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Midland Community Theatre opened the new season with the musical 'Mamma Mia'. See a review of the show today in Weekender.

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US hits oil production record 10.25 million barrels per day

■ **EIA Outlook: Production will average 10.6 million barrels per day in 2018**

By Trevor Hawes
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The U.S. marked a record for crude oil production, and when the next milestone will be achieved has been revised.

Domestic crude oil production was at 10.251 million barrels per day (b/d) for the week ending Feb. 2, according to the Energy Information Administration's weekly stockpiles report released Wednesday. Last week, the EIA reported the U.S. topped the 10 million b/d mark in November 2017 for the first time since November 1970.

On Tuesday, the EIA revised its Short-Term Energy Outlook. The agency says crude production will average 10.6 million b/d in 2018, which would surpass the previous high average of 9.6 million b/d set in 1970.

The EIA estimates daily crude production will hit the 11 million b/d mark in November, a year earlier than previous projections. The EIA forecasts average production to be 11.2 million b/d day in 2019.

The agency also says West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices will be on average $4 per barrel lower than North Sea Brent through 2019. WTI will average $58.28 per barrel this year and $57.51 in 2019.

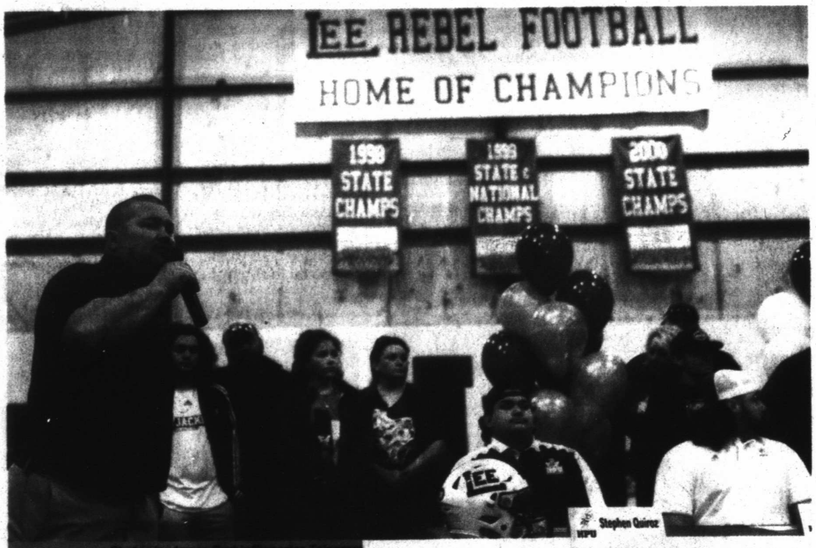
In looking at WTI futures contracts for May, the EIA expects prices to be in the $55 per barrel to $77 per barrel range. May contracts settled at $61.19 per barrel Wednesday.

WTI contracts for March delivery fell $1.60 on Friday to $61.79. Since Friday's close, WTI has fallen by $3.66, or nearly 6 percent. The price has dropped every day this week, but WTI has yet to hit its year low of $60.37, which was recorded on the first trading day of the 2018.

Weekly crude imports fell by 60,000 b/d to 6.605 million b/d, the EIA reported. Exports dropped by 478,000 b/d to 1.287 million b/d. Commercial crude inventories rose by 1.9 million barrels to 420.3 million barrels. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve saw 500,000 more barrels for a total of 665.1 million barrels.

Total motor gasoline stocks rose by 3.4 million barrels to 245.5 million barrels. Kerosene-type jet fuel inventories rose by 1 million barrels to 42.6 million barrels. There were 141.8 million barrels of distillates in inventory, up by 3.9 million barrels.

Signing Day at Lee



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Above: Lee High School head football coach Clint Hartman speaks during a college football signing Wednesday at the Lee fieldhouse. See local coverage of National Signing Day on Page 1C.

Right: Lee football players are recognized during a college football signing Wednesday at the Lee fieldhouse.

Repman seeks Commissioner's Court Precinct 4 seat

Editor's Note: This profile is the first about a candidate for county commissioner for Precinct 4. A profile about incumbent Randy Prude will appear in a future edition.

By Simone Jasper
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Longtime Midland businesswoman Carla Repman has filed as a Republican candidate for Midland County commissioner for Precinct 4. Repman, 60, said she has given back to this community for years.

"I have always been a server," she said. "I'm one of those people persons, and I've always volunteered for the last 20 years for St. Vincent de Paul, which is a benevolent agency."

Repman

Repman, who has never run for political office, became active locally after welcoming her grandchildren. She is seeking the county commissioner position in hopes of leaving opportunities for them.

"I want them to have a way to … experience owning a business or buying a house or raising their kids here in Midland and not going somewhere else," she said.

Repman is vice president of Air Master Mechanical Inc., which handles air conditioning for new construction. She started the company with her husband 40 years ago and sees parallels between it and the county judge role.

"Being able to run a business, you see the way that things are handled," Repman said. "Sometimes … we don't look at ourselves. It's not a personal journey. It's a journey for our company because this sustains us and other people."

The candidate said running businesses and county government require work to help them succeed. If elected, she hopes to examine the best options for those she serves.

Repman, a Pecos High School graduate, moved to Midland in 1976. She is an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and has lived in Precinct 4 for more than three decades.

In that part of the county, Repman said water is a concern for people whose properties aren't within city limits. She said traffic volume is another issue and hopes motorists will slow down.

"From probably (State Highway)191 to the Tom Craddick Highway has been a boom," she said. "I know we have construction, oil field trucks coming down our road."

Repman is challenging Randy Prude, who has held the Precinct 4 commissioners' court seat for about two decades. For years, Repman has attended meetings for local entities, including the county government.

