and it shows. We weren't finding our man in transition defense. They've got good passers, great shooters and while they're not real deep, their top three are tough."

While Portales had an early 7-6 lead, that quickly evaporated as Stratford hit four of their 10 3's in the first quarter to break the game open. Stratford led by six after one period and carried a 36-23 lead into the half.

The Elks' big three proved to be lethal, as Audrain scored 30 points, Burr had 19 and James added 14 of her own. As for Portales, Zamorye Cox scored 24 points, while Taylee Rippee had 21 points and eight rebounds.

The Rams will now play Friona in today's loser's bracket semifinal at 8 a.m. MT.

Football

College bowl glance

Saturday, Dec. 16

Celebration Bowl

At Atlanta

NC A&T 21, Grambling State 14

Gettleman is Giants' new GM

□ Former Panthers exec will be only fourth Giants general manager since '79.

By Tom Canavan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants have hired former Carolina Panthers executive Dave Gettleman as their general manager.

The Giants (2-13) announced the hiring of the 66-year-old Gettleman on Thursday and planned to introduce him at a news conference today.

Gettleman has a history with the Giants. He spent 15 seasons with the franchise before becoming Carolina's general manager from 2013-2016, a span in which the Panthers played in the Super Bowl after the 2015 season. Though the Panthers missed the playoffs in 2016, finishing last in the NFC South, Gettleman was initially retained by the team, but was fired in July, reportedly due to his handling of some of the players.

Gettleman will be the Giants' fourth general manager since 1979, following George Young, Ernie Accorsi and Jerry Reese, who held the job for 11 seasons before he was dismissed on Dec. 4 along with coach Ben McAdoo.

"Given where we are as a team, we thought it was important to bring in someone with experience as a general manager and a proven track record," co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch said in a statement. "Dave's experience is unparalleled. He did an outstanding job as general manager in Carolina, and he was vital to our success during his tenure here. Dave is going to bring his own approach to our organization in how we draft and acquire players through free agency."

Gettleman's first job will be to hire a

coach. Interim coach and defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, who replaced McAdoo, has been promised an interview.

It would not be surprising for him to interview Panthers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks, whose unit has played a big part in helping Carolina (11-4) fight for the NFC South title with New Orleans heading into the final week of the regular season.

The Giants interviewed four men for the job: interim general manager Kevin Abrams, the assistant G.M. for 16 years; Giants vice president of player evaluation Marc Ross; and former NFL personnel executive and current ESPN analyst Louis Riddick.

Gettleman interviewed on Dec. 20 with Mara, Tisch and former general manager Ernie Accorsi, who consulted in the hiring process.

Gettleman originally joined the Giants in the spring of 1998 as then-pro personnel director Tim Rooney's assistant. He was promoted to pro personnel director the following year upon Rooney's retirement. Gettleman stayed in the position 13 years, traveling to scout the Giants' upcoming opponents and gathering information on every NFL player. He became the team's senior pro personnel analyst in 2012 and went to the Panthers the following season.

In his four seasons, Carolina was 40-23-1 and won three consecutive NFC South titles. In 2015, Gettleman was chosen The Sporting News' NFL Executive of the Year after the Panthers finished with an NFL-best 15-1 record and advanced to Super Bowl 50.

Gettleman has been a part of seven Super Bowl teams, including three winners. He was with Buffalo in 1990 and 1991; Denver in 1997; the Giants in 2000, 2007 and 2011; and the Panthers in 2015. The Broncos and the 2007 and 2011 Giants won the championship. Gettleman has been associated with 16 playoff teams in his 30-year NFL career.



Charlotte Observer: David T. Foster III

Then-Carolina Panthers general manager Dave Gettleman speaks at the team's end-of-season press conference on January 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Gettleman, who was fired by the Panthers in July, was hired as the New York Giants' general manager on Thursday.

Cowboys' Bryant mulls struggles, nixes pay cut

□ Star receiver looks back on tough season for Super Bowl-minded team.

By Schuyler Dixon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRISCO, Texas — Dez Bryant didn't seem sure how to respond when asked if he would be willing to take a pay cut after perhaps the most difficult season of the Dallas receiver's career.

Once the 2014 All-Pro came to his senses, he was emphatic.

"Hell no, man," Bryant said Wednesday, three days after the Cowboys were eliminated from playoff contention with a loss to Seattle. "I believe in me."

Bryant opened up in his first lengthy session with reporters in weeks, taking responsibility for a subpar season by saying he let frustrations affect him during games. But he also said some of those frustrations were rooted in the offensive scheme, which he said he would probably address with owner Jerry Jones and coaches in the offseason.

The eighth-year pro also blamed some of his struggles on knee tendinitis, something that hadn't been revealed. Bryant was listed on the injury report for three weeks earlier in the season, including one week when he missed two practices when an ankle injury also was listed.

But Bryant didn't miss any games, and is on the verge of going all 16 without a 100-yard outing for the first time in his career unless he sits for a meaningless finale Sunday at Philadelphia. In his second season in 2011, Bryant didn't reach 100 yards in 15 games, missing one for injury.

