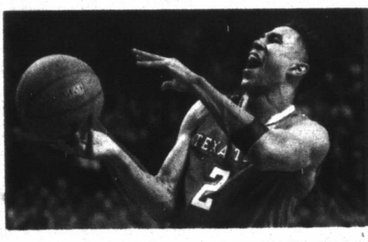
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RED RAIDERS TOP 'HORNS

The 10th-ranked Texas Tech men's basketball team improves to 18-4 after its overtime win over the University of Texas.

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Oil production hits 10 million barrels per day

From staff reports

While analysts had predicted U.S. crude oil production would hit the 10 million-barrel-per-day mark sometime in this year, it turns out the milestone already has been reached.

The nation produced 10.038 million barrels of oil per day in November, according to the Energy Information Administration's monthly production data report released Wednesday — 48 years to the month since the U.S. last reached 10 million barrels per day.

In November 1970, the U.S. produced 10.044 million barrels of crude per day, the highest amount recorded by the EIA. A month earlier, production was at 10.013 million barrels per day.

The U.S. has only crossed the 10 million-barrel threshold three times.

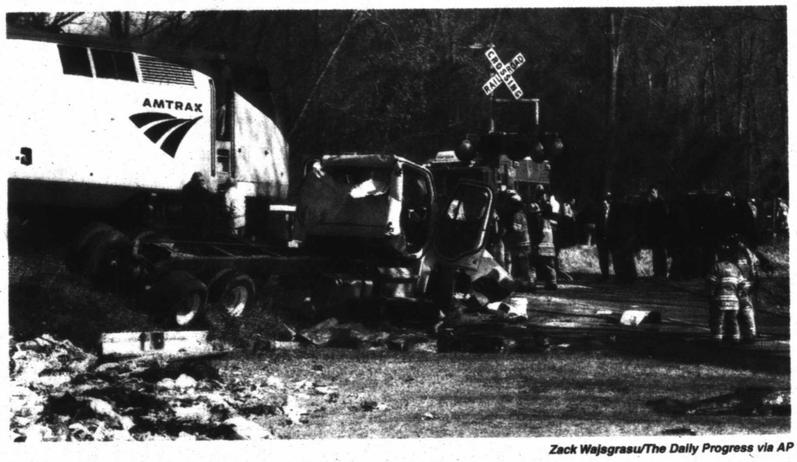
The lowest daily production total from November 1970 to November 2017 was 3.971 million barrels per day in September 2008.

Nearly 40 percent of all oil produced in November 2017 came from Texas, which recorded 3.891 million barrels per day.

New Mexico produced 528,000 barrels

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VIRGINIA TRAIN CRASH



Zack Wajsgrasu/The Daily Progress via AP

A chartered train carrying dozens of Republican lawmakers to a retreat in West Virginia on Wednesday struck a garbage truck south of Charlottesville, Virginia. No one on the train was injured. One person in the truck was killed and two others were injured.

Conaway OK after train crash

From staff reports

An Amtrak train carrying Republican members of Congress hit a truck Wednesday, leaving one person dead, according to wire reports.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, was on the train but was OK, the congressman's spokeswoman told the Reporter-Telegram.

More info

For more on the Amtrak train crash

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"I am fortunate to be unharmed, but there were some injuries and one fatality," Conaway said in a statement.

"My prayers are with those injured for a speedy recovery, and my heart breaks for the family and friends of the truck driver who passed away."

Lawmakers were on their way to the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, for a retreat.

The train struck a garbage truck near Charlottesville, Virginia, the Associated Press reported.

Eggs are in short supply at some stores

■ Post-holiday promotions, increased consumption are among factors leading to decreased supply

By Trevor Hawes
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If you've been to the H-E-B on Andrews Highway and made your way to the egg department recently, you're probably wondering what's up with this staple food.

H-E-B says it is having trouble keeping eggs in stock because of "market conditions," according to a sign hanging on the case. Spokesperson Julie Bedingfield told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday that supplies are tight nationally because of an increase in demand but that the stores are receiving shipments every day.

The Reporter-Telegram reached out Wednesday to Brian Moscoguiri, an Urner Barry market analyst covering the egg and egg product industry, for his insights. Urner Barry is a market information company that focuses on red meat, poultry, seafood and eggs.

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Chris DeAnda seeks 238th district court seat

Editor's note: This profile is the second about a 238th Judicial District Court candidate. Profiles about other candidates in contested judge races have appeared in previous editions.

By Simone Jasper
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Attorney Chris DeAnda has filed as a Republican candidate for the 238th Judicial District Court. DeAnda, 44, said he has long desired to run for judge and is familiar with the 238th courtroom.

"It feels like home," DeAnda said. "That courtroom, that's where I started off when I was a felony prosecutor at the DA's office."



DeAnda

DeAnda worked for Midland County before starting his own law firm nearly three years ago. He said he was raised with a sense of giving back to his community.

"I served in the military; I served as a prosecutor," DeAnda said. "Besides the time I've been in private practice … all I know is service."

DeAnda is challenging Judge Elizabeth Byer Leonard, who has served on the 238th Judicial District Court bench since 2012.

Candidates

See a roundup of February candidate forums

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Since then, the Midland County Mental Health Court has been established to provide assistance to offenders who have mental illness. DeAnda has envisioned changes to the court, including additional mental health care providers to serve participants.

"That's something that needs to continue, but we need to bring in more people to help out that have more financial resources," he said. "It costs a lot of money, and there needs to be more money brought to that."

DeAnda is a Lubbock native and has lived in Midland for five years. He earned undergraduate and law degrees from Texas Tech University. He is active at St. Ann's Catholic Church and.

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Chaps preview
The Midland College baseball team begins its season this weekend. Read more in Sports

Word of the Day: lugubrious
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries



Anthony Lorenzo Garcia

Anthony Lorenzo Garcia, 37, passed away peacefully at his home on January 29, 2018. He was born April 12, 1980 in Midland, Texas to Manuel and Socorro Garcia.

He was a loving, caring, humorous, outgoing individual whose life was cut short. His hobbies was listening to music and caring for his roosters.

Anthony is survived by his parents, Manuel and Socorro Garcia; his twin brother, Lionel Garcia, Sr.; and by his sisters, Daisy and Abby Garcia.

Although Anthony had no children of his own, he was an amazing uncle to his nieces and nephews - Alexis Garcia, Lionel Garcia, Jr., Xcebier Villada, Nadia Garcia, Analei Garcia, Damian Garcia, and Adalia Garcia. He also leaves behind numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Abelardo and Oralia Baeza; grandfather, Ricardo Garcia; uncle, Filiberto Baeza; and aunts, Carmen Garcia, Gloria Garcia, and Maria Elena Garcia.

Viewing will be Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral mass has been set for Friday, February 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church with Father Patrick Akpanobong officiating.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2508 N. Big Spring Midland, TX (432) 682-7700



C.O. Ted Collins, Jr.

C.O. Ted Collins, Jr. was born on May 26, 1938 in Fort Worth, Texas to Clyde Otto "Ted" Collins and Victoria Madden Collins. Ted had fond memories of growing up on Tremont Street in Fort Worth with his older sister, Patricia.

Ted's father was a successful oil man and wildcatter - he is famed for having taken the first lease ever recorded in Lea County, New Mexico - and Ted was eager to follow in his father's footsteps. After graduating from Arlington Heights High School, he pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering, graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 1959.

Ted started his career in the business as a Petroleum Engineer with Pan American Petroleum, where he was stationed in West Texas. At 26, he struck out on his own as an independent, buying and trading leases and prospects with several partners. Just a few years later, he and a few partners created American Quasar Petroleum Company, which at one point was the largest publicly traded drilling fund in the country.

In 1982, Ted left American Quasar to become President of HNG Oil Company which would later merge into and ultimately become Enron Oil and Gas, now known as EOG Resources.

In 1988, Ted partnered with an old friend with whom he had worked at America Quasar, Herb Ware, to start Collins and Ware. Collins and Ware was one of the first companies to use 3D seismic technology as an exploration tool, which helped them find a number of new discoveries including Fusselman/Ellenburger zones. Herb and Ted ultimately operated numerous wells in multiple basins, including the Permian and Williston Basins.

Ted then turned his attention to new partnerships and ventures, and it was during this time that he started truly earning the moniker, "Ten Percent Ted," for his entrepreneurial pursuit of oil and gas deals and willingness to quickly make decisions and partner with a number of people and companies. One of the first new investments was an early lease play in Montana that became what we now know as the Bakken.

Ted was among the first to sell Continental Resources leases in the play, and today they are one of the largest operators in the region. Ted also partnered with his old Fort Worth friend, George Young, to form Collins and Young, LLC. Together they had great fun building a sizable position in the Barnett Shale, ultimately making several sales alongside their partners Chief Oil & Gas. He then went on to help create, with his partner Mike Wallace, what ultimately became RSP Permian, now a public company chaired by his close friend Mike Grimm. He also invested with a number of good friends in different ventures, including Cortez Resources, Crown Oil Partners, Double Eagle Development, Echo Energy, OGP Energy, Patriot Resources, Rubicon Oil and Gas, and Silverback Exploration. He served on a number of Boards over the years including most recently RSP Permian, Energy Transfer Partners, Oasis Petroleum, and Kimbell Royalty Partners.

Ted was fortunate to have many wonderful partners and was always humble despite his many successes. He was known to repeat the old saying, *"Have you ever seen a turtle perched on top of a fence post? If you think about it, he didn't get up there on his own - someone had to put him up there."* Ted is the recipient of numerous industry awards and honors, including the 2006 AAPL Lifetime Achievement award, the 2008 Permian Basin Petroleum Association Top Hand award, induction into the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame, along with Herb Ware, in 2009, the 2017 Hart Energy's Industry Leader Award, and he was set to receive the 2018 Mewbourne Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma. As Ted would say, *"It really does not seem fair to get an award for doing something that you enjoy so much."* He was also known to say each time he got one of these awards that he did not deserve it, he had just outlived his competition.

Ted was ingrained in his community and enjoyed helping others. He was always willing to take the time to speak with young folks trying to make their way in the industry. He served as the Chairman of Midland Wildcat Committee since 1984, was past President of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, the Permian Basin Landman's Association, the Petroleum Club of Midland, and was an Advisory Director of TPH Asset Management. He was on the Midland Memorial Hospital Board of Governors, a member of the Exchange Club of Fort Worth, and a Board Member of the CLL Global Research Foundation. He was actively involved in the OU Foundation as part of the Seed Sowers Society and was a member of the Longhorn Foundation. He was also a member of the All American Wildcatters, a group to which he was very proud and honored to be included.

Ted had a great passion for the oil and gas industry, but his true treasures were his family and friends. He was a proud father of three boys, James Patrick Collins, Christopher Michael Collins, and Ted Collins III. He enjoyed partnering with Patrick on a number of oil and gas ventures, admired Michael's success in the real estate industry, and was also very proud of Teddy in his many and various ventures. He was happiest spending time with his wife, Diana Lorenzen Collins. Their relationship blossomed over 20 years together where they loved walking their dog, Reagan, traveling to California, attending UT football games, and relaxing in each other's presence. Together they were actively involved in the Midland YMCA's addition to the Child Day Care Center and the renovation of the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Ted had countless friends with whom he shared many fond memories, including numerous golf outings, trips all over the country, attending Monday Lunch Bunch with his buddies, and college football games to see either the Oklahoma Sooners or Texas Longhorns. He loved calling friends to discuss the latest score or reminisce about good times and the history of the oil business - often telling the same stories over and over again, or a great joke he'd recently heard. Ted was always optimistic, saw the positive in every situation, and made you feel like you really mattered because he truly cared about you. Everyone who knows him has a "Ted Collins" story, and he will be truly missed by so many of those whose lives he impacted.

Ted is preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his beloved wife Diana; his mother-in-law, Joyce Souza; sister, Patricia and her husband Bill Massad, whom Ted considered his brother; three wonderful sons, J. Patrick Collins and his wife Lindsey Collins, Michael Collins, and Teddy and his wife, Rocia Collins; and his cherished grandchildren - Patrick's Ford, Petra, and Delphine, Michael's Lila, and Teddy's Evanka.

The family would love to hear, see, and share your memories and photos of Ted, which can be sent to *memories@collinsog.com*. Please feel free to send anything that comes to mind - a story, a conversation, an old photo, etc.

We will celebrate the life and memory of Ted with a visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

His memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church of Midland at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. A memorial reception will follow at the Petroleum Club of Midland at 4:00 p.m.

Ted will be laid to rest at a private burial service at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth on Saturday, February 3, 2018. A memorial reception will take place following the burial at 12:00 p.m. at River Crest Country Club on Saturday.

Honorary pallbearers are Bill Bowerman, Bill Granberry, Bob Garbrecht, Brett Smith, Clifton Morris, Dick McMillan, Don Evans, Don Jones, George Young, Jim Alsup, Joe Liberty, Joe Martin, Joe O'Neill, Jon Brumley, Mac Thompson, Mike Grimm, Mike Wallace, Pete Russey, Phil Pritchett, Randy Geiselman, and Robert Tucker, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Lighthouse for the Blind in Fort Worth located at 912 W. Broadway Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104 or *https://lighthousefw.org/donate/*

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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James Hawk

James Hawk, 61, beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, was called home to his Heavenly Father on January 28, 2018 after a courageous eight month battle with cancer. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. He entered this world bringing joy with him on February 22, 1956 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hawk; daughter, Jadyn and son-in-law, Shane Walker; parents, John and Cecile Hawk; siblings, Julie Hawk, Jayne Box, and John Hawk and wife, Ann; his beloved nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Nancy Rankin.

James grew up in Albuquerque and graduated from Del Norte High School in 1974. James served a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Roanoke, Virginia mission during 1977 and 1978.

In 1980, James received an electronics degree from Albuquerque Technical/ Vocational Institute. James and Carol were married on April 22, 1980 in the Salt Lake City Temple. They have lived in Midland, Texas for 37 years. In December of 2017, James retired from the Midland Independent School District after working in the technology department for 35 years.

James was a devoted husband and father. He liked to spend his free time with his family. James had a serving heart and was always giving of his time and resources to help friends in need. James has served in many positions in his church and had a strong testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, and that he will live with his family again in Heaven. He was a humble and faithful servant of God. James was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4805 Gateway St. Midland, Texas; burial to follow on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in Albuquerque at Sunset Memorial Park located at 924 Menaul Blvd. NE.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of James, please make them to MD Anderson Cancer Center at *gifts.mdanderson.org*. or to a charity of your choice.

Please visit our online guestbook for James at *www.FrenchFunerals.com*.



Jocelyn Williams

Jocelyn Williams, 78, of Midland, passed away with her family by her side on Monday, January 29, 2018 in Midland.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship. A private burial will be held at Resthaven Cemetery prior to the service.

Jocelyn was born on January 10, 1940 to Jo Nelle and Sumpter Reed in Seagraves, Texas. She graduated from Graham High School and attended Baylor and Texas Tech University. She married Richard on August 27, 1960 and devoted her life to her husband and her family. She had a magnetic personality and never met a stranger. She was an active volunteer at the local hospital and nursing homes prior to being diagnosed with MS over four decades ago. Her zeal for life resulted in the formation of the MS150 "Team Jocelyn" group who rode in her honor.

Her most notable characteristic was her affection for all of those around her. She was a second mom to many and an inspiration to all. Jocelyn had the unique ability to interact, listen, and cheer those around her. Ultimately, the way and the manner that she lived through her trials will be her most enduring quality and always remembered. She was a special and wonderful spouse, mother, and grandmother (Mimi) and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her husband, Richard O. Williams; son, Tom W. Williams and wife Molly of Midland with their children Michael, Marshall, Travis and Hope; daughter, Terri A. Solari and her husband Mark of Midland with their children Rachael and husband Ryan and Michelle and husband Clay with grand-daughters Abi and Cora; and by her brother, Tom E. Reed and wife Jan of Lewisville and their children John and Amy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jo Nelle and Sumpter Reed, as well as her sister, Anne Southerland.

Honorary pallbearers are her grandchildren, Michael Williams, Marshall Williams, Travis Williams, Hope Williams, Michelle Clark, and Rachael Davis.

The family would like to express their most sincere gratitude to Nurses Unlimited and the kind staff that loved and supported Jocelyn for many years, as well as Dr. Russell Van Husen and James Carpenter for their interest, care, and support.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to the local MS Society, 1031 Andrews Hwy 201, Midland, TX 79701; Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W Wadley Ave, Midland, TX 79707; or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Margaret M. Robson

Margaret M. Robson, beloved wife, loving mother, and grandmother, Catholic, and faithful friend, died peacefully on Friday, January 26, 2018.

Margaret was born on August 7, 1946 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was a professed Secular Franciscan for the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity and served the fraternity. Margaret was a member of Women's ACTS and taught Sunday school at St. Stephens.

Survivors include her daughters, Louise Ramirez of Ft. Worth, Texas and Karen Igo and her husband, Mike of Midland, Texas; one stepson, Daniel Robson and his wife, Andrea of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and five grandchildren, Brandon Igo, Brianna Igo, Doralynn Robson, Aidan Pelowitz, and Jonus Robson.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Robson; sister, Anna Marie Noble; and brother, Pete Martinez.

The family would like to thank St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Hospice of Midland, Polo Park Estates Retirement Home, Senior Care nurses and aides, and everyone who visited and prayed for Margaret.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest contributions to Helping Hands and Hospice of Midland.

A rosary will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

The memorial service will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.



Randy Josey

Memorial services for Randy Josey, 60, of Midland, will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Midland Christian School Gym, 1901 Northrup Drive.

Other services were held at 2:00 p.m. on January 31, 2018 at the Post School Auditorium. Burial followed in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Randy died on January 28, 2018 at his home in Midland. He was born on January 31, 1957 in Post to R.E. and Bobby (Chandler) Josey. He attended school in Post and later graduated from West Texas State. He coached for many years at Midland Lee and later at Midland Christian School. He married Patricia Messick on May 12, 1995 in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Josey of Midland; one daughter, Torre Josey of New Orleans; two sons, Tyler and wife Alexis Josey of San Angelo and Trent Josey of Midland; father and step mother, R.E. and Martha Josey of Karnack; and two sisters, Linda and husband Terry Huestis of Snyder and Jaynie Dickson of Post.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bobby Josey.

The family suggests memorials to Coach Josey Scholarship Fund, c/o Midland Christian School, 200 Culver, Midland, TX 79705.



Roland Richard Chambers, Sr.

Roland Richard Chambers, Sr. was born on February 22, 1937 in Franklin, Texas in Robertson County. He was the seventh of fifteen children born to Ollie Chambers, Sr. and Susie Watson Chambers.

He attended public school in Franklin and moved to Midland, Texas in 1951. Upon moving to Midland, Roland began to work as the head cook at The Spot. He continued to work at The Spot from 1951 to 1995. While working at The Spot, he desired to venture out to become a business owner of his own establishment. In 1971 he did that and opened Chambers Barbecue.

In 1974, another opportunity arose for Roland to become part owner of The Spot. He continued with both business ventures until 1995 when he decided to focus solely on Chambers Barbecue. Roland was well-known in Midland for his delicious barbecue and especially his homemade links. Chambers Barbecue was an influential popular business in Midland until Roland's health began to decline. The business was closed in 2012.

Roland Chambers was married to Jerolean Johnson, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by both his parents and his brothers Robert Chambers, Alandis Chambers, James Chambers, and Dennis Jackson, and one sister, Alva Mae Ward.

Roland leaves to cherish his memories his children: Carolin Zachery (Galberson), Tammie Hickey, Roland Richard Chambers, Jr. (Rhonda), Joshua Chambers, and Raymond Chambers (Philesha), all of Midland, Regina Chambers of McKinney, Texas, Michael Chambers of Desoto, Texas, Andrea Robinson (Kenneth) of Arlington, Texas, and Cheryl Arvie (Danny) of Royce City, Texas; and his siblings, Marvin Gray, Ollie Chambers, Jr., Vermel Autry, Margret Jones, Naomi Coleman, Arlena Jefferson, Glenn Chambers, Ivy Chambers, and Eve Stansell.

He also leaves to cherish his memory 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will host a fish-fry/barbecue in Roland's honor Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 407 Liddon, Midland, TX. All family and friends are invited.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S Tyler ST in Midland, with Dr. George A. Bell, Pastor, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle

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& Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Death Notices

Donald "Donny" Walker

Donald "Donny" Walker, 71, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

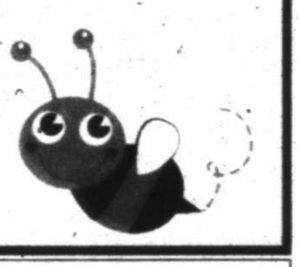
He is survived by his wife, Alva Walker; son, Stuart Walker; and daughter, Heather Simpson.

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■ Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m., RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

■ Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Visit facebook.com./groups/midlandkickball for more information.

■ Knit and Stitch: Valentine's Love Gifts, 6 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Meetings today

Hospital District
11:45 a.m. administration boardroom

Science Lecture

"The Underwater World of the Indonesian Archipelago and Papau, New Guinea" is the topic of First Friday, a free lecture hosted by Midland College Science Department. The event is noon Friday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room. The presenter is Bill Bynum, who has traveled extensively photographing pristine coral reefs and the exotic creatures living in their shelter.

Those attending may bring their lunch or purchase food at the grill. For more information, contact the Community Relations Office at 685-5515.

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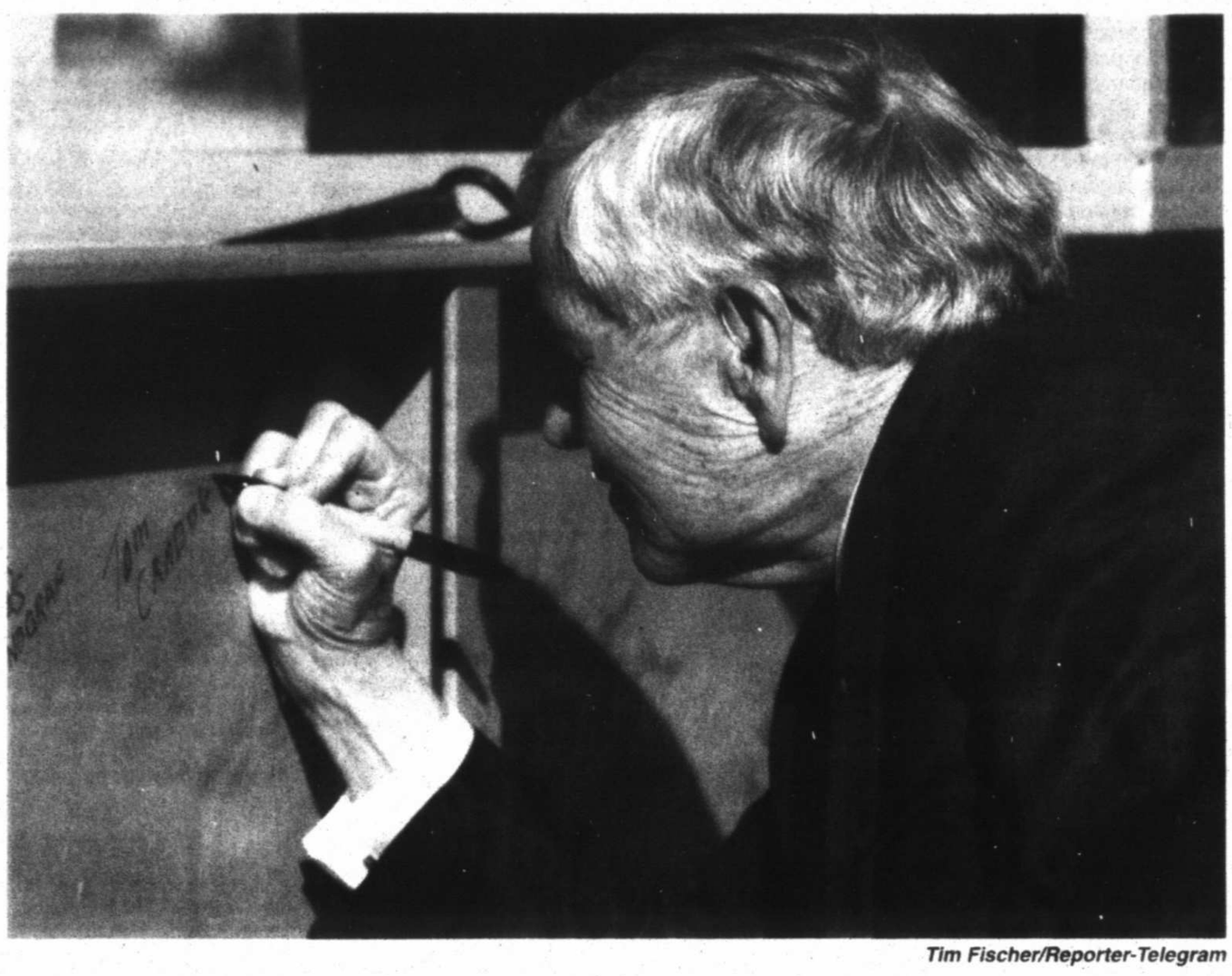
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State Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland signs the beam that was to be placed on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin engineering building. Numerous people signed the beam Tuesday during the "topping out" ceremony at UTPB's Midland campus.

Recycling container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

Centennial Library 2503 W. Loop 250. (Behind IHOP), plastic and cardboard

Super Mercado 2208 N. Big Spring St. (Behind Bush's Chicken), cardboard

Midland College 3600 N. Garfield St. (Chaparral Center), plastic, aluminum and cardboard

Security Bank Ballpark 5514 Champions Drive (southwest corner of the stadium), cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum

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

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

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-4-7
Pick 3 day: 7-8-2
Pick 3 evening: 3-3-5
Pick 3 night: 7-8-9
Daily 4 morning: 3-5-6-3
Daily 4 day: 0-2-1-5
Daily 4 evening: 1-7-2-9
Daily 4 night: 9-4-2-9
Cash Five: 6-15-21-26-33
Triple Chance: 6-13-16-26-40-42-44-45-53-54
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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
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Low 34
Normal high 59
Normal low 32

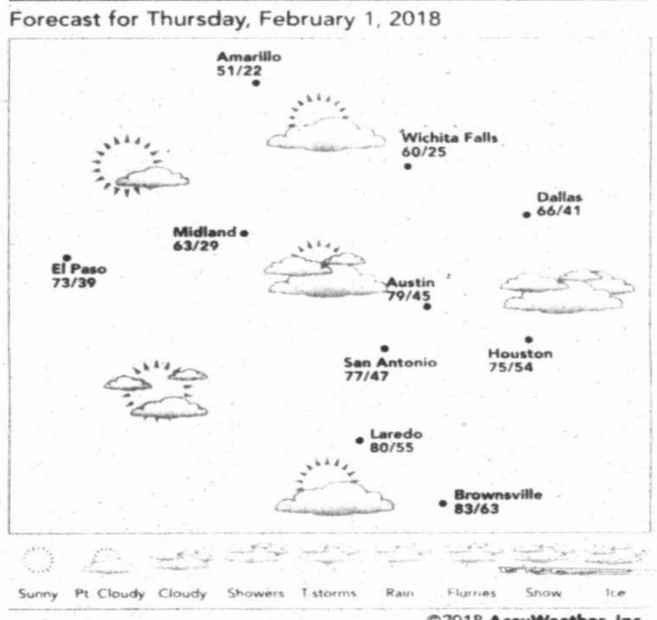
Jan. 31's records
Record high: 80, set in 1963
Record low: 8, set in 1985

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.01 of an inch
Year total ..... 0.01 of an inch
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.56 in.

Winds
Average speed: 10.4 mph
Highest speed: 22 mph
Highest gust speed: 27 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Thursday, February 1, 2018



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High: 66
Low: 31
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:23 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Leo if born before 1:13 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018:**

This year you will be more active in creating your own reality. The unexpected often occurs when dealing with others. You frequently need to confirm that you and others are on the same page. You might not always agree, which is OK. Your sign is associated with friendship and goodwill. If you are single, others find you particularly charming. Take your time making decisions about whom you'd like to date. If you are attached, the two of you often have different financial concerns. You might need to address them sooner rather than later. VIRGO uses precision when dealing with money matters.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might be just landing from yesterday's Full Moon eclipse. Give yourself some time before making any decisions about recent events. You will want to squash a display of arrogance. Let it go, and you'll be much happier as a result. **Tonight**: Get organized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ If you need some time off to recharge your batteries, try to make it happen. Your anger doesn't usually come to the surface; however, given the present circumstances, you might be concerned about saying something you won't be able to take back. **Tonight**: Lead the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You would prefer to avoid a difficult situation. Know that if you bypass the issue, you will just be prolonging the inevitable. You might be best off clearing the air as quickly as possible. You then can focus your energy on completing a key project. **Tonight**: Catch up on others' news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to have a discussion about your choices after you balance your checkbook. Until you do that, you will not have a valid concept of what is possible. Do not negate a possibility until you have given it adequate consideration. **Tonight**: Hang with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Use the morning for any matter that appears to be critical. You could be distracted in the afternoon, and will want to handle other issues. You might want to approach a financial matter differently from how a loved one does. **Tonight**: Head down the path that seems best for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your energy level rises in the afternoon as you wonder what you need to do in order to maintain the pace that you desire. You are likely to be surprised by how much spontaneity invigorates you. Others notice your dynamic liveliness. Prioritize. **Tonight**: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be in a situation that needs to be completed ASAP. By the afternoon, other matters take a high priority and could be distracting, to say the least. You even might want to retreat. Curb spending, as you easily might go overboard. **Tonight**: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on a high priority in the afternoon. You seem to be able to elicit others' feedback more easily at that point. Deal with an older person you have been meaning to respond to. Get to the bottom of a problem through an intense conversation. **Tonight**: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Accepting additional responsibilities that are dropped on you from out of the blue might be difficult. You come from a place where you need to recharge your energy while still having to push to meet certain demands. **Tonight**: Your instincts will lead you down the right path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care a lot about. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a group of acquaintances. Take an overview, if possible. An interaction could be more significant than you realize. **Tonight:** Break past a feeling of boredom and/or loneliness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating draws a strong response. The unexpected seems to mark your day. Stay open to someone else's perspective. See what is going on with a boss who could be unusually vitriolic. You might need to regroup. **Tonight**: Have a long-overdue talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others want control, and you will be much more content if you let them run the show. Your finances have an unpredictable quality to them, so reach out to an expert who knows a lot more than you about the topic at hand. A friend has a suggestion. **Tonight**: Where the action is.

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Eggs

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Moscoguiri said demand generally peaks during the fourth quarter because of the holiday season and slows down in January. Demand, however, has persisted because of continued retailer promotions and the cold weather.

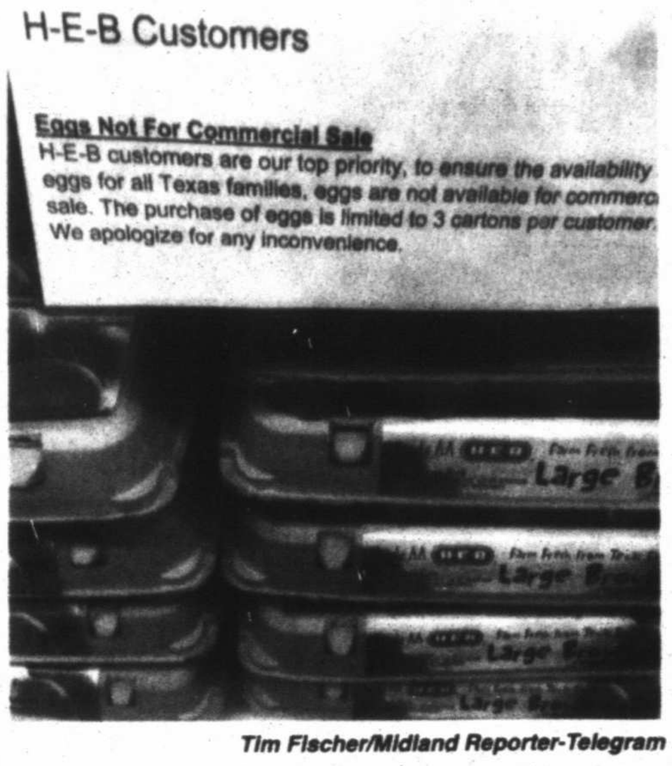
"What happened this year was an aggressive production cutback, we think, but the big retailers continue to run the retail promotion where eggs are cheap and they use eggs as a loss leader," Moscoguiri said. "The big chains across the country are using staple items like eggs, milk, butter and bread and promoting them aggressively to get people into stores."