"They're tasked with the Horseshoe and the courthouse and may be

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Greenwood, MISD ISDs easily outperform ECISD

By Stewart Doreen
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The data from the recently released federal report card shows Greenwood ISD outperforming Midland ISD when it came to students approaching or meeting grade level and both Midland County school districts easily distanced themselves from Ector County ISD.

The federal report card uses data from the State of Texas Assessments and Academic Readiness testing that took place during the 2016-17 school year. The results also show how each district performed against the region and state averages.

Comparing the results, Midland and Greenwood ISDs outperformed Ector County ISD, which includes Odessa, whether one is looking at results of students approaching grade level or the percentage of students meeting grade level.

Greenwood ISD, however, showed higher scores when directly compared to Midland ISD and when considering the districts' performances against Region 18 and state averages.

When looking at the percentage of students approaching grade level, Greenwood ISD outperformed 14 of 22 subject areas in grades three through high school. When "all grades" were factored in, GISD showed higher percentages in five of six subject areas.

Looking over the same results, Greenwood ISD outperformed the region in 20 of 24 subject areas, while Midland ISD outperformed the region in 18 of 24. Against the state average, GISD outperformed the state four times and tied the state average in five other subject areas. MISD tied the state average one time.

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The big number
11.8 million Americans have signed up for coverage under former President Obama's health care law. Page 6A

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Obituaries

Charles F. Arnold

Charles F. Arnold, long-time Midland resident, died on February 2, 2018, in Odessa, Texas. Charles was born on August 13, 1948, to Edwin Franklin Arnold and Luella Groth Arnold. Charles grew up in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated high school there. He attended college at North Texas State University (now University of North Texas). Charles taught high school math in Big Spring before working as a seismic data processor at Geophysical Services, Inc. In 1983, he began working at the Activities Building at First Baptist Church, and he retired in 2013.

Charles was an avid tennis player and fan. He taught and coached tennis, and was actively involved in tennis tournaments and clinics all over Midland. He enjoyed going to athletic events at Midland Classical Academy, attending as many games as possible. Charles also enjoyed college basketball and watched both the men's and women's NCAA tournaments each year.

Charles was an active member of First Baptist Church for many years, participating in the Single Adult Ministry, as well as the Activities Ministry.

There will be a graveside service and interment at Resthaven Memorial Park North, two miles north of Resthaven Memorial Park, on Highway 349, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Everyone is welcome.

Memorials may be directed to Midland Bible Church, Midland Classical Academy, or American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

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Decker Dawson

Decker Dawson, beloved husband and father, left this world on February 6, 2018 to be reunited with the dearly departed love of his life Louise (Lou) Loper in the presence of his Lord and Savior. Deck, as Lou referred to him, was born to Louis Decker Dawson and Suzie Cramer on July 28, 1920 in Tulsa, Ok. Decker was born at home in Tulsa and passed in the comfort of his home in Midland surrounded by his loving family and caregivers.

Following his love of music, Decker was a clarinet player in the marching band at Tulsa Central High School. He continued to play the clarinet in various bands to help fund his early years in the School of Engineering at the University of Tulsa from 1937-1939. Coming to the realization that his love of music (or lack of talent, as he often quipped in jest) was not going to provide an adequate living, he transferred to Oklahoma A & M (State) in 1939 and completed his degree in Civil Engineering in 1941. Unable to find an engineering job, he took a doodlebugger job as a geophysical helper (juggie) with Magnolia Petroleum Company (ExxonMobil) working in Oklahoma and Texas.

After one year in the oil patch, Decker served the country in the United States Naval Reserves as a Civil Engineer. He was stationed on the island of Guam during World War II preparing for the invasion of Japan. He left the Navy having served as an Ensign and Lieutenant (jg) in 1946. After his time in the Navy, Decker took a job with Republic Exploration Company as a seismic party chief in Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. In 1950, Republic moved him to Midland as a seismic supervisor.

When Decker arrived in Midland so many years ago, he had no idea he had found Paradise. Here, he found the love of his life Lou. Lou and Decker were married in 1950 until her passing in 2011. Lou and Decker have one daughter, Mary. Decker's love for his beloved wife and daughter were clearly exhibited right up until his final days.

In 1952, after Republic had declined to field another crew, Decker approached Forest Oil concerning the possibility of him fielding a crew for the account of Forest. Upon a positive response, Decker and Lou founded Dawson Geophysical Company and Lou became the first pregnant seismic computer known to the industry. Dawson Geophysical became an industry leader in the adaptation of technology and currently is the largest provider of geophysical services in North America and the longest standing name in the industry. The success of the company is simply the adherence to the simple value set in place by Decker himself, "Do It Right."

Decker has served his profession as Past President and honorary life member of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society. From 1989-1990 he served as President of the Society of Geophysicists after Secretary-Treasurer from 1984-1985. He was a member of the SEG since 1948, awarded the Enterprise award in 1997 and Honorary Life Member in 2002. He was a past director, Chairman of the Board and honorary life member of the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

With a true love of Midland, Decker and Lou served the Midland Community with love and support beyond his professional contributions. While their service contributions are too numerous to name including past president of the Midland Community Theater, Midland Country Club and the Petroleum Club, several were near to their hearts. Since 1979 Decker was a Member, Board of Governors for the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation. He served his church as both a Deacon and an Elder. Outside of Midland, Decker was a member, past Chairman and Honorary Life Member of the Geology Foundation Advisory Council of the Jackson School of Geological Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin.

Later in life Decker was the recipient of multiple awards. In 1997 he was inducted into the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame. In that same year he received the "Top Hand" Award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. Five years later Decker received the Hearst Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement and in 2005 the Top Pioneer Award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers. The AFP Permian Basin Chapter presented Lou and Decker as Outstanding Philanthropist in 2010. Decker was also the recipient of the T. Boone Pickens Boot Strap Award from Oklahoma State as well a member of the OSU Hall of Fame, School of Engineering both OSU & University of Tulsa.