"I consider myself a warrior," Bryant said. "If I can walk, I can move, I'm going to go out there and try to play. That's probably dumb, but hey, that's just who I am. I love this game, and I try to push it, but for the most part, yeah, I have been pretty banged up."

Injuries are part of the reason Bryant hasn't lived up to the \$70 million, five-year contract he signed after his All-Pro season. He had career lows across the board in 2015 because of foot and ankle issues that kept him out of seven games.

A knee injury knocked him out of three games last year, but he was productive otherwise and capped the season with 132

yards and two touchdowns in the top-seeded Cowboys' playoff loss to Green Bay.

Overall, though, the numbers are sobering for a player due to make \$12.5 million with a salary cap hit of \$16.5 million in 2018.

In the three years before the big contract, Bryant averaged 91 catches, 1,312 yards and 14 touchdowns per season. With a game he might not play remaining, the averages in the three years since are 49 catches, 671 yards and six TDs.

"I'm a grown man, and I should be able to sit there and have my frustrations in check, regardless of whatever the situation might be," Bryant said. "All I know is if my mind's not cluttered, I can beat whoever, whenever, anybody at any time. It's just sometimes I let certain things get to me that I shouldn't."

Offensive coordinator Scott Linehan brushed off Bryant's comments about the scheme, saying it's the same one Dallas used on a franchise-record 11-game winning streak last season during the sensational rookie years for quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott.

"That whole word 'frustration,' that's what everybody's focus is on if you don't win," Linehan said. "The system hasn't changed and there's no difference. When you don't win, people aren't in as good a mood, I guess."

Bryant has by far the most targets on the team with 124, but has connected with Prescott just 53 percent of the time (66 catches). Again, Bryant pointed to the staff, which didn't seem to bother coach Jason Garrett.

"There's been a number of those that have been very positive for us this year and there are other times it hasn't been as good," Garrett said. "You always look at the things you're asking players to do, how you're asking them to do it, when you're asking them to do it, how you're preparing for them to do it. You can always do it better."

The Cowboys could save \$12.5 million in cap room by designating Bryant as a post-June 1 cut. While Bryant dismissed as "dumb" a question about whether he wanted to remain with Dallas, he didn't ignore the idea of ending up elsewhere.

"If that came about, I'm still Dez Bryant," he said. "I'm still going over the top. If it's there where I can grab it, I'm going to grab it. That's just who I am."

Bryant hasn't been that guy nearly as often in the past three seasons.

junior, he ranked fourth in the nation in batting average.

Villalona, a shortstop, batted .383 with 12 extra-base hits in 2016. As a junior, he led the nation in fielding percentage. He also committed

just three errors in 153 defensive opportunities.

The Greyhound baseball team will open the 2018 season on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Dallas Christian Tournament.

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pen and to happen right here in the Cotton Bowl."

A few things to know about the first Cotton Bowl in 31 years to match conference champions:

DARNOLD DECISION

This is could be the final game at USC for third-year sophomore quarterback Sam Darnold, an expected top NFL pick who hasn't said yet if he will return to the Trojans or declare for the draft. He has until Jan. 15 to decide. The All-Pac-12 QB has thrown for

single-season top ten lists including, slugging (third), on-base percentage (second), hits (fourth), doubles (T-10th), total bases (sixth), stolen bases (sixth), stolen base attempts (seventh). As a

6,873 yards with 57 touchdowns and 21 interceptions in his two seasons.

LONE STAR RUNNERS

Both teams have 1,000-yard rushers from Texas: USC junior Ronald Jones (1,486 yards, 18 TDs) from the Dallas suburb of McKinney and Ohio State true freshman J.K. Dobbins (1,364 yards, seven TDs). The 6-foot, 200-pound Jones has seen him play but doesn't know Dobbins, the 5-10, 208-pounder from La Grange, which is between Austin and Houston.

"He looks like he's from

Texas. He's definitely a hard runner, he's going to have a bright future," Jones said

before making a bulking-up motion. "He's just built. ... He's been eating good. I should have gotten on his diet back when I was a freshman."

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Clovis

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A high-arcing shot by Briyanna Rodriguez put Rio Grande on the board, and a basket from Yiselle Garcia brought the Lady Ravens to within 8-4, as they tried to make a game of it.

Clovis, however, scored 35 straight points, a staggering run that began quietly enough with a Morris free throw and ended in the third quarter with Sydni Hill's runner in the lane, making it 43-4.

In between, there was some intense play. Late in the first quarter and Clovis up 12-4, Tolbert's glasses started coming off her nose as she

battled for a rebound. Rio Grande was called for a foul on the play, and on the ensuing Wildcat possession, Tolbert scored off a Hill dish.

On the Ravens' next possession, Hill came up with a steal and drove for a hoop, stretching Clovis' lead to 16-4 to complete the first-quarter scoring.

The second-quarter scoring also ended with a crackle, as Annabelle Martinez canned a three-pointer, stretching a 36-4 lead to 39-4.

Clovis continued rolling, all the way to tonight's second-round game against Farmington.