He said the reason for continued post-holiday promotions might be attributed to new entrants into the grocery space. Discount grocer Lidl and online retail juggernaut Amazon, which purchased Whole Foods last year, are making inroads and threaten the market share of traditional retailers in the space. "I think some of the big, traditional chains are a little bit nervous."

Cold weather might also be at play.

"Typically, when it's cold and there are snowstorms, people tend to eat more and tend to eat warm breakfasts. They don't eat cold cereal," Moscoguiri said.

While egg consumption is higher, Moscoguiri said new federal trucking laws are also a factor in the shortage.



Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

H-E-B has put a sign up indicating a limited supply of eggs.

Beginning this year, all truck-tractors must have electronic logging devices, or ELDs. By law, truckers can drive for 11 hours per day, work 14 hours per day and work a maximum of 70 hours per week. The implementation of ELDs has prevented truckers from going over the maximum legal number of hours and, coupled with a pre-existing shortage of drivers in the industry, has reduced the availability of trucks.

U.S. Department of Agriculture market data show total national egg supplies, measured in 30-dozen cases, have dropped by 15 percent ——nationwide for the week of Jan. 1 to 1.1 million cases for Jan. 29.

Large eggs, the most common size, have fallen from 625,000 cases to 489,000 cases, a decrease of 22 percent.

In the South Central region, which includes Texas, large eggs were down by 12.4 percent to 80,400 cases this week, and total eggs fell by 7.4 percent to 169,400 cases.

The USDA told the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday that it, too is seeing demand rise. Similar demand was seen in 2016.

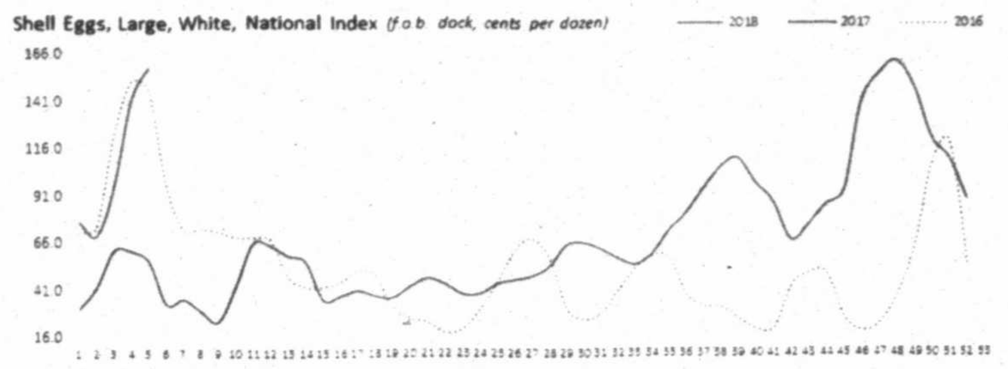
Moscoguiri said producers plan production far in advance. Hatch numbers in October-November were at 10-year highs. He added that the market is coming back after it struggled for the past 16 to 18 months when 2015's avian flu outbreak affected 34 million egg-laying hens, about 11 percent of production at that time.

Wholesale prices have risen because of supply issues. Moscoguiri said Midwest large eggs, the benchmark, topped at $1.93 per dozen during the Thanksgiving/Christmas rally. The price fell to $1.09 in early January but is now at about $1.86, almost holiday levels.

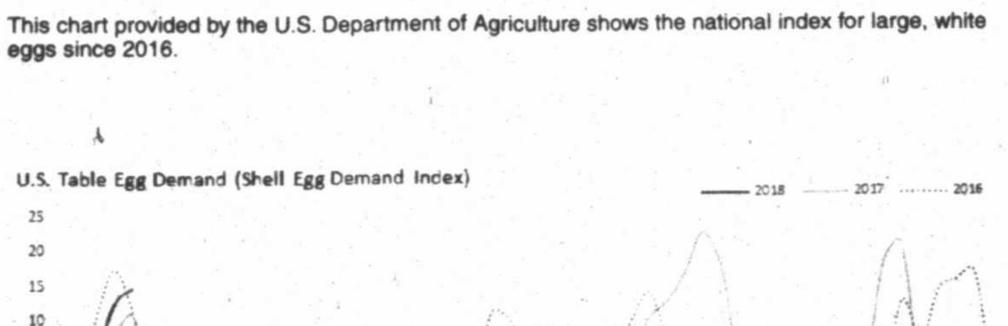
"That's pretty unusual," he said.

H-E-B said it hasn't changed its shelf price.

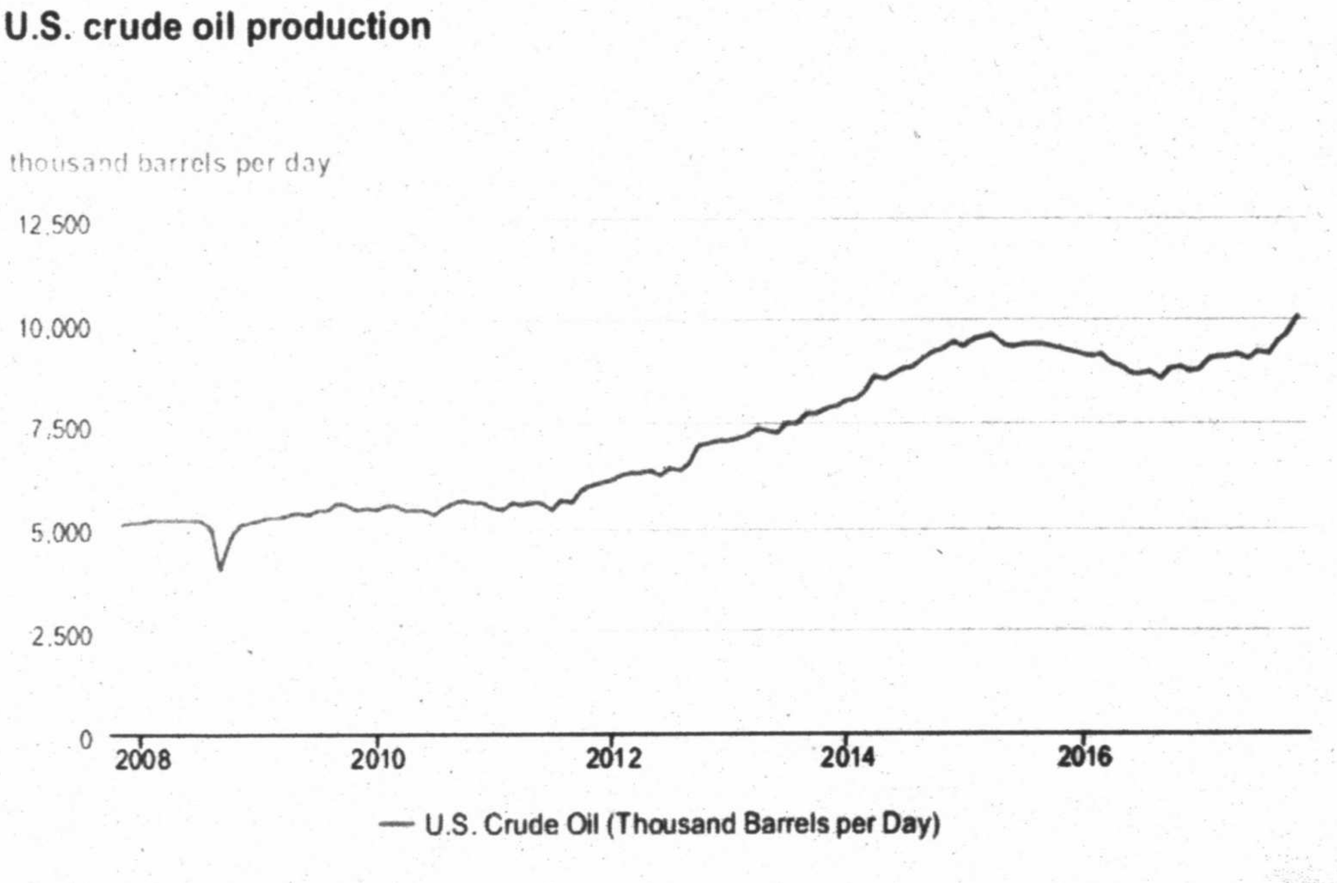
United Family — which owns Alberstons Market and Market Street locally — has not seen issues with its egg supplier, company spokesperson Mary Myers said.



This chart provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows the national index for large, white eggs since 2016.



This chart provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows egg demand since 2016.



Oil

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per day in November, the same tally as in October.

The U.S. still imports millions of barrels of oil daily.

On Wednesday, the EIA released its weekly production and supplies report for Jan. 26.

Imports rose by 389,000 barrels per day to 8.43 million barrels per day. Exports also rose.

The EIA reported exports increased by 354,000 barrels per day to 1.765 million barrels per day.

Domestic production grew by 41,000 barrels per day to 9.919 million barrels per day.

Commercial crude oil supplies rose by 6.8 million barrels to 418.4 million barrels.

West Texas Intermediate futures contracts for March delivery settled 23 cents higher Wednesday to $64.73 per barrel.

February candidate forums to begin Saturday

■ League of Women Voters-Midland, three political organizations to hold forums this month

By Stewart Doreen
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At least five forums will be held in the next three weeks to help inform voters leading up to the primary elections on March 6.

The League of Women Voters-Midland will have two forums, while Republican/conservative political organizations will conduct the other three.

The Liberty Project of Texas kicks off February forum season on Saturday with a candidate forum 5-7 p.m. at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Republican candidates from the Permian Basin on the 2018 ballot involved in local, state and federal elections will be there to speak and answer questions. Confirmed speakers, as of Wednesday, were Paul Myers for U.S. Congress, District 11; Mike Canon for state Senate, District 31; James Beauchamp, Stephen Robertson and Terry Johnson, for Midland County judge, and Carla Repman for Midland County Commissioners' Court, Precinct 4.

The second forum will take place Tuesday. The Midland County Republican Party will have its candidates take part in a forum that is set for 5:30-7 p.m. in the Laura Bush Room at the MCPL Centennial branch. On the schedule are candidates for county judge, county commissioner and district judge.

The Midland County Republican Women will have its forum as part of the Feb. 14 meeting at Midland Country Club.

The League of Women Voters will hold a pair of forums. On Feb. 13, state Senate candidates vying for the Republican nomination in District 31 will take the stage at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. Those candidates are Canon, Victor Leal and Kel Seliger. The forum is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The LWV's second forum will take place a week later as Beauchamp, Johnson and Robertson will continue their conversation a week later. This county judge forum is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the F. Marie Hall Building at MC.

The Reporter-Telegram will have op-eds from county judge candidates every Sunday until March 6. The newspaper also is scheduled to meet with county judge candidates next week. Highlights from those on-the-record interviews will appear in an edition closer to the beginning of early voting.

As always, the Reporter-Telegram is partnering with the League of Women Voters-Midland to bring readers the voters' guide. The guide will appear in the Feb. 18 edition, which is the Sunday before early voting is set to begin.

The following list is the ballot order for contested races during the upcoming Republican and Democratic primaries. The lists were provided to the Reporter-Telegram by the Midland County Republican and Democratic parties.

Republican

U.S. House, District 11
- Paul Myers
- Mike Conaway

State Senate, District 31
- Mike Canon
- Victor Leal
- Kel Seliger

238th Judicial District
- Elizabeth Byer Leonard
- Chris DeAnda

441st Judicial District
- Jeff Robnett
- Sean Guerrero
- Isaiah Roby Jackson
- Wayne Frost

Midland County judge
- James Beauchamp
- Stephen Robertson
- Terry Johnson

Midland County Commissioner's Court Precinct 4
- Randy Prude
- Carla Repman

Democratic

Midland County Democratic Party chair
- Kerry Manzo
- Margaret Hiett Williams

Registration deadline is Feb. 5

Eligible Texans who are not already registered to vote must complete a voter registration application and submit it to the county voter registrar in their county of residence.

Completed voter registration applications must be postmarked by Monday in order to be accepted. Texans may check to see if they are already registered to vote through the Texas Secretary of State's web site or by visiting www.votetexas.gov.

Source: Texas Secretary of State

LOCAL CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on stalking charge

A man was arrested Monday after allegedly stalking a woman, according to court documents.



Ramirez

Yendry Dixon Ramirez, 32, was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of stalking.

Midland police were dispatched at about 4 a.m. Monday in reference to a check person call.

Ramirez allegedly followed a woman from her workplace to her residence, according to the affidavit.

The woman told officers Ramirez had followed her two days in a row. The first night Ramirez knocked on her door for hours and called her multiple times, according to the arrest affidavit.

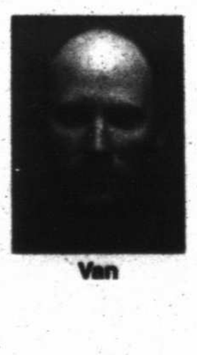
The second night Ramirez parked his car next to hers while she was waiting for police to arrive, according to the affidavit.

The woman stated that Ramirez's presence threatened her safety, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Ramirez could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Man arrested on child pornography charge

A Midland man was arrested Jan. 25 after allegedly distributing child pornography, according to court documents.



Van

Timothy Cook Van, 36, was being held Wednesday on a $75,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of child pornography.

The Texas Department of Public Safety executed a search warrant of a Midland residence on Jan. 25 after two child pornography files were uploaded for distribution.

Special agents spoke to Van, who said he distributed child pornography files through an email account, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Van could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

DeAnda

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in the Knights of Columbus.

At his law office, DeAnda has focused on criminal defense, family law, personal injury and contract reviews. He said he has gained knowledge through experiences as a defense attorney and felony prosecutor.

If elected, DeAnda hopes to gather people from those two sides of the legal community to discuss how the 238th Judicial District Court can help them.

"That courtroom probably does more criminal than any of the other courtrooms, which means you need to know all of the defense attorneys well," DeAnda said. "You need to know all your prosecutors very well."

DeAnda said he has always had a unique approach to reaching solutions.

Through his service in the U.S. Navy and management roles at large companies, he developed an understanding of people from various backgrounds.

"I don't know much more — besides when I was in the military — besides West Texas…," DeAnda said. "I understand West Texas, but I also bring in a lot of other states and countries that I've been to and the way they do stuff."

Train carrying GOP lawmakers strikes trash truck; one killed

By Alan Fram and Heidi Brown
Associated Press

CROZET, Va. — A train carrying dozens of Republican members of Congress to a strategy retreat in the countryside slammed into a garbage truck in rural Virginia on Wednesday, killing one person in the vehicle and sending several lawmaker-doctors rushing to help the injured.

No serious injuries were reported aboard the chartered Amtrak train, which set out from the nation's capital with lawmakers, family members and staff for the luxury Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. At least two other people in the truck were reported seriously hurt.

The collision happened about 11:20 a.m. in Crozet, about 125 miles southwest of Washington, tearing the truck in two, crumpling the nose of the locomotive and scattering trash alongside the tracks.

Rep. Robert Pittenger of North Carolina said he was standing at the train's refreshment stand, waiting to be served a soft drink, when he felt "an enormous slam. ... It was a huge jolt. We all hung on to whatever we had."

He said he looked out the window and saw a big pile of garbage, and it appeared the train had pushed the truck for a few hundred yards.

Authorities gave no details on the cause of the wreck, which took place at a crossing protected by gates, flashing lights, bells and warning signs. The National Transportation Safety Board sent a team to investigate.

Benny Layne, on whose property the truck landed, said the crossing arms had been known to malfunction, sometimes coming down even though no train was approaching. Sometimes, he said, they stayed down for hours.

He said motorists would get out of their cars to help guide other motorists around the malfunctioning arms so they could cross the tracks.

"A guy was up here just yesterday or the day before taking a look at them," he said.

Carrie Brown, human resources manager at Buckingham Branch Railroad, which leases the stretch of track and is responsible for maintenance, said she was unaware of any problems with equipment at the crossing.

Florida Rep. Neal Dunn, a former Army surgeon, said he and other lawmakers who are doctors joined other passengers who are nurses or paramedics and jumped out with the basic medical gear they had.

They broke into three teams to help the injured people in the truck, he said.

"The first gentleman was somebody who had really, really, really devastating injuries. We did try to resuscitate, but ultimately you had to realize it wasn't possible," Dunn said. He said another man in the truck was critically injured and a third was seriously hurt.

Rep. Phil Roe, a doctor from Tennessee, said the truck driver was killed instantly.

Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and his wife, both doctors, were among those who came to the rescue. He said he helped a man from the truck who was badly injured.

"My role was quite simple: I picked up his feet so the blood in his feet would go to his heart and his brain," Cassidy said.

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona said seeing the lawmakers who are doctors tending to the injured reminded him of the shooting of Rep. Steve Scalise at a GOP baseball practice last June.

"I thought then I never want to experience a day like this again," Flake said. "Unfortunately, it came too soon."

Officials gave varying figures on the number hurt. But Amtrak said two crew members and three passengers were taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

Minnesota Rep. Jason Lewis' staff tweeted that the first-term congressman was among those taken to the hospital and was later discharged after suffering a concussion.

Others aboard the train reported bumps, bruises and sore joints.

The GOP policy retreat, an annual event, was scheduled to last three days and feature speeches from President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

By early afternoon, lawmakers were boarding buses to resume their trip.

Later Wednesday, Pence told Republicans at the party retreat that he knows "it's been a harrowing day for all of you." Pence, a former House member, said he has fond memories of the retreat and the train rides back and forth. "Just know our hearts are with you," Pence said.

Pence was the featured speaker Wednesday night at the GOP retreat. Trump was to address lawmakers today.

Rep. James Comer of Kentucky said about 100 Republican lawmakers were on the train when the crash made him jump out of his seat.

"I looked out the side of the window and then I could see a truck, just in pieces out the side of the window," Comer said. He said Capitol police officers quickly jumped off the train but came back and asked for any doctors to help.

Other doctor-lawmakers who assisted included Reps. Michael Burgess of Texas, Phil Roe of Tennessee, Larry Bucshon of Indiana and Roger Marshall of Kansas, according to those aboard.

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin was on the train and was unhurt, aides said.

Officials: No charges for officers who killed Dallas sniper

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — A grand jury has declined to bring charges against Dallas police officers who used a bomb-carrying robot to kill a sniper who had just gunned down five officers during a downtown rally, prosecutors announced Wednesday.

The Dallas County District Attorney's office said in a release that investigators presented their findings to a grand jury more than a year after the July 7, 2016, attack by Micah Johnson, a 25-year-old Army reservist who investigators said was upset by recent shootings of black men by police.

The use of the robot to detonate a pound of C4 explosives near Johnson, killing him, was a first for a U.S. police department.

David Brown, who was the police chief at the time and has since retired, said shortly after Johnson was killed that he made the decision to use the robot because negotiations had failed and he wanted to end the continued threat to officers.

Police said they believed Johnson was also wounded by gunfire, but few details about the police response that night have been shared with the public.

A spokeswoman for the district attorney's office said staff could not discuss what evidence was presented to the grand jury.

Veterans Health Administration documents showed that Johnson sought mental health treatment for anxiety, depression and hallucinations after he returned from Afghanistan.

His parents, who are divorced, have given few interviews since the shooting.

Federal court records don't show any pending lawsuits from family members challenging the police response or the use of the robot.

District Attorney Faith Johnson, who has no relation to the gunman, noted that all police shootings are required to be examined by a grand jury.

"Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families of those who lost their lives that night, the officers who were injured, and all of the men and women who courageously put themselves into harm's way, all in an effort to protect our community," Johnson wrote.

She added later to her statement, saying, "As with all officer-involved-cases, this case was presented to the Grand Jury to determine if the use of force by police was reasonable given the unique facts and circumstances of the case presented."

The decision appears to conclude the investigation, and a police spokeswoman issued a statement saying the department is pleased with the outcome and hopes to move forward with healing.

Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the national American Civil Liberties Union, said Dallas' use of the bomb-carrying robot to apply lethal force causes concern because when things "get easy to do and become cheap enough to do, they get overdone."

"The Dallas case represented the very first kind of use of remote lethal force. And so I think it's especially important that there be a lot of transparency around it," he said.

Stanley compared issues with a lethal robot to concerns about drones.

He said the devices don't have as much situational awareness as a human does and may misapply, overapply or unnecessarily apply deadly force.

Micah Johnson started shooting at officers who were minding a rally against shootings of blacks by police in other cities. Johnson eventually holed up in a community college building, when police officers used the bomb-carrying robot to end an hours-long standoff.

Johnson died from his injuries, but little more is known about the decision to use the robot.

Brown wrote about his role in the decision in his autobiography, but he said during interviews about the book that he purposefully did not look at the investigative file while writing his account.

The Associated Press, along with other media outlets, filed multiple Freedom of Information requests regarding the shooting, including for autopsies, ballistic reports, the 911 calls, surveillance video, transcripts of the negotiations with Johnson and an inventory of what was seized from his home.

Those requests were denied citing an ongoing investigation.

Michael Mata, president of the Dallas Police Association— the city's largest police union, said the association is happy that the investigation is over, but noted it took a long time to go before a grand jury.

"It's unfortunate that there was a loss of life, but the officers did their duty and were the utmost professionals," he said. "We're happy that the officers are able to move on with their careers and we're happy that the justice system worked out as it is designed to do."

Experts warn of risk of sinkhole in popular New Mexico area

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

Experts are painting a dire picture about the impending collapse of a giant cavern under a highway interchange that serves as a gateway to two national parks and the heart of New Mexico's oil and gas country.

They told lawmakers Tuesday during a legislative meeting that new cracks are developing at the site on the edge of the city of Carlsbad, indicating that things are beginning to move underground.

"It is happening right now. It is happening in slow motion," said George Veni, executive director of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute and a member of a group that has been working on possible solutions.

Lawmakers are seeking more than $40 million in state funding to prevent a massive sinkhole, which could take with it the busy intersection, including a highway that leads to Carlsbad Caverns National Park and Guadalupe Mountains National Park, just across the state line in Texas. Nearby, there's also a church, trailer park, businesses and an irrigation canal that provides water for more than 30 square miles of agricultural lands.

They say the cracks, along with several holes that have developed on one side of the site, are alarming. It's where a now-defunct company had operated a well that produced millions of gallons of brine from salt layers deep underground for use in oil and gas operations.

An elaborate monitoring system was installed in 2009 in an effort to detect signs of a cave-in after the well caught state regulators' attention. Officials became concerned because the well shared some characteristics with two brine wells that collapsed north of Carlsbad during a four-month span in 2008.

In case of a sinkhole, officials have developed emergency response plans that include an automated phone alert system, siren warnings and door-to-door notifications.

In the race against time and gravity, Rep. Cathrynn Brown of Carlsbad said she fears the opportunity to fix the problem will pass if the funding isn't approved before lawmakers wrap up their work in mid-February.

"We definitely do have a lot at stake," the Republican said.

It will be up to a finance committee to consider a package of legislation before it reaches the House floor. Similar proposals are pending in the Senate.

Supporters argue that funding an effort to backfill the cavern would be less costly than dealing with an estimated $1 billion in economic impact, more than $100 million in groundwater cleanup and the possibility of injuries if the cavern were to collapse.

The city of Carlsbad and Eddy County are pitching in $4 million, but state officials are concerned about siphoning money from funds used for cleaning up other contamination in New Mexico.

Critics say the money could be found elsewhere given that New Mexico has more revenue to work with this year as lawmakers craft a state budget.

John Heaton, chairman of the group that has been working on the problem, said negotiations are underway with a contractor who could do the work necessary to fill the cavern — a process that could take two to three years. That timeline aligns with projections of when a collapse could occur, Heaton said.

Using sensors, experts say they have heard rocks flaking and dropping from the ceiling of the cavern, estimated to be about one football field wide by two football fields long and 150 feet deep.

Clinton regrets not firing adviser accused of harassment

Associated Press

NEW YORK— Hillary Clinton says she should not have let a senior campaign adviser keep his job after a female staffer accused him of sexual harassment in 2007.

"The most important work of my life has been to support and empower women," Clinton wrote on Facebook Tuesday night. "So I very much understand the question I'm being asked as to why I let an employee on my 2008 campaign keep his job despite his inappropriate workplace behavior. The short answer is this: If I had it to do again, I wouldn't."

Clinton said that senior campaign staff and legal counsel confirmed that the behavior by faith-based adviser Burns Strider had occurred after the woman came forward. Her campaign manager recommended that Strider be terminated, but Clinton said she instead demoted him, docked his pay, required counseling, separated him from the victim, and warned him that he'd be fired if he did it again.

Strider did not immediately respond Wednesday to a call and email requesting comment. Strider told BuzzFeed News that he didn't consider his behavior "excessive, but that doesn't mean it wasn't to" the woman.

Clinton said that there were no further complaints against Strider during the rest of the campaign, but that she is troubled that he was terminated from a job leading an independent political action committee supporting Clinton for inappropriate behavior several years later.

"I believed the punishment was severe and the message to him unambiguous. I also believe in second chances," Clinton said in the post published shortly before the start of President Donald Trump's State of the Union address. "But sometimes they're squandered."

She said that the reoccurrence of the behavior "troubles me greatly" and leads her to question whether it would have been better if she had fired him.

"There is no way I can go back 10 years and know the answers. But you can bet I'm asking myself these questions right now."

Clinton said that her first thought after the New York Times reported on the incident "was for the young woman involved" and that she reached out to her "to see how she was doing, but also to help me reflect on my decision and its consequences."

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Congrats to Joe Straus on his GOP censure



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Back in October, Texas House Speaker Joe Straus surprised us by announcing he would not seek re-election to the House in 2018.

He left open the possibility — seemingly slim — that he'd run for something else sometime. So it was kind of another surprise in Austin on Saturday when he was the subject of voting.

Keeping his unbeaten record intact, Straus, R-San Antonio, prevailed in that vote as the State Republican Executive Committee honored him for his courageous display of independence and leadership at the House helm. The vote was an overwhelming 44-19 as the GOP committee easily amassed the two-thirds vote needed to approve the resolution.

The committee, of course, called it a censure. But what's intended by some as a censure can be read by others as an honor. That's the deal in this case as the committee singled out Straus for political courage.

In its censure resolution, the committee's members said Straus had taken three or more actions "in opposition to the core principles" in the Texas GOP platform.

I guess that's one way of describing what Straus did. Another way would be to say Straus properly represented the people who sent him to Austin and, in his eyes, did what he thought best for all Texans. Seems like a reasonable thing for an elected official to do.

He also properly exercised authority. Seems like a reasonable thing to do with authority, though Straus upset some Republicans by doing so to hinder misguided GOP efforts on abortion, school choice and bathroom attendance.

The state GOP committee's action began at the local level in Straus' hometown Bexar County Republican Executive Committee that got the ball rolling last month by voting to censure Straus because he "has abused the power of his office and taken over three actions during this current biennium that, cumulatively, are in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas."

The Texas GOP platform is a 266-principle thing of wonderment, including:

- Calling for U.S. withdrawal from the U.N. and throwing the U.N. out of the U.S.
- Blasting climate change as "a political agenda promoted to control every aspect of our lives."
- Backing a return to the "precious metal standard for the United States dollar."
- Supporting repeal of the minimum wage law.
- Declaring "Homosexuality is a chosen behavior that is contrary to the fundamental unchanging truths that has been ordained by God in the Bible."

Straus' response to the censure came via spokesman Jason Embry who said his boss "expected these antics from some people when he opposed their bathroom bill and helped prevent the harm it would have brought to our state."

"He is proud to have represented the views of mainstream Texas Republicans who have voiced overwhelming support for the speaker's principled leadership on many issues," Embry said. "Speaker Straus will continue working to support traditional Republican principles and re-elect Republicans who put their constituents first."

While the censure played well in the room in which it was approved, it drew appropriate scorn elsewhere. Former Texas GOP Deputy Executive Director Chris Elam tweeted: "The Texas GOP didn't even censure Robert Morrow — it's jaw dropping how far that organization has slipped in such a short time."

You remember Morrow. If not, look him up. And please be advised he is running for GOP chair in Precinct 212 here in Austin.

Jennifer Waisath Harris, a consultant who had served in several GOP-run state agencies, tweeted thusly: "1. Grabbing women by the p--; 2. Advocating spousal rape; 3. Harassing every mosque in TX; 4. Using taxpayer $ to get your Jesus shot; and 5. Opposing the bathroom bill. Only one of these things will cause the SREC to censure you."

To be accurate, the State Republican Executive Committee's censure was based on more than Straus' opposition to the bathroom bill. But Harris' point is spot on.

So was this in an Embry tweet: "15,741 43."

Forty-three is the number of votes needed for approval of the censure resolution. Straus got 15,741 votes in easily defeating two challengers in the 2016 GOP primary and then was unopposed in the 2016 general election. At the start of the 2017 legislative session, he was re-elected, 150-0, by his House colleagues to a record-tying fifth term as speaker.

Though some cranky Republicans see Straus' departure as a good riddance that will benefit their party, it's clear he's had a good ride that has benefited our state. And the GOP committee's censure is a reminder that Ronald Reagan's dream of a GOP big tent is being sacrificed in favor of more of a pup tent.

And it sometimes seems the Texas GOP tendency is more big top than big tent.

Congratulations to Straus for the resolution noting his willingness to do what he thinks is right. We could use more like him.

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OUR VIEW

Portable classrooms don't have to be a given, not yet at least

There are more than 100 portable classrooms on Midland ISD campuses.

Are they all needed for instruction? Well, yes and no.

The Midland ISD board met last week to discuss facilities and needs for the upcoming school year. At the workshop, MISD officials introduced the board to the 2017-18 Building Capacity Study. It provided an eye-opener for trustees wanting to get their arms around MISD student population, its facilities and the need for portables.

It didn't take long for trustees to notice that enrollment statistics aren't what they seem. For instance, at the elementary schools, the 2017-18 enrollment — or membership — is 15,282 students. The projected enrollment – assuming 2.5 percent growth — is 15,662. The overall building capacity at 95 percent is 17,085 students.

Looking at campus-by-campus statistics, it is hard not to wonder: "What's going on there?" For instance, projected attendance at Burnet Elementary is 562 students. The capacity at 95 percent without portables is 610. So what's the deal with the six portables currently in use?

The same can be said of other campuses across the district where the number of portables being used doesn't always match up with what appears to be a student population below building capacity. The reason is simple, according to MISD officials. Teachers are housed in a classroom. Having a homeroom means that sometimes fewer rooms are available, and therefore, portables are needed for elective-type classes and to avoid having teachers float from one room to another.

The conversation about enrollment and student population seems appropriate for a growing community. First, it would seem residents want classes where the student-to-teacher ratio promotes — not takes away from — learning. That should be a given. But hearing about the use of portables makes us think Midlanders right now are in the midst of an either/or problem. We can, as a community, call for a homeroom-type of system or we can have more floating teachers and schedule flexibility that keeps students out of portables. What is apparent, based on early conversations, is you can't have both — not with the current facilities.