Decker leaves behind his beloved daughter Mary as well as many longtime friends, colleagues and co-workers. Decker was known for his honesty, integrity and compassion. He was often referred to as a "Gentleman's Gentleman." He loved people, life and those around him. Decker and Lou's wonderful caregivers made tough days easier to endure. We are grateful to longtime household and family cornerstone Maria Hernandez Martinez, her husband Adolfo, and caregiver Marina Galdamez. Heartfelt thanks go out to Dr. Summer Merritt, Visiting Angels and Hospice of Midland for their wonderful support and care.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 10 at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating, with a reception to follow.

Arrangements are under the care of Ellis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to TIRR, brain injury research center in Houston, the Permian Basin Area Foundation scholarship awards, or the charity of your choice.

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

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Dorothy Imogene (Hall) Strawn Moude

Dorothy Imogene (Hall) Strawn Moude of Celina, Texas passed away Saturday, February 3, 2018.

She was born August 16, 1931 to Holice and Pearl Hall in Wilson Community, Texas. Dorothy was raised and educated in Carlton, Texas. She continued her education receiving an Associate's Degree in Business at Odessa College.

Dorothy raised her family in McCamey, Texas and Midland, Texas. She was involved in the First Baptist Church in Midland for over 30 years and was a proud member of the James Sunday School Department. She worked on the Benevolence Committee while attending there. Dorothy has been in Settlers Ridge Nursing Home in Celina, Texas.

Dorothy will be in state at Ellis Funeral Home 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas. A graveside service will be held in McCamey, Texas on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

She will be buried in between her late husband Ray P. Moude and son James David Jones who both preceded her in death.

Honorary pallbearers are the people in the James Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church.

The family requests gifts and memorials be directed to The First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas at 2104 W. Louisiana Ave, 79701.

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Gary Michael "Mike" Hall

Gary Michael "Mike" Hall, 71, of Midland, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2018 in Dallas, with his loving wife, Susie Hitchcock-Hall at his side. Services will be at 1:00 pm, Friday, February 9, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. Honorary Pallbearers are Terry Huckaby, Gary Moore, Jay Fielder, Jerry Hilton, Autrey Stevens, Barbarita Riley, Eddie Wiginton, and Dan Rush.

Mike was born on January 28, 1947 in Comanche, Texas, to Norman and Jane Hall. Mike was a graduate of Stanton High School and earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. He served many years in law enforcement, first as policeman and then as a deputy sheriff, before continuing his career in the oil industry working for Big Dog Drilling and KLX Energy. He proudly served his country in the Army, stationed in Korea.

Mike was passionate about sporting clays, receiving numerous awards and recognitions for his expert marksmanship. He was a 32nd Degree Free Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland. Oh, how he loved to "piddle" with his vast collection of guns and time spent in his shop. Mike was a loyal, loving friend to anyone who met him, always offering to help, and quick to make you laugh. He loved blue grass and old time country music (back when it was real country music!). Mike could easily recognize the performer, lyrics and songwriter.

He got so much joy from teasing those folks he enjoyed, especially Barbarita Riley from New York who took several road trips with him and Susie, the last one to Cody, Wyoming. He was well read, soft spoken, easy going, and always had a story to tell. "Big Mike" as he was known, cast a large shadow and touched the lives of everyone who was blessed to have known him. Mike rescued dogs but always blamed it on Susie and he was always trying to find a way to spoil Susie.

We all agree, we were blessed to have known and loved Mike.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Susie Hitchcock-Hall; children, Randy Hall (Traci), Amanda Smith (Houston), Jake Hall (Brittany), Ashley McClellan (Chad), sons, Andrew Hitchcock (Andrea) and David Hitchcock; brother Pat Hall (Toya); sister-in-law, Dede Gray; eleven grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, and his best buddy, Dude, his dog who was always at his side.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Norman Andrew Hall and Elizabeth Jane Ward Hall and sister, Frances Merritt.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the nurses and doctors at Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to 4H Sporting & Clays Youth Group c/o MSA Shotgun Range, 5911 South FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79706 or Midland Humane Coalition, PO Box 532, Midland, Texas 79710.

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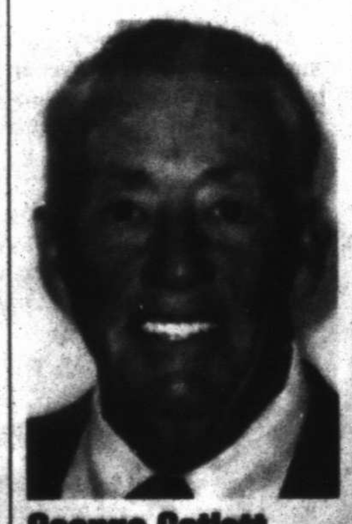

George Catlett Manly

George Catlett Manly, 73, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St., Midland, Texas on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

George was born on February 19, 1944 in El Campo, Texas to George and Nell LaPoe Manly. He graduated from Odessa High School in 1962 and attended TCU, where he pledged Sigma Chi fraternity, prior to joining the Army. He spent the next 20 years in the Army. He served 3 tours in Viet Nam: 1) 1st Infantry Div; 2) 68th AHC (Attack Helicopter Company) as a pilot in the Mustangs 1968-1969; 3) 240th ACH as a Guns/Platoon Leader for the Maddogs 1971-1972. As a pilot, he flew 1st lift, Smokey and Mustangs. He also served as a platoon leader for an air traffic control platoon directly responsible for managing fixed base and tactical air traffic control for two Army Airfields, four advisory locations and 3rd Armored Division in Germany. He also served as an Instructor Pilot in Kenya, Africa. His final assignment was in Colorado Springs, CO. at Fort Carson, in the 4th AVN Brigade, as an executive officer of the Attack Company and primarily did search and rescue in the Rockies, from where he retired as a Major on June 1, 1987.