Staff photos: Jamie Cushman

Above: Clovis freshman Mikyla Harkley fights through a pair of defenders, including Rio Grande junior Kershawna Maryboy, right, during the Wildcats 60-10 win Thursday night. **Below:** Clovis junior Brittni Chavez puts up a shot as time expires in the first quarter as teammate Madison Tolbert, center, and Rio Grande sophomore Briyanna Rodriguez look on.



Cold snap highlights higher energy costs

By Dabid Sharp
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORLTAND, Maine — Plunging temperatures across half the country on Thursday underscored a stark reality for low-income Americans who rely on heating aid: Their dollars aren't going to go as far this winter because of rising energy costs.

Forecasters warned people to be wary of hypothermia and frostbite from an arctic blast that's gripping a large swath from the Midwest to the Northeast, where the temperature, without the wind chill factored in, dipped to minus 32 (minus 35 Celsius) on Thursday morning in Watertown, New York, and set a record for the day of minus 34 (minus 37 Celsius) atop the Northeast's highest peak, Mount Washington, in New Hampshire.

Even before the cold snap, the Department of Energy projected that heating costs were going to track upward this winter, and many people are keeping a wary eye on their fuel tanks to ensure they don't run out.

Elizabeth Parker, 88, of Sanford, Maine, said she lives in fear of running out of fuel and remains vigilant in monitoring the gauge outside her trailer, just in case, especially during cold weather. She said she is allowed

to request a fuel delivery thanks to federal aid, but only when her gauge dips to one-eighth of a tank.

"I couldn't get along without it," said Parker, who lives with her 93-year-old husband, Robert Parker, along with a cat, a dog and four birds.

Prolonged, dangerous cold weather this week has sent advocates for the homeless scrambling to get people off the streets and to bring in extra beds for them. Frozen pipes and dead car batteries added to the misery across the region.

In western New York and Erie, Pennsylvania, residents were still cleaning up from massive snowfall. Firefighters had to use a bucket loader to rescue someone trapped in her home in Lorraine, New York.

In Ohio, a third body was recovered near a car that slid off an icy road and flipped into a canal days earlier in Oregon, near the Lake Erie shoreline.

Despite the cold, there was some good news for recipients of federal aid from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. President Donald Trump released nearly \$3 billion, or 90 percent, of the funding in October after previously trying to eliminate the program.

But projected energy cost

increases will effectively reduce the purchasing power by \$330 million, making it imperative that the remaining funding be released, said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association.

This winter, energy costs were projected to grow by 12 percent for natural gas, 17 percent for home heating oil, 18 percent for propane and 8 percent for electricity, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

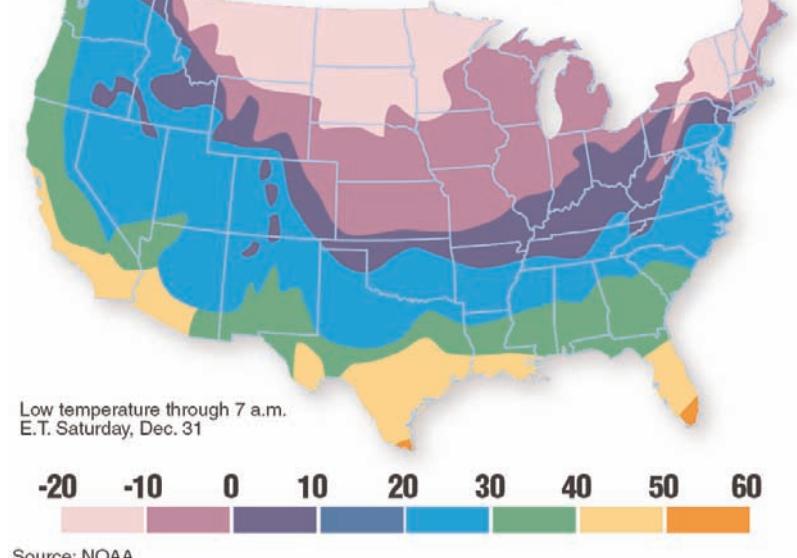
But energy prices this winter may even be higher than those projections. According to Wolfe, colder weather could lead to even higher levels of consumption, and resulting prices could push the cost of winter heating up to \$1,800 this winter for those using heating oil, 45 percent more than last year's level.

The cold air is lingering with more arctic air sweeping into the region, reaching as far south as Texas and the Florida Panhandle through the weekend.

In northern New England, the region is experiencing one of the longest, most intense cold snaps on record. At Mount Washington, where the previous cold record was minus 31 (minus 35 Celsius), set in 1933, the observatory posted a Facebook video showing

Bitter cold for New Year's Eve

This year will close with frigid temps across the northeast. A cold air pattern from the Canadian arctic is creating a gripping cold that will last into next week, and New Year's Eve may see record-setting low temperatures. Below is the low temperature forecast for Saturday morning.



Source: NOAA
Graphic: Tribune News Service

the teens (minus 11 Celsius to minus 7 Celsius) when the ball drops on New Year's Eve in New York City.

It was so cold officials in New Jersey canceled a New Year's Day polar bear plunge, in which swimmers dash into the Atlantic Ocean.