Is there a one-size-fits-all answer? Probably not. The community may deem it better to have more homeroom teachers in certain grades. Some buildings might not allow for flexibility. And Midland ISD officials might believe adult convenience (specifically for teachers) is worth a having a class or two in portables.

Superintendent Orlando Riddick told board members that "you don't have to own space for learning to be accomplished" and that the model historically is for a room and teacher. He said there are examples of the college concept that Midland ISD could follow if there is interest.

Board President Rick Davis said there needs to be agreement from teachers, school officials, students and community members on the best practices of a rebounding district so there is a definition of capacity.

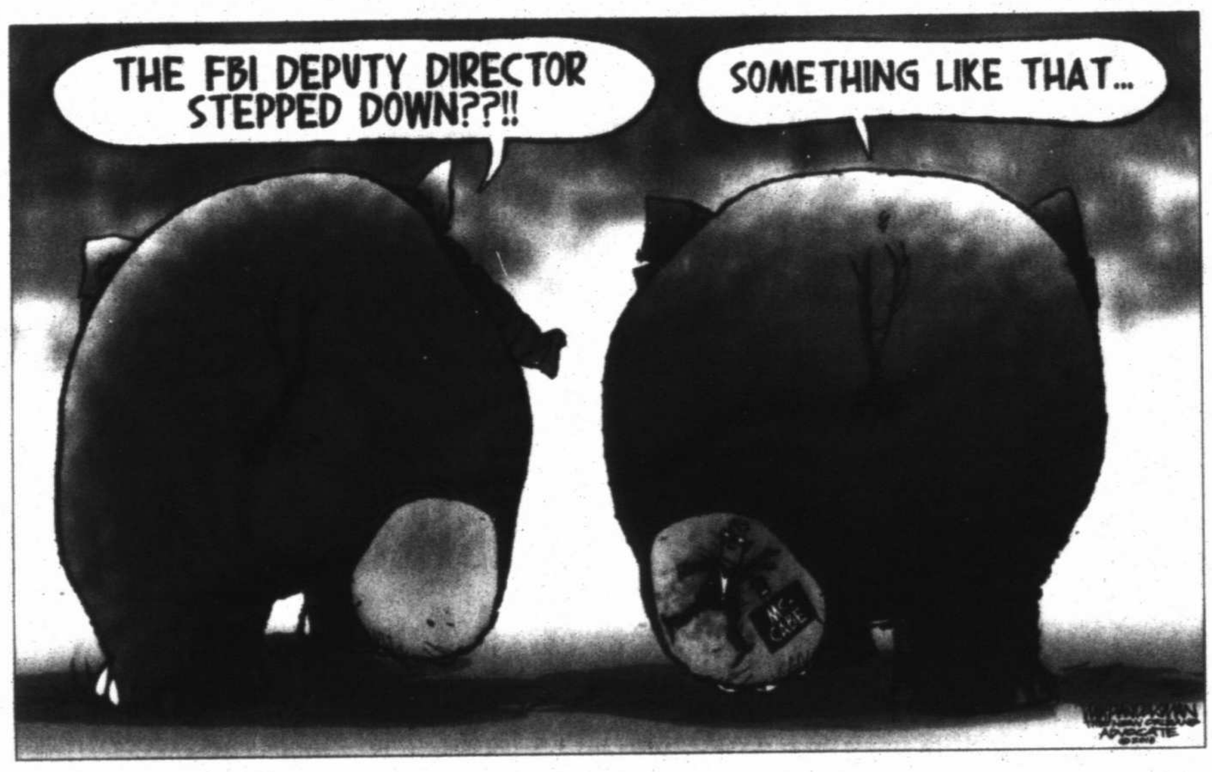
The bad news is that the population increase in Midland means school buildings will become even more crowded, and portables won't be optional. The good news is that Midlanders control their own destiny when it comes to public school education. We dictate how the students will be educated and in what setting students will be educated. Our residents ultimately will make the call if new buildings are needed or whether portable cities inside campuses are good enough. The process isn't close to being over. Get involved.

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Sometimes the 'bombshell' isn't that

■ The only way to sustain the hysteria is to denounce the un-hysterical as complicit bystanders to the alleged scandal



JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Service

Washington is awash in so much muchness these days it's hard to follow the story. And that may be the point.

Every new development or revelation is a "blockbuster" and smoking-gun proof that "this is bigger than Watergate." Every new dot is connected seamlessly and instantaneously to fit a mosaic of outrage.

For those out to get the president at all costs, the scandal is a moving target — Russian collusion, obstruction of justice, the president's mental competency, etc. For those out to protect the president at all costs, the scandal is more stable — a conspiracy to destroy the president orchestrated by the Deep State, abetted by the media and Democratic lawmakers.

The only way to sustain the hysteria is to denounce the un-hysterical as complicit bystanders to the alleged scandal. Lack of outrage is itself an outrage. It's a Beltway version of the old Marxist crime of lacking revolutionary zeal.

The report last week that the president wanted to fire special counsel Robert S. Mueller III last June (something we already knew) was greeted by many "resistance" types as indistinguishable from actually firing him. Never mind that — as a matter of law and logic — being talked out of obstructing justice isn't the same thing as obstructing justice.

But the resistance types aren't wrong that there is a shameless and demagogic campaign to derail and discredit Mueller as well as the agency he once directed, the FBI.

There are four distinct story lines here. The FBI's investigation into Hillary Clinton's handling of classified material; the use or abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in investigating some members of the Trump campaign; the recovered text messages between two FBI agents having an affair; and, finally, the Mueller probe into allegations of Russian collusion and the claim that the president obstructed justice when he fired FBI Director James B. Comey.

One of these things is not like the others.

Now, I actually believe that Clinton's handling of classified material was outrageous. I am largely persuaded by the case laid out by my National Review colleague Andrew McCarthy, a former prosecutor, that the fix was in at the Justice Department to protect her from a criminal investigation because any such investigation would also implicate President Obama.

I think the texts between FBI agents Peter Strzok and Lisa Page are somewhat damning — of Strzok and Page. They clearly didn't like Donald Trump and were clearly too interested in the political ramifications of their work (hardly unheard of at the FBI). But so far, the claim that these private texts between lovers prove profound FBI corruption and a vast conspiracy to destroy Trump strikes me as close to paranoid delusion. (Sometimes people say silly things to paramours.) Several GOP lawmakers instantly transformed a joke about a "secret society" into proof of a fifth column in our government — an embarrassing, gravity-defying leap to conclusions.

As for the surveillance court, I have no idea what the full story is. Some allege that the Obama administration used the so-called Steele dossier to get a warrant to monitor the machinations of Carter Page, an unpaid foreign policy advisor to the Trump campaign. If the Steele dossier was the only evidence used to authorize a warrant, I think that's a problem. If it were merely part of the application, I fail to see the Watergate level scandal.

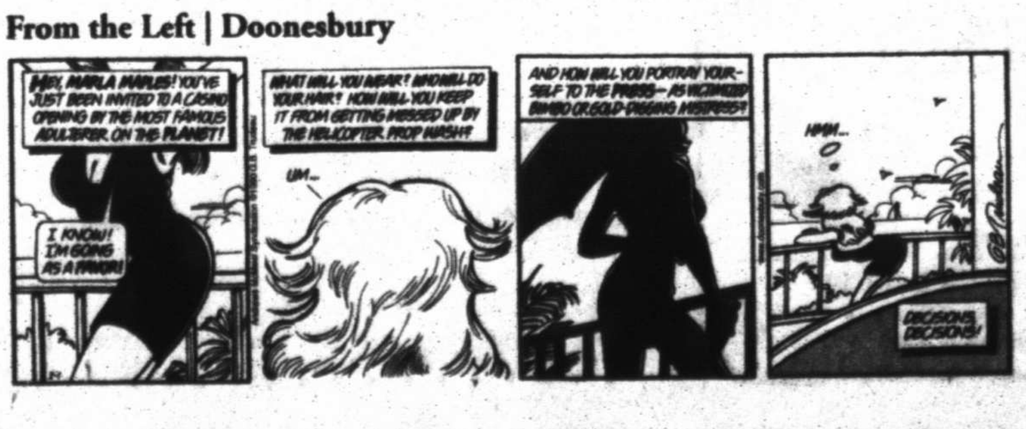
So far none of this has anything to do with whether Mueller can do his job properly. For all the phonus-bolonus about Strzok's Deep State skulduggery, you'd think Strzok was secretly running the investigation. He was there for a little more than a month last summer. Mueller dumped him once he heard about the texts and the affair.

Mueller, a man appointed to the FBI by a Republican, has a sterling reputation — even according to the president's praetorian guard, before partisanship forced them to change their story. And he was in private practice during all of these other events.

But such facts don't matter when fog and outrage are your most reliable weapons.

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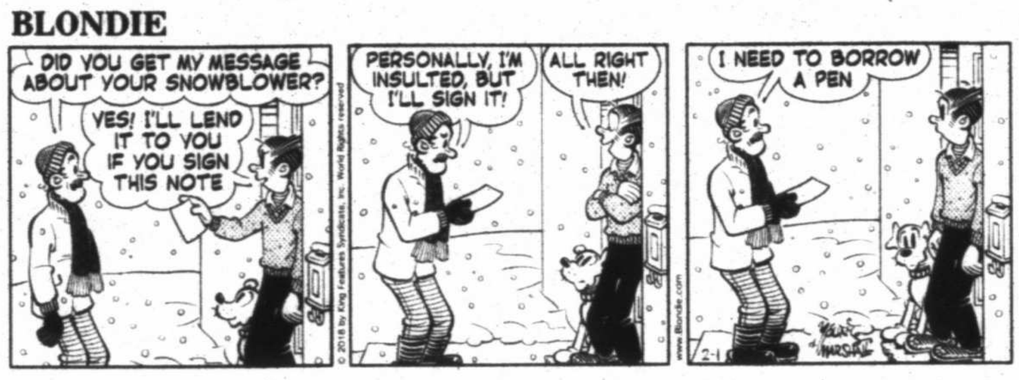
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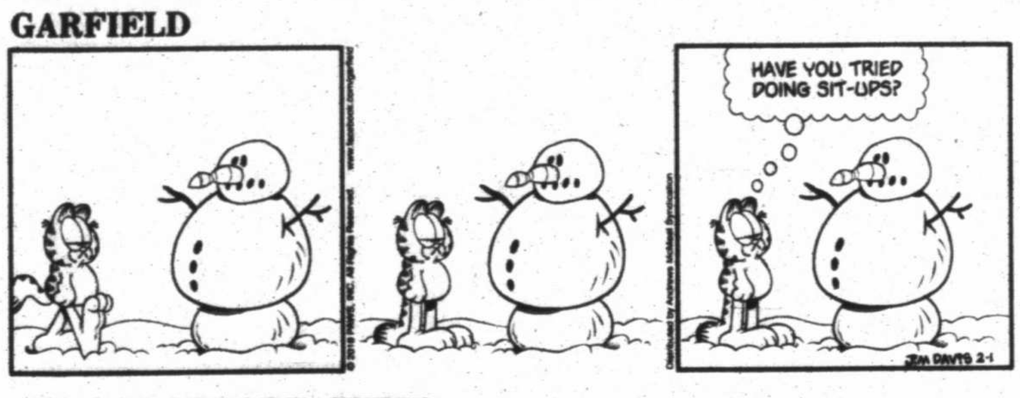
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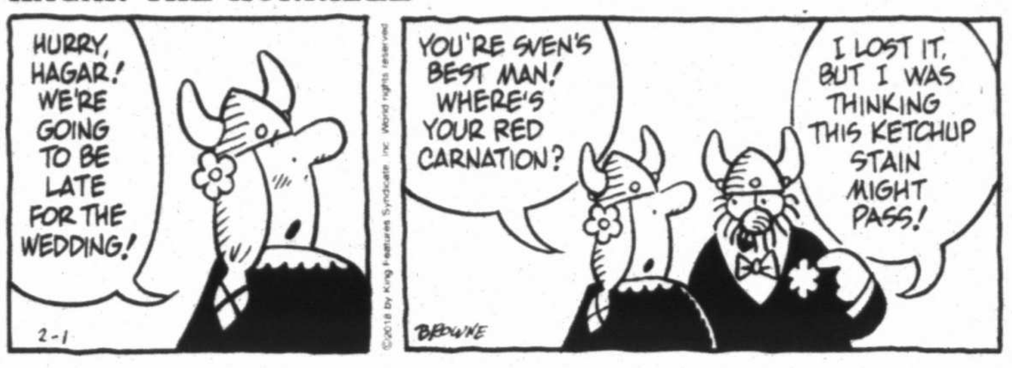
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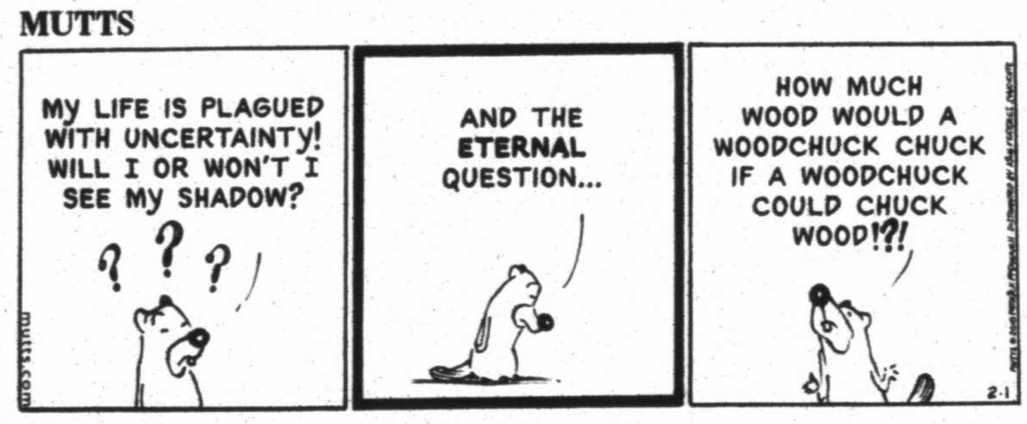
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No immigration deal near as Trump speech, offer are panned

By Alan Fram and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's State of the Union offer of a "down-the-middle compromise" on immigration did nothing to move Republicans and Democrats closer to a deal Wednesday, as Democrats accused the president of lacing his speech with racially charged remarks and Republicans dug in on their demands.

The reaction to Trump's high-profile overture suggested both parties were settling into a protracted tug-of-war. The standoff left serious doubt whether the two parties could reach an election-year pact to protect hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation, sharpen border security and take other steps to curb immigration. The two parties had not even settled on a deadline an agreement — a bad sign in an institution that rarely acts unless under pressure.

"If the deadline is Feb. 8, we're not going to make it," No. 2 House Democratic leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland said Wednesday, noting a looming deadline for approving government funding to avoid another shutdown.

"It's going to take work for us to build a consensus," Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., the House GOP vote counter, said in an interview Tuesday. Scalise noted that Republicans took "weeks and weeks" to craft tax legislation last year.

Earlier this month, Senate Democrats looking to pressure Republicans to reach an immigration deal forced a three-day federal shutdown. While many Democrats have little appetite to repeat that strategy, party leaders have yet to indicate if they'll let future budget legislation move forward without an immigration accord.

The tone of the immigration debate, already testy, seemed to worsen after Trump asserted Tuesday night that "open borders have allowed drugs and gangs to pour into our most vulnerable communities" and let millions of immigrants "compete for jobs and wages against the poorest Americans."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Wednesday that Trump used "insulting words of ignorance and prejudice." Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., who leads the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said the remarks were "meant to enflame tensions about immigrants" and would stir up Trump's conservative base but damage talks.

Republicans said Democrats are not making serious offers as they bargain over Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, the Obama-era program that's shielded "Dreamers" in the U.S. illegally who were brought here as children. Trump said last year he was ending the program, claiming executive overreach by President Barack Obama, but gave Congress until March 5 to enshrine it into law.

"If Democrats don't figure out a way to negotiate, then the DACA program will end and that's not an outcome I think anybody would like," said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the second-ranking Senate GOP leader. "But they will be responsible for it."

Even that March 5 date was in doubt, according to No. 2 House Democratic leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland, who's been meeting with other leaders. He said Wednesday that Republicans suggested Trump could extend that deadline, though a congressional GOP aide said he was unaware of that.

The urgency of the March 5 deadline was also blunted by a federal judge's decision to temporarily block the end of the DACA program. As a result, U.S. immigration authorities resumed accepting requests to renew DACA permits, which provide recipients permission to live and work in the country.

Trump has proposed a 10- to 12-year track to citizenship for around 1.8 million younger immigrants protected by DACA or eligible for its guarantees. That's enraged GOP conservatives.

"The heartburn is the amnesty component," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leder of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, referring to Trump's offer of citizenship. He said that plan needs "a few adjustments that may be major" before it could pass the House.

Trump also wants $25 billion for border security including his prized wall, a campaign pillar he promised Mexico would finance. He would end a lottery used to encourage immigration from diverse countries including African nations and redistribute some of those visas to applicants with high-skilled jobs.

He would also limit relatives that immigrants could sponsor for legal U.S. status to spouses and minor children. He calls that "chain migration," a term immigration advocates find nearly as offensive as the idea of barring them from helping parents, siblings and other relatives.

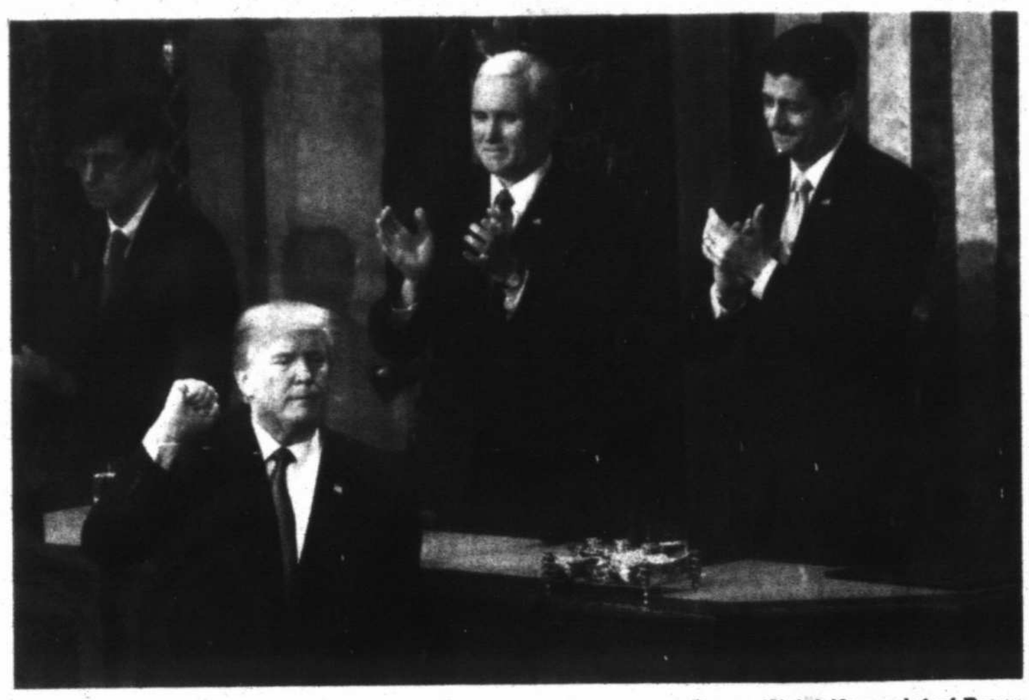
"We will not reach agreement as long as he wants to attack the very underpinning of legal immigration. My sister is not a distant relative," said Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., a hard-line pro-immigration advocate.

GOP lawmakers were also wary of changes Trump would make, such as potential curbs on visas that allow temporary agriculture or seasonal workers into the U.S.

"I favor legal immigration, I want to eliminate illegal immigration," said Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D. He said Trump's proposal was "a good first step" and added, "Let each of the two houses do their work."

The conservative-leaning Cato Institute has called Trump's proposals "draconian restrictions on legal immigrants" that would exclude nearly 500,000 legal immigrants annually, cutting their numbers by nearly 50 percent.

Without a deal, Democrats risked a backlash from liberal voters furious about any failure to protect the Dreamers. Republicans were wary of letting deportations begin in a year in which they'll be defending Senate seats in Nevada and Arizona, swing states with high Hispanic populations.



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

President Donald Trump gestures at the end of his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Pundits fight the urge to stay away from 'presidential'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The dirty word for describing President Donald Trump's first State of the Union address was "presidential."

That was what some Trump critics tried to put in the mind of pundits assigned to analyze Tuesday's address, urging them ahead of time not to be seduced by a smooth speech — an unusual form of "working the refs" that reflects today's divided times politically.

When the time came to assess the speech, Fox News Channel's Chris Wallace used a different "p" word — powerful. On the same set, Fox's Juan Williams said he could understand why some Democrats walked out after hearing Trump's "bellicose" delivery. "Partisan" was the word that came most clearly to mind: pundits were no more successful finding common ground in their analysis than the politicians they cover.

The effort to avoid the term "presidential" stemmed from praise that Trump received for an address before Congress last year. CNN's Van Jones, NBC's Tom Brokaw and Wallace used the description to describe a tempered delivery that contrasted with Trump's caustic campaign-style speeches or tweets. There was a similar dynamic at work when Trump spoke at the world economic forum in Davos recently.

That worried Trump's critics. Brian Klaas, author of "The Despot's Apprentice: Donald Trump's Attack on Democracy" tweeted to "gullible pundits" that describing Trump as presidential "makes you look like a moron."

Columnist Michelle Goldberg of The New York Times wrote that "I'm begging my fellow pundits not to get too excited should Trump manage to read from a TelePrompter without foaming at the mouth or saying anything overtly racist. No matter how well he delivers the lines ... he will not become presidential."

Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington bureau chief and now a George Washington University professor, said the effort reflects today's polarization. But he believes that the advice was good for pundits because it would make them think carefully about what they say.

"Good analysis is important," he said. "But reflexive commentary doesn't really add very much."

Pundits should be free to call things as they see them, said former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, a Republican who went toe-to-toe with Jones on CNN's set Tuesday night. The calls to avoid the term "presidential" come from people who can't accept the reality of Trump's presidency, he said.

Why did Melania wear white? Some see hidden meanings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twitter went wild with speculation when first lady Melania Trump showed up for her husband's first State of the Union address in an ivory Christian Dior pantsuit.

Some suggested sarcastically her attire was a tribute to Hillary Clinton, her husband's 2016 Democratic opponent, who favors pantsuits. Or, was she honoring the suffragettes, who made white their signature color? Others tweeted that Mrs. Trump looked "divine."

Her suit was in contrast to the black worn by Democratic congresswomen and their allies.

Tuesday marked the first time Mrs. Trump was seen in public with her husband since The Wall Street Journal reported that Donald Trump's lawyer paid porn star Stormy Daniels $130,000 in 2016 to keep quiet about an affair they had. Daniels on Tuesday issued a statement denying the affair.

Trump promoting recent tax cuts during session with workers

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pushing the Republican tax package through Congress was only half the battle for President Donald Trump. Now that it's the law, convincing Americans that it was a good idea is not just a political imperative but an economic one, too.

To boost GOP prospects in the midterm elections, Trump needs to show that Republicans are delivering on long-promised tax relief. And to meet the ambitious economic growth projections underpinning the law, the White House needs businesses and ordinary Americans to boost their spending in response to the tax changes.

Aiming to advance both goals, the administration is deploying Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Cabinet officials and staff throughout the country to anchor events publicizing the law and its benefits to workers and employers.

As part of that sales effort, Trump on Wednesday welcomed to the White House seven representatives of companies that have passed on the benefits of the tax law to their employees.

"It is not crumbs," Trump said after the employees described using the bonuses they've received to fund a wedding, a vacation, and retirement. It was a subtle brush-back to House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi's effort to use the word to minimize the scale of the bonuses.

Pence, at the same time, was talking up the tax cuts to workers at an manufacturing company in West Virginia.

The law provides steep tax cuts for corporations, with more modest breaks for most Americans — though some in the middle class from high-taxed states will pay more — and has suffered in the polls. But the White House hopes that is beginning to change as a parade of businesses announce additional investments in the U.S. or provide income boosts to their employers. The first benefits of the law are just beginning to be felt by everyday taxpayers.

Expect a wide-ranging sales pitch.

"The best way to look at how we are going to promote, explain and highlight the benefits of tax reform is to look at how we worked to pass tax reform," said White House spokesman Josh Raffel.

The charm offensive already is under way: First daughter and White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump traveled to South Carolina on Jan. 26 with Republican Sen. Tim Scott to highlight the expansion of the child tax credit under the law to a predominantly female audience. An official said she would engage in more of those events going forward, as she did in the run-up to the law's passage.

Inside the West Wing, the White House political office is overlaying the list of companies that have announced new investments or bonuses for their employees on a map of target races in the 2018 midterms, providing an outline for travel in the coming months. The events will be timed to coincide with filing deadlines and other opportunities to highlight how the law is affecting people, officials said.

In the coming weeks, Trump is expected to mark increases in many employees' take-home pay as the IRS withholding tables reflecting the law's adjusted rates go into effect by Feb. 15.

According to a tally of public announcements by Americans for Tax Reform, a conservative group that supported the tax law, about 3 million workers have gotten bonuses, raises or larger payments to their retirement accounts since the tax law was signed.

The nonpartisan Tax Foundation estimated that the $1.5 trillion law would increase gross domestic product by 1.7 percentage points over a decade. And fiscal hawks have expressed optimism that accelerating economic growth — and subsequent revenues — will cut into the legislation's cost.

At the White House Wednesday, Trump highlighted companies that have raised the minimum wage they pay workers or that have brought billions back to the U.S. from overseas. "We also have massive investments coming in," he said.

A White House tally shows at least 275 companies have increased wages, announced bonuses or promised new hires since the law's passage — a pace Trump said surprised him.

"We didn't know this was going to happen so much," he said Wednesday.

The White House is not actively organizing the highly publicized announcements from the likes of Apple and Walmart. Instead, the administration casts them as a "free-market response" to the law. Tony Sayegh, the assistant treasury secretary for public affairs, said the announcements are "helping shift so much of the misinformation that was put out there."

"We knew all along that this is exactly what you would see happening if we got the policy right, and we got the policy right," said Sayegh.

Outside groups that promoted the law are lining up to help the White House sell it. Jay Timmons, the president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers, said "now it's up to business to deliver" on the promises they made as they advocated for their tax breaks.

His group has asked its 14,000 members for data on how the legislation has improved their businesses and the lives of their employees, and is preparing to share it with the White House and congressional leadership. "Our manufacturers are feeling optimistic," Timmons said, adding that the White House effort would only help their efforts.

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY



ROGER THAT Roger Creager goes above and beyond in putting energy into his live show. See that today when he performs at Rockin' Rodeo. Doors open at 8 p.m.

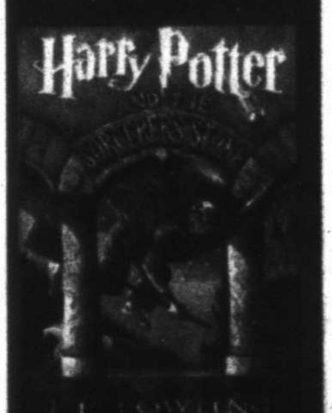
FRIDAY



SUPER BOWLS Empty Bowls by West Texas Food Bank features handmade ceramic bowls by area students and faculty. Enjoy dinner, buy a bowl and help the hungry at Trinity School Commons. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

OFF TO MARKET Market at the Gardens will feature a variety of goods from more than 30 local vendors at Alldredge Gardens. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



MUGGLES UNITE Celebrate the 20th anniversary of "Harry Potter" at Barnes & Noble with trivia and games. Guests are encouraged to dress as characters from the series. 6 p.m.

SUNDAY



GAME TIME Head to Little Woodrow's for the Super Bowl with the bar's Big Game Party, featuring a guest DJ and food and drink specials. 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

LOVE TALK Kiss and tell in a night of live stories at Brew'st Bakery about love gone right or wrong. The event is the first of Marfa Public Radio's 2018 Live Story Telling Series. 7 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Winchester"

STAYING IN
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Peter White doesn't call himself a jazz musician

By Rich Lopez
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After almost 20 years and 15 smooth jazz albums, Peter White doesn't even refer to himself as a jazz musician. Perhaps its semantics but the guitarist leaves that label to the virtuosos. In his eyes, jazz is all about the musician.

"I get lumped into jazz because I don't sing," he said in a phone interview from his Los Angeles home. "I play my own kind of music."

Despite his No. 1 hits on Billboard jazz charts and an extensive discography, he claims he leans more to rock or pop. But he's not without reasoning.

"A jazz musician is about the playing. I'd rather make a song than have people marvel at my playing. That's what makes jazz special," he said.

So when he comes to Midland to perform in the inaugural Midway Jazz Festival on Saturday, he won't be displaying impromptu solos or shreds on his acoustic guitar.

"I'm more about presenting songs with my arrangements," he said.

His most recent album, "Groovin'," is a continuation of his popular covers from the 1960s and '70s, and he expects some familiar sounds will engage the audience. But he also has his own signature tracks, such as "Bueno Funk," "Caravan of Dreams" and "Promenade."

He'll perform alongside saxophonist and headliner Tom Braxton, who is the reason White is coming to West Texas.

"He's a friend and he invited me. I'm a musician. I can't say no to a gig," said White, who originally is from England.

The festival, presented by the Midland African American Roots Historical Council/Cultural Arts Council, will also feature performances by Pervis Evans, dancer Maisha Morris and art by Ted Ellis.

As for his first appearance in Midland, White wants his audience to come with open minds.

"I don't like to talk about expectations. It's better to have none," he said. "I just know I'll play music to make people feel good."

IF YOU GO

The Midway Jazz Festival is a two-day event of workshops, music and art across multiple venues. Here is the schedule of events.

Friday

1 p.m. | Jazz workshop with Tom Braxton at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave. Free.

6 p.m. | Voice workshop with Andrea Wallace at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 303 E. Shandon St. Free.

7:30 p.m. | Dance workshop with Maisha Morris at Midland Festival Ballet, 4410 N. Midkiff Road. Free. Call 432-692-2853 for reservations.

Saturday

7:30 p.m. | The 2018 Midway Jazz Festival concert with Tom Braxton, Peter White, Pervis Evans, dancer Maisha Morris and more. The festival also features art by Ted Ellis at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

Tickets are $25 general admission, $30 VIP and $15 for students with ID and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at a Debo Na Salon and Spa, 413 W. Wadley Ave., Scotty's Soul Food, 523 E. Illinois Ave. and State Farm Insurance, 910 W. Wall St. For more information, visit rootscouncil.com.

HEAT INDEX: Raymond Orta brings laughs to Hacienda; MOSC 'Fanfare' is at Wagner Noel

By Rich Lopez
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KNIT AND STITCH AT ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM

Get a jump start on Feb. 14 by hand-making your gift at Knit and Stitch. The theme this month is Valentine's Love Gifts. Knitters, quilters and stitchers of all levels are welcome to not only work on your personal Valentine, but also share ideas and techniques.

6 p.m. today at 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

DANCES FROM THE ISLANDS AT THE YUCCA THEATRE

This revue of island dances features a variety of local and guest performers. The annual show is hosted by Aloha Hula Halau, which also teaches island dancing. But this night, get your aloha on with this lollapalooza of leis and hulas.

7 p.m. Saturday at 208 N. Colorado St. $15 advance, $20 door. alohahulahalau.com.

MOSC MASTERWORKS: "FANFARE" AT WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale brings a first to its season with "Fanfare." With featured musician Michael Tetreault, the MOSC will perform William Kraft's "Timpani Concerto No. 1." Tetreault will lead the audience through three movements of percussive technique under the lead of conductor Gary Lewis. The concert also features performances of "Sixth Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman" by Joan Kraft and Tchaikovsky's final "Symphony No. 6 "Pathétique," op. 74."

