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Meeting weight-loss goal begins with simple steps.

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MHS DEFEATS LEE

With their win, the Midland girls basketball team is in a three-way tie for first place in District 2-6A.

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DPS: Trucker didn't have oversize permit

From staff reports

The driver cited for a pair of bridge strikes Monday that led to the overpasses being shut down didn't have an over-height permit, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety public information officer.

Samuel Greene of Glencoe, New Mexico, was hauling an oversize load for Stay Loaded Trucking of Odessa and struck two overpasses along Interstate 20, DPS Sgt. Oscar Villarreal told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday.

Greene, 33, was stopped after striking the second bridge, Villarreal said. Greene was hauling an oilfield substructure and didn't have an over-height permit. Greene, who had a commercial driver's license, was issued a citation, Villarreal said.

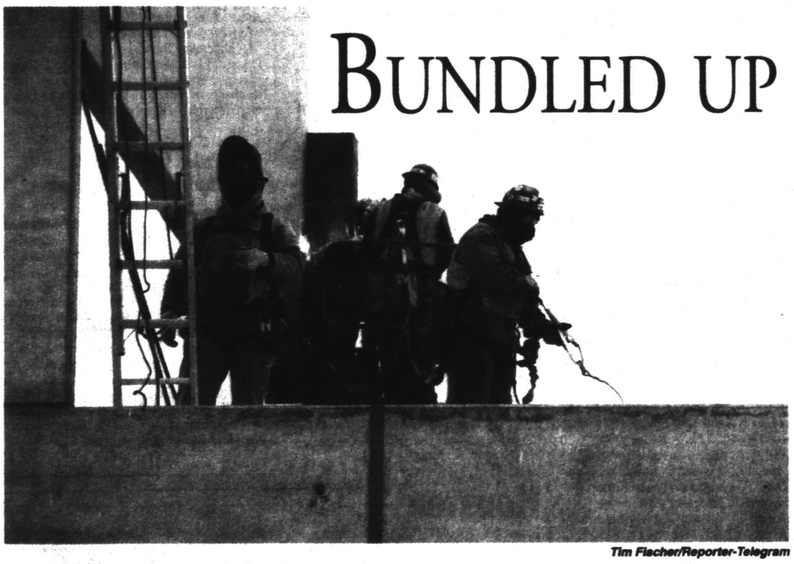
The Business 20 bridge in western Stanton and the County Road 1150 bridge in Midland were closed Monday because of the damage.

The Stanton bridge will be closed for weeks or months; the Midland overpass will be further evaluated this week, the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District said Monday. Both had loosened concrete, and it was too windy Monday evening to wrap them, TxDOT said. Because of this, westbound driving lanes at both locations were closed.

TxDOT attempts to recover repair costs

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BUNDLED UP



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Construction workers at the new Apache building off Veterans Airpark Lane bundle up against the cold on Tuesday as temperatures hover in the low 20s. After a high of 30 on Tuesday, today's high is expected to be in the lower 40s.

MC Spanish program draws four-year university students

■ Out-of-state students take college's online language classes

By Simone Jasper
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Enrollment numbers for the Midland College Spanish program have topped 2,000 students per semester, trustees learned Tuesday at the January board meeting. Through online classes, many of the students earn credits while attending another institution.

Duberlinda Mauricio, associate professor and lab coordinator, has taught at MC for more than 10 years and said the popularity of online courses has increased over that time.

"Most of our students are taking online from different campuses," she told the Reporter-Telegram before presenting at the board meeting. "For example, in Texas we have many students from UT Austin, from Texas A&M. We also have students from other states, like California."

Mauricio said MC classes are affordable and that students can transfer the credits they earn to other colleges or universities.

In response to the student demand for online courses, MC has made adjustments.

"We have about 12 adjuncts, so we have a lot of instructors that are all over the country — California, Connecticut," said Katherine Allen, department chair for speech and modern languages. "We have people who do it part time for us online."

Mauricio said both online and on-campus courses have the same content. The online coursework is designed to allow students to complete oral, listening and reading assignments, she said.

The program is in the system for Virtual College of Texas, which offers "inter-institutional sharing of courses," according to its website.

Mauricio said some people take online classes to learn grammar before immersing themselves in another country. Also, she said the courses offer a way for students to study at times that are convenient for their schedules.

"Taking online classes gives you the flexibility to do the job at the time that you have available," Mauricio said. "That's one of the advantages."

On-campus Spanish course enrollment has decreased as people turn to online classes, according to Mauricio. She said the Spanish program has students

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MISD board votes to turn Houston into collegiate prep

■ The elementary school has received failing marks from TEA the last three years

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD is learning if at first a campus doesn't succeed then there is always the ability to turn it around.

For the second time in less than a year, the MISD board pulled the trigger on a "turnaround plan" that basically empties out an elementary and starts over with a new faculty and student body.

The board voted on Tuesday to turn Sam Houston Elementary from a failing neighborhood school into a "collegiate preparatory elementary."

Houston Elementary, according to the district, has scored below the state standards in "closing the achievement gap" and overall student achievement. The Texas Education Agency has reported overall failing marks for the campus during the last three years.

Midland ISD reports show a lack of success was because 68 percent of the teachers have two or fewer years of experience in current grade or content and that the rigor level of STAAR test was not a "consistent instructional practice in our classrooms."

The district also cited other components impacting Sam Houston from 2014-15 to 2017-18, including:

- a 19 percent decrease in student enrollment;
- a 100 percent increase in African-American student enrollment;
- a 20 percent decrease in Hispanic student enrollment;
- a 39 percent decrease in white student enrollment; and
- a 5 percent increase in economically disadvantaged student enrollment.

The district also reports that the school, which has been "improvement required" four of the last five years, had more than 212 students transfer out of the school this year. That figure includes 126 students who transferred to Carver Center, the campus for gifted and talented students, and Midland ISD's magnet academies.

"Although the number of teachers has

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The big number
26 thousand points.
The Dow Jones reached this threshold for the first time. Page 7A

Word of the Day: epochal
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Planning & Zoning approves zone change for microbrewery

By Mella McEwen
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A new brewery is headed for Midland.

At a public hearing during Monday's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, commissioners approved by a 4-to-1 vote a request by Erich Schmidt for a zone change from PD, planned district for an office center to PD, planned district for a shopping center, on a 1.96 acre tract of land at Golf Course Road and Midkiff Road.

The tract will be the site of Tall City Brewery and, pending approval next from City Council members, is scheduled to open next year, Schmidt said.

"It will be a production microbrewery with an indoor/outdoor tap room for tasting," he said.

He added that the business is designed to be family-friendly with a variety of events throughout the year, including gatherings of food trucks.

Neighbor Lloyd Webb told commissioners he was supportive of the project but wanted to know what would happen if Tall City Brewery changed its business plan or closed.

Commissioner Reggie Lawrence assured Webb that, if that were the case, the company or a new company seeking to redevelop that tract would have to come before city officials and reapply for zone changes.

In other action, commissioners approved a request:

■ by Woody's Hideaway for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in a bar. Woody's Hideaway is planned for the shopping center at Starboard Drive and Liberty Drive — the location of Toro's Café — which is 150 feet east of Cinergy Cinemas. Woody's Hideaway has the same ownership as Little Woodrow's, which is in the Borgata Shopping Center at 3415 N. Loop 250. Woody's Hideaway will offer a similar menu but expects less than 60 percent of its sales to come from food, making it technically a bar.

■ by Kristen Hollimon, owner of Absolute Dance, for a zone change from PD, planned district for a shopping center, to amended PD, planned district for a shopping center. Her request was made to allow for a 700-foot expansion of her dance studio at 5109 Sunmore Circle.

■ by David Martin for a zone change from AE, agricultural estates district to PD, planned district for a housing development, covering a 40.434-acre tract at Harvest Rain Street and East Mockingbird Lane. The tract is part of the Daybreak Estates housing development, and developers plan to subdivide it into lots for up to 119 single-family homes.

MPD to determine if procedure was followed in officer-involved wreck

From staff reports

A wreck between a Midland Police Department vehicle and another car will be evaluated to determine if there was a violation of police operating procedures, the city's spokeswoman said Tuesday afternoon.

Officer Zach Owens has been placed on leave following the wreck that occurred at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Big Spring Street, according to a press release from spokeswoman Elana Ladd.

The investigation revealed that Owens was driving a Chevy Tahoe westbound in the middle lane on Louisiana. He attempted to proceed through a red light in the course of making a traffic stop. The vehicle's lights were activated but the siren was not, Ladd said.

A Dodge Challenger was facing southbound on Big Spring in the outside lane. To the left of the Challenger was a pickup, which investigators believe obstructed the Challenger driver's ability to see the Tahoe's lights, according to Ladd. The Challenger hit the Tahoe's rear passenger door, and the impact pushed the Tahoe onto the curb of the southwest corner of the intersection. The MPD vehicle flipped and then slid.

No one was injured in the wreck, and charges have not been filed, she said.

Owens has been with the department since 2013.

He is on leave until the results of a drug test are returned, which is standard procedure for an officer-involved wreck. Ladd said circumstances of the wreck will be evaluated to determine if police procedures were followed.

This is the second officer-involved wreck in less than a month, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles. A 90-year-old Midland man died Dec. 24 after his Toyota Prius was hit by an MPD Crown Victoria at the intersection of Wadley Avenue and Ward Street. Officer Christian Abrahim was placed on administrative leave after the wreck, which is under investigation by the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

College

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from Midland and that taking face-to-face courses gives students more time to hear instructors speak the language.

Mauricio said her department wants students to succeed. She said knowing Spanish helps people working in various fields, including health care and education.

"A number of students take a foreign language because it's required," Mauricio said. "We have students who also take the language because they want to learn the language. What I see in those students is they use Spanish as a tool for their life."

Also at Tuesday's meeting, board members voted to approve:

■ the MC Police Department's 2017 Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Richard McKee said his department conducted 327 vehicle stops and made one arrest. He said the department didn't receive any complaints of racial bias.

■ offering an associate of science in engineering beginning this fall.

Texas Tech University and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin are the "primary receiving institutions" for engineering and support the program, according to agenda documents.

■ offering two certificates beginning this fall.

One is for students wanting to pursue a bachelor of science in nursing, and the other is for Midland ISD dual-credit students studying health sciences.

Bridges

From 1A

by filing damage claims with responsible parties' insurance companies, an Odessa District spokesman Gene Powell said Tuesday.

There have been 12 bridge strikes in the Odessa District since Nov. 1, Powell said. Over the past seven years, there have been about 100 bridge strikes of varying degrees.

Work has begun on repairing the west Loop 250 overpass that spans I-20, which was damaged Nov. 12, 2015. The damage was caused by an oversize load. Work is also being performed on the Crane Avenue bridge in Odessa, which also was struck by an oversize load.

Oversize and overweight load permits are issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, not TxDOT. The maximum load height allowed without a permit is 14 feet, according to the agency's website. A route inspection is required when a load height exceeds 18 feet, 11 inches.

The Business 20 bridge in Stanton is marked at 15 feet, 10 inches high in the westbound lane. The CR 1150 bridge is marked at 16 feet high in the westbound lane.

TxDOT has attempted to educate the public, but "the only real prevention is when people take personal responsibility to do things the right way," Powell said, adding that oversize load permits are required by law and permitted routes must be followed. "Also, loads must be loaded correctly."

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CRIMEBRIEFS

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Two charged in connection with home invasion

Two Midland teenagers were arrested Monday after the Midland County Sheriff's Office developed some leads in an alleged home invasion, according to a press release.

Jesus Refugio Avila Jr., 18, and Alfredo Zuniga Menjivar, 18, were being held Tuesday on first-degree felony charges of aggravated robbery. The suspects will appear before a justice of the peace to be arraigned and have their bonds set, according to the press release.

Sheriff's deputies responded to an alleged home invasion Sunday evening.

A 19-year-old man was sleeping when two suspects with "hoodies and masks" hit him in the face with a handgun, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. The suspects tied the man to a chair and later hit him in the head with a baseball bat until he lost consciousness.

Sheriff Gary Painter told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday the suspects thought they had killed the man, who later was able to give information to investigators. Painter also said the suspects took a TV and Xbox from the residence.

Avila told an investigator that he was involved in the home invasion, according to the press release. Family members of the victim recognized Avila and associated him with Menjivar, according to the release.

When deputies approached Menjivar's residence, he threw a handgun out a window, according to the release. The handgun had been reported stolen, and Painter said his department may add a charge related to the matter. If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Avila and Menjivar could face up to life imprisonment.

MIDLAND

Man arrested in connection with shooting

A man was scheduled to have surgery Tuesday after being shot in the leg, and a 19-year-old Midlander is being held in connection with the shooting, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said.

Bond had not yet been set as of Tuesday evening for Pedro David Suchil, who has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to the press release.

Sheriff's deputies responded at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday to a call of shots fired and "one man down with bullet wounds," according to the release. When deputies arrived at the 3300 block of South County Road 1230, they found a man with serious wounds from an AR-15 rifle, Painter said.

A man — Suchil — approached the deputies and told them he was the one who fired the shots because his sister was involved in a disturbance with the wounded man, according to the release. The victim was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital.

SPRING

Authorities say Houston-area couple ambushed, slain, robbed

Investigators say a Houston-area husband and wife were ambushed and killed during a home robbery and the suspects later returned several times to the shooting scene.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday released security video in the search for suspects in the deaths of Bao and Jenny Lam. Deputies found the victims Saturday night in their ransacked home in Spring after their son was unable to reach his parents.

Security video shows an SUV approaching the subdivision entrance Thursday night. Two men crawled under a gate. Authorities believe the Lams drove home and were attacked in their garage.

Guns and other valuables were taken, plus a Porsche Panamera that was found Sunday in a parking lot.

Investigators believe the suspects returned to the home several times before the victims were found.

SOCORRO

Off-duty Border Patrol agent linked to fatal shooting

Investigators say a man has died in a West Texas shooting involving an off-duty Border Patrol agent in gunfire not related to the officer's law enforcement duties.

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is investigating what prompted the shooting before dawn Sunday. The sheriff's office didn't immediately say who opened fire or further circumstances of the shooting. Names of the two men weren't immediately released.

A statement Tuesday from the Border Patrol says an agent from the El Paso sector was involved and the incident included the discharge of a firearm. Further questions were referred to the sheriff's office.

BEDFORD

Police: Officer shot, killed man reaching for weapon

Police in North Texas have shot and killed a man who they say reached for a weapon as officers sought to question him about a suspicious vehicle.

Police in Bedford, northeast of Fort Worth, say in a statement that officers were investigating a report of the suspicious vehicle early Tuesday when the suspect fled.

The vehicle was found about two hours later and officers attempted to speak with the driver.

Authorities say the suspect reached for a weapon and one officer then fired and struck him. Officers attempted CPR on the man at the scene but he was pronounced dead.

Houston

From 1A

remained fairly consistent over the four-year trend, the turnover rate has had a significant impact as teachers have limited experience in teaching and/or inexperience in their current grade or content," the report states.

Changes to a collegiate prep are expected to propel education opportunities and outcomes and create an environment with high student and adult expectations. All teaching and learning staff is expected to be trained in Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) programming, and according to the district report, Houston will be part of an overall communications strategy for the path to college." The report states Houston will be the pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade model and San Jacinto will become the sixth through eighth-grade model. Then there will be options for those students at the high school level.

"Houston staff, students and parents will be knowledgeable about the increased levels of expectations toward creating self-empowered students who take responsibility for their learning and a collaborative nature with their peers," the report states.

The deadline for the turnaround plan's submission to the TEA commissioner for approval is Jan. 29. The agency is expected to respond to the turnaround plan by April.

Before the start of the 2018-19 school year, all campus leadership and teachers will re-apply for positions for the 2018-19 school year, all students from around the district will be required to apply for a spot in Houston Elementary (the lottery system will be weighted) and behavioral and attendance expectations will need to be developed.

Current Houston students who don't gain entrance into the collegiate prep will be sent to other schools to be determined by the district.

With the change, the district will eliminate another failing campus. The district went into 2017-18 school year with four improvement required campuses (Lamar, Houston, South and Travis elementaries). The number was nine at the end of 2015-16.

Last year, the district voted to close down Milam Elementary after the 2016-17 year. It was reopened in August as Gen. Tommy Franks Elementary.

Crockett at the time of its closure had failed seven straight years, which was the second longest streak in the state.

These turnaround situations have come as the district has worked with the Texas Education Agency on academic reform inside Midland ISD. The district was once selected to meet with the TEA because of the number of schools with extended periods being improvement required.

Coming out of those meetings, MISD work sessions and other reform efforts included a new governance report, a move toward a system that will give campuses more control over their own operations and the district changing the structure of its campuses — including the move toward collegiate preps, in-district charters and other alternative measures for elementary and secondary level campuses.

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
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Psalm 33:18
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

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Epochal
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On Jan. 17, 2001, George W. and Laura Bush made Midland their last Texas stop before flying to Washington for his inauguration. ... Lucias D. Bunton, a legendary West Texas federal judge, died at the age of 76.

Things to do

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

■ "The Opera House" looks at the history of the Metropolitan Opera.12:55 and 6:30 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $15.13. fathomevents.com.

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

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

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MLK Day Symbolic March



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders came together Monday for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. symbolic march.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2018. There are 348 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1953, a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

In 1998, the Drudge Report said Newsweek magazine had killed a story about an affair between President Bill Clinton and an unidentified White House intern, the same day Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him in which he denied having had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Today's birthdays: Actress Betty White is 96. Actor James Earl Jones is 87. Singer Steve Earle is 63. Former first lady Michelle Obama is 54. Rapper Kid Rock is 47.

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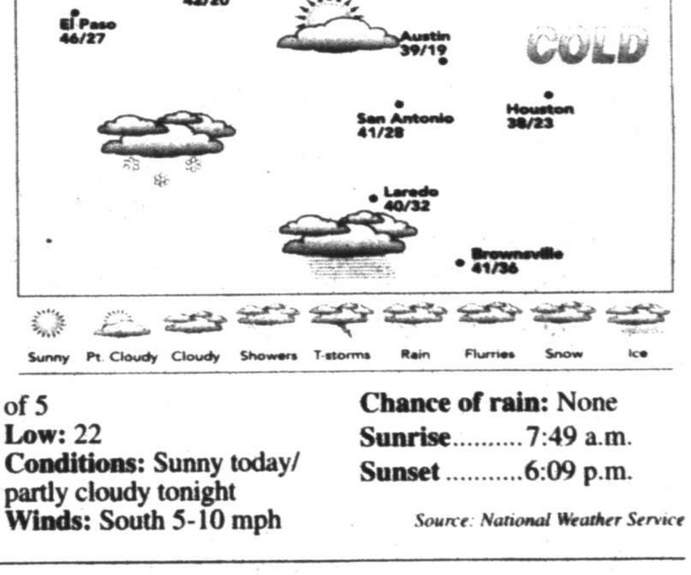
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Record high: 79, set in 1971
Record low: 15, set in 1972

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.01 in.
Year total ..... 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.24 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 26 mph
Gust speed: 32 mph

Today's forecast
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Forecast for Wednesday, January 17, 2018



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 and Moon in Capricorn if born before 2:32 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018:**

This year you will experience life from a more lighthearted perspective. You tend to express your feelings more often. Your caring attitude keeps many people focused on you. If you are single, you attract your fair share of suitors. Choosing the right one might take time, though you will enjoy dating in the meantime. If you are attached, allow your relationship to expand and grow naturally. You often spend a lot of money on your sweetie, but know that you don't have to. AQUARIUS enjoys indulging you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Where your friends are is where you will naturally gravitate to. Everyone appreciates having people cheer them on. You will have an opportunity to visit with an older relative. Take advantage of whatever brings you together. **Tonight:** Be aware of someone else's feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others look up to you and want you to take the lead, no matter what is going on. You don't need to be pushy to take the lead; in fact, you can do it with a smile. Strong feelings come forward when you open up. Refuse to sit on any negativity. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could see a change in how you deal with this person. You can't be anything but happy around someone who is as gracious as he or she is. You could feel that others seem excited to hear from you. **Tonight:** Get some tickets to a concert.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down an interesting path. How you feel and what goes on could be symbolic of the strength of a major relationship in your life. You have an important choice to make; you want it to be as grounded as possible. **Tonight:** Opt for togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to a partner who cares about you and finds you exciting. Your sense of humor emerges, no matter what is going on. An associate clearly feels good about his or her bond with you. Reach out to a friend whom you have not heard from in a while. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be realistic about your limits. You might have the best intentions; however, you have only so much energy. Your smile helps melt someone else's resistance. Listen to what others share. You might be getting informative tidbits that need to be listened to. **Tonight:** All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You sense that it is time to be less intense. Be spontaneous. Follow your sixth sense, knowing what can happen if you let go. Your sense of fun emerges when lightening up the moment, sharing time with a child or flirting with a new friend. **Tonight:** Keep on frolicking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Tension builds around the homefront. You might not be sure what the right way to handle a problem is, but you will be thinking about the issue. You would be better off not getting into a power struggle; instead, be more caring, open and warm. **Tonight:** Make it easy, and order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You have the potential to go far and create much more of what you need. Allow conversations to flow naturally. Though you are quite determined, getting feedback from others will be important. Express your caring in a way that it can be heard. **Tonight:** Speak your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have seen a lot go down as of late. The result of this type of change could present certain challenges, especially as you could be so thrown off your game. Stay open, and enjoy someone else's good intentions. Listen to suggestions carefully. **Tonight:** Enjoy a night out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a softness about you that draws in many people. You feel deeply about a child or loved one. Your caring attitude comes out in various situations. Others come in closer than they have in a while. You seem to be unusually attractive right now. **Tonight:** Buy yourself a treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be on top of a personal matter. How you see a situation develop might be somewhat distorted. Everyone seems to see only what he or she wants to see. Listen to news more openly, and be prepared to explain what you are involved in. **Tonight:** Make it early.

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Juvenal Perez uses a credit card to scrape ice off his windshield as the temperature continues to fall below freezing Tuesday in Houston. Hundreds of flights have been canceled in Texas, where frigid temperatures have left runways and roads dangerously icy. Sleet and freezing rain are forecast for parts of the state.

Schools close, shelters aid homeless as cold snap hits Texas

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hundreds of thousands of students in Texas had a day off from classes Tuesday after frigid temperatures and icy roads made travel hazardous and sent scores of homeless people to shelters.

The Houston Independent School District canceled classes through Wednesday due to wintry weather. Schools are set to reopen at their regular times on Thursday. It's the state's largest district with about 215,000 students.

School districts in Houston, Galveston and Beaumont will remain closed, as will Tyler schools and numerous other rural and small-town school systems in East Texas. Other East Texas systems will observe two-hour delays in classes.

Districts in and near such Central Texas cities as Austin, San Antonio, Bryan-College Station and Waco will hold classes on normal schedules Wednesday.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for the Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas, plus sections of East Texas, until Tuesday night. Forecasters say the cold weather should ease late Wednesday with temperatures in the 40s in Houston and Central Texas.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner encouraged people to stay off the streets.

"If you don't have to be on the road, please don't be on the roads," he said. "For the next 24 hours it's going to be somewhat treacherous out there."

Houston Fire Chief Samuel Pena said at least four structural fires were caused by people "using more innovative ways to keep warm and heat their homes." He and other officials urged people to use space heaters properly.

At least two warming centers were opened for Houston's homeless or others needing to escape the freezing temperatures. The Austin Resource Center for the Homeless helped arrange shelter for more than 140 people.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston canceled more than 500 flights Tuesday.

Austin city and Travis County offices were shuttered along with most state government offices. Work at the state Capitol, where lawmakers are not in session, ground to almost a halt.

Icy conditions prompted state transportation officials to treat Austin-area roadways with sand, while police in the area shut down bridges, overpasses and long stretches of highway.

TxDOT offers tips for driving on icy roads

The Texas Department of Transportation strongly advises the public to stay off icy roads. For those who must drive on them, they urge extreme caution.

Tips that TxDOT recommends for driving in wintry weather include:

- Remove snow and ice from your vehicle before you drive.
- Ensure headlights and tail lights are functioning properly.
- Accelerate slowly, drive slowly, and observe traffic signs and alerts. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions, not winter road conditions.
- Maintain at least three times the normal following distance on snow or ice.
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas as they tend to freeze first.
- If your vehicle starts to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you have regained traction. Then straighten your vehicle.

Road condition information for Texas is available on the internet at www.drivetexas.org, or by phone at the Texas Road Conditions Hotline: 800-452-9292.

Trump ends first year with lowest average approval rating

By Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This is a record not to be coveted: Donald Trump is wrapping up a year in office with the lowest average approval rating of any elected president in his first year.

That's according to polling by Gallup, which shows that Trump has averaged just a 39 percent approval rating since his inauguration. The previous low was held by Bill Clinton, whose first-year average stood 10 points higher than Trump's, at 49 percent.

Recent surveys show most Americans view Trump as a divisive figure and even question his fitness for office. One relative bright spot for Trump is his handling of the economy, though even there his ratings are not as high as might be expected given a relatively strong economy.

What the polls show about how Americans view their president a year into his term:

UNUSUAL UNPOPULARITY

Trump's current approval rating in Gallup's weekly poll is comparable to his average rating, standing at just 38 percent, with 57 percent saying they disapprove.

The persistence of Trump's first-year blues is unprecedented for a president so early in his term. Americans usually give their new presidents the benefit of the doubt, but Trump's "honeymoon period," to the extent he had one, saw his approval rating only as high as 45 percent.

Since then, Trump has spent more time under 40 percent than any other first-year president.

Presidents have recovered from periods of low popularity before. For example, Clinton's rating fell to just 37 percent in June 1993 before quickly regaining ground, and he went on to win re-election. Harry S. Truman held the approval of less than 40 percent of Americans for significant chunks of his first term and was also re-elected. He went on to set Gallup's lowest-ever approval mark, at just 22 percent in 1952.

Trump's lowest point in Gallup's weekly polling — 35 percent — remains higher than those of several earlier presidents. Truman, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter all had their ratings dip under 30 percent.

STRONG SUITS

There aren't many bright spots for Trump, but there are some. For one, most Republicans continue to approve of him — 83 percent of registered voters who identify as Republicans, according to a recent Quinnipiac poll.

The same poll found that most voters overall find Trump to be intelligent and a strong person.

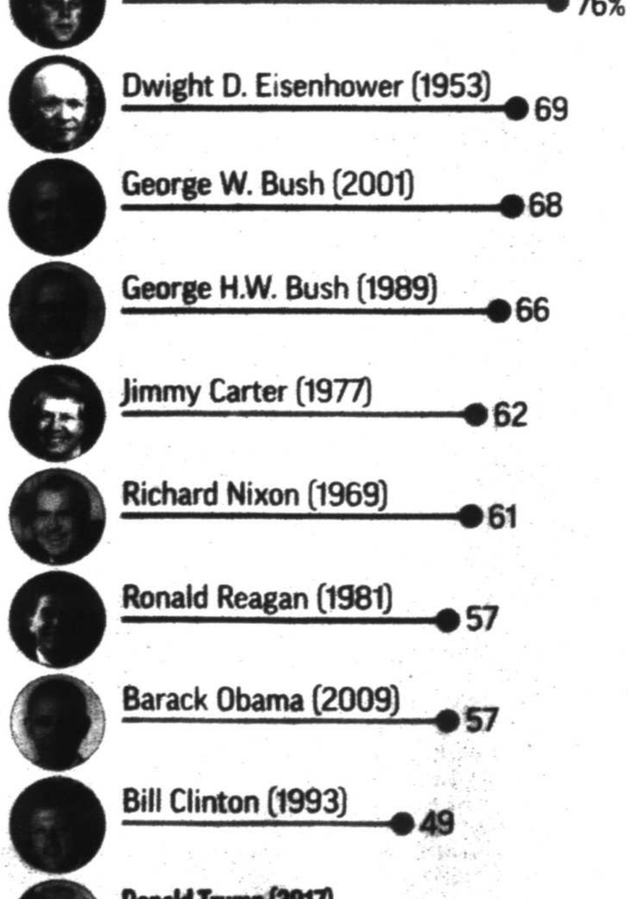
And positive ratings for Trump's handling of the economy have tended to run higher than his overall job ratings.