Democrat Jones officially declared winner

By Kim Chandler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Democrat Doug Jones' historic victory over Republican Roy Moore was declared official Thursday as Alabama election officials certified him the winner of the special Senate election, despite Moore's last-minute lawsuit claiming voter fraud.

Jones defeated Moore on Dec. 12 by 21,924 votes in a stunning victory in a traditionally red state, becoming the first Alabama Democrat elected to the Senate victory in a quarter-century. The win came after Moore, best known for stands against gay marriage and the public display of the Ten Commandments, was dogged by accusations of sexual misconduct involving teenage girls that occurred decades ago.

Jones said in a statement that he looked forward to

going to work for the people of Alabama in the new year.

"As I said on election night, our victory marks a new chapter for our state and the nation," he said. "I will be an independent voice and work to find common ground with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get Washington back on track and fight to make our country a better place for all."

Jones will be sworn in on Jan. 3, narrowing the GOP's advantage in the U.S. Senate to 51-49. He takes over the seat previously held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

In a brief meeting Thursday at the Alabama Capitol, the governor, attorney general and secretary of state signed paperwork certifying the final ballot numbers. It was a quiet punctuation mark to a tumultuous election marked by the misconduct accusations and Moore's

eleventh-hour legal fight.

Moore had refused to concede his loss to Jones and filed a last-ditch lawsuit hours before the certification, saying he believed there were voting irregularities that should be investigated. A judge denied his request to stop the election certification. Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill said his office has so far found no evidence of fraud.

In a brief statement, Moore stood by his claims that the election was fraudulent and said he had to fight Democrats and over \$50 million in opposition spending from the Washington establishment. He said he had no regrets.

"I have stood for the truth about God and the Constitution for the people of Alabama," he said.

On election night, Moore had pegged his hopes on votes from military serviceman and provisional ballots. The official

numbers certified Thursday showed that Jones slightly expanded his lead over Moore. Jones had a lead of 20,715 in the unofficial returns and was ahead 21,924 in the certified result. In all, more than 1.3 million people voted in the special election, including 22,850 write-in votes.

Jones is a former U.S. attorney best known for prosecuting two Ku Klux Klansmen responsible for Birmingham's infamous 1963 church bombing.

As he launched his campaign, he said he saw an opening for a rare Democratic win against Moore, a polarizing figure in the state. Moore was a twice removed from the position of chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. Once was for defying a federal court order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state judicial building. And he was

permanently suspended last year for urging probate judges to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples in defiance of federal court rulings.

Moore's campaign was deeply wounded by the sexual misconduct accusations. Moore denied the accusations and said in the lawsuit that he had passed a polygraph test to prove they are false.

Moore's attorney wrote in the wide-ranging complaint that he believed there were irregularities during the election, including that voters may have been brought in from other states. He attached a statement from a poll worker that she had noticed licenses from Georgia and North Carolina as people signed in to vote.

The complaint also noted the higher-than-expected turnout in the race, particularly in Jefferson County.

"This is not a

Republican or Democrat issue as election integrity should matter to everyone," Moore said in a statement Wednesday.

Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor at the University of California, Irvine, said Moore's complaint did not raise the sort of issues that lead courts to overturn an election. He said Moore's complaint might just be a way for him to fundraise and throw "red meat to his loyal supporters."

Merrill said Moore has a few options left, such as offering to pay for a recount within 48 hours.

"I can say this. I don't think there is any doubt from the minds of anybody that's in the room that if there was ever a question about whether Alabama conducts honest, fair election safe and secure elections, that question has been eliminated," Merrill said.

Academia faces MeToo movement

By Maria Danilova
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — WASHINGTON — When Celeste Kidd was a graduate student of neuroscience at the University of Rochester she says a professor supervising her made her life unbearable by stalking her, making demeaning comments about her weight and talking about sex.

Ten years on and now a professor of neuroscience at the university, Kidd is taking

legal action. She has filed a federal lawsuit against the school alleging that it mishandled its sexual harassment investigation into the professor's actions and then retaliated against her and her colleagues for reporting the misconduct.

"We are trying to bring transparency to a system that is corrupt," Kidd told The Associated Press.

Academia — like Hollywood, the media and Congress — is facing its own (hash)MeToo movement over

allegations of sexual misconduct. Brett Sokolow, who heads an association of sexual harassment investigators on campuses, estimates that the number of reported complaints has risen by about 10 percent since the accusations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein surfaced in early October, spurring more women to speak out against harassment in various fields.

The increase is mostly from women complaining of harassment by faculty members who are their superiors.

But the Trump administration has viewed the issue of sexual harassment on campus in a different light. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has scrapped Obama-era regulations on investigating sexual assault, arguing that they were skewed in favor of the accuser. New instructions allow universities to require higher standards of evidence when handling such complaints.

A forthcoming study of nearly 300 such cases in the Utah Law Review found that one in 10 female graduate students at major research uni-

versities reports being sexually harassed by a faculty member. And in more than half of those cases, the alleged perpetrator is a repeat offender, according to the study.

"Often schools might turn a blind eye toward sexual harassment that they know about or have heard about because a professor is bringing in a big grant or is adding to the stature of the university," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center.

The Education Department did not respond to a request for comment.