7:30 p.m. Saturday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

RAYMOND ORTA AND FRIENDS AT LA HACIENDA EVENT CENTER

Texas comic Raymond Orta rounds up his friends and brings them to Midland for a night of laughs. He's been tagged as the next generation of Latino comedy. See how funny he can

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Helen Mirren discusses 'Winchester'

By Mike Cidoni Lennox
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Helen Mirren says her new film "Winchester " isn't a horror flick, but rather a ghost story with foreign roots and a distinct American element — the psychological impact of gun deaths.

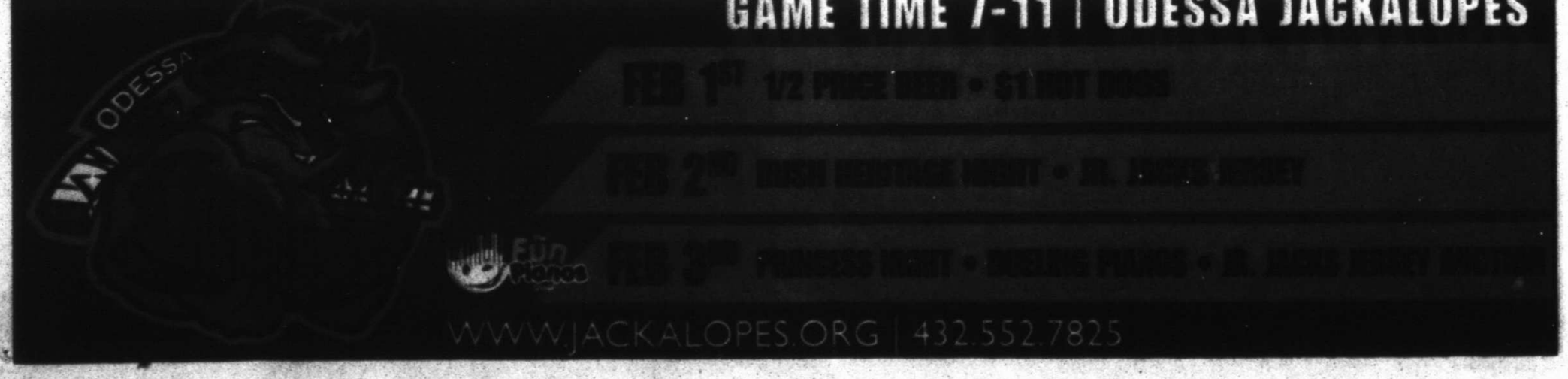
Mirren plays the real-life Sarah Winchester, a 19th-century heiress who inherited a massive fortune from her husband's creation of the Winchester repeating rifle shortly after the Civil War. In the film, Winchester believes she is haunted by those killed by the firearm, which allowed for more rapid firing than previous rifles.

"It's a ghost story, hopefully in the tradition, the very grand tradition, of Japanese ghost stories, ghost films," Mirren said in a recent interview. "You know, the Japanese love ghost stories and have great belief in the power of the ancestor spirits, of the ancestors, as many cultures do."

Part of the film was shot at Winchester's mansion in San Jose, California, where she moved after the death of her husband in 1881. Now known as the "Winchester Mystery House," it is a popular tourist attraction and has more than 160 rooms, 10 thousand windows, two thousand doors and forty staircases.

According the lore around Winchester's life, she ordered constant construction on the home to try to confuse the ghosts she believed were haunting her.

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CLASSES, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Knit and Stitch: Valentine's Love Gifts. 6 p.m. today at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

First Friday lecture: "Underwater World of the Indonesian Archipelago and Papua, New Guinea" with Bill Bynum. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Noon Friday in the Carrasco Room at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St.

Midway Jazz Festival: Jazz Workshop with Tom Braxton. 1-3 p.m. Friday at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave. Free. rootscouncil.com.

Midway Jazz Festival: Voice Workshop with Andrea Wallace. 6-7:15 p.m. Friday at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 303 E. Shandon St. Free. rootscouncil.com.

Midland Jazz Festival: Dance Workshop with Maisha Morris. 7:30-8 p.m. at Midland Festival Ballet, 4410 N. Midkiff Road. Free. Call 432-692-2853 for reservations. rootscouncil.com.

Alcohol Ink Design class with Kay Smith. For all levels. Materials included with cost. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at The Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. $100 members, $120 nonmembers. palletteclubmidland.com.

Comedy workshop. 11 a.m. Saturday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. westtexastalent.com.

Open Shop Nights are every Monday hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

EVENTS

Empty Bowls hosted by West Texas Food Bank. This annual event features handmade ceramic bowls created by area students and faculty from Midland College, Boys and Girls Clubs, Trinity School and more. Food by Catfish and Company and Jason's Deli. 7 p.m., Friday at Trinity School, 3500 W. Wadley Ave. $15 per bowl. wtxfoodbank.org.

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show. Saturday and Sunday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $7. Silverspurtradeshows.com.

Harry Potter Book Night. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of "Harry Potter." Guests are encouraged to dress as character from the series, meet fellow fans and enjoy trivia and games. 6 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. bn.com.

Super Bowl Party. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Guests are asked to bring side dishes. 2 p.m. Sunday at The Seed Church and Outreach, 4201 W. Illinois Ave.

Adventures in Art: Animation. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $18. noelartmuseum.org.

Big Game Party with guest DJ and food and drink specials. 3 p.m. Sunday at Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250. littlewoodrows.com.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Writing is Magic teen creative writing club for ages 13-19. 4:30 p.m. every first Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon-8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 4305 N. County Road 1140. Oldminersmaze.com.

Family movie and game night hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). Enjoy board games and a movie screening for children every first Friday of the month. 7 p.m. Friday at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Storytime at the Library 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

FINE ART & DANCE

Dances from the Islands, 7 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. $15 advance, $20 door. alohahulahalau.com.

OPENING: "From Uncommon Ground: The Art of Elaine Conger Gist" opens Friday and runs through Feb. 16 at the Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

Visions 2018: "Peregrination in Photography" featuring works by Aaron Bedell at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W Illinois Ave.

"The Work of Annita Delano" through March 4. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors" is a collection of President George W. Bush's works in oil that honors servicemen and women. Through March 25 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"On with the Show, This is It! Chuck Jones and the Animation Art of Looney Tunes" through April 1. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"Modern Frescos: Ali Cavanaugh" through May 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

FOOD & DRINK

Market at the Gardens will feature a variety of goods from more than 30 local vendors. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Alldredge Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road.

MOSC: Symphony SoundBites pre-concert supper before "Fanfare." The dinner event features a talk with maestro Gary Lewis and featured musician Michael Tetreault. 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $26. MOSC.org.

February Brunch Market features more than 30 local vendors and a brunch menu by Bus 22. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at The Urban Market, 300 N. Colorado Road.

MUSIC

BLUES

Tim Kreitz Band, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

CLASSICAL

MOSC Masterworks: "Fanfare" with featured musician timpanist Michael Tetreault. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

COUNTRY

Roger Creager, 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

James Cook, 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Wade Bowen, Vandoliers, 9 p.m. Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $15 advance, $18 door. Dosamigos.com.

Paul Nipper, 9 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Farm Fresh Frijoles, 9 p.m. Friday at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

JAZZ/SWING

The Midway Jazz Festival by the Midland African-American Roots Historical and Cultural Arts Council. Performers include Tom Braxton, Peter White, Pervis Evans, Andrea Wallace, Cory Powell and dancer Maisha Morris. The festival also features art by Ted Ellis. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave. $25, $30 VIP, $15 students with ID and seniors. rootscouncil.com.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. Sunday at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Hwy. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Odessa Jackalopes against Amarillo Bulls. 7:11 p.m. Feb. 1-3 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Odessa. Jackalopes.org.

Yoga Near Ice. Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio hosts a class before the Odessa Jackalopes match against the Amarillo Bulls. Class fee includes entrance to the match. Participants need to bring a mat. 5 p.m. Friday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Reserve a space by calling 432-552-7825 or emailing blevy@jackalopes.org.

Pre and Postnatal Yoga. Noon. Saturday at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $10 members, $15 nonmembers.

Odessa Jackalopes play Amarillo Bulls. The match will feature poetry by the Permian Basin Poetry Society celebrating its 50th anniversary. 7 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Jackalopes.org.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. Kcsnuttyroller.com.

Bust a Move Barre30, a full-body tone set to hip-hop and pop music. 4 p.m. Sunday at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Thursdays. Visit facebook.com./groups/midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

STAGE, COMEDY & FILM

OPENING: "Winnie the Pooh" by the Kaleidoscope Company, the junior players of Permian Playhouse. Opens Friday and runs through Feb. 11. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. closing Sunday. At Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10-$15. permianplayhouse.com.

"Mamma Mia" opens the new season at Midland Community Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Through Feb. 24 at MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Raymond Orta and Friends, 8 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $25. haciendamidland.com.

"Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" dome show, 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays in January. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Two Small Pieces of Glass" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays in December. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Kiss and Tell is a night of live stories about love gone right or wrong. The event is the first of Marfa Public Radio's 2018 Live Storytelling Series. Storytellers include Sue Roseberry, Randy Ham, Libby Campbell and Jane Boles. 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St. kxwt.org.

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

Unapologetically Black: A Celebration of Black Art and Culture will feature an art show, film festival, block party, health fair and more. Feb. 8-11 at 1305 E. Illinois Ave. mtrosefgbc.org/ub.

"Importance of Turkey in World Politics" with UTPB professor Dr. Sebahatttin Ziyanak. 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Jerry Seinfeld, 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $85-$125. wagnernoel.com.

Reed Southall Band, 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Chocolate Decadence at the Phantom of the Opera benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas. Costumes encouraged but not required. 6-10 p.m. Feb. 9 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $200. aphasiawtx.org.

The 32nd annual **Valentine's Party** will feature door prizes, specialty drinks, games and more. 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Festejando mes del Amor y Amistad with Los Tigres del Norte, Los Rieleros, Conjuunto Azabache and El Nuevo Corcel. 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $75. haciendamidland.com.

Marty Thompson and Friends, 7:15 p.m. Feb. 9 at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$45. wagnernoel.com.

Koe Wetzel, 9 pm. Feb. 9 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $10 advance, $13 door. dosamigos.com.

The fifth annual **Heart and Sole** includes a 1, 5 and 10K run and walk. Proceeds benefit the YMCA's annual campaign. 8:45 a.m. Feb. 10 at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. runsignup.com.

Vegetable Gardening in the Permian Basin workshop hosted by Permian Basin Master Gardeners. 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 10 at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $10. eventbrite.com.

Nature Club: Wind and the Invisible World. 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 non-members. sibleynaturecenter.com.

Run2Love2Run benefiting CASA of West Texas. 10 a.m. Feb. 10 at Big Spring State park, 1 Scenic Drive, Big Spring. casawtx.org.

Midland Meet and Greet with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lupe Valdez. 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave. Open to the public.

Aaron Watson, Kyle Park, Josh Ward. 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $30-$50. haciendmidland.com.

Sweethearts Dinner and Dance hosted by Texas Pecos Trail Region. Music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $75. texaspecostrail.com.



EVENTS & ON SCREEN



'DUNKIRK'

Regal announces Best Picture Film Festival

From staff reports

Regal Entertainment Group has announced its Regal Best Picture Film Festival, featuring all of the Best Picture nominees, which will be shown between Feb. 23 and March 4.

For a limited time, Regal patrons can see all nine best picture nominees for one price.

Festival passes can be purchased for $35 through the Regal Mobile App available on Google Play and Apple store.

"These films are the best of 2017 and with the festival pass, moviegoers can make sure they see all nominated movies prior to the start of the awards show (on March 4)," said Ken Thewes, Regal's chief marketing officer.

The films nominated for Best Picture are:

"Call Me by Your Name" (R)
"Darkest Hour" (PG-13)
"Dunkirk" (R)
"Get Out" (R)
"Lady Bird" (R)
"Phantom Thread" (R)
"The Post" (PG-13)
"The Shape of Water" (R)
"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (R)



'WINCHESTER'

MIRREN

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"There are many theories why she did this," Mirren said. "And one of the theories that we explore in the film. She was trying to placate the ghosts of the people who'd been killed by the Winchester rifle. She felt their deaths very strongly. She felt responsible. She felt the weight of their deaths upon them. And she was trying, in her own way, to placate their spirits."

Despite "Winchester's" themes, Mirren, 72, said the film isn't trying to make any broad statements about gun ownership in America.

"What I like about it and I think ... about America is that it doesn't deal with whether you can carry guns or not. That's kind of not the issue," she said. "The issue is more putting the question mark or the weight of moral decision upon the people who make a fortune from making arms — whether they're guns, bombs, grenades ... or whatever it is. It puts a moral decision upon the people who make huge fortunes from making and then I would say the armaments dealers in the world I would like to see it... I see it personally in a much more global way."

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get when he performs at this Super Bowl Comedy Kick-off Party.

8 p.m. Saturday at 12610 State Highway 191. $25. haciendamidland.com.

FEBRUARY BRUNCH MARKET IN DOWNTOWN

The Urban Market returns for its monthly gathering. Spend the morning shopping for groceries and gifts among the local vendors. And while shopping, enjoy mimosas and bellinis or even fast-made donuts with extra toppings. The centerpiece of the market is the brunch menu by Bus 22. So get filled on food and local goods before spending the rest of the day watching the Super Bowl.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at 300 N. Colorado Road.

'Blade Runner 2049' may not achieve cult status but is still a remarkabe film

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Blade Runner 2049" (R) Whether this sequel will enjoy the cult-film status its predecessor does has yet to be determined, but it is unlikely. It's a good film — great, even. But its 164-minute runtime is stifling. It also lacks the wonder and joy Ridley Scott brought to Philip K. Dick's story in his 1982 masterpiece. It does, however, have one heck of a twist and a dreary, but terrific, dystopian visage that is good for more than one viewing. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"911" (R) Is it too soon to try to capitalize on the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, with an exploitive film that all involved with should ashamed of? Oh, my, yes, it is. By the way, it always will be too soon. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Cook-Off" (R) The frenetic pace of this mockumentary is simply too exhausting — and unfunny — to be bothered with. **D**

"David Bowie: The Last Five Years" (TV-MA) HBO documentary takes an unflinching look at the legend's final years. Like the man himself, it is spellbinding and filled with creative energy. **B+**

"Happy Death Day" (PG-13) Winsome horror fare refuses to play by the rules, and that's exactly what's so wonderful about it. It's "Groundhog Day" meets "Halloween" and does so within the confines of its PG-13 rating. **B+**

"It" (R) The most successful horror film of all time doesn't mean it's the best, but it has its moments. What it does better than the 1990 mini-series is, it separates the past from the present. The present, by the way, comes out in 2019. And after vowing no clown would ever replace Tim Curry's Pennywise, Bill Skarsgård's take is plenty scary. **B**

"Jigsaw" (R) Without question, one of the things that made the "Saw" franchise so eerily good was the inventive ways in which the killer dispatched his victims. This sort-of sequel is missing that link. There's plenty of gore and gruesome torture to be had, but it lacks that oomph the franchise is known for. **B-**

"November Criminals" (PG-13) Who better to solve a teen's murder than his school buddy? There might be a parallel universe where a premise like this might actually work. This film is not from that place. **D**

"Scooby-Doo & Batman: The Brave and the Bold" (not rated) Animated feature is not the first time those meddling kids have teamed up with the Caped Crusaders. Nor is it the first time this union has failed. **C-**

"The Snowman" (R) Suspense is as cold and inaccessible as the frozen tundra of Norway in which it was filmed. **D**

Reeled & Stream

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REDBOX'S TOP 10 DVD RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of Jan. 22:

1. Blade Runner 2049 — Warner
2. It (2017) — Warner
3. Jigsaw — Lionsgate
4. The Foreigner — Universal
5. American Made — Universal
6. Happy Death Day — Universal
7. Despicable Me 3 — Universal
8. The Mountain Between Us — Fox
9. Thank You For Your Service — Universal
10. The Snowman — Universal

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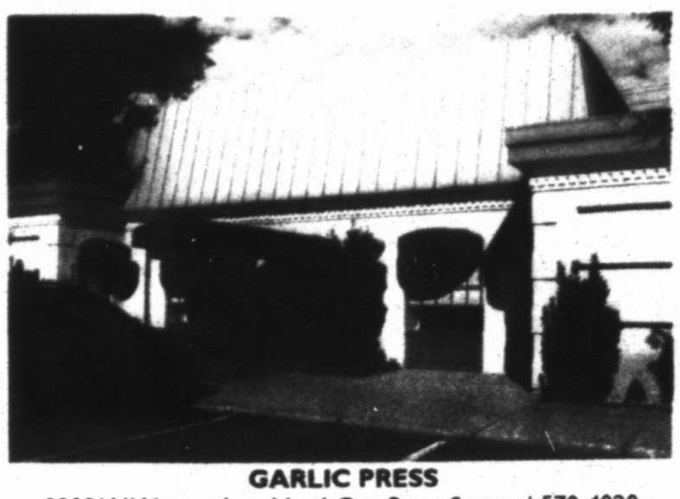
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CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. | 683-2334. cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE Churrasca serves meat — from chicken to lamb and pork to beef — directly at the table in an all-you-can-eat style. 4610 N. Garfield St. | 618-1110 | $$$ | 4 spoons

GARLIC PRESS Fine dining with menu items including hand-cut steaks, seafood and pasta. Or try something from the small plates menu. Dessert menu changes weekly. 2200 W. Wadley Ave. No. 6 Oak Ridge Square | 570-4020 | thegarlicpress.net | $$$ | 4 spoons

LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE American standards including burgers, steaks and ribs, plus signature cocktails and all the peanuts you can shell and eat. The chain's Midland location has had some issues with slow service and cold food but things look to be on the mend. 609 N. Loop 250 W | 689-6464 | $$ | 2 spoons

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB Renovated club restaurant doesn't require a membership. Go for breakfast or try steak or seafood at dinner. 1600 E. Wadley Ave. | 682-3729 | Ranchlandhills.com | $$ | 4 spoons

RED LOBSTER Chain restaurant serving American seafood standards amid New England-themed decor. There's not a Midland location but the trip to Odessa is worth the drive. 4536 E University Blvd, Odessa, 432-367-8926 | redlobster.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | 3 spoons

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant that offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and some of the best green beans you'll ever eat.. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. | 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. | 684-8686 | $$ | 5 spoons

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Battery mates lead motivated Chaps in 2018

By Oscar LeRoy
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Logan McCrummen and Cameron Melcher are battery mates who didn't like how things ended last year for the Midland College baseball team and are determined to make up for it this season.

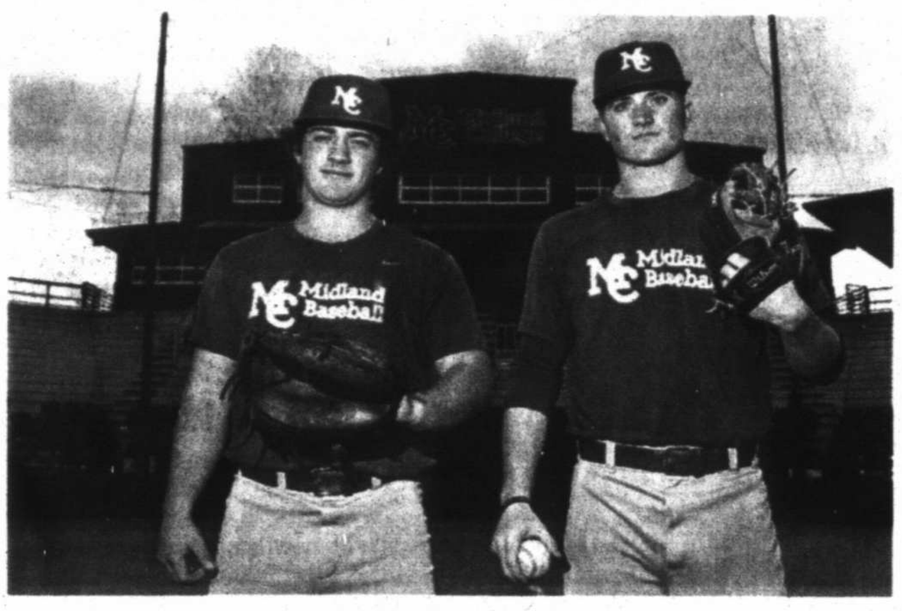
It was a season that began with high hopes and ended in disappointment, as the Chaparrals were swept in a four game series by rival Odessa College that cost them the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Then their stay at the NJCAA Region V Tournament was cut short when they went 1-2 and again lost to OC in an elimination game.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for the Chaps, who have tasted a lot of success in recent years.

"That still sits pretty heavy on me, it left a real bad taste in my mouth," said McCrummen a sophomore right-handed pitcher from Lubbock. "We had a chance to win the conference outright and all we had to do was win two games and we couldn't get it done. As a player that's something that doesn't sit well with all the returners."

Added Melcher, a sophomore catcher from Kerrville: "We need to have a consistent level of play and mentality about us all throughout the season, not get lackadaisical at the end and when we have a chance at winning something we need to finish it. The last eight games (last year), we needed to perform better and we needed a killer instinct."

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Midland College's Cameron Melcher (left) and Logan McCrummen (right) on Jan. 25 at Christensen Stadium. ***James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram***

State in their sights



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Olivia Haskell competes Jan. 18 in the girls 100 yard butterfly, taking first place with a time of 1:01.86.

MISD competitors aim for state berths at Region I-6A meet

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee and Midland High swimmers and divers have prepared all season long to perform well this week.

The Region I-6A Swimming and Diving Championships take place today through Saturday at Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock.

It's a fiercely competitive meet as only the top two performers in swim races and the top three in dive meets are automatic qualifiers to the UIL state meet, Feb. 16-17 in Austin.

Only two out of 24 entries in swim races are assured state spots.

"It's very nerve-racking," Lee sophomore Brady Cawthon said. "It puts you in the state of drive that you want it more than the other person next to you."

In addition to the automatic qualifiers, the UIL will also invite the next eight fastest times in swim events from all eight regional meets as wild cards.

"I tell them that 'This is what they train for,'" Midland ISD head swim and dive coach Steve Flato said. "'This is why we stay back on Thanksgiving and during Christmas. (I say) Dwell on the training that you did, the great workouts that you have and put it all together. This personal best matters.' Besides the freshmen, everyone is experienced on this level, so I'm pretty calm."

Midland High has plenty of seasoned seniors, as University of Texas signee Braden Vines is shooting for his fourth straight state meet berth and diver Grayson Jones is gunning for a repeat trip to state.

Additionally, MHS senior girls Mollie Wright, Maya Anderson and Dailey Parker are aiming for their third consecutive state bid.

But one of Flato's goals is to get new blood to experience Austin this year, especially considering he has a heavy presence of underclassmen on his MHS girls and Lee boys teams.

The freshmen and sophomore MHS girls played a large part in the team winning its first district title since 2004.

"They've never been to this," Flato said of his freshmen. "They're excited. They're listening to the older kids talk to them, so they have some realistic idea of

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Texas Tech tops Texas in OT, 73-71

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Keenan Evans scored a career-high 38 points, including the winning jumper to beat the buzzer in overtime, and No. 10 Texas Tech beat Texas 73-71 on Wednesday night.

After missing a potential winning free throw with 3.4 seconds left in regulation, Evans scored six points in overtime. His winning 18-foot jumper from atop the key came after the Longhorns tied the game on a banked 3-pointer by Kerwin Roach.

Evans put the Red Raiders (18-4, 6-3 Big 12) ahead with a layup less than minute into overtime. Then on the ensuing possession, after grabbing a defensive rebound, Evans was fouled and made two free throws.

Texas (14-8, 4-5) overcame a 13-point deficit in the final 13 minutes of regulation and led 64-59 on a free throw by Roach with 1:25 left. But the Longhorns didn't score again in regulation, and Roach then had all seven of their overtime points.

Evans missed a free throw, off the front of the rim, with 3.4 seconds left at the end of regulation after making his first to tie it at 64. That was only his second miss in 18 free-throw attempts during regulation.

That came 45 seconds after Evans was

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Brad Tollefson/Associated Press

Texas Tech's Keenan Evans (12) scores the game-winning basket over Texas' Kerwin Roach (12) during overtime in an NCAA basketball game Wednesday in Lubbock.

Sockers' success draws new coach Rincon to organization

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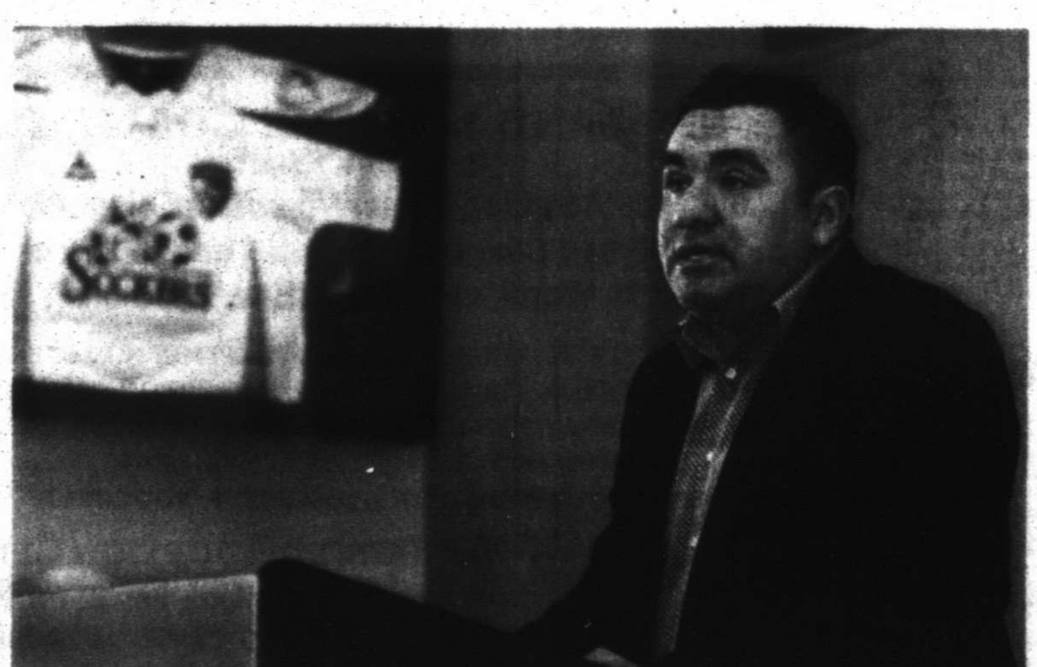
Luis Rincon says he plans to bring an attacking and aggressive style of play this season to Midland-Odessa FC, the reigning National Premier Soccer League finalist.

The priority is to play a smooth, yet skilled game with responsible players that drives toward positive results.

"My philosophy is to always try to play good futbol," Rincon said. "I try to have players who respect the game, they are very technical and try to push the ball and try to be aggressive going forward. I don't like to sit back. At the end of the day, we've got to win so my mindset is to be very offensive. We're going to go."

MOFC introduced Rincon as the club's new head coach on Wednesday at the ProPetro Diamond Club inside Security Bank Ballpark.

He is the organization's fourth head coach since MOFC's inception in 2008. He replaces Matt Barnes, who after four successful years directing the club, opted to remain in San Antonio this summer as head coach of St. Mary's University.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Luis Rincon speaks Wednesday after being announced as the new head coach for the Sockers.

MOFC General Manager Jeff VonHolle said he officially opened the head coaching position in December and received more than 50 resumes. Rincon, he said, separated himself with his ties to soccer in Texas, as well as his recent success coaching the men's and women's teams to national prominence during the last three seasons at NCAA Division II Ohio Valley University.

"We couldn't be happier to introduce Luis as our new head coach of Midland-Odessa Sockers FC for this year," VonHolle said. "Luis was at the very top of those resumes. He's somewhat familiar with Texas and somewhat familiar with west Texas, which is big for us. (His success at OVU) just spoke volumes to us about the type of soccer coach he is."

Rincon, who was a standout goalkeeper at Texas A&M International University in Laredo before serving as an assistant there for five years, said he is thrilled to take the helm of MOFC. He added that he understands the club's expectations are high following Barnes' tenure.

"This is a great opportunity for me — an opportunity I was looking for," Rincon said. "I'm very pleased and very glad to be here. I understand there is a very big responsibility because what coach Barnes has done in the previous years was outstanding, so standards are high.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Cricket

Big Bash League: Sydney Thunder vs. Perth Scorchers, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Golf

PGA: Waste Management Phoenix Open, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Maybank Championship, 2nd Round, 9:30 p.m., GOLF

Men's College Basketball

Fairleigh Dickinson at St. Francis-PA, 5 p.m., CBSSN

Creighton at Villanova, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Wichita State at Temple, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Gardner-Webb at Radford, 6 p.m., ESPNU

SMU at Tulsa, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Marshall at UTSA, 7 p.m., beIN

Northwestern at Wisconsin, 7:30 p.m., FS1

LIU Brooklyn at Sacred Heart, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Western Kentucky at UTEP, 9 p.m., CBSSN

Oregon State at Stanford, 10 p.m., FS1

San Francisco at St. Mary's, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer

Copa Libertadores: Deportivo Tachira vs. Independiente Santa Fe, 4 p.m., FXDEP

Cnpa Libertadores: Oriente Petrolero vs. Jorge Wilstermann or Olympia vs. Junior FC, 6:30 p.m., FXDEP

National Basketball Association

Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m., TNT

Oklahoma City at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NBA G League

Wisconsin at Fort Wayne, 10 a.m., ELVN

Agua Caliente at Grand Rapids, 6 p.m., ELVN

National Hockey League

Los Angeles at Nashville, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

Dallas at Arizona, 8 p.m., FSSW

Rugby

Super League: Warrington vs. Leeds, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Tennis

WTA: St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy, 4 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball

Iowa at Michigan State, 5 p.m., BTN

Texas A&M at Tennessee, 5:30 p.m., SEC

UConn at South Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN

Purdue at Michigan, 7 p.m., BTN

Mississippi State at Missouri, 7:30 p.m., SEC

Southern Miss at Rice, 9 p.m., beIN

RADIO

Men's College Basketball

Midland College at South Plains, 7:45 p.m., KLVT 1230 AM (Levelland) and klvtsports.com

Howard at New Mexico JC, 8:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association

Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

Women's College Basketball

Midland College at South Plains, 5:45 p.m., KLVT 1230 AM (Levelland) and klvtsports.com

Howard at New Mexico JC, 6:45 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Swimming & Diving
Region I-6A Regional Meet, Lubbock

JC Men's Basketball
Midland College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m.

JC Women's Basketball
Midland College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY'S LATE BOYS BOX

GARDEN CITY 57, SAN ANGELO SAINTS 51

San Angelo team and individuals scoring unavailable)

Garden City - Cesar Chavez 15, Scott Miller 11, Hagan Haffman 8, Hunter McMillan 7, Amando Alegria 6, Dakota Roberts 4, Parker Koenning 4, John Michael Alegria 2

Garden City	19	10	10	18	–57

Free throws – Garden City 16-28; 3-point goals – Garden City 1 (Chavez); Total fouls – Garden City 13. Fouled out – None

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Fired team physician Michael Reilly.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with C Alex Avila on a two-year contract. Designated OF Rey Fuentes for assignment.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Dave Joppie hitting coach for Colorado Springs (PCL). Dave Chavarria pitching coach and Al LeBoeuf hitting coach for Biloxi (SL). Sandy Guerrero hitting coach for Carolina (Carolina). and Connor McCarthy strength and conditioning specialist for Wisconsin (MW).