In a December poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, Trump's rating on handling the economy was 8 percentage points higher than his overall approval, though even that stood at just 40 percent in the survey, which was a particularly negative one for Trump.

In the Quinnipiac poll, voters were more likely to say Trump is helping the economy than hurting it, 37 percent to 29 percent. On the other hand, more said President Barack Obama deserves the credit than Trump does, 49 percent to 40 percent.

1st year presidential approval

● Democrat ● Republican



NOTE: Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson and Gerald R. Ford are not included because they were not elected to their first terms in office.

SOURCE: Gallup AP

Dems accuse GOP official of 'amnesia' on Trump vulgarity

By Zeke Miller and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans struggled to get their stories straight Tuesday as President Donald Trump's Homeland Security secretary became the latest GOP official to offer an inconclusive version of a meeting in which Trump is said to have used vulgar remarks that have been criticized as racist.

Democrats accused Republicans of selective amnesia, as Kirstjen Nielsen testified under oath that she "did not hear" Trump use a certain vulgarity to describe African countries.

"It was a meeting of 12 people. There was cross-talk," she explained at a congressional hearing, but she didn't "dispute the president was using tough language."

Under persistent questioning, Nielsen said she didn't recall the specific language used by Trump.

"What I was struck with, frankly, as I'm sure you were as well, was just the general profanity used in the room by almost everyone."

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker angrily criticized Nielsen's comments, telling her during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, "Your silence and your amnesia is complicity."

Nielsen's comments came five days after the president ignited what GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham termed an "s-storm" with his Oval Office remarks.

The White House has not substantively disputed accounts of the episode, in which Trump is said to have used the term "s---hole" to describe African countries of origin for potential immigrants to the U.S.

The revelations, semi-denials and continuing comments have cast a pall over the White House's legislative agenda, brought the country closer to the brink of a government shutdown and sparked international outrage.

And with the midterm elections approaching, there are fresh fears among Republicans who were already anxious over the political climate going into November — and over Trump's unpredictable actions.

Administration officials and lawmakers spent the holiday weekend debating the precise presidential vulgarity used, and moved to cast last Thursday's White House meeting as a salty affair, with expletives flying in all directions.

The White House said Trump had no intention of apologizing.

"The president hasn't said he didn't use strong language, and this is an important issue," press secretary Sarah Sanders said.

"He's passionate about it, he's not going to apologize for trying to fix our immigration system."

There is internal debate in the West Wing over whether Trump said "s---hole" or "s---house."

One person who attended the meeting told aides they heard the latter expletive, while others recalled the president saying the more widely reported "s---hole," according to a person briefed on the meeting but not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Trump has not clarified to aides what he said, but told reporters Sunday night in Florida that comments attributed to him "weren't made."

A confidant of Trump told The Associated Press that the president spent Thursday evening calling friends and outside advisers to judge their reaction to his remarks. Trump wasn't apologetic and denied he was racist, said the confidant, who wasn't authorized to disclose a private conversation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

White House officials tried to offer clarity on the two-hour period Thursday morning that saw Trump move from requesting a briefing on a potential immigration breakthrough to graphically rejection the agreement reached by Graham and Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin. Chief of staff John Kelly phoned Trump from Capitol Hill to advise him against accepting the proposal, and the president summoned conservative Republican negotiators to help build a united front against the plan, which would have provided some border security funding and provided protection from deportation for immigrants brought to the country as children and now here illegally.

A senior White House official said Trump does not believe he has an ally on this issue in Graham, a Republican who has long tried to partner with Democrats on immigration legislation.

In a hearing Tuesday, Graham said Trump expressed openness to an immigration deal, only to reject it hours later.

"I think somebody on his staff gave him really bad advice between 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock on Thursday," Graham said.

Asked about Kelly, the South Carolina Republican said the chief of staff is "a fine man, but he's part of the staff."

Sen. Tom Cotton, one of the lawmakers summoned to the Oval Office by the president to counter the Durbin-Graham proposal, blasted Durbin's account of the meeting in an interview.

"I'm not going to get into all the details of a private meeting. I'll just say, what Senator Durbin has portrayed is a misportrayal," the Arkansas senator told Little Rock radio station KARN on Tuesday.

"The proposal brought by Senator Durbin and Senator Graham would go in the opposite of what we need, which is a skill-based system that treats people for who they are, not where they're from," Cotton said.

"It's fair to say the president reacted strongly to that."

As the firestorm over Trump's comment began late last week, the White House and Trump's National Security Council provided no guidance to the State Department about what to say to foreign countries who were incensed, said a U.S. official familiar with the conversations between the White House and other federal agencies.

Left to its own devices, the State Department came up with its own talking points to be used by U.S. missions in Africa working to stem the damage, said a U.S. official, who wasn't authorized to disclose internal deliberations and demanded anonymity.

The key message, the official said: Emphasize that the United States has a "deep respect" for people from Africa and that the U.S. relationship with any county is deeper than any one comment. Avoid confirming or denying what the president might have said, referring to it instead as an "alleged comment."

Autonomous cars loom, but the Detroit auto show goes on

By Tom Krisher and Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press



Ford Motor Co., Executive Chairman Bill Ford stands next to the 2019 Mustang Bullitt and the original Bullitt, right, on the floor Monday at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. *Carlos Osorio/Associated Press*

DETROIT — The North American International Auto Show in Detroit opened to the press this week with one big question hanging in the air: How will autonomous vehicles change the industry?

The answer is still unclear. In the meantime, automakers continue to put out new vehicles of all shapes and sizes, including small cars, SUVs and the all-mighty pickup, which dominated the show.

All will be on display when the show opens to the public Saturday, with a charity preview on Friday night.

Here are five things we learned from the preview this week:

Trucks are king

Pickups are the most popular vehicles in the U.S., and trucks unveiled at the show make clear that will continue for a long time.

General Motors spent heavily to update its top-selling Chevrolet Silverado pickup, cutting up to 450 pounds of weight by using more aluminum and lighter high-strength steel.

The truck also gets two new V8 engines that can run on one to eight cylinders depending on how much power is needed.

Fiat Chrysler's Ram also got big updates, losing more than 200 pounds and giving it a gas-electric hybrid engine option. Both the Silverado and Ram were given more athletic stances and meaner looks. Ford added a diesel engine to its F-150 and rolled out the midsize Ranger.

Automakers turn big profits on large pickups. Sales rose nearly 6 percent last year to almost 2.4 million, even though total U.S. auto sales dropped 2 percent. Ford's F-Series is the country's top-selling vehicle, followed by the Silverado and Ram.

Tax reform boost?

U.S. auto sales are likely to fall to around 16.7 million in 2018 from 17.2 million last year, says Michelle Krebs, an executive analyst with the car buying site Autotrader.com.

But that would still make it one of the 10 best sales years in history, so the market remains strong.

U.S. income tax code changes this year may stimulate new auto sales, but any increase likely will be offset by rising interest rates and the abundant supply of late-model used cars that pull buyers from new vehicles, Toyota Motor Corp.'s top North American executive says.

North American CEO Jim Lentz expects a sales boost of 200,000 vehicles as tax cuts put more money in people's pockets. But the increase could be negated as rising rates keep some people on the sidelines, and some buyers opt for a lower-cost but nice off-lease used car.

Tax cuts could boost pickup sales because businesses can write off the expenses immediately under the new code, Lentz said.

Trade deal

Many auto executives interviewed at the auto show say they're afraid the U.S. might pull out of the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, but they can't prepare for it because they don't know what, if anything will replace it.

In ongoing negotiations with Mexico and Canada, the Trump administration is seeking to ensure that more vehicles are made in America, among other changes. But Jim Lentz, Toyota's North American CEO, says ending the agreement would likely raise costs. That, in turn, would raise vehicle prices and cut demand, forcing manufacturing layoffs. It also would make the U.S. less competitive than the world's other manufacturing centers, he said. Ending the agreement also could force some suppliers to stop making parts.

Charlie Chesbrough, the chief economist for Cox Automotive, said it's hard to imagine there will be much change in production, because automakers need a long lead time to act and they know the next president could reverse Trump's actions. But some automakers are already taking pre-emptive steps to show the administration they're willing to boost U.S. production. Fiat Chrysler said ahead of the auto show that it will move heavy duty truck production from Mexico to Michigan in 2020.

Hedging on robot cars

Automakers are hedging their bets when it comes to autonomous vehicles and whether they will someday cut into or even end personal car ownership.

In interviews through the week, executives said they're preparing for a time when people hire self-driving ride services to get around instead of spending on personal vehicles.

But they don't know just when that will take place, so they also must continue to spend millions to develop conventional vehicles, as well.

"These proclamations that we hear about the advent of electrification and artificial intelligence ... are all things that, at best, are conjecture," said Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne.

Although some companies plan to deploy driverless cars to carry passengers in coming months, Marchionne says it will take years for the vehicles to be in widespread use.

Good old days

Despite the new wheels on the show floor, one of the biggest hits is a 50-year-old Mustang GT fastback in need of a paint job. It was one of the original cars used in the 1968 film "Bullitt," which put the Mustang on the map with a famous chase scene.

Ford Motor Co. rolled it out to help celebrate a special "Bullitt" edition Mustang, which goes on sale this summer. The faded green car got a huge cheer when it rumbled onto the stage.

New small cars unveiled at auto show, but will anyone buy?

By Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

DETROIT — Among the many shiny models vying for attention at Detroit's North American International Auto Show are the revamped Volkswagen Jetta, Hyundai Veloster and Kia Forte.

But cars — particularly small ones — are having a tough time getting buyers to look their way as SUVs grow in popularity.

Car sales are expected to hit a record low this year after steadily declining for several years. SUVs surpassed cars for the first time in 2016, and the gap only widens: Auto shopping site Edmunds.com forecasts the utilities will make up 43.5 percent of new vehicle sales this year, while cars will fall to 34.5 percent. (Edmunds regularly provides content, including automotive tips and reviews, for distribution by The Associated Press.)

The reasons are plenty, including relatively low gas prices, growing millennial families and small, attractive SUV models that are becoming more fuel efficient and affordable.

The small car slump and utility boom has spurred industry changes: Ford is converting a Michigan plant that currently makes the Focus for Bronco SUV production. The automaker plans to move Focus production to China.

So why the big push to make — and market — cars as the demand dwindles? There are economies of scale, since many cars are sold globally, including in overseas markets where small cars are more popular. Then there's the "gateway" effect, according to Michelle Krebs, an executive analyst for the car buying site Autotrader.com.

"A small car is likely the first new vehicle a young person buys," she said in an email. "So it is particularly important to make a good impression so that person sticks with a brand and moves up the size and price ladder."

Despite the sales drops, the U.S. small car category is still "huge," Krebs said, representing 2.1 million last year and the fourth largest vehicle segment.

Still, there's no question that several car-dependent manufacturers have been hurt by the shift to SUVs, including VW, Hyundai and Kia. The models being showcased in Detroit are examples of "what they have to work with while they develop more sport-utilities," Krebs said.

Hyundai isn't giving up on small cars, as evidenced by the new Veloster. It also recently revealed the updated Accent subcompact, which has some surprising optional features like remote start, which lets the driver start the car with a smartphone, and a hands-free trunk that opens when the driver waves a foot under it.

"We still believe there's big demand for basic transportation that offers more," said Michael O'Brien, who leads U.S. product planning for Kia, Hyundai's smaller affiliate.

Underscoring the point, Kia said the Forte had its best sales year in 2017 — the last year before the redesigned model debuted at the Detroit show.

Even though small cars have fallen out of favor in the U.S. now, automakers still need to invest in them because of demand in other parts of the world, says Mark Reuss, General Motors' global product development chief. Also, Reuss says he's seen events that have rapidly shifted what consumers want, and he wants to be ready if that happens.

"These are long-term capital investments," Reuss said. "Some of the big shocks that have happened that I've seen in my career flip things pretty quick, faster than we can change capital investments."

Jonathan Smoke, the chief economist for Cox Automotive, says customers looking for an affordable vehicle last year were more likely to shop for used SUVs over new small cars. But small cars are still an important part of the market, he says, especially in cities where people need something small and maneuverable.

Sales of new small cars also spiked after the hurricanes in Florida and Texas, when people who needed transportation quickly went for the most affordable cars they could find.

"There's a place for the compact car," he said. "There's a place for value."

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Cornyn continues to tolerate the president

■ Should Texas senator be criticized for not offering plain talk about the plain-to-see mess Trump causes on a near-daily basis?



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

These should be good times for John Cornyn. He's the senior U.S. senator from the greatest state ever created. He's the GOP's No. 2 man in that chamber. And after eight years toiling under the yoke of a Democratic president, Cornyn is one year into total D.C. domination by his party.

And though there's not unanimity on this, there are accomplishments to tout after the first year of the GOP control for which Cornyn long longed.

So how come he spends so much time explaining and bemoaning the state of the union?

Be careful, we've been warned a time or two, for what you wish. Cornyn wished for a Republican president. Just not this particular, peculiar one.

So, in the latest chapter of his dream turned near-nightmare, there was Cornyn on Monday at one of my Northwest Austin neighborhood's pre-eminent eateries (Wally's Burger Express) for an event staged to tout the tax reform plan pitched by President Donald Trump and enacted by the GOP-led Congress. The plan won praise from local businessmen invited to chat about it with Cornyn in front of TV cameras. Bobby Jenkins of ABC Home and Commercial Service, Josh Agrelius of ReBath of Austin and Robert Mayfield of Wally's Burger Express each talked about how the new tax plan will benefit their businesses.

After the chat, Cornyn took a turn at the shake machine ("Man, that's good stuff," he said of the root beer shake he made for himself) and headed outside for questions from reporters who'd been asked by a Cornyn aide — eager to push the message du jour but aware of other stuff that might be on reporters' minds — to begin with tax reform queries.

I got the tax question out of the way and moved on to asking the GOP Senate's second-most leader about a No. 2 reference that our president might or might not have made last week in discussing the relative merits of nations around the world.

"You know, I have no way of knowing," Cornyn said when asked if he believed Trump had made the s-hole comment. "I've heard the accusation, and I've heard the denial, and I just don't know because I wasn't there."

Fair enough, I guess. But let's pause to note a moment in which a GOP senator had reason and history to not immediately align with a GOP president's version of things. Back to Cornyn: "But certainly if the statement was made it's not something how I would characterize it."

He went on to bemoan how Trump's comments have "frozen the debate" on a variety of pressing topics, including immigration reform, children's health insurance and hurricane relief, and said the president "often steps on his own message."

"I think many of us have advised the president his tweeting isn't always helpful," Cornyn said. "But he's determined to do it because he feels like it's his way of communicating directly with the American people. And I guess he's going to win that argument. But I think sometimes it doesn't serve him well."

I asked Cornyn if he thinks a moment ever could come when he'd say enough is enough and publicly join the majority of Americans who pollsters say are ready to move on from Trump.

"No," he said. "He's the elected president of the United States. We all have our responsibilities to perform. I have my job to do on behalf of 28 million Texans. We have to accept the verdict, the judgment of the voters and work with the president."

Barack Obama also was the verdict of the people. I don't recall Cornyn always working hard to work with him. Back to Cornyn: "We're actually making great progress and that's one reason I think it would be better to stay focused on those tasks and the accomplishments we've made rather than run down these rabbit trails caused by some of the tweeting and other things."

So what do you think? Should we feel for Cornyn as he deals with a president who gives us cause to question his stability? Or should Cornyn be criticized for not offering plain talk about the plain-to-see mess this president causes on a near-daily basis?

Put me down as leaning to the latter.

After casting his ballot here in November 2016, Cornyn told reporters, "I voted for, uh, Mr. Trump ..."

That "uh" spoken by an eloquent man said more than any of the other words.

Earlier this month, as he headed to an Austin press conference, I asked Cornyn a question I perceive is on many Americans' minds: "What the hell is going on?"

"This too will pass," he said.

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OPINION EXTRA

MLK Day creation is a testament to King's efforts

We observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday as a federally recognized holiday, but we may take for granted how this day came about. Not long after Dr. King was assassinated in 1968, a campaign was initiated to honor his life and legacy of civil activism. A day was proposed to remember his opposition to discriminatory practices of state and federal laws and his pursuit of a more equitable system of governance. The road toward passage of this law would be a lengthy journey and was a true testament to the struggle of King's efforts.

For years, members of Congress argued over whether to create a day honoring King. Many argued that creating another paid federal holiday would be "too expensive" or that because King had never served in public office, Congress shouldn't honor a private citizen. Those in support of a day of commemoration pushed back to acknowledge a community leader's message of nonviolent change and to continue the effort that King had died for. This clearly showed that a divide still existed in America, and it would take time and consideration to attempt any reconciliation.

Eventually, a bipartisan effort was proposed in 1979 but fell short of passage by five votes. Undaunted by their failure, proponents regrouped and reorganized in the spirit of Dr. King's efforts. Supporters worked with numerous corporations and community groups to launch a publicity campaign to inform citizens about the detail of the proposed legislation and to pressure members of Congress. By 1981, the effort had collected more than 6 million signatures in a petition to Congress to create a recognized holiday. The proposed federal law honoring Martin Luther King Jr. was signed into law on Nov. 2, 1983, but it still faced much opposition and criticism in state legislatures.

States such as Alabama, Virginia, Mississippi and Arkansas opposed the spirit of the law by commemorating Confederate leaders on the same day as King. This would allow those states to comply with federal law, but kept an undertone of protest. In 1994, the law was changed to focus on a day of service in an attempt to meet opposition states where they were. The day finally was observed as a holiday in all 50 states in 2000.

Some people may find it difficult to understand why this law took so long to be enacted, but it should be seen as a lesson in fortitude and tenacity. As we sit in observance of Dr. King's contribution to our society, let us remember what his dream was about. This is a dream of racial justice and equality and of peace and justice. It's a dream of reconciliation and tolerance, but perhaps most of all, it's a value of brotherhood and cooperation.

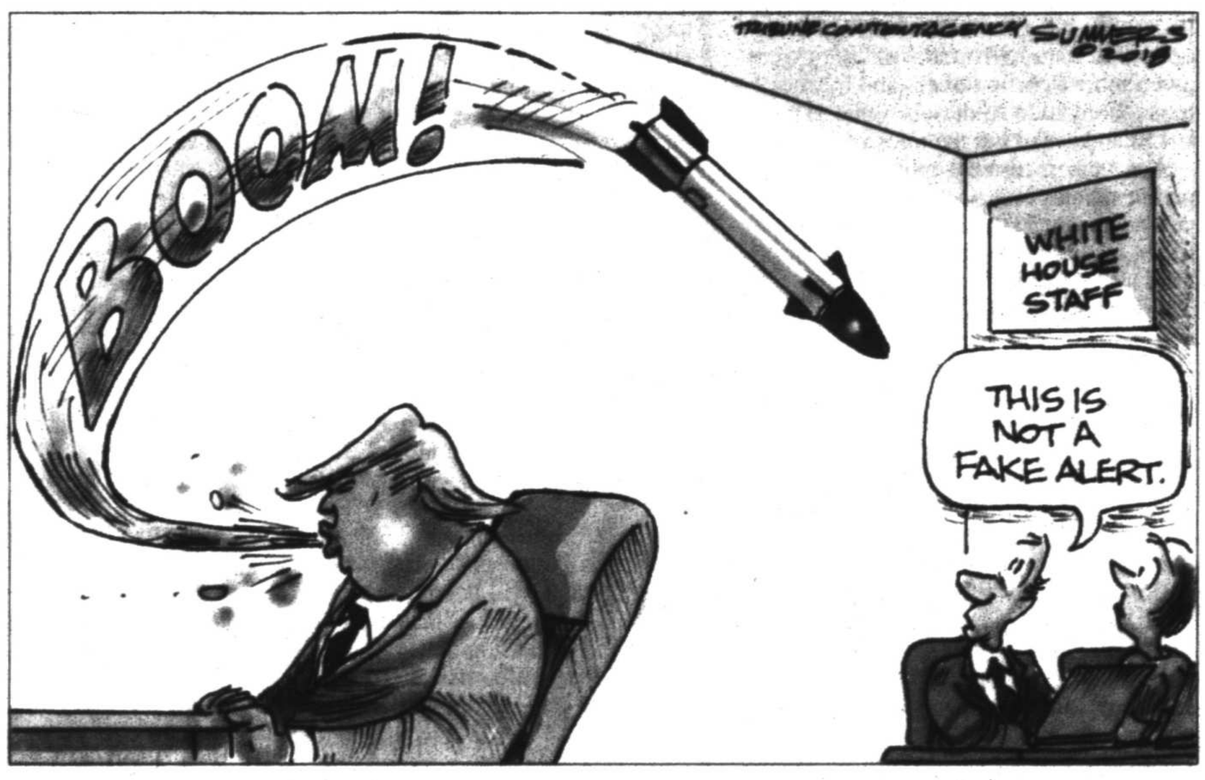
As a nation, a state, and a community, our work is far from over. We have made great strides since 1968, but we all must dedicate ourselves to the arduous task of fighting for the equality of all people. As Dr. King told us: "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." That remains the unfinished business we all must dedicate ourselves to.

— Chris Hightower
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Facebook should claim responsibility

ROGER MCNAMEE
Special to the Washington Post

Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg announced last week that he would spend 2018 fixing the problems with his platform that enable bad actors to do harm, such as Russia's interference in the U.S. election. As Zuckerberg's former mentor, I applaud this commitment and would like to offer my friend a road map to protect our democracy.

I first noticed bad actors exploiting Facebook in early 2016 and contacted Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, just before the election. I spent four months trying to convince Facebook that its algorithms and advertising business model were vulnerable to bad actors. They were reluctant to accept my conclusion then and continued to deny and deflect through the end of 2017. The company still argues that it is not responsible for the actions of third parties on its platform.

I can understand that it was initially difficult for Facebook to believe that its product was at fault, but there is no longer any excuse for inaction.

What we need from Zuckerberg is acknowledgment that Facebook has some responsibility for what others do on its platform and that it is prepared to make fundamental changes to limit future harm. This week's announcement of changes to Facebook's NewsFeed may be a positive step, but it's not a solution. Had this change been in place in 2016, it might even have exacerbated the Russian interference by increasing the exposure of Facebook group users to misinformation.

I recommend that Facebook follow the example of Johnson & Johnson during the Tylenol poisonings in 1982. Johnson & Johnson did not cause the tampering. It was not technically required to take responsibility, but it knew it was the right thing to do. The company took immediate and aggressive action to protect its customers. It took every bottle of Tylenol off every retail shelf and redesigned the packaging to make it tamper-proof. There was a substantial economic cost in the short run, but the company built trust with customers that eventually offset it.

Following this model, the first step for Facebook is to admit it has a problem. Zuckerberg did that in his blog post. The next step is for Facebook to admit that its algorithms and advertising business model invite attacks by bad actors. By giving users only "what they want," Facebook reinforces existing beliefs, makes them more extreme and makes it hard for users to accept unpleasant facts. Instead of bringing people together, Facebook drives us apart.

The same tools that make Facebook so addictive for users and so effective for advertisers are dangerous in the hands of bad actors. And thanks to automation, Facebook cannot currently prevent harm. It will happen again and again until Facebook takes aggressive action. The problem cannot be fixed by hiring contractors to review problematic posts. The company needs to change the priorities of its algorithms and retool its business model. It needs to act like Johnson & Johnson.

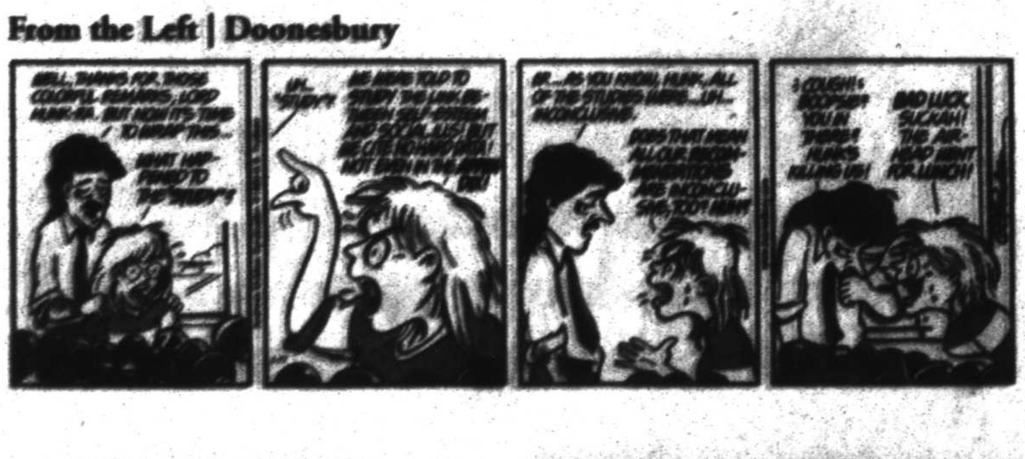
Facebook also owes its users a personal apology. Thanks to Facebook's negligence, 126 million Americans were exposed to Russian manipulation, and most of them do not realize it. To compensate, Facebook must notify every user touched by Russian election interference with a personal message explaining how the platform was manipulated and how that manipulation harmed users and the country. They should include copies of every post, group, event and ad each user received. Facebook is the only entity able to break through to users trapped in its filter bubbles. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., made this request several months ago. Facebook's response was a "portal" that was as hard to find as it was inadequate.

Finally, Zuckerberg should volunteer to testify in an open hearing before Congress. The country needs to hear him explain Facebook's strategy and design choices and justify its refusal to accept responsibility for what bad actors are doing on the platform.

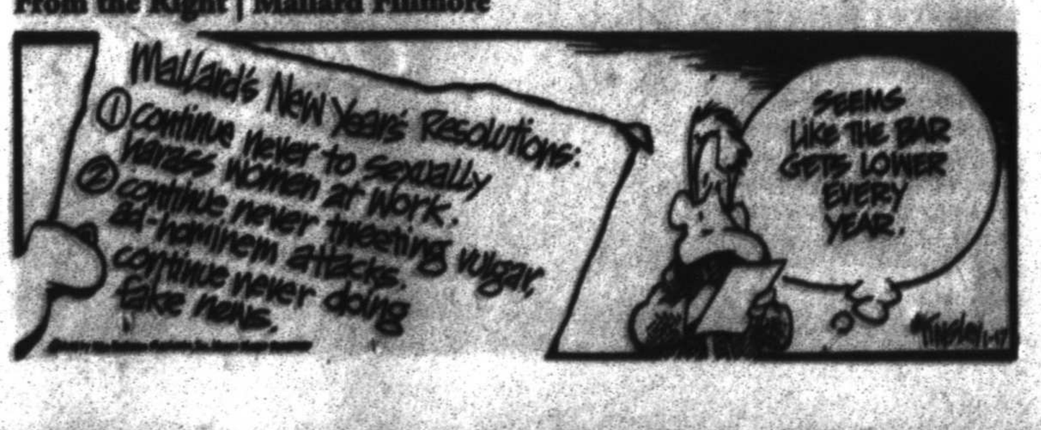
Facebook is tailor-made for abuse by bad actors, and unless the company takes immediate action, we should expect a lot more of it, including interference in upcoming elections. If Facebook chooses to protect its current business model, it has enough power and influence to skate by without implementing the changes needed to protect democracy and public health in the United States and across the world.

But users and regulators are watching. Zuckerberg and Sandberg have an opportunity to be heroes or villains. The choice is theirs.

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Click, tap, buy: Holiday shoppers spent record amount online

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shoppers spent a record amount online during the holiday season.

That's according to Adobe Analytics, which reports online shopping during the holiday season reached $108.2 billion, up almost 15 percent from $94.4 billion the year before. The research arm of software maker Adobe says more than a third of online holiday revenue came from purchases made on smartphones or tablets.

