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Falling oil prices lead to drop in road funding

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Thanks to crashing oil prices, Texas will send far less of its money in the coming years to transportation than it originally expected — a difference of hundreds of millions of dollars, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar told lawmakers Wednesday.

But the Republican's overarching message? Don't panic.

For the 2016 budget year, which started in September, Texas will pour $1.1 billion in oil and gas severance taxes into the State Highway Fund. That was based on collections from the previous year.

But with oil prices plummeting, those transfers are expected to tumble to a total of $594 million in fiscal 2017 before bobbing up to $740 million the next year, Hegar told the House Select Committee on Transportation.

Such transfers are triggered by a proposition voters approved in 2014 that reroutes a portion of petroleum severance taxes from the state's rainy day fund into the highway fund.

"There are a lot of people hyperventilating with concern. I thought about going around with brown paper bags," Hegar told the committee.

On Wednesday, per-barrel prices of West Texas crude hovered at about $26 — less than half its value when Hegar started his job a year ago and what seemed like a light-year away from early 2014's days of $100 oil.

Still, Hegar stuck to the sky-is-not falling message that he has frequently pushed since being sworn into office.

This slowdown, he said, will look nothing like the 1980s, when

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More oil news

- Futures prices aren't the only ones taking a hit this year. The West Texas sour posted price has dipped below $20 a barrel for the first time since 2003.
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PUMPING MONEY

Edyta Blaszczyk/Odessa American

Pioneer Natural Resources President and Chief Operating Officer Tim Dove, left, speaks at a valve turning ceremony Wednesday at the Bob Derrington Water Reclamation Plant.

Pioneer starts pumping Odessa's wastewater

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

Pioneer Natural Resources began filling its pipeline with city of Odessa effluent water Wednesday, marking the completion of the infrastructure for a deal expected to net the city more than $117 million through the next decade and beyond.

Officials with the oil company, speaking at a "valve turning" ceremony at the city's Bob Derrington Water Reclamation Plant, said it's too early to say how much of the city's water they will use this year.

Company officials are still preparing a budget for the coming year. Meanwhile, oil prices remain volatile and at a 12-year-low, hovering at less than $30 per barrel. (The regional benchmark Plains All American West Texas Intermediate posted price was $23.25 per barrel on Wednesday).

But either way, the city of Odessa will start making money in August. That is when Pioneer must pay for water under a take-or-pay agreement with the city, unless company officials choose to pay a $3 million fee for deferring the deal.

"In a nutshell, what this does is it brings revenue to the city of Odessa that we can do projects with," Mayor David Turner said. "We can work on our old, aging infrastructure. We can use that money to replace it at no cost to the taxpayers, which is fantastic."

City officials have already commissioned a $400,000 study — to be paid with money from the Pioneer deal — that will evaluate the city's water treatment plant on 42nd Street.

City Manager Richard Morton described the study as the first phase in a project that could result in greater treatment of the lake water that makes up the city's drinking water supply, or other upgrades to the plant. City officials are also exploring new water sources that the Pioneer deal could help fund, Morton said.

The about $25 million pipeline extends about 20 miles from the Bob Derrington plant to central Midland County, where plans call for a broader water system to supply water for fracturing, said Tim Dove, the company's president and chief operating officer, at the Wednesday event.

The pipeline was designed to flow 150,000 barrels of water per day at 120 pounds per square inch, with a maximum flow of 200,000 barrels per day at 150 pounds per square inch (a barrel is 42 gallons).

The effluent water, which is essentially toilet water, will mean Pioneer needs to use less fresh water and hire fewer trucks to deliver it.

"This is a landmark project, not only for Pioneer, but really for the Permian Basin oil and gas producers, as well as the city of Odessa, showing the best of what can happen when you have a combination and a symbiotic relationship between the private sector and the public sector," Dove said. "This is a big project even for Pioneer, though."

As oil prices plummeted at about this time last year, Pioneer officials sought a deferment of up to two years as they determined they would need less water for drilling and completing oil wells.

Odessa City Council ultimately granted that deferment in exchange for lengthening the term of the deal by a year and an agreement by the oil company to pay $3 million for every year the company defers taking water, up to two years. The 11-year contract was projected to net the city more than $117 million, with two five-year renewal options for the company.

Pioneer benefits by securing a water supply. Additionally, the rate the oil company will pay under the deal with the city of Odessa — starting at $6.33 per thousand gallons, with a minimum 3 million gallons per day — is less than they would pay for fresh water. Fresh water went for about 50 cents to $1.50 per barrel when the city and the company signed the initial deal in summer 2014.

Last February, as Pioneer officials sought to defer the deal before the initial start date of August 2015, executives reported a cut of 45 percent to its capital expenditures for the year. They also

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Despite sagging economy, financiers give Midland high marks

By Brandon Mulder
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Midland continues to rack up the accolades for the city's small-business environment, despite its gradual increase in unemployment numbers. The unemployment rate increased by 1 percent in the 12 months leading up to November 2014. Cuurently, it's 3.4 percent — the highest in more than two years, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Although the increase has been noteworthy — especially to the thousands oilfield workers laid off in the past year — the state of the city's economy remains salient to online small business and personal finance services.

Earlier this month, the online financial service company NerdWallet gave Midland the eighth spot in a ranking that analyzed local business environments in 181 metropolitan areas in the U.S. The analysis reviewed the number of small businesses per 100 residents, the percent of population between 25 and 34 — so-called millennials — the percentage of the population with a higher education and the amount of local money given in small-business loans.

With nearly 17 percent of the local population between 25 and 34, Midland's strongest point was its concentration of millennials, coming in at third, just after Austin and Fairbanks, Alaska.

The city's weakest category, however, was the number of small business loans it distributes to qualified and diverse business enterprises in the local economy. Having distributed a little more than $6.7 million in small-business loans per 100,000 residents, Midland ranks 111 of the 181 cities analyzed.

Local companies that have benefited from the small-business loan program, which was allocated by the Midland Development Corp., include Susie's South Forty Confections. Owner Susie Hitchcock-Hall was granted a $35,000 loan in 2005 to hire new employees and upgrade equipment to meet the demands of her product, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Now, the candy-making company ships confections to customers across the globe.

"Three of the top 10 cities (including Midland) offer costs of living below the national average," NerdWallet said in a summary. "By reducing living and office space costs, entrepreneurs have more cash to invest in their growing businesses."

Midland also ranked No. 10 in its median income: $52,261, the highest in Texas. But it ranked low, No. 123, in the percentage of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher (25.5 percent).

In November, the online e-commerce website PayPal ranked Midland No. 3 in top economies for small- and medium-size business markets in the nation by

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Natural Gas	$2.060 ▼	$0.001
Gasoline	$1.705 ▼	$0.016

Did you know?
Scientists think they've found **a 9th planet** in our solar system. Read more on Page 5A.

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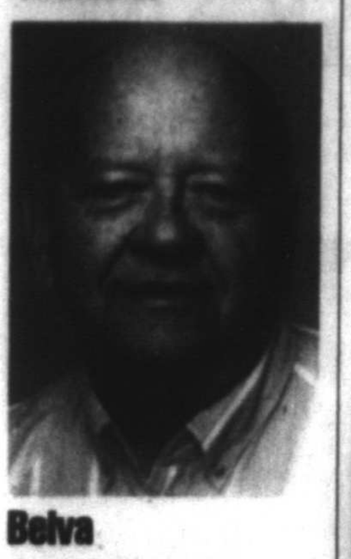

Belva Burnell Lucas

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be." - Deuteronomy 33:25

Belva Burnell Lucas, 76, of Midland, Texas, was born on September 2, 1939 in Brown County, Indiana. He passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Belva served as a pastor for 30 years at New Harvest Fellowship Church. He worked 30 years for Cummins Engine Company in Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lucas of Midland; three sons, Casey Lucas and Jesse Lucas, both of Midland, and Jerry Lucas of Noblesville, Indiana; two daughters, Gayle Lucas and Jennifer Ogden, both of Noblesville; three brothers, Don Lucas of Columbus, Indiana, Ted Lucas of Edinburgh, Indiana, and Rick Lucas of Columbus; five grandchildren, Miranda Lucas, Grant McGuire, Maddie Lucas, Jacob Lucas, and Lucas Ogden; three great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his grandson, Garret McGuire.

A viewing will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed immediately by a burial at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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Bobby J. Ybarra

Bobby J. Ybarra passed away peacefully to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, January 18, 2016 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was 57.

Bobby was born to Pedro V. and Ramona L. Ybarra on June 4, 1958 in Pecos, Texas. He was raised and educated in Midland and had been an electrician most of his life.

Bobby was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He was loved and will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. He touched so many lives.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Roy J. Ybarra and a sister, Mae Ybarra.

Bobby leaves behind his loving parents, Pedro V. and Ramona Ybarra; four brothers, Pete Ybarra, Jr., Michael Ybarra, Henry Ybarra, and Peter Ray Ybarra; and his loving sister, Sandra L. Ybarra.

He is also survived by his four children, Jennifer Ybarra, Joe Luis Ybarra, Jacob Ybarra, and Isaac Ybarra; nine grandchildren; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A rosary will be tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Friday, January 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

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

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Brenda Sue Reed Jones

Our beloved mother, sister, and friend, Brenda Sue Reed Jones, departed this earth on January 18, 2016. She was known affectionately as "Mamaw Sam," by those who were closest to her.

Brenda was born on Wednesday, July 18, 1945 in Beaumont Texas, to Elmer Reed and Vivian Morgan who preceded her in death, along with her brother, Shorty Reed, and grandson and namesake, Samuel "Sam" Ryan Geer, and great granddaughter, Alexis Smith. Mamaw leaves behind her brothers, Jerry Reed and wife Virginia, James Morgan and wife Martha, and JR Morgan and wife Diane; sisters, Joyce Camp and husband Jimmy and Shirley Hannigan; and three daughters, Beverly Smith, Peggy Geer, and Licia Blackmon; along with six grandkids, Robert Harris and wife Megan, Krystal Smith, Roy Geer and wife Hayley, Todd Lemons, James Smith and husband David Smith, and Michael Blackmon; and six great-grandchildren, who are Eliana Smith, Gracie Lemons, Mason Harris, Finley Geer, Mayer Geer, and Nolan Harris, all of whom cannot find words enough to say good bye on this day.

Brenda was best known by her friends and co-workers as Sam. She had a career of 21 years at Vought Aerospace, that later became Northrop Grumman. She was a highly esteemed friend and Electrical Inspector. She loved her job and the many friends she made there over the years.

Mamaw Sam was best known for her unconditional love, her smile, and her laughter that would light up a room, causing everyone around her to be lifted up no matter what they were going through. She had an incredible desire to make everyone near her comfortable every minute they were in her presence. She was the one we all would go to for advice because we knew she would tell us the truth, even if it was not what we wanted to hear. Our greatest gift beyond her love is the Legacy of Faith she showered on us with every prayer she prayed for us. We had to let Mamaw go to the arms of Jesus today, knowing that we would be okay as we walked in faith for each day granted us! Mamaw, we will forever miss your warm touch and beautiful smile.

Brenda will be buried in Midland, Texas on January 22, 2016 at Resthaven Memorial Park. A viewing will take place at Ellis Funeral Home between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

The funeral service will be at the Dolley Neal Chapel located at Midland College on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Cooper Polk Robbins, Jr.

"I believe this is the best I've ever had," Cooper Robbins, Jr. would say about things he savored most in life. To those he loved, Cooper himself was also one of the best they have ever known. He passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016; Cooper was 83.

For Cooper, life began on March 17, 1932, in Fort Worth. His father was Cooper Robbins, Sr., a Texas high school and college football legend and coach at North Side High School and Diamond Hill High School. His mother, Elizabeth Nabors Robbins, was the only child of Lee and Minnie Nabors, an early-pioneer couple who were influential in the Fort Worth area. Cooper had twin brothers, Ronald (and wife Mary Sue) and Donald (and wife Judy) Robbins, who now survive him.

When Cooper, Sr. became the head coach of Breckenridge High School, the family relocated there. It was at Breckenridge High-where he played linebacker on defense and center on offense, under his dad-that Cooper, Jr. first earned his nickname "Tuffy." During one game versus Graham High, Cooper was punched in the face by a player just in front of him (no face guards at the time), with four of his teeth broken as a result. His coach and father grabbed the cleat pliers and extracted the remaining bits of the broken teeth so that Cooper could play out the remainder of the game, while his mother nearly fainted when she saw the blood running down the front of her son's jersey. (Later; Cooper would become good friends with the culprit at Texas A&M.)

But he wasn't content to play football-Cooper also loved musical theater and drama. His favorite plays included *Porgy & Bess* and *The Wizard of Oz* and later, *The Phantom of the Opera*. In high school, he won an acting contest, and he loved the musical stylings of various artists, from crooners like Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole to originals like Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson.

Cooper never lost his love of music and finer things, and he also learned many practical skills as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and later, an Eagle Scout; he taught Indian lore in costumes and headdresses which he had made himself, and he was one of four Scouts from Breckenridge to attend the 1947 World Jamboree in Moisson, France.

In addition to the high moral standards he learned in Boy Scouts, Cooper found a solid foundation of faith in being raised with a loving church family, attending First Christian Church in Breckenridge, dating the preacher's daughter and considering the ministry as a career. He always stayed close to God, and later in life, he would design Bethany Christian Church in Odessa.

Born to be an Aggie, Cooper earned his way through TAMU by winning a football scholarship after he enrolled in school - as the toughest 153-pound linebacker the Aggies had ever had. He never simply tackled a player; instead, he hit and then hung on to the other man for dear life until help arrived. To complicate things, Cooper's vision was so poor that he wore thick goggles on the field in order to see, but at times, he still managed to tackle the wrong man. He worked hard though, and by his sophomore year, he had a scholarship that would pay for the first four (out of five) years for his Architectural Construction degree.

All told, Cooper received a Fish Numeral and two varsity letters in football at Texas A&M, plus his degree. Years later, season after season, Cooper would return to TAMU to participate in Aggie Kickoff Camps, mixing with coaches and players until he was physically unable to do so-he might have been the most loyal Aggie who ever lived!

Professionally, Cooper's Architectural Construction degree served him well in his work as a cost estimator and project manager. In 2004, he retired in order to move to College Station and "live the dream of an Aggie Alumni."

Cooper was also fortunate to find love twice in his life, first with Betty O'Bannion in 1953. They married and became the parents of four children: Darelle, Darel (and wife Kay), Cheryl (and husband Steve Holden) and Bill (and wife Kathy). Eventually, Betty became so ill that she returned to live with her parents, leaving Cooper as a single father to four young children; she passed away in 1963. Then in 1964, Cooper met and married Sara Lynn Leck, and they celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on April 17, 2015.

Cooper and Sara landed in various locations around Texas over the years, including Odessa, Midland, Morgan's Point Resort at Lake Belton, and finally, College Station. Later, Cooper would settle at Carriage Inn's assisted living facility in Bryan following the passing of Sara in June of 2015.

Cooper believed in tradition, discipline, perfection and beauty, as reflected in the time and attention he paid to the things and the people he loved. One of his favorite memories included taking all of his grandchildren to the Alamo Bowl. His grandchildren include Lynsey, Leah, Andie Ray, Bobby, Keely and Tawny, in addition to 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends and family will gather to celebrate and honor Cooper's life from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016, at Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan. Cooper's Life Celebration will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 220 Rock Prairie Rd, in College Station, with interment to follow at the Aggie Field of Honor.

To learn more about Cooper's extraordinary life, please visit *www.hillierfuneralhome.com*.

Mary Frances Knowles Carter

October 9, 1941 - January 17, 2016

Mary Frances Knowles Carter passed away in her home in Midland on January 17, 2016, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

She was born to Thomas Clyde Knowles and Dorothy Gwendolyn Maddox Knowles on October 9, 1941, in El Paso, Texas. On January 14, 1961, she married the love her of life, Douglas Carter. They went on to have three sons, Billy, Gilbert, and Brian. Mary was a homemaker when her children were young and went on to work for various school districts afterward. She lived in El Paso and Phoenix prior to moving to Midland.

Mary leaves behind her beloved husband of 55 years, Douglas; sons, Billy, Gilbert and his wife Kim of Midland, Brian and his wife Dianna of El Paso; and by her half-sister, Gloria of El Paso. She also leaves behind grandchildren Justin, Amanda, Derek, Kevin, Sarah, Austin, and Miranda; and two great-grandchildren, Hudson and Bodie; as well as so many friends, many of whom she met while barrel racing.

Her parents and her sister Laurie precede her in death.

A life celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Texas Cowboy Church at 12144 E. Highway 158 in Gardendale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or MD Anderson Cancer Center. Donations can also be made to WrapN Up A Cure, a local charity barrel race. It is being hosted on the weekend of February 19th and donations can be made at *http://wrapnupacure.com/Details.html*.

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Mary Sue Robinson

Mary Sue Robinson, 81, of Ackerly, died Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Big Spring Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mary was born June 14, 1934 in Big Spring, Texas and married Mitchell Robinson August 1, 1959 in Big Spring. They farmed and raised cattle in the Knott area. Her love for cattle began early and she showed cattle nationwide, winning once in Chicago. She served locally and state wide as a 4-H Adult Leader.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Knott where she was a treasurer and Sunday School Teacher.

Mary is survived by her three sons, Kent Robinson of Knott, Scott Robinson and wife, Leslie of Tarzan, and Lance Robinson and wife, Leslea of Ackerly; three grandchildren, Lauren, Zane, and Sloan Robinson; and by one sister, Ann Bond of College Station.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Robinson; parents, Floyd Thomas and Vaughnea Elizabeth (Williams) White; and by one brother, Jimmie C. White.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 or a charity of choice.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care for their love and support.

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

Tamara Hansen

November 14, 1971 - January 18, 2016

Tamara Rene Hansen, 44, passed away peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital January 18, 2016 after a short struggle with cancer.

She was born November 14, 1971 in San Diego, California to David and Olivia (Elliott) Evans. She was a 1990 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

She is survived by her son, Dawson Hansen; mother, Olivia Moore; step-father, Joe Moore; brother, James (Jennifer) Moore; nieces, Jessica and Janette Moore; grandparents, Cecil and Freda Evans; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, David Evans; grandparents, John and Gladys (Belcher) Elliott; and her step grandparents, Burch and Margaret Moore.

Viewing will be held 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorials Gardens in Odessa.

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

Teresa Ann Evans

Teresa Ann Evans, 62, of Midland, Texas, was born on November 2, 1953 in Riverside, California. She passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Teresa was a tenderhearted, courageous, strong woman who fought for what she believed in. As a social butterfly, she loved to laugh and her presence lit up the room. She was decisive, it was black or white, never gray for her. She could find beauty in all forms, and would always help you to see the silver lining. She was a loving grandmother, who ferociously cheered at all the football and baseball games, and the choir concerts.

In her early years, Teresa was active in her church and taught Sunday school.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Evans of Midland; one son, John Ross Evans of Midland; two daughters, D'Lynn Niblock and her husband David of Amarillo, Texas and Chelsea Evans of Midland; one brother, Terry Akin of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Treena Petree of Lubbock and TaLori Hatch of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, Tyler Niblock of Amarillo, Payden Niblock of Amarillo, Cambria Evans of Midland, and Croix Evans of Midland; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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William Patrick "Duece" Kirksey

William Patrick Kirksey, 66, passed away on January 17, 2016 in Roswell, New Mexico. He was born on September 30, 1949, in Oakhurst, California. His parents were James and Patricia Griswold Martin.

After graduating Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Duece studied mechanics at Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell, New Mexico. He was self-employed as a mechanic for 45 years.

He was an amazing man, father, brother, and grandfather. He enjoyed snake hunting, camping, and fishing. A talented man, he played guitar, wrote music, and loved to dance. He also liked to ride horses and to ride his motorcycle. He easily made long-time friends, and has many lifelong friends all over the country.

Those remaining to carry on his legacy are daughters, Shawnee Marie Jordon of Almogordo, New Mexico, Dee Dee Jordon of Deming, New Mexico, and Patricia "Dote" Kirksey of Midland, Texas; brothers, Jim T. Martin of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Stuart Kirksey of Austin, Texas; sisters, Lockie Kirksey of Austin, and Georgia Salopek of Nevada; and beloved aunt, (Tia) Lockie Sue Bissett of San Angelo, Texas. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held at a later date.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Duece with the family in the online register at *andersonbethany.com*.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Rodney Everette "Chief" Vick, Jr.

Rodney Everette "Chief" Vick, Jr., 84, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at First Baptist Church in the Chapel at 3:00 p.m.

Survivors include wife, Shirley Vick; daughter, Carol Ryan; son, Kenneth Bailey; son, Wayne Bailey; son, Timothy Vicki; and two brothers.

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Aviation community calls Smith's death a 'terrible loss'

By Ed Todd
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Over the years, tenacity became one of Dallas Smith's favorite words. Its spirit and force reflected his character and resolve as a stellar aviator, faithful family man, enterprising businessman and dedicated law-enforcement officer.

"No matter what, he really loved Midland" and favored the term tenacity to accentuate his perseverance, said Donna Smith, his wife of 23 years.

"He is very driven (to excel). He made the effort to master everything he wanted to do. That's kind of what he lived by — never quit. He was a straight-shooter and a good shooter," Smith said.

Characterizing her late husband as a young 73, Smith, 56, said, "He never would have considering retiring."

The former Midland County sheriff, who died last week in a plane crash in Glasscock County, owned Deep Water Resources, an oilfield equipment company.

Whatever task he undertook, "he gave it all his best and did a great job," said state Rep. Tom Craddick, who flew with Smith when campaigning for speaker of the House of Representatives in 2002.

"Dallas was a straight shooter, a very good friend, a real friend," Craddick said.

Dallas Lee Smith Jr. settled in Midland in the 1960s initially as a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper. He learned to fly in Midland and eventually earned an airline transport pilot certificate.

"He was a great guy and a great aviator and a tremendous asset to the community," said fellow aviator Ole Olsen, a Midland-based Southwest Airlines pilot and former aerobatic pilot.

Smith

Smith's death came as a "terrible loss to Midland, especially to the aviation community," Olsen said.

Smith left Midland on Jan. 14 at the controls of a 1960s-vintage, single-engine, 108-horsepower Piper Colt. He was heading to visit Connie Edwards on his ranch south of Big Spring. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.

"I can't imagine what happened," Donna Smith said. "I don't know if we ever will know."

Smith was hailed as an outstanding pilot who was certified to fly a variety of aircraft — from World War II-era planes to Learjets.

"Dallas flew the airplane as if he was part of the airplane," said Midland pilot Charles Spence. "That's how great he was. He was one of the best pilots I ever flew with, probably the top two or three."

"He checked everything thoroughly, made sure everything was working right," Spence said in recalling his flights with Smith.

One of those flights occurred in the early 2000s when Spence joined Smith, who was piloting a Learjet carrying World War II ace Chuck Yeager to Midland from California for a Commemorative Air Force function.

Smith's death is a shock to the local aviation community, said pilot Earl Erdmann, who preceded Smith as chairman of the Midland International Air & Space Port's Planning and Development Board. Smith also was chairman of the Permian Basin Airport Regional Board.

Smith was "an awesome guy, another Ole Olsen, unbelievable (in their aviation expertise)," said Erdmann, 58. "He is probably one of the safest pilots (ever)."

Erdmann described Smith as conscientious and meticulous not only in his pre-flight inspection and in flying, but also in working on aircraft as an airframe and power-plant mechanic. Smith rebuilt a 1944 P-51D Mustang that he bought in 1978 with Robb Satterfield and Aaron Giebel, Erdmann said.

Mark Henry Dettman, former Midland prosecutor and county attorney, recalled the time he spent with Smith when the latter was sheriff between 1977 and 1984.

"We were both kind of persistent workers," said Dettman, a law-enforcement chaplain.

Dettman said his one regret was not taking a ride in the Mustang's jump seat.

"Dallas always offered me a ride in the Mustang, and I never took him up on it," he said.

But a young Donna Strickland did. After dating for 10 years, she married Smith in 1993.

"We could rock-and-roll in (the Mustang) pretty well," she said. "And I loved it — the wild (aerobatic) ride. He was trying to impress me. And I was impressed. He did understand flying. He did understand mechanics," Smith said.

"Robb Satterfield taught Dallas how to fly the P-51 and how to fly aerobatics," she said.

While working on the Mustang, Smith was trying to fix something but couldn't figure it out," Dettman said. He needed the schematics and manuals from the manufacturer, North American Aviation. The records remained classified from World War II, but Dettman helped Smith obtain them through the Freedom of Information Act. Smith, in turn, shared the records with P-51 owners nationwide.

"Before that, everybody was working in the dark," Dettman said.

Dettman said he has enjoyed working with the Midland County Sheriff's Office under the command of Smith and his successor, Sheriff Gary Painter.

"There's no doubt Dallas modernized the Sheriff's Office," Dettman said.

Smith instituted substantial pay raises for his deputies; called for pay bonuses for academic degrees, especially in law-enforcement; required physical fitness and working knowledge of criminal laws; and sent deputies to the FBI academy, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

The Sheriff's Office is "not here to have a sheriff's posse or a rodeo or have a bunch of good old boys standing around the courthouse chewing tobacco," Smith was quoted as saying.

In Smith's last meeting with the county commissioners, they cited his ingenuity, creativity and straightforwardness.

"Over the years, you had made such improvement away from the good-old-boy concept," Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis told Smith. "You don't tell a man how to run his department. I have nothing but accolades and commendations for you and your staff," Davis said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MCSO identifies man arrested in standoff

The Midland County Sheriff's Office released the identity of the man who had been taken into custody Tuesday evening after a brief standoff in a neighborhood along Business I-20 in the western part of Midland County.

Jim Tavarez, 32, of Odessa was arrested after a standoff with deputies and the SWAT team. Tavarez is now being held in Midland County jail on two first-degree felony charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault causing bodily injury, according to a press release from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Tavares

At about 3 p.m. Tuesday, MCSO received 911 calls stating that Tavarez — in a silver car — allegedly was chasing a woman and firing shots with a chrome 9-mm pistol. Law enforcement found the vehicle parked at a residence along the 13500 block of West County Road 124. Deputies called in the SWAT team and established a perimeter around the residence while evacuating nearby residents.

Tavarez surrendered when SWATarrived. He was taken into custody at around 5 p.m.

If convicted of the two first-degree felonies, Tavarez could face between five and 99 years or life in prison.

Man robs 7-Eleven at gunpoint

A 27-year-old Midland man was arrested Tuesday night after allegedly holding up a 7-Eleven at the intersection of North A Street and Loop 250.

Quentin Spells was being held Wednesday on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery. Spells previously had been arrested and held on the same charge for robberies that took place last week and on Dec. 26, also at 7-Eleven stores, according to court records.

Spells

Spells entered the store at about 11 p.m. Tuesday wearing coveralls, a hoodie, mask and gloves and demanded money from two registers, according to the arrest affidavit. He was carrying a black handgun, according to the affidavit. The incident was captured on the store's video surveillance system.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Spells could face up to 99 years in prison.

FORT WORTH

Attorneys: 'Affluenza' teen to return to Texas within weeks

A teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck will return to Texas from Mexico within weeks, and his case will likely be transferred from the juvenile to the adult system, his attorneys said in a statement Wednesday.

Ethan Couch has been challenging his deportation, but paperwork was filed to "terminate the ongoing immigration proceedings," attorneys Scott Brown and Reagan Wynn said in the statement.

A Mexican federal judicial official told The Associated Press that Couch's attorney in Mexico filed a document on Sunday seeking to lift the injunction that has kept the 18-year-old in that country. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the matter publicly.

Authorities allege Couch and his mom crossed into Mexico in December, as Texas prosecutors investigated whether Couch violated his probation after an online video surfaced that appeared to show him at a party where people were drinking.