Activists say young women pursuing graduate studies are especially vulnerable to sexual misconduct because they depend heavily on their academic adviser to complete their degrees, pursue research in their field of study and get recommendations for future jobs. Reporting misconduct could endanger an academic career. And besides damaging the women's mental health and well-being, sexual harassment can chase some of them out of academia altogether.

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In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, James Joyce's first novel, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," was first published in book form in New York after being serialized in London.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas (the marriage lasted until Gorme's death in 2013).

In 1967, Hyundai Motor Co. was founded in Seoul (soh-l), South Korea.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people (it's never been determined who was responsible).

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died in Sussex, England, at age 92.

In 1992, David and Sharon Schoo of St. Charles, Illinois, were arrested at O'Hare International Airport upon their return from a Mexican vacation for leaving their 4- and 9-year-old daughters at home, alone. (The Schoos pleaded guilty to child neglect and were sentenced to probation; the children were put up for adoption.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Inga Swenson is 85. Actress Barbara Steele is 80. Actor Jon Voight is 79. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 76. Actor Ted Danson is 70. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 66. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 58. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 58. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 52. Actor Jason Gould is 51. Movie director Lilly Wachowski is 50. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 48. Actor Patrick Fischler is 48. Actor Kevin Weisman is 47. Actor Jude Law is 45. Actress Maria Dizzia is 43. Actor Mekhi Phifer (mih-KY'FEE-fur) is 43. Actress Katherine Moennig is 40. Actor Diego Luna is 38. Actress Alison Brie is 35. Actor Iain de Caestecker is 30. Actress Jane Levy is 28.

Thought for Today: "The wise man must be wise before, not after." — Epicurus (eh-pih-KAHR-muhs), Sicilian Greek comic poet.

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Hold your fire on New Year's Eve

By Linda Robertson
MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI — What goes up must come down. That includes confetti — and bullets.

Each year as New Year's Eve approaches, police chiefs and community leaders warn the public about the basic law of physics and the annual misguided tradition of shooting guns in the air. Each year, people don't listen and engage in celebratory gunfire that causes property damage, injury and even death.

Alcohol, stupidity and irresponsibility are a dangerous mix, said Miami-Dade Police spokesman Det. Alvaro Zabaleta.

"It's a crime, and you can kill someone," he said. "You're talking charges of careless discharge of a firearm and reckless endangerment. Have the foresight to lock your arms away on New Year's Eve. You're having a party and now you've got a drunk guy with a gun in his hands. It's a horrible formula for a terrible tragedy."

Police are calling on people to use common sense on Sunday night through their "One Bullet Kills the Party" campaign, while the Rev. Jerome Starling pleaded for "No More Stray Bullets" at the Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday.

"We ask you not to fire your weapons because you don't know where that bullet is going to land and an innocent person could be hit," said Starling, whose 5-year-old niece, Rickia Isaac, was struck and killed 20 years ago as she walked home from a parade.

Shooting guns should not be as intrinsic to the holiday as popping champagne bottles. But the custom of pointing a gun toward the



Dreamstime: Gary Lewis

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sky and firing — also known as aerial firing and happy fire — is practiced throughout the world on special occasions, holidays and weddings.

In 2003, at least 20 people were killed in Iraq by celebratory gunfire following the deaths of Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay, and in 2007 four people were killed in Baghdad following a major soccer victory.

In 2003, there were reports of wedding guests accidentally shooting down a small airplane in Belgrade, Serbia. In 2005, a woman was shot in the eye and killed when a bullet came through the window of her fifth-floor apartment in Queens, New York. A random bullet pierced a police helicopter in Riverside, Calif., in 1994 and hit the pilot's foot. In Texas, where

police promote New Year's Eve safety with such slogans as "You spray, you pay!" and "This ain't the Wild West, partner," a state congressman was shot in the head and wounded and another man was shot in the head and killed in the past two years.

"It's part of the culture in some places where the sound of the gun replicates the noise of fireworks," said Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Lt. Felipe Lay. "Nobody intends harm, but they just don't realize that the bullet will come down. And it's illegal. These incidents are 100 percent preventable."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied the tradition in Puerto Rico and found that two people die and 25 are injured on a typical New Year's Eve. Most injuries

are to the head, feet or shoulders.

"When fired into the air, bullets can return to the ground at speeds greater than 200 feet per second, a sufficient force to penetrate the human skull," and bullets fired at an angle other than vertical are more dangerous because they travel at velocities much higher than a bullet in free fall, the report said.

In South Florida most recently, a man was grazed in the shoulder in 2013. In 2007, Corey Baker, a father of five, was killed in Miami when a bullet hit the top of his head, and Audley Banks, 69, was killed in Plantation when a bullet from an assault rifle penetrated his shoulder and lodged in his heart. In 2009, a little boy named Andrea Fregonese was hit and wounded in the stomach by a falling bullet as he and his family ate New Year's Eve dinner in the Design District; they were on vacation from Italy. In 2008, an 11-year-old boy was shot to death in Opa-locka when a family friend fired rounds in celebration, including one into an old sofa by a dumpster — not knowing that the boy was hiding under it.