Adobe Analytics says people likely spent more due to low unemployment rates and a strong stock market.

Last week, the National Retail Federation said in-store and online holiday spending rose 5.5. percent, the strongest gain since the Great Recession.

Dow industrials recede from 26,000 as early gains fade

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

Losses by industrial and technology companies helped pull U.S. stocks lower Tuesday, pulling the market back from its latest record highs.

The slide erased some of the gains from a broad rally earlier in the day that had sent the Dow Jones industrial average past the 26,000-point threshold for the first time.

Energy stocks also fell as crude oil prices declined. Health care stocks were among the gainers as investors sized up the latest company earnings and deal news following a long holiday weekend.

"We've come perhaps a little bit too far, too fast," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "If you look at year-to-date performance, you have the broad popular indices up roughly 3 to almost 5 percent in two weeks' trading. That's a fairly torrid pace and a pace that we think is perhaps a little aggressive, so a little bit of a pause here would perhaps be constructive."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.82 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,776.42. The Dow lost 10.33 points, or 0.04 percent, to 25,792.86. It had been up as much as 282 points earlier. The Nasdaq shed 37.38 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,223.69. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 19 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,572.97.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.54 percent from 2.55 percent late Friday.

The Dow's latest milestone-setting move happened shortly after the market opened Tuesday as investors weighed encouraging earnings from Citigroup and UnitedHealth Group.

It took the Dow seven trading days since it first closed above 25,000 on Jan. 4 to cross the 26,000-point threshold. That's faster than the 23 days it took the Dow to go from 24,000 to 25,000 poinvts, which was a record thousand-point swing.

The milestone moment didn't last. The rally lost steam by early afternoon, ultimately pulling the Dow and the other major indexes into the red.

Even with Tuesday's reversal the stock market is off to a stellar start in 2018. The S&P 500 index has closed lower only one other day this year. It capped last week with its seventh weekly gain in the past eight.

Investors have been encouraged by strong global growth and rising company earnings. For the next few weeks, traders will have their eye on companies reporting results for the final quarter of 2017 for details on how the tax overhaul that took effect earlier this year will affect corporations.

Many companies are taking one-off charges for bringing home money held abroad, but traders expect them to benefit in the long run from the decision to cut the standard tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and are bidding up their share prices.

On Tuesday, Citigroup reported an $18.3 billion loss for the fourth quarter due to the new tax law. But excluding the one-time charges, Citigroup earned a profit. The stock added 27 cents to $77.11.

UnitedHealth Group gained 1.9 percent after its said earnings more than doubled in the final quarter of 2017. The nation's largest insurer also raised its forecast well beyond expectations, largely due to help from the federal tax overhaul. The stock picked up $4.26 to $232.90.

Elsewhere in the market, particularly with technology and industrial stocks, investors opted to sell.

"A big concern is the market right now is: 'Is tax reform priced in?'" said Lindsey Bell, investment strategist at CFRA Research.

Alliance Data Systems led the technology sector decliners, shedding $18.30, or 6.6 percent, to $258.07. General Electric was among the biggest laggards in the industrials sector. The conglomerate slid 2.9 percent after the company said it was taking a $6.2 billion charge related to its insurance portfolio. GE lost 55 cents to $18.21.

Viacom tumbled 7 percent after following several reports saying the media company is not in talks to merge with CBS Corp. The slide followed a sharp jump in Viacom Friday after a published report suggested that a merger might be a possibility. Viacom fell $2.38 to $31.38. CBS rose 60 cents, or 1 percent, to $59.43.

The price of bitcoin slumped, deepening its slide this year, after South Korea's top financial policymaker said that banning trading in digital currencies was an option.

Bitcoin sank 21.1 percent to $10,718 as of 4:48 p.m. Eastern Time Tuesday, according to the tracking site CoinDesk. Bitcoin futures on the Cboe Futures Exchange settled 19.9 percent lower at $11,055. The futures allow investors to make bets on the future price of bitcoin.

North Dakota oil output cut back to meet gas capture rules

By James Macpherson
Associated Press



AP file photo

Workers tend to oil pump jacks behind a natural gas flare in 2015 near Watford City, N.D. Fearing sanctions by the state, some North Dakota oil drillers have begun cutting output to control the amount of natural gas that's being burned off at well sites and wasted as a byproduct of crude production, industry and state officials say.

BISMARCK, N.D. — Fearing sanctions by the state, some North Dakota oil drillers have begun cutting output to control the amount of natural gas that's being burned off at well sites and wasted as a byproduct of crude production, industry and state officials say.

Rebounding oil prices and technology advances in western North Dakota's oil patch have goosed crude production, spurring unanticipated record levels of natural gas that comes with it, said Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority.

The state's gas-gathering and processing capability is 2.1 billion cubic feet daily. In November, the latest figures available, the industry was right at that ceiling — with a record 2.09 billion cubic feet of natural gas produced daily.

Pipeline capacity is adequate to move the natural gas to market, but it's the lack of gas-gathering and processing facilities in between that's the problem. That forces some drillers to restrict oil output at some wells to meet gas flaring rules, said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council.

"We don't want to be restricted by the state," said Ness, whose group represents hundreds of companies working in North Dakota's oil-producing region.

Ness said an industry group task force is being formed this month to pinpoint where gas-gathering and processing infrastructure is needed most.

The rules that went into effect in 2014 allow regulators to set production limits on oil companies if the targets aren't met. Companies that fail to meet the goals could have production at a well limited to as little as 100 barrels a day, depending on the amount of gas flared.

The rules that were adopted by the state and endorsed by the industry require oil companies to capture 85 percent of the gas by 2016, and 90 percent by 2020. They came after as much of a third of the gas went up in smoke, drawing criticism from environmentalist and many residents who said the state was losing revenue from the wasted gas, and that it contributed to unnecessary carbon dioxide emissions.

Less than 1 percent of natural gas is flared from oil fields nationwide, and less than 3 percent worldwide, the U.S. Energy Department said. North Dakota drillers in November burned off, or flared, about 14 percent of the gas, said Alison Ritter, a spokeswoman for the Department of Mineral Resources, which regulates the state's oil and gas industry.

Oil production in North Dakota, the second-biggest oil producer behind Texas, rose slightly in November to 1.19 million barrels daily and remained above 1 million barrels per day for the 10th consecutive month. A record 1.2 million barrels was produced in December 2014, but had been declining amid weakened oil prices.

The price for North Dakota sweet crude topped $60 a barrel in late December and for the first time since 2015. Fifty-six oil rigs were drilling Tuesday, up 20 from a year ago.

But full exploitation of the state's oil patch likely will be hamstrung unless infrastructure is built quickly, regulators say.

"Without additional investment in terms of gathering and processing, the industry is running up against it," Ritter said. "It's all kind of a race."

Kringstad, the pipeline authority director, said three gas processing plants are proposed in the next two years, though even if they are built, they would just "keep up" with expected production.

"It's going to be a challenge," Kringstad said. "Industry is going to be working hard."

Brent crude propels past $70 as Iraq calls for sticking to OPEC cuts

Bloomberg

Oil reached new highs in London as OPEC members called for output curbs to continue, allaying concerns that the recent rally could weaken their commitment.

Brent crude closed above $70 a barrel for the first time in three years after Iraqi Oil Minister Jabbar al-Luaibi said Saturday that production curbs have contributed to stability in the market and should remain, echoing comments from Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The global benchmark had only briefly breached the key level last week.

The comments came as Citigroup, Societe Generale SA and JPMorgan Chase & Co. predict the coalition of oil producers could begin winding down their intervention from the middle of the year, before its scheduled conclusion in December.

The call to maintain cuts by Iraq "is another sign that the market is going to go up," Phil Flynn, senior market analyst at Price Futures Group in Chicago, said by telephone. "We are seeing supply, globally, really start to tighten."

Oil is extending a two-year rebound as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies reduce supply to drain a global glut. Though they've said their historic deal will run until the end of this year, OPEC is "very likely to cut short" the pact if markets become balanced, JP Morgan Securities said in a report.

Brent for March settlement rose 39 cents to $70.26 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange, the highest close since December 2014.

Prices climbed 3.3 percent last week. The global benchmark crude traded at a premium of $5.40 to March WTI.

West Texas Intermediate for February delivery rose 51 cents to $64.81 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Total volume traded was about 51 percent below the 100-day average. There was no settlement Monday because of the Martin Luther King holiday in the U.S., and all transactions will be booked Tuesday.

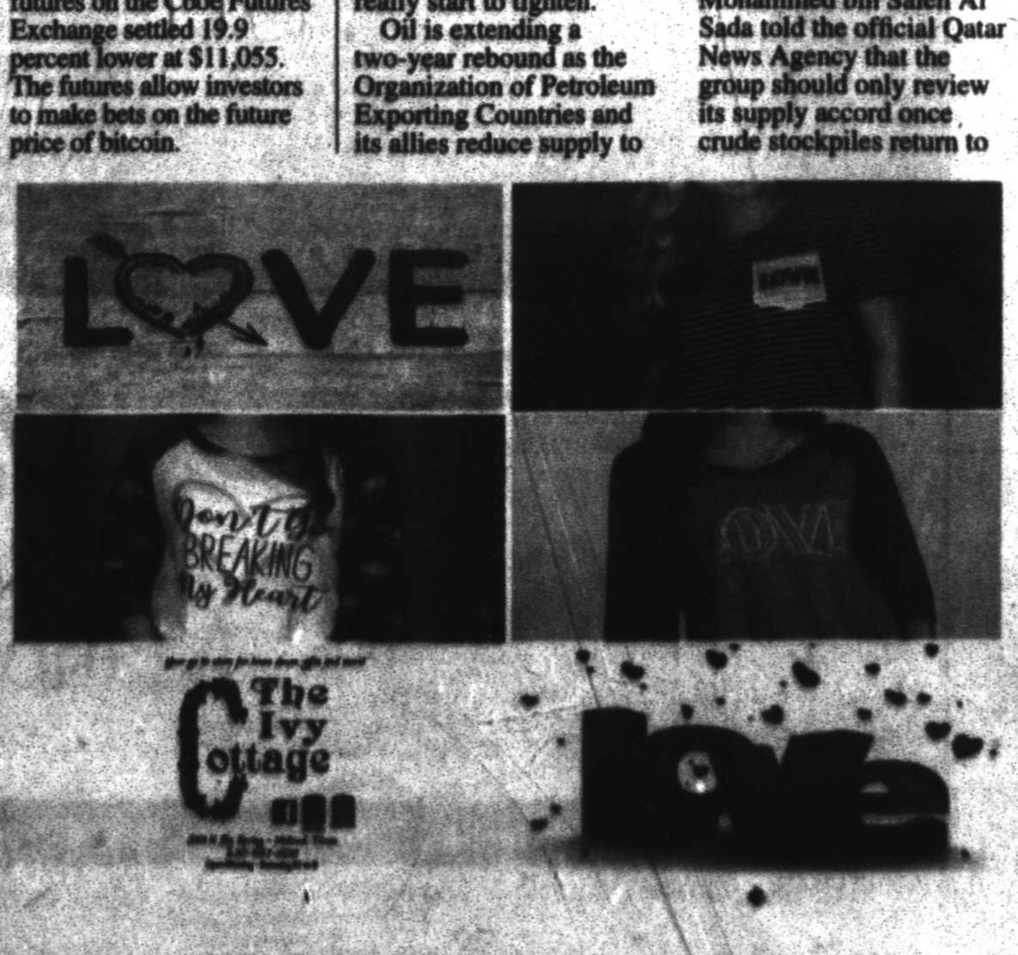
The U.A.E. sees no big changes in OPEC policy as a result of short-term price fluctuations, Energy Minister Suhail Al Mazrouei said in Abu Dhabi. Qatari Energy Minister Mohammed bin Saleh Al Sada told the official Qatar News Agency that the group should only review its supply accord once crude stockpiles return to their five-year historical average.

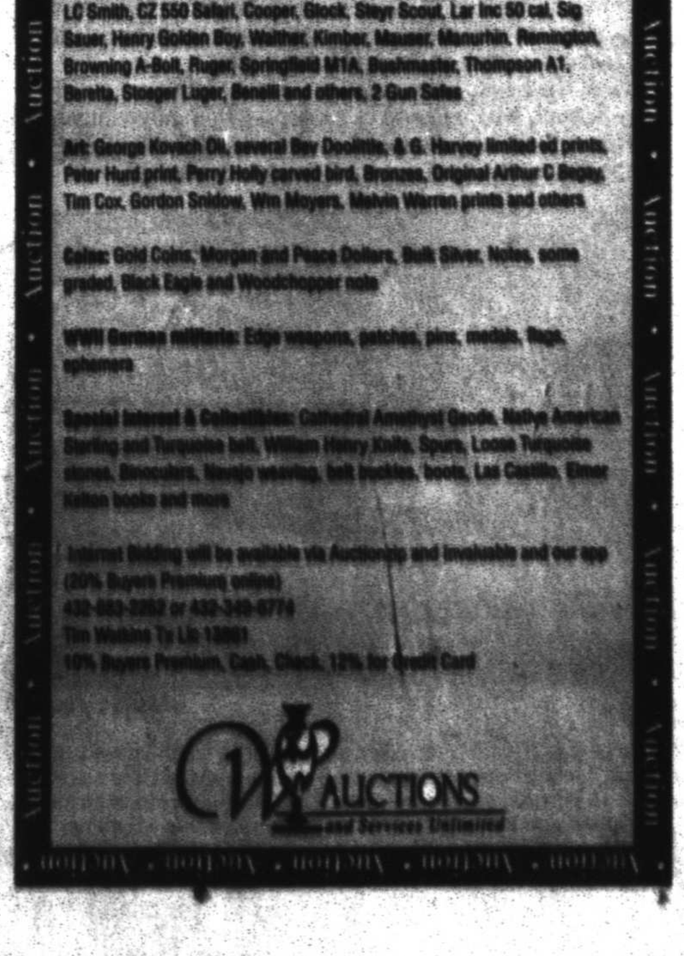
Oil-market news:

■ Bank of America Merrill Lynch raised its 2018 Brent forecast to $64 a barrel from $56. The market is tightening faster than expected because of "improving cyclical conditions," cold winter weather and strong OPEC compliance, the bank said.

■ U.S. drillers added 10 rigs to fields last week, the most in more than six months, according to data from Baker Hughes Friday.

■ OPEC holds enough spare output capacity to push the global market from deficit to surplus this year, but there's low probability of it coming into play given the continued commitment to the supply-cuts deal, BMI Research said Jan. 12.





California couple's ordinary home held torture chamber

By Amy Taxin and John Rogers
Associated Press

PERRIS, Calif. — From the outside, the brown-and-beige four-bedroom home looked fairly orderly. The couple that owned it had purchased the house new in 2014 and soon arrived in the Los Angeles suburb of Perris with their 12 children.

They lived there quietly for at least three years and had another baby. Then on Sunday, one of the children jumped out of a window, called 911 and led authorities to what they described as a torture chamber.

Sheriff's deputies said they found the couple's 13 children ranging in age from 2 to 29 years old, some of them chained to furniture, all of them thin and malnourished. The 17-year-old girl who escaped was so tiny that deputies initially mistook her for a 10-year-old.

Sheriff's Capt. Greg Fellows said the 911 call came from a cellphone that had been deactivated but still worked for emergency calls.

When deputies found the girl he said she showed them family photos that prompted them to visit the house. Authorities confronted the girl's mother, Louise Anna Turpin, and Fellows said she appeared "perplexed" as to why they had come.

Turpin, 49, and her husband, David Allen Turpin, 57, were jailed on $9 million bail. They were scheduled for an initial court appearance on Thursday. Authorities said the pair could face charges of torture and child endangerment.

"If you can imagine being 17 years old and appearing to be a 10-year-old, being chained to a bed, being malnourished and injuries associated with that, I would call that torture," Fellows said. He said there was no indication any of the children were sexually abused, although that was still being investigated.

Neither sheriff's deputies nor child welfare officials received a single call over the years about the Turpin home, he said.

The investigation, still in its early stages, has already begun to unravel a bizarre tale of a couple married 32 years who dressed their children alike, kept them away from outsiders and cut most of the boys' hair in a Prince Valiant-style resembling that of their graying father.

Videos posted on YouTube show the couple renewed their vows at the Elvis Chapel in Las Vegas at least three times in recent years, most recently on Halloween 2015. An Elvis impersonator dressed in a glittering jacket performed the ceremony between songs. Most of the children, dressed in matching outfits, took part.

Numerous photos on the couple's Facebook page show the children dancing at the ceremony, visiting an amusement park that appears to be Disneyland and going on other outings, looking thin but often smiling.

Although their home appeared nondescript from the outside, it was a stinking mess inside, Fellows said. He called the conditions "horrific."

State Department of Education records show the home's address is the same as the Sandcastle Day School, where David Turpin is listed as principal. In the 2016-17 school year, it had an enrollment of six. Fellows told reporters there is no indication any student other than the couple's children were enrolled there. He said six of those children are under 18.

No state agency regulates or oversees private schools in California, and they are not licensed by the state Education Department. Private school operators are required to file an affidavit with the state annually, listing the number of students, staff members and information about the school's administrators.

Private schools are also subject to an annual fire inspection.

Representatives for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Riverside County Fire Department would not immediately say whether the Turpins' home was ever inspected.

Mark Uffer, CEO at Corona Regional Medical Center, said seven of the couple's children were there Tuesday. "I can tell you that they're very friendly. They're very cooperative, and I believe that they're hopeful that life will get better for them after this event," he said.

Before moving to Perris, a rapidly growing suburb of 76,000 people, the family lived for a time in nearby Murrieta. Property records show they moved to Southern California in 2011 from the Dallas area.

The Turpins filed for bankruptcy that same year, stating in court documents that they owed between $100,000 and $500,000. At that time, Turpin worked as an engineer at the Northrop Grumman aerospace company and earned $140,000 annually and his wife was a homemaker, records showed.

Neighbor Kimberly Milligan said the developer who built the tract where they lived told her the family had a dozen kids when they moved in, although she never saw that many.

She described the family as "standoffish" hoarders who had their garage filled with books and who often let the grass in their front yard grow out of control, unlike other families on the block.

"I got an impression, that, you know, 'You stay in your lane, I'll stay in my lane,'" she said. "It was never, 'Hi.' Never a wave. Nothing."

Her 26-year-old son, Robert Perkins, said he only recalled seeing four children outside the home, recalling they all appeared pale and skinny, as if they never ventured outside.

Dr. Donald Kirby, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at Ohio's Cleveland Clinic, said those pale complexions could reflect not only lack of sunshine but also iron deficiencies caused by insufficient vitamins.

He said the youngsters' small stature and childlike appearance also indicates they were likely undernourished for many years.

"What that means is this has been a very long process and that during the real growth spurt years that the needed nutrients weren't given," Kirby said. "At some point the body locks in and you're not able to grow anymore. This didn't happen last week, last month or even last year. This has been going on, probably, a very long time."

He said their recovery period, both physically and emotionally, will likely be long and arduous.



KABC-TV via AP

This Monday frame from video from KABC-TV shows the exterior of the home where police arrested a couple accused of holding their 13 children captive in Perris, Calif. Authorities said an emaciated teenager led deputies to the California home where her 12 brothers and sisters were locked up in filthy conditions, with some of them malnourished and chained to beds.

House panel subpoenas Bannon in Russia probe showdown

By Tom Lobianco
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon on Tuesday refused to answers questions from the House Intelligence Committee about his time working for President Donald Trump, provoking a subpoena from the panel's Republican chairman.

Bannon walked into a closed-door meeting with House members Tuesday morning and was still being grilled Tuesday evening as part of the committee's investigation into Russian election inference. Lawmakers also wanted answers from him about Trump's thinking when he fired FBI Director James Comey.

The committee chairman, Devin Nunes of California, issued the subpoena after Bannon refused to answer questions about his time on the presidential transition or his work in the Trump White House, said Nunes spokesman Jack Langer. It's unclear if Bannon was more forthcoming after the issuance of the subpoena.

A spokeswoman for Bannon did not respond to multiple requests for comment Tuesday afternoon. A White House official said the White House did not seek to exert executive privilege over Bannon — a move that would have barred him from answering certain questions — because they didn't have to. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

At the White House, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said "no one" had encouraged Bannon not to be transparent during questioning but there's a "process of what that looks like."

"As with all congressional inquiries touching upon the White House, Congress must consult with the White House prior to obtaining confidential material. This is part of a judicially recognized process that goes back decades," Sanders told reporters.

The committee also planned to press Bannon on other "executive actions" taken by Trump that have drawn interest from congressional investigators prying into ties between Trump's campaign and Russian operatives, said another person, who wasn't authorized to speak on the record about the closed-door session and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those key elements bear directly on the criminal investigation now underway by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is charged with investigating ties between the Trump campaign and Russia and whether the president obstructed justice by firing Comey or by taking other actions to thwart investigators.

The focus on Bannon follows his spectacular fall from power after being quoted in a book saying that he sees the president's son and others as engaging in "treasonous" behavior for taking a meeting with Russians during the 2016 campaign.

In Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury," Bannon accuses Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort of essentially betraying the nation by meeting with a group of Russian lawyers and lobbyists who they believed were ready to offer "dirt" on Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

More recently, Bannon has said he was not referring to Trump Jr. but rather to Manafort. Wolff stands by his account.

After the book's release, Trump quickly disavowed "Sloppy Steve Bannon" and argued extensively there was no evidence of collusion between his presidential campaign and operatives tied to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Bannon apologized a few days later but was stripped of his job leading the pro-Trump news site Breitbart News.

Bannon last year had largely avoided the scrutiny of congressional investigators, who instead focused much of their energy on trying to secure interviews with top witnesses like Manafort and former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

But Bannon played a critical role in the campaign, the presidential transition and the White House — all periods of time now under scrutiny from congressional investigators looking for possible evidence of a connection between Trump's operations and Russia.

Bannon recently retained the same lawyer being used by former Trump chief of staff Reince Priebus and current White House general counsel Don McGahn. Neither Bannon nor his lawyer immediately responded to a request for comment Monday.

The House Intelligence Committee is speeding toward a conclusion of its interviews in its Russia investigation. The final result could be marred by partisan infighting, raising the probability that Republicans on the panel will issue one set of findings and the Democrats will issue their own report.

Doctor: Trump is healthy, did very well on cognitive test

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press



White House physician Dr. Ronny Jackson speaks to reporters Tuesday during the daily press briefing in the Brady press briefing room at the White House, in Washington. *Manuel Balce Ceneta/ Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's overall health "is excellent" and he did "exceedingly well" on cognitive screening designed to detect early signs of memory loss and other neurologic functions, the Navy doctor who performed Trump's medical checkup said Tuesday.

Ronny Jackson had issued a blanket declaration that Trump was in "excellent health" after last Friday's exam and promised to provide a fuller readout on Tuesday.

He reported that the 6-foot-3 president weighed in at 239 pounds — 3 pounds heavier than he was in September 2016, the last time Trump revealed his weight to the public.

Trump's blood pressure was 122 over 74, and his total cholesterol was 223, which is higher than recommended.

Trump was 70 when he took office on Jan. 20, 2017, making him the oldest person ever elected to the presidency.

Trump's heart exam was normal, with regular rhythm and no abnormal sounds, which Jackson said led him to conclude with confidence that Trump "has a very strong and a very probable possibility of making it completely through his presidency with no medical issues." Trump has no heart disease.

The 71-year-old president performed "exceedingly well" on cognitive screening, which is not a standard exam for the checkup but which was requested by Trump. The doctor said he had "absolutely no concerns" about Trump's cognitive abilities. He speculated that Trump requested the exam in an attempt to beat back the narrative of the past few weeks that he is mentally unfit for office.

"He's very sharp. He's very articulate when he speaks to me," Jackson said. "I've never known him to repeat himself when he's around me. I found no reason whatsoever to think the president has any issues whatsoever with his thought process."

Trump's cholesterol reading from Friday's exam was borderline high even though he takes a low dose of the statin drug Crestor. Jackson said he would increase that dose in an effort to get Trump's bad cholesterol, or LDL level, below 120; it currently is 143. Trump's body mass index, or BMI, of 29.9 puts him in the category of being overweight for his height. A BMI of 30 and over is considered obese.



Key Texas lawmaker supports Medicaid change

By Sebastian Herrera and Dan Zehr
Austin American-Statesman

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Trump work requirement rewrites health care rules for poor.

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An influential Texas lawmaker says he supports a new federal policy that allows states to impose work requirements for Medicaid recipients.

State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, who chairs the Texas Senate's Health and Human Services Committee, said the policy change will allow states more flexibility with their health care systems. However, he said the new policy would have less impact in Texas than in some other states due to Texas' already limited Medicaid eligibility for nonworking residents.

"I've said for years that Medicaid is a costly and broken system, and that we need to explore all available options to put this program on a more sustainable fiscal trajectory, including co-payments, health savings accounts, and work requirements where appropriate," Schwertner said in a written statement. "I believe that every Medicaid or welfare recipient who is capable of working, particularly those in expansion states, should be expected to bear some responsibility for the cost of their own health care."

By imposing work requirements, proponents say states could better control Medicaid costs, especially in states that have expanded their Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act. Federal officials cited a request by Medicaid officials in 10 states that did not include Texas to begin demonstration projects that test work requirements.

The impact of the new policy in Texas will be minimal, said state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, who also sits on the state Senate's Health and Human Services Committee.

"This barely applies to Texas because Texas' Medicaid program is such a limited program," Watson said. "Most adults who can work here are ineligible and those who can't work are eligible."

Theoretically, Texas could seek to change those exemptions. Changes could be taken up by the Legislature, Watson said.

Watson, however, said he doesn't see state officials changing current exemptions for nonworking Medicaid recipients.

"I would hope that we don't start targeting (nonworking) lower-income people that have health care issues," he said. "I would raise all sorts of pain if we start targeting those extremely vulnerable people."

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AVOIDING TEMPTATION



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Patrons chat at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market Winter Market on Dec. 16, 2017, at the Museum of the Southwest. Eating more vegetables and lean proteins and reducing or eliminating sugary snacks and drinks is a way to work toward goal of losing weight.

Meeting weight-loss goal begins with simple steps



DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA Health and Wellness coordinator

"My goal for 2018 is to accomplish the goals of 2017, which I should have done in 2016 because I made a promise in 2015 and planned in 2014."

I saw this posted, and I have heard something close to this used as an excuse for why people put their health goals on hold. It is easy to quit when we lose sight of our goal, instead of adjusting that goal as time passes.

For those of you who have made it your goal to take on 2018 like a ninja warrior, that is great. You are fearless, ready for anything and everything. I will see you two times a day at the gym for up to 90 days and hopefully beyond. Being physically fit and healthy means that you can live an active life, and as you age, can continue to do more of the things you love.

If you started out a little slower than average this year, you still have time to get moving. Sometimes our "get up and go" needs a little nudging. You just need to put on your positive pants, get up and get moving. If you slip up, you get a do-over opportunity. Remember that every day, every meal can be a do-over if necessary. Although if that is the case, you may need some help.

Do you have a fall-back plan or support system if you find yourself in a funk and cannot get back into your groove? This is not the most positive way to start, but it is always good to have a plan in case you find yourself stuck or sliding back into your old habits. It is better than binging on sweets and waking up with a sugar hangover or seeing the pizza box in the kitchen the next morning, and you were home alone the night before.

I believe in taking care of yourself for yourself, first. Everyone around you will benefit by a healthier and happier you. If you are getting in shape and looking fabulous for someone else, or for

Please see **LEARY/2B**

Program plans to educate parents about teen substance abuse

From staff reports

A program this week is planned to inform parents about substance abuse trends and prevention. The free, public program is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at Stonegate Fellowship building F.

Jermaine Galloway, a 6-foot-9 law enforcement officer, will deliver a presentation at the second annual event, called Tall Cop in the Tall City. The evening will also include a question-and-answer period with Midland County District Attorney Laura A. Nodolf and Sgt. Jimmy Young of the Midland Police Department.