NEW YORK METS — Traded LHP Josh Smoker to Pittsburgh Pirates for LHP Daniel Zamora and cash.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Kenny Roder.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Named Chase Blackburn special teams coordinator. Brady Hoke defensive line coach. Steve Russ linebackers coach. Scott Turner quarterbacks coach. Heath Farwell assistant special teams coach and Travelle Wharton assistant offensive line coach.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed TE Devon Cajuste, DB Denzel Rice and OL Christian Schneider.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Pat O'Hara quarterbacks coach. Kerry Coombs secondary coach. Shane Bowen outside linebackers coach. Tyrone McKenzie inside linebackers coach and Rob Moore wide receivers coach. Promoted Craig Aukerman to special teams coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined New Jersey F Taylor Hall $5,000 for a boarding penalty against Buffalo F Kyle Okposo during a Jan. 30 game.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Kyle Capobianco from Tucson (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F A.J. Greer from San Antonio (AHL). Reassigned D David Warsofsky to San Antonio.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Reassigned F Oskar Sundqvist to San Antonio (AHL).

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	50	34	13	3	71	176	128
Boston	48	29	11	8	66	157	119
Toronto	52	29	16	5	63	167	146
Detroit	49	20	21	8	48	128	147
Florida	48	20	22	6	46	136	159
Montreal	50	20	24	6	46	130	159
Ottawa	48	15	24	9	39	125	168
Buffalo	50	14	27	9	37	115	166

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	50	30	15	5	65	155	141
Pittsburgh	52	28	21	3	59	156	155
New Jersey	49	25	16	8	58	147	147
Columbus	50	27	19	4	58	133	140
Philadelphia	50	24	18	8	56	144	146
N.Y. Rangers	50	25	20	5	55	153	151
N.Y. Islanders	52	25	22	5	55	173	189
Carolina	50	23	19	8	54	139	155

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	51	30	13	8	68	167	137
Nashville	48	29	12	7	65	146	125
St. Louis	52	31	18	3	65	151	131
Dallas	51	28	19	4	60	155	137
Minnesota	50	27	18	5	59	147	142
Colorado	49	27	18	4	58	160	143
Chicago	50	24	19	7	55	148	137

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	49	33	12	4	70	168	130
San Jose	50	26	16	8	60	146	140
Los Angeles	50	27	18	5	59	142	121
Anaheim	51	25	17	9	59	144	142
Calgary	50	25	17	8	58	139	139
Edmonton	49	22	24	3	47	135	157
Vancouver	50	20	24	6	46	131	162
Arizona	50	12	29	9	33	118	172

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 5, N.Y Islanders 0

Detroit 2, San Jose 1, SO

Washington 5, Philadelphia 3

Today's Games

Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.

St. Louis at Boston, 6 p.m.

Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Anaheim at Ottawa, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Vegas at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Los Angeles at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 4 at Minneapolis

New England vs. Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained upriver. 52-57 degrees. 5.76 feet low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and spoons. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear, 51-59 degrees; 2.55 feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 15.48 feet low. After a period of drought, this lake caught water and boating is now allowed. However, it is not currently recommended for fishing due to severe golden alga blooms.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 2.2 feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 54-59 degrees; 3.24 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 53-58 degrees; 1 foot low. No reports on black bass. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-57 degrees; 10.93 feet low. Black bass slow on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 51-59 degrees; 38.13 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 51-58 degrees; 1.59 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnow. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

SPENCE: 51.34 feet low. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

STAMFORD: Water stained to muddy; 52-60 degrees; 0.78 feet low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. White bass are fair on live bait. Blue catfish are good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 50-58 degrees; 24.49 feet low. This lake is currently experiencing a fish kill due to golden alga. Biologists are monitoring the situation and will post updates as they become available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 44-56 degrees; 21.76 feet low. Black bass are fair on soft plastics. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on cheese bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 60-64 degrees; 23.22 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, and soft plastics in 9-15 feet. Striped bass are good on slabs, spoons, and jigs. White bass are good on slabs, spoons, and jigs. Catfish are good on shrimp, chicken livers, nightcrawlers, and cheesebait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water murky. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms in the reeds. Striped bass are good on liver and shad. Redfish are fair on perch, shad, and silver spoons. Channel and blue catfish are good on perch and shad.

CALAVERAS: Water murky. Black bass are good on dark soft plastic worms and crankbaits around reed beds. Striped bass are good on Rat-L-Traps near the dam. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are good on liver, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Blue catfish are fair on liver and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

CHOKE CANYON: Water stained; 59-63 degrees; 24.76 feet low. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed soft plastic worms in heavy grass in 12-20 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Drum are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Chiefs' trade of Smith opens door for Mahomes, fills needs

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The countdown to the Patrick Mahomes II era in Kansas City began the moment the Chiefs traded up to select the strong-armed quarterback in the first round of last year's draft.

Officially, it is down to about six weeks.

Practically, it has already reached zero.

The Chiefs agreed to trade veteran quarterback Alex Smith to the Washington Redskins late Monday, a deal that will become official with the start of the new league year on March 14. In doing so, the Chiefs made a bold statement that they're ready for Mahomes, a prolific passer during his college days at Texas Tech, to assume the starting job for the foreseeable future.

Mahomes dazzled coach Andy Reid and his staff during training camp, making the kinds of downfield throws that Smith could never accomplish.

And when he made his regular-season debut in Week 17, when the Chiefs were already assured of the AFC West title and the No. 4 seed in the playoffs, he not only played well but returned in the fourth quarter to lead the winning drive against the Broncos.



Ed Zurga/Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) stands with teammates Dec. 16, 2017, during the first half of an NFL game against the Los Angeles Chargers in Kansas City, Mo. The countdown to the Mahomes era in Kansas City is down to six weeks, with no apparent caveats. The Chiefs' trade of Alex Smith to Washington becomes official in March, but already the Chiefs are preparing for life under a new QB.

It was the kind of performance — and the kind of moxie — that made Reid draw comparisons to another of his protégés from his days with the Packers: Brett Favre.

Those are big shoes to fill. Then again, so are the ones Smith is leaving behind.

For all the angst he caused fans by going 1-4 in the playoffs, Smith succeeded in stabilizing a franchise that had been turning over quarterbacks for years. He went 50-26 as a starter and made a couple of Pro Bowl appearances, setting a slew of franchise records in the process.

"Alex, you are the definition of a true leader and your professionalism helped me grow as a player," Chiefs offensive guard Laurence Duvernay-Tardif said in a statement posted to Twitter.

"Can't say enough about the type of friend and teammate Alex Smith has been since getting to Kansas City," Chiefs fullback Anthony Sherman said, adding "the Sherman family will miss the Smith family."

Yet the Chiefs knew they were going to move on from Smith in part because of the hefty price tag that came with the final year of his contract.

And his strong performance last season made Smith a hot commodity with at least five teams along with the Redskins.

That bidding war, even this early in the offseason, drove up the Chiefs' asking price.

They wound up solving more than one problem in the trade with Washington: The Chiefs, drained of draft picks by previous trades, got a third-round choice in April; they acquired Kendall Fuller, one of the league's top slot cornerbacks and a potential starter on the outside opposite Marcus Peters; and they freed up nearly $16 million in salary cap space to make additional moves in free agency.

Goodell wants league to look deeply into catch rule

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Roger Goodell wants to see the mystery of the NFL's catch rule solved, and he's ensured that the process has begun.

The commissioner said at his annual Super Bowl news conference Wednesday that he personally sees that rule as the most obvious to address.

Asked about the scrutiny that NFL officiating came under this season, Goodell said "on the catch/no catch rule, we need to find a rule we think will address that. We certainly need to get this rule right so everyone can appreciate."

Goodell recently spent three hours with former players, including Pro Football Hall of Famers, going over 150 plays. He said there were many good ideas offered, but as for the specifics of what should be a catch, there was little consensus.

"There were a lot of people with different perspectives and lot of disagreement in the room," he said.

So the competition committee will dive into not only this rule, but perhaps refining the rulebook.

"I would like to start back, instead of adding to the rule, subtracting the rule. Start over again and look at the rule fundamentally from the start. Because I think when you add or subtract things you can still lead to confusion. These rules are very complex; you have to look at what the unintended consequences are of making a change, which is what the competition committee, in my view, does so well and with so much thought.

"Clearly, the catch/no catch has had a lot of discussion. I won't tell you there won't be controversy (in the future), but we need to get to a better place."

He added that there were more video replay interruptions in 2017 "and I think we can look at that. How do we make the game more attractive with less stoppages is one of the things we focus on. How do we use replay to ensure correcting obvious mistakes but making sure it doesn't interrupt the flow of the game."

Goodell noted that in his 36 years working in the NFL, officiating always has been in the spotlight. Recently, because of advances in technology, the attention has ratcheted up significantly.

Goodell revealed that the league has hired an independent investigator to look into claims of sexual and racial misconduct in the workplace against Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson.

Former U.S. attorney Mary Jo White will lead the investigation. White has led similar investigations in other fields, including a recent one at the University of Rochester.

Richardson stepped away from day-to-day operations after allegations surfaced and is seeking to sell the team. The NFL has said it didn't pressure Richardson to sell based on the allegations.

Goodell said he wants the team to remain in Carolina and believes most of the other owners do, as well.

"I am sure that is a question many of our owners will ask," Goodell said of the Panthers staying in Charlotte under new ownership.

He also:

■ announced that the Rams will play a home game in Mexico City against the Chiefs. Until the new stadium in Los Angeles is ready in 2020, the Rams are likely to spend one home game a year elsewhere.

■ reiterated his stance that it's not the NFL's place to get involved in whether Colin Kaepernick gets a chance with another team. "Clubs have to make their own decisions as far as who's on their roster," he said.

Kaepernick, who sparked the protests involving the national anthem early in the 2016 season, wasn't signed for the 2017 season following his release in San Francisco. The comments from Goodell came a day after Philadelphia Eagles receiver Torrey Smith said Kaepernick not getting a chance with another team "kind of falls in the category of an injustice in itself."

As it relates to roster decisions, Goodell said the NFL won't "get involved in that in any way."

Bulldogs trample over SA Lake View, 7-0

From staff reports

Fernando Quintero, Raul Jaramillo and Daniel Olivas each scored two goals to help the Midland High boys soccer team cruise to a 7-0 regulation victory over visiting San Angelo Lake View, Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Arturo Mendoza scored the seventh goal for MHS (4-4-2), while Jaramillo and Olivas each recorded an assist. Captain Roman Ramirez, Donte Ferguson, Abdiel Villa and Jeremy Martinez also had an assist each for the Bulldogs, who led 5-0 at halftime.

MHS head coach J.D. Bales said he was pleased with the defensive effort against Lake View.

He added that he likes where his team is at ahead of its District 2-6A opener against Odessa Permian at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9 at Grande Communications Stadium.

"Defensively, we've played really well lately," Bales said. "They all know where they're supposed to be. The guys have really come together and we feel very optimistic about our chances in district."

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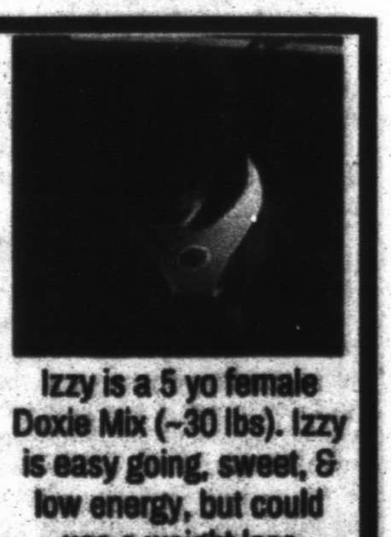
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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAPSULES

WOMEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 11-9, 4-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 14-9, 1-6

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 69, Midland College 63; Odessa College 60, South Plains College 57

Notes: Midland College looks to bounce back after suffering a home loss to No. 2-ranked NMJC on Monday. The Lady Chaparrals had a 51-47 lead heading into the fourth quarter before NMJC went on a 22-12 run in the final period. It also didn't help that NMJC went 10 for 21 from 3-point range. Three Lady Chaps scored in double figures, led by Bethany Theodore with 18 points, Bianca Thacker had 13 and Alexandrea Washington added 10. ... Midland College defeated South Plains, 58-55, in the first meeting on Nov. 29. ... SPC has struggled recently as it has lost five of its last six games, including a close loss at Odessa College on Monday. Mikayla Kuehne, a 5-foot-10 freshman guard, scored a game-high 27 points in the loss, while 6-0 freshman forward Christian Baker added 12. ... The Lady Texans need to start getting wins as they currently sit two games back of the final qualifying spot for the Region V Tournament. MC sits two games back of co-leaders NMJC and Frank Phillips. ... This is the start of the second half of conference play.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m., Monday; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
New Mexico JC	6	1	22	1
Frank Phillips	6	1	16	2
Midland College	**4**	**3**	**11**	**9**
Clarendon College	3	4	19	4
Odessa College	3	4	15	7
Western Texas	3	4	11	9
Howard College	2	5	12	11
South Plains	1	6	14	9

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 69, Midland College 63; Odessa College 60, South Plains College 57; Frank Phillips College 74, Clarendon College 67; Howard College and Western Texas College were open

Thursday Games

Midland College at South Plains College; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College; Howard College at New Mexico JC; Western Texas College and Clarendon College

MEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 7-15, 3-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 14-6, 4-4

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 76, New Mexico JC 64; Odessa College 95, South Plains College 80

Notes & quotes: Midland College is very much in the hunt for a postseason berth heading into the second half of WJCAC play as it is one of five teams battling for third and fourth place in the standings. ... MC got a key win on Monday as Marquell Fraser continued his recent stellar play with 30 points and eight rebounds. Kevin Kangu added 17 points and Jardin van der Korput had 10 points in the win. On the defensive end, MC held NMJC to 35.8 percent shooting and grabbed 35 defensive rebounds. ... South Plains is coming off a loss at Odessa on Monday as the Wranglers had a second half surge to come back from a 34-31 halftime deficit. Texas Tech commit and 6-foot-6 sophomore forward Deshawn Corprew led the Texans, 6-7 sophomore forward Raymond Doby added 16 points and 11 boards, while 6-3 sophomore guard Ben Perez had 10 points in the loss. ... SPC defeated the Chaps 70-60 at Chaparral Center on Nov. 29 and MC even had a 34-29 halftime lead. The game was close throughout much of the second half until the Texans pulled away late. "We were right there," MC coach Pat Rafferty said. "I think we're better now than when we played them in (December). We just have to keep trying to get better. They're good and they're talented and they are who they are. We're just going to try and go play the best we can."

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m., Monday; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Odessa College	8	0	19	2
South Plains	6	2	14	6
Howard College	4	4	16	6
Clarendon College	4	4	14	8
New Mexico Military	4	4	14	8
Frank Phillips	3	5	11	11
Midland College	**3**	**5**	**7**	**15**
Western Texas	2	6	13	8
New Mexico JC	2	6	13	9

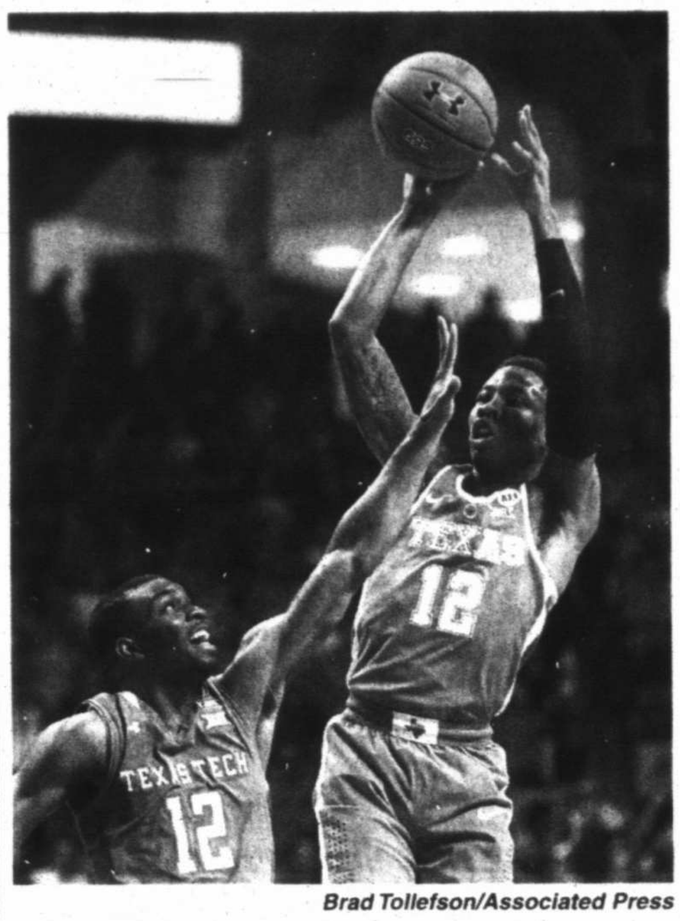
Monday's Scores

Midland College 76, New Mexico JC 64; Odessa College 95, South Plains College 80; Frank Phillips College 69, Clarendon College 68; New Mexico Military Institute 65, Western Texas College 63; Howard College was open

Thursday's Games

Midland College at South Plains College; Frank Phillips College at Odessa College; Howard College at New Mexico JC; New Mexico Military Institute at Clarendon College; Western Texas College is open

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy



Brad Tollefson/Associated Press

Texas' Kerwin Roach (12) shoots the ball over Texas Tech's Keenan Evans (12) during the first half of an NCAA basketball game Wednesday in Lubbock.

TECH

From 1C

fouled on a 3-pointer and made all three free throws.

Roach led Texas with 20 points while Matt Coleman and Mohamed Bamba both had 12 before fouling out in regulation. Eric Davis Jr. had 11 points.

Big picture

Texas: It wasn't the worst loss for the Longhorns, who defeated the Red Raiders at home two weeks earlier. But it was an opportunity to get a resume win against a Top 10 team on the road.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders extended their unbeaten streak at home to 14-0, including two in overtime. Evans showed he can be an immediate spark with 17 points in the first half. He had scored a majority of his points in the second half last week to help Texas Tech get two gritty wins after a two-game losing streak started by Texas.

Up next

Texas faces freshman sensation Trae Young for the first time when the Longhorns host No. 12 Oklahoma on Saturday.

Texas Tech plays Saturday at TCU, the only Big 12 opponent the Red Raiders haven't faced yet this season.

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

CINCINNATI 80, HOUSTON 70

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. — Midway through the first half, it looked like Cincinnati's long home-court winning streak was in jeopardy. The eighth-ranked Bearcats kept it going by pulling off their biggest comeback in coach Mick Cronin's 12 seasons.

Jacob Evans III scored 18 points, hitting the pivotal shots during Cincinnati's rally from an 18-point deficit, and Bearcats pulled away for an 80-70 victory over Houston on Wednesday night.

"The question I've had for this team all year is when the time comes, when the moment of truth comes, will we be able to take our game to another level," Cronin said. "I thought that's what we did tonight."

After trailing 33-15, the Bearcats (20-2, 9-0 American Athletic) closed out the first half with a flourish that featured Evans' steal and banked-in 3-pointer at the buzzer. His 3 gave Cincinnati its first lead of the second half.

"It's kind of difficult, an arduous task sometimes," said Kyle Washington, who had 19 points. "But this team is probably the closest team I've been on in terms of cohesiveness and getting through adversity. It makes it easier when we're in a spot like that. It was a great test for us."

Cincinnati has won 13 in a row since back-to-back losses against Xavier and Florida, the only ranked teams it has played. The Bearcats have won 38 straight home games, the nation's longest active streak.

Houston (16-5, 6-3) couldn't get a breakthrough win in the series. The Cougars fell to 0-16 on the Bearcats' home court and 2-30 overall against Cincinnati.

The Cougars stunned the Bearcats by getting eight steals and rolling out to the big early lead . Gary Clark hit a 3-pointer that stopped the Cougars' 26-7 run, and he added another 3 and a pair of free throws that got the Bearcats going. Clark finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"The next thing you know, it's 37-26," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said. "And then we started putting them on the free-throw line. We just had some tough things happen."

Houston's Rob Gray came in leading the AAC at 18.7 points per game but managed only nine on 4-of-15 shooting as Cincinnati took away his lanes to the basket. Corey Davis Jr. led the Cougars with 18 points.

Women

NO. 3 BAYLOR 77, NO. 23 OKLAHOMA ST. 64

WACO — Opposing teams have a hard enough time keeping No. 3 Baylor from making its first shot. The Lady Bears are nearly unstoppable when getting second chances.

Baylor, the second-best shooting team in the nation by hitting more than half of its shots, turned 21 offensive rebounds into 23 second-chance points while stretching its winning streak to 18 games with a 77-64 victory over No. 23 Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.

"We should have second-chance points," coach Kim Mulkey said. "We're that big. What we can't get because we're out of position, we can swat it away. We got a lot of those tonight."



Rod Aydelotte/Associated Press

Baylor center Kalani Brown, right, drives on Oklahoma State center Kaylee Jensen, left, during the second half of an NCAA basketball game Wednesday in Waco. Baylor won 77-64.

Kalani Brown, Baylor's 6-foot-7 center, had her fourth straight double-double — and 23rd in her 96 career games — with 19 points and 18 rebounds, while 6-4 forward Lauren Cox had 23 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Bears (20-1, 10-0 Big 12) made only one of their first 11 layup attempts, but never trailed while winning their 17th straight game. They couldn't shake the Cowgirls until a 10-2 run midway through the fourth quarter that included a pair of 3-pointers by Natalie Chou.

Chou had missed 15 consecutive attempts from beyond the arc before that, and had made only two of her previous 23.

Oklahoma State (15-6, 6-4) largely stayed in the game by making nine 3s.

"We had our opportunities and played pretty even for three quarters-plus," coach Jim Littell said. "When you play Baylor, you almost have to be perfect, and we didn't hit some shots we needed to hit."

Dekeiya Cohen gave Baylor an early spark with seven points and five rebounds in the first quarter. She finished with 15 points and seven rebounds.

"At the beginning of the game, (Mulkey) told me to go in there and do what I do, which is offensive rebounds," Cohen said. "I know it was important for me to do that, just to give us second-chance shots. I mean, once you get second-chance shots, most likely you're going to start making them. It definitely helped us out a lot."

LaTashia Jones had 13 points to lead four Oklahoma State players in double figures. But the Cowgirls shot only 35 percent overall (24 of 68) from the field. Braxtin Miller had 11 points while Kaylee Jensen and Loryn Goodwin each had 10. Goodwin also had 11 assists while Jensen had eight rebounds before fouling out late.

"Our three leading scorers tonight were 11 for 41," Littell said. "And that's not a formula to beat them."

NO. 8 TEXAS 55, KANSAS 41

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Texas played a great beginning and end against Kansas on Wednesday night. It was the middle that was missing, including an eight-minute scoreless stretch.

Still, the Longhorns found their groove in time to cruise to another Big 12 victory.

Ariel Atkins had 16 points, Brooke McCarty added 13 and No. 8 Texas pulled away late in a 55-41 victory over Kansas.

The Longhorns (17-4, 8-2) have struggled with consistency this season, and it really showed in the middle of the game.

"Attention to detail kind of comes and goes with this team," coach Karen Aston said. "And that's kind of what we looked like tonight."

Joyner Holmes had 10 points and seven rebounds, which tied for the lead with both Atkins and Khaléann Caron-Goudreau.

Christalah Lyons led Kansas (11-11, 2-9) with 18 points and nine rebounds, one of few bright spots in a mostly poor offense performance. Lyons had 15 of those points in the first half.

"It's hard to ride her offensively for 40 minutes," coach Brandon Schneider said. "I thought she got a little tired, and they really did a good job of hedging on her."

Kansas' second-leading scorer, Kylee Kopatich, was held to two points on 1-of-5 shooting and had four fouls.

"She's a good basketball player, she's gonna get the looks that she wants," Atkins said. "It's just a matter of trying to make it more difficult for her."

Neither team shot the ball well, as Texas finished with a 36.2 field goal percentage and Kansas with a 31.3 clip. The Jayhawks also missed eight free throws.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 74, Lamar 69
Stephen F. Austin 102, Houston Baptist 82
SOUTH
Davidson 84, La Salle 65
Georgia Tech 55, Syracuse 51
Hampton 70, Coppin St. 59, OT
Memphis 86, South Florida 74
Miami 69, Pittsburgh 57
Mississippi St. 81, South Carolina 76
New Orleans 82, Northwestern St. 64
Savannah St. 107, Florida A&M 100
St. Bonaventure 85, George Mason 69
Tennessee 84, LSU 61
Texas A&M-CC 67, SE Louisiana 54
Tulane 71, East Carolina 69, OT
Virginia 74, Louisville 64
Wake Forest 76, Florida St. 72
FAR WEST
Utah St. 89, New Mexico 80
MIDWEST
Bradley 69, Loyola of Chicago 67
Cincinnati 80, Houston 70
Evansville 57, N. Iowa 49
Iowa St. 80, West Virginia 77
Michigan St. 76, Penn St. 68
Purdue 75, Maryland 67
Valparaiso 68, Indiana St. 63
EAST
Boston U. 64, Loyola (Md.) 55
Bucknell 63, Army 71, OT
Duquesne 75, George Washington 73
Hartford 79, New Hampshire 62
Lafayette 93, Colgate 85
Mass.-Lowell 68, Maine 64
Navy 61, American U. 44
Saint Louis 80, Saint Joseph's 59
Seton Hall 73, Providence 57
UMBC 67, Stony Brook 63
Vermont 68, Binghamton 54

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Thursday.
2. Virginia (21-1) beat Louisville 74-64. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
3. Purdue (22-2) beat Maryland 75-67. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
4. Duke (19-3) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Saturday.
5. Michigan State (21-3) beat Penn State 76-68. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
6. Xavier (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
7. Kansas (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
8. Cincinnati (20-2) beat Houston 80-70. Next: at UConn, Saturday.
9. Arizona (18-4) at Washington State. Next: at Washington, Saturday.
10. Texas Tech (18-4) beat Texas 73-71, OT. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
11. Auburn (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
12. Oklahoma (16-5) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
13. Saint Mary's (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
14. Gonzaga (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
15. West Virginia (16-6) lost to Iowa State 93-77. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
16. Wichita State (17-4) did not play. Next: at Temple, Thursday.
17. Ohio State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.
18. Tennessee (16-6) beat LSU 84-61. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
19. North Carolina (16-7) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
20. Clemson (18-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
21. Kentucky (17-5) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
22. Rhode Island (18-3) did not play. Next: at VCU, Friday.
23. Florida (15-7) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday.
24. Michigan (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
25. Arizona State (16-5) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 77, Oklahoma St. 64
Houston 72, Tulane 48
Lamar 77, Abilene Christian 71
McNeese St. 66, Sam Houston St. 63
Oklahoma 68, Kansas St. 49
SMU 60, Temple 56
South Florida 71, Tulsa 57
Stephen F. Austin 76, Houston Baptist 54
Texas A&M-CC 56, SE Louisiana 52
SOUTH
Hampton 67, Coppin St. 35
NC A&T 53, Norfolk St. 51
Northwestern St. 52, New Orleans 47
Savannah St. 65, Florida A&M 47
VCU 58, Saint Joseph's 54
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 64, Wyoming 53
New Mexico 80, Utah St. 47
MIDWEST
Ball St. 97, Akron 65
Cent. Michigan 86, Buffalo 79
Dayton 79, Duquesne 70
Kent St. 81, Bowling Green 57
Miami (Ohio) 77, N. Illinois 62
Minnesota 71, Wisconsin 61
Ohio St. 94, Penn St. 64
Saint Louis 91, Fordham 85
Texas 55, Kansas 41
Toledo 79, W. Michigan 73
EAST
Binghamton 62, Vermont 48
Davidson 79, Rhode Island 67
George Mason 76, St. Bonaventure 63
Hartford 85, New Hampshire 49
Maine 69, Mass.-Lowell 51
Richmond 51, UMass 39
Stony Brook 69, UMBC 44

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (20-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 South Carolina, Thursday.
2. Mississippi State (22-0) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Missouri, Thursday.
3. Baylor (20-1) beat No. 23 Oklahoma State 77-64. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
4. Louisville (22-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Thursday.
6. Oregon (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 California, Friday.
7. South Carolina (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Thursday.
8. Texas (17-4) beat Kansas 55-41. Next: vs. No. 22 TCU, Saturday.
9. UCLA (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
10. Florida State (18-3) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Thursday.
11. Maryland (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Thursday.
12. Tennessee (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Texas A&M, Thursday.
13. Michigan (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
14. Texas A&M (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Tennessee, Thursday.
15. Missouri (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Mississippi State, Thursday.
16. Oregon State (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Stanford, Friday.
17. Georgia (19-2) did not play. Next: at LSU, Thursday.
18. Ohio State (18-5) beat Penn State 94-64. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.
19. Duke (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
20. Green Bay (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Kentucky, Thursday.
21. West Virginia (17-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
22. TCU (16-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Texas, Saturday.
23. Oklahoma State (15-6) lost to No. 3 Baylor 77-64. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
24. Stanford (14-8) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Oregon State, Friday.
25. California (15-8) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Oregon, Friday.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAVALIERS 91, HEAT 89

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 24 points, Jae Crowder made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:21 left and the Cleveland Cavaliers began a long stretch without injured All-Star Kevin Love by holding off the Miami Heat 91-89 on Wednesday night.

The Cavs rebounded from a troubling loss at Detroit — Cleveland gave up 125 points to the undermanned Pistons — and prevented the Heat from overtaking them for third place in the Eastern Conference standings.

Cleveland played its first game since Love broke his left hand against the Pistons. The five-time All-Star is consulting with surgeons in New York, and it's possible he'll undergo an operation as early as Thursday. Love, who could miss two months, already has screws in the hand from a previous procedure after he broke it in 2009 with Minnesota.

Goran Dragic scored 18 and Josh Richardson 15 to lead the Heat, who went just 3 of 28 on 3-pointers.

CELTICS 103, KNICKS 73

BOSTON — Terry Rozier filled in nicely for Kyrie Irving, logging his first career triple-double in his first NBA start and leading Boston over New York.

Rozier had 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to become the second player in NBA history with a triple-double in his first start, joining Tony Wroten for Philadelphia on Nov. 13, 2013, according to Elias Sports Bureau. Irving was sidelined by a bruised right quadriceps after he got hurt during Monday's win in Denver.

Marcus Morris scored 21 points for the Celtics, and Jayson Tatum had 15. Al Horford and Jaylen Brown scored 14 apiece.

Morris left late in the third quarter with a bruised left hip.

Enes Kanter had 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Knicks, and Kristaps Porzingis scored 16.

NETS 116, 76ERS 108

NEW YORK — Spencer Dinwiddie scored 27 points, D'Angelo Russell added 22 in his best performance since returning from knee surgery, and Brooklyn snapped a four-game skid with a victory over Philadelphia.

Rookie center Jarrett Allen, making his first start at home, had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who took charge of a close game with an 11-0 run early in the fourth quarter.

Dinwiddie had six points during the spurt and a pair of recent 76ers contributed the other five in the first meeting since a trade between the teams last month.

Joel Embiid had 29 points and 14 rebounds for the 76ers (24-24), who dropped their third straight. Ben Simmons scored 24 and J.J. Redick had 20 in his return from a seven-game absence with a leg injury.

MAGIC 127, LAKERS 105

ORLANDO, Fla. — Marreese Speights scored 21 points in his second start of the season, Evan Fournier added 19 and Orlando ran away from Los Angeles in the third quarter.

Winning for only the fourth time in 24 games, the Magic made a franchise-record nine 3s in a 43-point third period, their highest-scoring quarter of the season. They shot 18 for 32 (56 percent) from behind the arc in the game.

With 15 points and six assists, Elfrid Payton was one of seven players to score in double figures for the Magic (15-35).

Julius Randle and Jordan Clarkson scored 20 each for the Lakers, who never led after the first quarter.