Energy exec appointed to MC board of trustees

From staff reports

Midland College board of trustees has appointed energy executive Paul L. Morris to fill the unexpired term of Neil Florer, who died in August.

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford administered the oath of office Tuesday during the trustees' regular monthly meeting at the Pevehouse Administration Building.

Morris is the chief executive officer and co-founder of Elk River Resources, according to a press release from MC. Before founding Elk River Resources in 2013, Morris served as chief executive officer and president of Midland-based Wagner & Brown Ltd.

Morris is a member of the board of governors of Midland Memorial Hospital. His previous board participation includes the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Midland. He is a past-president of the Petroleum Museum and of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, and he has served on the board of the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University.

Morris

"Paul brings with him some great experience as a community leader and business executive," board President Steve Castle said in the press release.

Morris will serve on the board through 2016. His at-large Place 4 position will be on the November ballot, along with the Place 1 at-large position currently occupied by Steve Kiser, the Place 2 at-large position occupied by Linda Cowden and the Place 3 at-large position occupied by Larry Lawrence. MC board members are elected to six-year terms.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Things to do

■ Third Thursday Reading Program will feature the book "The Mystery Glove," 4:30 p.m. George Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. 432-685-1112, bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Jon Wolfe, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

■ Elaina Kay Music, 9 p.m., Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

■ Throwback Thursdays with DJ Wildman spinning hits from the '80s and '90s. 10 p.m., 20/20, 1023 S. Grant Ave. Odessa. $5 21 and older, $10 under 21. facebook.com/Club20200dessa.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers meets 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

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

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50pigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Diabetes support group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ Sun Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.

■ Bingo, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, 7 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, Paula Milhollon, 770-3156.

■ Cops Alley Clowns of West Texas; 520-3512.

West Texas Food Bank

The opening of the West Texas Food Bank's new Odessa facility is planned for 2-4 p.m. Friday at 411 S. Pagewood.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway is to be the guest speaker. Tours of the facility will follow a the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new facility is about four times the size of the original one on Second Street. For more information, visit www.wtxfoodbank.org.

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685-7314

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681-7613

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Today in history

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1994, a jury in Manassas, Virginia, found Lorena Bobbitt not guilty by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding her husband John, whom she'd accused of sexually assaulting her.

In 2010, a bitterly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress.

Today's birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 76. Singer Mac Davis is 74. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 65.

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OPINION

Daddy Trump is looking out for you

■ He's keeping the message simple and appealing to the authoritarians amongst us

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

So you say you want a daddy for your president?

OK, so maybe you didn't say it, but on a subliminal level, you may have felt it, especially if you're a Republican primary voter leaning toward Donald Trump.

Such is the finding of a recent national poll unveiled in the current issue of Politico magazine. The survey's author, political consultant Matthew MacWilliams, found that Trump supporters tend to be primarily "authoritarians."

This shouldn't come as a surprise since "authority" sums up the content of both Trump's persona and his campaign. How many times have you heard him say, "Believe me," usually following some sweeping promise that has virtually no basis in reality?

But Big Daddy's the boss. What he says goes. Case closed.

For many Republicans, this trope apparently offers comfort. Fathers, after all, are brave, strong and filled with correctitude. They lay down the law; you follow it. Easy peasy. So much for Republican allegiance to independence and self-sufficiency. When it comes to government authority, the only difference between a daddy state and a mommy state is the number of bullets in the clip.

The problems Trump cites, whether China's currency manipulation or illegal immigration, are real enough. It's his build-it and ban-'em solutions that are overbroad and draconian.

Doesn't matter.

What voters hear when Trump speaks is validation of their anger, resentment, fear and loathing. This *folie a deux* between demagogue and populace (the leader and the led) is nothing new, but a substantial percentage of GOP voters are managing to overlook Trump's parallels to history's other authoritarian figures. They, too, invariably appealed to nationalistic, nativist pride and made enemies of "the others."

Republicans don't have a monopoly on such characteristics or characters — there's no tyranny like the left's imposition of absolute equality — but Trump is the only candidate of either party for whom the variable of "authoritarianism" was statistically significant in this survey of 1,800 registered voters. And none of the usual variables — education, income, gender, age, ideology or religiosity — were significant among likely Trump voters.

So exactly what does it mean to be "authoritarian," in MacWilliams' parlance? In a word, it means you obey — and that you value obedience.

Authoritarians also are attracted to strong leaders and react strongly to outsiders when they feel threatened. These qualities aren't necessarily an indictment of either Trump or his supporters. It is natural to want to protect one's home (land) when intruders are reportedly about. And who in her right mind wants a weak leader? Been there, haven't we?

Trouble is in the details, or, in Trump's case, the lack thereof. His plans and policies are amateurish to pretend-ish, certainly as compared with someone's like Jeb Bush, who has offered detailed plans for tackling complicated issues. Not that voters are going to read them.

On the Democratic side, authoritarianism didn't register as statistically significant — at least not yet. Bernie Sanders may seem the amiable if crotchety grandfather, but anyone who thinks government ought to control large portions of the economy and who promises to transfer wealth from one group of people to another won't be a sweetheart for long.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton, who has endured decades of authoritarian comparisons — from the finger-wagging teacher to the emasculating Nurse Ratched — is today a kinder-gentler, head-nodding version of her former self.

Of the three — Trump, Sanders and Clinton — Hillary is by far the most rational, which surely comes as a surprise even to the many Republicans, anecdotally, who have told me they'd vote for Clinton over Trump. Companion to this anomaly is the New Hampshire voter who can cast a ballot in either primary and is torn between Sanders or Trump. Eh? What's that?

That could only be explained by the straight-talk effect for which both Trump and Sanders are known. But the world of difference between them — other than their mutual disdain for reality — suggests that our next president could be just anybody and for no particular reason whatsoever.

Today's voters are so mad they can't see — or think — straight. They want simple solutions and simplistic slogans. With Trump, they get both, as well as a furious father figure, who, snapping off his belt for a good whuppin', will build a wall, bomb the hell out of 'em, and bravely defend "Merry Christmas."

Believe me.

OUR VIEW

State has more serious things to worry about than fantasy sports sites

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton considers daily fantasy sports sites to be illegal. But he said it's up to the Legislature — "not this office or the courts" — to change the legal framework that would make daily fantasy sports permissible, according to the Associated Press.

In our view, the state of Texas has bigger things to worry about.

We don't have to name these fantasy sites because people who watch sporting events on TV get a large enough dose of their marketing. Fantasy sports have become part of our culture. It was only a matter of time before someone took it to this level.

We have seen little proof that these websites are having a negative impact on our society. In our opinion, if an age-appropriate person wants to participate in that arena, that is their decision. We have no intention of getting into a debate over what's right and what's wrong with daily fantasy sports sites, just like we have no intention of debating the merits of legalized gambling — lotteries, scratch-off tickets and horse racing — in Texas.

If the state views fantasy sports as illegal, officials need to go where Paxton doesn't appear to want to go. They need to try the issue in court. Until that happens, we are going to assume that some legislator is making hay of the issue because they are interested in the potential tax revenue. We are giving the attorney general the benefit of the doubt that he issued the opinion in response to that lawmaker and not because he's trying to deflect attention from his pending legal matters.

Paxton has been indicted on three felony charges of violating state securities laws. He is accused of funneling clients to a friend's investment firm without being properly registered with the state, and for convincing investors to buy stock in a tech start-up without disclosing he was being paid by the firm, according to the Houston Chronicle. Paxton is the first sitting attorney general to be indicted in more than 30 years.

Lastly, if daily sports fantasy sites require regulation, it's likely an issue for Washington, not Austin. Unless our state's leaders are being backed by a majority of Texas residents and unless they are willing to walk the walk, they should avoid taking up this issue because knowing what we know now, it's a distraction from the real business that needs to take place.

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The Donald offers his own gospel

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Two Corinthians, right? Two Corinthians 3:17. That's the whole ballgame. ... Is that the one? Is that the one you like? I think that's the one you like.

— Donald Trump, preaching the gospel at Liberty University.

The front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination drew laughter from the evangelical students at Liberty University when he bungled the Bible verse he attempted to read to them, introducing it not as "Second Corinthians" but as "Two Corinthians."

But it doesn't seem to matter that Trump wouldn't know a Corinthian from a craps table. Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty and son of the late televangelist, bestowed lavish praise Monday on the thrice-married head of a gambling empire who talks about the need to kill members of terrorists' families. Trump, on his way to getting a sizable chunk of the evangelical vote, promised: "If I'm president, you're going to see Merry Christmas in department stores, believe me — believe me."

They believe him. So what else is in the gospel according to Trump?

Here's a first draft of his beatitudes (Great English Standard Version), blending passages from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with a mash-up from Trump's speech to Liberty University.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

We're having tremendous crowds, and we're setting records everywhere. We went to Dallas and the Mavericks Arena, packed, 20,000 people.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

We want to see win, win, win, constant winning. And you'll see if I'm president, and you'll say, "Please, Mr. President. We're winning too much. We can't stand it anymore. Can we have a loss?" And I'll say, "No, we're going to keep winning, winning, winning."

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ... If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

We got to knock the hell out of ISIS. I want a general where we knock the hell out of them fast. We need to build our military so big, so strong, so powerful. Take the oil! Keep the oil!

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works.

We're going to build a wall. This is a serious wall. And we can do it for the right price.

Whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire.

Obama is a disaster! I hold it against our very stupid leadership in this country. [John Kerry] doesn't have a clue. We get Sergeant Bergdahl, a dirty, rotten traitor. A stiff like Jeb Bush. Low-energy person. I want to see a woman president soon, but not her. She's a disaster.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth. ... You cannot serve God and money.

They say, "O you can't build a wall." So easy! I have to make it look beautiful. Why? Because someday, they'll name the wall Trump Wall.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

We're not going to give you any money, no money. We don't have it. We're a debtor nation. We owe $19 trillion. We're not going to give you any money. We're a poor nation. We protect Germany. We protect Japan. We protect Saudi Arabia. They pay us, like, practically nothing. They've got to pay up.

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life. ... Consider the lilies of the field.

We're not going to have a country left. Everyone is ripping us. We're getting killed. What's going on with the crime and the problems? And it could be some sinister plot. The stock market is starting to go down big league and a lot of bad things. Our country is disappearing. Our country is going in the wrong direction and so wrong and it's got to be stopped and it's got to be stopped fast.

Beware of false prophets. ... You will recognize them by their fruits.

I wrote "The Art of the Deal." I wrote many best-sellers. The Bible is the best. The Bible, the Bible blows it away. There's nothing like the Bible, but "The Art of the Deal" was the best-selling business book, and Obama didn't read it.

Amen?

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

FUNDING

From 1A

banks shuttered and Texas bureaucrats literally scurried across the revenue-processing floor in search of forgotten mailbags of cash.

"We're a much more diverse economy than we were in the 1980s," he said. "Texas is ranked across the board as one of the best places to do business."

Of tapping the rainy day fund to pay for transportation, Hegar said, "It's not a guaranteed reliable source of funding. It's going up. It's going down."

But long-term economic trends still look positive, he said.

Though the drilling downturn has eaten a chunk out of state sales tax collection, Hegar still expects the highway fund to get a boost from some of that revenue.

In approving Proposition 7 last fall, Texans allowed officials to send a portion of state sales and use taxes to the highway fund, along with some motor vehicle sales and rental tax collections — but only if each meets a certain threshold.

On the sales and use side, any collections above $28 billion would be routed to transportation — up to $2.5 billion — beginning in 2017. On the motor vehicle side, 35 percent of those collections would flow to the fund beginning in 2015, once that revenue eclipses $5 billion.

Texas is still on track to transfer $2.5 billion in 2018, Hegar said. And he expects a $375 million transfer from motor vehicle sales and rental taxes in 2020 — based on current data.

"Barring some global economic collapse, we're going to hit those numbers," he said.

PIONEER

From 1A

announced the company would scale back a plan to spend about $500 million on water supplies and infrastructure down to about $100 million, before slowly increasing that budget.

"We thought the right thing to do was to slow down the investments in water, albeit we are still spending at a very high level," Dove said Wednesday.

But there was a time, Dove said, when the company had planned on adding five to 10 drilling rigs per year, hitting up to 100 active rigs in the region.

That meant the company needed to accelerate acquiring water, but falling oil prices lessened that urgency, Dove said.

The company also delayed a similar deal with the city of Midland to buy its effluent water, but those negotiations had also involved renovating Midland's water treatment plant.

"Right now, Odessa is the one we are moving forward with as we speak," Dove said. "But we are still in discussions with city of Midland as well, as you might guess. And I think both of these sources are going to be needed through time."

MARKS

From 1A

measuring payment volume through the website between 2014 and 2015.

"A robust small and medium business sector can be diversified across industries and supports all business owners, not just those involved in the oil industry," Katie Ochieano, merchant marketing specialist with PayPal, said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article. "This, in turn, helps cushion the entire economy when certain sections falter."

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Associated Press

Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin speaks to a crowd as she introduces Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump at a rally in Tulsa, Okla., on Wednesday.

Sarah Palin's re-emergence underscores Republicans' split

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — If the Republican Party is on the verge of an implosion, Sarah Palin may have been the one who lit the fuse.

Palin's complicated relationship with GOP leaders over the past eight years is a microcosm of the party's broader struggles with its most restive members. What started with an embrace by party leaders evolved into wary tolerance followed by a potentially irreparable split.

So, it's perhaps little surprise that Palin is re-emerging on the national political scene at this moment of reckoning for Republicans. While she's hardly the conservative kingmaker she once was, Palin remains a favorite of the tea party insurgency, and her endorsement of Donald Trump for the 2016 GOP nomination gives him an added boost of conservative, anti-establishment credibility.

"He's been going rogue left and right," Palin said Tuesday, with a beaming Trump standing by her side. "He's been able to tear the veil off this idea of the system."

Mainstream Republicans have tried for the past several years to keep their system together by bringing lawmakers elected as disrupters into the fold rather than pushing them aside. It's a strategy that succeeded in winning the party the House in 2010 and the Senate in 2014, but it did little to achieve such conservative goals as overturning President Barack Obama's health care law or blocking increases in the nation's debt ceiling.

Now, the GOP system is cracking, leaving some in the establishment feeling they would be the outsiders in a party helmed by Trump — or by Sen. Ted Cruz, a frequent tormentor of Republican leaders who is a strong contender for the nomination.

"I thought I was a traditional Republican conservative," said Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential nominee who represented deep red Kansas in Congress for decades.

Dole has been an especially vocal critic of Cruz, who has blamed Republican failures in presidential contests on the party's tendency to elect mainstream candidates like the longtime Kansas senator. However, Dole suggested in an interview Wednesday that he might be able to make peace with a Trump presidency, saying the businessman's reputation as a "dealmaker" could mean he's able to work with Congress.

Palin's endorsement of Trump is seen as a knock against Cruz, who has been on the rise in Iowa for several weeks. She campaigned for Cruz when he ran for the Senate in 2012, and he's said her support was instrumental in his victory.

For all of her firebrand conservatism, Palin owes her place on the national stage to the mainstream Republican Party. She was a little-known Alaska governor when Sen. John McCain — seen by some Republicans as an embodiment of the party establishment — tapped her as his running mate for the 2008 election.

Palin was an awkward fit as No. 2 on the ticket, but she built an enthusiastic following with conservatives. She blended more neatly into the tea party movement that blossomed during the first years of Obama's presidency and flirted with a White House run of her own in 2012 before concentrating on political punditry and reality television.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

US to announce plan for new visa rules for some Europeans

The Obama administration will announce as early as today its plan to introduce new visa requirements for European travelers who are dual nationals of Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria, or who have visited any of these countries in the last five years.

U.S. officials and congressional aides involved in discussions say the Homeland Security Department will outline how it will phase in the new rule, designed to make it harder for Europeans who have fought for the Islamic State to enter the United States.

Iraq and Syria were targeted because the Islamic State has seized significant territory in each country. Iran and Sudan, like Syria, are designated by the U.S. as state sponsors of terrorism.

The officials and aides weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity.

WASHINGTON

Last run for current SAT this week; new one debuts in March

The current version of the SAT college entrance exam has its final run this weekend, when hundreds of thousands of students nationwide will sit, squirm or stress through the nearly four-hour reading, writing and math test. A new revamped version debuts in March.

Sixteen-year-old Alex Cohen, a junior at the Miami Country Day School in Florida, thinks he's solid on math, but he's been studiously cramming on vocabulary words to get ready for the exam.

"I don't want to study for the new one, so hopefully I'll do well on this one," he said.

Alex said his college adviser was worried about students being "guinea pigs" for the new SAT that rolls out March 5 and told him to focus on Saturday's exam. "There's a lot of vocabulary on this test, so I've been trying to memorize as many words as I can per day," said Alex, who wants to study business and finance in college.

The College Board, the nonprofit organization that owns the SAT, says more than 351,000 students registered to take the Jan. 23 test. That's a nearly 10 percent increase over the number of students registered for last January's exam. A major snowstorm could force cancellations along some parts of the East Coast. Make-up sessions would be offered with the current exam.

Looking ahead to March, College Board says the revamped exam is more representative of what students study in high school and the skills they need to succeed in college and afterward.

"Everything that's in the redesigned SAT is knowledge and skills that kids are learning in classrooms every single day. It's not left field," Cyndie Schmeiser, the board's chief of assessment, said in an interview. "No surprises. No mystery."

The test had last been revised in 2005.

The new makeover focuses less on arcane vocabulary words like "lachrymose" and more on real-world learning and analysis by students. There also is no longer a penalty for guessing on the redesigned exam, and the essay will be optional. Students who decide not to write an essay would see about 50 minutes shaved off the length of the test.

Phil Pine, who runs the test preparation company, Capital Educators, in the Washington, D.C., area, says he's dissuaded his students from rushing to take this weekend's scheduled test since that version will soon disappear and they won't be able to take the same test again if they don't score well.

But with so much material available on the current test, it's more familiar so Pine said some students have told him, "this feels safer to me."

NOAA, NASA: 2015 was Earth's hottest by a wide margin

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Last year wasn't just the Earth's hottest year on record — it left a century of high temperature marks in the dust.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and NASA announced Wednesday that 2015 was by far the hottest year in 136 years of record keeping.

For the most part, scientists at the agencies and elsewhere blamed man-made global warming, with a boost from El Nino.

NOAA said 2015's temperature was 58.62 degrees Fahrenheit, passing 2014 by a record margin of 0.29 degrees. That's 1.62 degrees above the 20th-century average. NASA, which measures differently, said 2015 was 0.23 degrees warmer than the record set in 2014 and 1.6 degrees above 20th century average.

Because of the wide margin over 2014, NASA calculated that 2015 was a record with 94 percent certainty, more than double the certainty it had last year when announcing 2014 as a record. NOAA put the number at above 99 percent — or "virtually certain," said Tom Karl, director of NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information.

For the first time Earth is 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than it was in pre-industrial times, NOAA and NASA said. That's a key milestone because world leaders have set a threshold of trying to avoid warming of 1.5 or degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times.

Because of the pace of rising temperatures, "we don't have very far to go to reach 1.5," Karl said.

But 1.5 or 2 degrees are not "magic numbers" and "we're already seeing the impacts of global warming," said NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies director Gavin Schmidt.

"This trend will continue; it will continue because we understand why it's happening," Schmidt said. "It's happening because the dominant force is carbon dioxide" from burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

Although 2015 is now the hottest on record, it was the fourth time in 11 years that Earth broke annual marks for high temperature.

"It's getting to the point where breaking record is the norm," Texas Tech University climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe said. "It's almost unusual when we're not breaking a record."

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

2 school cafeteria workers fired over food taken home

Two cafeteria workers at a West Texas elementary school have been fired after violating guidelines and allegedly taking home some leftover fruit.

The Ector County Independent School District employees were fired Tuesday. District spokesman Mike Adkins said the workers acknowledged taking some food home last week.

Both were assigned to Murry Fly Elementary School in Odessa.

Cafeteria workers, when hired, must sign a document saying they will not take food or other leftovers home from school.

The Odessa American reported the dispute involved some pears that students had with meals but did not eat and left behind. Photos of the workers, allegedly leaving with the food, were posted online.

Federal rules say foods provided to students but not eaten must be discarded and cannot be taken home or given away.

HOUSTON

Cantina operator gets life term for sex trafficking

The 68-year-old operator of a cantina on Houston's East End who was accused of running an international sex-trafficking ring has been sentenced to life imprisonment after her convictions.

Hortencia "Tencha" Medeles-Arquello was sentenced in a Houston federal court on Wednesday for her convictions after a 10-day trial last spring. A dozen women testified to being pressed into prostitution at the Medeles cantina, Las Palmas II, after being enticed, seduced or threatened from their home countries.

According to trial evidence, Tencha made more than $1.6 milion over 19 months by using the upper floor of her cantina as a bordello.

LINDALE

Police dog fatally shot; suspected gunman sought

Authorities are seeking a gunman suspected of fatally shooting a police dog following an East Texas traffic stop.

The Smith County Sheriff's Office in Tyler says the search continued Wednesday for 35-year-old Michael Paul Koch of Grand Saline. He's considered armed and dangerous.

A vehicle with Koch and two other people was pulled over Tuesday afternoon near Lindale by a constable with the K-9 named Ogar. Authorities say Koch ran into some woods. Ogar followed and the constable heard gunfire.

Sheriff Larry Smith said Ogar was shot multiple times. The other two people in the vehicle were detained for questioning.

Koch is wanted for evading arrest and interference with a police service animal by killing. He also faces an evading arrest warrant in neighboring Van Zandt County.

GREENVILLE

2 hurt when firetruck smashes into North Texas Dairy Queen

Investigators say two people have been hurt after a North Texas firetruck being returned to its department after servicing hit a Dairy Queen.

The Greenville Fire Department vehicle struck the restaurant in Farmersville on Wednesday morning.

A statement from the city of Greenville said the truck was being returned from a service center in Denton when the accident happened. Authorities are trying to determine what caused the firetruck to leave the road in Farmersville, about 15 miles west of Greenville.

The truck was being driven by a representative of the center when the accident happened, injuring the driver and a DQ patron. Officials say both suffered injuries not believed to be life threatening.

The accident wrecked the front of the truck and tore part of the awning from the restaurant.

SAN ANTONIO

Family sues mortuary after woman's body is taken from casket

The family of a 25-year-old woman whose corpse was stolen from a casket after her funeral is suing the San Antonio mortuary handling the funeral arrangements.

The family of Julie Mott is seeking more than $1 million in damages from Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The San Antonio Express-News reported family members allege the mortuary was grossly negligent in the disappearance of Mott's body after her August funeral. Mott died Aug. 8 of cystic fibrosis, and her body had intended to have been cremated.

The funeral home offered a $20,000 reward shortly after the disappearance for information leading to those who took Mott's body sometime between her Aug. 15 funeral and the next day, when her corpse was discovered to be missing. Her body still hasn't been found.

COLLEGE STATION

Texas A&M offers suit rental for students seeking jobs

Texas A&M University has opened a Career Closet to help students without the money to buy business clothes rent the items for job interviews.

Ceremonies were held Tuesday at the Memorial Student Center in College Station.

Clothing rental is free but the student must pay $5 for dry cleaning of the returned items.

Chancellor John Sharp and members of the Chancellor's Century Council last fall donated $70,000 to create or support similar programs at all schools in the A&M system. The Career Closet in College Station used the funds buy 200 suits, for men and women.

The organization is accepting donations of suits and other professional clothing, including shoes, belts and ties.

California Institute of Technology via AP

This artistic rendering provided by California Institute of Technology shows the distant view from Planet Nine back toward the sun. The planet is thought to be gaseous, similar to Uranus and Neptune. Hypothetical lightning lights up the night side. Scientists reported Wednesday they finally have "good evidence" for Planet X, a true ninth planet on the fringes of our solar system.

New evidence points to giant 9th planet on solar system edge

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented "good evidence" for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbor Neptune, quite possibly with rings and moons. It's so distant that it would take a mind-blowing 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn't been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modeling, and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the Astronomical Journal because they want people to help them look for it.

"We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later," astronomer Mike Brown told The Associated Press.

"I want to see it. I want to see what it looks like. I want to understand where it is, and I think this will help."

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable to even them.

"For the first time in more than 150 years, there's good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete," Batygin said, referring to Neptune's discovery as Planet 8.

Once it's detected, Brown insists there will be no Pluto-style planetary debate. Brown ought to know; he's the so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto's planetary status in 2006. (Once Planet 9, Pluto is now officially considered a dwarf planet.)

"THIS is what we mean when we say the word 'planet,' " Brown said.

Brown and Batygin believe it's big — 10 times more massive than Earth — and unlike Pluto, dominates its cosmic neighborhood. Pluto is a gravitational slave to Neptune, they pointed out.

Another scientist, Alan Stern, said he's withholding judgment on the planet prediction. He is the principal scientist for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which buzzed Pluto last summer in the first-ever visit from Planet Earth. He still sees Pluto as a real planet — not a second-class dwarf.

"This kind of thing comes around every few years. To date, none of those predicts have been borne out by discoveries," Stern said in an email Wednesday. "I'd be very happy if the Brown-Batygin were the exception to the rule, but we'll have to wait and see. Prediction is not discovery."

Brown and Batygin shaped their calculation on the fact that six objects in the icy Kuiper Belt, or Twilight Zone on the far reaches of the solar system, appear to have orbits influenced by only one thing: a real planet. The vast, mysterious Kuiper Belt is home to Pluto, as well.

Brown actually discovered one of these six objects more than a decade ago, Sedna, a large minor planet.

"What we have found is a gravitational signature of Planet 9 lurking in the outskirts of the solar system,' Batygin said. The actual discovery, he noted, will be "era-defining."

"We have felt a great disturbance in the force," Brown said.

Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington said Brown and Batygin's effort takes his own findings to "the next level." Two years ago, he and a colleague suggested a possible giant planet.

"I find this new work very exciting," Sheppard said in an email. "It makes the distant Super-Earth planet in our solar system much more real. I would say the odds just went from 50 percent to 75 percent that this distant massive planet is real."

Depending on where this Planet 9 is in its egg-shaped orbit, a space telescope might be needed to confirm its presence, the researchers said. Or good backyard telescopes may spot it, they noted, if the planet is relatively closer to us in its swing around the sun. It's an estimated 20 billion to 100 billion miles away.

The Caltech researchers prefer calling it Planet 9, versus the historical term Planet X. The latter smacks of "aliens and the imminent destruction of the Earth," according to Brown.

Who knows, there could even be a Planet 10 out there well beyond No. 9, but there aren't enough data at this point to guess, Brown said.

The last real planet to be discovered in our solar system was Neptune in 1846. Pluto's discovery came in 1930; humanity got to see the small icy world and its main moon Charon up close for the first time last July thanks to New Horizons.

The spacecraft, unfortunately, is in the opposite direction of Planet 9, according to the researchers, and thus unable to help in its detection.

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PRO MIXER The Young Professionals of Odessa host their 2016 Kick-Off Mixer at the Ellen Noel Art Museum. The event is open to all looking to network among area professionals and meet new people. 5:30 p.m.

COUNTRY HOWL Singer Jon Wolfe comes back to Midland to take over the Rockin Rodeo stage tonight. Doors open at 8 p.m. $10.

FRIDAY

GAME ON Hastings hosts Friday Night Magic weekly at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

WILD LIFE The I-20 Wildlife Preserve's Celebrate Winter's Magic celebrates three years of Midland's green oasis. Learn how to identify area birds while sipping a warm beverage from their hot chocolate bar. Binoculars, sturdy walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing encouraged. 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

LIKE ANGELS Get a dose of angelic-sounding music with the UTPB Harp Studio Recital under the direction of instructor Vincent Pierce. The concert is free at the Rea-Greathouse in the Wagner Noel. 4 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

BINGE WORTHY Read our exclusive with Oak Ridge Boys' Richard Sturbin on Friday on MRT.com before their Monday night show at the Wagner Noel.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The 5th Wave"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Dirty Grandpa," "The 5th Wave."