"We're not good old boys whooping it up in the country like I was as a kid back in rural Georgia when we could shoot in the woods because there were no houses around us," Starling said. "This is a city with lots of potential victims. When I owned restaurants in Overtown, I'd hear hundreds of rounds fired into the air on New Year's Eve. I've had numerous people tell me about bullets hitting their

car, their windows, their roof, their sidewalk.

"We're shooting up the night. For young males, it's a strong sense of proving they've got a weapon. But that's not manly. That's showboating. We've got too many guns and too many people who don't care about life."

Starling used to spend New Year's Eve riding with neighborhood police and issuing warnings. Now he's likely to be inside his church "where you can hear bullets firing like crazy."

Around midnight is a dangerous time to be outside.

"I've worked the holiday and whether I'm on the truck or at the station, I'll seek cover," Lay said. "We tell everybody to be mindful of the loud, sharp sound and if in doubt, seek cover. Somebody always gets hit."

"I don't go out on New Year's Eve because that's when the amateurs go out. I prefer to stay in and have a chill time than risk dealing with people drinking and doing drugs."

Zabaleta said he expects Sunday night will be another busy end of the year for 911 operators. He advises people to put their guns in a secure place.

"I was on call last year and it wasn't too crazy, but we're in a melting pot here and people stick to their customs," he said. "The parties, the loud music, the car crashes from drinking and driving. Then you've got gunplay with intoxicated people hurting each other. I don't like to be on the street because there are too many careless people looking for trouble. I tend to stay put."

Make a safe party and transportation plan, Zabaleta said.

"Yes, have fun," he said. "But let's have an uneventful New Year's Eve."



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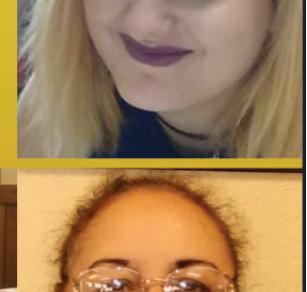
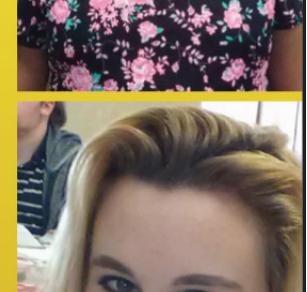
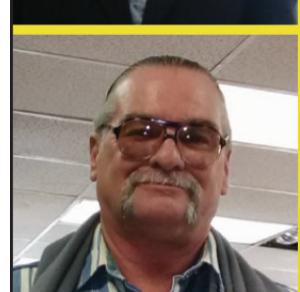
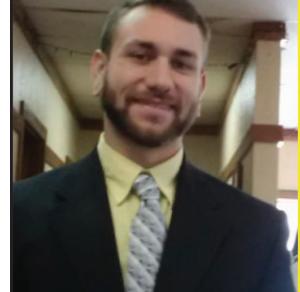
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GAME & APP REVIEW



Youtube for kids app tries to keep young eyes safe | Stylized action game packs a magical fairy tale for teens

kiddZtube | Safe YouTube Kids

Curated videos and quizzes keep mature content out of the mix

By Christy Matte,
Common Sense Media



Parents need to know that kiddZtube | Safe YouTube Kids is a curated selection of videos in the categories of songs, learning, cartoons, and stories. The videos are paired with interactive quiz questions for semi-interactive viewing. The app is geared at kids younger than 9. Some icons in the quiz sections aren't labeled at all, so it could be tricky for kids to figure out what they represent. Upgrading from the free version gives access to more features, like creating a list of favorites, but parents can't control what's in the general categories. The parent area (blocked by a double-digit addition parent gate) has controls for the maximum use time per day, the categories of video available, and the types of quizzes kids will see. There's also an area that shows what type of videos kids are watching and how they've done on the quizzes so far. Teachers can also create curated videos with quizzes attached.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

kiddZtube | Safe YouTube Kids is a curated selection of videos from YouTube. Parents create a profile for their kids with a nickname and a birth date, as well as the parent's email address. In the paid version, they create a "Favorites" list of curated content, select what type of videos kids can access, what type of quizzes kids will see, and how much time kids can watch each day. Once that's complete, kids have free access to videos in the content areas their parents have selected. There's no way for kids to search or browse; they can touch the "heart" to like a video and save it to their favorites, and they can skip to the next video, but those are the only choices. The videos will have some familiar content, such as Disney movies and Sesame Street clips, as well as lesser-known and downright obscure options. Parents can see what types of videos their kids have been watching, as well as how kids have done on the quizzes.

IS IT ANY GOOD?

The idea of following up video content with an interactive quiz is a clever one with lots of potential, but there are some glitches. In terms of functionality, there were some issues with the app freezing or kids getting stuck in a video and not being able to skip ahead. And while the idea of having a short quiz after the videos is great, they'll often be too easy for most kids in the target range, but too complex for little ones. Also, the inability for kids to choose by age, browse, or search means that it's only going to have appeal for a small subset of little ones who

are ready for Disney movie songs, but still interested in Pocoyo and Elmo. Quality aside, it's helpful to have a truly filtered collection of content for kids (YouTube Kids has had reports of inappropriate content getting through) and kiddZtube | Safe YouTube Kids does so without including any overt advertising in the mix.