HORNETS 123, HAWKS 110

ATLANTA — Kemba Walker hit a career-high nine 3s and scored 38 points, leading Charlotte to a dominant win over Atlanta.

The Hornets never trailed while building double-digit leads in each half.

Dwight Howard had 20 points and 12 rebounds in his return to Atlanta after spending one season with his hometown Hawks. It was Howard's second double-double in less than a week against the Hawks. He had 18 points and 15 rebounds in Charlotte's 121-110 victory Friday.

Nicolas Batum had 10 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for Charlotte.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	15	.712	—
Toronto	34	15	.694	1½
Philadelphia	24	24	.500	11
New York	23	29	.442	14
Brooklyn	19	33	.365	18

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	22	.569	—
Washington	28	22	.560	½
Charlotte	21	29	.420	7½
Orlando	15	35	.300	13½
Atlanta	15	36	.294	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	20	.600	—
Indiana	29	23	.558	2
Milwaukee	27	22	.551	2½
Detroit	23	26	.469	6½
Chicago	18	33	.353	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	36	13	.735	—
San Antonio	34	19	.642	4
New Orleans	27	23	.540	9½
Memphis	18	32	.360	18½
Dallas	16	35	.314	21

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	32	22	.593	—
Oklahoma City	30	21	.588	½
Portland	29	22	.569	1½
Denver	26	25	.510	4½
Utah	22	28	.440	8

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	40	11	.784	—
L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	14½
L.A. Lakers	19	31	.380	20½
Phoenix	17	34	.333	23
Sacramento	16	34	.320	23½

Wednesday's Scores

Indiana 105, Memphis 101
Orlando 127, L.A. Lakers 105
Brooklyn 116, Philadelphia 108
Charlotte 123, Atlanta 110
Cleveland 91, Miami 89
Boston 103, New York 73
Portland 124, Chicago 108
Dallas at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Memphis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

CHAPS

From 1C

As the Chaparrals begin their season on Friday with a three-game series at No. 6-ranked McLennan Community College, their goals remain high despite head coach David Coleman leaving the program to pursue opportunities outside of coaching. Longtime assistant Hector Rodriguez takes over as head coach and as McCrummen and Melcher said they just want to keep the train rolling.

"We've been heading in the right direction since Coleman was coaching and we just need to keep heading on that same path," Melcher said.

Added McCrummen: "I don't think it's changed as much as people think. Practices are the same, we still have the same energy. Losing Coleman, as much of a character as he is, there is still the presence of character from Coach Rod and the other coaches."

The transition will be helped by the fact that there is plenty of young freshmen talent that will blend in with veterans, who know what it takes to be successful and have been through the rigors of WJCAC play.

Rodriguez said McCrummen, who was a key pitcher out of the bullpen last year, should help the team in a variety of ways as he's expected slide into a starting role on the mound, while also providing quality at-bats.

"He probably deserved a few more at-bats last year but put his focus on the mound," said Rodriguez of McCrummen. "He came back this year, has gotten his at-bats in the fall and threw his innings. He's still going to be a difference maker for us on the mound. We'll find some more at-bats for him in the spring, playing first base, but he'll be really important to the program."

McCrummen said he'll do whatever it takes to help the team win.

"Pitching-wise, I think my role is to give the team the best chance to win, whether that's out of the bullpen or starting," he said. "Offensively, wherever I'm needed I'll help out. If I need to come in and pinch hit I'll do it. If I can DH I'm OK with that."

Melcher will provide that veteran presence behind the plate to go with a steady bat in the lineup according to Rodriguez.

"He's just a tough, hard-nosed worker, the whole cliché of being a quarterback on the field being a catcher," Rodriguez said. "Being a left-handed hitter is always good to put in the lineup. He's gotten a chance to add some strength. He was a little disappointed in his freshman year overall as far as his numbers but I expect him to do some really good things this spring."

McCrummen said Melcher is more of the vocal leader who gets other people going, whether it's in practice or in games.

"I'm the catcher and I think a lot of the tempo of the game is controlled by my position and I think my job is to keep the game flowing or stop it and say something if something is going wrong," Melcher said.

Both players have a positive outlook heading into the season and both know that their experience will help the Chaps develop throughout the year.

"Last year we had a lot of older guys and they kind of took us under their wing and mentored us," McCrummen said. "I think that's going to really help us with our maturity level. We're going into games more confident about what we can do and what we have to offer as a team. We'll also help those younger guys that are not so mature right now and help them get through some struggles."

Melcher added: "We had a lot of older guys who taught us how to do it and how to do it right. Those experiences will help us condition our younger team into a mature ballclub like the one we had last year."

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2018 CHAPS AT A GLANCE

Coach: Hector Rodriguez, first season as head coach

2017 Record: 40-19 overall, 27-9 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (2nd)

Key losses: WJCAC Most Valuable Pitcher Jon Nicholson (Abilene Christian), WJCAC Most Valuable Player OF Eric Senior (Washington Nationals 13th round pick), WJCAC honorable mention OF Hill Alexander (Dallas Baptist University), All-WJCAC INF Nolan Rattai (Northern Kentucky), All-WJCAC 3B Braden Hayward (Lubbock Christian), WJCAC honorable mention RHP Callan Johnson (Lubbock Christian), RHP Brock Barger (Abilene Christian)

Key returners: OF Ethan Barker (Tennessee signee, .339 avg., 2 HR, 35 RBI), RHP/1B Logan McCrummen (.333 avg. 23 RBI in 21 at-bats; 6-3, 1 CG, 9.91 ERA), RHP Noel Solis (5-0, 1 save, 3.90 ERA), INF Riley King (.331, 1 HR, 33 RBI), RHP Levi Hon (0-4, 8.42 ERA), LHP Aaron Weseman (0-0, 9.13 ERA), C Cameron Melcher (.220 avg., 3 HR, 12 RBI), INF Braden Scrivner (.369, 3 HR, 26 RBI)

Top newcomers: INF Frainyer Chavez, INF Tommy Gillman (Air Force signee, Texas A&M transfer), RHP Garrett Egli, RHP Jacob Webb (Dallas Baptist transfer), RHP Hutton Frazier, C Garrett Wilkinson, OF Jordan Billups

Coach's quote: "I think we're athletic, I think we can do some things offensively and we've got some speed throughout the order. I think we're going to be pretty balanced. We've got some left-handed hitters that we're going to be able to put in the lineup where needed. On the mound, I like our core group of guys. Obviously you're looking for some young guys to step up and contribute some quality innings, but I like the returners that we have back and what they can do with our pitching staff. Hopefully they can stay healthy and get us through a long season"

Notes: Rodriguez said the key for his team will be how well it matures. "I talked to our guys about it at the end of the fall and at the beginning of the spring, just about being mature, just handling their business and handling the ups and down of a season," he said. "Being mature throughout the year is going to be a big deal for our guys. I think they're going in the right direction. I think our maturity curve is a little bit bigger than others. Everybody has freshmen, everybody has young guys. It's about how quickly we can mature. We're going to find out early with our non-conference schedule." ... Rodriguez said there are six guys in the mix for the starting rotation, which has to replace its top three quality guys (Nicholson, Johnson, Barger) from last year.

2018 CHAPS ROSTER

No.	Name	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Pos.	Class	Hometown
1	Riley King	R/R	5-8/168	INF	So.	Bedford
2	Frainyer Chavez	S/R	5-10/165	INF	Fr.	Valencia, Valenzuela
3	Hutton Frazier	R/R	5-10/175	RHP	So	Abilene
4	Levi Hon	R/R	5-11/178	RHP		Wylie
6	Tommy Gillman	S/R	5-9/175	INF	So	Littleton, Colo.
7	Tristan Martinez	R/R	5-9/141	INF	Rs-Fr.	Midland
8	Fernie Zubia	L/R	5-9/172	INF	Fr.	El Paso
9	Carson Bailey	R/R	5-10/175	RHP	Fr.	San Antonio
12	Jordan Billups	R/R	6-0/194	OF	Fr.	San Antonio
13	Blake Perdue	R/R	6-0/189	OF	So.	Amarillo
14	Ethan Barker	L/L	6-0/154	OF	So.	Midland
15	Logan McCrummen	R/R	6-1/213	RHP/1B		Lubbock
16	Caden Foster	R/R	5-10/163	RHP	Fr.	Plano
17	Aaron Weseman	L/L	6-5/195	LHP	So.	Frisco
21	Jack Junker	R/R	6-1/154	RHP	Fr.	Bandera
22	Branden Hatley	L/L	6-3/181	LHP	So.	Morden, Manitoba
23	Benton Rogers	R/R	5-10/205	INF	So	Amarillo
24	Justin Lewis	L/L	6-1/194	LHP	Fr	Sachse
27	Vance Martinez	R/R	6-2/197	C	Fr.	Midland
29	Garrett Egli	R/R	6-4/194	RHP	Fr	San Antonio
30	Cade Bullinger	R/R	6-4/190	RHP/OF	So	Boerne
31	Jacob Webb	R/R	6-2/241	RHP	Rs.-Fr.	Waxahachie
33	Luke Pacheco	R/R	5-10/183	C	Rs.-Fr.	Bedford
34	Cameron Melcher	L/R	6-0/211	C		Kerrville
35	Garrett Wilkinson	R/R	5-11/211	C	Fr.	San Antonio
36	Braden Scrivner	R/R	5-9/204	INF	Rs-So.	Midland
37	Brayden Payne	R/R	6-0/173	RHP	Fr.	Midland
38	Chandler Eaton	R/R	6-0/189	RHP	Fr.	Schertz
39	Noel Solis	R/R	5-11/211	RHP	So.	Brownsville
40	Grant Fanara	R/R	6-2/183	C	Fr.	Brownwood

Head coach: Hector Rodriguez
Assistant coach: Bo Altobelli
Assistant coach: Mason Randolph

2018 CHAPS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 2	at McLennan CC (1)	3 p.m.
Feb. 3	at McLennan CC	noon
Feb. 9	at Alvin CC (1)	10 a.m.
Feb. 9	a-McLennan CC (1)	4 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Galveston CC (1)	9 a.m.
Feb. 11	b-Navarro JC (1)	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	Colby CC	1 p.m.
Feb. 18	Seward CC	noon
Feb. 23	Weatherford College (1)	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	Weatherford College	1 p.m.
March 7	at Odessa College (1)	2 p.m.
March 9	*Howard College	noon
March 10	at *Howard College	noon
March 16	at *New Mexico Military	noon (CST)
March 17	at *New Mexico Military	noon (CST)
March 21	Howard College	6:30 p.m.
March 23	at *Luna CC	noon (CST)
March 24	at *Luna CC	noon (CST)
March 26	Odessa College (1)	6:30 p.m.
March 30	*New Mexico JC	1 p.m.
March 31	at *New Mexico JC	1 p.m. (CST)
April 4	New Mexico JC (1)	6:30 p.m.
April 6	at *El Paso CC	noon (CST)
April 7	at *El Paso CC	noon (CST)
April 11	at New Mexico JC	2 p.m. (CST)
April 13	at *Western Texas College (1)	noon
April 14	*Western Texas College	noon
April 18	Howard College (1)	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*Clarendon College	noon
April 21	*Clarendon College	noon
April 27	*Frank Phillips College	noon
April 28	*Frank Phillips College	noon
May 4	*Odessa College	noon
May 5	at *Odessa College	noon

All dates doubleheaders unless otherwise noted
a-at San Jacinto JC
b-at Huntsville
*Denotes WJCAC opponent

RINCON

From 1C

The pressure is on me, the responsibility is on me and I like this type of situation. I'm ready for it. There are a lot of things that have to fall into place, but we're going to work really hard."

Rincon said during his time at TAMIU, he became familiar with MOFC when they were still a member of the Premier Development League.

He was in attendance at MOFC's first ever playoff match in Laredo in 2008 and said he followed along during the club's remarkable run to the National Premier League Final last season.

"I'm always following," Rincon said. "It was incredible the way they did it (last season) and that is very impressive and it's one of the reasons I wanted to be here. To be in such a great place with a great club, I want to get better as a coach with more experience at a higher level. I think there is a lot of potential to keep doing big things."

When it comes to recruiting and community involvement and appearances — something Rincon emphasized he would like to do this season — he said everything starts with trust, both with prospective players and fans. The club will hold an open tryout at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at Grande Communications Stadium.

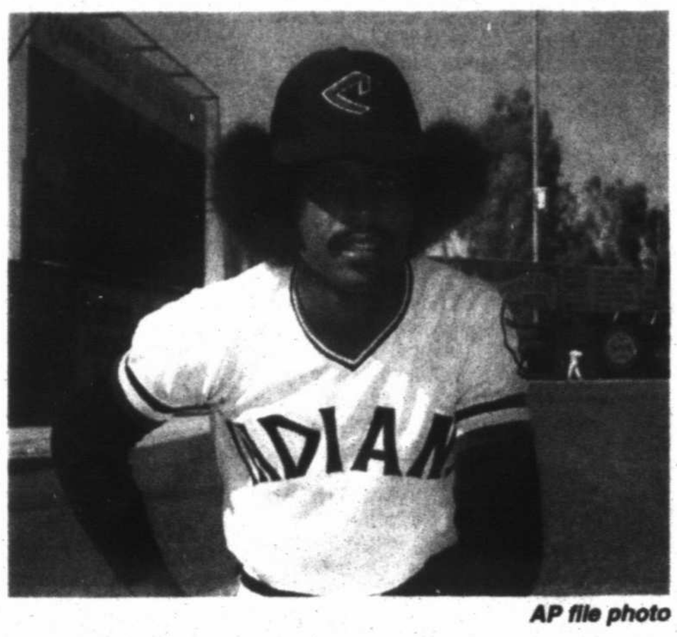
"The main thing is relationships," Rincon said. "I've been talking with a lot of coaches that I know from when I was at TAIMU and other contacts that I have in Colombia, where I'm from and in Mexico. I try to show them what it is (to play in Texas). When you have somebody who trusts you, it's easier for them to buy in.

"At the end of the day (it's about) the growth of the game here in this part of Texas."

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Former big league outfielder Oscar Gamble dead at 68

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press



AP file photo

In this 1974 file photo, Cleveland Indians baseball player Oscar Gamble poses. Gamble, an outfielder who hit 200 home runs over 17 major league seasons, died Wednesday of a rare tumor of the jaw. He was 68.

NEW YORK — Oscar Gamble, an outfielder who hit 200 home runs over 17 major league seasons and was famous during his playing days for an Afro that spilled out of his helmet, died Wednesday of a rare tumor of the jaw. He was 68.

His second wife, Lovell Woods Gamble, said he was diagnosed with a benign tumor, ameloblastoma, about nine years ago. It became ameloblastic carcinoma in 2016 and he had the first of several operations that August. Gamble, who lived in Montgomery, Alabama, entered UAB Hospital in Birmingham on Jan. 22 and died there early Wednesday. His wife said he never chewed tobacco.

A left-handed hitter known for the crouch in his batting stance, Gamble had a .265 batting average and 666 RBIs while playing for seven big league teams.

Hall of Fame reliever Goose Goosage remembered Gamble insisting that Yankees bat boys sprint out so Gamble could hand over his lumber before circling the bases on home runs.

"He's just one of the funniest guys that I've even been around, even professional comedians," Gossage said. "We all knew he was going through some tough times, and it's kind of frustrating just to have to sit back and watch one of your close friends go through what he went through."

Abuse victims say they were required to see disgraced doctor

By David Eggert
Associated Press



Nassar

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — Another wave of victims confronted Larry Nassar on Wednesday, this time about sexual abuse at an elite Michigan gymnastics club where young athletes felt they had to use the disgraced doctor's services and could not question the adults who ran the facility.

The judge presiding over the case said the number of people who allege they were abused by Nassar has topped 265. That total includes 150-plus victims who offered statements at a different hearing last week, as well as scores of new ones expected to speak over the next few days.

Nassar faces another long prison sentence on top of the two he has already received. He was sentenced to 60 years on federal child-pornography charges and another 40 to 175 years on state charges that he abused women and girls while working for Michigan State University. Either one of those sentences effectively mean life in prison for the 54-year-old.

"You are the most vile, disgusting creature I have ever met," said Katherine Ebert, who was a gymnast from 5 to 18 and started seeing Nassar at 15. "There are black holes in my memory that come back as nightmares or flashbacks, not wanting to believe they're true."

Nassar, once the doctor for the national gymnastics team, sat at a table with his lawyers as nearly 30 accusers rebuked him. They discussed the psychological scars from his abuse — depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, trouble being around male teachers and other men and fractured relationships with family.

"You took advantage of my innocence and trust," 17-year-old Jessica Thomashow said. "You were my doctor. Why? I ask myself that question all the time. What you did to me was twisted. You manipulated me and my entire family. How dare you."

Judge Janice Cunningham has set aside several days for more than 60 victims who want to confront Nassar or have their statement read in the courtroom in Charlotte, a city outside Lansing.

The case on Cunningham's docket in Eaton County centers on Nassar's assaults at Twistars, a Lansing-area gymnastics club that was run by 2012 Olympic coach John Geddert. Nassar admits penetrating three girls with his hands when he was supposed to be treating them for injuries.

Victims said they were instructed to see Nassar instead of their family doctors. Many of them concluded that it was mandatory.

Bailey Lorencen recalled that Nassar came to Twistars on Monday nights to provide free treatment. After an especially bad fall from a high bar, she broke her neck in four places and narrowly escaped being paralyzed. Nassar consoled her.

"I felt like Larry was my hero," she said in a statement read by an assistant attorney general.

That kind of trust allowed the doctor to do as he pleased with the young patients.

"It is a clear that in an environment like Twistars, a monster like Nassar should thrive. He just had to be the nice guy so that all these little girls would look at him as a savior and that safe place at the gym."

Annie Labrie, who said she spent 25 hours a week at Twistars as an adolescent, said athletes "were conditioned for years to obey at all costs."

She said gymnasts, dancers and figure skaters were pressured to be "pure, innocent, perfect" while simultaneously being sexualized at an age where they did not understand the concept.

She cited pressure to engage in unhealthy dieting, crude comments about their bodies and "creepy men towering over us."

MEET

From 1C

what's going on. You have to get thrown into the fire to really know what it's all about."

Both the Midland High boys and girls 400-yard freestyle relay teams enter the region meet as the No. 2 seed in both events.

Only Vines on the MHS boys 400 free relay has been to state, so it would be a big deal for the other trio of swimmers which includes sophomore Martin Knorr, junior Nathan Keller and junior Nathan Dumas-Salgado.

"It's going to take a lot of mental strength," Knorr said of breaking through. "It's going to take putting in all the work that you've put in this whole season and it's going to take teamwork, getting each other ready for the race and making sure no one is unprepared."

In 2017, both the MHS girls 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams reached state. Three swimmers on each team – Parker, Anderson and Wright – are back.

On the Lady Bulldogs' 200 medley relay, freshman butterfly standout Olivia Haskell is the lone newcomer, and she's ready for this week's challenge.

"It is a little nerve-racking, just because they've had so much more experience, and I don't want it to all fall on me," Haskell said. "But I'm pretty consistent when I swim. I feel like I will be all right."

Anderson says the younger swimmers can perform well at regionals if they go in mentally prepared.

"I would say it's tough, but it's definitely doable," Anderson said of regionals. "You have to just really put your head in the game and think about yourself even though only the top two go. I would just think about doing your best and doing your best for the relay. The relays are really what's the most important right now because that's the team."

Today's region meet kicks off with diving at 11 a.m. MHS sophomore Kristen Hepfer enters the girls 1-meter event as the No. 2 seed and she is seeking her first state meet invite.

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Region I-6A Swimming and Diving Championships
At Pete Rogers Aquatic Center, Lubbock
Thursday-Saturday
Top 2 performers automatically qualify for UIL state meet, Feb. 16-17, Austin
Midland ISD qualifiers

Girls 200 medley relay – Midland High (Stella Wright, Sr.; Oatley Parker, Sr.; Olivia Haskell, Fr.; Maya Anderson, Sr.)
Boys 200 medley relay – Lee (Brady Cawthon, So.; Collin Ruff, So.; Marcos Dominguez Morales, Jr.; Aidan Navarrete, So.); MHS (Connor Carriger, Fr.; Alejandro Lumpkin, Jr.; Ali Hassan, Fr.; Randy McKinzie, Fr.)
Girls 200 freestyle – Morgan Keller, MHS, Fr.; Elizabeth Bole, MHS, So.
Boys 200 freestyle – Nathan Keller, Jr., MHS; Ruff, Carriger, Navarrete
Girls 200 IM – Addyson Foreman, Fr., MHS; Kiara Aguilar, Fr., MHS; Hannah Couch, So., MHS
Boys 200 IM – Braden Vines, Sr., MHS; Martin Knorr, So., MHS; Dominguez Morales, Hassan
Girls 50 freestyle – Grace Austin, Fr., MHS
Boys 50 freestyle – Nathan Dumas-Salgado, Jr., MHS
Girls 1-meter diving – Kristen Hepfer, So., MHS; Kathe Hepfer, Fr., MHS; Jade McBride, So., MHS
Boys 1-meter diving – Grayson Jones, Sr., MHS; Sean Gray, So., Lee
Girls 100 butterfly – Haskell, Aguilar, Couch
Boys 100 butterfly – Cawthon, Hassan
Girls 100 freestyle – Parker, Anderson
Boys 100 freestyle – Dumas-Salgado, Navarrete
Girls 500 freestyle – Wright, Celeste Garza, Jr., MHS; M. Keller; Aries Salazar, So., MHS
Boys 500 freestyle – N. Keller; Knorr; Ruff
Girls 200 freestyle relay – MHS (Haskell; Foreman; Aguilar; Garza)
Boys 200 freestyle relay – Lee (Gavin Arends, So.; Zakary Alameda, Fr.; Ardavin Malone, Sr.; Erik Eisenberg, Fr.)
Girls 100 backstroke – Wright; Haskell; Parker; Foreman
Boys 100 backstroke – Cawthon
Girls 100 breaststroke – Anderson
Boys 100 breaststroke – Vines; Dominguez Morales; Carriger
Girls 400 freestyle relay – MHS (Wright; Anderson; Garza; Parker); Lee (Sarah Crutchfield, So.; Amanda Lewis, So.; Madison Bone, So.; Sophia Ortiz, So.)
Boys 400 freestyle relay – MHS (Vines; Dumas-Salgado; Knorr; N. Keller); Lee (Navarrete; Dominguez Morales; Ruff; Cawthon)

Schedule of events
Thursday
11 a.m. – Class 6A Diving Competition
Friday
4 p.m. – Class 6A Swimming Prelims
Saturday
4 p.m. – Class 6A Swimming Finals

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — FEBRUARY 1, 2018

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	C	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Grey's A. "(Don't Fear) the Reaper" (N)		Scandal "The People v. Olivia Pope" (N)		With Murder "He's a Bad Father" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Contamination" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Brazen Bequest"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week Five" challengers face off against The Four. (N)		A new set of		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Mother "Miracles"
KMLM IND	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Supers-tore (N)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N)	A.P. Bio "Pilot" (N)	Chicago Fire "Law of the Jungle" (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	PBS NewsHour (N)		American Masters "Maya Angelou" The prolific life of author and activist Maya Angelou is celebrated.					Places to Love	Aman-pour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories
KUPB UNI	4	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	Last Man	Last Man	Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	(4:30)											
HBO	300	Movie	News (N)					Maintain					Sports
HBO2	302	(5:45)											Movie
HBO5	304	Movie											Movie
MAX	380	(5:15)											
MAX2	382	(5:35)											
PLEX													
SHOW	320	Movie											Shame.
TMC	336	(5:15)											
A&E	27	60 Days In "Pissed Off"		60 Days In "Party Favors"		60 Days In "Jail Crush"		60 Days In "Blood Rules" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Honour Code"	(:05) 60 Days In "Party Favors"		
AMC	40	(4:30)											
BET	58	-						Black (N)	Mancave	Rundown	Black	Mancave	Rundown
BRAVO	65	76		41		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives	Atlanta	Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)	Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners "A Moonshiner's Farewell"				Murder isle (N)	Tesla (N)		Moonshiners
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Underc.	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie 1/2
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Con./S.C. (L)				30 for 30 "The Two Bills" (N)		30 for 30 "The Two Bills"	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Wichita State at Temple (L)				eSports		30 for 30 "The Two Bills"	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33								
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29								
FX	31	56	59	64	69								
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men: Fully		Mountain Men		(:05) Alone	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway	(:50) Runway	Runway "Fashion's New Superheroes" (N)		Model "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow" (N)	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Mecum	NHL Live! (L)			NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Nashville Predators (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder						
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67								
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Brooklyn "Payback"	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99
TCM	41	75	24	63	66								
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el princi		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Brittani's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Liz's Story" (N)		To Be Announced		By-Ton "You Have to Fight for It" (N)	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NCIS: New Orleans "Undocumented"		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs Site: AT&T Center -- San Antonio, Texas (L)				NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nashville	
USA	26	55	42	27	49								
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Graduate longs to distance himself from family strife

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm an 18-year-old guy who's having troubles regarding my family. My parents are divorced, and I moved out of my mom's house after I graduated.

After the divorce, I flipped back and forth between living with either Mom or Dad. I moved into my mother's after an argument with my stepmom, who insists that I call her "Mother." I don't consider her my mother. My father is an alcoholic and was completely impaired when he married her. I've never forgiven him. When I visit, I can't help but feel no longer welcome.

My mother (a hypocritical tiger mom) made my high school career so stressful it pushed me into severe depression, so I spoke to a doctor who prescribed medication for me and gave me therapist referrals. Since I moved out, I've never been happier.

My siblings and I have never been close, other than at times when we needed someone to talk to about our parental situation.

I have been thinking about disappearing and starting a new life on my own with no thought of my family past. I'm not sure if it's worth fixing the mess my family has become. Advice? — BREAKING AWAY

DEAR BREAKING: For your stepmother to demand that you call her "Mother" was wrong. She is not and never will be your mother. (Besides, you already have one of those.) For your mother to have pushed you to succeed academically is normal when a parent thinks her child has potential that isn't being realized. That she was so heavy-handed that it had the opposite effect is very sad.

If you would like to move away and start a new life, no one can stop you. At 18, you are considered an adult. But I do NOT think it would be healthy for you to do it in anger and without mending fences, if that's possible. Running away will not have the effect you're looking for because your family will still be living in your head.

DEAR ABBY: I believe my wife is egocentric. She has five framed pictures of herself around the house. Even the wallpaper on her tablet is of herself. If we have a disagreement about anything, she won't talk to me for days unless I break the ice. It's ruining our 2 1/2-year marriage. Any suggestions? — MYSTIFIED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Yes, be less quick to judge her because of the photos she keeps around the house. The reason may have less to do with egocentricity than insecurity.

What's destroying your marriage isn't the pictures; it's your wife's inability to fight fair. Her silent treatment is emotionally abusive; it's not a healthy way to solve a disagreement. A licensed marriage and family therapist may be able to help the two of you communicate more effectively. If your wife won't agree to it, go alone.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The roadmap

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠8
♡8 5 2
◇6 4 3 2
♣K J 7 4 3

WEST
♠J 10 6 4 3
♡4
◇A K J 8 7
♣9 6

EAST
♠9 7 2
♡A 9 7 3
◇Q 9 5
♣Q 10 2

SOUTH
♠A K Q 5
♡K Q J 10 6
◇10
♣A 8 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	2♡*	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*At least five spades plus a five-card minor

Opening lead: Ace of ◇

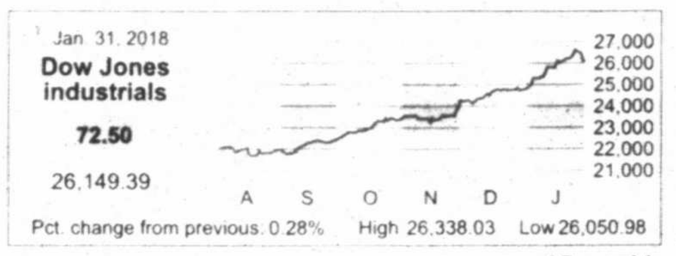
Two-suited bids are very popular in tournament bridge. This was a Michael's Cue Bid in today's deal, but there are others. The Unusual no-trump is another popular two-suited bid and the full list would be quite long. They can be very effective when they discover a good fit but they can backfire when the bidder ends up defending the hand. They often provide a roadmap for declarer, not only about the bidder's hand, but also his partner's.

West continued with the king of diamonds at trick two, ruffed by South. Declarer cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade in dummy. A low trump from the table was ducked by East. South won with the king and continued with the queen, not surprised to see West show out. East won this with the ace and continued with a third round of diamonds.

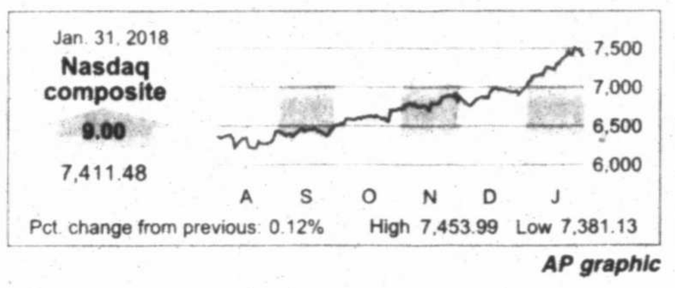
Declarer ruffed this and cashed the jack of hearts, leaving himself with no-trumps and East with one. This was no problem as long as East was out of diamonds, as advertised by West's two-suited bid. South cashed the king of spades and continued with the queen of spades. East had a choice that he didn't care for — he could ruff and lead a club away from his queen, or not ruff and watch South cash the ace and king of clubs. Rather than make a choice, East just folded his cards, claiming his trump trick, and congratulated South for his fine play.

BUSINESS & OIL

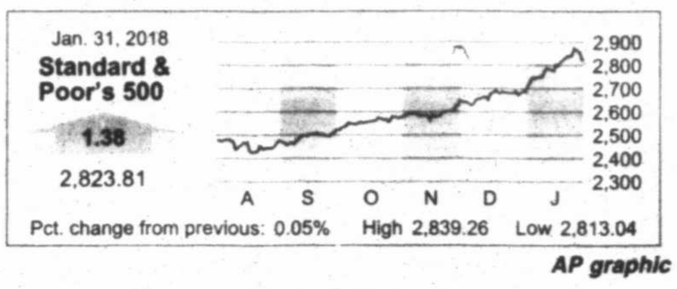
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $64.73
Previous: $64.50

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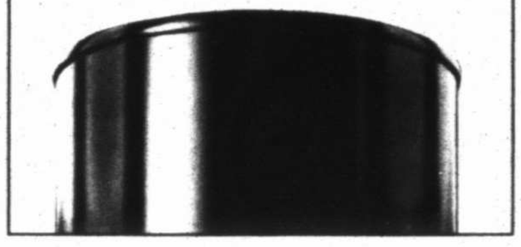
Wednesday: $61.25
Previous: $61.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $58.90
Previous: $58.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.995
Previous: $3.195



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1186381281	91	+.28
iShEMkts	968493	51.03	+.44
GenElec	767041	16.17	+.22
B iPVxST rs	687417	29.93	-.66
BkofAm	654290	32.00	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlyGem	21.45	+3.35	+18.5
Omnova	11.00	+1.45	+15.2
Meritor	27.28	+3.28	+13.7
OFG Bncp	11.40	+1.20	+11.8
PitnyBw	14.11	+1.49	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RoadrnTrn	5.57	-1.57	-22.0
EKodak	7.95	-1.20	-13.1
MesaRoyl	15.60	-2.33	-13.0
PrSUltNG rs	6.73	-.97	-12.6
A10 Ntwks	6.13	-.86	-12.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,556
Declined	1,355
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,016
New Highs	88
New Lows	117
Volume	4,238,279,675

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SRC Eng	116325	9.97	+.47
NwGold g	52458	3.03	+.02
B2gold g	51961	3.02	+.02
iShIndia bt	40916	37.29	+.06
PolyMet g	39028	1.32	+.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	4.72	+.31	+7.0
CentrusEn	3.86	+.19	+5.2
SRC Eng	9.97	+.47	+4.9
AvalonHld	2.17	+.09	+4.3
McClatch rs	9.15	+.38	+4.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nevsun g	2.08	-.17	-7.6
ImpactMtg	9.20	-.66	-6.7
Intellichk	2.13	-.12	-5.3
Daxor	4.42	-.23	-4.9
Can-Fite	2.38	-.12	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	147
Declined	166
Unchanged	28
Total issues	341
New Highs	4
New Lows	21
Volume	140,512,704

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	474008	95.01	+2.27
MicronT	449215	43.72	+2.05
Intel	415149	48.14	-.65
PwShs QQQ	409912	169.40	+.70
Cisco	361262	41.54	-.71

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CascTher rs	10.05	+4.15	+70.3
GblEagEnt	2.89	+.68	+30.8
Shutterfly	68.06	+14.74	+27.6
Zafgen	6.87	+1.20	+21.2
HeatBlo rs	3.40	+.57	+20.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BellicumP	6.08	-2.12	-25.9
Veritone n	17.75	-5.40	-23.3
OpGen n rs	3.85	-1.15	-23.0
Forterra n	6.95	-1.83	-20.8
CodaOct n	4.78	-1.14	-19.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,076
Declined	1,763
Unchanged	211
Total issues	3,050
New Highs	94
New Lows	60
Volume	2,377,541,940

Fed leaves rate unchanged as Yellen departs; sets up march hike

Bloomberg

Federal Reserve officials, meeting for the last time under Chair Janet Yellen, left borrowing costs unchanged while adding emphasis to their plan for more hikes, setting the stage for an increase in March under her successor Jerome Powell.