After retirement, he returned to Odessa and completed his degree in education and spent several years as a long term substitute and then teaching Speech/ Communication at Lee High School until his retirement from teaching. He was a very gifted story teller, and enjoyed going to the high schools, while they were studying about the Viet Nam War, and would share his experiences in the war with them. He especially enjoyed telling war stories with his friends from the war. He had an unbelievable memory and could remember dates and names from so long ago. The 68th AHC started having reunions every other year since 1998, and George and Kay never missed one of them.

George is a lifetime member of the DeMolays and served as State Master in 1964 from the Odessa Chapter. He was the 32nd degree Mason and a member of the H.A. McFarland Lodge and received his 50 year pin in 2017. He had been a member of the Odessa Shrine Club and served as its Secretary/ Treasurer for several years and was, also, a clown in many parades where the Shriners participated. He was a very active member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang, where he was awarded the Wagon Master Award in 2013. He was a member of the Odessa Country Club, where he was an avid golfer before his illness. He loved to dance and all the girls wanted to dance with him.

George married Kay Linn Manly on September 29, 2011, after a 21 year courtship. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two daughters, Monica and husband Clint Goodwin, and Melanie Young; and two granddaughters, Laikin Dooley and Emily Young. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Nell Manly; and brother, Scott Manly.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Senior Care Center for all of their care in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors or any other Veteran's organization, or the charity of your choice.

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Glenda Sue Daman

Glenda Sue Daman, 80, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018 surrounded by her family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Tod Brown officiating.

Glenda was born on May 13, 1937 to Thelma and Delma Smith in Chandler, OK. She attended elementary through high school in Chandler, Ok graduating in 1955. She attended the Central State University in Edmond, now UCO for 2 years where she met her future husband., Gordon Daman. They were married on December 21, 1958 and had 52 wonderful years together. A daughter and two sons where born to their union.

She was a stay at home mom while living in Midwest City, Ok. and Del City, Ok. In July 1976, Glenda and Gordon moved their family to Midland to open the first Sonic Drive In at 2310 N. Big Spring St.

She is survived by her children, Geri, Gordon Jr. and wife Tobi, and Greg and wife Antonia, grandchildren, Raylee and Emma Daman, Gisel, Humberto and Abiel Rodriguez and 9 great grandchildren, all of Midland; sister, Charlotte Fox of Midwest City OK; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband, Gordon "Mr. Sonic" Daman, parents, Delma and Thelma Smith, and sisters, Freida Porter and Carolyn Williams.

Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Lira, Mike Dunham, Bill Mann, Jose Leyva, Jose Lopez, Humberto Rodriguez and Abiel Rodriguez. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Children's Miracle Network, Hospice Midland or Midland Christian School.

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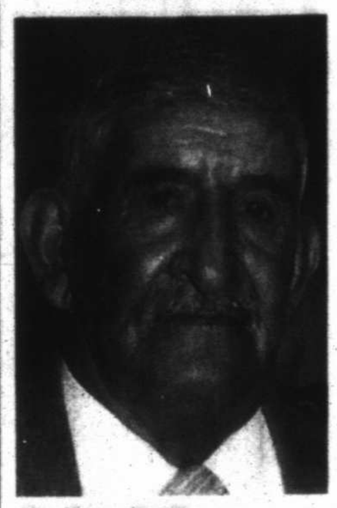

Pedro Belloc

Pedro Belloc, 85, of Presidio, TX, went home to be with the Heavenly Father February 5, 2018 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Pedro and Cecilia Belloc on March 6, 1932 in Ojinaga, Chihuahua. He worked for Union Pacific for many years. Pedro is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Hilda Guadalupe Belloc and a son Jesus Belloc. He is survived by his wife, Epfinia Hernandez de Belloc of Presidio, TX; children, Luis Belloc, David (Elia) Belloc, Galfira (Juan) Belloc de Porras, Pete (Estella) Belloc, Manuel (Josefina) Belloc, Benjamin Belloc, Hilda (Aldo I.) Belloc de Aranda, Margarita Belloc, Rebeca Belloc, Jose Angel (Beatrice) Belloc, Monica (Jesus A.) Belloc de Garcia, Veronica (Jesus) Belloc de Gonzales; brothers and sisters, Raul (Angelica) Belloc, Eulalia (Jose Luz) Belloc de Ortega, Felipe (Agustina) Belloc, Maria Jesus (Juan) Belloc de Garcia, Cristobal (Sara) Belloc, thirty-six grandchildren, sixty-four great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers Gerardo Belloc, Robert Belloc, Manuel Belloc Jr., Pedro Belloc (Peter), Johnny Porras and Josh Belloc.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 7th and 8th at Centro Victoria Iglesia, 2218 Wolfcamp Cir. in Midland, TX. Prayer service will begin at 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Graveside services will be held Friday, February 9, 2018 at Desert Hills Cemetery in Presidio, TX. Arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Russell August Blumentritt

Russell August Blumentritt, 90, of Midland, passed away peacefully on February 3rd, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Born March 31, 1927 in Runnels County, Texas, he attended Wall School, and graduated from San Angelo High School, with proud moments scoring touchdowns for the Bobcat football team. He earned an Associate degree from San Angelo College, and both a Bachelor's degree in Geology and Master's degree in Geophysics from Texas Tech.

He began his petroleum

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industry experience well sitting in West Texas with Geolog, followed by employment at Core Laboratories in Dallas. Russell extended his career into geophysics working with Geophysical Services, Inc. (GSI), the original parent company of Texas Instruments. This job gave him the opportunity to work in many places, including the United States and overseas countries such as Iran, Saudi Arabia and England, where he met Marlene, his wife of 44 years. Shortly after the birth of their first child, they returned to the United States in April 1975 to settle in Midland, Texas. After 30 years of service with GSI, Russell transferred to Gulf Oil/Chevron Corporation. Following retirement from Chevron in 1992, Russell worked in petroleum consulting for several years, he then went back to his farm roots and worked in the federal program for cotton boll weevil eradication in Stanton and Garden City until the age of 82 years.