Tall Cop in the Tall City includes door prizes and refreshments, and the content is only suitable for adults, according to a press release.

The event is held in memory of Kirby Collier, a 2012 Midland High School graduate who died at age 22 after struggling with substance abuse.

Plastic surgeon grafts fat for breast reconstruction

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa American

Plastic surgery is more than just nose jobs for Dr. John Bauer. It's a way of helping people.

The chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery, professor and regional associate dean of medical education at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School at the Permian Basin, Bauer offers a variety of procedures including breast reconstruction using fat grafting. It can help fix injuries to skin after radiation and he can obtain fat from other areas of the body to help improve the look of the breasts.

Bauer said he mostly does tissue expander staged reconstruction.

"... Women will have their breast

Please see **SURGEON/2B**

Thought of catching flu brings on 'sickness behavior'



JACQUIELYNN FLOYD
Dallas Morning News

I cannot get the flu. It's out of the question. I'll do something else, but not that.

It's not that I'm so busy and important that the world will stop revolving if I'm out of commission for a few days. In a pinch, my husband can eat canned soup or peanut butter out of the jar. We can have cat litter delivered to the front door.

And it's not that I can't endure illness or discomfort. Nobody loves these things, but I can get through bronchitis or a sprained ankle given rest, medicine and a license to complain.

Influenza is different, because I'm afraid of it. If you have it, no offense, but I'm afraid of you, too.

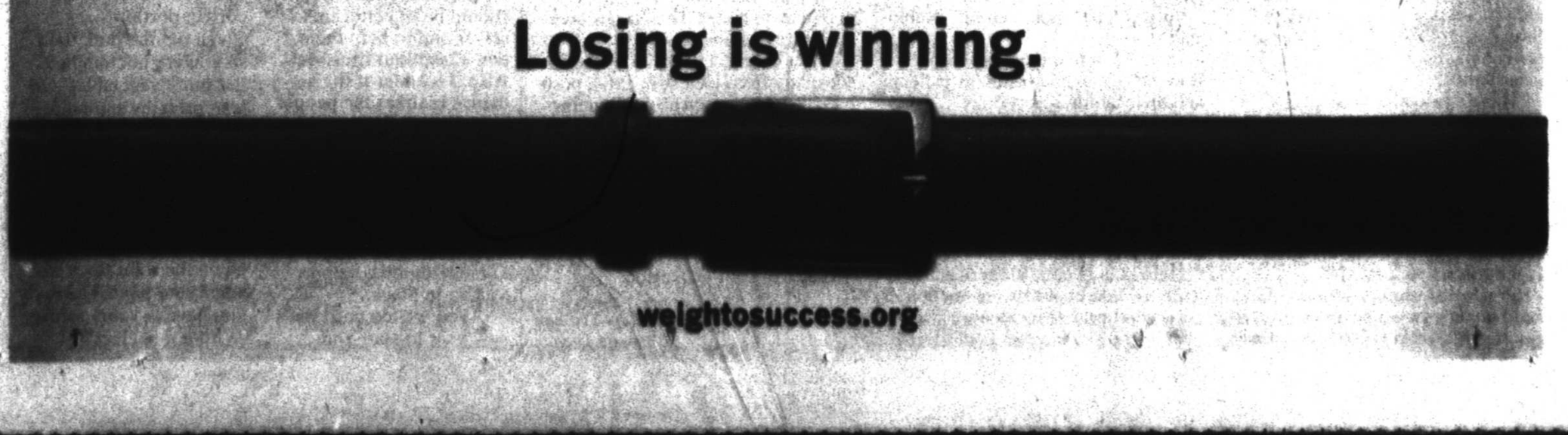
Flu is serious business. A friend whose Christmas holiday was derailed when she got so sick she had to be quarantined is recovering, but the doctor warned her to expect a lingering cough for weeks.

Earlier this month, Methodist Hospital's emergency room became so swamped with flu patients that it had to close its doors to all but the most desperately ill patients. To date, 11 people have died of influenza in Dallas County this season, which typically runs from October to April.

California hospitals, their emergency rooms jammed, are asking flu patients to seek help elsewhere. In Ireland, struggling with a worrisome strain called "Australian flu," some churches have instigated a handshake ban. A healthcare chain in New York is barring visitors younger than 14 to slow the spread of flu both into and out of its facilities.

So, yes, there's reason to worry: Flu is easy to catch, hard to get rid of, and it hits you like a sack of wet concrete. Getting vaccinated is a no-brainer for reducing the odds, but it can't guarantee your protection.

Please see **FLOYD/2B**



Trump work requirement rewrites health care rules for the poor

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press



AP file photo

Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Seema Verma listens at right as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting in Washington. The Trump administration says it's offering a path for states that want to seek work requirements for Medicaid recipients, and that's a major policy shift toward low-income people.

WASHINGTON — Rewriting the rules on health care for the poor, the Trump administration said Thursday it will allow states to require "able-bodied" Medicaid recipients to work, a hotly-debated first in the program's half-century history.

Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said requiring work or community involvement can make a positive difference in people's lives and in their health. The goal is to help people move from public assistance into jobs that provide health insurance. "We see people moving off of Medicaid as a good outcome," she said.

But advocates said work requirements will become one more hoop for low-income people to jump through, and many could be denied needed coverage because of technicalities and challenging new paperwork. Lawsuits are expected as individual states roll out work requirements.

"All of this on paper may sound reasonable, but if you think about the people who are affected, you can see people will fall through the cracks," said Judy Solomon of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which advocates for the poor.

Created in 1965 for families on welfare and low-income seniors, Medicaid now covers more than 70 million people, or about 1 in 5 Americans. The federal-state collaboration has become the nation's largest health insurance program.

Beneficiaries range from pregnant women and newborns to elderly nursing home residents. Medicaid was expanded under former President Barack Obama, with an option allowing states to cover millions more low-income adults. Many of them have jobs that don't provide health insurance.

People are not legally required to hold a job to be on Medicaid, but states traditionally can seek federal waivers to test new ideas for the program.

Verma stressed that the administration is providing an option for states to require work, not making it mandatory across the country. Her agency spelled out safeguards that states should put in place to get federal approval for their waivers.

States can also require alternatives to work, including volunteering, caregiving, education, job training and even treatment for a substance abuse problem.

The administration said 10 states have applied for waivers involving work requirements or community involvement. They are: Arizona, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin. Advocates for low-income people say they expect Kentucky's waiver to be approved shortly.

In Kentucky, which expanded Medicaid, Republican state Sen. Damon Thayer said work requirements could lessen the program's impact on the state budget. They also hearken back to the program's original intent, he added, "as temporary assistance to try to help people get back on their feet, not a permanent subsidy for someone's lifestyle, if they're capable of working."

But congressional Democrats said the Trump administration is moving in the wrong direction. "Health care is a right that shouldn't be contingent on the ideological agendas of politicians," said Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the top Democrat on the Senate committee that oversees Medicaid.

The debate about work requirements doesn't break neatly along liberal-conservative lines.

A poll last year from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation found that 70 percent of the public supported allowing states to require Medicaid recipients to work, even as most Americans opposed deep Medicaid cuts sought by congressional Republicans and the Trump administration.

Another Kaiser study found that most working-age adults on Medicaid are already employed. Nearly 60 percent work either full time or part time, mainly for employers that don't offer health insurance.

Most who are not working report reasons such as illness, caring for a family member or going to school. Some Medicaid recipients say the coverage has enabled them to get healthy enough to return to work.

Thursday's administration guidance spells out safeguards that states should consider in seeking work requirements. These include:

- Exempting pregnant women, disabled people and the elderly.
- Taking into account hardships for people in areas with high unemployment, or for people caring for children or elderly relatives.
- Allowing people under treatment for substance abuse to have their care counted as "community engagement" for purposes of meeting a requirement.

The administration said states must fully comply with federal disability and civil rights laws to accommodate disabled people and prevent those who are medically frail from being denied coverage. States should try to align their Medicaid work requirements with similar conditions in other programs, such as food stamps and cash assistance.

The National Association of Medicaid Directors, a nonpartisan group representing state officials, said in a statement there's no consensus on whether work requirements are the right approach.

"This is a very complex issue that will require thoughtful and nuanced approaches," said the group.

Trump's new direction can be reversed by a future administration. Although waivers can have lasting impact they don't amount to a permanent change in the program. They're considered "demonstration programs" to test ideas. The administration says the impact will be closely evaluated.

"We know that Republicans tend to think of Medicaid more as a welfare program, while Democrats tend to think of it as more of a health insurance program," said Diane Rowland, the Kaiser foundation's leading expert on the program. "It will be interesting to see how states are going to make this work for people."

Floyd

From 1B

There's a reason writers of dystopian fiction love flu pandemics as a handy literary device for removing a major chunk of the human population and whittling the cast down to a manageable ensemble of trauma-ridden survivors.

That said, I don't expect to die of the flu. Yes, it can kill, but most people recover. And at our house, we have come to a prosaic acceptance that sickness sometimes strikes healthy people for no discernible reason. The only option is to cope with it as best you can.

No, the fear isn't of dying. It's of feeling like I'm dying.

The last time I had bona fide influenza — the real deal, which is like but not equivalent to a sinus infection, bronchitis, or a really severe cold — was several years back. It was awful: fever, shivering chills, a sense that my entire skeleton was aching.

I went for days without ingesting anything but a handful of microwaved popcorn and a shot of vodka. Reading, talking on the phone, answering the door required too much energy. I holed up in a pile of blankets like an injured woodchuck in an underground den, passively watching bad movies on a tablet.

Unpleasant, yes, but the worst symptom — does this sound crazy? — was in my head: a bleak sense of despair as paralyzing as clinical depression. It was impervious to logic — I thought I would never get well, that it didn't matter whether I did or not, that there was no source of joy or pleasure I could imagine.

You feel terrible, my sad, numb, nearly-paralyzed brain told me. You'll never feel better. This is your new reality.

The fact that all this was objectively untrue just made it worse. It made me feel unhinged.

That feeling — that angst — scared me. It still does.

As it turns out, this is an actual thing, a not uncommon symptom of flu and other serious illnesses. Medical journals call it "sickness behavior, " a cluster of mental adaptations that some researchers believe is actually meant to help us recover more quickly.

As the medical thinking goes (in grossly simplified terms, which are the only kind I can grasp), trying to jump heroically out of bed and do the laundry or take out the trash might delay your physical recovery. Your immune system, which you cannot will into submission, spurs the release of proteins — cytokines — that induce a bundle of sensations to make you feel not just sick, but purely wretched. You feel joyless, lethargic, and entirely unmotivated to take the garbage out.

It's a "highly organized strategy to fight infection," according to one medical journal. And it's not lost on researchers that the "sickness behavior" that keeps you quiet and bedridden feels a great deal like a deep, hopeless, terminal mental funk. Some scientists, in fact, think that severe depression may be a haywire response to this physically beneficial infection-fighting process.

Good to know (our human bodies are just a goshdarn marvel, aren't they?), but I'm not sure the knowledge would help if I actually caught influenza again. I can stand being sick, but I don't know if I'm tough enough for another bout of "sickness behavior."

So please, I'm asking you nicely: It's not that I don't like you, or that we're not friends, or that I think my personal cooties are any cleaner than yours.

But if you think you're coming down with the flu, do us all a favor: Keep your distance. Stay home. Sip hot tea and binge-watch something that doesn't strain your mental apparatus.

Remember that you really will feel better. And try to believe it.

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Surgeon

From 1B

removed then we'll put a balloon in under their skin and, many times, their muscle. After they heal, the balloon has a little port in it and then we fill it up with fluid and then blow it up and make some new skin. Then we come back later on and put the implant in," Bauer said.

Bauer works with women who have had lumpectomies, mastectomies and double mastectomies and those with the BRCA 1 and 2 gene that can increase the chances of breast cancer.

"There's just a lot of folks that either picked a lumpectomy, have gotten both breasts off or have gotten radiation after a bad breast cancer and I want to help them," Bauer said.

Tessie Rubio is one of Bauer's patients. She had a double mastectomy and is undergoing tissue expander staged reconstruction.

Her general surgeon told her she could undergo a lumpectomy or have a mastectomy and get implants. She was 44 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and turned 45 in November.

Rubio said it's a personal choice to have a lumpectomy or mastectomy and reconstruction, "but my first thought was I'm not old enough to have them not there."

She said she thought the idea of fat grafting was great. Her sister-in-law had the procedure, and Rubio said you can't tell it's an implant.

"It just looks more natural," Rubio said.

In addition to the medical aspect, Bauer takes an interest in his patients and their families as people.

"Dr. Bauer … is one of the most nurturing doctors I have ever dealt with," Rubio said.

Bauer offers a long list of procedures such as post bariatric reconstruction and skin cancer reconstruction, to name a few.

He was in general surgery and got to do his first breast reconstruction in his second year of residency.

"The type of surgeon I am is very different because we have to take patients many times from a very different place than most surgeons take patients. Most types of surgeons take patients that are broken, or injured, or damaged, hurt or something's really wrong with them and try to bring them back toward normal. … Whereas in plastic surgery, many patients especially in the cosmetic realm, you're trained to take them from somewhere within relative normalcy to better. That has its own challenges," Bauer said.

Bauer earned a bachelor of arts in sociology from UCLA in 1984, post baccalaureate in science at Bennington College in 1989 and earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1993.

He did his general surgery at Medical College in Pennsylvania at MCP/Hahnemann in Philadelphia and his plastic surgery at University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston.

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Obituaries



Robert Bonnell Holton

Robert Bonnell Holton passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018 in Midland, Texas.

Robert was born on January 12, 1963 in Midland to Martha Arnold Holton and Walter Bonnell Holton, Jr.

He is survived by his sister, Tammy Smith, and her husband, Bill; and by his brother, Van Holton, and his wife, Pattye.

He is also survived by nephew, Will Smith and his wife, Casey, and their children Archer and Bosun; nephew, Sam Holton and his wife, Savanna, and their son Graham; niece, Elizabeth Wilson, and her husband, Bryan, and their children, Kenzie, Alex, Libby, and Holton; and niece, Vanna Boulter and her husband, Blaine, and their daughter, Ellie Mae.

He also leaves behind several aunts, an uncle, and many cousins, and his constant companion, his sweet little dog, Daisy.

Robert grew up in Midland, attended Sam Houston Elementary and Trinity School, and graduated high school from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. He received an Associate's degree from N.M.M.I. and graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. After graduation Robert started his career in banking and later followed in his dad's footsteps and became an independent landman.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas. A reception in the parlor will follow.

Memorials may be sent to New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico, First Presbyterian Church, or any organization benefitting animals, because of Robert's great love for all animals.

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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Death Notices

David J. Marin

David J. Marin, 69, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Viewing will be Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a prayer service starting at 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018 in the chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park

He is survived by his children, Monica Payan, Ruben Marin, and Rosie Marin; and by five sisters and three brothers.

Johnnie Keets, Jr.

Johnnie Keets, Jr. passed away on January 8, 2018.

Johnnie is survived by his children, Porsche Hill, Johnnie Keets III, Desiree Mamon, and Lashaunte Keets.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church, 3001 N. "A" Street, Midland, Texas.

Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Lacinda "Cindy" McFarland

Lacinda "Cindy" McFarland, 65, of Midland passed away January 6, 2018.

She is survived by her sons, Robert and Brandon; her daughters, Bessie and Julia; and by four brothers and three sisters.

The family will be receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Kentucky Baptist Church.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Kentucky Baptist Church.

Mary Jane Proctor

Mary Jane Proctor, 76, of Gardendale, went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2018.

She is survived by her children, Billy Proctor, Pam Proctor, Barbara Fennell, Linda Proctor, Doug Proctor, Danny Proctor, and Luke Proctor; and by her two brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM 1788, Midland, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 TX-191, Midland, Texas.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday in Glenrest Cemetery, Big Lake, Texas.

Leary

From 1B

whatever reason, you should wonder what is going to happen when that person or reason no longer exist. Your motivation will be gone, and you must look for another purpose to help get you back on track. Start doing it for yourself from now on because you are a great reason.

Start with short-term goals, three months or less, and build from those.

I suppose that is why I am not a fan of the (not-so reality) weight loss shows. The people's reasons for losing weight usually involve other people. It never fails — before the big reveal, they realize their reason for wanting to change was for the wrong reason. It should be to better themselves and to help them live a healthier lifestyle. Also, I wonder if the audience realizes the people have two workouts per day, a psychologist, a nutritionist, a chef and have been away from their regular life as they knew it. Most tend to gain the weight back when they go home without a support system in place.

If you waited until the new year to start your plan of eating healthier and making lifestyle changes so the slate would, be clean, that is fine. I hope you are doing well. If you feel you are behind or still need a clean slate, do not fret. Pick a day and start.

If you need motivation, make a list of both the positives and negatives that any new changes will have in your life. Do not be afraid of the little slips or failures that may occur along the way. These are lessons every time, and you will learn to avoid or at least see them heading your way the next time.

Eating right may be easier than you think with some helpful tips and tricks. Start by using smaller plates and make sure you are using the correct portion sizes. Clean out the junk food so you are not tempted. Eat more vegetables and lean proteins and reduce or eliminate your sugary snacks and drinks. These simple tips are sure to help you make a difference. Start making simple steps now, and you will be on the right track toward your goal. The body you have is yours forever, so do not neglect it.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Stress management topic of next class

Stress management and relaxation techniques is the topic of the Lifestyle Medicine Center's weekly class, which is 6 p.m. Jan. 25 at Midland Memorial West Campus Dining Room.

Classes are open to the public and patients of the Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Each class is $5. To register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Upcoming classes are:

Feb. 1: Plant-based Grocery Store Tour

Feb. 8: Understanding Glycemic Index and Macronutrients

Feb. 22: Resolving Conflict and Finding Purpose

March 1: Meal Planning and Cooking Demonstration

March 8: Benefits of Physical Activity

March 22: Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes

March 29: Meditation and Finding Balance

Conference on aging is planned

Midland College is partnering with various nonprofit agencies to offer the annual West Texas Conference on Aging. The conference is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 6 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road.

Early registration fee of $50 is available until Feb. 23; after that date, registration is $75. Seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available to health care professionals.

Registration is available online at www.midland.edu/agingconference or by phone, 681-6354. For more information, contact Kimberly Daw at 681-6338 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Heart institute to sponsor seminar

The Heart Institute of Midland Memorial Hospital is sponsoring its annual Radiology & Cardiovascular Imaging Seminar in recognition of American Heart Month. The seminar, set for Feb. 3, is for registered radiological technologists and registered nurses. Other topics will also include peripheral vascular diseases, mammography and electrophysiology studies of the heart.

For more information, contact Tonya Dawson at 221-1626 or tonya.dawson@midlandhealth.org.

Midland Health events

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org; register at midlandhealth.org.

■ Breastfeeding Class, noon Saturday and 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283; childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; register at midlandhealth.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church. 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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ALYSSA THOMPSON

Centers

Parents should take active role in their child's technology use

Children and teens today have technology readily available most of the day. Results from a 2015 study show that 53 percent of children ages 8 to 12 have their own tablet, and 24 percent have their own smartphone, according to the American Psychological Association.

With this technology at their disposal, it's imperative that parents take an active role in promoting healthy technology use and teaching their children about internet safety. Internet safety does not need to be a scare tactic but needs to be addressed in an age-appropriate way. Just as you'd teach your child not to answer the door to a stranger, it's important to teach them not to share their personal information online with strangers.

Here are several tips from the association:

■ For children under 18 months, avoid screen-based media except video chatting.

■ For children 18 to 24 months, parents should choose high-quality programming and watch with their children.

■ For children 2 to 5, limit screen time to one hour per day of high-quality programming.

■ For children 6 and up, establish consistent limits on the time spent using media and the types of media.

Many children and teens use social media apps such as Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram. They also can become involved in online chat rooms through games and internet use. It is important to teach children and teens the importance of limiting personal information they share on these sites and apps. As a parent, you need to be aware of the apps your child is using.

Depending on the child's age, it is important that you set parental controls on things such as YouTube, Netflix and Social Media sites. It's important to put such controls on these apps to keep your child safe. If you notice your child sharing personal information with strangers, messaging others in online dating sites, visiting pornography websites or experiencing cyber-bullying, it is important to talk with them about this and seek counseling if needed.

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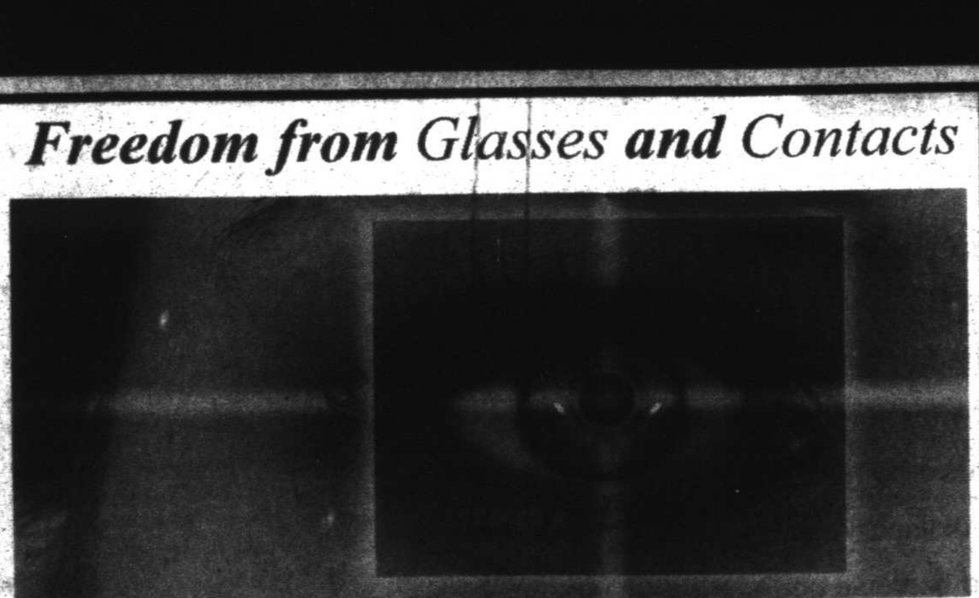
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Midland to host annual Mid-Winter AA Conference

By Ed Todd
MRT correspondent

Midland is hosting the 48th annual Mid-Winter AA Conference this weekend, providing an opportunity for alcoholics, both practicing and those in recovery, "to get together and to inspire each other," said Paul B., conference chairman with 11 years of sobriety.

The Mid-Winter AA get-together has garnered the "reputation around the state as having good-quality food" and attracting inspiring speakers and dramatic programs, he said.

The conference is Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Grand Texan Hotel, 4300 W. Wall St. The $35 registration fee covers meals and an ice cream social at the end of each day.

The conference is expected to attract 400 to 500 people in the AA and the Al-Anon fellowships.

Voice of the conference is Gary K., and participants will share their AA experiences.

The quest for sobriety, wisdom and truthfulness through the powers of prayer, faith and belief in a higher power is embedded in the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The spiritual program, which was founded in 1935 by Dr. Bob, an Akron, Ohio, physician, and Bill W., a New York stockbroker, is open to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking alcohol and who seeks to conduct a sober, conscientious and truthful life.

The AA and Al-Anon programs offer "a good design for living," said the late Davis P., who had more than 40 years of sobriety. AA helps recovering alcoholics to fill "the spiritual vacuum" associated with the disease, he said.

Study: Fish improves kids' IQ test score, sleep habits

By Howard Cohen
Miami Herald



Ricardo DeAratanha/Los Angeles Times/TNS

A new study found children who ate fish regularly scored higher on a standard IQ test, and also slept better.

A new University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing study found that children who ate fish regularly scored nearly five points higher on a standard IQ test that measures cognitive function in children. The kids who favored fish over traditionally kid-friendly items like, say, chicken fingers and fries, also slept better and had fewer sleep interruptions.

The study of 541 boys and girls in China, ages 9 to 11, who completed a questionnaire about how often they consumed fish in the past month, was published Dec. 21 in Scientific Reports.

The results found that those who said they ate fish once a week scored 4.8 points higher on the Wechsler Intelligence Scale IQ test than those who seldom or never included fish in their diets.

"This area of research is not well-developed. It's emerging," said Jianghong Liu, the lead author on the paper and an associate professor of nursing and public health, told the school's Penn News. "Here we look at omega-3s coming from our food instead of from supplements."

Even these children who ate fish only occasionally benefited with better verbal and non-verbal skills and scored an average of 3.3 IQ points higher than those who turned their noses up at fish. The link between omega-3 fatty acids that are found in fish — but not all kinds of fish — and better brain function has been found in many studies over the years.

That's good news in South Florida, which certainly doesn't lack for fish options.

However, Sheah Rarback, a registered dietitian on the faculty of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, questions the Pennsylvania study's conclusions. She said the study of these kids who kept a food diary and took an IQ test should not be considered cause and effect — as in an eat-fish-and-you'll-be-smarter certainty.

"You have to be careful to say 'eating fish will cause better intelligence.' It's an association. There could be other things factoring in there so it's not cause and effect," Rarback said.

"That said, fish is a good, nutritious, lean protein for kids and adults," Rarback said. "They are probably zeroing in on the omega-3 fatty acids. There are fish that have higher amounts and, of these, is a fish kids love — tuna. Tuna is a great source of lean protein."

The study's results didn't surprise Rarback, though. "This is not surprising because omega-3 fatty acids are concentrated in the brain and play a role in brain neurological function. So I would say this is an interesting study. But it's association, not cause and effect."

Other fish that are high in the beneficial omega-3 fatty acids are salmon and sardines. Since most kids like tuna, that's an easy dish to serve in sandwiches, salads or by itself. Salmon burgers could also be a healthy and enticing option for kids.

"Fish oils are also very good anti-inflammatories and so many root causes of disease are inflammation. So you can't lose by eating more fish. But what I say is important, particularly with kids with developing brains, is to go for lower mercury fish," Rarback cautions.

Mercury, a metallic element found in the air and released by coal-fired power plants and other industries, can build up in the human body over years and cause neurological problems, including memory loss and personality disorders, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA warns that children, pregnant women and women who plan to become pregnant are at the greatest risk because mercury can damage the nervous system of a developing child.

Fish highest in mercury are large predators like largemouth bass and sharks, since they ingest all the mercury from the fish they consume.

"Fish with the lowest potential for mercury is canned white tuna and salmon — those are two good choices for kids. And sardines, though I've yet to meet the kid who likes sardines," Rarback said, laughing. "But sardines have the lowest potential for any types of toxins because they are so small, so they are terrific."

Professor Jennifer Pinto-Martinone, executive director of Penn's Center for Public Health Initiatives, told Penn News the research "adds to the growing body of evidence showing that fish consumption has really positive health benefits and should be something more heavily advertised and promoted. Children should be introduced to it early on."

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Study: Subtle cues make people look sick

By Ben Guarino
Washington Post

The next time a friend tells you that you look sick, hear the person out. We are better than chance at detecting illness in others simply by looking at their faces, according to new research led by a Swedish psychologist.

"We can detect subtle cues related to the skin, eyes and mouth," said John Axelsson of the Karolinska Institute, who co-wrote the study published (last week) in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B. "And we judge people as sick by those cues."

Other species have more finely tuned disease radars, relying primarily on the sense of smell. And previous research, Axelsson noted, has shown that animals can sniff sickness in other animals. (A Canadian hospital enlisted the help of an English springer spaniel trained to smell bacterial spores that infect patients.)

Yet while there is some evidence that an unhealthy person gives off odors that another individual can identify as sickness, the face is our primary source of "social information for communication," Axelsson said.

He and his colleagues, a team that included neuroscientists and psychologists in Germany and Sweden, injected eight men and eight women with a molecule found in bacterial membranes. Like animals -- from insects to mammals -- people react very strongly to this substance, lipopolysaccharide. "People did not really become sick from the bacteria," Axelsson said, but their bodies did not know the bacteria weren't actually attacking. Their immune systems kicked into action, complete with feelings of sickness. The subjects, all white, received about $430 for their trouble.