APP DETAILS

Devices: iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android
Price: \$4.99 (free "Lite" version is also available)
Release date: 10/10/17 | Publisher: Magikbee
Category: Entertainment | Size: 12.30 MB
Software Requirements: iOS 8.0 and up; Android 4.1 and up.

Rating: Recommended for ages 4 and older

Quality	● ● ● ● ●
Educational value	● ● ● ● ●
Ease of play	● ● ● ● ●
Violence / language / sexy stuff	● ● ● ● ●
Consumerism	● ● ● ● ●

Okami HD

Stunning, intoxicating adventure feels like a painting come to life

By Jeff Haynes,
Common Sense Media



Parents need to know that "Okami HD" is an adventure game set in a fictional Japan. The game has stunningly beautiful scenery and original gameplay. While this action game has lots of fighting, the presentation is essentially bloodless. Some enemies get chopped in half, but most are turned into flowers when they die. The game is cartoonish in appearance, but has some crude humor including references to breasts and sexual innuendo. Some characters smoke, and sake drinking is a big factor of some story elements, as well as providing powers to the main character. The story includes themes of duty and modesty, as well as selfless sacrifice and fighting against evil.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

"Okami HD" tells the tale of a mystical white wolf that protects the people of Nippon (a fantasy version of Japan) from evil. At its core, the game is a solid third-person adventure, with dozens of characters to meet, treasures to find, vast landscapes to explore, and plenty of baddies to fight. As players roam the game's magical landscape, they learn "brush techniques" that give them god-like powers — activating these powers freezes the game and causes a giant ink brush to descend over the scene. Players can then paint and change the game world: Night can be turned to day by drawing a sun in the sky, or walls can be destroyed by painting a firework bomb over them. The newest version features HD visuals for the PS4, Xbox One, and PC installments, as well as the ability to use the PlayStation Move controller to control your ink brush.



IS IT ANY GOOD?

This game is a magical, intoxicating adventure that beautifully captures the essence of fairy tales and Japanese mythology in game form. "Okami HD" is an incredible game, with an engaging story and gameplay that's supported by its eye-popping graphics. The visuals are the most immediately striking feature of the game, and seem like a Japanese ink print or watercolor come to life with its mix of bold outlines and subtle, refined brush strokes. This is reinforced as you move through the world as Amaterasu, causing flowers and grass to spring up in her wake. Clearing out sections of demons or reclaiming territory for nature rejuvenates an area with a Spring-like flourish that's beautifully captured in bright floral prints and tones. On top of this, the use of the "Celestial Brush" as a gameplay mechanic to do things like changing the time of day, blasting through walls, or repelling incoming strikes, makes you feel like an artist making specific changes to this visually distinct world.

On top of that, the characters are engaging. Whether it's the "annoyances" of Issun, the bug-like travel companion, the Cowardly Lion-like nature of Sasano the "hero," or the steady, calm presence of Amaterasu that gains respect from everyone she meets, it's virtually impossible to find a sour note with the characters. Some of the content (like the focus on some female character models behinds and cleavage) and some jokes feel a bit childish or tone deaf, especially with the recent release that's 11 years after the original title, but these are minor issues. The same can be said about the environmental textures and double images that provide a blurry visual, especially when the camera is tracking you as you run from one area to another. That being said, these problems are secondary to an amazing story, a visually impressive game, and a title that should appeal to virtually all ages. You can't go wrong with this one.

GAME DETAILS

Platforms: PS2, PS4, Windows, Xbox One
Price: \$19.99 | Developer: Capcom
Release date: 12/12/17 | Genre: Action/Adventure
ESRB rating: T for blood and gore, suggestive themes, use of tobacco and / or use of alcohol, fantasy violence, crude humor. Recommended for ages 13 and older

Quality	● ● ● ● ●
Positive messages	● ● ● ● ●
Violence	● ●
Sexy stuff	● ● ●
Language	● ● ● ● ●
Drinking / drugs / smoking	● ● ● ● ●