"The committee expects that economic conditions will evolve in a manner that will warrant further gradual increases in the federal funds rate," the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement Wednesday in Washington, adding the word "further" twice to previous language.

The changes to the statement, collectively acknowledging stronger growth and more confidence that inflation will rise to the 2 percent target, may spur speculation that the Fed will pick up the pace of interest-rate increases. Officials also said inflation "is expected to move up this year and to stabilize" around the goal, in phrasing that marked an upgrade from December.

At the same time, the Fed repeated language saying that "near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced."

With her term ending later this week after President Donald Trump chose to replace her, Yellen is handing the reins to Powell, who has backed her gradual approach and is widely expected to raise interest rates at the FOMC's next meeting for the sixth time since late 2015. Fed officials are hoping to keep a tight labor market from overheating without raising borrowing costs so fast that it would stifle the economy.

"Gains in employment, household spending and business fixed investment have been solid, and the unemployment rate has stayed low," the Fed said, removing previous references to disruptions from hurricanes. "Market-based measures of inflation compensation have increased in recent months but remain low."

With a gradual pace of rate increases, policy makers want to nudge inflation back up to their 2 percent target, a goal they have mostly missed for more than five years. Even with a brightening outlook for global growth and Fed tightening, financial conditions continue to ease.

The vote by U.S. central bankers to keep the benchmark overnight lending rate in a 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent target range was unanimous. Fed officials also voted to continue with their program to reduce the central bank's balance sheet, which began in October.

The FOMC said in a separate statement Wednesday that it elected Powell as its chairman, effective Feb. 3. He will be sworn in as chairman of the Board of Governors on Feb. 5.

"On a 12-month basis, both overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy have continued to run below 2 percent," the FOMC said, removing a previous reference to declines in inflation in 2017.

Inflation has picked up slightly since the middle of 2017 while remaining short of the central bank's 2 percent goal.

Apple to respond to US probes into slowdown of old iPhones

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is cooperating with U.S. government inquiries into its secret slowdown of older iPhones, further complicating its efforts to move past an issue that irked customers whose devices bogged down.

The company acknowledged the probes late Tuesday after both The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg reported the U.S. Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission were investigating how investors have been affected by Apple's handling of the situation.

A software update released in 2016 began to slow down older iPhones when their batteries weakened to prevent them from abruptly turning off. But Apple didn't fully disclose what it was doing until December 2017.

Apple has since apologized for not being more forthcoming and is replacing batteries on older iPhones for $29, a $50 discount.

The Cupertino, California, company is also working on another software update that will give consumers the option of turning off the slowdown feature, if they are willing to risk a sudden shutdown. That free update, due out this spring, also will include a feature measuring the battery's strength.

In its latest statement, Apple reiterated its belief that it was acting in the best interest of its customers by extending the lives of their iPhones. Many consumers, however, remain convinced that the company torpedoed the older iPhones to prod them to upgrade to the latest — and more expensive — models released in last fall.

"We have never — and would never — do anything to intentionally shorten the life of any Apple product, or degrade the user experience to drive customer upgrades," Apple said. "Our goal has always been to create products that our customers love."Apple's delayed disclosure of the iPhone slowdown doesn't appear to have done significant harm to investors so far.

Just a few weeks after Apple disclosed it had been slowing down older iPhones, the company's stock surged to an all-time high, despite consumer outrage. The shares have retreated in the past week, but that downturn has been driven by concerns about lackluster demand for its high-priced iPhone X.

increase the number of items it sells, or get people to order more of its pricier items.

Despite its contrition, Apple is still grappling with the fallout from its slowdown of older iPhones.

Authorities in France are in the midst of an investigation whether Apple violated laws protecting consumers in that country and lawyers in the U.S. are pursuing a variety of class-action lawsuits on behalf of millions of consumers.

After a stumble, US stocks finish slightly higher

U.S. stocks overcame a brief stumble to close slightly higher Wednesday, snapping a two-day losing streak.

The dip came after the Federal Reserve released its latest statement on interest rate policy and the economy, in which the central bank signaled that it expects inflation to pick up this year. The Fed, as expected, held off on raising interest rates.

Stocks bounced back in the last hour of trading, with gains by technology companies outweighing losses in health care and other sectors.

The latest batch of strong earnings from big companies, including Boeing, helped put investors back in a buying mood a day after the market had its biggest drop since August.

"The markets have turned around," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "Many people have been waiting for it to dip as it's marched higher and higher, and we finally had two days of weakness, particularly yesterday."

Metal prices fall

Gold rose $3.60 to $1,339 an ounce. Silver added 18 cents to $17.24 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to $3.20 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $157.44 Up 0.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.38 Down 0.20

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $125.50 Down 0.77

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.38 Up 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.95 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.55 Down 1.00

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $18.68 Down 0.54

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.68 Down 0.82

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.80 Up 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $24.19 Down 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.52f	11	11.56	+.08	+6.7
AK Steel		14	5.06	-.43	-10.6
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	37.45	+.01	-3.7
AbbVie	2.84f	23	112.22	-3.66	+16.0
Abraxas	...	**60**	**2.39**	**+.04**	**-2.8**
AdaDvsEq	**1.32e**	...	**15.90**	**+.06**	**+5.8**
AMD		...	13.73	+.87	+33.6
AkersBios		...	.28	+.03	+109.7
Alibaba		58	204.29	+4.63	+18.5
Ambev	.05e	7	6.87	+.03	+6.3
Amgen	**5.28e**	**17**	**186.05**	**-5.22**	**+7.0**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**60.05**	**+.30**	**+12.0**
Annaly	1.20	9	10.54	-.06	-11.4
Apache	**1.00**	...	**44.87**	**+.30**	**+6.3**
Apple Inc	2.52	20	167.43	+.46	-1.1
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**53.63**	**+.25**	**+4.9**
Archrock	.48	...	9.30	-.30	-11.4
ATMOS	**1.80**	**23**	**82.90**	**+.42**	**-3.5**
AtosGen rs		...	.79	+.25	+200.8
AutoData	2.52	33	123.63	+2.82	+5.5
BP PLC	**2.38**	**31**	**42.79**	**-.02**	**+1.8**
BkofAm	.48	21	32.00	+.12	+8.4
B iPVxST rs		...	29.93	-.66	+7.2
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	14.94	+.14	-2.1
BasicEnrS		...	.45		
BerkHa A			**28323375.03**	**+375.04**	**+8.7**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**16**	**55.55**	**+.03**	**-7.6**
BrithySq	**1.60f**	**22**	**62.60**	**-1.36**	**+2.2**
BrownFA s	**.79**	**41**	**69.00**	**+.90**	**+2.6**
BrownPB s	**.79**	...	**69.30**	**+.65**	**+.9**
CVS Health	2.00	14	78.69	-1.50	+8.5
CallonPet	...	**36**	**11.35**	**-.16**	**-6.6**
CascTher rs		...	10.05	+4.15	+171.6
Caterpillar	3.12	28	162.78	-.98	+3.3
Celestic g	...	**8**	10.10	-.26	-3.6
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.81		+6.6
ChesEng	...	6	3.50	-.13	-11.6
Chevron	**4.32**	**37**	**125.35**	**+.12**	**+.1**
Chicos	.33	13	9.51	+.06	+7.8
Cimarex	.32	30	112.20	-2.13	-8.0
Cisco	1.16	22	41.54	-.71	+8.5
Citigroup	1.28	15	78.48	-.14	+5.5
ClevCliffs	...	6	6.85	-.58	-5.0
CocaCola	**1.48**	**29**	**47.89**	**+.18**	**+3.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**74.24**	**-.43**	**-1.6**
Comcast s	.76f	20	42.53	+.19	+6.6
ConAgra	**.85**	**21**	**38.00**	**+.14**	**+.9**
ConchoRes	...	...	**157.44**	**+.08**	**+4.8**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**47**	**58.81**	**+.35**	**+7.1**
Corning	.62	19	31.22	-1.11	-2.4
CrackerB	4.80	31	176.48	-1.26	+11.1
CSVixSh rs		...	6.29	-.29	+13.5
CrosTim	**.93e**	**15**	**15.11**	**+.06**	**+2.9**
DCP Mid	3.12	58	41.35	+.19	+13.8
DTE	3.30	21	105.64	+1.40	-3.5
DevonE	**.24**	**59**	**41.37**	**-.15**	**-.1**
DrGMBll rs		...	16.52	+.74	-7.0
Disney	**1.68f**	**19**	**108.67**	**-1.44**	**+1.1**
EOG Resrc	**.67**	...	**115.00**	**-.17**	**+6.6**
ElectArts		28	126.96	+8.26	+20.8
Energen	.08	...	52.23	-1.36	-9.3
EnPro	**.88**	**50**	**87.99**	**-.78**	**-5.9**
EntProdPt	1.70f	22	27.82	-.68	+4.2
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.44	-.57	-3.6
ExtrmNet		...	15.03	-.05	+20.0
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**34**	**87.30**	**+.52**	**+4.4**
Facebook		35	186.89	-.23	+5.9
FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.90	+.58	+7.4
FordM	**.60a**	**6**	**10.97**	**-.09**	**-12.2**
FrptMcM		...	19.50	+.37	+2.8
GATX	**1.76f**	**15**	**71.14**	**-.46**	**+14.4**
GabelMutT	**.94e**	...	**9.58**	**+.01**	**+4.1**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**35.85**	**+.02**	**+4.2**
GenElec	**.48**	...	**16.17**	**+.22**	**-7.5**
GenMotors	1.52	6	42.41	-.29	+3.5
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.48	-.12	+20.4
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**31.12**	**+.32**	**-3.5**
HP Inc	.53	14	23.32	-.12	+11.0
HalliBrtn	**.72**	...	**53.70**	**-.44**	**+9.9**
iShGold		...	12.92	+.09	+3.3
iShBrazil	.57e	...	46.59	+.28	+15.2
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	52.67	+.69	+14.1
iShEMkts	.59e	...	51.03	+.44	+8.3
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	122.76	+.75	-3.2
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	73.84	-.10	+5.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	156.42	-.75	+2.6
InspMD rs		...	.23	-.02	+75.8
Intel	**1.20f**	**18**	**48.14**	**-.65**	**+4.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	1.40	11	78.05	-1.50	+2.5
iShCorEM	.95e	...	61.44	+.46	+8.0
JD.com		29	49.23	-.03	+18.9
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**138.19**	**-4.24**	**-1.1**
JnprNtwk	.72	14	26.15	-2.17	-8.2
KimbClk	**4.00f**	**18**	**117.00**	**-1.50**	**-3.0**
Kimco	1.12f	13	15.91	+.31	-12.3
KindMorg	.50	27	17.98	-.25	-.5
LegacyRes		...	2.38	+.02	+47.8
Lubys		...	**3.06**	**+.24**	**+15.9**
McDnlds	4.04	29	171.14	-1.34	-.8
Merck	1.92	15	59.25	-1.40	+5.3
MerrillMed		...	**46.45**	**-.30**	**+7.5**
MetLife	1.60	10	48.07	-1.66	-4.9
MexcoEn		...	3.93	-.13	...
MicronT		9	43.72	+2.05	+6.3
Microsoft	1.68	33	95.01	+2.27	+11.1
Mondelez	.88	31	44.40	+.06	+3.7
Nabors	.24	...	7.84	-.08	+14.8
NOIVarco	.20	...	36.68	+.09	+1.8
NewellRub	**.92f**	**11**	**26.44**	**+.71**	**-14.4**
NoblsCp	.17e	...	4.81	-.15	+3.2
NSTFRI	**.55a**	...	**14.44**	**+.16**	**-4.9**
NTXCpl	**.65**	...	**13.67**	**-.05**	**-4.7**
OcciPet	**3.08**	...	**74.97**	**+.21**	**+1.8**
OldRepub	.76	18	21.49	-.50	+.5
Oracle	.76	22	51.59	+.63	+9.1
PDC Engy		...	**51.85**	**-.44**	**+.8**
Pandora		...	4.78	+.17	-.8
PavTech		21	**9.60**	**-.05**	**-8.0**
ParkDrl		...	**1.14**		**+14.0**
PaxsleyEn		64	23.60	-.47	-19.8
PattUTI	**.60**	...	**23.62**	**-.41**	**+2.7**
PennsRE	**.84**	**13**	**11.16**	**-.12**	**-6.1**
Pmrian	.63e	26	9.20	-.07	+3.7
Petrobras		...	13.36	+.06	+29.8
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**37.04**	**-.76**	**+2.3**
PioNtr	.08	...	182.91	+.25	+5.8
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**25**	**20.97**	**-.28**	**+1.6**
PwshDB		...	17.10	+.02	+3.0
PwShs QQQ	1.52a	...	169.40	+.70	+8.8
Praxair	**3.30f**	**29**	**161.49**	**+.77**	**+4.4**
PrmtEgy		...	**49.95**		**-3.0**
PUVixST rs		...	11.53	-.50	+12.9
ProctGam	**2.76**	**28**	**88.34**	**-.61**	**-6.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Qualcom	2.28	27	68.25	+1.26	+6.6
RangeRs	.08	15	14.25	-.38	-16.5
RiteAid		...	2.18	+.10	+10.7
Rowan	.40	9	14.72	-.09	-6.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	...	70.24	+.17	+5.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	261.44	+.87	+5.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	281.91	+.28	+5.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.70	+.06	-.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	36.91	-.06	-.7
SabnR	2.31e	22	46.40	+.20	+4.0
SanderFm	**1.28**	**10**	**126.90**	**-5.46**	**-8.6**
Schlmberg	2.00	50	73.58	-.96	+9.2
SiriusXM	.04	34	6.11	+.16	+13.9
SlyliinMd rs		...	1.36	+.50	+34.7
Smucker	3.12	17	126.89	-.57	+2.1
SwstnEngy		30	4.24	-.21	-24.0
Square n		...	46.91	+1.39	+35.3
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	88.10	-1.25	+6.5
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	57.83	-.22	+1.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	74.85	+.06	+3.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	29.73	+.05	+6.5
SP Inds	1.12e	...	79.76	+.27	+5.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	68.45	+.54	+7.0
SP Util	1.56e	...	51.04	+.57	-3.1
TelefEsp	**1.28e**	...	**19.24**	**-.03**	**+5.8**
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	20.41	-.24	+7.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	5.44f	32	250.50	-1.04	+6.4
Torchmark	.60	20	90.85	-.48	+.2
TriContl	1.00e	...	27.70	+.11	+2.8
Twitter	...	...	25.81	+.19	+7.5
TylerTech	...	**64**	**201.51**	**+.50**	**+13.8**
UBSI	**1.36f**	**24**	**36.80**	...	**+5.9**
US OilFd	...	...	12.98	+.08	+8.1
USSteel	.20	...	37.41	-1.20	+8.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.09	+.10	+7.0
ValeroE	3.20f	26	95.97	+1.63	+4.4
VanEGold	.06e	...	23.75	+.30	+2.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.68	+.56	-1.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	49.91	+.37	+8.7
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	47.01	-.06	+4.8
Vereit	.55	13	7.20	+.11	-7.6
VerizonCm	2.36	7	54.07	+.17	+2.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	**42**	**135.40**	**-4.63**	**+5.5**
WEC Engy	2.21f	21	64.30	+.98	-3.2
WalgBoots	1.80	15	75.24	-.89	+3.6
WeathrIntl	...	...	3.94	-.08	-5.5
WellsFargo	1.56	15	65.78	+.50	+8.4
WmsCos	1.20	54	31.39	-.12	+3.0
XcelEngy	1.44	20	46.64	+.43	-5.1
Xerox rs	1.00	12	34.13	+1.45	+17.1
Yamana g	.02	...	3.44	+.04	+10.3

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26,616.71	19,784.77	Dow Jones Industrials	26,149.39	+72.50	+.28	+5.79	+31.46
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,972.06	+6.65	+.06	+3.39	+19.83
778.80	654.14	Dow Jones Utilities	699.25	+7.54	+1.09	-3.33	+6.58
13,637.02	11,147.11	NYSE Composite	13,367.95	-7.57	-.06	+4.36	+19.28
7,505.77	5,576.09	Nasdaq Composite	7,411.48	+9.00	+.12	+7.38	+31.35
2,872.87	2,267.36	S&P 500	2,823.81	+1.38	+.05	+5.62	+23.85
2,001.48	1,668.34	S&P Mdcap	1,953.97	-3.49	-.18	+2.81	+16.07
29,760.60	23,714.67	Wilshire 5000	29,237.49	-17.36	-.06	+5.19	+22.59
1,615.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,574.98	-7.84	-.50	+2.57	+15.70

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit ***www.sudoku.org.uk***

8	2				7			
	9	5	4			6	1	
			9		3			
5								1
1	7						8	9
								4
			5		4			
	4	2			8	1	5	
			2				7	8

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

6	3	1	7	5	2	4	9	8
8	7	2	9	4	3	1	6	5
5	4	9	6	1	8	2	7	3
7	1	8	5	6	9	3	2	4
9	5	3	4	2	1	7	8	6
2	6	4	8	3	7	5	1	9
4	9	7	2	8	5	6	3	1
3	8	5	1	7	6	9	4	2
1	2	6	3	9	4	8	5	7

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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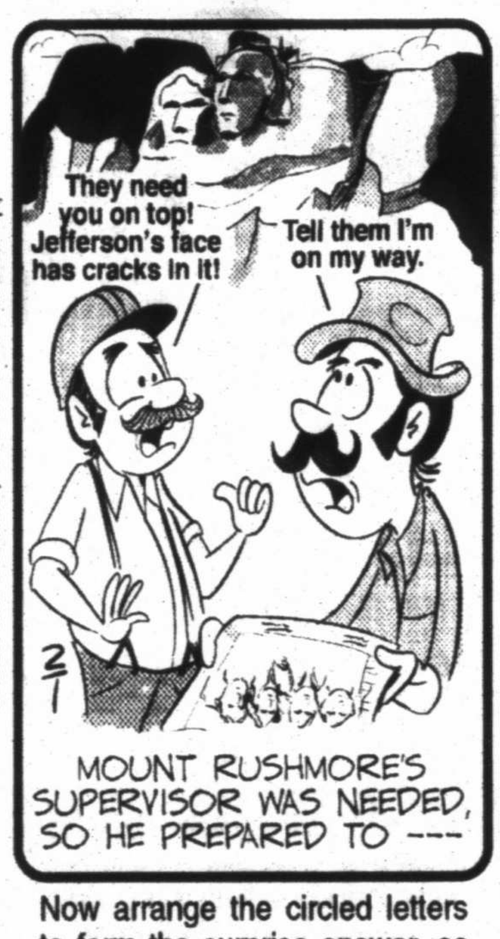
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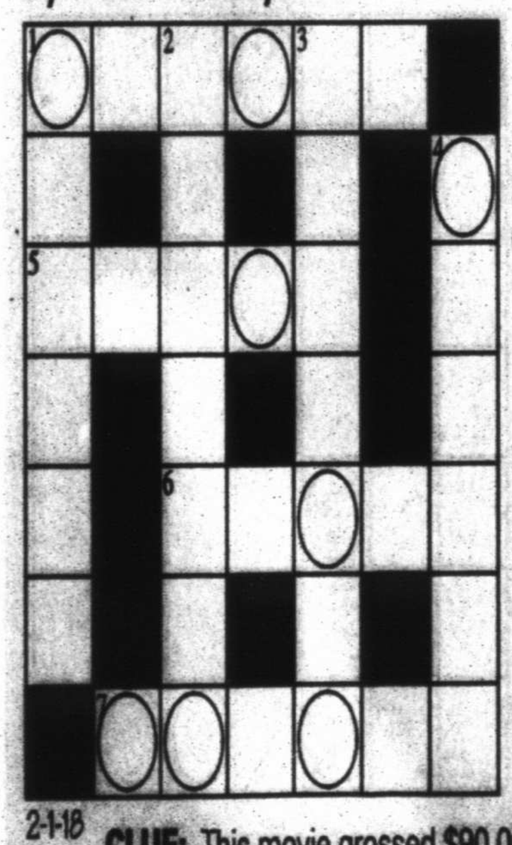
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE DOUBT LAGOON MISUSE
Answer: The skunks knew exacty when to spray, thanks to — GOOD "IN-STINKS"

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Small coin	NCLEKI
5. Mistake	RORER
6. Red ___	INONO
7. Ted ___	NKGTHI

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Required	ENDEDE
2. ___ character	ORCNOTA
3. Diamond ___	RRNGIEA
4. Deep-red color	RATEGN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This movie grossed $90,000 its opening weekend, the biggest opening ever at the time.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Nickel 5A-Error 6A-Okun 7A-Knight 1D-Needed 2D-Cartoon 3D-Earning 4D-Gamete 5-Ring Kong

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Rankles
5 Go higher
10 Burgoo or ragout
14 Harvest
15 Speeder spotter
16 Dance for a lei person
17 Cornstarch brand in a yellow-and-blue container
18 String in a kids' song
19 African antelope
20 Really cheap
23 Baltimore's __ Harbor
24 Enjoy Vail
25 Podded plant
28 Fountain output
32 Sully
34 Rest area freebie
37 Precisely
40 Mother Nature's balm
42 "The Glass Lake" writer Binchy
43 Trillion: Pref.
44 Worthless item
47 "Mamma Mia!" number
48 Slow movement
49 Move through muck
51 Kennedy twins?
52 Luthor of the comics
55 Infield fly
59 Economic factor that affects three puzzle answers
64 Naan relative
66 Demand and obtain, as vengeance
67 Adopt-a-Pet pet
68 "Dilbert" intern
69 Comparatively friendly
70 Geek Squad client
71 LGBT Pride Month
72 2017 A.L. MVP José Altuve, for one
73 Zip

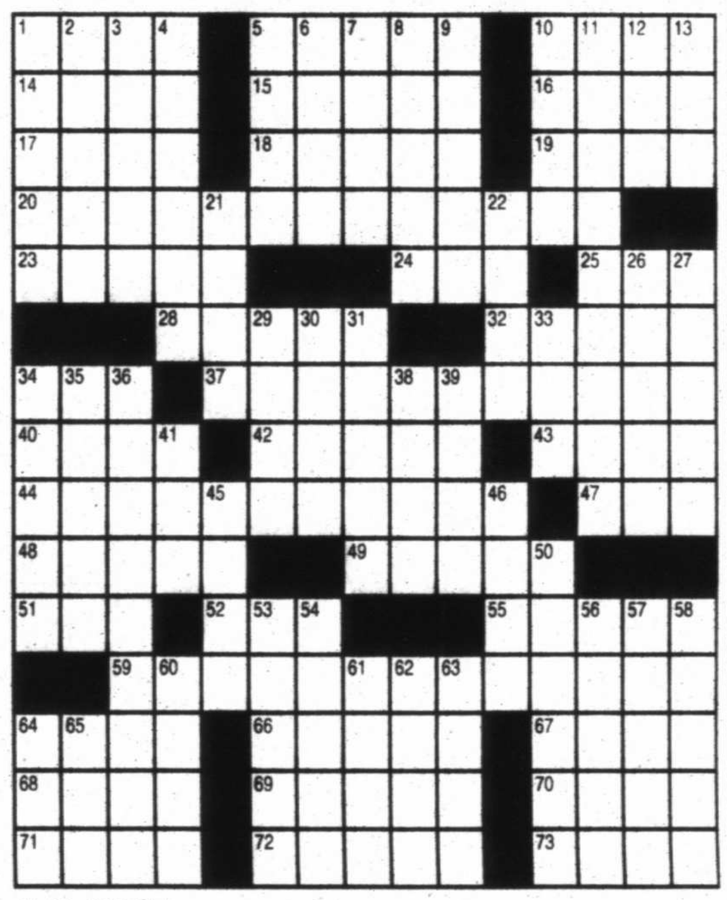
DOWN

1 Kirkuk native
2 "Seinfeld" episode, now
3 See 53-Down
4 Reproductive bodies
5 Hudson Bay nation
6 Bear's home
7 One may be called bright when it isn't
8 "Downton Abbey" figures
9 Forest babbler
10 Christian Louboutin creation
11 Tolls are taken on them
12 Bridge expert Culbertson
13 Candle stuff
21 Easy gait
22 Tubular pasta
26 Summer month in Uruguay
27 Book with 11-Down
29 St. Paul's feature
30 Minimally
31 Drops, as pounds
33 Part of ACA
34 Scott Joplin's "__ Leaf Rag"
35 Literary middle name
36 Goes all out
38 Downright nasty
39 "Finding Dory" character
41 __ salad
45 Club sport
46 "Around the Horn" channel
50 Strait of __: Persian Gulf outlet
53 With 3-Down, justice since 2010
54 Graph line
56 Hesitation
57 Unmitigated
58 Chemical prefix?
60 Maker of LeBron 15 basketball shoes
61 Delicate handling
62 Pastry prettifier
63 Other, in España
64 British rule in India
65 The Cowboys of the Big 12 Conf.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

R	O	B		C	A	R	B		B	I	G	O	T	S
I	M	O		H	I	Y	O		U	T	O	P	I	A
P	A	T	R	I	L	E	Y		R	O	A	R	A	T
A	N	T	I	S			Z	E	E		T	A	R	A
			O	P	E	L	S		M	A	K	E	H	A	Y
F	A	M	I	L	I	A	R	T	U	N	E			
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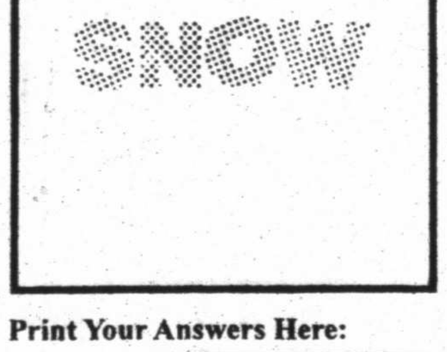
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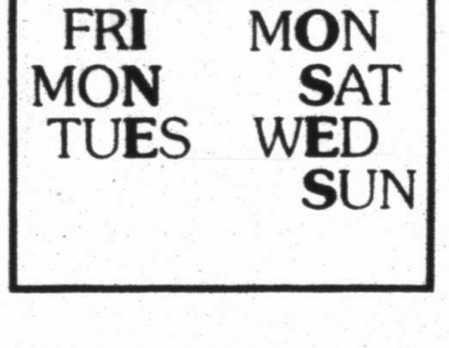
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Today's Answers:

1. Light snow
2. Days of wine and roses

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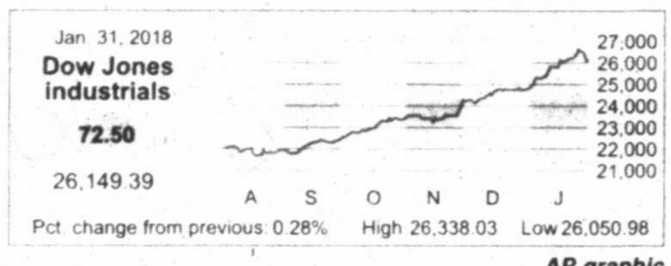
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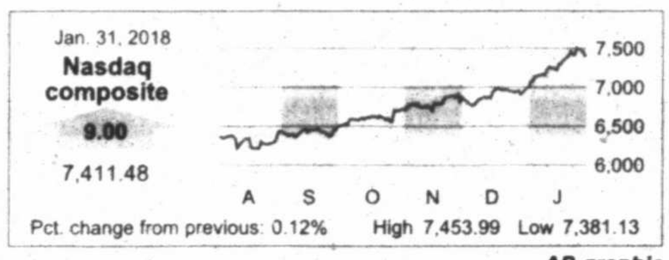
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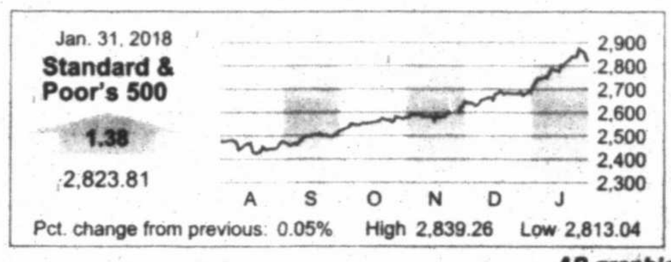
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FUTURES

Wednesday: $64.73
Previous: $64.50

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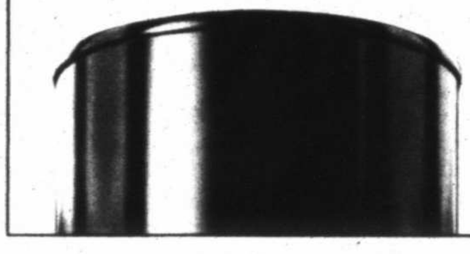
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Previous: $61.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $58.90
Previous: $58.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.995
Previous: $3.195



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	11865381281	91	+.28
iShEMkts	968493	51.03	+.44
GenElec	767041	16.17	+.22
B iPVxST rs	687417	29.93	-.66
BkofAm	654290	32.00	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlyGem	21.45	+3.35	+18.5
Omnova	11.00	+1.45	+15.2
Meritor	27.28	+3.28	+13.7
OFG Bncp	11.40	+1.20	+11.8
PitnyBw	14.11	+1.49	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RoadrnTrn	5.57	-1.57	-22.0
EKodak	7.95	-1.20	-13.1
MesaRoyl	15.60	-2.33	-13.0
PrSUltNG rs	6.73	-.97	-12.6
A10 Ntwks	6.13	-.86	-12.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,556
Declined	1,355
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,016
New Highs	88
New Lows	117
Volume	4,238,279,675

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
SRC Eng	116325	9.97	+.47	Myomo n
NwGold g	52458	3.03	+.02	CentrusEn
B2gold g	51961	3.02	+.02	SRC Eng
iShIndia bt	40916	37.29	+.06	AvalonRid
PolyMet g	39028	1.32	+.20	McClatch rs

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	4.72	+.31	+7.0
CentrusEn	3.86	+.19	+5.2
SRC Eng	9.97	+.47	+4.9
AvalonRid	2.17	+.09	+4.3
McClatch rs	9.15	+.38	+4.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nevsun g	2.08	-.17	-7.6
ImpacMtg	9.20	-.66	-6.7
Intellichk	2.13	-.12	-5.3
Daxor	4.42	-.23	-4.9
Can-Fite	2.38	-.12	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	147
Declined	166
Unchanged	28
Total issues	341
New Highs	4
New Lows	21
Volume	140,512,704

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	474008	95.01	+2.27
MicronT	449215	43.72	+2.05
Intel	415149	48.14	-.65
PwShs QQQ	409912	169.40	+.70
Cisco	361262	41.54	-.71

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CascTher rs	10.05	+4.15	+70.3
GblEagEnt	2.89	+.68	+30.8
Shutterfly	68.06	+14.74	+27.6
Zafgen	6.87	+1.20	+21.2
HeatBio rs	3.40	+.57	+20.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BellicumP	6.08	-2.12	-25.9
Veritone n	17.75	-5.40	-23.3
OpGen n rs	3.85	-1.15	-23.0
Fortress n	6.95	-1.83	-20.8
CodaOct n	4.78	-1.14	-19.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,076
Declined	1,763
Unchanged	211
Total issues	3,050
New Highs	94
New Lows	60
Volume	2,377,541,940

Fed leaves rate unchanged as Yellen departs; sets up march hike

Bloomberg

Federal Reserve officials, meeting for the last time under Chair Janet Yellen, left borrowing costs unchanged while adding emphasis to their plan for more hikes, setting the stage for an increase in March under her successor Jerome Powell.