The scientists photographed the subjects two hours and 10 minutes after the injection, around the time participants said they felt the most unwell. They also photographed the subjects on a different date after they received a placebo injection of saline solution.

Axelsson and the team asked 60 students recruited from universities in Stockholm to assess the photos. The students looked at the portraits one at a time. A sick face and healthy face from the same individual never appeared consecutively. Observers were given five seconds to look at each photo and identify the person in it as sick or healthy.

The students' detection of immune responses was somewhat more accurate than sheer chance: On a scale of 0.5 to 1, 0.5 being completely random, the observers averaged a score of 0.62. The students had the most difficulty with three subjects, which is to say they had a tough time noticing any immune response. Still, they reliably judged the 13 others as sick, Axelsson said. (Of the 1,215 images identified as "sick," nearly 800 were correct conclusions.)

Another group of 60 students was asked to rate pale lips, droopy mouths or other potentially telltale features in the portraits. "The change of skin color seemed to be the most robust" signal, Axelsson said. Heavy eyelids were also a strong cue related to illness.

"I am surprised," said psychologist David Perrett, a researcher at the University of St Andrews in Scotland who was not involved with the research. No one had studied whether humans can sense "experimentally induced sickness" by looking at faces, he said, and "sickness judgments turn out to be far more reliable" than other visual judgments — for instance, gauging someone's personality from a neutral expression.

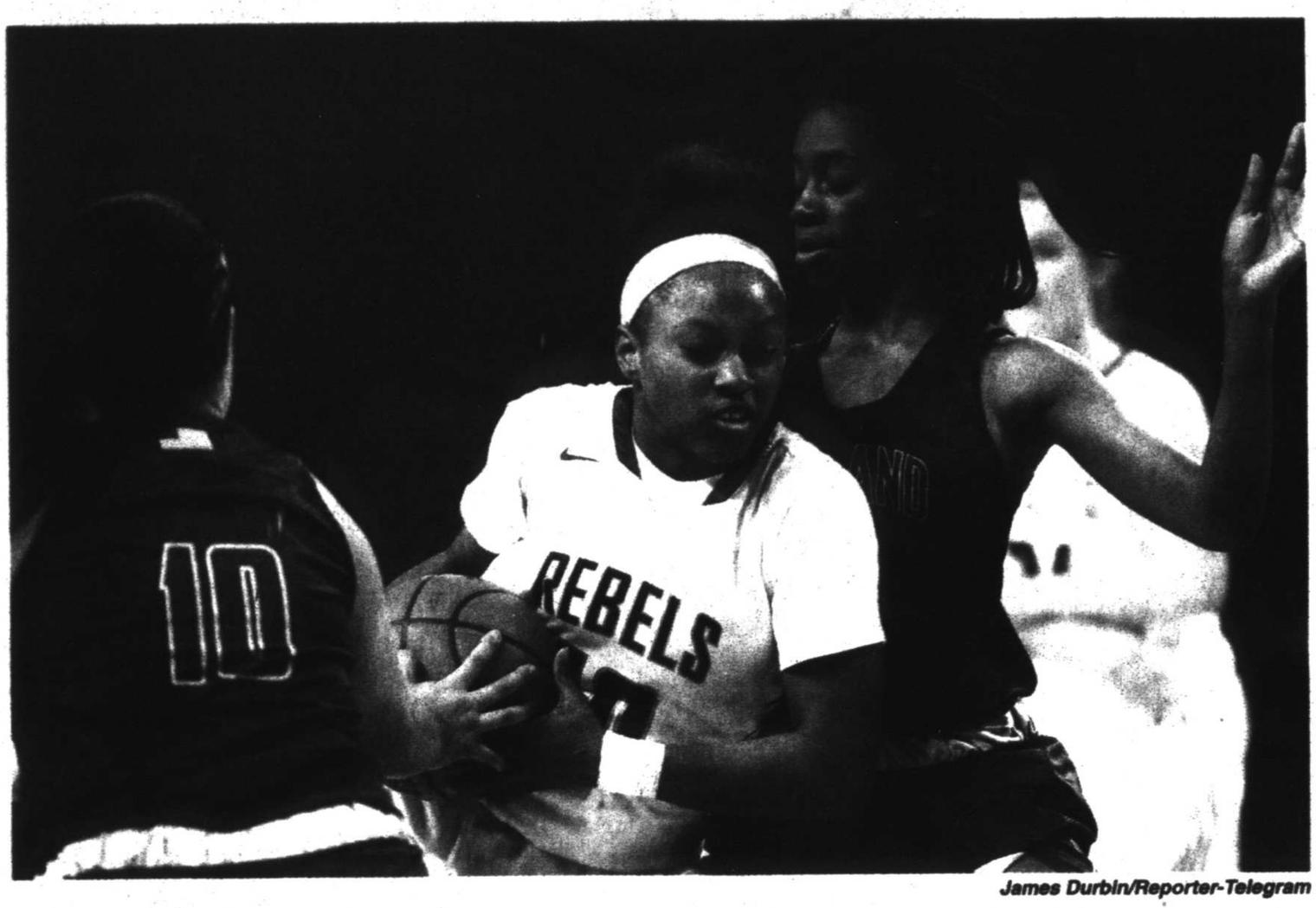
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Lady Bulldogs prevail



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Top: Midland High's Maya Duarte (10) and Teleshia Defell (11) cover Lee's Braydyn Hill on Tuesday at Chaparral Center. **Bottom:** Midland High's Jurnee Williams (21) moves against Lee's Quinci Strambler (14) Tuesday, at Chaparral Center.

Big second quarter helps MHS pull away from Lady Rebels

By Christopher Hadorn
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The start of Tuesday's Midland High-Lee girls basketball game resembled a rivalry game in every bit.

Both teams played with high effort, intensity and physicality during a 10-point first quarter.

However, the Lady Bulldogs took control of the contest with a dominant second quarter, which proved to be the difference in their 50-36 victory over the Lady Rebels in District 2-6A play at Chaparral Center.

MHS (19-10, 3-1 in District 2-6A) moved into a three-way tie for first place with Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship, while Lee (13-13, 2-2) fell to fourth.

The Lady Bulldogs took control of the game by ending the second quarter on an 8-0 run to take a 21-9 halftime lead. The run turned into 14 unanswered points scored by MHS following a pair of 3-pointers by Taysha Rushton to start the third quarter, extending the Lady Dawgs' advantage to 27-9 with 6:21 left in the period.

Rushton scored a game-high 16 points. Rushton added six steals to spearhead an MHS defense that held Lee to one field goal made in the second quarter and three field goals made in the first half.

"Taysha had an incredible game," Lady Bulldogs head coach Wes Torres said. "She scored for us, but it was just her ability to handle the ball and the pressure. They are good defenders on the ball, really good defenders and she handled it extremely well."

Despite the ugly second quarter, the Lady Rebels fought their way back to turn the game into competitive affair.

With 7:05 remaining, Lee guard Braydyn Hill scored in transition on a pull up jumper following a defensive rebound by Quinci Strambler, cutting MHS' lead to 35-27.

"We quit settling for outside jumpers," Lady Rebels head coach Alfred Acosta said of his second-half offensive improvement. "They do a really job on the defensive glass, so every time we took an outside jumper — which some weren't very good shots — it led to possession killers. At halftime, the message was, "Hey, we need to attack. We need to try to get to the free-throw line, attack and get to the basket so we can get inside as much as possible.' We did a better job in that second half of attacking."

After Lee cut its deficit to eight points, Rushton had two consecutive layups off steals to push Midland High's lead to double-digits again.

The story of the second half was MHS' ability to respond to Lee's runs.

Hill, who led the Lady Rebels with 11 points, fouled out with 4:20 left.

In addition, Lee had a difficult time getting the ball inside to its standout post Paige Low, who was held to four points.

Torres lauded the defense of MHS posts Racey Haile and Zoe Taylor in the paint.

"I knew going in, Paige is going to be tough because she's strong," Haile said. "We just had to box her out really well. The whole team did really well on defense."

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Bulldogs use big second half to beat rival Rebels

By Will Korn
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Leading by one point over cross-town rival Lee at halftime, the Midland High boys basketball team wasn't quite in the mood for a barnburner Tuesday.

The Bulldogs opened the third quarter with four steals and an 8-0 run, using a fiery intensity on defense to take full control of the evening and run away with a 68-48 victory over the Rebels in a District 2-6A game at Chaparral Center.

Jordan Riley led MHS (10-13, 1-1) with 15 points, including 11 in a fourth quarter that saw the Bulldogs outscore the Rebels, 25-10. Freshman guard Zhuric Phelps paced Lee – playing with only eight players for various seasons – with 15 points.

Lee got off to a hot start thanks to a trio of early 3-pointers – two by Phelps from four feet beyond the 3-point arc — and led 13-7. But the Rebels were hamstrung by a flurry of missed shots in the paint, as well as seven missed free throws.

MHS capitalized on Lee's struggles and scored 15 of the game's next 18 points for a 22-16 lead. Two minutes later, the Bulldogs entered the locker room with a 27-26 advantage.

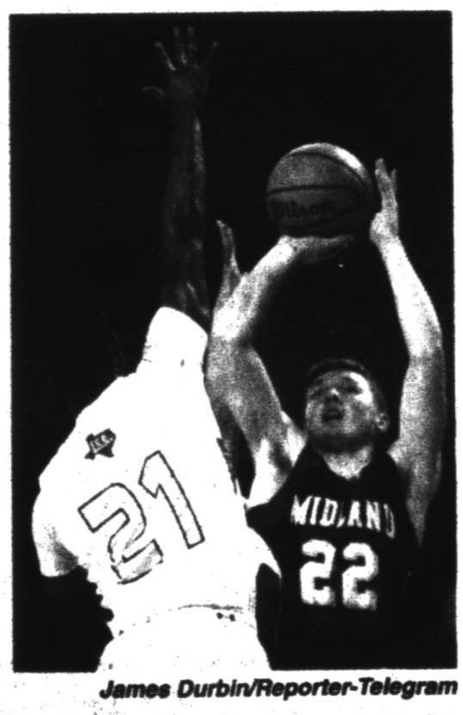
MHS head coach Shan Hooker said he believed his team was capable of breaking the game wide open in the second half and he told his players as much. He said the effort would start with turning things up on the defensive end.

"We challenged them to turn up the defensive intensity and on the offensive end, make better decisions," Hooker said. "There in the last two and a half minutes of the second quarter, we just started firing it up, turning it over and dribbling it off our foot and just doing some crazy things basketball-wise.

"We just said 'Hey, stop doing that and you're going to be all right. Put yourself in position to be successful' and they did in that second half with their defensive intensity."

The Bulldogs heard the message

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Jordan Riley (22) shoots against Lee's Loic Fouonji (21) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

TCU still ranked and feeling good despite tough Big 12 start

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU went into Big 12 play undefeated, with the nation's longest winning streak and its first top 10 ranking ever.

A tough start in conference play hasn't changed coach Jamie Dixon's outlook for his team. While the Horned Frogs have lost four of their five Big 12 games, the last two were in overtime on the road.

"I feel good about the team we are. There's no doubt in my mind about our team that we're good," Dixon said. "We're the most disappointed ranked team probably in the country at this point. I guess that's good. I don't know if you get any points for that, but that's where we are."

Despite a three-game losing streak, the No. 24 Horned Frogs (13-4, 1-4 Big 12) are still ranked after voters apparently took into account that the four losses are by a combined 11 points. TCU is also 25th in the USA Today coaches' poll.

"There are 351 teams. A lot of them would like to be where we're at," said Dixon, in his second season at his alma mater after 11 NCAA Tournaments in 13 seasons at Pittsburgh. "We're playing in the toughest league in the country. We've had a very tough stretch."

The Frogs return home Wednesday night against Iowa State (10-6, 1-4). They go to Kansas State on Saturday and host No. 6 West Virginia next Monday.

TCU has lost twice to No. 4 Oklahoma, including 102-97 in overtime Saturday in Norman. In the league opener in Fort Worth on Dec. 30, the Sooners overcame a 13-point deficit in the second half. Trae Young, the freshman sensation who has scored 82 points in those two games, hit two free throws with 7.9 seconds left for a 90-89 win that ended the Frogs' 17-game winning streak.

After an overtime victory at Baylor, the Frogs lost 88-84 to No. 10 Kansas, which needed eight straight free throws from Devonte Graham in the final 2:02. It was their first meeting since TCU upset the then-No. 1 Jayhawks in the Big 12 Tournament last March.

TCU came back from a 13-point deficit in the second half at Texas before falling 99-98 in double overtime after Jaylen Fisher's point-blank layup attempt rolled off the rim as time expired.

"We've just got to bring it every night and be ready to finish games down the stretch," sophomore guard Desmond Bane said. "It's really just mental toughness. We're in good enough shape, good enough basketball players. We've just got to be locked in the whole game and be ready to put it all out there."

Before and since their school-record winning streak that included the NIT championship last spring, the Frogs have struggled in Big 12 games. They have lost 11 of 12 regular-season conference games, including their final seven last season that cost them a chance at their first NCAA Tournament appearance

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TCU head coach Jamie Dixon yells from the sideline during the second half against William & Mary on Dec. 22, 2017, in Fort Worth. Dixon still feels good about this team, even after a three-game losing streak the last two in overtime on the road. Two weeks after the highest ranking in school history, the Horned Frogs are still in the Top 25. "We're playing in the toughest league in the country. We've had a tough stretch," Dixon said.

DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

Cycling

Tour Down Under, Stage 3: Colley Tce, Glenelg to The Esplanade, Victor Harbor, 3 a.m., NBCSN

Figure Skating

European Championships: Men's Short Program, 6 a.m., OLYHD

European Championships: Pairs Short, 10 a.m., OLYHD

European Championships: Pairs Short, 11 a.m., NBCSN

European Championships: Men's Short Program, Noon, NBCSN

Golf

Asian Tour: SMBC Singapore Open, 1st Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Abu Dhabi HSBC Championships, 1st Round, 9:30 p.m., GOLF Men's

College Basketball

Tulsa at Temple, 5 p.m., ESPNews

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

Dayton at St. Joseph's, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN

Arkansas at Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN2

SMU at Wichita State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Auburn at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC

Iowa at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN

Houston at Tulane, 7 p.m., ESPNews

Stephen F. Austin at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m., ELVN

Seton Hall at Creighton, 7:30 p.m., FS1

St. John's at Xavier, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

Iowa State at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Tennessee at Missouri, 8 p.m., SEC

Ohio State at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN

Air Force at Colorado, 8 p.m., ATTSW

Nevada at San Jose State, 9:30 p.m. CBSSN

Fresno State at San Diego State, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer

FA Cup: Chelsea vs. Norwich City FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Copa MX: Queretaro FC vs. CF Monarcas Morelia, 6:55 p.m., UDN

Torneo de Verano: Boca vs. Aldosivi, 7 p.m., FXDEP

Copa MX: CS y D Dorados de Sinaola vs. CF Monterrey, 8:55 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Lobos BUAP vs. Pumas de la UNAM, 12 a.m., UDN

National Basketball Association

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+

LA Lakers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Denver at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP National

Hockey League

Montreal at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 9 p.m. NBCSN

Tennis

Australian Open, 5 p.m., TENNIS Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Women's College Basketball

Baylor at Iowa State, 8 p.m., FSN (FSSW)

RADIO

National Basketball Association

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Women's College Basketball

Texas Tech at Kansas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

TRANSACTIONS

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Named Gene Lamont special assistant to the general manager.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Agree to terms with LHP Wade LeBlanc on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Deolis Guerra on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Toronto G DeMar DeRozan $15,000 for public criticism of officiating.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released OT Storm Norton from the practice squad. Signed TE Nick Truesdell to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Named Brian Schottenheimer offensive coordinator and Ken Norton Jr. defensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F Dominic Toninato from San Antonio (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled F Michael Amadio and D Paul LaDue from Ontario (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Frederick Gaudreau from Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Steven Santini to Binghamton (AHL). Recalled G Ken Appleby from Binghamton.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled G Louis Domingue from Syracuse (AHL).

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Signed D Jon Merrill to a two-year contract extension.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA A&M — Named Connell Maynor football coach.

RUTGERS — Named John McNulty offensive coordinator.

WASHINGTON STATE — Suspended men's junior basketball G KJ Langston indefinitely for a violation of team rules.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	34	11	.756	—
Toronto	29	13	.690	3½
Philadelphia	20	20	.500	11½
New York	20	24	.455	13½
Brooklyn	16	28	.364	17½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	18	.581	—
Washington	25	19	.568	½
Charlotte	17	25	.405	7½
Orlando	13	31	.295	12½
Atlanta	12	31	.279	13
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	17	.605	—
Indiana	24	20	.545	2½
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	3
Detroit	22	20	.524	3½
Chicago	17	27	.386	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	12	.714	—
San Antonio	29	18	.644	2½
New Orleans	23	20	.535	7½
Memphis	14	28	.333	16
Dallas	15	30	.333	16½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	17	.630	—
Oklahoma City	24	20	.545	4
Denver	23	21	.523	5
Portland	22	21	.512	5½
Utah	17	26	.395	10½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	36	9	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	22	21	.512	13
Phoenix	16	28	.364	19½
L.A. Lakers	15	28	.349	20
Sacramento	13	30	.302	22

Tuesday's Scores

Orlando 108, Minnesota 102
New Orleans 116, Boston 113, OT
Denver 105, Dallas 102
Phoenix at Portland, late

Today's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	44	31	10	3	65	161	112
Boston	42	24	10	8	56	137	108
Toronto	46	25	17	4	54	147	133
Detroit	44	18	19	7	43	119	135
Florida	43	18	19	6	42	122	141
Montreal	44	18	20	6	42	115	138
Ottawa	42	15	18	9	39	117	149
Buffalo	44	11	24	9	31	99	151
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	45	28	14	3	59	140	127
New Jersey	43	23	12	8	54	137	131
Columbus	46	25	18	3	53	124	129
N.Y. Rangers	45	23	17	5	51	137	130
Pittsburgh	46	24	19	3	51	135	141
N.Y. Islanders	46	23	19	4	50	159	168
Philadelphia	44	20	16	8	48	129	130
Carolina	45	20	17	8	48	128	140
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	46	26	13	7	59	153	127
Nashville	43	26	11	6	58	132	114
St. Louis	47	27	17	3	57	136	123
Dallas	46	26	17	3	55	140	126
Minnesota	46	24	17	5	53	133	131
Colorado	43	24	16	3	51	142	126
Chicago	45	22	17	6	50	136	123
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	43	29	11	3	61	145	117
San Jose	43	24	13	6	54	123	114
Calgary	45	25	16	4	54	131	125
Los Angeles	44	24	15	5	53	129	107
Anaheim	45	23	16	6	52	122	125
Edmonton	46	20	23	3	43	126	147
Vancouver	45	18	21	6	42	119	147
Arizona	46	10	28	8	28	107	163

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.

Tuesday's Scores

St. Louis 2, Toronto 1, OT
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 1
Dallas 4, Detroit 2
Nashville 1, Vegas 0
San Jose 3, Arizona 2, SO

Today's Games

Montreal at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

MELBOURNE — Results Wednesday from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles

Second Round

Pablo Carreno-Busta (10), Spain, def. Gilles Simon, France, 6-2, 3-0.

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 6-2.

Kyle Edmund, Britain, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Women's Singles

Second Round

Lutsika Kumkhum, Thailand, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-0.

Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Irina Begu, Romania, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, def. Shuai Zhang, China, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Maria Kozlyuk, Ukraine, def. Olivia Rogowska, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.

Elina Svitolina (4), Ukraine, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (15), Russia, 6-0, 6-0.

Magdalena Rybarikova (16), Slovakia, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

Men's Doubles

First Round

Fabio Fognini, Italy and Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Alex Bolt, Australia and Bradley Mousley, Australia, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.

Feliciano Lopez, Spain and Marc Lopez (8), Spain, def. Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia and Flavio Mergea, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.

Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, def. Frederic Niemeyer, Canada and Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-2, 6-1.

Oliver Marach, Austria and Mate Pavic (7), Croatia, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic and Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 6-1, 6-4.

Alexander Peya, Austria and Nikola Mektic, Croatia, def. Julien Benneteau, France and Jonathan Eysseric, France, 6-3, 6-0.

Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (11), Colombia, def. Andrew Whittington, Australia and Marc Polmans, Australia, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

Sam Querrey, United States and Steve Johnson, United States, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain and Ivan Dodig (14), Croatia, 6-4, 6-3.

Pablo Andujar, Spain and Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Sanchai Ratiwatana, Thailand and Sonchat Ratiwatana, Thailand, 6-4, 6-4.

Max Mirnyi, Belarus and Philipp Oswald, Austria, def. Dudi Sela, Israel and Thomas Fabbiano, Italy, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 7-6 (4).

Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Franko Skugor, Croatia, def. Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic and Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-5.

Women's Doubles

First Round

Varvara Lepchenko, United States and Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, def. Gong Wang, China and Yafan Wang, China, 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles

Kristina Mladenovic, France and Daniel Nestor (8), Canada, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia and Jean Julien Rojer, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4.

Abigail Spears, United States and Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic and Henri Kontinen, Finland, 6-3, 6-3.

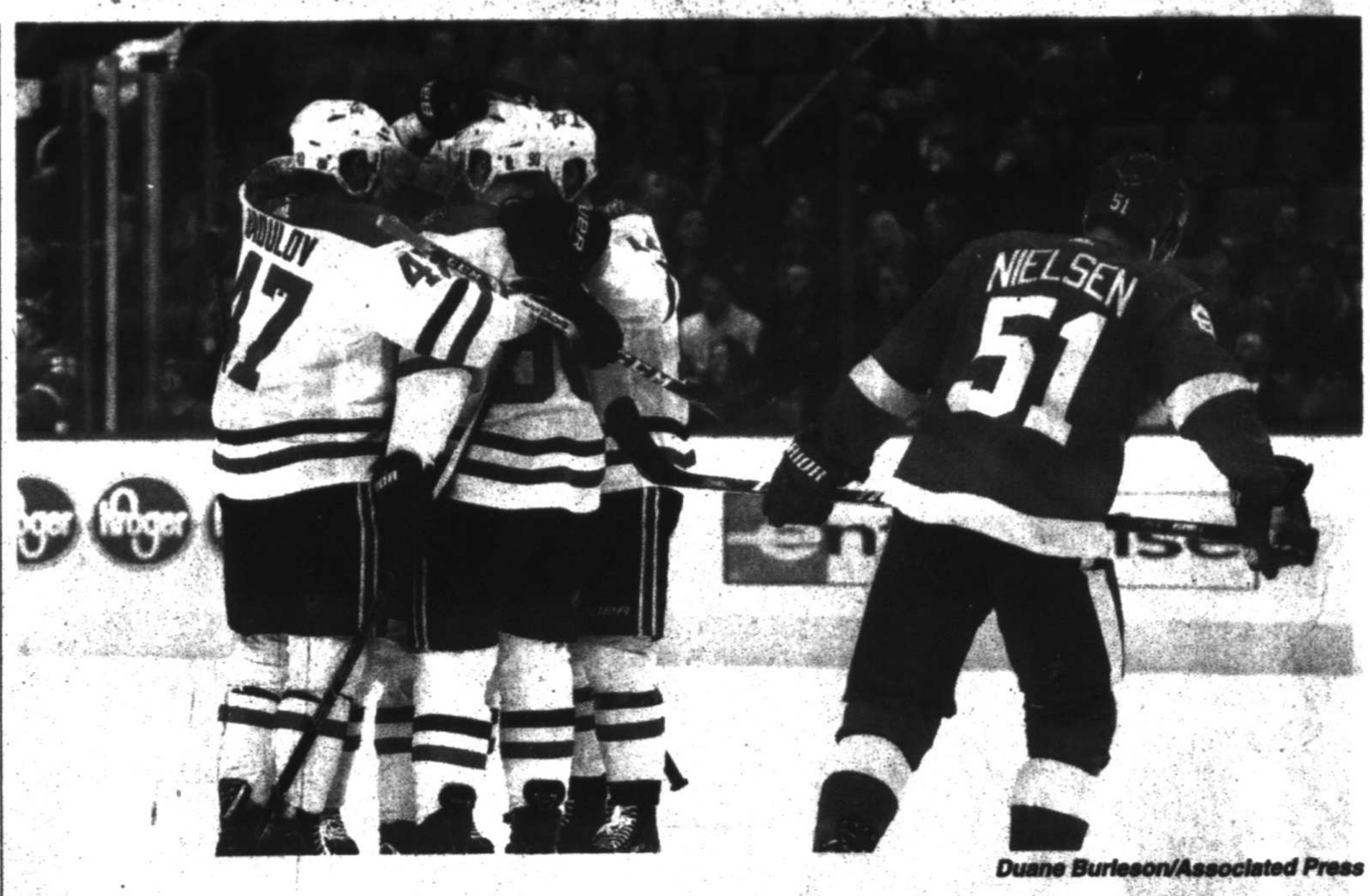
Lidziya Marozava, Belarus and Leander Paes, India, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Vesnina, Russia and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Shuai Peng, China and Su-Wei Hsieh (6), Taiwan, def. Ulrikke Eikeri, Norway and Maria Irigoyen, Argentina, 6-3, 7-5.

Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic and Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany and Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 6-0.

Jessica Moore, Australia and Elise Tamaela, Australia, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia and Nao Hibino, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Vesnina, Russia and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Shuai Stephens, United States and Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, 6-4, 6-4.



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Dallas Stars center Jason Spezza, second from left, celebrates his goal with teammates, including Dallas Stars right wing Alexander Radulov (47), as Detroit Red Wings center Frans Nielsen (51), skates off during the first period on Tuesday in Detroit.

Spezza scores 2 after scratch and Stars beat Red Wings 4-2

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

DETROIT — Jason Spezza made the most of an opportunity to play a day after getting benched.

Spezza scored two tiebreaking goals on power plays to help the Dallas Stars beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 on Tuesday night.

The 33-year-old forward was a healthy scratch on Monday when Dallas won at Boston in overtime.

"I was unhappy about it," he acknowledged. "I didn't like the decision, but we have to get through that and just move forward."

Spezza bounced back by ending his 14-game goal drought, scoring twice in a game for the first time since March 12, 2016. Spezza had 33 goals just two years ago and has 323 career goals, but he scored just five times in 44 games before breaking through against the Red Wings.

"He played like he can and played like will," Dallas' Ken Hitchcock said after coaching in his 1,500th NHL game. "That's what we expect from him and we expect that every night. He's shown it at times, but not consistent. This is what he's capable of and what he can bring to the team and we need it."

Spezza scored on a lunging, one-timer below the left circle with 5:52 left in the second period. His first goal came on a redirected shot midway through the first.

"He made two great finishes on the power play," Detroit coach Jeff Blashill said. "He's always dangerous when you give him those chances."

Dallas' Radek Faksa and Martin Hanzal also scored. Ben Bishop stopped 13 shots for the Stars, who have won six of eight.

"We won the game because of the second-wave players," Hitchcock said. "The things we've been harping on for months, we got in the last two games. Big plays by second-tier players, exactly what we need if we're going to win. If we expect to a playoff team, that's the next step. We're not going to rely on the same two or three guys every night."

Trevor Daley put Detroit ahead in the opening minute, but Faksa redirected a shot past Jimmy Howard at 2:48 of the first. Andreas Athanasiou pulled the Red Wings into a 2-all tie midway through the second period and Spezza's second goal 2:25 later put Dallas ahead 3-2.

Blashill and his players disputed a roughing call that went against Luke Witkowski when he was also penalized for fighting Stephen Johns, giving Dallas an extra skater as Spezza scored the game-winning goal.

"I said, 'Hey, do you want to go?'" Witkowski recalled asking Johns. "If he doesn't want to fight, he doesn't have to drop his gloves, so I didn't make him fight."

Howard had 22 saves for the Red Wings, who had won five of seven.