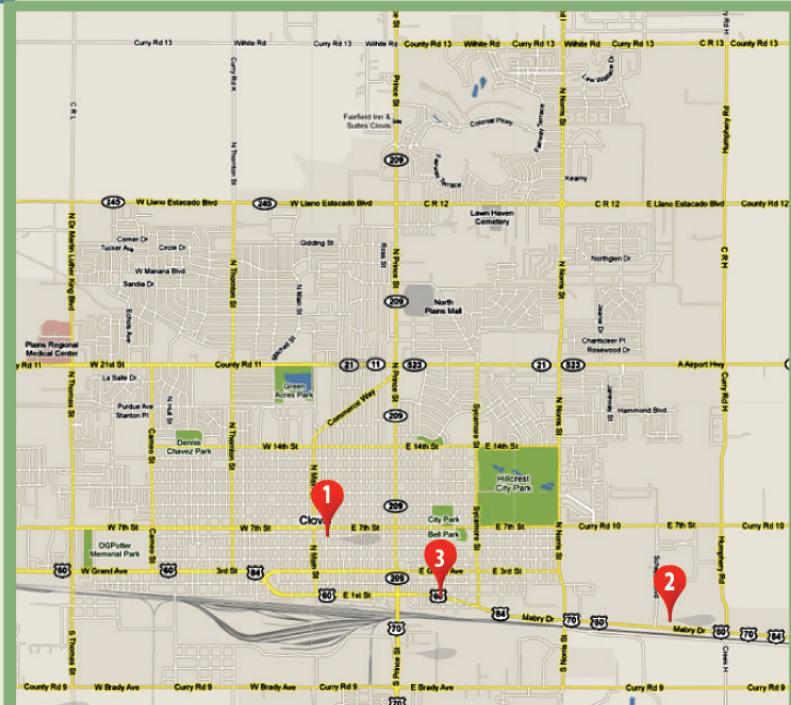
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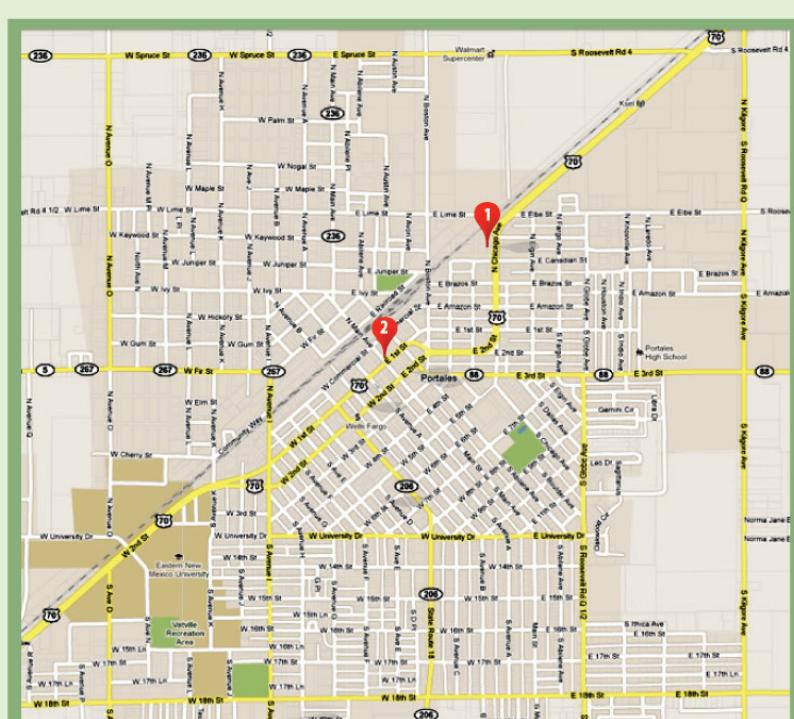
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LEGAL 67308
December 29, 2017

EASTERN NEW
MEXICO WATER
UTILITY AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
OF RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in Resolution No. 2017-19, duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority on December 21, 2017. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours in the office of the Secretary, at 809 Parkland, Suite A, Clovis, New Mexico.

The title of the Resolution is:

EASTERN NEW
MEXICO WATER
UTILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION
NO. 2017-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WATER PROJECT FUND LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW

LEGALS

MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (FINANCE AUTHORITY) AND THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY (THE BORROWER/GRANTEE), AND JOINED BY ITS MEMBERS, THE COMMUNITIES OF CLOVIS, ELIDA, GRADY, PORTALES AND TEXICO AND CURRY COUNTY, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,541,569, EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE TO UTILIZE THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SUB-PHASE OF THE INTERIM GROUND-WATER PIPELINE PROJECT BEGINNING AT THE PROPOSED WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND EXTENDING TO THE COMMUNITIES OF CLOVIS AND PORTALES AND TO CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.

A general summary of the subject matter of the Resolution is contained in its title. This notice constitutes compliance with NMSA 1978, § 6-14-6, as amended. 4475235.-docx

LEGAL 67309
December 29, 2017

EASTERN NEW
MEXICO WATER
UTILITY AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
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Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in Resolution No. 2017-20, duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority on December 21, 2017. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours in the office of the Secretary, at 809 Parkland, Suite A, Clovis, New Mexico.

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WITH OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER/GRANTEE, IS SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.

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EASTERN NEW
MEXICO WATER
UTILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO.
2017-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WATER PROJECT FUND LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (FINANCE AUTHORITY) AND THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY (THE BORROWER/GRANTEE), AND JOINED BY ITS MEMBERS, THE COMMUNITIES OF CLOVIS, ELIDA, GRADY, PORTALES AND TEXICO AND CURRY COUNTY, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,673,873, EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE TO UTILIZE THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SUB-PHASE OF THE INTERIM GROUND-WATER PIPELINE PROJECT INCLUDING

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE FINISHED 33 INCH WATER TRANSMISSION LINE AND 16 INCH WATER SUPPLY PIPE, AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE AND PAYMENT OF THE LOAN AMOUNT AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SOLELY FROM NET SYSTEM REVENUES OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE; CERTIFYING THAT THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER/GRANTEE, IS SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.

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