Russell had a long-standing love of cars and motorcycles, and became a well-known collector of the most interesting and low mileage examples he could find. He won many awards with his favorite, a vintage candy apple red 1966 Ford Mustang. Russell was a member of many affiliations, including the Corvette and Mustang Club, Gem and Mineral Association, Commemorative Air Force, and Sibley Nature Center. Other interests he enjoyed that kept him active throughout life include gardening, photography, rock collecting, and loyally supporting the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents Sam A. and Edith P. Blumentritt of San Angelo. He is survived by his loving wife Marlene, daughters Patricia and husband Michael Tanner of Georgetown, Tania and husband Darrell Tompkins of Austin, brother Charles Blumentritt of Dallas, and valued cousins and friends.

He will be remembered as having a s trong and independent work ethic, selflessly caring for others, offering a square deal, and keeping his cards close to his vest.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nursing staff at Medical Center Hospital and Home Hospice in Odessa, where he received extraordinary care during his critical last days.

Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 12:00p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W Texas Ave, Midland Texas, 79701. Inurnment will follow in St. Ann's columbarium.

Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

David A. Waters

David A. Waters, 64, of Midland, passed away on Monday, February 5, 2018. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

James Leo Clark

James Leo Clark, 76, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

No services have been scheduled at this time.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested Friday after he allegedly displayed a firearm, according to court documents.

Juan David Lopez III, 19, was being held Wednesday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon and a $500 bond for a Class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Lopez III

Midland police were notified about a request for assistance at about 10:15 p.m. Feb. 1 in reference to locating a possible wanted subject.

The subject — identified as Lopez — allegedly put a firearm to his head and threatened to burn down a residence after a woman told him he couldn't borrow her car. A few days later, he grabbed a gun and shot off one round in her backyard, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Lopez could face up to life imprisonment.

MIDLAND

Spokeswoman: Drug test 'negative' on city truck driver

A drug test "came back as negative" on the driver of a city of Midland dump truck that was involved in a fatal wreck on Monday, according to the city's spokeswoman.

Elana Ladd said Wednesday the autopsy results on Christopher Justin Olgin, 28, are expected in a couple of weeks.

Olgin died after the Chevy Equinox he was driving entered the oncoming lane of traffic, hit the side of the truck and spun onto the northern sidewalk of Cuthbert Avenue, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The wreck occurred about 9:15 a.m. Monday. The dump truck driver, Johnnie Martinez, was enroute to a city supply yard in the 2000 block of East Cuthbert Avenue to pick up supplies at the time of the wreck. He worked in an administrative function until the drug test results were returned.

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS

Gunman described as controlling, quick to anger

The mother-in-law of the gunman who fatally shot more than two dozen worshippers at a Texas church said he was a controlling man who was easily offended, quick to anger and limited his wife's contact with her family.

Michelle Shields told the San Antonio Express-News that Devin Patrick Kelley at one point texted her that he would "destroy your entire life" if she came to the hospital where her daughter was giving birth to the couple's second child.

"I suggest you don't test my resolve," read one of several texts to Shields. In another, "You think this is a (expletive) game? It's not."

Six months later, on Nov. 5, authorities said Kelley opened fire at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, southeast of San Antonio. He killed 25 people at the church. Authorities put the toll at 26 because one of the victims was pregnant. Another 20 were injured. One of those killed was Shields' mother.

Repman

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looking at other things and not the issues that are always important," Repman said. If elected, she envisions more open communication between commissioners and county department leaders to help information reach residents.

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The percentage of students meeting grade level – a higher bar to clear – showed both schools topped the region average in five of six subject areas. Neither one topped the state average in those same areas. When comparing results of the two districts, Greenwood showed higher percentages in four of six subject areas.

When the bar is raised even higher – those students performing at masters grade level – Midland ISD topped Greenwood in four of six subject areas.

All three school districts struggled when it came to the performance of economically disadvantaged students and special education students hitting state targets in up to five subject areas.

Texas Education Agency 2016-17 Federal Report Card

(STAAR percent at or above approaches grade level (2017) or Level II Satisfactory Standard (2016)

	State	Region	MISD	ECISD	GISD
Grade 3					
Reading	72	65	66	63	70
Math	76	69	70	66	79
Grade 4					
Reading	69	58	59	55	65
Math	74	63	63	60	74
Writing	64	52	53	50	59
Grade 5					
Reading	81	72	74	68	75
Math	86	78	80	76	67
Science	73	63	68	60	60
Grade 6					
Reading	67	56	62	48	61
Math	75	62	72	53	59
Grade 7					
Reading	72	58	59	52	72
Math	68	52	52	47	69
Writing	68	55	53	50	68
Grade 8					
Reading	84	78	79	74	84
Math	84	74	84	64	83
Science	74	63	65	62	65
Social Studies	62	47	51	40	48
End of Course					
English I	61	51	53	48	68
English II	64	56	55	53	72
Algebra I	81	74	76	70	72
Biology	85	82	80	83	89
U.S. History	91	85	89	86	68
All Grades					
All subject	74	64	66	60	70
Reading	71	61	63	57	71
Math	78	68	72	63	73
Writing	66	54	53	50	63
Science	78	70	71	68	72
Social Studies	76	65	69	60	52

STAAR percent at meets grade level (2017)

All grades					
All subjects	44	32	35	28	36
Reading	43	32	34	28	42
Math	45	32	34	27	33
Writing	36	24	24	21	27
Science	48	36	39	34	41
Social Studies	48	36	39	28	18

Big Spring's VA medical center welcomes push for improvement

By Michelle Gaitan
San Angelo Standard-Times

A new push to improve low-performing medical facilities for veterans is coming at an opportune time for the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring.