Detroit rookie Tyler Bertuzzi assisted on both goals, giving him seven assists and eight points in 11 NHL games this season.

"I'm just getting more used to it every game," he said. "Playing with Larks (Dylan Larkin) and AA (Athanasiou), it's pretty easy on me."

NOTES: Dallas scratched C Gemel Smith to make room for Spezza in the lineup. ... The Red Wings were without F Justin Abdelkader (lower body) and F Darren Helm (lower body) and both are expected to miss at least another game. ... Spezza had two power-play goals in a game for the first time since he played for Ottawa against Washington on March 30, 2010.

Up next

Stars: Visit Columbus on Thursday for the third stop in a four-game trip.

Red Wings: Get a three-day break before hosting Carolina on Saturday.

HS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Girls

LEE DROPS GAME TO COOPER

The Lee girls soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision to Abilene Cooper on a cold Tuesday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

Cooper got a goal with two minutes left in the first half and added another midway through the second half.

Lee coach Mark Hinshaw said after the teams played even for most of the first half, he could sense that his team was feeling tired in having to play its sixth match in eight days but tried to fight through it.

"That scheduling falls on me," Hinshaw said. "In the future, I'll try to schedule more rest in between games.

We had our opportunities but we couldn't finish.

Lee (5-2) next plays at Wichita Falls Hirschi at 5 p.m. Friday.

Boys

MHS GAME POSTPONED

The Midland High boys soccer game at Abilene High on Tuesday was postponed because of inclement weather. There is still no word if it will be rescheduled.

MHS is scheduled to play at Abilene Wylie at 7 p.m. Friday.

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

NUGGETS 105 MAVERICKS 102

DENVER — Nikola Jokic scored 29 points and grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds, Gary Harris hit two late free throws and Denver led by as many as 23 points before holding on for a victory over Dallas.

Harris finished with 25 points and Will Barton added 22 for the Nuggets, who won for just the second time in six games.

The Nuggets led 82-59 with 4:04 left in the third before Dallas staged a massive comeback. The Mavericks cut the deficit to one on a three-point play by Dennis Smith Jr. with 10.4 seconds remaining. After Harris made two free throws, the Mavericks had a chance for a last-second shot, but Dwight Powell couldn't corral a long pass as the buzzer sounded.

Smith had 25 points for the Mavericks, who Harrison Barnes contributed 17.

PELICANS 116 CELTICS 113 OT

BOSTON — Anthony Davis had 45 points and 16 rebounds to lead the New Orleans Pelicans to a 116-113 overtime victory over Boston on Tuesday night, ending the Celtics' seven-game winning streak.

Davis, who scored 48 on Sunday in an overtime win in New York, had four points in overtime and blocked two shots for the Pelicans, who overcame a sluggish start to the fourth quarter and erased a five-point deficit in the final few minutes of regulation.

DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and 15 rebounds, and Jrue Holiday added 23 points and seven assists. Ian Clark added 15 points for the Pelicans, whose size inside ended up prevailing in overtime when Boston's barrage of 3-pointers stopped falling.

Kyrie Irving led Boston with 27 points and Al Horford had 14 points and nine rebounds. Marcus Smart and Jaylen Brown added 16 points apiece for the Celtics, who attempted a season-high 50 3-pointers.

MAGIC 108, TIMBERWOLVES 102

ORLANDO, Fla. — Evan Fournier scored a season-high 32 points to help Orlando break a seven-game losing streak with a victory over Minnesota.

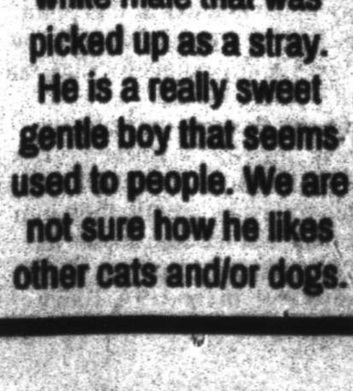
D.J. Augustin added 11 points and three assists in the fourth quarter, when the Magic scored 35 points after trailing by two through three.

Jimmy Butler had 28 points and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves, who had won five straight games by an average of 18.8 points.

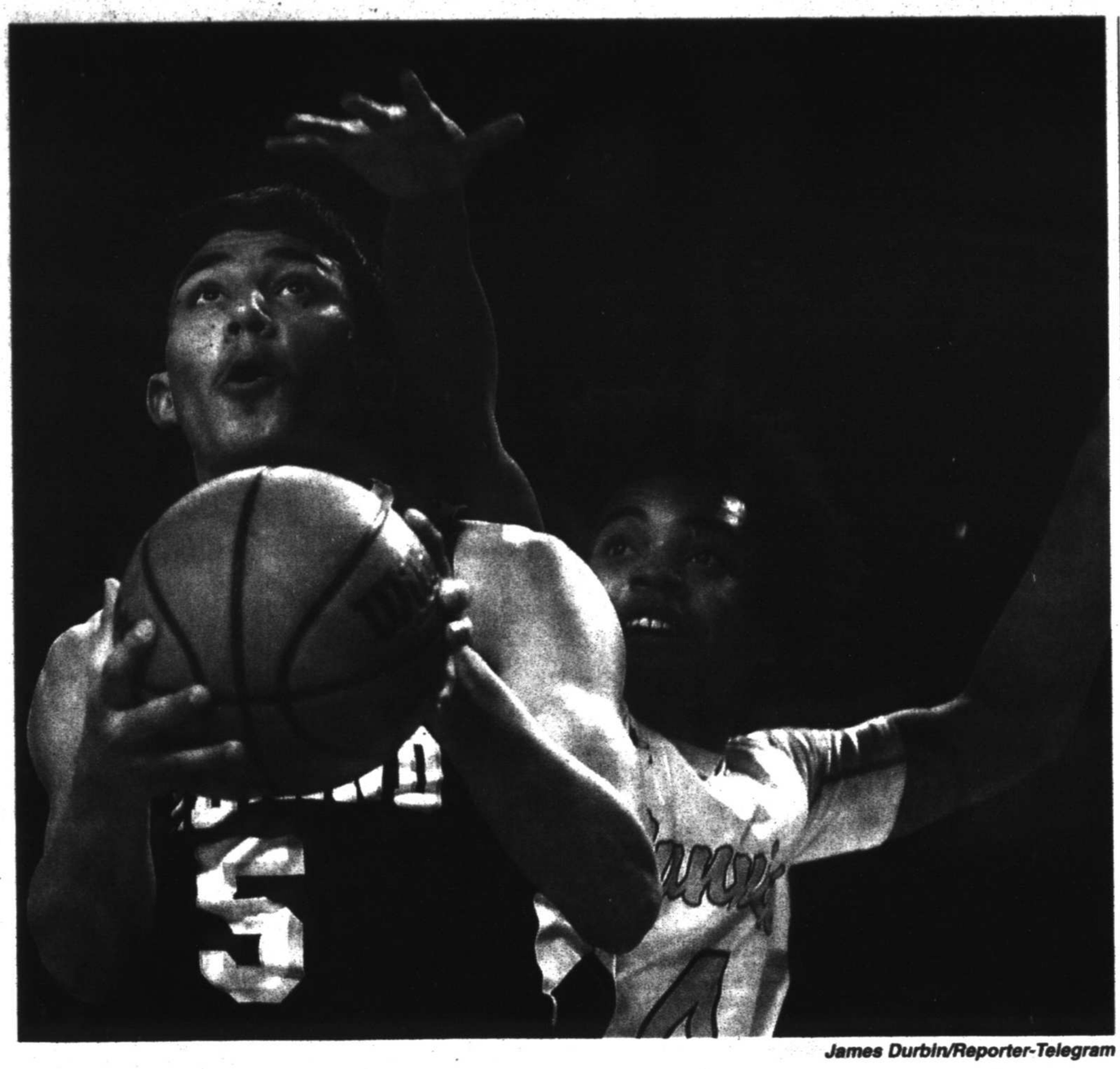
Bismack Biyombo had 16 rebounds for the Magic, leading the team with the NBA's worst rebound percentage to a 51-37 advantage.

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Groucho Marx is a large 2 yo black & white male that was picked up as a stray. He is a really sweet gentle boy that seems used to people. We are not sure how he likes other cats and/or dogs.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Nat Rodriguez (5) tries to lay up against Lee's Cevonte Eaden (4) Tuesday, at Chaparral Center.

Boys

From 1C

loud and clear, collecting steals left and right to fuel what became an efficient transition offense. MHS, which shot just 11-for-30 in the first half, reeled off five consecutive shots to take a 41-28 lead halfway through the third.

A two-handed slam by Riley capped the run and excited a roar from the MHS faithful.

"Definitely in the second half, we came out with fire and everyone started hustling, got on the floor, got some steals, going down the floor and I just happened to be there," Riley said. "Coming into this game, we really knew we had to step up defensively. Playing hard defensively will open up our offensive game."

The Rebels managed to hang around and cut the deficit to 45-38 early in the fourth. But Lee's short-handed roster – down two starters and a sixth man — wasn't able to make up the lost ground.

"In the second half, we started to convert at the free-throw line but we were still struggling in the paint," Boswell said. "We turned the ball at a high rate, which led to them having run outs and dunks on the other end. That all came together to be our undoing in the second half."

The Bulldogs ballooned their lead to as many as 21 points in the fourth, thanks to nifty ball movement in transition, as MHS found the open man and easy baskets inside nearly every possession. The Bulldogs sunk their final four shots of the win and 11 of their 19 overall in the quarter.

"We were telling them to attack the gaps against their zone, draw defense, kick to your open teammate and they did that," Hooker said. "Sometimes they kicked to an open man on the block, sometimes to an open man on the wing, sometimes in the corner. That's the way you should play the game of basketball."

Nat Rodriguez and Rayshad Chambers added 14 and 13 points respectively for MHS.

Pat Okimi supplied nine points for Lee, which shot just 31.4 percent (17-for-54) from the field in the loss.

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District 2-6A Boys Basketball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	2	0	19	4
Amarillo Tascosa	2	0	16	7
Odessa High	1	1	14	6
MHS	1	1	10	13
Wolfforth Frenship	0	2	12	13
Lee	0	2	7	17

Tuesday's Scores
MHS 68, Lee 48; Odessa Permian 62, Odessa High 44; Amarillo Tascosa 66, Wolfforth Frenship 34.
Friday's Games
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High at MHS; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian. All games at 7:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 68, LEE 48

MHS (10-13, 1-1 in District 2-6A) – Daniel Elliott 8, Rahkeem Patterson 3, Nat Rodriguez 14, Duce Warren 2, Gage Warren 9, Jordan Riley 15, Rayshad Chambers 13, Suddin Sapien 4.
Lee (7-17, 0-2 in District 2-6A) – Zhuric Phelps 15, Cevonte Eaden 3, Jordan Lopez 4, Jaythan Jones 4, Pat Okimi 9, Loc Fouonji 8, Kyler Pettus 5

MHS	14	13	16	25—68
Lee	14	12	12	10—48

Free throws – MHS 5-11, Lee 10-22. 3-point goals – MHS 3 (Elliott 2, G. Warren), Lee 4 (Phelps 2, Eaden, Pettus). Total fouls – MHS 15, Lee 10. Fouled out – None.
Next: Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Odessa High at MHS, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Girls

From 1C

MHS held a 6-4 lead over Lee following a defensive first quarter where open shots were difficult to come by and there was a lot of contact when both teams were in their half-court sets.

During their 8-0 run in the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs were able to convert a pair of Teleshia Defell steals into easy transition baskets.

Haile also sank a jumper and a hit a layup during the run.

"Credit to the officials, I felt like they let us play tonight," Torres said.

District 2-6A Girls Basketball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Frenship	3	1	22	6
Midland	3	1	19	10
Tascosa	3	1	16	10
Lee	2	2	10	13
Permian	1	3	11	12
Odessa	0	4	5	20

Tuesday's scores
Midland High 50, Lee 36; Odessa Permian 53, Odessa High 32; Wolfforth Frenship 69, Amarillo Tascosa 66, 2OT
Friday's games
Odessa High vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, all games at 5 p.m.

"Early on, our kids had a hard time adjusting. There was a lot of contact going to the paint, but they were consistent. We adjusted and we had the mentality of going to score instead of trying to get fouled."

Strambler grabbed a game-high nine rebounds for the Lady Rebels, who hung tough with the Lady Bulldogs for the most part outside of the lopsided 15-5 second quarter.

"I was so proud of our girls fighting," Acosta said. "They continued to fight. They continued to grind. They never felt the game was over."

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MIDLAND HIGH 50, LEE 36

Midland High (19-10, 3-1 in District 2-6A) – Maya Duarte 5, Teleshia Defell 5, Quay Webster 9, Savanna Carter 4, Taysha Rushton 16, Jurnee Williams 3, Zoe Taylor 2, Racey Haile 6
Lee (13-13, 2-2) – Alaysha Green 8, Braydyn Hill 11, Destiny Stanford 3, Quinci Strambler 2, Elizabeth McRae 2, Mackenzie Ross 6, Paige Low 4

MHS	6	15	14	15—50
Lee	4	5	14	13—36

Free throws – MHS 6-10, Lee 3-7. 3-point goals – MHS 4 (Rushton 2, Webster, Duarte), Lee 3 (Ross 2, Stanford). Total fouls – MHS 9, Lee 13. Fouled out – Hill.
Next: Odessa High vs. Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday Chaparral Center; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m. Friday

TCU

From 1C

since 1998. "We're still pretty calm," Bane said. "We know how good we are. ... We still think we have a chance to win this league."

Overall, TCU was undefeated as long as any other Division I team this season by winning its first 12 games. Villanova and Arizona State also suffered their first losses on the last Saturday of 2017, the day the Frogs lost their Big 12 opener to Oklahoma.

"We feel like there's no quit in how we've played," Dixon said. "I feel good going forward. I'm mad, I know we've got to get better. But I'd be mad if we're 5-0 and could get better. ... I believe we've got to keep doing what we're doing just a little bit better."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M 71, Mississippi 69
SOUTH
Cincinnati 49, UCF 38
Georgia 81, LSU 60
Mississippi St. 88, Vanderbilt 82
Nicholls 91, Texas A&M-CC 61
North Carolina 87, Clemson 79
MIDWEST
Ball St. 82, Cent. Michigan 76
Bowling Green 81, Miami (Ohio) 70
E. Michigan 63, Akron 49
IUPUI 81, Detroit 68
Kent St. 73, W. Michigan 71
Louisville 82, Notre Dame 78, 2OT
N. Iowa 68, Drake 54
North Dakota 86, N. Dakota St. 77
Purdue 78, Wisconsin 50
Toledo 91, Ohio 57
EAST
Buffalo 93, N. Illinois 67
Syracuse 59, Pittsburgh 45

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (16-1) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Saturday.
2. Virginia (16-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
3. Purdue (16-2) beat Wisconsin 78-50. Next: at Iowa, Saturday.
4. Oklahoma (14-3) lost to Kansas State 87-69. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
5. Duke (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
6. West Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
7. Wichita State (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Wednesday.
8. Texas Tech (15-2) did not play. Next: at Texas, Wednesday.
9. Michigan State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Friday.
10. Kansas (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
11. Xavier (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday.
12. Cincinnati (16-2) beat UCF 49-38. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday.
13. Gonzaga (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Thursday.
14. Arizona (14-4) did not play. Next: at California, Wednesday.
15. North Carolina (15-4) beat No. 20 Clemson 87-79. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
16. Arizona State (14-3) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Wednesday.
17. Auburn (16-1) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Wednesday.
18. Kentucky (14-4) lost to South Carolina 76-66. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
19. Seton Hall (15-3) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Wednesday.
20. Clemson (15-5) lost to No. 15 North Carolina 87-79. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
21. Tennessee (12-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
22. Ohio State (15-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
23. Michigan (16-4) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Thursday.
24. TCU (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
25. Miami (13-4) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.

Women

SOUTH
Charleston Southern 81, Winthrop 45
High Point 82, Campbell 53
Maryland 74, Indiana 70
Presbyterian 72, Gardner-Webb 69
Radford 92, Longwood 33
UNC-Asheville 48, Liberty 41
MIDWEST
Michigan 84, Ohio St. 75
Michigan St. 87, Illinois 55
Nebraska 74, Iowa 65
S. Dakota St. 78, Dakota Wesleyan 63
Wichita St. 68, SMU 43
EAST
Houston 99, Temple 75

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (16-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Thursday.
2. Louisville (19-0) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
3. Mississippi State (18-0) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Tennessee, Sunday.
4. Baylor (15-1) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
5. Notre Dame (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Thursday.
6. Tennessee (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Notre Dame, Thursday.
7. Oregon (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Oregon State, Friday.
8. Ohio State (16-3) lost to No. 19 Michigan 84-75. Next: at No. 14 Maryland, Monday.
9. Texas (14-3) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
10. South Carolina (14-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
11. Missouri (15-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
12. Florida State (16-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
13. UCLA (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 California, Friday.
14. Maryland (16-3) beat Indiana 74-70. Next: vs. No. 8 Ohio State, Monday.
15. Duke (14-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (14-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
17. West Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
18. Oregon State (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon, Friday.
19. Michigan (16-4) beat No. 8 Ohio State 84-75. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
20. Iowa (15-4) lost to Nebraska 74-65. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
21. California (13-4) did not play. Next: at No. 13 UCLA, Friday.
22. Arizona State (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
23. Green Bay (15-2) did not play. Next: at Detroit, Thursday.
24. Oklahoma State (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 West Virginia, Wednesday.
25. Rutgers (17-3) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

GIRLS
MCA 57, ALL SAINTS 28

Leia Beattie scored a game-high 24 points to lead Midland Classical Academy to a non-district blowout of Lubbock All Saints.

Kori Kirk and Makenna Beattie each added nine for the Lady Knights (14-8), who begin TAPPS 1-3A play next Tuesday at Abilene Christian.

MCA 57, LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 28

All Saints – Harper 4, Ply 11, Sanchez 4, Flores 5, Locascio 4
MCA (14-8) – Kori Kirk 9, Hilary Sunderland 6, Leia Beattie 24, Lizabelle Russell 6, Jenny Coco 3, Makenna Beattie 9

All Saints	6	7	6	9—28
MCA	22	14	9	12—57

Free throws – LAS 3-4, MCA 11-14. 3-point goals – LAS 1 (Ply), MCA 2 (Kirk, L. Beattie). Total fouls – LAS 11, MCA 6. Fouled out – None
Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23

FW CHRISTIAN 42
MCS 39

Addison Badley scored a game-high 10 points to help Fort Worth Christian squeak by Midland Christian in TAPPS 1-5A play Tuesday at McGraw Event Center.

Blaire Neatherlin led the Lady Mustangs (16-9, 1-2 in TAPPS 1-5A) with eight points.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 42, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 39

Fort Worth Christian (17-14, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-5A) – Klipstein 5, Badley 10, Owen 6, Straver 5, Goff 8, Hooper 8
Midland Christian (16-9, 1-2) – McKenzie Fryar 5, Faith Truex 6, Brooklyn Johnson 3, Lexi Davila 6, Talke Myers 1, Kelsi Moore 4, Blaire Neatherlin 8, Bre'Anna Culbertson 6

FWC	14	6	10	12—42
MCS	12	8	9	10—39

Free throws – Fort Worth Christian 16-23, MCS 16-24. 3-point goals – Fort Worth Christian 2 (Goff 2), MCS 1 (Fryer). Total fouls – Fort Worth Christian 17, MCS 20. Fouled out – None
Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth All Saints, 6 p.m. Friday

LUB. TRINITY 66
TRINITY 47

A big third quarter helped Lubbock Trinity pull away from Trinity in a TAPPS 1-4A game at Beal Gymnasium.

Reagan Long had a game-high 27 points to lead Trinity (10-9, 0-1), while Rebecca Young added 18.

LUBBOCK TRINITY 66, TRINITY 47

Lubbock Trinity (11-19, 1-0) – Payton Dove 7, Harleigh Brewer 2, Jasmine Wadsworth 4, Abigail Boehning 13, Lauren Catherman 17, Brooke Reinhart 9, Abby Miller 14
Trinity (10-9, 0-1) – Reagan Long 27, Rebecca Young 18, Megan Sports 2

Lubbock Trinity	9	13	26	18—66
Trinity	9	11	9	18—47

Free throws – LT 14-21, Trinity 11-19. 3-point goals – LT 4 (Catherman, Reinhart, Miller 2), Trinity 4 (Long 4). Total fouls – LT 17, Trinity 20. Fouled out – None.
Next: Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6 p.m. Friday

PERMIAN 33
ODESSA HIGH 30

ODESSA – Odessa Permian held off Odessa High in a low-scoring District 2-6A game at the Permian Fieldhouse on Tuesday.

OHS (5-20, 0-4) had the early lead before Permian (11-12, 1-3) went on a 16-4 run in the second quarter to take a 24-17 halftime lead.

Alexis Contee had a game-high 11 points to lead Permian.

Skylar Herrera had eight points to lead OHS.

ODESSA PERMIAN 33, ODESSA HIGH 30

Odessa High (5-20 overall, 0-4 District 2-6A) -- Roxana Jimenez 4, Aneth Jimenez 3, Elena Brito 7, Amber Escontrias 4, Skylar Herrera 8, Kheauna Lide 2, Alexis Luna 2.
Permian (11-12, 1-3) -- Klarrissa Cruz 4, Artashia Armendariz 3, Alena Madero 4, Ashton Garner 5, Alexis Contee 11, Jasmine Gasdon 2, Reyna Reyos 1, Natalie Baeza 2.

Odessa	13	4	7	6—30
Permian	8	16	4	5—33

Free throws -- Odessa High 5-10, Permian 5-19. 3-Point goals -- Odessa High 1 (A. Jimenez); Permian 2 (Cruz 1, Armendariz 1). Total fouls -- Odessa High 14, Permian 14. Fouled out -- None

SEMINOLE 53
LAMESA 37

LAMESA – Three Seminole players scored in double figures during Tuesday's District 2-4A win over Lamesa.

Ashlea Pool had 15, Madison Petty scored 14 and Bret'Lei Dominguez added 11 for the Maidens (2-2 in District 2-4A).

Samaje Mason led Lamesa (1-3 in District 2-4A) with 20 points.

SEMINOLE 53, LAMESA 37

Seminole (2-2 in District 2-4A) – Stokes 1, Perez 4, Harvey 2, Petty 14, Gonzalez 6, Dominguez 11, Pool 15.
Lamesa (1-3 in District 2-4A) – Guajardo 1, Camran Clement 4, Leloni Martin 2, Jhynn Jackson 1, Samaje Mason 20, Dax Ortiz 6
Seminole 10 16 14 13—53
Lamesa 18 3 10 6—37

Free throws – Seminole 9-15, Lamesa 14-27. 3-point goals – Seminole 6 (Dominguez 3, Petty 2, Perez), Lamesa 1 (Mason). Total fouls – Seminole 21, Lamesa 16. Fouled out – Harvey.
Next: Lamesa at Lubbock Estacado, 6:30 p.m. Friday

BOYS
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 44
FW CHRISTIAN 43

Coy Stewart hit the game-winning shot on a baseline drive and jumper with 4 seconds left to lift Midland Christian to a win over Fort Worth Christian at the McGraw Event Center.

Gunnar Griffin added 18 points for the Mustangs (19-11, 2-1 in TAPPS 1-5A).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 44, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 43

Fort Worth Christian (11-14, 1-1) – Bauer 2, Snyder 7, Bowers 4, Tolar 2, Marshall 7, Guinta 20
Midland Christian (19-11, 2-1) – Coy Stewart 5, Mitch McCann 6, Silas Crews 5, Jacob Thomas 1, Gunnar Griffin 18, Joseph Venzant 7, Tommy Beebe 2

FWC	7	9	13	14—43
MCS	6	8	13	17—44

Free throws – FWC 8-12, MCS 11-18. 3-point goals – FWC 3 (Guinta, Bowers, Snyder), MCS 1 (McCann). Total fouls – FWC 19, MCS 14. Fouled out – Guinta.
Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth All Saints, 7:30 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 43
WATER VALLEY 37

GARDEN CITY – Scott Miller scored a game-high 19 points to lead Garden City to a win over Water Valley in District 14-1A play.

Garden City trailed 21-20 at the half before the Bearkats (11-7, 4-1) outscored Water Valley 23-16 in the second half.

Hunter McMillan added eight points for Garden City.

GARDEN CITY 43, WATER VALLEY 37

Water Valley (3-2 in District 14-1A) – West 15, Henley 3, Jones 11, McMillon 2, Sturgess 6
Garden City (11-7, 4-1) – Hunter McMillan 8, Parker Koenning 2, Scott Miller 19, Hagan Hallmann 16, Cesar Chavez 4, John Michael Alegria 4
Water Valley 10 11 6 8—37
Garden City 13 7 12 11—43

Free throws – WVHS 6-9, GCHS 11-17. 3-point goals – WVHS 7 (West 4, Jones 2, Henley), GCHS 2 (Miller, Hallmann). Total fouls – WVHS 14, GCHS 10. Fouled out – None.
Next: Garden City at Veribest, 8 p.m.

SEMINOLE 51
LAMESA 39

LAMESA – Carter Johnson had 18 points and Jalen Brattain added 15 to propel Seminole past Lamesa in District 2-4A play Tuesday.

Khalil Smiley led the Golden Tors (16-9, 0-2 in District 2-4A) with 18 points.

SEMINOLE 50, LAMESA 39

Seminole (2-0 in District 2-4A) – Jalen Brattain 15, Carter Lamamore 5, Carter Johnson 18, Clayton Medlin 4, Reese Moore 8
Lamesa (16-9, 0-2 in District 2-4A) – Ryan Aguilar 2, Buddy Williams 4, Jordan Dennington 5, Khalil Smiley 18, Jackson Napper 10

Seminole	13	6	21	10—50
Lamesa	8	9	8	14—39

Free throws – Seminole 9-10, Lamesa 3-4. 3-point goals – Seminole 7 (Johnson 6, Brattain), Lamesa 4 (Smiley 3, Dennington). Total fouls – Seminole 8, Lamesa 9. Fouled out – None
Next: Lamesa at Lubbock Estacado, 8 p.m. Friday

Davis leads Texas A&M past Mississippi 71-69

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Tyler Davis scored 20 points, including Texas A&M's final basket, and the Aggies defeated Mississippi 71-69 on Tuesday night for A&M's first victory in Southeastern Conference play this season.

With the scored tied at 69, Davis missed a short jumper but grabbed the rebound for the putback and a 71-69 A&M lead with 22.7 seconds remaining. The Rebels' Breein Tyree missed a 3-point attempt at the other end that rattled in and out as time expired, and the Aggies could finally celebrate an SEC victory.

A&M (12-6, 1-5 SEC) led 64-62 with 3:19 left after Robert Williams collected an alley-oop pass from Duane Wilson and slammed the ball home. On the other end, Williams blocked a shot following a Rebels offensive rebound, and D.J. Hogg caused one of the loudest roars of the night when he drained a 3-pointer from the far right corner to lift A&M to a 69-62 lead with 2:51 left.

That wasn't enough to stave off the Rebels, however, and the Aggies needed Davis and decent defense to finally close it out. The Rebels (10-8, 3-3) have never won in College Station, falling to 0-3.

The teams played before a good crowd of 10,578 in the 13,000-seat arena considering A&M was closed on Tuesday because of an ice storm that had enveloped the region starting early that morning. On Tuesday afternoon the university offered free parking for all comers and free admission for all A&M students to try and create a home-court advantage.

Big picture

Texas A&M: The Aggies needed this win in the worst way, considering they had been ranked No. 5 as recently as Dec. 31 before falling to No. 11 and then completely out of the rankings in the last two polls.

Mississippi: The Rebels once again failed to string together consecutive victories since SEC play started, as they've traded wins and losses in each of their first six games against their conference brethren.

Up next

Texas A&M: The Aggies play their second consecutive game at home when Missouri visits Saturday afternoon, in trying to win two in a row for the first time in SEC play this season.