"The committee expects that economic conditions will evolve in a manner that will warrant further gradual increases in the federal funds rate," the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement Wednesday in Washington, adding the word "further" twice to previous language.

The changes to the statement, collectively acknowledging stronger growth and more confidence that inflation will rise to the 2 percent target, may spur speculation that the Fed will pick up the pace of interest-rate increases. Officials also said inflation "is expected to move up this year and to stabilize" around the goal, in phrasing that marked an upgrade from December.

At the same time, the Fed repeated language saying that "near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced."

With her term ending later this week after President Donald Trump chose to replace her, Yellen is handing the reins to Powell, who has backed her gradual approach and is widely expected to raise interest rates at the FOMC's next meeting for the sixth time since late 2015. Fed officials are hoping to keep a tight labor market from overheating without raising borrowing costs so fast that it would stifle the economy.

"Gains in employment, household spending and business fixed investment have been solid, and the unemployment rate has stayed low," the Fed said, removing previous references to disruptions from hurricanes. "Market-based measures of inflation compensation have increased in recent months but remain low."

With a gradual pace of rate increases, policy makers want to nudge inflation back up to their 2 percent target, a goal they have mostly missed for more than five years. Even with a brightening outlook for global growth and Fed tightening, financial conditions continue to ease.

The vote by U.S. central bankers to keep the benchmark overnight lending rate in a 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent target range was unanimous. Fed officials also voted to continue with their program to reduce the central bank's balance sheet, which began in October.

The FOMC said in a separate statement Wednesday that it elected Powell as its chairman, effective Feb. 3. He will be sworn in as chairman of the Board of Governors on Feb. 5.

"On a 12-month basis, both overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy have continued to run below 2 percent," the FOMC said, removing a previous reference to declines in inflation in 2017.

Inflation has picked up slightly since the middle of 2017 while remaining short of the central bank's 2 percent goal.

Apple to respond to US probes into slowdown of old iPhones

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is cooperating with U.S. government inquiries into its secret slowdown of older iPhones, further complicating its efforts to move past an issue that irked customers who've devices bogged down.

The company acknowledged the probes late Tuesday after both The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg reported the U.S. Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission were investigating how investors have been affected by Apple's handling of the situation.

A software update released in 2016 began to slow down older iPhones when their batteries weakened to prevent them from abruptly turning off. But Apple didn't fully disclose what it was doing until December 2017.

Apple has since apologized for not being more forthcoming and is replacing batteries on older iPhones for $29, a $50 discount.

The Cupertino, California, company is also working on another software update that will give consumers the option of turning off the slowdown feature, if they are willing to risk a sudden shutdown. That free update, due out this spring, also will include a feature measuring the battery's strength.

In its latest statement, Apple reiterated its belief that it was acting in the best interest of its customers by extending the lives of their iPhones. Many consumers, however, remain convinced that the company torpedoed the older iPhones to prod them to upgrade to the latest — and more expensive — models released in last fall.

"We have never — and would never — do anything to intentionally shorten the life of any Apple product, or degrade the user experience to drive customer upgrades," Apple said. "Our goal has always been to create products that our customers love."Apple's delayed disclosure of the iPhone slowdown doesn't appear to have done significant harm to investors so far.

Just a few weeks after Apple disclosed it had been slowing down older iPhones, the company's stock surged to an all-time high, despite consumer outrage. The shares have retreated in the past week, but that downturn has been driven by concerns about lackluster demand for its high-priced iPhone X.

increase the number of items it sells, or get people to order more of its pricier items.

Despite its contrition, Apple is still grappling with the fallout from its slowdown of older iPhones.

Authorities in France are in the midst of an investigation whether Apple violated laws protecting consumers in that country and lawyers in the U.S. are pursuing a variety of class-action lawsuits on behalf of millions of consumers.

After a stumble, US stocks finish slightly higher

U.S. stocks overcame a brief stumble to close slightly higher Wednesday, snapping a two-day losing streak.

The dip came after the Federal Reserve released its latest statement on interest rate policy and the economy, in which the central bank signaled that it expects inflation to pick up this year. The Fed, as expected, held off on raising interest rates.

Stocks bounced back in the last hour of trading, with gains by technology companies outweighing losses in health care and other sectors.

The latest batch of strong earnings from big companies, including Boeing, helped put investors back in a buying mood a day after the market had its biggest drop since August.

"The markets have turned around," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "Many people have been waiting for it to dip as it's marched higher and higher, and we finally had two days of weakness, particularly yesterday."

Metal prices fall

Gold rose $3.60 to $1,339 an ounce. Silver added 18 cents to $17.24 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to $3.20 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $157.44 Up 0.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.38 Down 0.20

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $125.50 Down 0.77

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.38 Up 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.95 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.55 Down 1.00

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $18.68 Down 0.54

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.68 Down 0.82

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.80 Up 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $24.19 Down 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.52f	11	11.56	+.08	+6.7
AK Steel	...	14	5.06	-.43	-10.6
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	37.45	+.01	-3.7
AbbVie	2.84f	23	112.22	-3.66	+16.0
Abraxas	...	**60**	**2.39**	**+.04**	**-2.8**
AdaDvsEq	**1.32e**	...	**15.90**	**+.06**	**+5.8**
AMD	...	...	13.73	+.87	+33.6
AkersBios	...	...	.28	+.03	+109.7
Aixbaba	...	58	204.29	+4.63	+18.5
Ambev	.05e	7	6.87	+.03	+6.3
Amgen	**5.28e**	**17**	**186.05**	**-5.22**	**+7.0**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**60.05**	**+.30**	**+12.0**
Annaly	1.20	9	10.54	-.06	-11.4
Apache	**1.00**	...	**44.87**	**+.30**	**+6.3**
Apple Inc	2.52	20	167.43	+.46	-1.1
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**53.63**	**+.25**	**+4.9**
Archrock	.48	...	9.30	-.30	-11.4
ATMOS	**1.80**	**23**	**82.90**	**+.42**	**-3.5**
AtossGen rs	...	...	.79	+.25	+200.8
AutoData	2.52	33	123.63	+2.82	+5.5
BP PLC	**2.38**	**31**	**42.79**	**-.02**	**+1.8**
BkofAm	.48	21	32.00	+.12	+8.4
B iPVxST rs	...	...	29.93	-.66	+7.2
BaringsCp s	1.20		14.94	+.14	-2.1
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**26323375.03**	**+375.04**		**+8.7**
BkHillsCp	**1.78**	**16**	**55.55**	**+.03**	**-7.6**
BrkMySq	**1.60f**	**22**	**62.60**	**-1.36**	**+2.2**
BrownFA s	**.79**	**41**	**60.00**	**+.90**	**+2.6**
BrownFB s	**.79**	...	**60.30**	**+.65**	**+.9**
CVS Health	2.00	14	78.69	-1.50	+8.5
CallonPet	**...**	**35**	**11.35**	**-.16**	**-6.6**
CascTher rs	...	...	10.05	+4.15	+171.6
Caterpillar	3.12	28	162.78	-.98	+3.3
Celestic g	...	8	10.10	-.26	-3.6
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.81	...	+6.8
ChesEng	...	6	3.50	-.13	-11.6
Chevron	**4.32**	**37**	**125.35**	**+.12**	**+.1**
Chicos	.33	13	9.51	+.06	+7.8
Cimarex	.32	30	112.20	-2.13	-8.0
Cisco	1.16	22	41.54	-.71	+8.5
Citigroup	1.28	15	78.48	-.14	+5.5
ClevCliffs	...	6	6.85	-.56	-5.0
CocaCola	**1.48**	**29**	**47.89**	**+.16**	**+3.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**74.24**	**-.43**	**-1.6**
Comcast s	.76f	20	42.53	+.19	+6.6
ConAgra	**.85**	**21**	**38.00**	**+.14**	**+.9**
ConchoRes	...	...	**157.44**	**+.08**	**+4.8**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**47**	**58.81**	**+.35**	**+7.1**
Corning	.62	19	31.22	-1.11	-2.4
CrackerB	4.80	31	176.48	-1.26	+11.1
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	6.29	-.29	+13.5
CroeTim	**.93e**	**15**	**15.11**	**+.06**	**+2.9**
DCP Mid	3.12	58	41.35	+.19	+13.8
DTE	3.30	21	105.84	+1.40	-3.5
DevonE	**.24**	**59**	**41.37**	**-.15**	**-.1**
DrGMBll rs	...	...	16.52	+.74	-7.0
Disney	**1.68f**	**19**	**108.67**	**-1.44**	**+1.1**
EOG Resce	**.67**	...	**115.00**	**-.17**	**+6.6**
ElectArts	...	28	126.96	+8.26	+20.8
Energen	.08	...	52.23	-1.36	-9.3
EnPro	**.88**	**50**	**87.99**	**-.78**	**-5.9**
EntProdPt	1.70f	22	27.62	-.68	+4.2
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.44	-.57	-3.6
ExtrmNet	...	...	15.03	-.05	+20.0
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**34**	**87.30**	**+.52**	**+4.4**
Facebook	...	35	186.89	-.23	+5.9
FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.90	+.58	+7.4
FordM	.60a	6	10.97	-.09	-12.2
FrptMcM	...	...	19.50	+.37	+2.8
GATX	**1.76f**	**15**	**71.14**	**-.46**	**+14.4**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**9.58**	**+.01**	**+4.1**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**35.85**	**+.02**	**+4.2**
GenElec	**.48**	...	**16.17**	**+.22**	**-7.5**
GenMotors	1.52	6	42.41	-.29	+3.5
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.48	-.12	+20.4
GlPtnrEn	**1.10**	**18**	**31.12**	**+.32**	**-8.6**
HP Inc	.53	14	23.32	-.12	+11.0
Halliblrtn	.72	...	53.70	-.44	+9.9
iShGold	...	...	12.92	+.09	+3.3
iShBrazil	.67e	...	46.59	+.28	+15.2
iShChinaLC	.67e	...	52.67	+.69	+14.1
iShEMkts	.59e	...	51.03	+.44	+8.3
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	122.76	+.75	-3.2
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	73.84	-.10	+5.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	156.42	-.75	+2.6
InspMD rs	...	...	.23	-.02	+75.8
Intel	**1.20f**	**18**	**48.14**	**-.65**	**+4.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	1.40	11	78.05	-1.50	+2.5
iShCorEM	.95e	...	61.44	+.46	+8.0
JD.com	...	29	49.23	-.03	+18.9
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**138.19**	**-4.24**	**-1.1**
JnprNtwk	.72	14	26.15	-2.17	-8.2
KimbClk	**4.00f**	**18**	**117.00**	**-1.50**	**-3.0**
Kimco	1.12f	13	15.91	+.31	-12.3
KindMorg	.50	27	17.98	-.25	-.5
LegacyRes	...	...	2.38	+.02	+47.8
Lubys	...	...	**3.06**	**+.24**	**+15.9**
McDnlds	4.04	29	171.14	-1.34	-.6
Merck	1.92	15	59.25	-1.40	+5.3
MerltMed	...	**54**	**46.45**	**-.30**	**+7.5**
MetLife	1.60	10	48.07	-1.66	-4.9
MexcoEn	...	...	3.93	-.13	...
MicronT	...	9	43.72	+2.05	+6.3
Microsoft	1.68	33	95.01	+2.27	+11.1
Mondelez	.88	31	44.40	+.06	+3.7
Nabors	.24	...	7.84	-.08	+14.8
NOilVarco	.20	...	36.68	+.09	+1.8
NewellRub	**.92f**	**11**	**26.44**	**+.71**	**-14.4**
NoblaCp	.17e	...	4.81	-.15	+3.2
NSTFtl	**.56e**	...	**14.44**	**+.16**	**-4.9**
NTXGl	**.85**	...	**13.67**	**-.05**	**-4.7**
OcciPet	**3.08**	...	**74.97**	**+.21**	**+1.8**
OldRepub	.76	18	21.49	-.50	+.5
Oracle	.76	22	51.59	+.63	+9.1
PDC Engy	...	...	**51.85**	**-.44**	**+.6**
Pandora	...	...	4.78	+.17	-.8
PerTech	...	**21**	**8.60**	**-.06**	**-8.0**
PetroDvl	...	...	**1.14**	...	**+14.0**
PinsleyEn	...	64	23.60	-.47	-19.8
PnbtUTI	**.08**	...	**23.62**	**+.41**	**+8.7**
PennaRE	**.84**	**13**	**11.16**	**-.12**	**-6.1**
Pmrian	.63e	26	9.20	-.07	+3.7
Petrobras	...	...	13.36	+.06	+29.8
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**37.04**	**-.76**	**+2.3**
PloNtrl	.06	...	182.91	+.25	+5.8
PlnlneAAP	**2.20**	**25**	**20.97**	**-.28**	**+1.8**
PwshDB	...	...	17.10	+.02	+3.0
PwShs QQQ	**1.52e**	...	**169.40**	**+.70**	**+8.8**
PrxsAir	**3.30f**	**29**	**161.49**	**+.77**	**+4.4**
PrmrEgy	...	...	**48.65**		**-3.0**
PUVixST rs	...	...	**11.53**	**-.50**	**+12.9**
PrnstBcm	**2.76**	**23**	**86.34**	**-.81**	**-6.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Qualcom	2.28	27	68.25	+1.26	+6.6
RangeRs	.08	15	14.25	-.38	-16.5
RiteAid	...	...	2.18	+.10	+10.7
Rowan	.40	9	14.72	-.09	-6.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	...	70.24	+.17	+5.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	261.44	+.87	+5.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	281.91	+.28	+5.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.70	+.06	-.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	36.91	-.06	-.7
SabnR	2.31e	22	46.40	+.20	+4.0
SandsrFrn	**1.28**	**19**	**126.90**	**-5.46**	**-8.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	50	73.58	-.96	+9.2
SiriusXM	.04	34	6.11	+.16	+13.9
SkylinMd rs	...	...	1.36	+.50	+34.7
Smucker	3.12	17	126.89	-.57	+2.1
SwstnEngy	...	30	4.24	-.21	-24.0
Square n	...	...	46.91	+1.39	+35.3
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	88.10	-1.25	+6.5
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	57.83	-.22	+1.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	74.85	+.06	+3.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	29.73	+.05	+6.5
SP Inds	1.12e	...	79.76	+.27	+5.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	68.45	+.54	+7.0
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.04	+.57	-3.1
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	...	**10.24**	**-.09**	**+5.8**
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	20.41	-.24	+7.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	5.44f	32	250.50	-1.04	+8.4
Torchmark	**.80**	**20**	**90.85**	**-.48**	**+.2**
TriContl	**1.00e**	...	**27.70**	**+.11**	**+2.8**
Twitter	...	...	25.81	+.19	+7.5
TylerTech	...	**64**	**201.51**	**+.50**	**+13.8**
UBSI	**1.36f**	**24**	**36.80**	...	**+5.9**
US OilFd	...	...	12.98	+.08	+8.1
USSteel	.20	...	37.41	-1.20	+6.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.09	+.10	+7.0
ValeroE	3.20f	26	95.97	+1.63	+4.4
VanEGold	.06e	...	23.75	+.30	+2.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.68	+.56	-1.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	49.91	+.37	+8.7
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	47.01	-.06	+4.8
Verelt	.55	13	7.20	+.11	-7.6
VerizonCm	2.36	7	54.07	+.17	+2.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	**42**	**135.40**	**-4.40**	**+5.5**
WEC Engy	2.21f	21	64.30	+.98	-3.2
WalgBoots	1.80	15	75.24	-.89	+3.6
WealthIntl	...	...	3.94	-.06	-5.5
WellsFargo	1.56	15	65.78	+.50	+8.4
WmsCos	1.20	54	31.39	-.12	+3.0
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**20**	**48.84**	**+.40**	**-5.1**
Xerox rs	1.00	12	34.13	+1.45	+17.1
Yamana g	.02	...	3.44	+.04	+10.3

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26,616.71	19,784.77	Dow Jones Industrials	26,149.39	+72.50	+.28	+5.79	+31.46
11,423.92	8,744.35	Dow Jones Transportation	10,972.06	+6.65	+.06	+3.39	+19.63
778.80	654.14	Dow Jones Utilities	699.25	+7.54	+1.09	-3.33	+6.58
13,637.02	11,147.11	NYSE Composite	13,367.95	-7.57	-.06	+4.36	+19.28
7,505.77	5,576.09	Nasdaq Composite	7,411.49	+8.00	+.12	+7.36	+31.35
2,872.87	2,267.39	S&P 500	2,823.81	+1.38	+.05	+5.62	+23.89
2,001.48	1,666.34	S&P Midcap	1,953.97	-3.49	-.19	+2.81	+16.07
29,760.60	23,714.67	Wilshire 5000	29,237.48	-17.38	-.06	+5.19	+22.59
1,615.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,574.98	-7.84	-.50	+2.57	+15.70

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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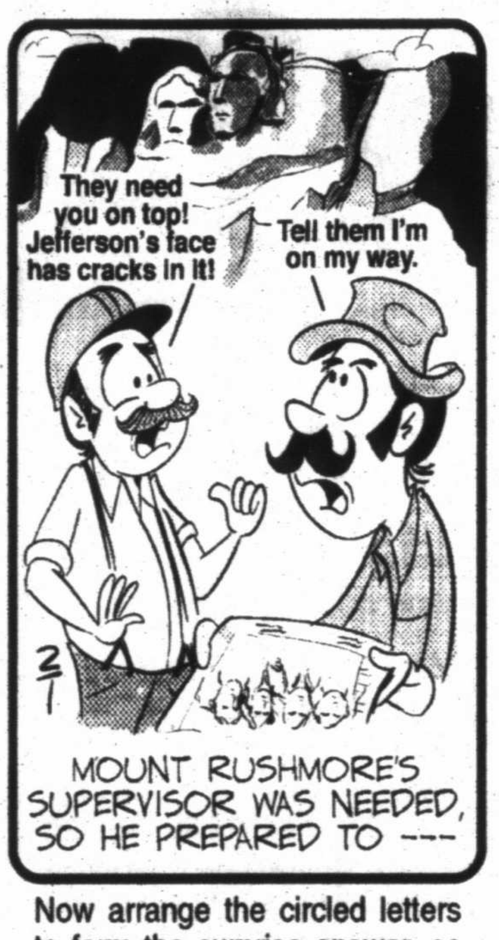
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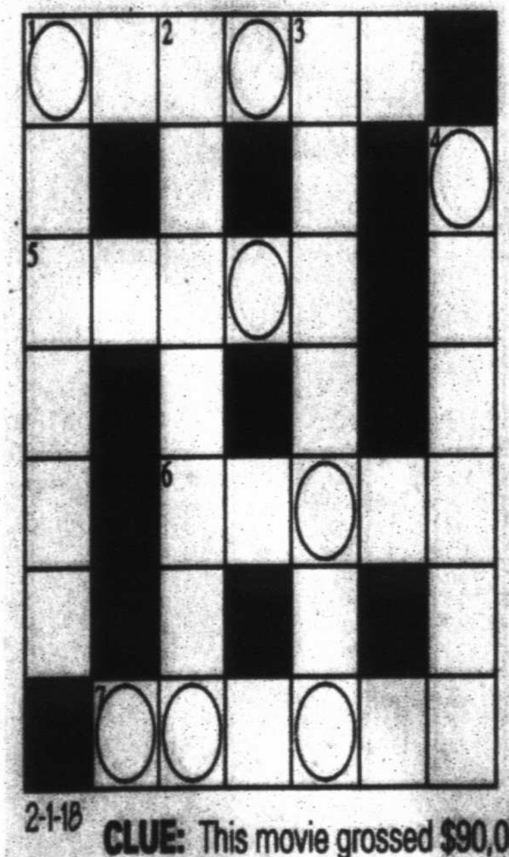
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE DOUBT LAGOON MISUSE
Answer: The skunks knew exacty when to spray, thanks to — GOOD "IN-STINKS"

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Small coin	NCLEKI
5. Mistake	RORER
6. Red ___	INONO
7. Ted ___	NKGTHI

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Required	ENDEDE
2. ___ character	ORCNOTA
3. Diamond ___	RRNGIEA
4. Deep-red color	RATEGN

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1 Rankles
5 Go higher
10 Burgoo or ragout
14 Harvest
15 Speeder spotter
16 Dance for a lei person
17 Cornstarch brand in a yellow-and-blue container
18 String in a kids' song
19 African antelope
20 Really cheap
23 Baltimore's __ Harbor
24 Enjoy Vail
25 Podded plant
28 Fountain output
32 Sully
34 Rest area freebie
37 Precisely
40 Mother Nature's balm
42 "The Glass Lake" writer Binchy
43 Trillion: Pref.
44 Worthless item
47 "Mamma Mia!" number
48 Slow movement
49 Move through muck
51 Kennedy twins?
52 Luthor of the comics
55 Infield fly
59 Economic factor that affects three puzzle answers
64 Naan relative
66 Demand and obtain, as vengeance
67 Adopt-a-Pet pet
68 "Dilbert" intern
69 Comparatively friendly
70 Geek Squad client
71 LGBT Pride Month
72 2017 A.L. MVP José Altuve, for one
73 Zip

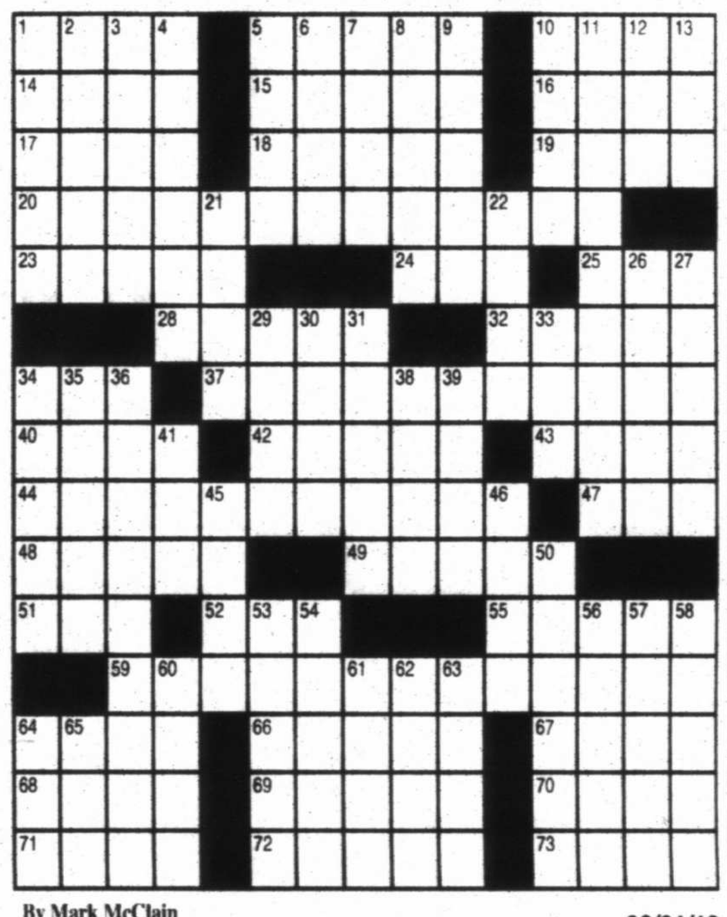
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1 Kirkuk native
2 "Seinfeld" episode, now
3 See 53-Down
4 Reproductive bodies
5 Hudson Bay nation
6 Bear's home
7 One may be called bright when it isn't
8 "Downton Abbey" figures
9 Forest babbler
10 Christian Louboutin creation
11 Tolls are taken on them
12 Bridge expert Culbertson
13 Candle stuff
21 Easy gait
22 Tubular pasta
26 Summer month in Uruguay
27 Book with 11-Down
29 St. Paul's feature
30 Minimally
31 Drops, as pounds
33 Part of ACA
34 Scott Joplin's "__ Leaf Rag"
35 Literary middle name
36 Goes all out
38 Downright nasty
39 "Finding Dory" character
41 __ salad
45 Club sport
46 "Around the Horn" channel
50 Strait of __: Persian Gulf outlet
53 With 3-Down, justice since 2010
54 Graph line
56 Hesitation
57 Unmitigated
58 Chemical prefix?
60 Maker of LeBron 15 basketball shoes
61 Delicate handling
62 Pastry prettifier
63 Other, in España
64 British rule in India
65 The Cowboys of the Big 12 Conf.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

R	O	B		C	A	R	B		B	I	G	O	T	S
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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O3531

Application and Draft Permit. Plains Pipeline, L.P., 333 Clay St Suite 1600, Houston, TX 77002-4000, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3531, Application No. 26431, to authorize operation of the Midland Complex, a Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 1301 S County Road 1150 in Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706-4476. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.01056&lng=-102.0117&zoom=13&type=r. This application was received by the TCEQ on June 22, 2017.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753 and the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

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At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239 1540.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL INJECTION DISPOSAL FACILITY PERMIT

On February 1, 2018, AMA RECYCLING, LLC 7014 STONEGATE DRIVE, ODESSA, TX. 79765 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas wate into the Greyburg, San Andres, T & A 24 Lease, Well Number # 1 SWD.

The proposed disposal well is located 22 miles south east of Midland in the Sparberry (Trend area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4000 to 5000 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Mesquite SWD, Inc., P. O. Box 1479, Carlsbad, NM is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial injection well permit to inject fluid into a formation not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, from the Mays SWD Well No. 3. The proposed well is located 3.4 miles SW of Tarzan, TX and associated with the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Martin Co. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 42000' - 5050'.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the applicant should be submitted in writing, within fifteen (15) days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMT

Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc. 370 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose produced water fluid into a formation which is NOT productive for oil and gas.

The application proposed to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation in the Windham "2" Well Number 2.

The disposal well is located 18.1 miles Southwest of Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

Fluid injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval of from 5000' to 6120'.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMT

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The application proposed to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation in the Windham "2" Well Number 1.

The disposal well is located 18.6 miles Southwest of Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

Fluid injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval of from 4560' to 6120'.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received until 3:00 PM local time, February 23, 2018, in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

Request for Qualifications 18001155: The City of Midland invites qualified firms to submit a letter of interest and statement of qualifications for on-call engineering services for the Engineering Services Department.

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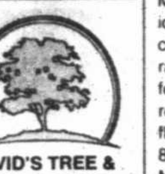
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Sunny Question

Why are sunny winter days COLD, while sunny summer days are HOT? *Kid Scoop's* winter expert Dr. I. Cicle explains it all!



Standards Link: Earth Science Students know that weather can be observed, measured and described; changes in weather and seasons are affected by the Earth's position.

Experiment Tells All

Try this experiment to understand the difference between indirect and direct sunlight.

Keep track of your work on a separate sheet of paper like the Scientist's Notebook.

Stuff you need:

- 2 metal pie tins or flat pans
- a sunny winter day
- watch or clock
- a rock



(Fig. 1) direct sunlight



(Fig. 2) indirect sunlight

What to do:

1. Lay one pan flat on the ground in the direct sunlight. *(Fig. 1)*
2. Tilt the other pan on its side. Lean it against a rock or a shoe. This pan is being hit with indirect sunlight. *(Fig. 2)*
3. Wait three minutes.
4. Which pan is warmer?

Standards Link: Investigation: Students will make predictions based on observation; answer meaningful questions and draw conclusions

SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Question	Hypothesis	Observation	Conclusion
Which pan do you think will feel warmer after three minutes in the winter sun?	What do you think the answer to the question is? ☐ pan in direct sunlight ☐ pan in indirect sunlight	Which pan was warmer in three minutes? ☐ pan in direct sunlight ☐ pan in indirect sunlight	Was your hypothesis correct? What did you learn from this experiment?

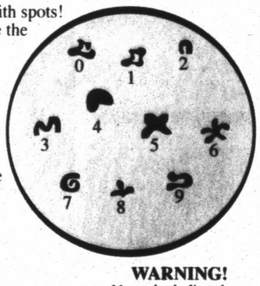
Extra! Extra! Without the Sun ...

Without the sun we wouldn't have newspapers because newsprint is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Sun Spot Mystery

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.



How far is the sun from the Earth?

☐☐ million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?

☐☐ Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?

☐☐☐,☐☐☐ miles. (1.4 million km)

WARNING! Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

SUNLIGHT
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SUMMER
MILES
PAPER
DIAMETER
HYPOTHESIS
METAL
WINTER
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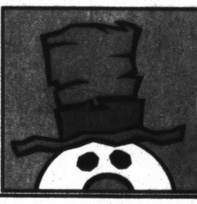
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Who cares about the weather?

Why is the weather report important to different people? Why is it important to a farmer, an astronaut or a fireman? Find an article or picture in the newspaper of a person who cares about the weather. Tell why this person cares.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the main idea and supporting details in expository text.



What kind of caps do snowmen wear?

ANSWER: ice caps

Weekly Writing Corner

Winter Poem

Snowmen staring at the night,
Snow gently falls on the roof.
When you see bare trees with snow,
They will twinkle as you see.
When you see the ground so white,
You will think it's the lamb of light.
You roll in the snow,
Go skiing or skating on the ice.
When you finish, get to bed,
tuck yourself in warm, and get good dreams.

Yenyffer, 5th grade

Have a sled all red and yellow.
Go down the hill with shiny boots
And come up the hill all filled with snow.

Jacob, 2nd grade

Snowflakes falling all around,
Snowflakes falling in the town.
Snowflakes falling everywhere,
It's a snowflake time of year!

Regan, 2nd grade

Snowball fights!
I like to have winter snowball fights on the snow hills.
When I stomp the ground it gives me the chills.

Enzo, 1st grade

I want to do things in the winter.
I can make a snowman.
The wind is cold.
That's what I like about the winter.

Drew, 4th grade

Winter is so cold, see your breath in the air.
Kids sticking their tongue to a pole on a dare.
Winter is runny noses and winds that are unkind.
Don't look for me. I will see you in summer if you don't mind.

Keegan, 4th grade

Winter means Christmas
Snow may fall
Cold weather outside
But warm and cozy in.

Izzy, 5th grade

Winter is my favorite season.
I like to make snow angels.
Nights of winter are freezing.
Tires on cars get stuck.
Every drop of snow falls.
Rabbits hide deep in the ground to keep warm.

Victory, 2nd grade

Shimmering snowman
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Olivia, 4th grade

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