Director Kalautie JangDhari, who has been with the facility since 2016, said for the last several months they have worked to improve performance.

"If anything, I think it's going to let us continue our path but a lot more quickly," she said. "We've been working with the national offices probably for three or four months; we knew we were struggling a bit ...and I think this is only going to fast-track us a little bit more on our trajectory that we were already on."

On Thursday the Department of Veterans Affairs announced it will lay out an "aggressive new approach" to improve its 15 facilities that received the lowest score in its SAIL star rating system — a one-star rating out of five.

Big Spring's facility received one star in the VA's end-of-year 2017 ratings. It also received one star in September 2017, September 2016 and December 2015, briefly rising to a two-star rating in June 2016.

"My concern was if we try to make a whole lot of changes without a good strategic plan then we would be making change for change, but I think now it's going to be this sustainable change," JangDhari said about not immediately reacting to low-score ratings dating back to 2015.

Her top three areas to improve are behavioral health, patient experience and same-day access to care.

"We have the ability to see patients now when they need to be seen," she said. "We just want to make sure we follow through with that follow-up care. It's always hard in those areas to keep up with patients to make sure there's always the continuity of care."

Addressing the "whole patient experience" tackles the need for better communication between staff and patients, and helping patients understand the number of ways they get care will help with access issues, she said.

The WTVAHCS serves 33 counties across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, where more than 56,000 veterans live, according to the facility's website.

Shelia Austin, public affairs officer with WTVAHCS, said the facility has 618 employees, including 27 physicians, 103 registered nurses and 38 licensed vocational nurses.

"About a year ago we were having issues with recruiting and maintaining employees, and now we've overcome that, so we've got some sustainability of staff," JangDhari said. "Now all those plans that we've had in place we're able to execute."

Clinic staff and physician turnover rates are next in line for improvement.

As part of the new approach, the VA has put Peter Almenoff — director of the VA's Office of Reporting, Analytics, Performance, Improvement and Deployment (RAPID) Healthcare Improvement Center — to oversee improvement at each center.

It has also initiated its Strategic Action Transformation (STAT) to evaluate and monitor clinical performance, make accessible the VA's RAPID team to assist medical facilities in meeting their goals and conduct quarterly reviews.

The VA warned low-performing facilities that if they fail to make "rapid, substantial progress," corrective action will be taken — including changes to facility leadership.

Other facilities targeted for performance overhaul include: Hampton, Virginia; Harlingen; Roseburg, Oregon; Washington, D.C.; Denver, Colorado; Dublin, Georgia; El Paso, Texas; Jackson, Mississippi; Loma Linda, California; Memphis, Tennessee; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; Phoenix, Arizona; and Walla Walla, Washington.

Standing by her staff, JangDhari said "each of my staff are here for the right reasons. They're here to give back to those who have served.

"Forty percent of my staff are veterans themselves," she continued. "I think I have a great facility with very committed and dedicated personnel who are trying to do the right thing, and I know now we have that emphasis to even do better."

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Court rejects appeal from British woman on death row

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas' highest criminal court on Wednesday rejected the appeal of a condemned British national who was convicted of arranging the killing of a neighbor so she could take the woman's baby.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the ruling of a lower court, which rejected Linda Carty's arguments that prosecutors had coerced witnesses and improperly hidden information that could have affected the outcome of her capital murder trial. Carty, a native of St. Kitts and Nevis and the only British woman on death row in the United States, was convicted in the 2001 suffocation of 20-year-old Joana Rodriguez.

Prosecutors said Carty, who had been living in Houston for about 20 years by the time of her trial, recruited three men to abduct Rodriguez and her newborn in the hopes of saving her relationship with her common-law husband by passing off the child as her own.

Rodriguez and her days-old son, Ray Cabrera, were abducted from their Houston apartment on May 16, 2001. The boy was found safe in a car that same day, but his mother was found suffocated in the trunk of another car. Her arms and legs were wrapped in duct tape, her mouth and nose also were taped and she had a plastic bag over her head.

The three men charged as Carty's accomplices received long prison terms. Carty was sentenced to death. Carty's lawyer, Michael Goldberg, said Wednesday that he was unaware of the ruling and had no immediate comment.

The appeals court ruling supported the findings of District Judge David Garner, who decided in 2016 that Harris County prosecutors should have turned over some witness statements to Carty's trial lawyers, but that the evidence was overwhelming and wouldn't have changed the trial's outcome. Garner also determined that prosecutors didn't knowingly use perjured testimony or allow untrue testimony at the trial.

In a concurring opinion joined by two other appeals court judges, Judge Bert Richardson wrote that while Carty's lawyers contended that prosecutors committed "egregious misconduct," those claims weren't supported in the court record.

"None of the evidence eliminates her or even casts reasonable doubt on her role as a party to this offense," Richardson wrote.

When she was arrested, Carty was on probation for impersonating a federal agent and previously had been arrested for auto theft and drug charges.

She does not yet have an execution date.

In other rulings Wednesday, the appeals court rejected a condemned San Antonio man's request for DNA testing. Juan Castillo, on death row for the 2003 fatal shooting of 19-year-old Tommy Garcia Jr., sought testing on a knit ski mask found in the area near the killing. Evidence showed that Garcia was lured to a San Antonio lovers' lane by Castillo's girlfriend and then ambushed.

The appeals court also upheld the conviction and death sentence of Steven Alan Thomas for the 1980 killing of a 73-year-old Austin-area woman. Mildred McKinney's slaying in Williamson County remained unsolved for more than 30 years until Thomas was arrested in 2012 after his DNA was matched to the murder scene.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

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Guests listen during the 2018 Permian Basin Prayer Breakfast, Blessed are the Persecuted, Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. The 10th annual event featured Bob Fu, founder and president of China Aid, and the Rev. Randal Everett, former pastor of First Baptist Church and president and founder of 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit that advances religious freedom around the world.