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "The 5th Wave," "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi"
Closing: "Creed," "Sisters"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

(JUST LIKE) STARTING OVER

Fans bring Damn Quails back to the studio and road

By Rich Lopez
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For just their second album, Oklahoma-based band The Damn Quails had more than enough baggage going into it. They were caught up in a legal imbroglio with their management and label fighting to retain the rights to their name, music and even likeness. The battle-lasted two years but the band prevailed — and started over.

"It gave something to build and create," founder and musician Bryon White said. "We hadn't created in a long time."

Sans a label or team, they asked for help in the form of a Kickstarter campaign. When the campaign begin in January, their goal was $50,000. Apparently the band had made an impact with their 2011 debut "Down the Hatch." The fans responded, and the band raised close to $5,000 above their original goal.

"There were days when we were thinking about raising that much money in so many days," White said. "And once it happened, it really kicked us into high gear."

The band ventured to Austin and laid down the songs for their next release. The result was a solid collection of a dozen songs that straddle the line of Red Dirt country and pop-folk sensibilities.

"We recorded it at 12th Street Sound, and David Abeyta from Reckless Kelly produced the record," he said.

And they opted for a different approach. The tracks were recorded live rather than each instrument layered in. The experience was completely different than anything they had done before.

"I liked the dynamic of it. It was a refreshing way to do it," White said. "We have our sound figured out pretty good, and it gives a feeling more like our live show."

The band will bring that sound and feeling to Lone Star Bar on Friday.

With a new year and a new outlook, the band plans to stick to what it knows best: touring and playing shows. But they do it within reason. Instead of stretches of being on the road, they prefer a half-week of shows and then back home.

"Some have families and they like to get back to them. So we'll do our shows maybe three days a week and then back home. But every so often we'll do a run of two or three weeks," he said. "But when our Sprinter van gets quiet, we know our nerves are raw."

WANT TO GO?

The Damn Quails, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. thedamnquailsband.com.

'THE FIFTH WAVE'

'Ride Along 2' and 'Revenant' to again vie for No. 1 spot at box office

By Ryan Faughnder
Los Angeles Times

Kevin Hart and Leonardo DiCaprio are poised for a box-office rematch this weekend.

The Hart-starring cop comedy "Ride Along 2" and DiCaprio's Oscar-nominated western epic "The Revenant" will probably top the domestic charts again, with each expected to gross around $20 million Friday through Sunday in the U.S. and Canada.

Those two contenders are expected to comfortably fend off Hollywood's three competing new releases: Sony Pictures' teen sci-fi movie "The 5th Wave," Lionsgate's raunchy generational comedy "Dirty Grandpa" and STX Entertainment's horror offering "The Boy."

"Ride Along 2," with Hart again starring alongside Ice Cube, grossed $41 million in its debut over the long Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend. The sequel was closely followed by "The Revenant," which added $37.5 million to its total after picking up 12 Oscar nominations, including best picture and lead actor (DiCaprio).

"The Revenant," released by 20th Century Fox and co-financed by New Regency, has taken in about $97 million domestically as of Monday since its limited Christmas Day release. The 19th-century tale of revenge in the unforgiving wilderness cost $135 million to make.

The upcoming weekend follows a strong start for the 2016 box-office year, thanks in part to the strength of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

"The 5th Wave," starring Chloe Grace Moretz, is expected to take in $11 million to $13 million in its domestic debut, though the studio is projecting a more conservative $8 million for the young-adult novel adaptation.

Moretz plays a teen trying to save her younger brother in the midst of a series of devastating alien attacks. The movie, co-financed by LStar Capital, cost $38 million to produce. Sony is hoping the movie, based on a book by Rick Yancey, will appeal to audiences overseas.

"Dirty Grandpa," the R-rated comedy starring Robert DeNiro and Zac Efron, is expected to take in roughly $10 million through Sunday.

Meanwhile, STX's horror movie "The Boy" is on track for $9 million to $11 million, on a production budget of $10 million.

The PG-13 supernatural thriller follows an American nanny hired by an English family to care for a life-sized doll that they treat like a living child. STX co-financed the production with Lakeshore Entertainment. It's tracking best among teens and young women.

Also opening Friday in limited release is the Chinese fantasy movie "Monster Hunt," a blockbuster that last year became the highest grossing movie ever in its home country with $381 million. It's debuting in roughly 30 U.S. theaters this week.

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MOSC gives Spanish composer US premiere

By Rich Lopez
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Spanish composer Oscar Navarro clearly means much to Midland.

Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale fans were treated last year to a masterful performance of Navarro's "Clarinet Concerto No. 2" by Chris Chance and the orchestra. The MOSC goes one step further on Saturday by giving his "Latent Emotions" its U.S. premiere and will be hosting the composer.

The concert will also feature a solo performance by violinist John Madura.

Navarro, who was born in Spain, went on to the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music, where he studied music for motion pictures and television. Since then he has scored music for European films and shorts.

Navarro will appear at the pre-concert talk and supper event, Symphony SoundBites, in the Rea-Greathouse Hall. Conductor Gary Lewis and Madura also will be a part of the event.

Madura is in his eighth season as MOSC's concertmaster and also serves as first violin for the Permian Basin String Quartet.

The concert will include von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant Overture" and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5."

WANT TO GO?

"Latent Emotions" 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$30. $25 for Symphony SoundBites. MOSC.org.

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

"Texas Native Wildflowers Exhibition" opening reception. 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E.Wadley Ave. On display through March 26. sibleynaturecenter.org.

The works of James Hieb and Chris Hieb. Fridays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Winter Art Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland as well as works by clients from Rays of Hope and MARC. The exhibit runs through March 15. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St. midlandss.org.

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas special" and more. Through Jan. 31. Durham Children's Museum, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Apparat" features works by 13 artists. Through Feb. 14. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. ballroommarfa.org.

EVENTS

Young Professionals of Odessa 2016 Kick-Off Mixer. The free event is open to the public and encourages networking among area professionals as well as a drive for new members. 5:30 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. ypodessa.org.

Winter's Magic: Third Anniversary Celebration of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. The event will feature a hot chocolate bar, a session on building birdfeeders and lessons on how to identify area birds. Binoculars, sturdy walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing encouraged. Saturday. 2201 S. Midland Drive. Free. i20wildlifepreserve.org.

FAMILY FUN

Third Thursday Reading Program will feature the book "The Mystery Glove." A copy of the book will be given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments served. 4:30 p.m. George Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. 685-1112, bushchildhoodhome.org.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Winter hours: Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES & SPORTS

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

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

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

MUSIC

Jon Wolfe, 8 p.m. today at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Elaina Kay Music, 9 p.m. today at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

Throwback Thursdays with DJ Wildman spinning hits from the '80s and '90s. 10 p.m. today at 20/20, 1023 S. Grant Ave. Odessa. $5 21 and older, $10 under 21. facebook.com/Club2020odessa.

Next 2 the Tracks, 9 p.m. Friday at Hot Shots, 615 W. Wall St.

The Darren Welch Group, Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W Missouri Ave.

The Damn Quails, Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.

MOSC: Latent Emotions featuring John Madura on violin. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $22-$32. MOSC.org.

Eli Young Band, 7 p.m. Saturday at Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa. $25 advance, $30 door. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.

Dalton Domino, Front Porch Family Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

Sawman, 8 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden at Garden View, 7112 West Highway 80.

Dustin Sanchez, Jerry Hart and Flatland, 8 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 West Wall St.

Shane Watson Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

UTPB Harp Studio Recital showcasing the harp program, including music for solo harp, harp and bassoon, and harp trio. 4 p.m. Sunday at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall in the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Opera 101 is a continuing education class offered by Permian Basin Opera at Midland College. The class will study Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Classes are Thursdays 7-9 p.m. today-April 30. midland.edu.

COMING SOON

JANUARY

The Oak Ridge Boys, Jimmy Fortune, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38-$63. wagnernoel.com.

"The Pastor," the first cinematic event to depict the life of a Latino Christian community in the United States , stars Arturo Muyshondt and screens for one night only. 7 p.m. Monday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

"In Football We Trust" screening by Indie Lens Pop-Up, Basin PBS and UTPB will also feature a discussion panel with former Dallas Cowboy Roy Williams, Midland College's Forrest Allen and more. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at UTPB Student Activities Center, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa. basinpbs.org.

Family Science Night: Oceans. Families are invited to partricipate in science experiments and creative projects. Refreshments provided. 6-8 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20 West. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

Zane Williams, 8 p.m. Jan 28. at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Midland on Tap craft beer festival features more than 100 samples of craft breweries, live music and food. Jan. 29 and 30 at Commemorative Air Force Museum, 9600 Wright Drive. $20. americaontap.com.

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 27 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Little River Band, 8 p.m. Jan. 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $32-$63. wagnernoel.com.

Vanessa Silberman, 7 p.m. Jan. 29 at The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.

Under the Sea at MCT is an open house event previewing Midland Community Theatre's production of "Disney's The Little Mermaid." The event will feature games, activities, the MCPL Bookmobile and a preview of the show. 1-3 p.m. Jan. 30 at MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Free. mctmidland.org.

Author signing. James Collett and Doug Page will sign copies of their new book "Midland," from the Postcard History Series. The book features more than 200 vintage photographs of the city. 1 p.m. Jan. 30 at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 North.

Jack Nelson, 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Beer Garden at Garden View, 7112 West Highway. midlandbeergarden.com.

Camila, 8 p.m., Jan. 30 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

Midnight River Choir, 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

North by North, 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.

Cassatt in the Basin open rehearsal. The public is invited to watch the New York-based string quartet during their 10th annual residency. 3-5 p.m. Jan. 31 at Ellen Noel Art Mueum, 4090 E. University Blvd. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

"Annie." 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49.50-$88. MOSC.org.

FEBRUARY

Cassatt in the Basin open rehearsal. The public is invited to watch the New York based string quartet during their 10th annual residency. 10:30- 11 a.m. Feb. 3 at Parks Methodist Retirement Village, 3301 Faudree Road. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

MOSC: Mozart's Magnificent Voyage, 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15-$9. wagnernoel.com.

Cody Bryan Band, 8 p.m. Feb. 4 at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

Fire and Ice: Exploring Volcanoes on Earth and Beyond by Dr. Rosaly M. C. Lopes. The NASA scientist speaks about the prevalence of volcanoes throughout the solar system and the spectacle of eruptions. This is part of the Museum of the Southwest's Relativity Lecture Series. 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

First Friday will feature the works of Phyllis Cappadonna Short throughout February. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Feb. 5. 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Family Days features dome shows and family-friendly activities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 6 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Cassatt in the Basin concert. Noon, Feb. 6 at Permian High Auditorium, 1800 E. 42nd St. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

Bruce Salmon, 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.

My Little Sweetheart Dance. The YMCA invites "couples" to dress their best for their father/daughter, mother/son, guardian/child dance. The event will feature refreshments, photos, games and more. 7-9 p.m. Feb. 6 at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $10 per couple. Additional children $5 each. midlandymca.org.

Hooking Up with the Second City, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $22-$42. wagnernoel.com.

Casey Berry, William Clark Green, 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Rockin Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Star Parties with the West Texas Astronomers at Haley Park behind the planetarium. All parties begin at dusk. Feb. 12. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Bret Michaels, Big Casino, 7 p.m., Feb. 12 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $40. haciendamidland.com.

Pepe Aguilar, 8 p.m., Feb. 13 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. haciendamidland.com.

Mark McKinney, Feb. 13 at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.

Savannah Jack, 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11-$35. liveonstage-pb.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Space Expeditions with speaker Kit Sheffield of XCOR. Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W Interstate 20 West. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

2016 Student Art Exhibition: Storytellers. The annual art show features works by area students representing elementary through high school in a variety of media. On display Feb. 19 through April 10. Public opening and teacher appreciation night at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Dancing with the West Texas Stars benefiting the Crisis Center. Feb. 20.

Casey Donahew Band, 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa. $21 advance, $26 door. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.

Rosewood Thievz, 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.

MOSC: From Winter Winds to Shades of Summer, 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Clifford the Big Red Dog: A Big Family Musical, 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $19-$50. wagnernoel.com. $19-$50.

Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at The Yucca Theatre, 208 North Colorado St. troutmusic.com.

Ailey II, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $24-$44. wagnernoel.com.

Diana Ross, 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $78-$112. wagnernoel.com.

Dirty Rotten Imbeciles, Kanye East, Moving Forward. 8 p.m. Feb. 25 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $12. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Costello Country, 9 p.m. Feb. 25 at Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa.

Kyle Park, Judson Cole Band, 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa. $10 advance, $12 door. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.

Eric Sommer, 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at The Garage Coffee, Music and More, 1100 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. thegaragetx.com.

Tao: Seventeen Samurai, 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $24-$44. wagnernoel.com.

MARCH

"Riverdance - 20th Anniversary World Tour," 7:30 p.m. March 1 and 2 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $45-$88. wagnernoel.com.

Family Science Night: Mad Scientist. Families are invited to partricipate in science experiments and creative projects. Refreshments provided. 6-8 p.m. March 3 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W Interstate 20 West. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

MOSC: Mozart Requiem 7:30 p.m. March 5 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $17-$30. MOSC.org.

Loreena McKennitt, 7:30 p.m. March 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38.50-$68.50. wagnernoel.com.

Sam Riggs and the Night People, 7 p.m. March 10 at Graham Central Station, 4240 Preston Smith Road, Odessa. $9. grahamcentralstationodessa.com.

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games is presented by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. The event will feature workshops, celtic music, bagpipe performances, Highland games and more. March 12 and 13 at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

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ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" (R) During the 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Libya, elite ex-military operatives bravely fight back when plans go awry. With James Badge Dale, John Krasinski, Max Martini, Pablo Schreiber, Toby Stephens. Directed by Michael Bay.

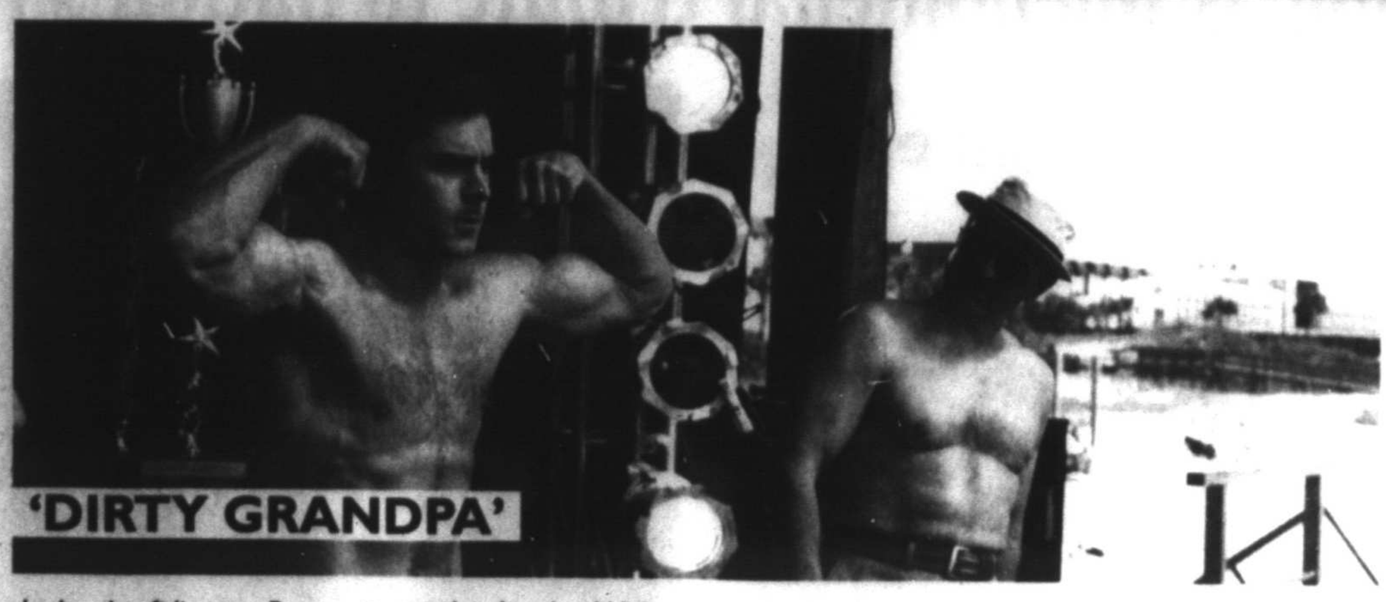
"The Big Short" (R) Angered by the greed of corporations and anticipating the housing bubble, Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling and Brad Pitt set out to make the big banks pay. With Finn Whitrock, Marisa Tomei, Karen Gillan and Melissa Leo. Written by Charles Randolph and Adam McKay, based upon the book by Michael Lewis. Directed by McKay.

"The Boy" (PG-13) In an English village, a young American woman is hired to care for an 8-year-old, who appears to be a life-sized doll. With Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans, Jim Norton. Written by Stacey Menear. Directed by William Brent Bell.

"Carol" (R) Impeccably acted by Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara as two women in love, with an exquisite look captured by cinematographer Ed Lachman, "Carol" has been made under the complete and total control of Todd Haynes, a gifted director who always knows what he's doing.

"Concussion" (PG-13) Writer-director Peter Landesman pushes too hard to make this story of a scientist who sounded the alarm about concussions and football fit into a dramatic mold, alternating melodrama and romance with earnest warnings in a way that is more ungainly than effective. (K.Tu., Dec. 25) (2:03) PG-13.

"Creed" (PG-13) In the hands of director Ryan Coogler and star Michael B. Jordan, what is nominally a spinoff of the celebrated "Rocky" series plays like a spiritual remake of the 1976 film that retells the original story in the kind of involving way one would not have thought possible. Wrtten by Coogler.



'DIRTY GRANDPA'

"Daddy's Home" (PG-13) In its best moments, it's a sly expose of the frailties of the contemporary male self-image and in its lesser moments a simplistic slapstick. This being a Will Ferrell comedy, sometimes those moments are one and the same. Written by Brian Burns. Directed by Sean Anders.

"The Danish Girl" (R) Stars Eddie Redmayne and Alicia Vikander shine in this Tom Hooper-directed story of one of the first individuals to receive gender-reassignment surgery.

"Dirty Grandpa" (R) Ambitious Zac Efron jeopardizes his upcoming marriage when he reluctantly takes troublemaking grandfather Robert De Niro to spring break in Florida. With Aubrey Plaza. Written by John Phillips. Directed by Dan Mazer.

"The 5th Wave" (PG-13) Four deadly surges have left the world ravaged and a teen must trust a mysterious young man to save her brother. With Chloe Grace Moretz and Nick Robinson. Written by Susannah Grant and Akiva Goldsman & Jeff Pinkner. Directed by J Blakeson.

"The Forest" (PG-13) Despite dire warnings, a young American enters Japan's Aokigahara Forest in search of her missing sister and encounters the malevolent souls of the dead. With Natalie Dormer, Taylor Kinney, Eoin Macken and Yukiyoshi Ozawa. Written by Sarah Cornwell and Nick Antosca, based on an idea by David S. Goyer. Directed by Jason Zada.

"The Hateful Eight" (R) An ultrawide bore, writer-director Quentin Tarantino's post-Civil War picture, set largely in a Wyoming roadhouse with a blizzard raging outside, is not so much a shoot-'em-up (though the violence is outlandishly rough when it comes) as a guess-'em-up.

"Joy" (PG-13) David O. Russell reunites with stars Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper and Robert De Niro in this intergenerational story of a young woman who founds a business dynasty based on a cleaning product. With Edgar Ramirez, Diane Ladd, Virginia Madsen and Isabella Rossellini. Story by Annie Mumolo and Russell. Directed by Russell.

"Norm of the North" (PG) Animated tale about a talkative polar bear who travels to New York City to stop a greedy developer from building condos in the Arctic. Voices of Rob Schneider, Heather Graham, Ken Jeong. Directed by Trevor Wall.

"The Revenant" (R) Oscar-winning director Alejandro Innaritu is up to his old pretentious tricks, but his wilderness survival tale is saved by a potent performance by Leonardo DiCaprio and brilliant cinematography by Emmanuel Lubetzki.

"Ride Along 2" (PG-13) Kevin Hart and Ice Cube reunite for this sequel to the 2014 comedy. With Ken Jeong, Benjamin Bratt, Olivia Munn, Bruce McGill, Tika Sumpter. Written by Phil Hay & Matt Manfredi. Directed by Tim Story.

"Sisters" (R) Tina Fey and Amy Poehler star as out-of-touch siblings who return to clean out their childhood home when their parents decide to sell and throw one last party for old times' sake. With Maya Rudolph, John Leguizamo, Dianne Wiest and James Brolin. Written by Paula Pell. Directed by Jason Moore.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (PG-13) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher return for the latest installment of the space saga as it kicks off another trilogy set in a galaxy far, far away. With Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Lupita Nyong'o, Andy Serkis, Domhnall Gleeson, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and Max Von Sydow. Written by J.J. Abrams & Lawrence Kasdan. Directed by Abrams.

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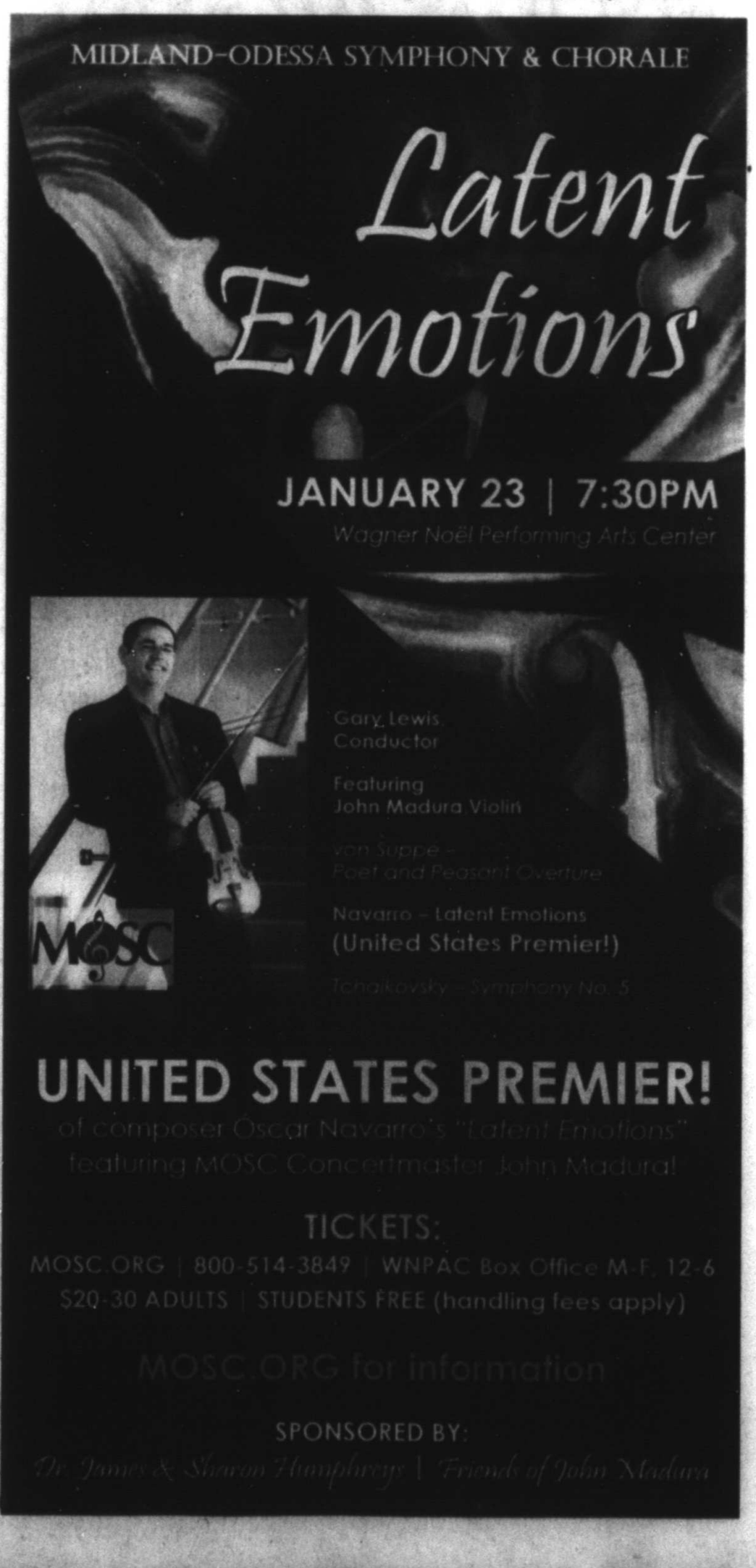

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ON SCREEN

NWA biopic is phenomenal tribute to nation's true OGs

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Straight Outta Compton" (R) When NWA first burst onto the world stage, they were brash, vulgar and unbelievably fresh and creative. The film about their careers reflects that perfectly. The feelings among many in Hollywood who think this year's Academy Award nominees do not represent minorities — #OscarsSoWhite — are justified, especially when it comes to the lack of nominations for this film, truly one of the year's finest. Ironically, the film does have one Oscar nod for best writing, screenplay written directly for the screen, but the four people nominated are all white. Although "Straight Outta Compton" shouldn't require a love of hip-hop to be seen as a great film, it will certainly be a momentous experience for fans. As for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, shame on you. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"When She Cries" (not rated) With two-dimensional characters and an inordinate amount of dreary sentimentality, this film comes straight from the Tyler Perry playbook. Trouble is, Perry had nothing to do with this film, so there's lots of exaggerated drama not tempered by the comic relief of Madea. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Adulterers" (unrated) Thriller gets off to a good start but by the time the second act rolls around, it is the film holding viewers hostage, not the characters onscreen. **C-**

"Battle For Skylark" (PG-13) Dystopian YA thriller doesn't deserve to even be mentioned in the same breath as the far superior films it emulates, such as "The Hunger Games" series. **D**

"Cold Deck" (unrated) Good, but not great movie about amateur poker players doesn't stand up to greats such as "The Cincinnati Kid" and "Rounders." **B-**

"He Named Her Malala" (PG-13) Engrossing documentary about the Afghan girl shot in the head by the Taliban for daring to suggest girls deserve the same education as boys. **B**

"Hotel Transylvabnia 2" (PG) Not quite the warm and fuzzy kids' vampire movie as the first was but still the best thing Adam Sandler's been associated with in years. **B**

"Irrational Man" (R) Woody Allen's latest offering goes to a dark place he doesn't often go, so when he does, you can bet it's still going to be funny. **B-**

"Kill Game" (not rated) It takes a while for the confusing plot to become clear, which renders an intriguing thriller. **B-**

"Lawless Range" (unrated) Set in Texas, it becomes both obvious and painful to distinguish the shooting locales, which included the flat plains of Texas and the hills near Los Angeles, although both are supposed to be the same place. **C**

"Meru" (R) Edge-of-your-seat documentary about the attempts to climb the unclimbable mountain the film is named for. **A-**

"Northern Soul" (R) Inspiring film about British teens who discover a love of American R&B features a lot of awkward dance scenes, which is what makes it so endearing. **B+**

"Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" (R) Fifth installment in the series takes a clumsy step backward, making it the second worst of the series, just behind the original "Paranormal Activity." **D**

"Robert" (R) The only torture the killer doll in the movie is capable of is on the viewer. **F**

"Sinister 2" (R) Though lacking in the truly creepy elements the first film had, this sequel adds a new perspective rarely seen in the horror genre. **C+**