Mississippi: The Rebels stay on the road for a second straight game when they play at Arkansas on Saturday afternoon, in trying to avoid losing two in a row for the first time against league competition.

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	G	S	R	C	W	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	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Goldberg (N)	Speech-less (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Hou-sewife (N)	Match Game (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Race "It's Gonna Be a Fragrant Day" (N)		SEAL Team "The Upside Down" (N)		Criminal Minds "Bad Moon on the Rise" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	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	Mason "The Case of the Jealous Journalist"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "Plus One" (N)		9-1-1 "Next of Kin" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern "Fears"	Met Your Mother
KMLM I/U	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		The Essentials
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Blacklist "Abraham Stern" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Flight Risk" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Captive" (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Arctic Wolf Pack" (N)		Nova		Understanding the Opioid Epidemic (N)		Aman-pour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories "Chance"
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Cronicas: Historias Que Hacen Historia		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline NBC				Dateline NBC		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575			165	(4:55) Red Dragon		★★ Witness ('85, Cri) Harrison Ford.				★★★ We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson.				(:20) Another D...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Morgan ('16, Dra) Kate Mara.		Divorce		(:05) ★★★ The Hours Nicole Kidman.				Everything, Ever...	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:55) John Wick:...		Crashing		Going In Style Michael Caine.		(:10) ★★★ Back to the Future				(:10) Back to the...	
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(:10) Keeping Up With the Joneses				★★★ Shoppin Steve Martin.		1stLook		★ I Love You, Beth Cooper		Movie	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:40) ★★★ Aliens		★★ The Accountant ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				(:10) First Kill ('17, Act) Bruce Willis.				(:55) War Dogs	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:30) ★★★★ Strange Days Ralph Fiennes.				★★ The Belko Experiment				★★ The Abandoned		(:10) Altitude	
PLEX			96			(5:20) Connie & C...		★★ Scoop Scarlett Johansson.				(:40) Autumn In New York		(:25) ★★★ Far From Heaven			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Vampire in ...		★★ The Nutty Professor				(:35) The Chi "Alee"		(:35) Nutty Professor II: The ...		(:20) The Chi "Alee"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Manu		★★★★ The Hateful Eight ('15, West) Samuel L. Jackson.						★ Brimstone ('16, Thri) Dakota Fanning.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Rooster & Butch "A Fistfull of Sweat" (N)		(:05) Rooster & Butch "Brothers in Arms"		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) Under Siege		★★★★ Planet of the Apes Charlton Heston.						★★★ Terminator 2: Judgment Day			
BET	58	-		40		★★ Takers ('10, Act) Matt Dillon, Hayden Christensen, Chris Brown.						★★★ Django Unchained ('12, West) Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.					
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Relative Success (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Success
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo (L)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	(5:00) Barrett-Jackson		2018 Barrett-Jackson Coverage of the Barrett-Jackson car auction.						Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Underc.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie 1/2	Underc.	StuckMid.	Underc.	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball L.A. Lakers vs Oklahoma (L)						NBA Basketball Denver vs L.A. Clippers (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Arkansas at Florida (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's Second Round Site: Melbourne Park (L)							
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News ● Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game		Guy's Game (N)		Guy's Game		Game "All Pyramid"		Game "Full-On Fried"	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ The Lion King		Grown (N)	Alone (N)	★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past				The 700 Club		★ A Cinderella Sto...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Inside the Big East	Focused	Power of Sports	Cowboys Insider	NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. Iowa State Women's -- Ames, Iowa (L)				Champio. "Football: 4A, 5A and 6A"		H.S. Football '17 UIL State Championship	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ The Martian ('15, Adv) Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon.						Gianni Versace (N)		Gianni Versace		Gianni Versace	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Vikings "The Joke"		Vikings (N)		Knightfall (N)		Knightfall		(:05) Vikings	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "You're Fired"		Women ATL (N)	(:50) LW Atlanta	LW Atlanta "Radio Wars" (N)		BigHouse "Home Sweet Home" (N)		LitWomen (N) /(:15) Model		Little Women	(:50) LW Atlanta
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins (L)					NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Anaheim Ducks (L)					Overtime
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Lip Sync	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12, Com) Anna Kendrick.				★ Silver Linings Playbook			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ Twister ('96, Act) Helen Hunt.				The Magicians (N)		Happy!	(:50) The Magicians	(:50) ★★★ The Fifth Element			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan (N)		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Tall Story		★★★★★ Chimes at Midnight				(:15) ★★★★★ Midnight Lace Doris Day.			(:15) ★ That Midni...		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el princi		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Rena and Lee's Story" 2/2		My 600-lb Life "Janine's Story" Janine must overcome physical and emotional pain. (N)				(:05) Family "Stepping on the Scale" (N)		(:05) My 600-lb Life "Janine's Story" Janine must overcome physical and emotional pain.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:40) ★★★ Transformers		Librarians "And a Town Called Feud" (N)		★★ Real Steel A robot boxing promoter re-connects with his son while training a discarded robot.				(:45) Librarians "And a Town Called Feud"		(:05) ★ The For...	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Off the Grid"		NCIS "Nonstop"		NCIS "The Wall"		NCIS "Beastmaster"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Anger explodes in words, deeds woman later regrets

Dear Abby



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DEAR ABBY: I am 28 and I'm disgusted with myself about how I talk to my mother when I'm stressed out. I know it's not her. It's me.

My other issue is road rage. When I'm behind the wheel and the cars ahead of me are going too slow or the drivers make stupid moves, I'm annoyed to the point that I sometimes take risky chances to get away from them. I know it puts my life and the lives of others at risk, and I don't want to be like this.

I sometimes wonder why my parents didn't teach me ways to tone down my anger when I was younger. I'm lucky they still love me, even when I snap at them. Do you have any tips on how to control my temper? — SIMMERING IN SUBURBIA

DEAR SIMMERING: If you think you are alone in having these issues, you are mistaken. We are living in increasingly stressful times that have affected most of us in one way or another. If, however, you continue allowing your stress to dictate your behavior, it may eventually drive a wedge between you and the people you care about.

It's important that you realize anger is a normal emotion. At one time or another, anger is experienced by everyone. Recognizing what is CAUSING your stress and anger can help you to avoid taking it out on others.

It takes self-control — and maturity — to react calmly, instead of reacting angrily. Being able to identify what's triggering the anger and causing you to verbalize it can help to prevent an outburst. Instead say, "When you do or say that, it makes me angry." Or try saying, "Mom, I'm stressed right now. Can we discuss this later?" Or, "I've had a really rough day. I need to be alone for a little while." Then go for a walk to help you to regain your perspective. Developing the ability to do this will not only lessen your guilt, but also earn you the respect of those with whom you interact. My Anger Booklet contains many suggestions for managing and constructively expressing anger in various situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for $7 in U.S. funds to Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. As to your "over the top" reactions when you are in your car driving, try to remember that we are all human and make mistakes. I have made them, and so have you.

If you MUST drive during rush hours, try listening to music or an audio book. And count to 10 before you hit the accelerator. Avoid blasting the horn or making rude gestures. (Screaming is permissible as long as your windows are closed.) People who lose control not only can get hurt in a variety of ways, but also hurt others — including innocent bystanders. That's why it is very important to be able to express anger in healthy ways.

We are living in a time when the anger level in our society has reached new heights. As we have seen all too often in news reports, explosive anger is the most dangerous of all. Perhaps constructive anger management should be taught in schools to help people more effectively communicate in a healthy manner.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Far-sighted play

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠K 10 7
♡ 9 4 3
◇ A 9 6
♣Q J 6 5

WEST
♠J 6 3 2
♡ Q 6
◇ Q J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ Void

EAST
♠Q 8 5
♡ 10 8 7 2
◇ K 10
♣ 10 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠A 9 4
♡ A K J 5
◇ 8
♣A K 7 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4◇	Pass
6♠	All pass		

*Inverted, at least 4 clubs and at least 10 points

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

Today's deal is from a tournament in The Netherlands 15 years ago. The actual auction is not known to us except that West never made a bid. South was Dutch expert Huub Bertens, who relocated to Bend, Oregon, not too long ago. We have supplied a reasonable auction above.

Bertens won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and made the far-sighted play of ruffing a diamond in his hand at trick two. When he next cashed the ace of clubs, learning about the 4-0 split, he was in a good position to overcome it.

He led a low heart from his hand. Say that East won and led a trump. South could win that in dummy and ruff another diamond.

Bertens could then cash the king of clubs and the ace of hearts, then cross to dummy with the king of spades. He would draw the last trump, discarding his low spade, and lead a heart toward his king-jack.

He would then make his best guess in that suit if the queen hadn't already appeared.

The queen had long since appeared, as West rose with the queen when Bertens ducked a heart at trick four — not that it would have helped West to play low. Well played!

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

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				5				8
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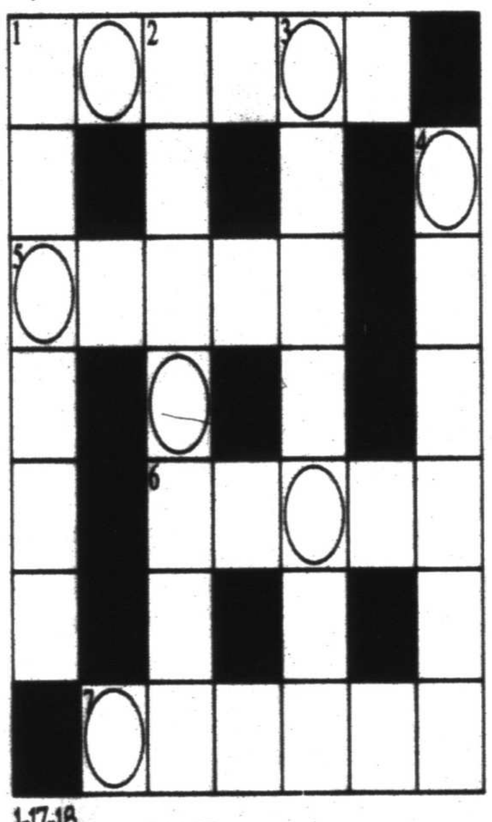
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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9	1	8	4	5	2	7	6	3

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Brawn, strength	SEMLCU
5. ___ sheet	HCAET
6. Hockey no-no	NIGCI
7. Backward	TRAENS

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Ridiculed	KDMECO
2. Variety, type	PCISESE
3. Lavatory	NLTERIA
4. Border	AMNIRG

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 is the third-most abundant metal in the Earth's crust.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Allude 5A-Chest 6A-Ixing 7A-Astern 1D-Hoodoo 2D-Spades 3D-Lasting 4D-Margin B-Calcium

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NORGP

LIHEW

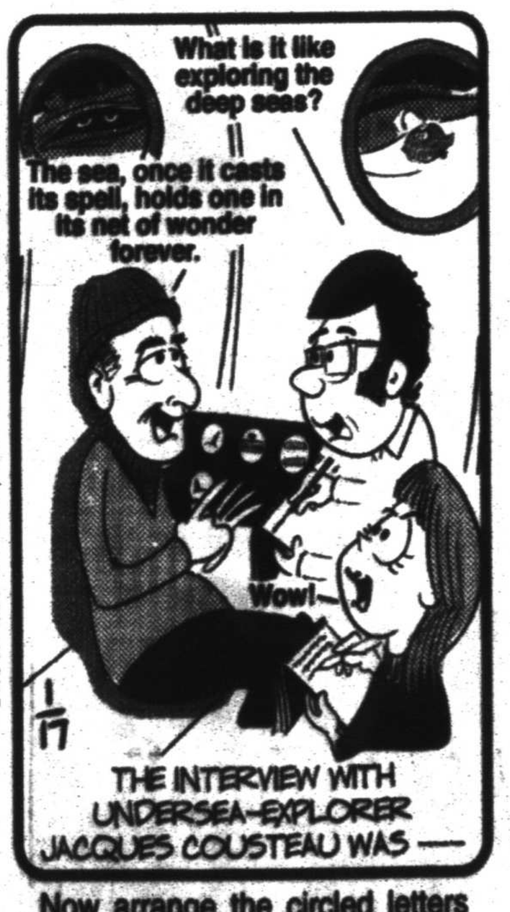
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THE INTERVIEW WITH UNDERSEA-EXPLORER JACQUES COUSTEAU WAS —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ( ) - ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIANT BROKE SKINNY TIPTOE
Answer: He said he was going to win the poker tournament, but his wife wasn't — BETTING ON IT

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Like most cookies
6 Director of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"
10 Food inspector's concern
15 Jazz singer O'Day
16 Osso buco meat
17 Swerved at sea
18 Math teacher's favorite sport?
21 Diplomatic bldg.
22 Flying off the shelves
23 Praise to the heavens
24 Rock's Grateful __
26 Fiat fuel
28 Perspire nervously, say
31 Math teacher's favorite brew?
36 Arrowhead Stadium NFL team
38 Mark for deletion
39 Sellout sign letters
40 Very confident
41 Chanel competitor
42 Museum worker
44 1869-'77 pres. monogram
45 Place for private dining?
46 New York hockey team
47 Math teacher's favorite hat?
51 Bathtub outlet
52 Product prefix suggesting winter
53 Activist Parks
56 Minds someone else's business
59 Slice of history
61 Old conductance unit
62 Math teacher's favorite cut of beef?
67 As scripted
68 World Golf Hall of Famer Isao
69 Cosmic comeuppance
70 Gives a hand, in a way
71 Editorial override
72 Hog caller's call

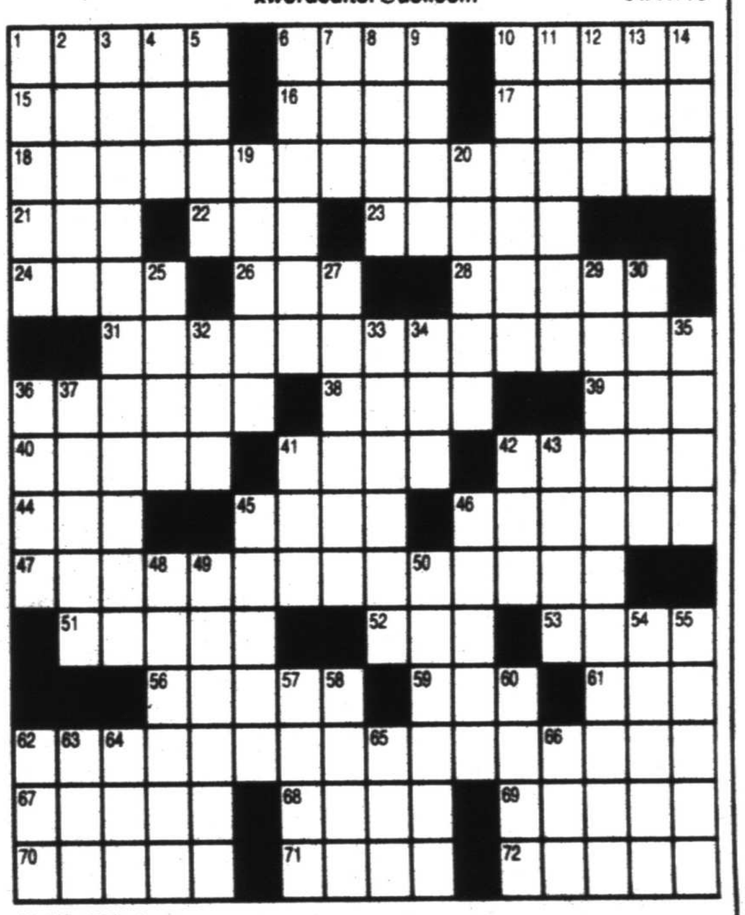
DOWN

1 With __ breath
2 Japanese art genre
3 "L.A. Confidential" Best Supporting Actress Oscar winner
4 Bastille Day time
5 Short run
6 Gamer's game face
7 Syr. neighbor
8 Half a chipmunk team
9 "Roots" author Haley
10 Shoelace hole
11 Cambridge student, informally
12 Have title to
13 Luau loop
14 TSA requests
19 Roman robes
20 Major Arcana deck
25 Kicked out of the game, informally
27 Gender-specific, to some
29 The Joker portrayer on TV
30 __ Haute
32 Many a tabloid pic
33 Fowl poles?
34 Possessive word
35 Fishing gear
36 Lingerie size
37 Member of a strict Jewish sect
41 Article written by Marx and Engels?
42 Break
43 App offering fare estimates
45 Wildly excited
46 Future fern
48 Downy amount
49 New faces around the water cooler
50 In the slightest
54 Disgrace
55 Fine
57 Flight sked data
58 Many a bagpiper
60 Wants to know
62 Sci-fi escape vehicle
63 St. Louis-to-Indianapolis dir.
64 Label for Elvis
65 Hula strings
66 Lao Tzu ideal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	A	T	H	S		A	C	M	E		M	S	R	P
I	M	H	O	T		C	R	A	W		I	K	E	A
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1.

BED

2.

ALL

Print Your Answers Here:

1. ( ) ( )
2. ( ) ( )

Today's Answers:

1. King-size bed
2. All right

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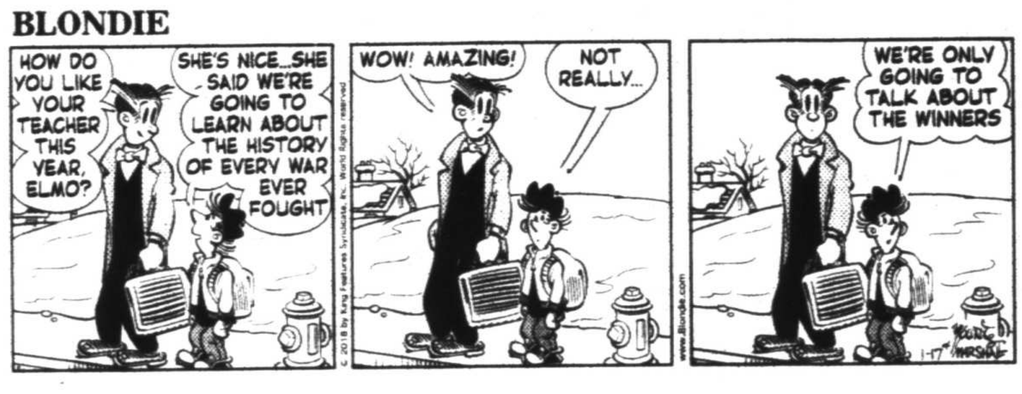
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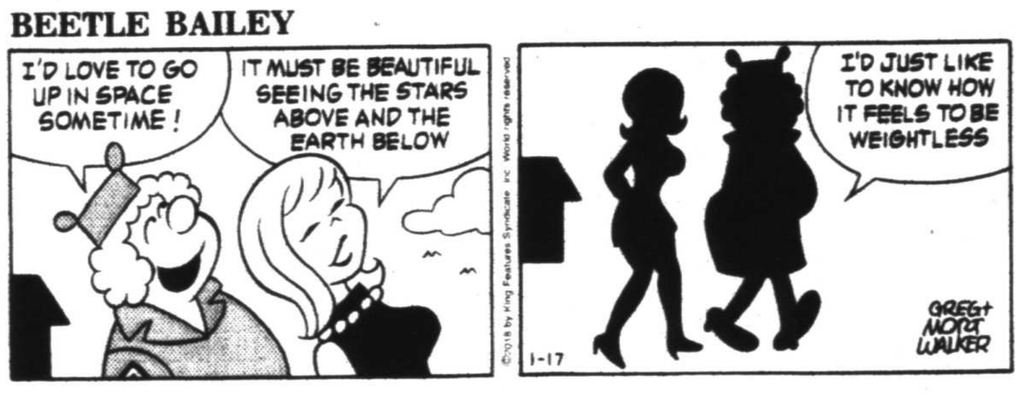
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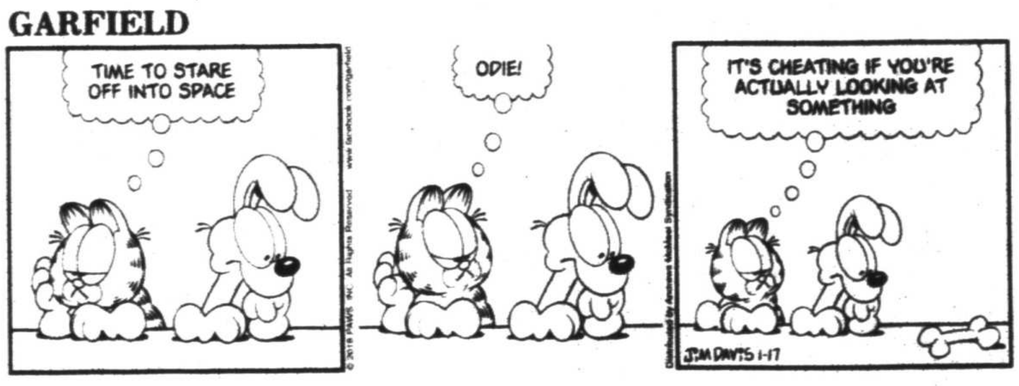
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CLOSE TO HOME



"You have done an amazing job! So good, in fact, that you are all being fired and replaced by the PZ-1200!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MR. WILSON SAYS THAT ONE OF THESE IS BORN EVERY MINUTE."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



FAMILY CIRCUS



"... Where would this country be if the government didn't do that?"

WIZARD OF ID

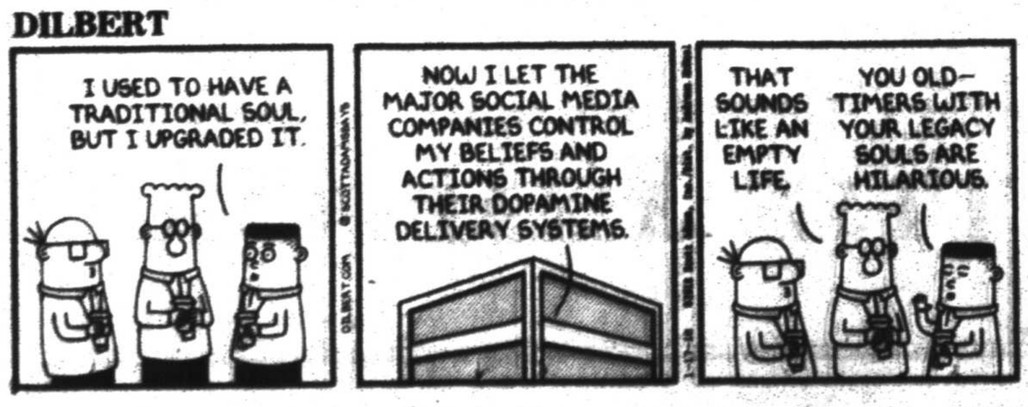


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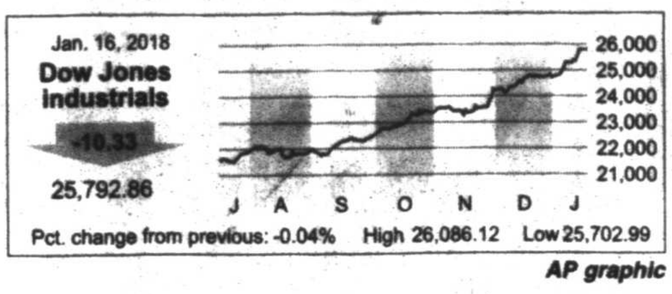
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DILBERT

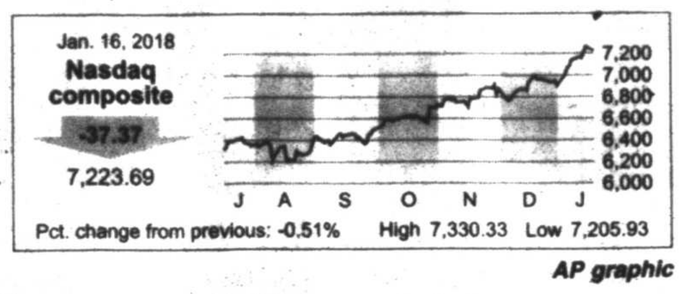


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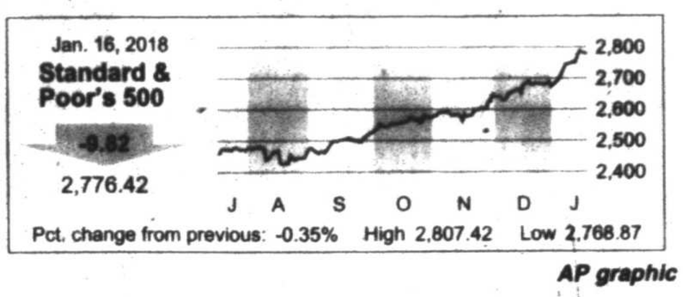
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $63.73
Previous: $64.30

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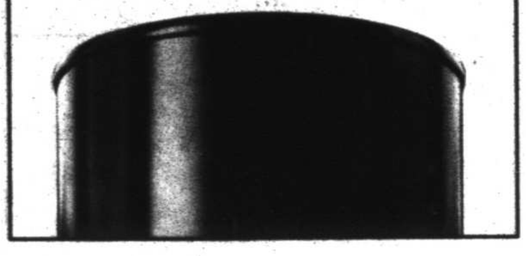
Tuesday: $60.50
Previous: $60.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $58.15
Previous: $58.40

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $3.129
Previous: $3.200



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	1845599	16.21	-.35
BkofAm	990895	31.24	+.05
S&P500ETF	941842	276.97	-.95
iShEMkts	780915	49.32	-.19
SPDR Fncl	659141	29.15	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Energizer n	59.11	+7.49	+14.5
CGG rs	6.28	+.70	+12.5
Innovint n	33.79	+3.54	+11.7
SmartStFnl	9.46	+.96	+11.3
Vipshop	16.04	+1.53	+10.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FoodSciEd n	8.43	-1.52	-15.3
HertzGl	20.83	-3.67	-14.9
AmTlFr pfB	18.12	-2.83	-13.5
AmTlFr pfD	18.42	-2.85	-12.8
AlTrFn pfA	17.00	-2.33	-12.1

Diary

Advanced	936
Declined	1,982
Unchanged	116
Total Issues	3,034
New Highs	414
New Lows	60
Volume	4,067,710,110

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BlrgldUS g	66058	3.19	+.12
NwGold g	55067	3.44	+.05
DigitalPwr	41474	2.30	-.43
22ndCentry	37016	3.35	+.01
iShIndia bl	33454	36.53	-.60

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Electrmed	6.49	+.54	+9.1
RxVitmsWk	12.06	+.88	+7.9
FTE Net n	18.60	+1.29	+7.7
SwGA Fn	22.80	+1.50	+7.3
GoldResrc	5.00	+.34	+7.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DigitalPwr	2.30	-.43	-15.8
RegHlt pfA	6.80	-.81	-10.6
BPRunGulf	40.56	-4.94	-10.9
NwGen g	2.32	-.21	-8.3
RxVitmsnF	34.50	-2.88	-7.7

Diary

Advanced	158
Declined	194
Unchanged	25
Total Issues	375
New Highs	25
New Lows	4
Volume	145,814,503

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	873361	164.02	-.47
MicronT	360831	42.92	+.11
Microsoft	345398	86.35	-1.25
Facebook	331404	178.39	-.98
Intel	321611	43.14	-.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ReconTech	3.03	+1.33	+77.7
MyStze n	2.66	+.52	+24.3
BlkfldsMkt	45.05	+8.55	+23.4
AytuBioSc n	3.43	+.62	+22.1
NewstrTc n	15.80	+2.80	+21.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ElgenBio rs	8.10	-7.90	-49.4
AptevoTh n	3.15	-1.26	-28.5
Zagg	15.45	-3.10	-16.7
SiebertFn	11.82	-2.34	-16.5
RiotBlok	18.28	-3.60	-16.5

Diary

Advanced	925
Declined	2,021
Unchanged	166
Total Issues	3,112
New Highs	412
New Lows	40
Volume	2,237,602,771

GE CEO renews pledge to study breakup after $6.2 billion stumble

Bloomberg

General Electric's new boss said he's weighing potentially dramatic changes including a breakup into separate businesses, after the iconic manufacturer said it would take a major charge related to a legacy insurance operation.