Things to do

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

■ "Importance of Turkey in World Politics" with UTPB professor Sebahattin Ziyanak, 8 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

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

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

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

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

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177),
■ Reel Thanx (528-6833)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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■ Monday through Friday

Graves,
■ 3304 W Wadley Ave.
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■ Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday

ClayDesta,
■ 612 Veterans Airpark Lane,
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Monday through Friday

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■ Monday through Friday

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■ The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

Today in history

On Feb. 8, 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation between demonstrators and highway patrolmen at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg in the wake of protests over a whites-only bowling alley..

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-4-3
Pick 3 day: 0-4-5
Pick 3 evening: 6-8-3
Pick 3 night: 4-1-2
Daily 4 morning: 0-5-7-6
Daily 4 day: 3-1-3-7
Daily 4 evening: 2 - 6 - 3 - 8
Daily 4 night: 2-9-3-6
Cash Five: 8-23-28-35-36
Triple Chance: 2-11-17-19-21-26-32-33-39-55

Lotto Texas: 4-15-35-40-44-50
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-6-7-8-11-14-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-7-8-10-12-14-15-16-17-24
All or Nothing evening: 4 -5-6-7-8-10-11-18-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 3-4-5-8-12-14-17-18-20-22-23-24

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 54
Low 28
Normal high 61
Normal low 33

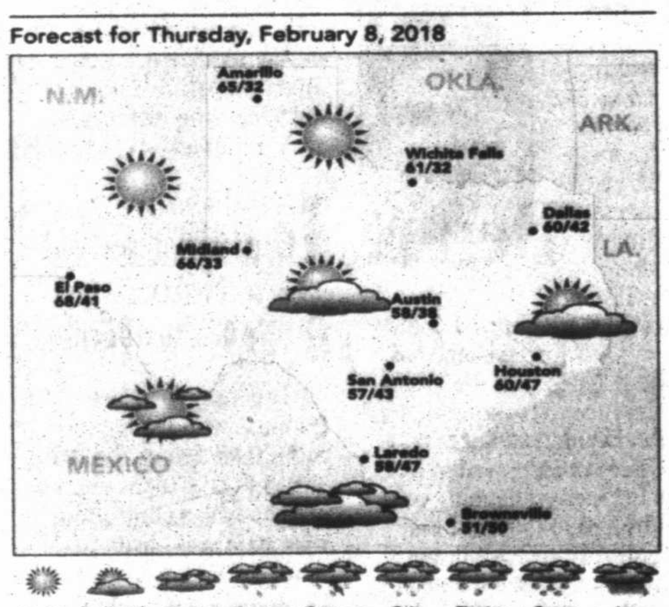
Feb. 7's records
Record high: 83, set in 1932
Record low: 2, set in 1933

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.00 in.
Year total ..... 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.73 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 21 mph
Gust speed: 24 mph

Feb. 8 forecast
High: 65

Forecast for Thursday, February 8, 2018



Low: 48
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:37 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:29 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 1:15 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018:**
This year you need to focus on your goals and long-term desires; you will see several of them come to fruition by your next birthday. It is important to remain goal-oriented and focused. Your professional life will grow as a result. If you are single, try to keep your personal and professional lives separate. Try to stay open to different types of people. If you are attached, you will find it easier and easier to relate to your sweetie. The two of you are likely to fall in love all over again. SAGITTARIUS takes more risks than you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have pondered an opportunity so much that you might feel as if it would be best to go for it and see where it gets you. One can weigh the pros and cons of a situation for only so long. Open up to new possibilities. You don't need to push so hard. **Tonight:** Feed your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted. A long-overdue discussion with a friend will help you to clear the air. You have different styles of communicating, and understanding each other takes time. Dig into your imagination to find the right response. **Tonight:** Say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary, and reach out for more of what you want. You might not always be comfortable with this approach, but right now it has the highest likelihood of success. **Tonight:** Don't underestimate the possibilities around an untried path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Though you might want to fly off the rails emotionally, you won't. Look carefully at an issue that keeps arising. Stay centered, no matter what you do or when. Worry less about what is going on with those around you. You will see the right path open up. **Tonight:** Off to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your fiery side comes out when dealing with a loved one. Know that getting angry won't help. You need to get to the bottom of an issue in order to move forward. You could be dealing with a problematic situation. Stay upbeat. **Tonight:** Let the fun and games begin!.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You often push so hard to accomplish what you must that you barely have time to take a deep breath and relax. Make an attempt to slow down and do something just for you. This break will renew your energy and make it easier to deal with certain issues. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Assess the present situation. Do not minimize what is happening between you and the other party involved. You finally will be able to clear the air and get past an obstacle or misunderstanding that exists between you. **Tonight:** Return calls and catch up on others' news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You suddenly might feel as if you can get past an ongoing hassle. Your ability to read between the lines makes a big difference in how you handle a personal matter. Others note your sensitivity when you approach a controversial topic. **Tonight:** Let the party go on and on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Issues could arise a little too easily right now. You might prefer to keep your energy at bay in order to allow yourself the time to weigh the pros and cons of a situation. Be ready to make a commitment. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want. **Tonight:** In your element.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could reach a point of agreement much easier than you originally had anticipated. Do not hesitate to go after what you desire. You might not get the immediate results you want, but at least you will have taken the first step. **Tonight:** Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out to a dear friend whom you don't often get to see. Ask more questions as you decide what would be the best way to catch up on each other's news. Make a point of planning a visit in person. Refuse to get involved in a power play. **Tonight:** Hang out with favorite people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might opt to change direction, to others' surprise. People often think that they have you figured out, only to discover otherwise. You like to grow and adapt to different situations. Stay on top of a personal matter involving an older person. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

BORN TODAY
Actor Seth Green (1974), actress Cecily Strong (1984), actress Lana Turner (1921)

More Americans hold stocks, for better or for worse

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A plunge in stock prices always stings, but this recent one dug deeper because more Americans are participating in the market, particularly older ones.