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5. "Sicario" Lionsgate
6. "Minions" Universal
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8. "Trainwreck" Universal
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10. "Ant-Man" Disney

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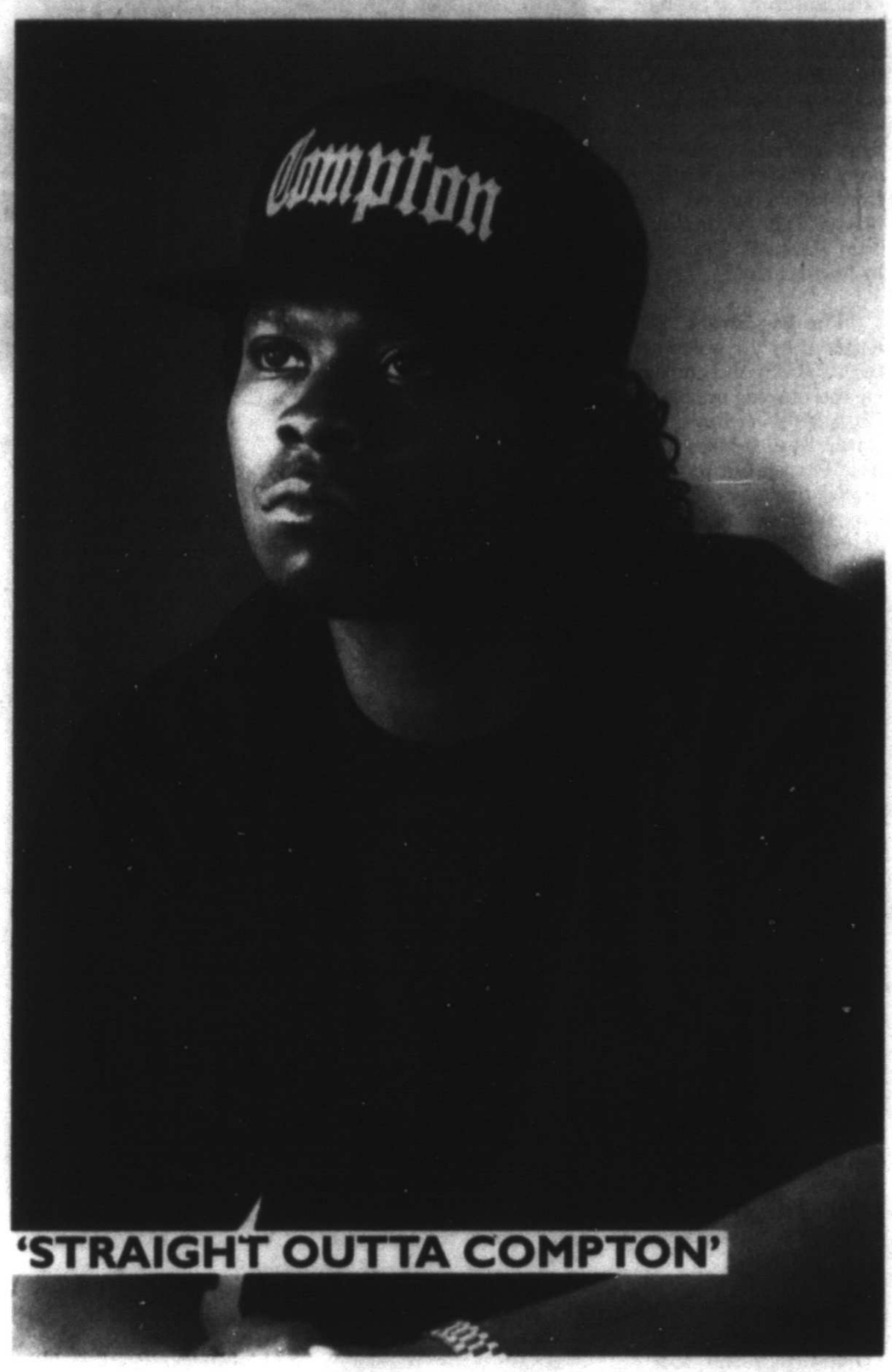

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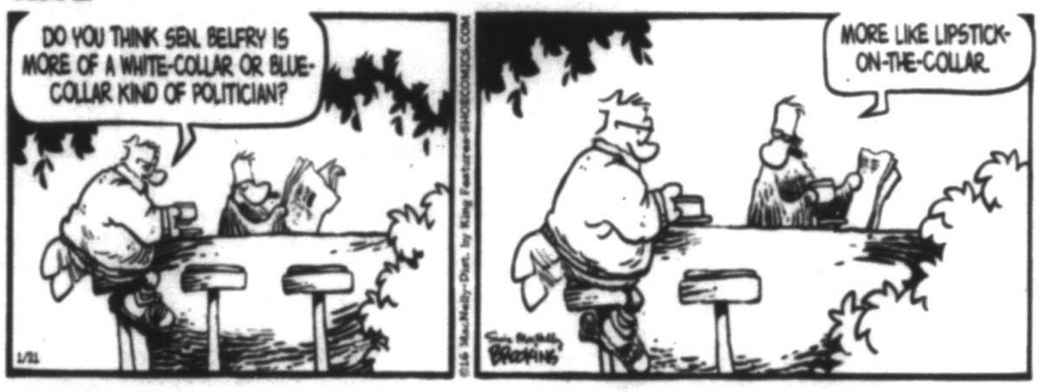

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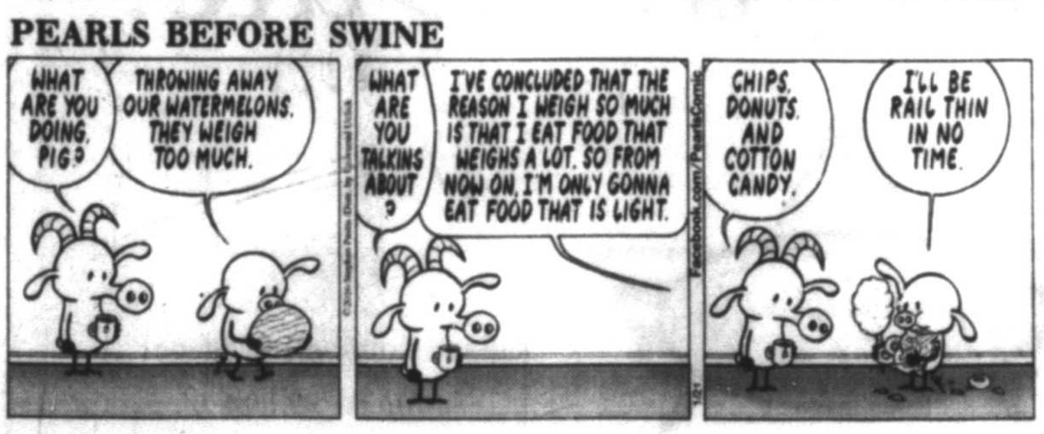

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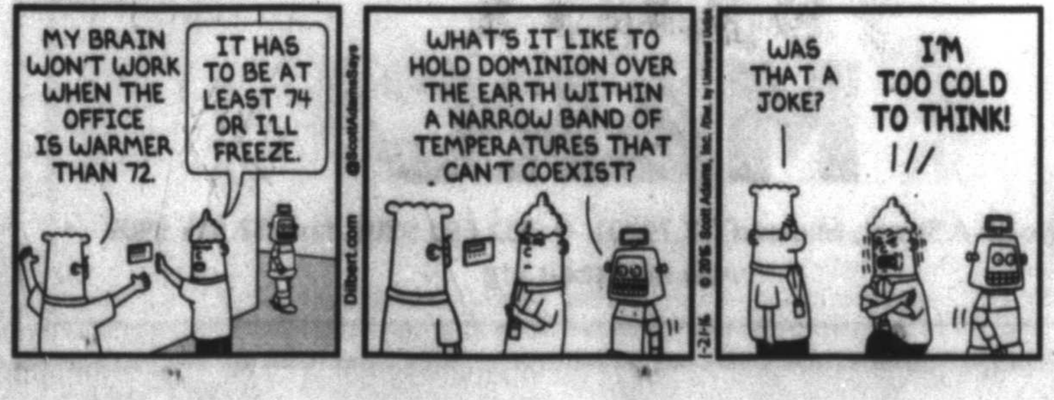

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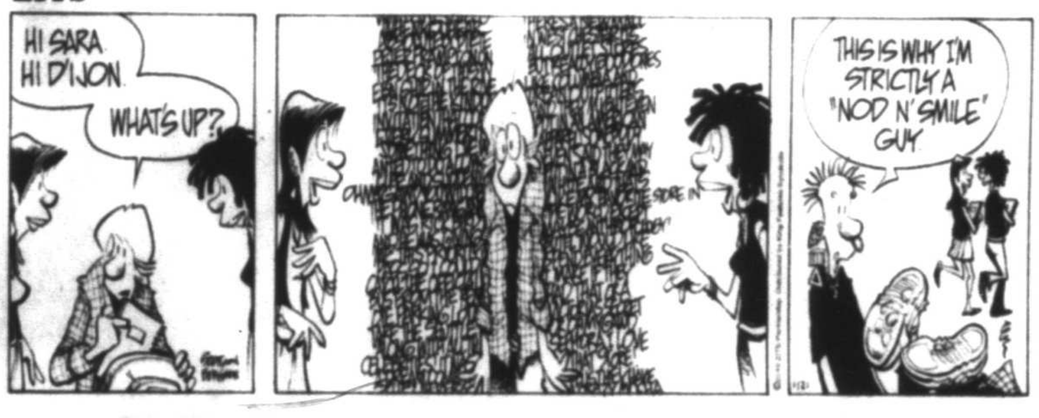

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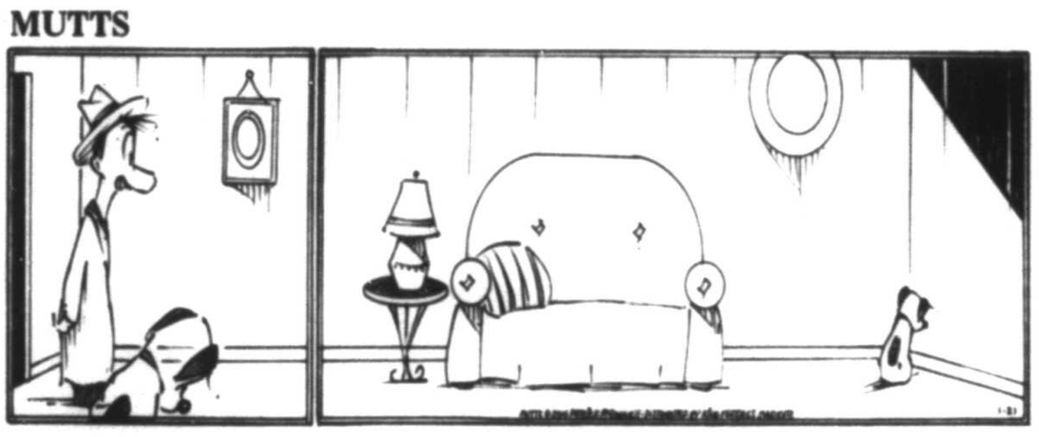

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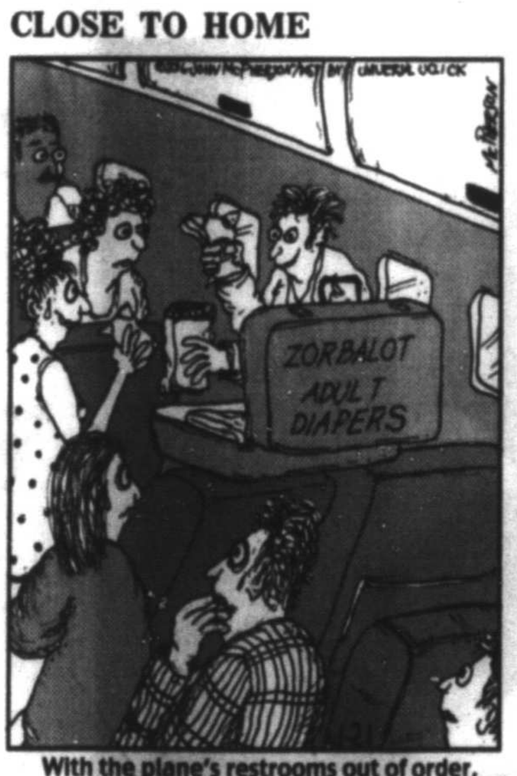

With the plane's restrooms out of order, sales rep Dick Pope saw his chance to make a killing off his samples.

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LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. Try the calzone with pepperoni, ham, mozarella and ricotta cheeses or go for a piece of stuffed gourmet pizza. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. Go for the pizza snack and the antipasta salad. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 684-6595 www.mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

MD PIZZA FACTORY Locally owned pizzeria with unique toppings and combinations like chicken teriyaki and Genoa pesto chicken. Lunch specials, senior and teacher discounts. 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13 682-4440 | $ | 3 spoons

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PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

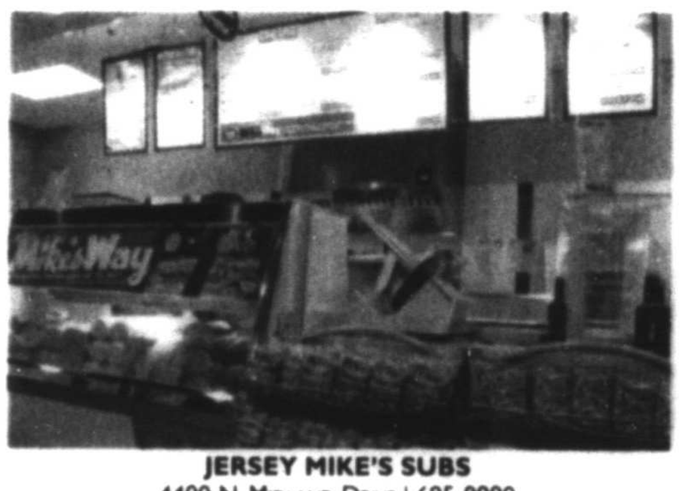
PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZERIA VENTI Small pizzeria also serves salads, soups, pasta and timpanini. Top a slice of pizza with sliced sausage and peppers or artichokes and tomatoes. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. No.,135 689-7220 www.pizzeriaventi.com | $ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20 www.veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons



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FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. Might as well add a lemon bar and hot tea to your order after you finish your chicken salad stuffed tomato. 2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS The New Jersey-based sub shop offers freshly sliced meats and special sauces on its made-to-order sandwiches. 4400 N. Midland Drive, 695-9990 jerseymikes.com | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living-360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoose-deli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

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Chaps focusing on protecting leads against OC

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College men's basketball team knows that in order to win games in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, it must defend and rebound.

The Chaparrals also need to learn how to close out games in the ultra competitive conference where every night could be a dogfight.

MC (15-5, 3-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) has lost its last two games in which it had opportunities to win with late leads.

It won't get any easier tonight as the Chaps head to Odessa College to face the WJCAC-leading and No. 10-ranked Wranglers (17-2, 6-0).

"We need to climb back in for our conference seed, but this is big for the people here (at Midland College)," MC coach Jordan Dreiling said. "This is Midland versus Odessa. This is kind of a pride game. When you beat Howard, Odessa or South Plains you hear about it."

In order to beat Odessa, Dreiling and the Chaps know that they can't afford to have the same mistakes as they did in the last two games because the Wranglers are talented enough to capitalize on those mistakes.

Those mistakes cost the Chaps dearly against Frank Phillips (an 82-75 loss at home last Thursday) and in Monday's 82-72 loss at New Mexico Junior College. In both of those games, MC had leads with about four minutes left to play.

"We just need to close out games," Dreiling said. "We need to value every possession."

Dreiling said critical turnovers, bad shot selection and defensive breakdowns have led to blowing those late leads.

"Our guys that are in the game late, I think they want to win. They don't understand how," Dreiling said. "If you look at the last three minutes at New Mexico, we take three contested jump shots. We have a turnover in between them, but those are four possessions that are huge. I also think New Mexico did a better job of getting to the free-throw line. They were aggressive going all the way to the basket, they got some

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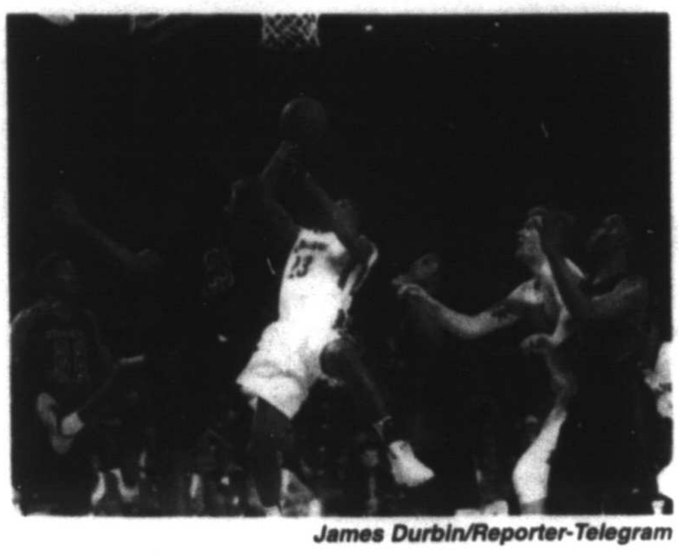

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Midland College's Daeshon Francis (23) attempts to score against Frank Phillips College on Jan. 14 at Chaparral Center.

Standing strong together

MRT file photo

Midland Classical Academy's Garrett Sparks (4) drives to the hoop against Crane's Mark Heredia on Jan. 5 at Midland Classical.

Teamwork key to MCA's success this season

By Will Korn
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BASKETBALL REPORT

After watching the Midland Classical Academy boys basketball team in action, it shouldn't be difficult for one to see why it is the No. 6-ranked small private school team in the state.

The Knights (18-7, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-3A) know they have a talented roster littered with players who are capable of filling up the stat sheet.

Senior guard Blake Gladson torched rival Trinity for a game-high 28 points in the two schools' district opener back on Jan. 12. Three days later, Gladson only managed one point, but point guard Garrett Sparks took over and scored 26 points to lead the Knights to a thrilling 62-59 road win against Amarillo San Jacinto.

Sparks said having that kind of individual scoring ability makes everyone in the lineup more comfortable during a game.

"It's nice to be on a team with really good players," Sparks said. "Whenever a couple of us are having an off night, it's good to have people who are on. Obviously we can't all be on in the same night. We just give the ball to whomever is on and see where we go from there."

Added MCA head coach Ron Miller: "Teams are going to scout us and they're going to think quickly that they've got to shut down certain individuals. And I would say we have four individuals in our starting five that can score a lot of points. We're just not a one-dimensional team."

But what might separate MCA from other talented squads is strong teamwork, powered by the selflessness of each individual player. Piling up numbers doesn't seem to be a concern for any player wearing a Knights uniform.

"Everybody on our team is really selfless," Gladson said. "They (the MCA players) have great character and that's one of the main things. We all trust each other to make plays that we're supposed to make. Everybody on our team is above selfishness."

Unlike many teams that tend to defer to their star player during a rough patch of a game, the Knights never abandon their devotion to teamwork. Rather, a challenging opponent or situation inspires them even more to work together and not rely on any one scorer to shoulder the burden.

"When we get in that crisis situation, there tends to be a continued sharing of the ball, instead of one person trying to do it all," Miller said. "We realize that we're good and we realize that we have good players. But we also realize that the real strength in us being a really good team to beat is that we've got to play together. That's how this team has evolved."

In search of a 3-0 start in district play, the Knights will host Lubbock Christian

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MC looking to recover from tough loss

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College sophomore guard Sierra Dixon just wants her team to get over Monday's 65-56 loss at No. 9 New Mexico Junior College.

The No. 10-ranked Lady Chaparrals haven't tasted defeat much this season as they come into today's rivalry game at No. 18 Odessa College with an 18-3 overall record and 5-1 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

In fact, MC had not lost a game since the WNIT championship game to No. 4 Salt Lake Community College in late November.

"Now that we lost it's a stepping stone, just like any other game, to keep improving," Dixon said. "We need to make sure we fix the mistakes from the last game. I feel we need to be tougher, mentally and physically, and just play our game. We didn't play our game Monday night at all.

"I can' even describe what happened on Monday night," she added. "I felt like we were more in a shock and then it was a struggle to be on the same page, as far as guards working with the posts and posts working with the guards."

MC coach Ron Jones agreed that it would be best for his team to move on from Monday night, as Odessa College (14-5, 3-2) is always a challenge on its home court at the OC Sports Center.

"We just have to play hard all the time, value every possession and just try to out-compete your opponent," Jones said. "That's how you win in this league. You better be the aggressor and do the little things that get you the win. I think we've done well on the road. The first part of our schedule is heavily loaded on the road. We're disappointed in the outcome of Monday's game. We were a step slow reacting to a lot of things instead of just anticipating. It doesn't take much to get beat in this league against a very good team. We just learn from it, move on and try to get better for the next one."

Sophomore post Walnatia Wright, who was the only Lady Chap to score in double figures with 14 points on Monday night, said a win against the Lady Wranglers would go a long way in getting the team's focus back.

"After the loss, we just needed to come back, work hard and then go and play hard," Wright said.

Wright added that it's important for her team to be aggressive and have the same attitude as it does when it's playing at Chaparral Center.

"It reminds me of a high school rivalry game," she said. "I'm not nervous but I'm just ready to play. It's a little easier for me. I just try to go in each time with the

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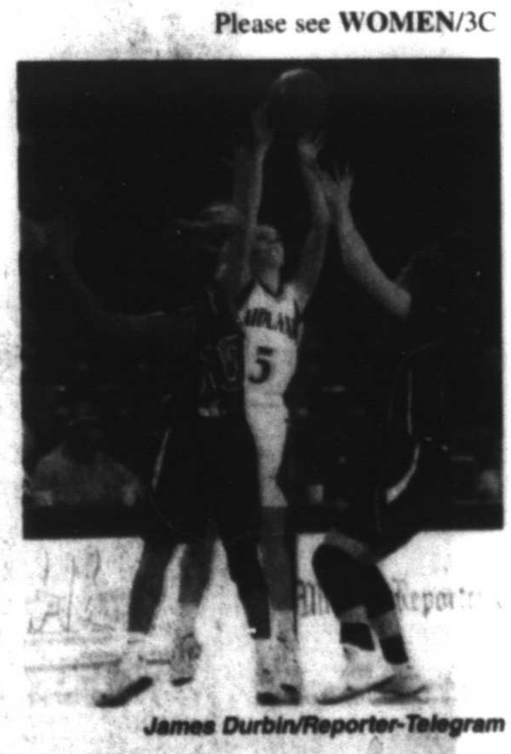

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Midland College's Morgan Ashton (5) passes while being covered by Frank Phillips College's Symone Willis (10) and Dominique Machuca (4) on Jan. 14 at Chaparral Center.

Texas A&M rolling toward NCAA tourney

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M's return to prominence has been several years in the making.

You will have to excuse coach Billy Kennedy if he gets a little choked up when asked about the rise of the Aggies in his fifth year in College Station.

"I'm just — I'm thankful," he said, fighting back tears. "That's all I can say. So many people have been supportive of me and I'm just thankful."

The 10th-ranked Aggies have reeled off nine straight wins and their 6-0 start in the Southeastern Conference is their best in league play since they won seven straight to open the 1993-94 season in the Southwest Conference. They're in the top 10 for the first time since 2008 and are the only team that hasn't lost in SEC play.

With a 16-2 record, this team seems destined for its first NCAA Tournament berth since the Aggies capped a streak of six straight trips in 2011. While Kennedy is certainly happy with his team's progress, he knows it is way too early to get caught up in things like that.

"We've got a lot of games left so ... I can't get too emotional right now," he said shaking his head. "We've got a lot of games left, but we're doing the right things."

The Aggies went 14-18 in his first season, 18-15 in 2012-13 and 18-16 in his third year before improving to 21-12 last season and getting an invitation to the NIT. Now that he has had time to recruit the players he wants and instill his culture in the program, he expects to get back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since he went 31-5 at Murray State and made it to the second round of the tournament.

"It's about the team," he said. "We've said that from last year on ... and these freshmen came in here and bought into

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GOLF

PGA: Career Builder Challenge, 2 p.m., GOLF

Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, 2nd Round, 9:30 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky at Arkansas, 6 p.m., ESPN

Memphis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Iowa at Rutgers, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Wisconsin at Penn State, 7 p.m., BTN

Hofstra at Northeastern, 7 p.m., SNY

North Dakota at Northern Arizona, 7:30 p.m., FCSP

Ohio State at Purdue, 8 p.m., ESPN

Belmont at UT Martin, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Arizona State at California, 8 p.m., FS1

Rice at UAB, 8 p.m., CBSSN

USC at Oregon, 8 p.m., P12, P12 LA, P12 OR

Gonzaga at St. Mary's, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Utah at Washington State, 10 p.m., FS1

Arizona at Stanford, 10 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 BAY

TENNIS

Australian Open, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Australian Open, 10 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Old Dominion at Western Kentucky, 11 a.m., FCSA

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

Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

NC State at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., FSSW+

Northern Arizona at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSC

Kentucky at Ole Miss, 8 p.m., SEC

Seattle U at New Mexico State, 8 p.m., FSSW+

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS SOCCER

MHS vs. Dallas Lincoln at Richland Tournament, 6:20 p.m.

Lee at Richardson Tournament

GIRLS SOCCER

Lee at Richardson Tournament

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Odessa College, 5:45 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Odessa College, 7:30 p.m.

NJCAA POLL

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll (first place votes in parentheses)

No. Team	Record	Pts	Prvs.
1 Trinity Valley (14)	19-1	349	1
2 Georgia Highlands (1)	17-1	326	2
3 Gillette (1)	20-0	319	3
4 North Idaho	21-0	314	5
5 John A. Logan	17-1	288	7
6 Northwest Florida State	18-2	283	8
7 Indian Hills	19-2	264	9
8 Iowa Western	17-2	234	4
9 Harcum College	18-2	227	11
10 Odessa College	16-2	212	13
11 Connors State	15-2	211	12
12 Palm Beach State	16-2	201	6
13 Chattahoochee Tech	17-1	191	14
14 Daytona State	19-3	166	15
15 McLennan CC	18-3	149	16
16 Hutchinson CC	17-3	124	10
16 Mineral Area	21-3	124	22
18 Salt Lake CC	19-3	116	20
19 Eastern Florida State	16-3	103	21
20 Southwest Tennessee	16-3	96	24
21 Wallace State	17-3	46	NR
22 Vincennes15-4	41	17	
23 Arizona Western	15-4	28	19
24 Arkansas Baptist	16-3	17	23
24 Mississippi Gulf Coast	12-1	17	NR

Others receiving votes. **Midland College (15-5), 6 points**

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX -- Agreed to terms with RHP Junichi Tazawa on a one-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS -- Agreed to terms with OF Justin Upton on a six-year contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES -- Agreed to terms with OF Gerardo Parra on a three-year contract.

MIAMI MARLINS -- Assigned RHP Andre Rienzo outright to New Orleans (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES -- Designated RHP Yoervis Medina for assignment.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS -- Signed RHP Taylor Stanton.

LAREDO LEMURS -- Signed INF Cesar Valera.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS -- Signed INF Carl Smith and C Tanner Murphy.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES -- Signed RHP Madison Boer.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS -- Released LHP Donnie Joseph.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS -- Sold the contract of OF Stephen Cardullo to the Colorado Rockies.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM -- Released 3B Steve Carrillo.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS -- Signed OF John Meriwan and RHP Taylor Thurber to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA -- Fined Detroit G Kentavious Caldwell-Pope $10,000 for kicking a chair located in the spectator stands during a Jan. 18 game against Chicago.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS -- Signed RB James Wilder Jr. to a reserve/future contract. Named Kathryn Smith special teams quality control coach.