"We are looking aggressively at the best structure or structures for our portfolio to maximize the potential of our businesses," Chief Executive Officer John Flannery said Tuesday on a conference call with analysts. A review "could result in many, many different permutations, including separately traded assets really in any one of our units, if that's what made sense."

Flannery renewed the discussion of a potential breakup after disclosing a $6.2 billion charge related to an old portfolio of long-term care insurance, another setback for a company already struggling with flagging demand in some key markets. The CEO, who took over for Jeffrey Immelt in August, is cutting costs and selling assets after GE posted last year's biggest drop on the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

While Flannery vowed last year to consider all options for GE, he emphasized a plan in November to focus the company on jet engines, power-generation equipment and health-care machines. He also said the company would sell $20 billion in other assets, taking the spotlight off the possibility of a more ambitious restructuring.

Flannery said Tuesday he would continue to review the company's strategic options and update investors in the spring.

GE had staged a modest rebound this year through Jan. 12, with a 7.5 percent advance.

GE will take a $9.5 billion pretax charge related to GE Capital's North American Life & Health portfolio, according to a company statement. The after-tax impact of $6.2 billion will be $7.5 billion when adjusted to the rate following the recent U.S. tax overhaul. GE's finance unit will pay $15 billion over seven years to fill a shortfall in reserves.

"Needless to say, at a time when we are moving forward as a company, I am deeply disappointed at the magnitude of the charge," Flannery said on the call. "It's especially frustrating to have this type of development when we've been making progress on many of our key objectives."

The Boston-based company hasn't done any new business in the long-term care market since 2006. Still, it was saddled with obligations on contracts written years ago. The liabilities can swell when claims costs are higher than expected or when investment income fails to meet projections — a problem exacerbated by low interest rates.

GE said dividends from GE Capital to the parent company would remain suspended for the "foreseeable future" after the payment was halted during the portfolio review.

Investors have been bracing since GE warned last year about potential problems in its long-term care portfolio. At a shareholder meeting in November, Chief Financial Officer Jamie Miller said the company was likely to take a charge in excess of $3 billion, which is the amount GE Capital would have paid in a second-half dividend.

While an "outsized charge" had been anticipated, the financial impact is "far in excess" of even the worst-case scenario expectations, Tom Gallagher, an analyst at Evercore, said in a note to clients.

Long-term care insurance has become a headache for many of the companies active in that market in recent decades.

The policies, which emerged in their modern form in the 1980s, cover health-related costs not paid by Medicare or standard health insurance. But the products were undermined by faulty assumptions such as how long people would live and how expensive their care would be. Low interest rates also hurt insurers' ability to offset certain costs.

"Things really started to fall apart" for the long-term care market in the early 2000s, said Joseph Belth, professor emeritus of insurance at Indiana University. "Companies found that they had to raise rates frequently and substantially, and everybody was unhappy." Once the largest issuer of long-term care policies, GE has been working for years to limit the volatility tied to financial industries such as insurance. The company spun off Genworth Financial Inc., which has also faced problems with long-term care.

GE announced a plan in 2015 to sell the bulk of GE Capital's operations. The company said Tuesday that there will be "ongoing actions" over the next two years to further shrink the finance business.

Nestle selling US candy business for $2.8 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Swiss food and drink giant Nestle is selling its U.S. candy business to Italy's Ferrero for about $2.8 billion in cash. Ferrero will take over iconic chocolate brands Butterfinger and Crunch bars, as well as the sugary Nerds, SweeTarts and FunDip.

After a review of its portfolio last summer, Nestle hinted that it might sell its U.S. business, with its eye on higher-growth areas like pet care, coffee and infant nutrition.

In September, Nestle announced that it bought a majority stake in Blue Bottle Coffee, a high-end coffee company. Other Nestle brands include Purina, Gerber and Stouffer's.

Nestle, based in Switzerland, says its U.S. candy business accounts for about 3 percent of its U.S. division's sales.

The deal is expected to close at the end of the first quarter.

Dow industrials recede from 26,000 as early gains fade

Losses by industrial and technology companies helped pull U.S. stocks lower Tuesday, pulling the market back from its latest record highs.

The slide erased some of the gains from a broad rally earlier in the day that had sent the Dow Jones industrial average past the 26,000-point threshold for the first time. Energy stocks also fell as crude oil prices declined. Health care stocks were among the gainers as investors sized up the latest company earnings and deal news following a long holiday weekend.

"We've come perhaps a little bit too far, too fast," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "If you look at year-to-date performance, you have the broad popular indices up roughly 3 to almost 5 percent in two weeks' trading.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.82 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,776.42. The Dow lost 10.33 points, or 0.04 percent, to 25,792.86. It had been up as much as 282 points earlier. The Nasdaq shed 37.38 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,223.69.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold rose $2.20 to $1,337.10 an ounce. Silver added 5 cents to $17.19 an ounce. Copper was little changed at $3.22 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $156.72 Down 2.37

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.93 Down 0.17

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $128.02 Down 2.12

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.05 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.65 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.85 Up 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $20.78 Down 0.31

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $41.10 Down 0.99

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.93 Down 0.77

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $24.24 Up 0.31

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	18	6.36	+.07	+12.4
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	36.71	-.19	-5.6
Abraxas	...	66	2.89	-.09	+4.8
AdvEnergy	1.32a	...	15.67	-.11	+4.3
AMD	...	...	11.91	-.11	+15.8
AlexAlloy	...	21	67	+.60	+54.6
Alibaba	...	61	182.28	-5.91	+5.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35a	...	11.66	-.09	+8.2
Ambev	.05e	9	6.75	+.08	+4.5
Amgen	6.28a	17	165.54	+.80	+0.7
Anadarko	.20	...	56.65	-.63	+9.2
Apache	1.00	...	40.27	-.39	+9.6
Apple Inc	2.52	21	178.19	-.90	+4.1
ApldMatl	.20	17	54.80	+1.05	+6.6
Archrock	.48	...	10.50	+.05	...
ATMOS	1.80	29	86.10	+.39	-0.7
AutoData	2.52f	32	119.39	+.92	+1.9
BP PLC	2.38	36	42.46	+.45	+5.0
BlackHn	.48	18	31.24	+.05	+5.8
B JPVNST rs	...	...	27.44	+1.59	-1.7
BaringCp s	1.20	...	15.98	-.10	+.8
BarrickG	.12	23	15.20	+.09	+5.0
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	261102261.00	+98.00	+5.9
BerkHileCp	1.76	16	63.62	-.23	+10.8
BlackBerry	...	16	13.61	+.16	+23.6
BlkhwkMid	...	...	45.05	+0.55	+26.4
BillyVar	1.60f	21	89.06	-2.05	-2.2
BrownFA s	.70	59	64.00	+.39	-0.9
Brownsg s	.20	...	68.49	+.39	-0.9
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.44	+.66	+0.6
CalifResPet	...	39	12.89	-.41	+0.8
Caterpillar	3.12	44	169.31	-.99	+7.4
Celestic g	...	8	11.00	-.10	+5.0
Cemex	.291	...	8.14	+.11	+6.5
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.34	-.03	+4.0
ChesEng	...	7	4.14	-.14	+4.8
Chevron	4.32	97	132.01	-1.69	+6.4
Chicos	.32	13	9.55	-.32	+8.3
Cimarex	.60	33	125.03	-1.93	+3.1
Cisco	1.16	21	40.54	+.03	+5.8
Citigroup	1.68	15	77.11	+.27	+3.6
ClevCliffs	...	7	9.19	-.49	+19.6
CocaCola	1.68	29	46.69	+.39	+1.4
ColgPalm	1.80	26	75.42	+.89	...
Comcast s	.83	20	41.82	-.62	+4.8
ConAgra	.86	20	38.77	+.06	-6.4
ConocoPhil	1.56	67	58.84	+1.27	+7.2
Costco wh	4.80	30	170.95	+1.28	+7.6
CSVInvSh rs	...	...	5.34	+.80	-3.6
CrossTim	.99e	15	15.25	+.19	+3.8
DCP Mid	3.12	59	41.56	-.07	+14.4
DTE	3.30	20	104.14	+.22	-1.9
DanburyR	...	...	2.35	-.08	+0.3
DanvrsE	.84	62	49.29	-.78	+4.8
DxSCBear rs	...	...	11.41	+.43	-7.0
Disney	1.68f	19	110.69	+1.79	+3.0
EDG Resrc	.67	...	113.39	+2.51	+8.1
Energen	.08	...	57.28	-.07	-5
EnPro	.60	52	91.26	+1.61	+2.3
ENSCO	.04	...	6.97	+.46	+17.0
EntProPt	1.70	23	28.58	-.20	+7.0
Ericsson	.11e	...	8.04	-.08	+3.9
ExxonMbl	3.00	84	86.97	-.55	+4.0
Facebook	...	33	178.39	-.98	+1.1
FordM	.60a	12	13.10	-.19	+4.9
FrptMcM	...	...	19.32	-.43	+1.9
GATX	1.88	14	66.71	-.77	+5.7
GeoMetM	.04e	...	6.40	+.01	+2.4
GlbSpc	1.15a	...	25.01	+.02	+0.5
GoldFld	.48	18	18.21	+.05	+4.2
GoldMotors	1.52	7	44.19	+.12	+7.8
Goldfld	.020	...	4.52	-.14	+21.5
Goldcrp g	.24	27	15.39	+1.04	+20.5
GtPlainEn	1.10	19	30.84	+.51	-6.5
Halliblrtn	.72	...	52.13	-1.01	+5.7
ICICI Bk	.169	...	10.51	+.53	+8.0
iShBrazil	.579	...	43.08	-.15	+6.5
iShChinaLC	.879	...	49.80	+.01	+7.9
iShEMkts	.59e	...	49.32	-.19	+4.7
iS Eafe	1.55e	...	73.43	-.07	+4.4
iShIBdHYB	6.09	...	87.53	-.05	+.9
iSPrRDX	1.77e	...	156.14	-2.02	+4.2
Infosys	.40e	19	17.78	+.07	+0.6
Ingram rs	...	...	.46	+.10	+119.0
InspMD rs	...	...	.19	+.04	+47.7
Intel	1.68	19	43.14	-.10	-0.5
InterDig	1.40	11	79.40	-1.30	+4.3
iShCorEM	.95e	...	59.47	-.32	+4.5
JDcom	...	27	46.46	+.06	+12.2
JPMorgCh	2.24f	18	112.27	-.40	+5.0
JohnJn	3.39	21	146.86	+1.10	+5.1
KimbCls	3.88	19	114.35	+1.28	-5.9
KindMorg	.50	36	19.39	-.13	+7.3
Kinross g	...	...	4.46	+.12	+3.2
LegacyRes	...	...	2.05	-.02	+27.3
Lubrizl	...	...	2.79	+.04	+5.8
MarathO	.20	...	18.24	-.56	+7.7
McDnlds	4.04f	30	173.60	+.11	+.9
Merck	1.92f	19	62.07	+0.41	+10.5
MetalMod	...	89	85.89	+.20	+8.3
MexcoEn	...	...	4.51	-.07	+14.8
MicronT	...	9	42.92	+.11	+4.4
Microsoft	1.68	31	86.35	-1.25	+9.3
MyStze n	...	...	2.66	+.52	+310.5
Nabors	.24	...	8.23	+.04	+20.5
NOBVarco	.20	...	39.47	-.57	+6.8
NSTFB	.55a	...	14.79	+.02	-2.7
NYMOf	.56	...	14.34	+.02	-.7
Nvidia	.60f	61	220.11	-2.67	+13.8
OcciPet	3.08	...	75.37	-1.39	+2.2
Oracle	.76	21	49.59	+.09	+4.9
PDC Engy	...	...	64.17	-1.48	+5.1
PerTech	...	81	6.69	+.01	-7.2
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PetWtI	.66	...	59.09	-.55	+4.5
Penney	...	19	3.66	-.19	+22.2
PetBras	.84	13	11.42	-.28	-4.0
Pmian	.63e	26	9.40	+.03	+6.0
Petrobras	...	...	11.70	+.23	+13.7
Pfizer	1.28	16	36.89	+.05	+1.0
PlsMkt	.08	...	192.51	-3.64	+5.6
PrincipalAP	2.60	27	63.50	-1.09	+10.9
PrUltQQQ	1.32e	...	104.02	-.47	+5.3
Procter	3.18	29	102.10	-0.05	+4.8
ProShSP	...	...	49.89	...	+4.5
PUVNSTrs	...	...	9.75	+1.00	-4.5
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Qualcom	2.20	27	59.25	+2.57	+5.6
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SP CnSt	1.28e	...	56.91	+.26	...
SP Engy	2.04e	...	76.44	-.98	+5.8
SPDR Fncl	.48e	...	29.15	-.08	+4.4
SP Inds	1.12e	...	79.45	-.72	+5.0
SP Tech	.78e	...	66.55	-.26	+4.1
SP Util	1.56e	...	50.15	-.11	-4.8
TAL Educ s	...	...	28.36	-2.72	-4.5
TelefEsp	1.28e	...	10.12	+.17	+4.5
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	21.41	-.98	+13.0
3M Co	4.70	28	244.74	+.27	+4.0
Torchmark	.80	20	91.42	-.83	+.8
Transocn	...	11	11.47	-.73	+7.4
Travelport	.30	...	13.65	-.05	+4.4
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Twitter	...	...	24.66	-.75	+2.7
TylerTech	...	60	188.63	+1.68	+7.1
UndrArm s	...	24	13.81	-1.31	-4.3
UnArC wi	...	...	12.48	-1.66	-8.3
UBSI	1.36f	19	36.80	-.48	+5.0
US OilFd	...	...	12.76	-.11	+6.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.17	-.36	+7.7
ValeantPh	...	6	22.98	-.86	+10.8
ValeroE	2.80	26	96.15	-.60	+4.6
VanEGold	.08e	...	24.37	+.36	+4.9
VangFTSE	1.10a	...	46.75	-.05	+4.2
VerizonCm	2.36	11	51.66	-.20	-2.4
Vipshop	...	33	16.04	+1.53	+36.9
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WEC Engy	2.21f	21	63.15	-.48	-4.9
WalgBoots	1.80	15	76.03	-.04	+4.7
Wealthfrnt	...	...	4.20	-.05	+.7
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WmsCos	1.20	56	32.59	-.52	+5.9
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26,616.43	19,677.94	Dow Jones Industrials	25,792.86	-10.33	-.04	+4.34	+30.09
11,380.32	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	11,227.31	-148.07	-1.28	+5.80	+23.38
778.80	649.94	Dow Jones Utilities	683.19	-.72	-.11	-5.55	+2.81
13,299.19	11,118.47	NYSE Composite	13,246.82	-47.52	-.36	+3.42	+18.31
7,265.28	5,469.82	Nasdaq Composite	7,223.69	-37.37	-.51	+4.84	+30.42
2,797.85	2,254.35	S&P 500	2,776.42	-9.82	-.35	+3.95	+22.42
1,967.46	1,651.08	S&P Midcap	1,952.07	-13.90	-.71	+2.71	+16.75
29,702.29	20,554.41	Wilshire 5000	29,702.29	-155.35	-.47	+3.89	+21.26
1,558.17	1,335.09	Russell 2000	1,572.97	-10.00	-.19	+2.44	+16.32

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NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: 1/17/2018, in the Midland Reporter-Telegram published in Midland County, Texas.

1. Notice is hereby given that the West Texas Weather Modification Association has filed an application with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The West Texas Weather Modification Association holds a valid Texas weather-modification license, issued by the State of Texas on August 31, 2017, for Fiscal Year 2018 which began on September 1, 2018.

3. The purpose of the proposed weather-modification operation is to augment rainfall for agricultural and water resources and to suppress hail within the target area of the West Texas Weather Modification Association. The requested period of the permit is 4 from the date of issuance of the permit.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area, to cause the intended effect(s) to occur only in the target area. The operational area is composed of the target area as well as the following counties: Howard, Mitchell, Coke, Runnels, Concho, Menard, Kimble, Edwards, Val Verde, Terrell, Pecos, Crane, Midland, Martin.

5. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area contained within the following boundary (boundaries): Glasscock, Sterling, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Crockett, Schleicher, and Sutton.

6. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein. A meteorologist licensed by the TDLR to conduct weather-modification operations will select suitable clouds for seeding using a weather-radar system, as well as standard analytical and weather-forecasting procedures, to guide aircraft to release cloud-condensation nuclei either at cloud base or at cloud top to promote the growth and development of the precipitation process within the clouds and/or suppress the formation of hail within the clouds. The aircraft will be equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense appropriate materials, either glaciogenic or hygroscopic or a combination of the two, into those clouds deemed suitable for seeding.

7. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed weather-modification operation should contact George Bomar, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), P. O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711 (512/936-4313); george.bomar@tdlr.texas.gov.

8. A public meeting on this application may be called by mailing letters, or petitions, that specifically request a meeting to the Executive Director, TDLR, P. O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711. The letter or petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, phone number, and mailing address, including physical address and name of county, of each person requesting the meeting; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and that he(she) resides or owns property in either the operational or target areas, and
(3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely impacted by the proposed seeding operation. Requests for a meeting must be mailed and postmarked to the TDLR within 30 days after the date of first publication of the Notice of Intention, which is required by State rules to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected counties once a week for three consecutive weeks. If at least 25 eligible persons make appropriate written requests for a meeting, the TDLR will schedule a public meeting within the area where the operation is to be conducted. Public notice stating the time, place, subject, and legal authority of the public meeting shall be provided at least 20 days prior to the meeting. Since the application includes hail suppression as an objective, persons living in the affected area and eligible may petition for, and cause, an election, or elections, to be held; the results of such election(s), as certified and submitted by the respective county commissioners court, will be evaluated before the Department issues any permit.

9. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency licensing and permitting procedures, may call the TDLR at (800) 803-9202 or access the following website: www.tdlr.texas.gov.

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

VDI Licensing
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **Wednesday, January 16, 2018.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12 Noon, Tuesday, January 30th, 2018.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1240-011718"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **January 30, 2018**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Amy Jean Fultz
Director of Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway
Midland, Texas 79701
Amy.fultz@midlandhealth.org

Legal and Public Notices

Legal Notice

The Permian Basin Workforce Board is releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified auditing firm to conduct the Board's annual single agency audit according to generally accepted auditing standards; the standards set forth for financial audits in the U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards; the provisions of the federal Single Audit Act, as amended; and Title 2 U.S. CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

Permian Basin Workforce Board is the grant recipient and fiscal agent of federal workforce development and federal child care and development funds for the 17-counties in the Permian Basin. The details of the federal funds associated with the single agency are as follows:

- 96.3% of the audit will be financed with Federal funds;
- The total amount of Federal funds to be audited is $16,526,557; and
- The percentage and dollar amount of non-governmental sources is 0.02% and $3,000.

The balance of Permian Basin Workforce Board's financing is from state funding.

A RFP packet may be obtained beginning January 16, 2018 by contacting:
Gail Dickenson
432.563.5239
Gail.dickenson@workforcepb.org

The deadline for submitting a proposal is February 13, 2018 at 12:00 noon Central Standard Time.

The Permian Basin Workforce Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Lots and Land

FEATURED RANCHES FOR SALE

36,460 deeded acres in Sandoval County, New Mexico – The terrain varies from high elevated ponderosa pine mesas to lower wide valley bottoms. This scenic ranch has the perfect "land of enchantment" charm. The property is well watered with extra nice improvements and the ranch receives over 100 elk permits. One-half minerals. $550 per acre.

10,666 acres located in Terrell County, Texas – This outstanding hunting ranch is located north of Sanderson. Big Canyon runs through the ranch creating a combination of limestone hills, ridges, valley bottoms and upland plateaus. The ranch features both mule deer and whitetail, and in recent years, elk have migrated to the property. Classified Minerals. $525 per acre.

25,785 acres located in Ector County, Texas – This ranch is located near Penwell in the heart of the Permian Basin. It has proven frac sand reserves on the east side of the Monahans Sandhills. The property has access off I-20 with extensive railroad frontage. There are three new Carrizo Aquifer water wells. Sand test results, survey and other pertinent information is available. Because of the proven frac sand availability, this ranch has great upside potential. $1,047 per acre.

14,393 acres located in Pecos and Brewster Counties – The terrain varies from wide, productive valley bottoms to rocky limestone hills and mountains. Extensive brush work has been done on portions of the ranch and approximately 4,000 acres are established to Rein grass pasture. Excellent hunting, including elk. Classified Minerals. $650 per acre.

7,705 acres located in Pecos County, Texas – The terrain is gently sloping on portions of the ranch, transitioning to rugged limestone hills, divides and deep canyons. The property is well known for producing large whitetail and mule deer, with elk now common. Classified Minerals. $550 per acre.

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., January 31, 2018 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18001061

For: Airless Truck Mounted Striping Machine Bid Request

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE

THAT THE MIDLAND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT,

In compliance with Chapter 772, Subchapter D of Health & Safety Code and Sections 116.021 through 116.155 of the Local Government Code of Texas, **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that said District, at a meeting of the Board of Managers at 8:00 a.m., February 8th, 2018, will consider applications for and award a depository contract with one or more banks in Midland County for deposit of the District's public funds.

Any banking corporation, association, or individual banker desiring to be designated as the District Depository shall make and deliver to the Director of Communications, 1110 W Wall St, Midland, Texas, on or before February 1st, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., an application to be designated as such depository. The application must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus, and be accompanied by: (1) a statement showing the financial condition of the bank on the date of the application; and (2) a certified check in the amount of $6,386 (representing at least one-half percent of the District's anticipated revenue for this calendar year). Said check to be returned following signing of contract.

Dated in Midland, Texas this 8th day of January 2018.

Pat Moore, Chairman
Board of Managers of the
Midland Emergency Communication District
1110 W Wall St.
Midland, TX 79701

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
2310 Neely Ave - Midland
Thursday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 2 PM

For pictures go to
https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1772259

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BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
5716 Ridgemont - Midland
Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 2 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For pictures go to
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Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

FOR SALE 17 acres in Nogal Canyon and a home with a spacious living area with a rock fireplace. Property also includes, a courtyard, guest house, barn, shop, two entrances, fully fenced property. Seller will include a 140 acre lot in Ancho with an acceptable offer for this Nogal, NM property. $299,000 Please check out the video: www.211nogalcanyon.com Offered by Darien Ross Associate Broker Pinnacle Real Estate 931 Hwy 48 Alto, NM 88312 575-336-7711 Office 575-973-0117 cell.

FSBO 4 bedroom, 2 full baths, 1 3/4 bath and 1/2 bath by heated pool and hot tub. 2507 Bellechasse Ct. Midland. See pictures at Zillow.com. Call 432-853-9080 for an appointment to see.

Merchandise

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Sporting Goods

Permian Basin Gun Show - Ector County Coliseum, Odessa TX, Building G. Saturday & Sunday. Jan. 20th, 9am-5pm Jan. 21st, 9am-5pm Bought, Sold or Traded Sponsored by: John and Shirley Pokorny

OAK, PECAN, Hickory, Mesquite, Pinon. 432-209-0416 or 325-782-4262

Lots and Land

Hunting Leases

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RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres
near Snyder, Tx.
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TOYOTA 2012 Sequoia SR5 2WD 57,496 miles. Black with sand leather interior. 2nd row bench 3rd row seat. Routinely serviced, new tires. one owner. Excellent condition. $25,000. 432-638-6360

Recreation Vehicles

SALEM 2015 Cruise Lite Camper - bumper pull 23' approx. 1 Queen + 2 bunk beds, bathroom with tub/shower & toilet, 2 burner stove, fridge, microwave & ac/heat. Has been kept under cover, used on 15 days in 2 years. $7,500. call or text 432-553-0952

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

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Residential Rentals

UPSCALED CORPORATE APT. fully furnished, 1 bed/ 1bath. $3,300 all bills paid. Month to month lease available. 432-352-7777

Apartment Rent Furn

EFFICIENCY APARTMENT located behind 907 W. Dakota. $700 monthly, utilities paid $300 deposit. Call Melissa 432-260-9767.

Apartment Rent Unfurn

Pets-Animals

Cats

LOST: B & W Male Cat Has collar and tags if seen please call Ann @432-599-3515 last seen on Bedford &G St. Will offer small reward if found!!

Dogs

AKC STANDARD POODLE PUPPIES, TAILS SHOWCUT AND DEWCLAWS REMOVED, VET HEALTH CHECKED, PARENTS ON SITE 432-210-4009, 432-212-7202

LOST DOG!!!! 11 month old female Red Merle Australian Shepherd goes by the name of Rori. Lost near 1789 & 158 Midland,Tx Call 432-413-4220 or 432-557-0951 Does not have collar.

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Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

UNDER CONTRACT!! BEAUTIFULLY RE-MODELED 3 bedroom 2 baths, 2 car garage, large backyard. $169,000. Open house every Sunday 2-4 until sold. 5121 W. Illinois. 432-683-2363. No agent involved

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General Announcement

THANK YOU ST. JUDE for Prayers Answered 2017

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Lots and Land

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- 4,212 ac. Mavric Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer, quail, turkey, hogs. $825/ac
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- Nolan County – 640 ac. over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, whitetail, mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail. SOLD
- 1,280 ac. Parker County, New Living/Shop, 700 ac. tillable, 2 houses, creek, lakes, pipe, blinds, feeders, whitetail, mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail. $1,400/ac
- Howard County – 640 ac. pipe, blinds, feeders, whitetail, mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail. $1,000/ac
- 640 ac. Menard County – 2 houses, blinds/feeders, great deer, turkey, hogs, quail, water, some pasture, $750/ac
- 160 ac. Mills County – 2 houses, blinds/feeders, great deer, turkey, hogs, quail, water, some pasture, $750/ac
- 320 ac. Mills County – 2 houses, blinds/feeders, great deer, turkey, hogs, quail, water, some pasture, $750/ac
- 1,280 ac. Gaines County – 2 houses, blinds/feeders, great deer, turkey, hogs, quail, water, some pasture, $1,150

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Home Services & Home Improvement

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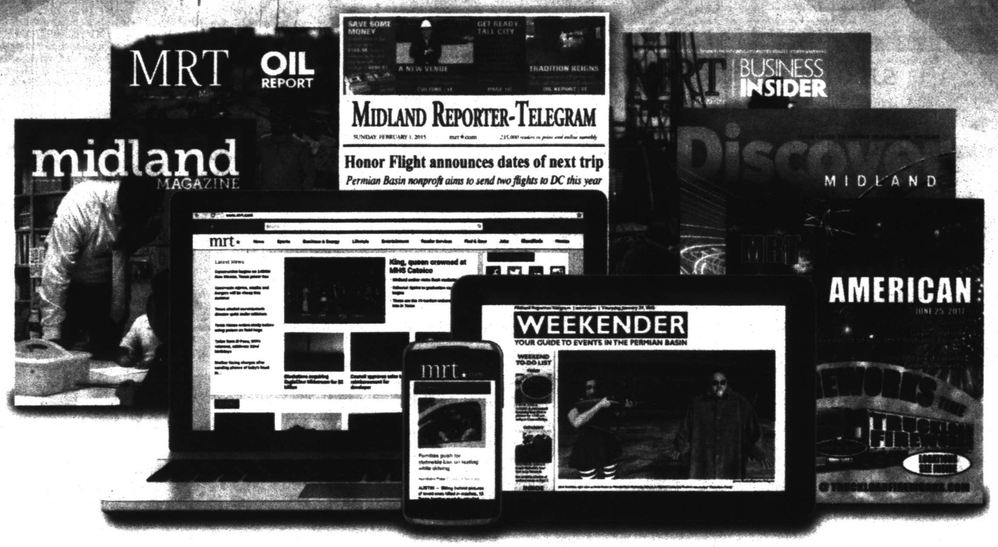




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