DALLAS COWBOYS -- Signed LB Jamel Harris. G Jared Smith and OT Justin Renfrow to reserve/future contracts.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS -- Named Greg Williams defensive backs coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS -- Named Clyde Christensen offensive coordinator. Bo Hardegree quarterbacks coach and Jeremiah Washburn assistant offensive line coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES -- Named Frank Reich offensive coordinator. Eugene Chung assistant offensive line/tight ends/run game coach. Phillip Daniels defensive quality control/assistant defensive line coach. Ken Flajole linebackers coach. Tim Hauck defensive backs/safeties coach. Greg Lewis wide receivers coach and Dino Vasso defensive quality control/assistant secondary coach. Agreed to terms with Matthew Harper assistant special teams coach. Justin Peelle tight ends coach. Duce Staley running backs coach. Press Taylor offensive quality control/assistant quarterbacks coach and Cory Undlin defensive backs/cornerbacks coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES -- Placed G Cam Ward on injured reserve. Recalled G Daniel Altshuller from Charlotte (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS -- Assigned F Brian O'Neill to Albany (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING -- Suspended F Jonathan Drouin indefinitely without pay by the team after his failure to report for tonight's game between the Syracuse Crunch and the Toronto Marlies.

American Hockey League

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS -- Recalled D Tyler Gaely from Florida (ECHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS -- Signed M Juan Esteban Ortiz.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS -- Signed M Michael Farfan.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE -- Suspended Michigan's Cutler Martin three games. Dexter Dancs two games and Ohio State's Brendon Kearney and Dakota Joshua one game each for their actions during a Jan. 17 ice hockey game.

BYU -- Named Ben Cahoon receivers coach.

CHATTANOOGA -- Named Rob Spence receivers coach. Carey Bailey defensive line coach and Kadeem Wise director of football operations.

CITADEL. Promoted offensive coordinator Brent Thompson to head football coach.

FIU -- Announced women's sophomore basketball F Erin Garner has transferred from Georgia Tech.

NJIT -- Named Fernando Barbolo men's soccer coach.

NORTH TEXAS -- Announced QB Alec Morris is transferring from Alabama and DT Bryce English from Kansas State.

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO -- Named Eric Henderson defensive line coach. Jeff Kastl wide receivers coach and Ryan Pugh offensive line coach.

WISCONSIN -- Announced women's sophomore basketball G Ashley Kelsick has transferred from Boston College.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	46	26	15	5	57	121	105
Tampa Bay	46	25	17	4	54	125	111
Detroit	46	23	15	8	54	112	118
Boston	45	24	16	5	53	137	117
Ottawa	46	22	18	6	50	129	141
Montreal	47	23	20	4	50	129	122
Buffalo	46	19	23	4	42	107	123
Toronto	44	17	20	7	41	111	124

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	46	35	8	3	73	155	100
N.Y. Rangers	46	25	16	5	55	132	122
N.Y. Islanders	45	24	15	6	54	123	112
New Jersey	47	23	19	5	51	105	112
Pittsburgh	45	21	17	7	49	110	113
Philadelphia	44	20	16	8	48	100	117
Carolina	47	20	19	8	48	111	129
Columbus	47	17	26	4	38	119	152

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	49	32	13	4	68	144	111
Dallas	47	29	13	5	63	156	127
St. Louis	50	28	15	7	63	128	124
Minnesota	45	22	15	8	52	113	108
Colorado	47	23	21	3	49	131	130
Nashville	46	20	18	8	48	117	127
Winnipeg	46	21	22	3	45	119	131

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	45	29	13	3	61	121	101
San Jose	44	23	18	3	49	127	121
Arizona	45	22	18	5	49	123	135
Vancouver	47	19	17	11	49	113	130
Anaheim	44	19	18	7	45	88	105
Calgary	44	20	21	3	43	118	135
Edmonton	48	19	24	5	43	119	142

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

St. Louis 2, Detroit 1

Buffalo at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Vancouver at Boston, 6 p.m.

Ottawa at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Calgary at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Nashville at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

San Jose at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SPORTS ODDS

NFL PLAYOFFS

Sunday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
New England at CAROLINA	2½ 4	3 3	(44½) (48)	at DENVER Arizona

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Wed 5:35 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 25 - 41 base 73 of 78 trails

94% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Wed 5:55 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 23 - 40 base 40 of 44 trails

91% open, 4 of 7 lifts. Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Red River — Wed 7:14 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 58 of 58 trails

100% open, 250 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Wed Reopen 01/22 packed powder machine groomed 20 - 38 base 38 of 39 trails

97% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Wed 5:34 am 1 new powder machine groomed 23 - 43 base 42 of 42 trails

100% open, 10 miles, 200 acres, 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Tue 9:02 pm MG machine groomed 54 - 140 base 54 of 55 trails

98% open, 10 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Wed 7:04 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 81 - 81 base 79 of 79 trails

100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

LEESIGNINGCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nunez signs with OC

EMILY NUNEZ

College: Odessa College, NJCAA

High school: Lee

Sport: Softball

Position: Shortstop, third base

Nunez on why she chose Odessa College: "I chose Odessa College because it's a really good school. When I went to the school for the tour, I fell in love with it and I thought was a really pretty place."

Lee head coach Wes Overton on Nunez: "She puts the ball in play well. She is very consistent at the plate. She doesn't strike out much. She is not just limited to infield, she can play the outfield too."

Nunez

Notes: Nunez is interested in becoming a radiology technician. ... The Lady Rebel senior has been playing softball since the age of 3 when she began playing catch with her father Manuel. ... Nunez said Odessa College noticed her when she was playing for her Showtime travel team. ... "It's a huge thing for me going to Odessa College," Nunez said. "Out of my family, I'm the first one to graduate high school and go to college. Everyone is really proud of me."

Garza picks Texas Wesleyan

KALI GARZA

College: Texas Wesleyan, Fort Worth, NAIA

High school: Lee

Sport: Softball

Position: Outfielder

Garza on why she chose Texas Wesleyan: "I chose Texas Wesleyan because it's a private school, it's smaller. I will be closer with all the teachers. I will be more focused, I won't get distracted. It's a really pretty campus and I really like the coach. I really like it. I think I will enjoy it there."

Lee head coach Wes Overton on Garza: "She is a really good athlete. There is not a position that she can't play very well. We are very excited about what she will bring to our team this season."

Notes: Garza transferred to Lee for her senior season after playing her junior season with Wichita Falls Rider and her sophomore and freshman years with Lubbock Coronado. Her mother is a property manager that moves around the state. ... Garza is interested in majoring in physical therapy and has aspirations of working in sports medicine. ... Garza has been playing softball since she was age 5. ... Garza is excited to be playing with Lee for her senior season. "I love it. My new teammates are very friendly. I am great with others."

Tennis stars want names of match-fixers

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Around the world, players, commentators and fans echoed the call of Roger Federer, who wants to know names of those suspected of match-fixing in a growing scandal that one ex-pro described as a "major wake-up call for the world of tennis."

Many called for clarity, saying the public and players have a right to know who is suspected of cheating. Others warned that the match-fixing scandal has the potential to damage the reputation of tennis, just like doping or corruption scandals have hurt professional cycling, athletics, baseball and soccer.

Martina Navratilova, the 18-time Grand Slam champion, tweeted: "We need facts, not suppositions."

The scandal broke Monday when the BBC and BuzzFeed News published reports — timed for the start of the Australian Open — alleging that tennis authorities have ignored widespread evidence of match-fixing involving 16 tennis players who have ranked in the top 50 over the past decade.

BuzzFeed titled its story, "The Tennis Racket," and said that half of those 16, including a Grand Slam winner, were at this year's Australian Open.

"This really casts a very dark shadow on our sport right now," Mary Jo Fernandez said on ESPN, as part of a panel discussion Wednesday on the controversy.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $30.18 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Second Round

Kei Nishikori (7), Japan, def. Austin Krajicek, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

David Goffin (15), Belgium, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Dominic Thiem (19), Austria, def. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Mirza Basic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.

Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Renzo Olivo, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista Agut (24), Spain, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Marin Cilic (12), Croatia, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Grigor Dimitrov (27), Bulgaria, def. Marco Trungelliti, Argentina, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Gilles Simon (14), France, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (26), Spain, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Nick Kyrgios (29), Australia, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Andreas Seppi (28), Italy, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Noah Rubin, United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, def. Omar Jasika, Australia, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Quentin Halys, France, 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (3)

Women

Second Round

Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Aleksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-2, 6-1.

Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia, 6-1, 7-5.

Lauren Davis, United States, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 7-6 (7), retired.

Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Wang Qiang, China, 6-3, 6-4.

Daria Kasatkina, Russia, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-4, 6-3.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-1, 6-2.

Roberta Vinci (13), Italy, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-2, 6-3.

Belinda Bencic (12), Switzerland, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-3, 6-3.

Carla Suarez Navarro (10), Spain, def. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-2.

Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Han Xinyun, China, 6-3, 6-1.

Margarita Gasparyan, Russia, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

Elizaveta Kulichkova, Russia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Kristina Mladenovic (28), France, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 9-7.

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, 6-4, 6-2.

Daria Gavrilova, Australia, def. Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles

Men

First Round

Mikhail Elgin, Russia, and Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Rajeev Ram (13), United States, def. Marcus Daniell and Artem Sitak, New Zealand, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Adrian Mannarino and Lucas Pouille, France, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, and Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-1, 6-3.

Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Alex Bolt and Andrew Whittington, Australia, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4.

Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (12), Colombia, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, and Leander Paes, India, 6-3, 6-4.

Pablo Andujar and Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, and Chung Hyeon, South Korea, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Colin Fleming, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Thomaz Bellucci and Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Julian Knowle, Austria, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Steve Johnson and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, and Igor Zelenay, Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Hsieh Cheng-peng and Yang Tsung-hua, Taiwan, 6-1, 7-5.

Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, def. Aljaz Bedene, Britain, and Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini (5), Italy, def. Rameez Junaid, Australia, and Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3.

Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock (9), United States, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, and Alexander Peya, Austria, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Treat Huey, Philippines, and Max Mirnyi (14), Belarus, def. Aliaksandr Bury, Belarus, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (10).

Sam Groth and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Dusan Lajovic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 4-6, 2-1, retired.

Benjamin Becker, Germany, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, and Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Lukas Dlouhy and Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. James Duckworth and John Millman, Australia, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3.

Women

First Round

Lyudmyla and Nadia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Kimberly Birrell and Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.

Yaslne Bonaventure, Belgium, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.

Madison Keys, United States, and Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Janette Husarova and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4.

Johanna Konta and Heather Watson, Britain, def. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alicja Rosolska (16), Poland, 6-1, 7-6 (7).

Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, def. Shuko Aoyama and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-1.

Jocelyn Rae and Anna Smith, Britain, def. Liang Chen and Peng Shuai, China, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Julia Goerges, Germany, and Karolina Pliskova (13), Czech Republic, def. Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, and Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, and Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Mona Barthel and Laura Siegemund, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

Maria Sanchez, United States, and Stephanie Vogt, Liechtenstein, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Nicole Melichar, United States, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1).

Sabine Lisicki, Germany, and Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik and Paula Kania, Poland, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, and Wang Yafan, China, def. Alison Van Uytvanck and Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-3, 6-3.

Anna-Lena Grönefeld, Germany, and CoCo Vandeweghe (12), United States, def. Annika Beck and Carina Witthoeft, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Daria Kasatkina, Russia, and Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, def. Madison Brengle, United States, and Tatjana Maria, Germany, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, and Sam Stosur (11), Australia, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Jessica Moore and Storm Sanders, Australia, def. Ellen Perez and Belinda Woolcock, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

Kateryna Bondarenko and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, def. Alize Cornet, France, and Magda Linette, Poland, 6-4, 6-0.

Early Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $30.18 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Second Round

Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.

John Isner (10), United States, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (2).

Women

Second Round

Ana Ivanovic (20), Serbia, def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 6-3, 6-3.

Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Elina Svitolina (18), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4.

Johanna Konta, Britain, def. Zheng Saisai, China, 6-2, 6-3.

Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 7-6 (7), 6-4.

Doubles

Men

First Round

Henri Kontinen, Finland, and John Peers (8), Australia, def. Luke Saville and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.

Austin Krajicek and Donald Young, United States, def. Marc Polmans, Australia, and Michael Venus, New Zealand, 6-3, 6-4.

Dominic Inglot, Britain, and Robert Lindstedt (11), Sweden, def. Sergey Betov, Belarus, and Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

Eric Butorac and Scott Lipsky, United States, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, 6-4, 7-5.

Women

First Round

Anabel Medina Garrigues and Arantxa Parra Santonja (10), Spain, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, and Christina McHale, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Raquel Atawo and Abigail Spears (5), United States, def. Sara Errani, Italy, and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.

Timea Babos, Hungary, and Katarina Srebotnik (4), Slovenia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.

TEXASNBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PISTONS 123
ROCKETS 114

HOUSTON — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Marcus Morris each scored 22 points and the Detroit Pistons beat the Houston Rockets 123-114 on Wednesday night despite Andre Drummond setting an NBA record by missing 23 free throws.

Drummond set a career high and franchise record by attempting 36 free throws on a night he was intentionally fouled 21 times. The previous record for most misses was 22, set by Wilt Chamberlain on Dec. 1, 1967.

The Hack-A-Shaq tactic allowed the Rockets to take the lead in the third quarter when they did it 12 straight times, but it didn't help them close the gap in the fourth when Drummond went out for good with 5 1/2 minutes left after seven hacks in the quarter and Detroit leading 107-94.

James Harden had his first triple-double of the season and seventh of his career with 33 points, a career-high 17 rebounds and 14 assists in the loss.

MAVERICKS 106
TIMBERWOLVES 94, OT

DALLAS — Chandler Parsons scored seven of his game-high 30 points in overtime as the short-handed Dallas Mavericks rallied to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 106-94 Wednesday night.

The Mavericks, playing without Dirk Nowitzki, shook off a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit and a career game from Timberwolves rookie Karl-Anthony Towns to win in their fourth consecutive overtime game at home.

After trailing for much of the second half, Dallas was never behind in overtime. Parsons hit the biggest shot of the extra period, a 3-pointer with 2:36 to play to give Dallas a 98-93 lead.

With Nowitzki (right knee) and Kevin Garnett (rest) watching from their respective benches in suits, the 2015 first overall pick Towns had 27 points and career highs with 17 rebounds and six blocks for Minnesota. Andrew Wiggins added 23 points for the Wolves.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	27	15	.643	—
Boston	22	21	.512	5½
New York	22	22	.500	6
Brooklyn	11	32	.256	16½
Philadelphia	6	38	.136	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	25	17	.595	—
Miami	23	20	.535	2½
Washington	20	21	.488	4½
Orlando	20	21	.488	4½
Charlotte	19	23	.452	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	29	11	.725	—
Chicago	24	17	.585	5½
Indiana	23	19	.548	7
Detroit	23	19	.548	7
Milwaukee	19	25	.432	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	6	.857	—
Dallas	25	19	.568	12
Memphis	24	19	.558	12½
Houston	22	21	.500	15
New Orleans	14	27	.341	21½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	12	.727	—
Portland	19	25	.432	13
Utah	18	24	.429	13
Denver	16	26	.381	15
Minnesota	13	31	.295	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	39	4	.907	—
L.A. Clippers	27	14	.659	11
Sacramento	17	23	.425	20½
Phoenix	13	30	.302	26
L.A. Lakers	9	34	.209	30

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Philadelphia 96, Orlando 87

Washington 106, Miami 87

Toronto 115, Boston 109

Cleveland 91, Brooklyn 78

New York 118, Utah 111, OT

Golden State 125, Chicago 94

Detroit 123, Houston 114

Oklahoma City 109, Charlotte 95

Dallas 106, Minnesota 94, OT

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, late

Atlanta at Portland, late

Today's Games

Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

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at 8 p.m. Friday.

Hooker enjoys his first MHS-Lee game

After Midland High's 84-68 win against Lee on Tuesday at Chaparral Center, Bulldogs' head coach Shan Hooker has now won the only MHS-Lee game he's ever coached.

Hooker said that he really enjoyed the experience of the game and the rivalry and was also impressed with Tuesday's turnout.

"The student sections inspired the kids, helped the kids make big plays," Hooker said. "It was real electric in there and we loved it."

But Hooker was quick to note that he and his team won't dwell on the uplifting win against Lee. There's still plenty of work to do over the remaining eight district games, including another date with a Rebel squad that likely won't forget what happened on Tuesday.

"Every victory is important to us," Hooker said. "To get that first district win in a rivalry game makes it that much sweeter. But we can't celebrate too much. We know they'll (Lee) make adjustments and come back full force (next time). We've got to turn our focus to (San Angelo) Central and the rest of the district schedule."

MHS (7-12, 1-1 in District 3-6A) will host San Angelo Central at 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

Greenwood tops Pecos, halts long skid

A 52-26 victory against Presidio on Dec. 5 was the last time that the Greenwood boys had found the win column.

But behind a 16-point performance from junior point guard Sam Magallan, the Rangers (3-19, 1-1 in District 4-4A) finally snapped a 12-game losing streak with a 61-30 road whipping of Pecos on Tuesday.

Greenwood will look for consecutive victories for the first time this season when it hosts Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

G Daniel Venzant, Jr., Midland Christian — Venzant continued his torrid stretch this week. He scored a game-high 35 points in the Mustangs' 81-71 win against Arlington Pantego last Friday and then netted 33 points in MCS' 62-59 loss to Lubbock Trinity on Tuesday.

HONOR ROLL

G Garrett Sparks, Sr., MCA — The Knights' floor general tallied a game-high 26 points in a 62-59 TAPPS 1-3A road win against Amarillo San Jacinto last Friday.

G Braeden Jones, Sr., Grady — Jones scored 23 points and drained seven 3-pointers in the No. 3-ranked Wildcats' 62-40 thrashing of Klondike last Friday.

G Cory Sutton, Sr., Lee — Sutton tallied a game-high 21 points for the Rebels in their 84-68 loss against MHS on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

G Tristan Graves, Jr., Stanton — Graves accounted for 21 points in the Buffaloes' 68-62 overtime loss against Reagan County last Friday.

F Courtney McMaryion, Jr., MHS — The athletic Bulldog wing poured in a team-high 18 points in MHS' win against archrival Lee.

G Shawn Rivers, Sr., MHS — Rivers scored 19 points in the Bulldogs' win against Lee.

G/F Mason Moore, So., Coahoma — The versatile sophomore led Coahoma with 18 points in its 66-44 loss against Colorado City on Tuesday.

F Peter Rodenko, Sr., Trinity — Rodenko registered a team-high 16 points in the Chargers' 54-50 road win against Amarillo San Jacinto on Saturday.

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WOMEN

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right mindset."

The Lady Chaps also expect OC to come out with a little extra fire as the Lady Wranglers are also coming off a 55-51 loss at Howard College on Monday.

"We're definitely going to come out more hungry knowing we're coming off a tough loss and I feel they will also," Dixon said. "It's a rival game but I just think of it as two good teams playing each other."

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WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
New Mexico JC	5	0	10	2
Midland College	5	1	10	3
Howard College	5	1	15	6
Odessa College	3	2	14	5
Frank Phillips	2	3	9	7
South Plains	2	4	14	8
Western Texas	0	5	13	7
Clarendon College	0	6	5	17

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 65, Midland College 56; Howard College 55, Odessa College 51; South Plains College 92, Clarendon College 46; Frank Phillips College 70, Western Texas College 67, OT

Today's Games

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

The game

NO. 10 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 18 ODESSA COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m. Thursday, OC Sports Center, Odessa

Records: Midland College 18-3, 5-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 14-5, 3-2

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 65, Midland College 56; Howard College 55, Odessa College 51

Notes & quotes: Midland College saw its nine-game winning streak snapped on Monday with a loss to No. 10 NMJC. Turnovers and sloppy play contributed to the loss. Wainatia Wright wss the only Lady Chap to . finish in double figures. ... OC saw a four-game winning streak end with disappointing loss to Howard College on Monday after Howard went on a 22-9 run in the final quarter. Sophomore guard Shelby Richards led the Lady Wranglers with 13 points and sophomore forward Lauren Newman added 12 in the loss. ... MC coach Ron Jones said it's a typical Odessa College team with depth and balance inside and out. "Odessa will be a real tough test, just like Monday at Hobbs was," Jones said. "We're going to try to improve from our performance from Monday and try to find a way to get out of there with a win. If we're going to have any chance to compete for a conference championship, we have to win almost every night. That's what we're trying to do."

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; Odessa College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

TEXAS COLLEGE ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS 56
NO 6. WEST VIRGINIA 49

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Javan Felix scored the final nine points for Texas and led the Longhorns to a 56-49 victory over No. 6 West Virginia on Wednesday night.

Felix, who finished with 17 points, shot 4 of 9 from the field, including 2 of 3 from 3-point range, and was 7 of 8 from the foul line against a Mountaineers team (15-3, 4-2 Big 12) that had not lost at the WVU Coliseum this season.

During the key stretch, Felix had a one-hand follow-up shot, two free throws, a 3-pointer and two more foul shots for the Longhorns (12-6, 4-2).

Because of light snow, slush and ice, Texas' team bus failed to arrive at the WVU Coliseum until 6:15 p.m., just 45 minutes before the tip.

West Virginia received double-doubles from Devin Williams — 11 points, 11 rebounds — and Jonathan Holton — 10 points, 14 rebounds.

Texas fought back from a brief deficit to take a 28-25 halftime lead over West Virginia. The Mountaineers charged ahead 34-29 with 15:24 left.

The Longhorns were ahead 42-37 with 9:18 remaining when West Virginia battled back. After Elijah Macon missed both free throws, Jaysean Paige got the ball and made a layup, and Holton followed with a score. Daxter Miles Jr.'s 3-pointer tied it.

Texas called a timeout with 6:17 left, then outscored West Virginia 14-7 the rest of the way.

The Longhorns, whose first-year coach Shaka Smart created a "havoc" press at his previous stop with VCU, turned the ball over just eight times.

NO. 13 BAYLOR 79
KANSAS STATE 72, 2OT

WACO — Al Freeman scored all 11 of his points after regulation, Lester Medford hit the go-ahead free throws to start the second overtime and No. 13 Baylor stretched its home winning streak to 15 games with a 79-72 victory over Kansas State on Wednesday night.

Medford made two foul shots in the opening minute of the second overtime to put Baylor (15-3, 5-1 Big 12) ahead to stay before Freeman added a driving layup.

After assisting on Johnathan Motley's layup, Medford made a steal and then added a floater for the Bears. Medford finished with nine points and 13 assists.

Taurean Prince had 19 points and 13 rebounds for Baylor, and Motley had 15 points on 7-of-7 shooting. Rico Gathers scored 11.

Kamau Stokes led Kansas State (11-7, 1-5) with 20 points. D.J. Johnson had 11, and Wesley Iwundu scored 10.

Women

NO. 6 TEXAS 65
TCU 58

FORT WORTH — Imani Boyette had 19 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks, and No. 6 Texas bounced back from its first loss by rallying in the second half for a 65-58 victory against TCU on Wednesday night.

Brooke McCarty had a pair of 3-pointers during a 10-2 run in the fourth quarter that put the Longhorns (17-1, 6-1 Big 12) ahead for the first time since the 6-minute mark of the first quarter.

Texas was coming off an 80-67 loss to No. 4 Baylor, which is a half-game behind the Longhorns in the conference standings.

Boyette had her Big 12-leading sixth double-double in seven league games, and 10th of the season overall.

Texas improved to 37-2 against the Horned Frogs (11-7, 3-4). Both losses came in the Longhorns' previous two trips to Fort Worth.

Zahna Medley and AJ Alix scored 12 points apiece for TCU.

After McCarty started the decisive Texas run with a 3-pointer, Brianna Taylor made a free throw for the first Texas lead since the first quarter at 53-52. McCarty's other bucket from long range gave the Longhorns their biggest lead to that point at 58-54.

NO. 19 OKLAHOMA 92
TEXAS TECH 53

NORMAN, Okla. — Kaylon Williams had 18 points, six rebounds and four assists, and No. 19 Oklahoma used a big first quarter to beat Texas Tech 92-53 on Wednesday for the Sooners' tenth straight win in the series.

Williams became the 31st player in Oklahoma history to score 1,000 career points.

Oklahoma jumped out to a 12-6 lead and did not allow another point in the first quarter to build a 24-point lead. The 30 points were the most scored in a quarter by Oklahoma this season.

Maddie Manning added 14 points for Oklahoma (13-4, 4-2 Big 12) and Gioya Carter had a season-high 13.

The Sooners held Texas Tech to 19-of-50 shooting (38 percent), forced 20 turnovers and set a season-high point total.

MEN

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calls and they got to the line. And late we settled for jump shots."

MC freshman forward Jachai Simmons, who led MC with 25 points and 11 rebounds against NMJC, said his team seemed to have lost focus at the end of the game.

"I should have gotten the ball more to score the ball more or help us get the win, at least," he said. "I do feel like we need to close out games better. We start off games pretty good but then we struggle having a solid finish in the last couple of games. We need to get back to what we were doing early in the season. We need to finish all these games and come out with a win."

There's probably no better place to start than getting a win against a rival and against some familiar faces. Simmons was also recruited by OC out of his high school in Plainfield, New Jersey. MC sophomore guard Daeshon Francis and OC sophomore forward Devin Davis played AAU ball together in Indianapolis; and MC sophomore guard Jordan Furlow and OC sophomore guard Louis Adams played at Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College last year.

WJCAC Men's basketball

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South Plains	5	2	14	6
Frank Phillips	4	2	15	5
Midland College	3	3	15	5
Clarendon College	2	5	14	7
Howard College	1	5	11	9
Western Texas	3	4	11	9
NMMI	0	6	6	11

Monday's Scores

New Mexico JC 82, Midland College 72; Odessa College 95, Howard College 90, OT; South Plains College 99, Clarendon College 66; Western Texas College 73, Frank Phillips College 58; New Mexico Military Institute was open

Today's Games

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

"This game is a big one because losing to New Mexico and Frank Phillips put us down to fifth in the league," Simmons said. "With Odessa being number one in our league this could really help us. The team attitude is pretty good. For the most part, everybody is upset (at Monday's loss) and ready to come to work and get better. We all know what we need to do to win. We've got to come out focused for 40 minutes, play our hardest, from the first guy to the 12th guy, from the five guys on the floor to the ones on the bench. We all have to get in the game."

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The game

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 10 ODESSA COLLEGE

When/where: 7:30 p.m., OC Sports Center, Odessa

Records: Midland College 15-5, 3-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 17-2, 6-0

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 82, Midland College 72; Odessa College 95, Howard College 90, OT

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to get back in the win column today after dropping its last two WJCAC games. MC only shot 32 percent, had players get into foul trouble and gave up 54 points in the second half. Jachai Simmons led MC with 25 points and 11 rebounds, Daeshon Francis had 14 points and Travan Coad added 12. ... OC is coming off an OT win at Howard. Devin Davis had 27 points to lead OC, Elijah Davis had 18 and Larry Lewis and Evan Taylor each had 13 in the win. ... MC coach Jordan Dreiling said OC is probably the most versatile team in the WJCAC. "They can play five guards with a lot of size, they're tough, they're aggressive and they find gaps and attack them off the bounce," Dreiling said. "We've got to do a good job of stopping the penetration, contesting their shots and limit them to one shot on their possession. We have to lessen the second chance points that we're giving up and we also have to quit giving up points off turnovers." ... Dreiling said he's hopeful to get Norbertas "Gee" Giga back today after missing Monday's game with a back injury.

Next: New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College, 6 p.m. Monday; Odessa College at Frank Phillips, 7:30 p.m. Monday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Wednesday's scores

MEN
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 79, Kansas St. 72, 2OT
SOUTH
Belmont Abbey 81, Limestone 63
Charleston Southern 73, Presbyterian 72
Hampden-Sydney 57, Randolph 55
High Point 73, UNC Asheville 69
Howard 71, Delaware St. 67
Johnson C. Smith 76, St. Augustine's 76
Lynchburg 64, Guilford 59
McDaniel 66, Washington (Md.) 54
Mount St. Joseph 65, Transylvania 60
North Carolina 83, Wake Forest 68
North Greenville 85, Erskine 76
Radford 78, Campbell 68
Randolph-Macon 84, E. Mennonite 76
Roanoke 98, Emory & Henry 90
Thomas More 83, Chatham 58
UCF 64, South Florida 54
VCU 93, Duquesne 71
Winthrop 71, Gardner-Webb 58
FAR WEST
Boise St. 94, San Jose St. 69
Colorado St. 83, Air Force 79
Nevada 75, Wyoming 69
MIDWEST
Augsburg 84, Macalester 70
Bethel (Minn.) 87, Carleton 31
Bethel (Minn.) 71, Carleton 61
Calvin 90, Kalamazoo 64
Concordia (Wis.) 86, Milwaukee Engineering 64
Cornerstone 85, Aquinas 66
Davenport 72, Siena Heights 57
DePaul 57, Marquette 56
Edgewood 83, Wis. Lutheran 79
Georgia 60, Missouri 57
Hope 76, Adrian 73
Illinois St. 55, Bradley 52
Madonna 78, Concordia (Mich.) 61
Marian (Wis.) 72, Lakeland 70, OT
Marygrove 77, Lawrence Tech 74
Michigan 74, Minnesota 69
Michigan-Dearborn 70, Northwestern Ohio 59
MidAm Nazarene 87, Central Methodist 83
Missouri St. 79, Drake 70
Nebraska 72, Michigan St. 71
North Central (Ill.) 97, Carthage 68
Notre Dame 83, Virginia Tech 81
Olivet 67, Albion 62
S. Illinois 79, Indiana St. 66
Saint Louis 98, Davidson 87
South Dakota 76, W. Illinois 67
St. John's (Minn.) 67, Gustavus 63
St. Mary's (Minn.) 70, Hamline 59
St. Norbert 82, Carroll (Wis.) 58
St. Thomas (Minn.) 75, St. Olaf 66
Union (Ky.) at Bryan, ppd.
Viterbo 65, Clarke 79
Wichita St. 74, N. Iowa 55
William Penn 92, Graceland 47
Wis.-La Crosse 68, Wis.-Stout 57, OT
Wis.-Platteville 64, Wis.-Eau Claire 75
Wis.-Whitewater 68, Wis.-Oshkosh 60
EAST
American U. 81, Lafayette 73
Bucknell 67, Loyola (Md.) 58
Colgate 85, Boston U. 79
Fordham 73, George Mason 62
Holy Cross 69, Army 65
Navy 69, Lehigh 64
Temple 82, La Salle 49
Texas 56, West Virginia 49

WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 92, Texas Tech 53
Oklahoma St. 79, Iowa St. 76, OT
Texas 65, TCU 58
Tulane 54, SMU 42
Tulsa 79, Houston 62
SOUTH
Austin Peay 96, Morehead St. 75
Belmont 44, Jacksonville St. 32
Davidson 69, Fordham 51
E. Kentucky 72, Murray St. 60
East Carolina 63, Cincinnati 60
Erskine 51, North Greenville 50
George Mason 70, VCU 54
Incarnate Word 66, McNeese St. 55
Johnson C. Smith 84, St. Augustine's 48
Limestone 97, Belmont Abbey 52
Memphis 88, South Florida 87, OT
Nicholls St. 70, Northwestern St. 61
Shaw 91, Winston-Salem 64
Thomas More 97, Chatham 37
Union (Ky.) at Bryan, ppd.
Wofford 58, UNC-Greensboro 56, OT
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 71, Air Force 47
MIDWEST
Akron 81, Toledo 71
Alma 56, Trine 47
Augsburg 75, Macalester 52
Baker 65, Benedictine (Kan.) 48
Ball St. 76, E. Michigan 54
Bethel (Minn.) 87, Carleton 31
Bowling Green 58, N. Illinois 43
Carthage 101, North Central (Ill.) 95
Cent. Michigan 72, Miami (Ohio) 58
Central Methodist 85, Mid-Am Nazarene 76
Clarke 78, Viterbo 43
Concordia (Moor.) 69, St. Catherine 47
Cornerstone 64, Aquinas 55
Davenport 79, Siena Heights 63
Doane 75, Midland 61
Grand View 71, Peru St. 58
Hope 79, Calvin 47
Indiana 68, Illinois 66
Kansas St. 59, Kansas 46
Lawrence Tech 101, Marygrove 46
Madonna 74, Concordia (Mich.) 72
Maryland 90, Wisconsin 65
Minnesota 95, Northwestern 92
Nebraska 62, Purdue 61
Northwestern Ohio 65, Michigan-Dearborn 61
Ohio 93, Kent St. 54
Olivet 54, Adrian 51
Penn St. 82, Iowa 69
Ripon 54, Lawrence 39
Rochester (Mich.) 75, Kalamazoo 49
Spring Arbor 58, Huntington 54
St. Benedict 70, Gustavus 61
St. Bonaventure 59, Dayton 54
St. Mary's (Minn.) 70, Hamline 55
St. Norbert 62, Carroll (Wis.) 41
St. Thomas (Minn.) 60, St. Olaf 54
UT Martin 65, E. Illinois 39
William Penn 77, Graceland 69
Wis.-Eau Claire 77, Wis.-Platteville 45
Wis.-Oshkosh 79, Wis.-Whitewater 66
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 63, Wis.-River Falls 52
Wis.-Stout 71, Wis.-LaCrosse 68
EAST
Army 77, Holy Cross 58
Bucknell 71, Loyola (Md.) 64
CCNY 63, Brooklyn 53
Caldwell 63, Dominican (NY) 70
Colgate 72, Boston U. 63
Farmingdale 78, Yeshiva 41
George Washington 67, UMass 50
Lafayette 60, American U. 51
Lehigh 51, Navy 48
Lehman 107, John Jay 53
McDaniel 58, Washington (Md.) 47
Philadelphia 69, Goldey Beacom 57
Rutgers-Newark 60, NJ City 45
Saint Louis 77, Saint Joseph's 66
Stockton 85, Rowan 53
Stonehill 56, Adelphi 49
Thiel 69, St. Vincent 57
UConn 106, UCF 51
W. Michigan 92, Buffalo 78
Wilmington (Del.) 73, Georgian Court 58

Today's games

MEN
SOUTHWEST
Kentucky at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.
FIU at UTSA, 7 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Texas-Arlington, 7:15 p.m.
UALR at Texas St., 7:30 p.m.
FAU at UTEP, 8 p.m.
SOUTH
Marshall at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Mercer at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Drexel at James Madison, 6 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Morehead St., 6 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
North Florida at SC-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Delaware at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Samford at VMI, 6 p.m.
The Citadel at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
Elon at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Georgia St. at Appalachian St., 6:30 p.m.
Stetson at Lipscomb, 6:30 p.m.
North Texas at Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
E. Illinois at Murray St., 7 p.m.
South Alabama at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
Belmont at UT Martin, 8 p.m.
Rice at UAB, 8:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Texas Rio Grande Valley at CS Bakersfield, 8 p.m.
Arizona St. at California, 8 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Denver, 8 p.m.
Southern Cal at Oregon, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Pepperdine, 8 p.m.
N. Colorado at S. Utah, 8 p.m.
Idaho at Montana, 8:05 p.m.
E. Washington at Montana St., 8:05 p.m.
North Dakota at N. Arizona, 8:30 p.m.
Cal Poly at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
Portland at Pacific, 9 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Arizona at Stanford, 9 p.m.
BYU at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m.
Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (Cal), 10 p.m.
San Francisco at Santa Clara, 10 p.m.
Utah at Washington St., 10 p.m.
MIDWEST
Memphis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at IPFW, 6 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.
Utah Valley at UMKC, 7:05 p.m.
Ohio St. at Purdue, 8 p.m.
EAST
Coll. of Charleston at Towson, 5 p.m.
Vermont at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at CCSU, 6 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Mass.-Lowell, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at NJIT, 6 p.m.
Iowa at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
Rider at Siena, 6 p.m.
Wagner at St. Francis Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Hartford at UMBC, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Manhattan, 7 p.m.
Hofstra at Northeastern, 7 p.m.
Wisconsin at Penn St., 7 p.m.
WOMEN
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. at UT Arlington, 5 p.m.
Little Rock at Texas St., 5:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at North Texas, 7 p.m.
UAB at Rice, 7 p.m.
Lamar at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.
CS Bakersfield at Texas-Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Missouri at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Old Dominion at W. Kentucky, 11 a.m.
Georgia St. at Appalachian St., 4 p.m.
South Alabama at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Marshall, 5 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Monroe, 5:15 p.m.
South Carolina at Auburn, 6 p.m.
Duke at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Alabama at Florida, 6 p.m.
UTEP at FAU, 6 p.m.
UTSA at FIU, 6 p.m.
Virginia at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Georgia, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Green Bay at N. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
ETSU at Samford, 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
N.C. State at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
North Carolina at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
Arkansas at LSU, 7 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Kentucky at Mississippi, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
UMKC at Utah Valley, 6 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at BYU, 8 p.m.
Saint Mary's at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
Chicago St. at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
Montana St. at E. Washington, 8 p.m.
Montana at Idaho, 8 p.m.
Seattle at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
S. Utah at N. Colorado, 8 p.m.
Pepperdine at San Diego, 8 p.m.
CS Northridge at Cal Poly, 9 p.m.
Pacific at Portland, 9 p.m.
Hawaii at UC Irvine, 9 p.m.
UC Davis at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
Ohio St. at Michigan, 5 p.m.
Syracuse at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.
N. Arizona at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
W. Illinois at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
IPFW at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
IUPUI at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Valparaiso, 7 p.m.
EAST
Monmouth (N.J.) at Rider, 10 a.m.
Saint Peter's at Manhattan, 4 p.m.
Stony Brook at Albany (N.Y.), 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston College, 6 p.m.
UMBC at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Niagara at Iona, 6 p.m.
UMass-Lowell at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Penn at Temple, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Vermont, 6 p.m.

TEXAS A&M

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it and the culture of winning and sharing the ball and playing hard defensively. It's taken shape."

The Aggies have three senior leaders, with SMU transfer Jalen Jones (17.4 points, 6.9 rebounds per game) and Danuel House (15.2, 5.1) leading the team in scoring. The undisputed heart of the roster is senior guard Alex Caruso, who grew up in College Station.

Caruso does a little bit of everything for the Aggies. He averages 7.7 points, 5.1 assists and 3.4 rebounds a game, and he is the school's career leader in steals. His 240 steals rank first among active Division I players.

Kennedy credits Caruso for helping the team stay grounded despite its success this season.

"We try to keep an even keel," Kennedy said. "We stress that in how we approach every day and then we've got a guy like Alex Caruso who's done it for four years."

It isn't just the old guys that have the Aggies back on track. Six-foot-10, 270-pound freshman center Tyler Davis has started 16 of the team's 18 games and has developed into a major presence, averaging more than 11 points and almost six rebounds.

He believes his coach should get all the credit for the team's improvement this season.

"Coach Kennedy's the man," he said. "He's a father-figure, he's got the kindest heart out of anyone I've ever met and he's a great leader. He's always talking to us. He's not just a coach. He's a friend, too, someone we know that we can come to. Someone you can trust."

The rapport Kennedy has developed with his players makes them go out of their way to play well for him.

"It just makes it easy when you're in that huddle listening to him or when you're in practice listening to him to never put off what he says," Davis said. "It just makes it a lot easier with the person he is."

Texas A&M's streak is its longest since the team won 13 in a row from Nov. 26, 2010, to Jan. 15, 2011. The Aggies host Missouri on Saturday with a chance to climb closer to that mark, but the team isn't worried about streaks.

"We don't get caught up in the hype, the rankings, just focus on doing your job and the rest will take care of itself," he said.

Miller and Harris back for this AFC title game vs. Brady

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

DENVER — Backslaps for the backups.

That's all pass-rusher Von Miller and cornerback Chris Harris Jr. could provide the last time the New England Patriots played the Denver Broncos for the AFC championship.

Harris

Miller

The backbone of Denver's dominant defense is ready for the rematch Sunday.

"I was happy for my teammates then, I'm happy for my teammates now," Miller said. "But I have a chance to go in and affect the game. There's a little bit more that I can do besides just cheer my guys on. And I plan to do that."

Miller and Harris were out with ACL injuries two years ago in the Broncos' 26-16 win over the Patriots, then watched helplessly from the sideline two weeks later as Seattle destroyed Denver's dismantled defense that was also missing defensive end Derek Wolfe in the Super Bowl.

Denver's duo was eager to face Brady and Bill Belichick, the best QB/coach combo in history with a record 22 playoff wins, a year later when the Broncos admittedly overlooked the Colts and never got that chance.

Not this time.

The top-seeded Broncos (13-4) took care of Pittsburgh and the second-seeded Patriots (13-4) beat Kansas City, setting up a rematch in the conference championship, a 17th and likely final meeting between Brady and Peyton Manning.

Instead of providing moral support this time, Miller and Harris get the chance to dethrone the defending champs.

"The Patriots come here, we're the No. 1 seed," Miller said. "Exactly how we had it before — but we get to play."

Also sitting out that conference championship two years ago was Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, who had an injured knee courtesy of then-Browns safety T.J. Ward, now delivering those big hits for these Broncos.

Both Ward (ankle) and Gronkowski (knee) were knocked out of the game when these teams met in snowy Denver on Nov. 29, a game the Broncos won 30-24 in overtime.

Also sitting out that game was receiver Julian Edelman, who's back in the Patriots' loaded lineup.

Both Gronkowski and Edelman had monster games against the Chiefs. Edelman had 10 catches for 100 yards and Gronkowski had 83 yards and two touchdowns among his seven receptions.

Miller realizes the task is a lot tougher this weekend than it was two months ago.

"We wouldn't want it any other way," Miller said. "That's the beauty of playing in the National Football League: We've got great players going against great players."

Instead of watching on crutches.

Harris displayed his usual bravado this week even though he's dealing with a deeply bruised left shoulder that's been bothering him for three weeks.

"We are a veteran group, a veteran secondary. We have played against Brady tons of times. We have played against their offense a billion times," Harris said.

Harris drew Patriots fans' ire this week by telling ESPN that if he had to cover Gronkowski 1-on-1, he'd have to take out the talented tight end's knees. Gronkowski, who has a history of knee injuries, responded with an off-color retort on Twitter. Harris, however, won't face Gronkowski 1-on-1. That task would go to Ward or Aqib Talib.

Either way, Harris and Miller are just glad they'll be suiting up for this one.

Miller, the second overall pick in 2012 who is due for a huge pay raise in the offseason, and Harris, an undrafted free agent whose first bonus was $2,000 and his second one $10 million, saw their paths intertwined after getting hurt in 2013.

They both had their knees fixed by Dr. James Andrews in Pensacola, Florida, and they became workout partners for six months. They reshaped their bodies through organic weight loss and a determination to take some stress off their repaired ligaments. Harris dropped a dozen pounds to 188 and Miller lost more than 25 to get down to 245.

They got their mojo back.

Miller, who had his right ACL repaired, has piled up 25 sacks over the last two seasons and earned All-Pro honors again in 2015. Harris, who had his left ACL repaired, went 35 games without giving up a touchdown and was named second-team All-Pro the last two seasons.

With Miller and DeMarcus Ware providing the pressure and Talib and Harris locking down receivers, the four Pro Bowlers teamed up to create what Steelers coach Mike Tomlin labeled the best pressure-cover combination in football.

One that will be tested Sunday.

Denver led the league in total defense, sacks and pass defense, but New England's spread-and-shred offensive philosophy along with Brady's ultra-quick release is often indefensible and renders his suspect offensive line a non-factor.

"I'm fully confident Chris and Talib and all those guys are going to be able to lock all that stuff down and give us a little bit of time," Miller said. "He's a great quarterback. Sometimes he doesn't even need an offensive line. He knows where he's going to throw the ball. He's got great guys that he's throwing the ball to. We've just got to take advantage of the opportunity when it presents itself."

Notes: The Broncos had 100 percent participation at Wednesday's practice.

Arizona's Floyd comes on strong after slow start to season

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Statistically, Michael Floyd ranks third among the Arizona Cardinals' trio of talented receivers.

That's a bit misleading, though.

After a slow start to the season, a result of surgery to repair three dislocated fingers early in training camp, Floyd has been coming on strong.

After catching two touchdown passes in the Cardinals' 26-20 overtime victory over Green Bay on Saturday, Floyd figures prominently in the Cardinals' hopes of winning at Carolina on Sunday in the NFC championship game.

"If he wouldn't have broken his hand, I think he would have had a 1,500-yard year," coach Bruce Arians said after Wednesday's practice. "He was having a great camp, and he's having a hell of a season, especially the second half of the season."

Floyd was sidelined the entire preseason. He didn't miss any regular season games, but it took time for him to be effective.

Through the first five games of the season, Floyd caught eight passes for 104 yards and no touchdowns. In his final 10 games, not counting the playoffs, he caught 44 for 745 yards and six TDs. In five of those games, Floyd topped 100 yards receiving.

He won't use the injury as an excuse.

"I'm not really worried about the hand anymore. I don't think I was worried about it from the beginning," he said. "I think when you worry about an injury, something else is going to happen while you're playing out there."

Floyd said his numbers got better simply because he was thrown the ball more often.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16

Sunday, Jan. 10
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 16
New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT

Sunday, Jan. 17
Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships
Sunday
AFC
New England at Denver, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Arizona at Carolina, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Honolulu
Team Rice vs. Team Irvin, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif
TBD, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

Bills hire NFL's first full-time female assistant coach

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills promoted Kathryn Smith to be their special teams quality control coach, making her the first full-time female member of an NFL coaching staff.

The team announced the move in a release Wednesday night.

Smith was an administrative assistant this season for Bills assistant coaches under Rex Ryan, with whom she has worked for seven years.

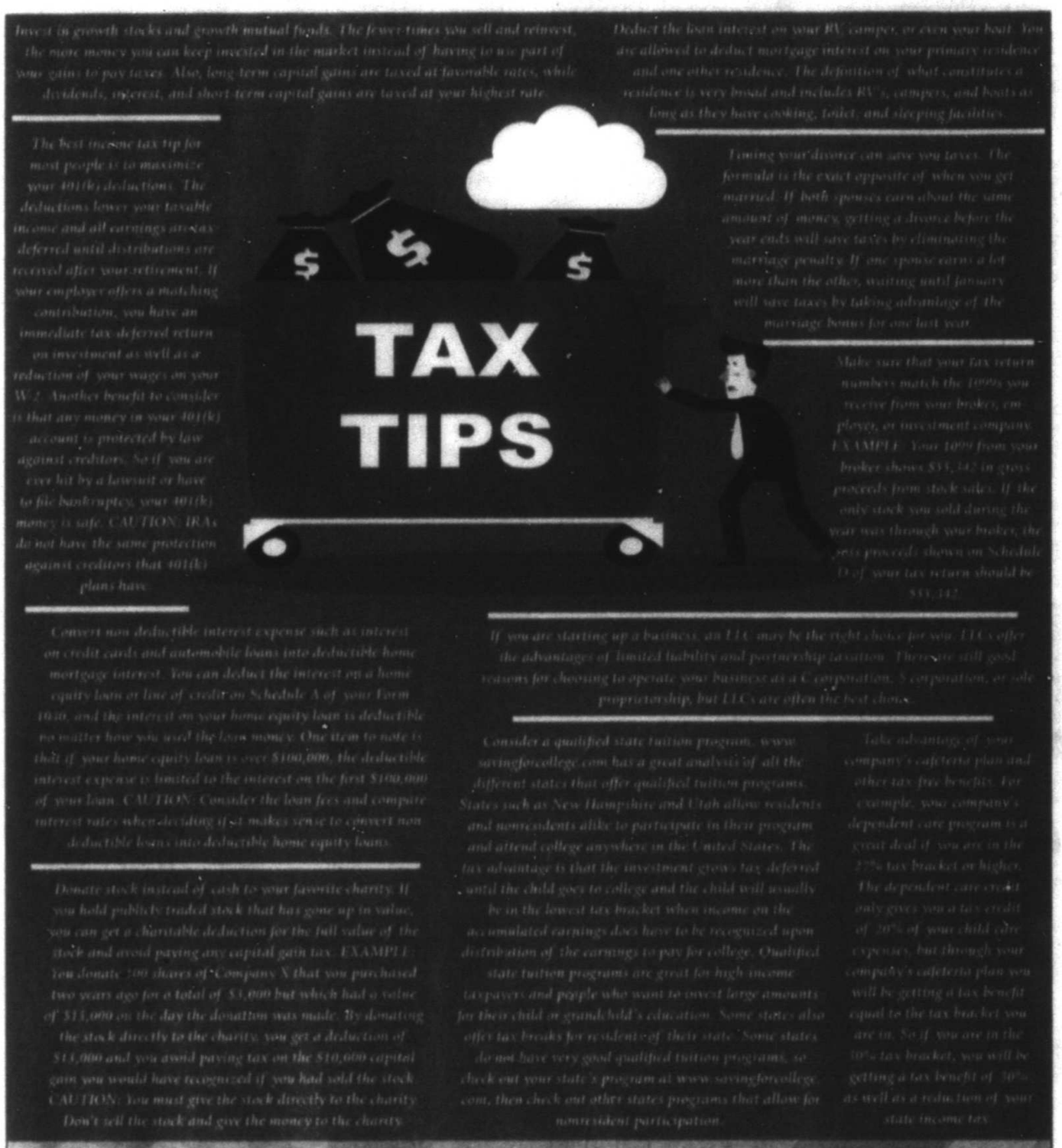
She spent the previous 12 seasons working for the New York Jets in various capacities, including a player personnel assistant from 2007-13. Ryan became Jets coach in 2009. Smith served as Ryan's assistant in 2014, his final season in New York before he was fired and then hired by the Bills.

In her new role, Smith will assist special teams coordinator Danny Crossman and his assistant Eric Smith.

"She certainly deserves this promotion based on her knowledge and strong commitment, just to name a couple of her outstanding qualities," Ryan said in a statement released by the team. "She has proven that she's ready for the next step, so I'm excited and proud for her with this opportunity."

Smith becomes the latest female assistant to break the gender barrier in North America's major professional sports.

She follows in the footsteps of Jen Welter, who last summer served a six-week training camp internship coaching inside linebackers for the Arizona Cardinals.



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						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!	Wheel of Fortune	Beyond the Tank (N)		My Diet Is Better Than Yours "The Dreaded 5k/ Fight for Your Life" (N)			Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces (N)	Mom (N)	Angel Hell (N)	Elementary "Murder Ex Machina" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Counterfeit Crank"	McMillan and Wife
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Auditions #6" Auditions come to a close in this final round. (N)				TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Joshua Caleb	Jean-Claude	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Heroes "Project Reborn" (SF) (N)		The Blacklist "Mr. Gregory Devry" (N)		ShadeBlue "False Face, False Heart" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		West. Perspec.	Masterp. Abbey: Season Six"	"Downton	Manor of Speaking	Mercy Street "The New Nurse"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	575		165		(5:00) The Life A...		★ ★★ Grosse Pointe Blank John Cusack.						★ ★★ Tapeheads John Cusack.		(:35) ★ The Kentucky Fried M...
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	(:45) Making	★ ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey					(:10) ★ ★★ Final Destination 3		(:45) ★ ★★★ Knocked Up	
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:15) ★ Gone Girl Ben Affleck.			(:45) ★ American Sniper ('14, War) Bradley Cooper.					Real Sex	(:45) J. Cole Forrest Hill	
HBO5		304	552	16	102		★ Wild ('14, Bio) Reese Witherspoon.				★ ★★ RoboCop			(:45) ★ ★★★ Robocop 2 Peter Weller.			Movie
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★ Blackhat ('14, Act) Viola Davis, Chris Hemsworth.							★ ★★ Snakes on a Plane		(:50) SinCityDiary "Luck is a Lady"
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:10) ★ ★★★ X-Men Hugh Jackman.				★ ★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past Hugh Jackman.						★ Child 44 ('15, Thril) Tom Hardy,
PLEX				96			(5:25) ★ Only You		★ ★★ A Guy Thing Jason Leo.			(:45) ★ ★★ Labor Pains				(:20) ★ ★★ Mrs. Winterbourne Ricki Lake.	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	★ ★★★★ The Imitation Game				Billions "Pilot"		Shameless		Dark Net	Gigolos	Dark Net	Billions
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ ★★ Metro		★ Brewtown ('15, Dra) Josh Duhamel.				★ ★★ Ginger & Rosa			★ Patrick Charles Dance.	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	First 48 "Last Stop: Paradise/ Bad Blood"		The First 48 "Dark Waters"		The First 48 (N)		Nightwatch "Dreams and Nightmares" (N)		The First 48 "Bad Medicine"		The First 48 "Dark Waters"
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(3:30) ★ The Patriot		★ ★★ Gone In 60 Seconds ('00, Act) Nicolas Cage.						★ ★★★ Top Gun ('86, Act) Kelly McGillis, Tom Cruise.		
BET		58	-		40		Martin	Martin	Criminals at Work		Zoe Ever	Zoe Ever	Zoe Ever	Husbands	Payne	Payne	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	76		41		Top Chef		T. Chef "Banannaise"		Top Chef (N)		Recipe Deception (N)		Watch (N)	Top Chef		Recipe
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "Ikkas Shoes"		Restaurant Startup		Restaurant Startup	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		A. Bourdain "Korea"		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Diesel Brothers		Diesel "Hell Camino"		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Mako Mer	Mako Mer	★ ★★★ High School Musical 2 Zac Efron.				Austin	Friends	Girl M.	Austin	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball Ohio State vs. Purdue (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Memphis at Cincinnati (L)				30 for 30 "Four Falls of Buffalo"				ITF Tennis Australian Open Third Round (L)			
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Kids Baking		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Kids Baking	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(:15) ★ ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.								The 700 Club		★ Little Fockers	
FSSW		37	38	56	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Playing for Pevs	The Beat Tex A&M	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★ ★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.				Baskets	Baskets		★ ★★★ The Watch ('12, Com) Ben Stiller.			
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "Big Boy Toys"		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Live to Tell		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway Junior "#OOTD"		Child Genius (N)		Runway "Make a Statement" (N)		Child Genius		Project Runway "Make a Statement"		Child Genius	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(3:30) NFLTP	Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More "Kissimmee, Fla." (N)							Mecum Auto Auctions "Kissimmee, Fla." (N)			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	MakePop	Thunder	★ ★★ Scooby-Doo Freddie Prinze Jr.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(3:30) ★ ★★★ Coming to America				Lip Sync Battle		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	★ ★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★ ★★★ The Faculty Jordana Brewster.				★ ★★ The Order ('03, Thril) Heath Ledger.					★ ★★★ Fright Night		
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wallet"	Seinf. "The Watch" 2/2	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ We Who Ar...		★ ★★★★ Foreign Correspondent						(:15) ★ ★★★★ The Pride of the Yankees Gary Cooper.			Movie
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Cella (N)		Bajo mismo cielo (N)		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Gran Hermano	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Marla's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Brittani's Story"		Extreme Weight Loss "Ashley" Ashley hopes to lose half her weight in one year.				Skin Tight		600 Life: Supersized "Brittani's Story"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)					NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns Site: U.S. Airways Center -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)				
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Colony "A Brave New World" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WGN		19	85				Elementary "Dead Clade Walking"		Elementary "Corpse de Ballet"		Elementary "The One Percent Solution"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Noretta"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec

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Aaron seeks to combine hockey and ballet at US Championships

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Max Aaron loved going to the ballet.

His sister would perform in "The Nutcracker" every year, and big brother never felt as though he was being dragged along to watch her.

In his spare time, though, Aaron competed in a sport not known for its grace. Now that he's a world-class figure skater, his style isn't exactly balletic.

"Yeah, my background in hockey probably doesn't help me out a whole lot," said Aaron, who comes into the U.S. Figure Skating Championships as a favorite to win his second title with two of the top three finishers from 2015 out because of injury.

It helps for the power and athleticism of his quadruple jumps, but that hasn't been enough the last couple of years. He won the national title in 2013 but missed out on an Olympic berth the following year when he placed third. In 2015, he was fourth despite landing two quad salchows in his long program.

Both times, he earned far fewer points for choreography and style than his competitors.

"It's been a tough process," Aaron said, "but that's the journey I've chosen."

This season, he's skating to the operatic "Nessun dorma" from Luciano Pavarotti and the "Black Swan" soundtrack. When the music was first chosen, Aaron listened to it with his eyes closed, internalizing the emotions the pieces evoke. Before the choreography process even started, he practiced his classical lines on the ice over and over.

"Now that I'm getting older and realize what I want and I don't want, pursuing a program that's more balletic is something that's actually true to me," Aaron said. "It may not look like it, but it's something I love and enjoy, that art. That's what I wanted to bring out this season."

Jason Brown, a 2014 Olympian, won't defend his title because of a back strain. Joshua Farris, who finished third a year ago, is out with a concussion.

Adam Rippon, the runner-up in 2015, will be seeking his first title at age 26. A decade younger, 16-year-old Nathan Chen is pursuing his first U.S. medal at the senior level after winning this season's Junior Grand Prix Final.

Nationals open today with the women's and pairs short programs at Xcel Energy Center, home of the NHL's Minnesota Wild. The men and ice dancers begin Friday.

Spieth's top goal in 2016: Winning the Ryder Cup

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Forget the majors, forget an Olympic gold medal: Jordan Spieth's big goal in 2016 is winning the Ryder Cup with the United States.

"We're tired of hearing about changes that need to be made. We're tired of hearing about the past," the top-ranked Spieth said Wednesday, adopting a fierce tone. "And we're ready to believe in a younger, more hungry team going forward."

The European team has won eight of the past 10 editions of the Ryder Cup, and will defend the cup at Hazeltine in September for a third straight time after winning 16½-11½ at Gleneagles in 2014.

Since then, the Americans have appointed Davis Love III for a second stint as captain and created a so-called "task force" to take a closer look at where the team has been going wrong.

"When we get there this year, it starts over," said Spieth, who is playing the Abu Dhabi Championship this week. "If we go in believing that the Ryder Cup, this is the inaugural event, this is a clean slate, we are ready to go and start a new trend, then we'll be fine."

The 2014 edition of the Ryder Cup ended in acrimony for the U.S. team, with Phil Mickelson — sitting beside captain Tom Watson at a closing news conference — praising the success of Paul Azinger in 2008 in the most recent USA victory and suggesting that Watson didn't embrace that winning formula.

There was a general feeling that Watson was out of touch with his decisions, tactics and leadership — especially compared to the dynamic captaincy of Paul McGinley for Europe.

Referencing up-and-coming players like Brooks Koepka, Justin Thomas and Patrick Reed, Spieth predicted there will be a younger U.S. team with "less scar tissue" and a "fiery" side through its success in team events in junior and amateur tournaments.

"We are all going to listen to our captain. We are going to listen to our assistant captains, and they are going to listen to us," said Spieth, saying the Ryder Cup was a "huge goal" that was "possibly at the very top of the list" for 2016.

"We are going to have to — all as team members — put a lot of thought into this ahead of time on how we want to prepare, so that when we get there, we know the teams, we can then play matches against each other."

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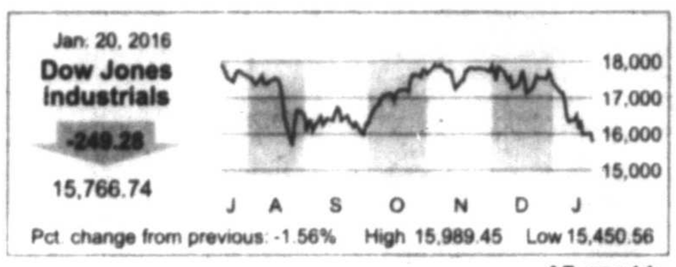

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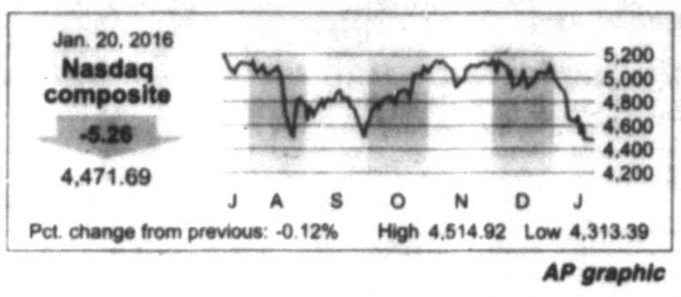

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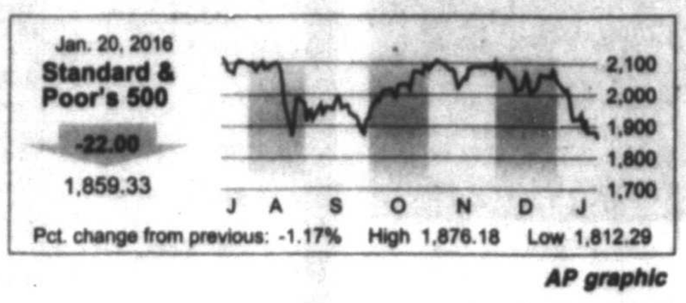

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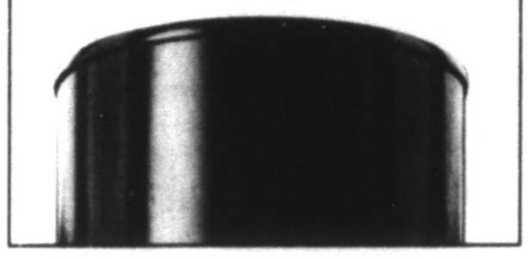
Wednesday: $2.090
Previous: $2.091



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2448360	13.69	-.55
S&P500ETF	2436081	185.65	-2.41
B iPVixST	1534842	27.41	+.70
CSVLgCrd rs	1243350	1.59	-.17
iShEMkts	921367	28.25	-.63

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tronox	3.64	+.64	+21.3
NavMH plPt	3.60	+.45	+14.3
AdvOil&Gs	4.93	+.61	+14.1
SwstnEngy	7.38	+.86	+13.2
Gensco	61.35	+6.48	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EtrcSPMlp	4.63	-2.03	-30.4
EmergeES	2.25	-.78	-25.7
UBS2xLMLP	8.74	-2.67	-23.4
DBCmdDL	2.40	-.60	-20.0
CSCmdyBmk	8.95	-2.15	-19.4

DIARY

Advanced	885
Declined	2,280
Unchanged	48
Total issues	3,213
New Highs	3
New Lows	1,383
Volume	6,244,120,869

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BancGSOil	68929	5.51	-.07
SynthBiol	51360	1.91	+.39
ChanneleEn	49508	28.52	-1.49
SynergyRs	44656	5.88	+.36
NwGold g	36483	1.95	+.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amplphi rs	2.98	+.66	+28.4
AdzinumP	2.06	+.27	+15.1
NovaBay rs	2.90	+.38	+15.1
EvolPt plA	18.65	+2.31	+14.1
RingEngy	4.99	+.45	+9.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gastar pfB	7.00	-1.83	-20.7
Gastar pfA	6.47	-.98	-13.2
OversShpB	2.53	-.29	-10.3
Air Inds	6.44	-.66	-9.3
GreenH plC	3.01	-.30	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	131
Declined	261
Unchanged	14
Total issues	406
New Highs	2
New Lows	126
Volume	109,589,353

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	838856	11.09	+.51
PwShs QQQ	836210	100.75	.31
Cisco	628955	22.90	.95
MicronT	649251	10.05	-.75
Microsoft	622082	50.79	+.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zalgen	10.04	+4.42	+78.6
Synaptics	78.55	+16.50	+26.6
OvaScience	8.35	+1.70	+25.6
GaimedPn	7.04	+1.26	+21.8
Energous	4.66	+.80	+20.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TxCapB wt	24.55	-14.06	-36.4
WashFd wt	4.34	-1.29	-22.9
CarverBcp	2.33	-.62	-21.0
GoLNGLtd	10.04	-2.35	-19.0
ChiCustR n	6.29	-1.39	-18.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,324
Declined	1,543
Unchanged	118
Total issues	2,985
New Highs	5
New Lows	907
Volume	3,106,096,406

Cheap oil, good for consumers, is slamming stocks. Why?

By Ken Sweet and David Koenig
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street is drowning in oil.

Stocks are having their worst start to a year in history in part because of a rapid plunge in the price of oil. The price of crude is down 28 percent this year already, which in turn has dragged down energy company shares in the Standard & Poor's 500 index by 13 percent, which has helped pull the overall index down 9 percent.

This even though low oil prices — and the cheap prices for gasoline and other fuels that result — are wonderful for consumers and many companies.

Here's what experts think is going on.

Q: Why is oil so low?

Because there is so much of it.

A long run of high oil prices inspired drillers to develop new techniques and to go to new places to find more oil, and they succeeded. In the U.S. improved oil drilling technologies known generally as fracking have added more oil to the global market than the total production of any other nation in OPEC other than Saudi Arabia.

Producers in the U.S. and abroad haven't cut back production very much, despite the low prices, and now the lifting of international sanctions against Iran could send more oil flowing into markets that are already awash in crude.

U.S. stockpiles are at their highest level in at least 80 years, and the International Energy Agency predicts that, during the first half of this year, global oil supply could outstrip demand by 1.5 million barrels per day.

Demand for crude has been growing steadily, but that may not last because economic growth in China, the world's second-largest oil consumer after the U.S., is slowing.

Q: Why do oil prices hurt the stock market?

Oil company profits are plummeting, so oil company shares are plummeting, and that is dragging down the whole market.

Analysts estimate that profit for all S&P 500 companies in total are on track to be down a recession-like 5.8 percent for 2015. But if energy companies were removed from that figure, S&P 500 profits would be up a very healthy 5.7 percent for the full year.

That profit drop directly leads to lower share prices that drag down entire indexes. Two of the biggest oil companies in the world, Exxon and Chevron, are part of the 30-member Dow Jones industrial average. Of the 20 biggest share price losers in the S&P 500 this year, 13 are energy companies.

Investors are also selling shares of companies that may have exposure to the oil industry, like certain banks. And the price of oil has now fallen so low that investors are also worried that it could mean global economic growth is much weaker than expected, which could hurt all companies.

Q: Aren't lower oil prices a good thing for the economy?

It depends on why prices are lower.

If they fall because new supplies have been found, it usually helps the broader economy, and markets held up fairly well during oil's big slide from over $100 a barrel in 2014 to under $50 a barrel last year.

"In the long run, lower oil prices should be positive or at worst neutral for the world economy because all they're really doing is transferring income from oil producers to oil consumers," Jessop says.

But this latest plunge in prices to under $30 a barrel has investors worried that oil prices are falling because global growth is slowing, as businesses and consumers in many developing countries, particularly China, cut back on spending. Bruce Kasman, chief economist at JPMorgan Chase, says that steep drops in oil prices have historically been a sign of a weakening global economy.

Also, U.S. consumers have remained cautious about spending the money they aren't putting into their gas tanks, which limits the benefit to the broader economy. Americans saved 5.5 percent of their incomes in November, up nearly a full percentage point from a year earlier.

Kasman estimates that U.S. spending grew at a tepid pace of just 1.5 percent in the final three months of last year. "There's no doubt that the consumer spending growth figures for the U.S., Europe and Japan have disappointed," he said.

Some of that likely reflected a temporary drag from warm weather, as Americans spent less on winter clothing and utilities. That could turn around in the first quarter, giving the economy a lift, Kasman said.

Q: Could this lead to broader turmoil, the way the subprime mortgage crisis did?

It is already having some ripple effects, but the energy market isn't nearly as big or far-reaching as the housing market.

When oil prices were high, lots of banks, including some of the biggest on Wall Street, made loans to energy companies to finance drilling in looking to drill in North Dakota, Texas and elsewhere. Dealogic estimates that the oil and gas industry has roughly $500 billion in outstanding debt. According to the Federal Reserve, there is $11 trillion in outstanding residential mortgage debt.

Still, some are feeling it. Oil company cash flow is slowing, and companies are finding it harder to repay their loans. Oil and gas company bankruptcies are rising, and the entire market for so-called junk bonds has been shaken as a result of energy company defaults.

JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citigroup and Bank of America all had to write down the value of energy loans or set aside more money to cover losses. BofA executives told investors this week that energy loans were roughly 2 percent of its total loans. Smaller regional banks could to be more exposed relatively than the big Wall Street banks.

Oil price falls to 12-year low

Oil futures continued to slide Wednesday, falling nearly $2 to a new 12-year low. West Texas sour also hit a new low, falling below $20 for the first time since 2003.

The price on last day of trading West Texas Intermediate futures contracts for February settled at $26.55 a barrel, down $1.91 or 6.71 percent. It marked the lowest settlement since May 6, 2003, when the day closed at $25.72, according to data from the Energy Information Administration.

WTI has had a tough start to 2016. The price has fallen 10 of the first 12 trading days into the year and began with seven consecutive days of losses. Oil has closed negative the past three consecutive days, falling $2.87 or 9.76 percent in that time. For the year, oil futures are down $10.21 or 27.77 percent.

March futures fell $1.22 on Wednesday to $28.35 a barrel, down 4.13 percent. The last day of trading for March contracts is Feb. 22.

The Plains All American posted price for West Texas sour fell below $20 for the first time since Sept. 19, 2003, when it fetched $18.75 a barrel. Wednesday's price was $19.60, down $1.25 or 6 percent.

West Texas sour has been pummeled this year. After opening 2016 at $32.00 a barrel, the price has fallen $12.40 or 38.75 percent.

The posted price for WTI was $23.25 a barrel Wednesday, down $1.25 or 5.10 percent. WTI posted is down $10.00 or 30.08 percent for the year.

From staff reports

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $13.06 Up 0.39

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $72.52 Down 3.46

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.20 Up 0.18

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $60.91 Up 0.43

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.08 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.12 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.80 Down 0.53

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $18.29 Down 0.40

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $4.99 Up 0.45

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.00 Up 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92f	37	33.90	-.61	-1.5
Abraxas	...	4	.75	-.00	-29.2
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	11.31	-.26	-11.8
AMD			1.80	-.15	-37.3
Alcoa	12	12	6.74		-31.7
AlonUSA	60	8	11.97	+.15	-19.3
AlpAlerMLP	1.19e		8.58	-.67	-29.0
Amgen	**4.00f**	**18**	**155.02**	**+3.72**	**-4.5**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**30.54**	**-.31**	**-37.1**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**34.61**	**+.38**	**-22.2**
Apple Inc	2.08	11	96.79	+.13	-8.0
ApidMatl	**.40**	**15**	**16.37**	**-.08**	**-12.3**
Archrock	.60	14	4.60	-.24	-38.8
Atmel	16		7.97	+.01	-7.4
ATMOS	**1.68f**	**20**	**62.39**	**-1.57**	**-1.0**
AutoData	2.12	25	78.22	-.89	-7.7
BP PLC	**2.40**	...	**28.46**	**-.46**	**-9.0**
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.38	-.07	+.8
BakrHu	68		38.88	-.91	-15.8
BkofAm	.20	10	13.69	-.55	-18.7
B iPVixST			27.41	+.70	+36.4
BarrickG	08	23	8.11	+.52	+9.9
BasicEnSv			1.90	-.04	-29.1
BerkHe A	...		**141884470.00**	**-3230.00**	**-4.7**
BkHillsCp	**1.62**	**30**	**46.17**	**-1.30**	**-.6**
BrMySq	**1.52f**	**62**	**63.55**	**+.34**	**-7.5**
Broadcom	.56	24	54.19	+1.23	-6.3
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**31**	**100.61**	**-1.40**	**-8.6**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**28**	**91.84**	**-.79**	**-7.5**
CVS Health	1.70f	21	94.12	-.51	-3.7
Cameron	...	15	57.16	-1.17	-9.6
Caterpillar	3.08	12	58.81	-.22	-13.5
Celestic g	...	12	9.38	+.15	-15.1
CntryLink	2.16	16	22.24	-.98	-11.6
ChesEng	...		3.32	+.24	-26.2
Chevron	**4.28**	**17**	**78.98**	**-2.53**	**-12.2**
Chicos	.31	44	10.13	+.09	-5.1
Cimarex	.64	...	77.66	-3.53	-13.1
Cisco	.84	12	22.90	-.95	-15.0
Citigroup	.20	9	40.49	-1.45	-21.8
ClayEng	...	...	**13.06**	**+.39**	**-65.8**
CocaCola	**1.32**	**27**	**41.38**	**-.54**	**-3.7**
ColgPalm	**1.52**	**23**	**62.45**	**-1.84**	**-6.3**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**38.70**	**-.17**	**-8.2**
ConchoRes	...	**43**	**72.52**	**-3.46**	**-21.9**
ConocoPhil	**2.96**	**39**	**34.75**	**-1.65**	**-25.6**
CrackerB	4.40a	17	123.18	-1.19	-2.9
CSVLgCrd rs				1.59	-.17
.59.7					
CSVelrVST			17.96	-.46	-30.4
CSVixSh rs			11.09	+.51	+77.2
CresTim	**1.56e**	**8**	**12.20**	**-.04**	**-6.2**
DCP Mid	3.12	8	15.69	-2.07	-36.4
DTE	2.92f	15	80.19	-2.04	...
Dataram	...	...	.55	-.03	-16.7
DevonE	**.96**	...	**21.59**	**-1.89**	**-32.5**
Disney	**1.42f**	**18**	**92.54**	**-1.43**	**-11.9**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**11**	**41.32**	**-.75**	**-19.7**
EMC Cp	.46	20	24.11	-.24	-6.1
EOG Resces	**.67**	...	**60.24**	**-.74**	**-14.9**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**21**	**27.53**	**-.41**	**-1.9**
EnCana g	.28	...	3.50	+.23	-31.2
Energen	.08		27.92	-.80	-31.9
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	8	7.00	-.54	-49.1
EngyTsfr	4.22f	67	21.50	-1.62	-36.3
EnPro	**.80**	...	**39.75**	**-.18**	**-8.3**
EntProdPt	1.56f	16	20.02	-1.21	-21.7
Ericsson	.39e	...	8.80	-.07	-8.4
ExxonMbl	**2.92**	**15**	**73.18**	**-3.22**	**-6.1**
Facebook	...	95	94.35	-.91	-9.9
FordM	.60a	10	11.90	-.05	-15.5
FrptMcM	...	...	4.07	+.11	-39.9
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.94	-.24	-15.6
GATX	**1.52**	**7**	**35.89**	**+.77**	**-15.7**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**6.35**	**-.21**	**-15.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**27.27**	**-.50**	**-14.6**
GenElec	**.92**	...	**28.00**	**-.49**	**-10.1**
GlBasSci rs	...	...	.12	-.08	-67.4
GtPlainEn	**1.05f**	**20**	**26.41**	**-.83**	**-3.3**
HP Inc	.50	...	9.55	-.21	-19.3
HalconRs rs	...	...	.32	-.01	-74.6
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**35**	**28.48**	**-1.31**	**-16.3**
HuntBncsh	.28f	11	9.26	-.22	-16.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	10.84	-.43	-10.6
iSTaiwn	.29e	...	11.42	-.26	-10.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	29.46	-1.08	-16.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	28.25	-.63	-12.2
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	52.53	-1.22	-10.5
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	77.12	-.52	-4.3
iShR2K	1.73e	...	99.18	+.41	-11.9
Intel	**.96**	**13**	**29.59**	**-.21**	**-14.1**
InterDig	.80	15	44.57	+1.38	-9.1
JD.com			26.38	-1.03	-18.2
JPMorgCh	1.76	10	55.51	-1.50	-15.4
JohnJn	**3.00**	**17**	**96.75**	**-1.75**	**-6.8**
Keycorp	.30	10	11.20	-.13	-15.1
KimbClk	**3.52**	**66**	**123.69**	**-2.19**	**-2.8**
KindMorg	.50m	23	12.01	-.54	-19.5
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.13	+.05	-35.4
Lubys	...	...	**3.85**	**-.05**	**-13.9**
MarathnO	.20m	66	7.86	+.18	-37.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	12.85	+.38	-6.3
McDnlds	3.56f	24	115.78	-1.72	-2.0
Merck	1.84f	13	50.55	-.79	-4.3
MeritMed	...	**27**	**16.40**	**-.01**	**-11.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.12	-.09	-34.4
MicronT		6	10.05	-.75	-29.0
Microsoft	1.44	34	50.79	+.23	-8.5
Natsors	.24	...	5.53	-.34	-35.0
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**65.82**	**-1.74**	**-5.3**
NOilWarco	1.84	8	29.72	+.19	-11.3
Netflix s	...	...	107.74	-.15	-5.8
NvMAd	**.79e**	...	**13.80**	**-.10**	**-.4**
NvPMI	**.78e**	...	**13.69**	**-.07**	**+.2**
NuvPI	**.82e**	...	**14.01**	**-.11**	**-.6**
NSTFI3	**.55e**	...	**14.34**	**-.13**	**-1.4**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.17**	**-.10**	**-1.8**
OasisPet	.s	2	4.32	-.07	-41.4
OceiPet	**3.00**	**26**	**59.02**	**-1.84**	**-11.8**
Oracle	.60	16	33.94	-.81	-6.7
PerTech	...	...	**5.60**	**+.17**	**-16.8**
ParkDrl	...	...	**1.07**	**-.16**	**-61.2**
PattUTI	**.40**	...	**11.64**	**-.43**	**-22.8**
Penney	...	...	6.31	-.26	-5.3
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**19.40**	**-.15**	**-11.3**
Prmian	.35e	10	4.32	-.17	-14.6
Petrobras	...	...	2.94	-.07	-31.6
Pfizer	**1.20f**	**23**	**30.66**	**-.03**	**-5.0**
PioNtrl	.08	21	109.04	-2.58	-13.0
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**10**	**17.94**	**-1.16**	**-22.3**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	100.75	-.31	-9.9
Praxair	**2.80**	**18**	**97.82**	**-.36**	**-4.5**
PrmEgy	...	**20**	**42.00**	**-0.00**	**-20.8**
PUVixST rs	...	...	50.64	+2.28	+78.6
ProctGam	**2.65**	**27**	**75.83**	**-.24**	**-4.5**
ProUShSP	...	...	23.84	+.54	+19.6
RangeRs	.16	13	21.99	+1.54	-10.6
RegionsFn	.24	12	7.90	-.18	-17.7
Rowan	.40	...	11.51	-.09	-32.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	56	36.87	-1.62	-19.5
SpdrDJIA	3.90e	...	157.61	-2.41	-9.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	185.65	-2.41	-8.9
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	32.29	-.28	-4.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	23.75	-.12	-21.4
SabnR	3.09e	8	25.72	+1.50	-2.1
SanderFm	**.88e**	**8**	**75.90**	**+1.43**	**-2.1**
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	61.06	-1.76	-12.5
Schwab	.24	25	25.27	-1.24	-23.3
SiriusXM	...	36	3.60	-.06	-11.5
Smucker	2.68	34	119.38	-.35	-3.2
Sprint	...	...	2.45	-.19	-32.3
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	66.99	+.13	-7.0
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	48.27	-.61	-4.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	51.77	-1.41	-14.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	20.99	-.42	-11.9
SP Inds	1.12e	...	48.01	-.63	-9.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	39.07	-.31	-8.8
Starbucks s	.80f	31	56.92	-1.63	-5.2
SunEdison	...	...	2.34	-.13	-54.0
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	16.49	-1.39	-35.8
TeleNSp	**1.03e**	...	**9.68**	**-.20**	**-12.5**
Tesoro	2.00	7	87.19	-2.41	-17.3
3M Co	4.10	18	136.96	-1.43	-9.1
Torchmark	**.54**	**12**	**61.69**	**-1.21**	**-9.4**
TriContl	**.81e**	...	**17.66**	**-.55**	**-11.8**
Twitter	...	...	17.38	+.69	-24.9
TylerTech	...	**75**	**157.18**	**+.06**	**-9.8**
UBSI	**1.32f**	**17**	**33.30**	**-.01**	**-10.0**
US OilFd	...	...	8.24	-.25	-25.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	2.33	...	-29.2
ValeroE	2.00f	7	65.48	-1.06	-7.4
VangEmg	1.10e	...	28.55	-.61	-12.7
VerizonCm	2.26	17	44.42	-.45	-3.9
VulcanM	**.40**	**62**	**81.80**	**-.92**	**-14.1**
WEC Engy	1.98f	20	52.94	-1.25	+3.2
WPX Engy	...	3	3.56	-.26	-38.0
WalgBoots	1.44	23	79.45	-1.25	-6.7
Weathrfrd	...	...	5.61	-.38	-33.1
WellsFargo	1.50	12	47.87	-.34	-11.9
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	30.99	-1.65	-13.0
WhitingPet	...	...	5.02	+.30	-46.8
WmsCos	2.56	44	15.49	-.29	-39.7
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**19**	**36.62**	**-.89**	**+2.0**
Xerox	**.28**	**30**	**8.76**	**-.15**	**-17.6**
Zynga	...	...	2.23	-.05	-16.8

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	15,766.74	-249.28	-1.56	-9.52	-10.18
9,214.77	6,560.11	Dow Jones Transportation	6,625.53	-31.67	-.48	-11.76	-25.46
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	579.03	-12.84	-2.17	+.21	-10.80
11,254.87	9,192.07	NYSE Composite	9,156.85	-144.89	-1.56	-9.73	-14.58
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	4,471.69	-5.26	-.12	-10.70	-4.19
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22,537.15	19,075.51	Wilshire 5000	19,077.69	-208.61	-1.08	-9.87	-10.65
1,296.00	983.98	Russell 2000	999.31	+4.44	+.45	-12.02	-14.31

TODAY: Sunny High: 55 Low: 28

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 55 Low: 28

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 64 Low: 38

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 71 Low: 38

MONDAY: Sunny High: 59 Low: 35

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 53 Low: 31

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is expecting lower-than-average temperatures today and Friday and then above-average temperatures this weekend. Wind gusts today could reach 35 mph, and there is no rain in the NWS' seven-day forecast.

The record high for Jan. 20 is 81 set in 2012. The record low is 11 set in 1985. On Jan. 20 of last year, the high was 69 and the low was 34.

Weather brief

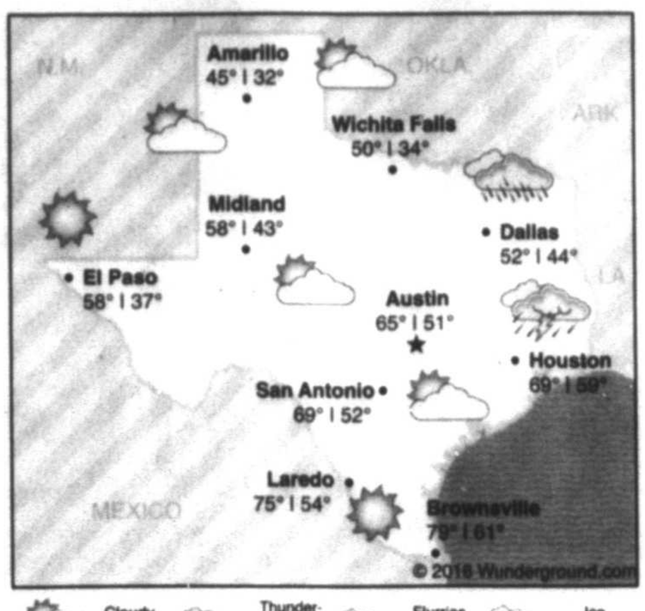
MISSOURI

Districts cancel classes amid winter storm

SPRINGFIELD — Several school districts have canceled classes as a winter storm makes driving conditions slippery across parts of Missouri.

Winter weather advisories are in effect from Wednesday night through today across portions of western and southern Missouri. Forecasters are predicting a mix of freezing drizzle, light snow and sleet.

Several districts in the southern part of the state were canceling classes.



Cloudy, Partly Cloudy, Showers, Thunder-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Precipitation

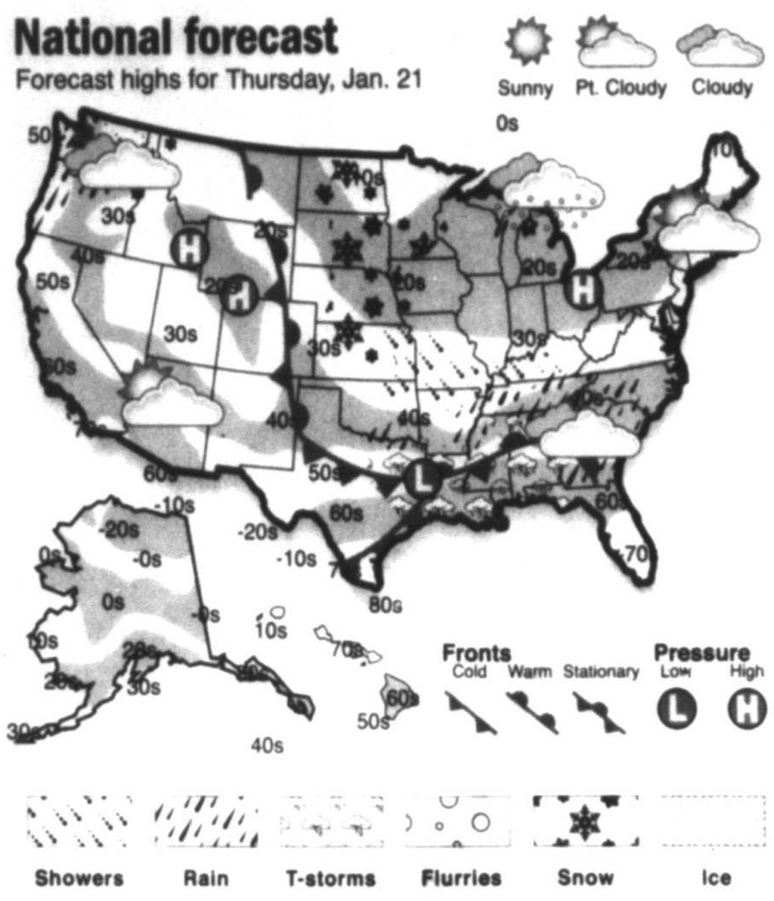
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.09 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.31 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	69
Low	34
Normal high	58
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:12 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 21



Couple's future grows murkier after man has second thoughts

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Jimmy," and I have been together for two years. After about four months, out of necessity we moved in together and it was great.

Not long afterward, I got a job two hours away. Since I moved, we get to see each other only every two or three weeks. The separation has been tough, but when we're together, everything is perfect and all is right with the world. I feel we were fated to be together.

Before the move, Jimmy and I often talked about marriage, and although I am not crazy about it, I knew it meant a lot to him, so I proposed (ring and all). He initially said yes, then sort of asked me to take back my proposal. Since then, he has been avoiding all discussions about our future, and I don't know what to do.

I'm willing to quit my job and go back to be with him, but I'm scared he's going to get cold feet. Obviously, I'm hopelessly in love with him, but now I'm feeling lost and confused. — HOURS APART IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HOURS APART: Please allow me to offer some clarity. Do not quit your job because if you do, you may find yourself not only without a job but also without a place to stay.

When someone (man or woman) asks that a proposal be rescinded, it usually means the person feels he or she may have jumped the gun by saying yes. Jimmy is avoiding all discussion about your future because he doesn't want one, and he's afraid to say it directly because he knows it will hurt your feelings.

For your own sake, have an honest conversation with him about this. It may be painful, but it will be better than living in limbo the way you are. As the saying goes, "When a door closes, another one opens."

DEAR ABBY: Last Friday was Grandparents' Day at my kids' preschool. My parents attended and were well-behaved for the most part, but then my mother made a faux pas. She asked one of the directors when her baby was due. Well, Abby, the woman isn't pregnant.

When I picked up my kids, I had no idea what had happened. The director was having a conversation with one of the teachers when I walked in, so as usual I smiled and waved as I walked by. I did sense something was off when she didn't respond, but I figured she was preoccupied. When we met my parents for dinner, my mother told me what happened.

I am mortified. I managed to make it out of the preschool this morning without crossing paths with the director, but I'll be seeing this woman for the next couple of years. What, if anything, do I say to her? — HORRIFIED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HORRIFIED: You did nothing wrong, so stop avoiding the woman and behave as you usually do. IF you notice that she treats you differently, all you should say is: "I heard what happened with my mother, and I'd like to apologize for her behavior. As you can see, she sometimes puts her foot in her mouth, but we love her anyway."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bad habits

East-West vulnerable. **South deals.**

NORTH
♠ 6
♡ A 5
♢ A K 8 2
♣ J 10 7 6 5 2

WEST
♠ A K 7 4 2
♡ 4
♢ Q 10 6
♣ Q 9 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 8 5
♡ Q 10 9 2
♢ J 9 3
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ J 3
♡ K J 8 7 6 3
♢ 7 5 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	1♠	2♣	3♠*
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*Pre-emptive

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

In a rubber bridge game, West shifted to a trump at trick two, going to the queen and king. 3-2 splits in both hearts and clubs would see declarer romp home with 12 easy tricks. South, more accustomed to duplicate, didn't see the danger. He led a trump to the ace, crossed back to his hand with a club to the ace, and cashed the jack of hearts. OK, so he had a trump loser — only 11 tricks. He cashed the king of clubs, planning to cross to dummy in diamonds, ruff a club to establish the suit, and eventually discard a loser on a good club. Oops! East ruffed the second club, cashed a spade, and shifted to a diamond. South could not avoid the loss of another trick. Down one.

It would have been better to test the clubs at trick three, when there would still be time to deal with a poor split. Say East ruffs the second club and reverts to spades, forcing dummy to ruff with the ace of hearts. South can ruff a club, cash the jack of hearts, cross to dummy in diamonds and ruff another club. Declarer can now lead a trump to East's 10 and use his diamond entry later to discard a diamond on a good club.

Should East discard on the second club, rather than ruffing, declarer still gets home. He leads a heart to the ace and then leads the jack of clubs, discarding his spade loser. The diamond loser will go later on the 10 of clubs.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016:

This year you find that your adventurous spirit is renewed, and you feel the desire to have more fun. Others witness a newfound zest for living. If you are single, you enjoy your dating life now more than ever before. You might opt not to commit and to just have a good time dating. If you are attached, the two of you act like wild things. Others will wonder what you're both really up to. Remember, you don't need to tell them anything; your smile says it all. CANCER is always emotional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might want to stay close to home. You tend to switch between extremes without intending to, and you're comfortable with what's happening. Tap into your imagination in order to understand the events around you and the reactions of others. Tonight: Happy to head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You'll have a lot to share. Someone says the right words, which allows you to open up with ease. You could see the end of a long tunnel you have been traveling through. At first you might not believe the clarity you gain, but you will after a while. Tonight: Visit with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll think that you're ready to go on a strict budget; however, you could decide at the last minute to justify one more indulgence. You might go overboard, but you will enjoy every moment. The time is coming when you'll need to use more self-discipline. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You are on top of the world and ready for nearly anything to happen. You might decide to share a fantasy or a long-thought-about idea. The feedback you get will establish the validity of the idea as well as give you the motivation to work with it. Tonight: Find a special person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might have intended to be more forthright, but you could decide to pull back instead. You need to listen to your inner voice in order to make a solid decision. A loved one starts to share more of what is on his or her mind. Tonight: Keep the partying to a minimum.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ A get-together or a meeting could be more important than you realize. In a sense, you have pushed someone away. You might need to rethink an interaction you have had recently, as it could be weighing on you. Clear the air by having a discussion. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Take charge of an important matter. Others look to you with admiration. Someone wants to demonstrate his or her caring. Honor this person by making a kind gesture in return. Your sixth sense will come through if you allow it to. Tonight: Be aware of a need to please others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Let your mind drift, and ideas will come to you. It will be even more effective to work with several friends who process things the same way. You will see your resourcefulness and confidence evolve. Tonight: One-on-one relating can only add to the positive vibes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be direct in how you deal with others. The best way to proceed, especially if you really care about the results, is to initiate a one-on-one conversation. Share the outcome with a close friend. Make sure that you both are on the same page. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have the unique opportunity to open up a situation. You might need to use flattery to break someone's resistance to having a conversation. You will realize that the two of you simply are on different pages. State your thoughts clearly. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your ambitious agenda could be waylaid by a need to be more self-indulgent. Be sure to schedule breaks — and take them. Your effectiveness will be enhanced as a result. Use extreme caution with your financial dealings. Tonight: Get some much-needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are inspired because of your ability to daydream and fantasize. Don't be surprised if you hear others wondering about where these ideas have come from. Make time for a child or a new friend. This act alone will make your life easier. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

BORN TODAY

Singer Emma Bunton (1976), fashion designer Christian Dior (1905), actress Geena Davis (1956)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Chinese take-out order?
6 Co. making many arrangements
9 Basilica recess
13 Impressed
14 Lab coat discovery?
15 Tool with teeth
16 Loud cheering consequence
18 Informed about
19 "Whopper alternative (1969-1986)
21 Help for a breakdown
22 Affaire de coeur
23 Star followers
26 Webby Award candidate
29 Wrap maker
32 Lot size
33 WWII lander
34 Author Greene
35 Feel sorry about
36 "Former MLB mascot BJ Birdy was one (1789-1795)
38 From __ Z
39 Barely moves
41 Roker and Rosen
42 Tiny time meas.
43 Branch of yoga
44 "No real damage"
45 Car-collecting star
46 George Eliot or George Sand
48 UV index monitor
50 The end of each answer to a starred clue is a former one
54 Hi's wife, in comics
55 Broiler with a motor
58 Start to freeze?
59 Sanctioned
60 Scrub
61 Russia is its largest producer
62 National Preparedness Mo.
63 Breathers?

DOWN

1 Grafton's "__ for Noose"
2 "Art is my life and my life is art" artist
3 Sportscaster Albert
4 Honey
5 Day one
6 Ice __
7 Leaves holder
8 Fact
9 Peppery salad green
10 "Film for which John Houseman won an Oscar, with "The" (1864-1873)
11 Candy bar with a Nordic name
12 Dusk, to Pope
14 Calendar col.
17 "The War of the Worlds" author
20 Detroit Lions' lion mascot
23 Time that "went out like a lion," in song
24 Upscale Honda
25 "'Jaws' menace (1910-1921)
27 Spartans' sch.
28 Best crew
30 Like granola
31 Oil giant that built what is now Chicago's Aon Center
34 Leak preventers
36 Fault
37 2001 album that's also a nickname
40 Response to a ring
42 Medically ineffectual treatment
44 Bit of clique humor
47 High styles
49 Galileo, by birth
50 Frozen yogurt holder
51 Lone Star State sch.
52 Caesar of comedy
53 Psyche's beloved
54 Class where partners may be required
56 Ill temper
57 "Edge of Tomorrow" enemies, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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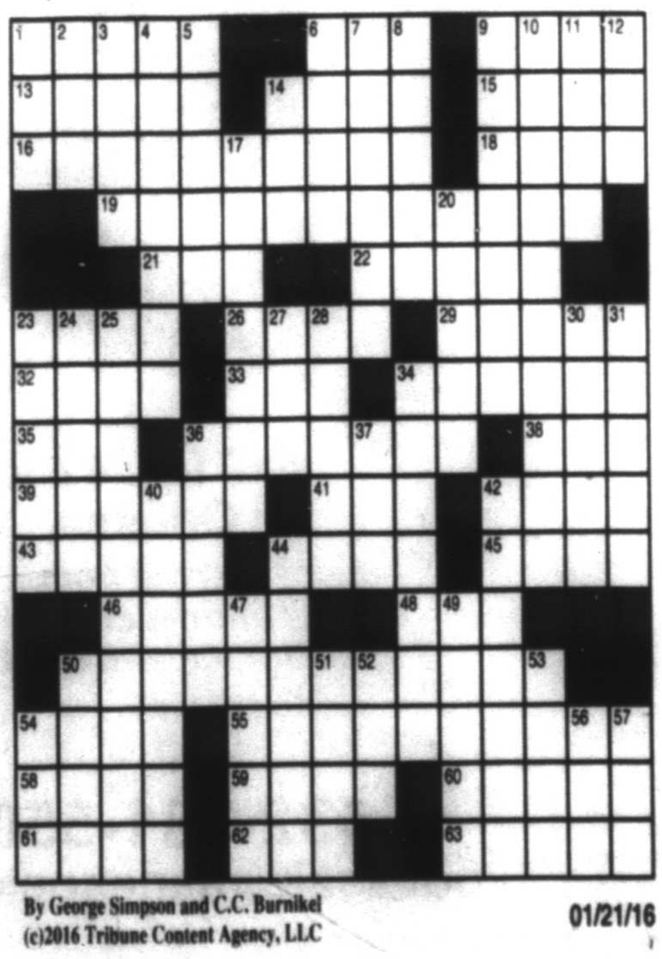

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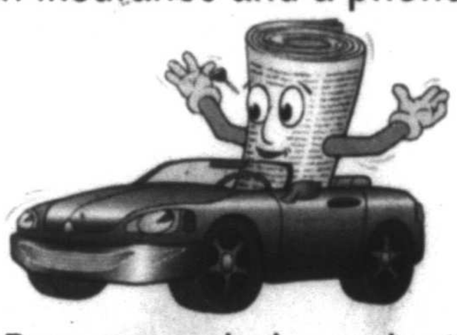

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5000 to 5900 feet.

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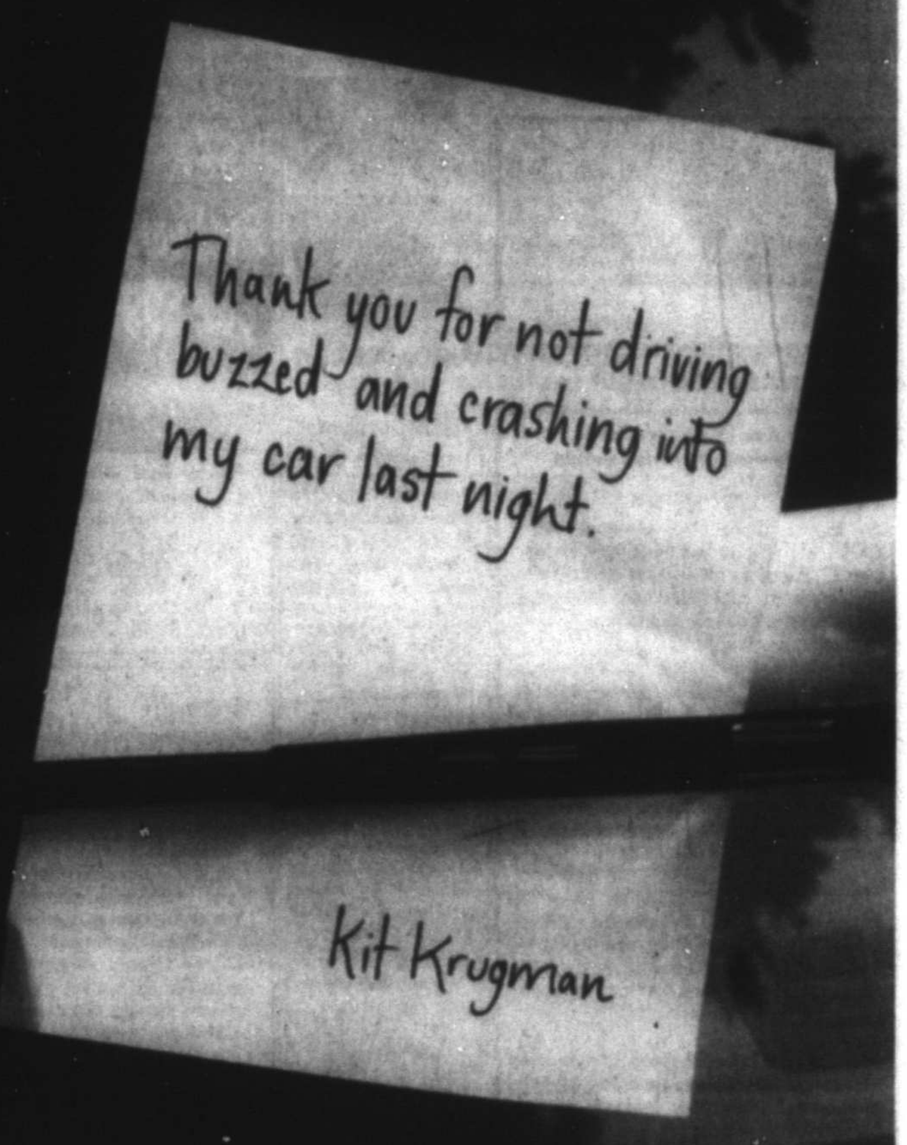

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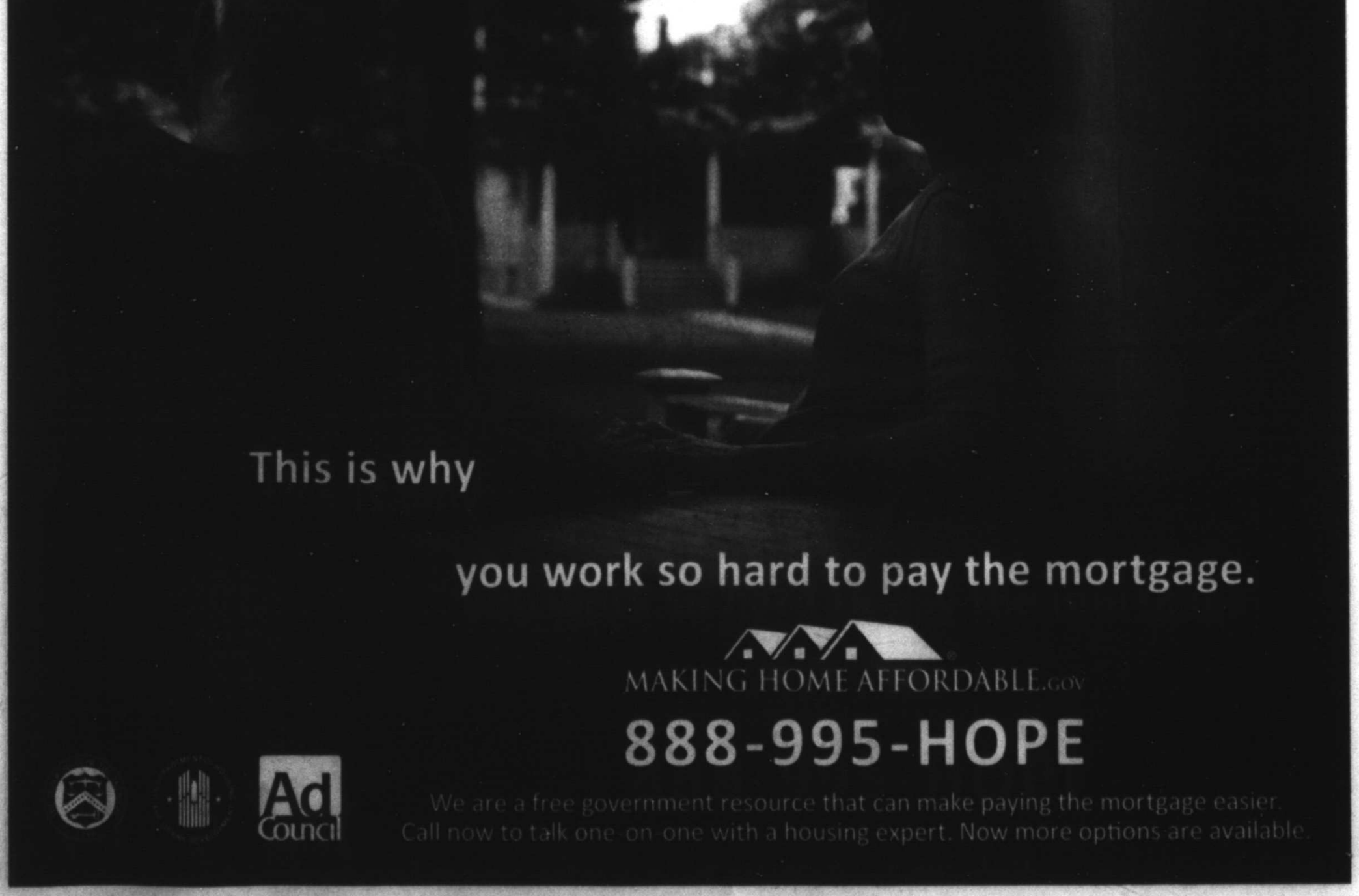

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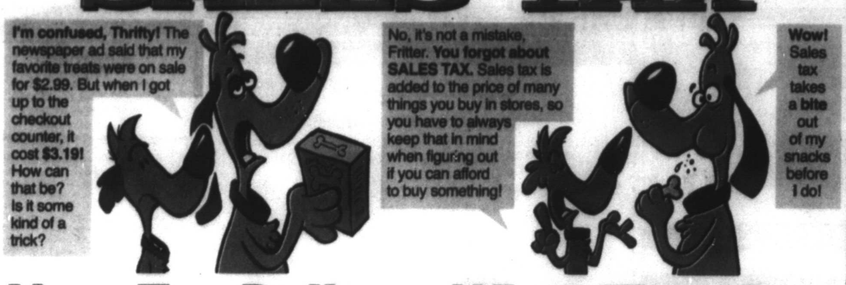

Your Tax Dollars: What They Buy

Many things you buy at a store are taxed. That means you pay a little more than the price tag shows to pay the sales tax. Cities, states and the federal government use tax dollars to pay for a variety of services and government functions. Unscramble the letters to discover some of the things taxpayer dollars buy.

SROCTU _____

HIFREEGSIFTR _____

LEPICO _____

SLIRBEIRA _____

LOCHSOS _____

SYEEWAFR _____

FEENSED _____

A Note to Parents
Show your child a grocery store receipt and point out the sales tax.

Let's Talk!
Talk with a parent about sales tax. Ask them how they estimate the cost of something when they're deciding to make a purchase. Ask them what other kinds of taxes they pay.

Income Taxes

Replace the missing words.

OWE PAYCHECK MUCH PAID WORKING YEAR AMOUNT EARNED

MONEY A WORKER EARNS IS CALLED 'INCOME.'

Everyone who earns money by _____ pays a percentage of his or her earnings to the government in what is called an **income tax**.

Most of this tax is taken out of a person's _____ a little at a time throughout the _____. But, once a year, people have to list both the money they have _____ and their expenses to see if they paid the right _____ of taxes. Income taxes for 2015 are due by April 15, 2016.

If, when preparing your taxes, you find out you have not _____ enough taxes, you need to pay the government what you _____ for the previous year. If you discover that you have paid too _____ in taxes, the government will send you a refund.

Extra! Extra!

Sales Tax

First unscramble the words that describe the services which are supported by sales tax. Next look through the newspaper for five or more examples of things sales tax helps provide your community.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Coin Challenge

How many ways can you make a dollar with these coins? Complete the chart to show the number of coins you will need for each group.

					TOTAL
1		3	2		$1.00
2	3			5	$1.00
3	2			25	$1.00
4		1	8		$1.00
5		3	4		$1.00
6	1		6		$1.00

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

PURCHASE
INCOME
TAXES
AFFORD
SALES
CITIES
MONEY
COST
BUY
STORES
PAY
DUE
PRICE
ADDED
TAG

X	B	U	Y	Q	S	C	F	M	T
P	T	S	E	M	A	T	O	A	B
E	U	D	M	R	L	N	X	S	T
A	Z	R	O	E	E	E	G	T	T
D	K	O	C	Y	S	G	A	O	P
D	U	F	N	H	T	Y	T	R	R
E	W	F	I	S	A	P	D	E	I
D	T	A	Q	P	M	S	F	S	C
S	A	S	C	I	T	I	E	S	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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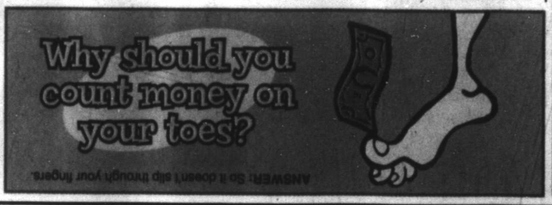
Sales Tax Percentage

Is their sales tax in your community? Select five items in today's paper that you would like to buy. Find out the price and then multiply the price by the sales tax percentage. What is the total price to buy these items?

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums.



Weekly Writing Corner

Grow Money

Students describe how to turn one dollar into ten dollars or more.

The way I could turn one dollar into ten dollars or more is to get a Yard Sale sign and dig out all my old toys and baby stuff and then have a yard sale and maybe I would get ten dollars or more.

John, 5th grade

Here's what I would do: First, I would buy a little bit of beads and string for one dollar. I would sell however many things I could make with the beads. Next, say I earned two dollars, then I would go buy more supplies with the money I had. I would keep on going like that. Every time I would make a profit, I would save some of the money and use the rest to buy better supplies. That is how I could turn one dollar into ten or more.

Rebecca, 5th grade

One way to turn one dollar into ten is by saving up. If you get an allowance of one dollar you could put away 50¢ each week. So then, by week twenty, you would have ten dollars!

Ruby, 5th grade

Did you know that you can make ten dollars just by spending one dollar? Well, I have three ways to do it. One thing is that you can have a yard sale. The second thing is a bake sale. Last, but not least, you can auction your things. That would be how you can make ten dollars out of one dollar.

Ashli, 5th grade

You could buy a pack of cookie dough, make the cookies and then sell them. I know it will work because I've tried it before and I got ten dollars.

Jonas, 5th grade

First you have to buy something for one dollar. Then you have to start yelling out, "Huge sale! Huge sale!" Some people just love sales. Then, you have to sell it for ten dollars or more.

Elizabeth, 5th grade

Well, you could sell things. Or you could add a 0 to the one on a dollar bill but that's probably illegal or you could try a couple of magic tricks.

Luc, 5th grade

You can buy something and sell it for more. For example: You can sell lemonade or cookies. Or finally you can get a job as an archeologist. (They don't get paid much but it's at least $9.)

Anthony, 4th grade

I would buy three white erasers for one dollar and I would sell them for $1.25. I would get three more and do it again three times.

Ashley, 1st grade

You can make your money grow because you can work. You can also do a yard sale or sell something or bake something. These are only some of the ways you can make your money grow. Ask your parents how you can earn money!

Victory, 4th grade

I would invent a machine that would turn one dollar bill into a ten dollar bill. That is how I would make my money grow. Or I could make it worth 1,000 billion dollars with my aincentaitor — my invention that grows money and makes everything ancient.

Hannah, 4th grade

Write On!

Rainbow Feelings

Do different colors make you feel different? Describe how one or more colors makes you feel. For example: *When I wear (name of color), I feel …*

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