Slightly more than half of all U.S. families own stocks in some way, from workers who got automatically enrolled into their 401(k) retirement accounts to day-traders working their personal accounts. The rate of stock ownership is the highest since the dawn of the Great Recession in 2007.

On the whole, higher stock ownership can be a good thing: It means more Americans, not just the wealthiest, have benefited from the record-setting returns that stocks have delivered since the current bull market started in early 2009. But there can be a downside: Many Americans are also keeping bigger portions of their portfolios in stocks than experts recommend, led by baby boomers, which accentuates the impact of each swing in the market. Even Americans aged 75 and over are more likely to own stocks than at any time since the 1980s, according to data from the Federal Reserve.

Some investors may have been blissfully unaware that stocks were growing to an ever-larger portion of their portfolio as stock prices swelled in recent years. Others bought even more stocks because they were afraid of missing out on the amazingly big and smooth gains that the market had been delivering before Monday's loss, the worst day in more than six years.

Either way, nearly 23 percent of savers with a 401(k) at Fidelity had a bigger percentage of their account in stocks than the investment giant recommends, according to the company's most recent data from this past autumn.

Savers nearing retirement, for example, should have a portfolio with roughly 60 percent in stocks and 40 percent in bonds and cash, Fidelity says. The average baby boomer handling investment decisions for their 401(k) has 70 percent in stocks, according to Fidelity.

"We give them the same advice when the market is high as when it's low," said Jeanne Thompson, senior vice president at Fidelity Investments. "Make sure to check that you're properly allocated and not taking too much risk. Make sure you're able to sleep at night."

Finding the right balance

Investors of all ages can benefit from investing in stocks. Despite their long history of sharp swings in price, stocks have gone on to recover — eventually — from every decline they've had and deliver some of the best long-term returns.

Financial pros generally recommend that younger investors ignore the market's gyrations and, if anything, use drops as an opportunity to buy more stocks at a lower price. They have the luxury of waiting decades for a recovery. Investment companies often recommend savers in their 20s keep about 90 percent of their portfolios in stocks.

For older Americans nearing retirement or already in it, the math is messier. They may not have as long a timeframe for investing as fresh graduates, but longer lifespans mean they may have more than a decade.

And bonds, which are traditionally supposed to be the safe part of a nest egg, are looking riskier. If interest rates rise as expected, bond fund prices would fall and drag down returns.

"This is the trickiest time, at least in my memory, for an older person, as to where to invest," said JJ Kinahan, chief market strategist at TD Ameritrade.

Regardless of age, investors should be able to sleep at night if the stock portion of their portfolio falls 10 percent or more, which is a relatively regular occurrence for the market. If they can't, they likely have too much invested in stocks.

Holding steady

John Wall, 65, is semi-retired and keeps a part-time job with a rideshare app to help pay bills.

While sitting in a park in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida, on Tuesday and smoking a cigar as he waited for a rideshare customer, Wall shrugged when asked if he'd do anything different in light of the market dip.

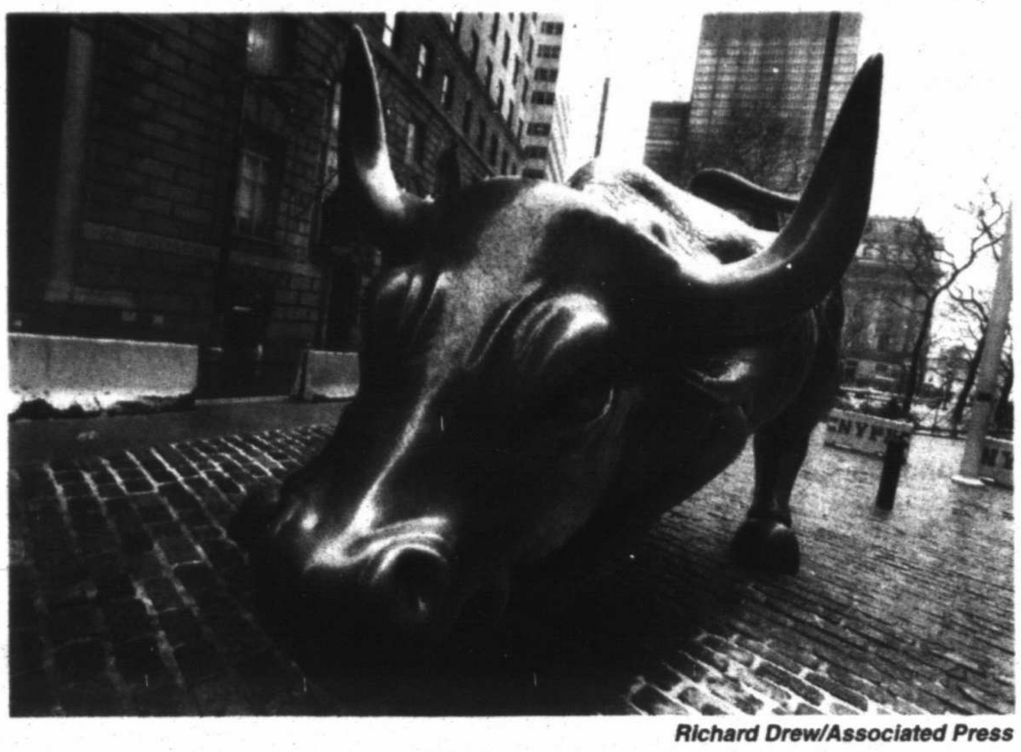
"Work a little harder so I can make money back that I lost," he chuckled. "I'm just going to go on like I have been."

The increasingly stock-owning society

Fifty two percent of all U.S. households owned stocks in 2016, up 3 percentage points from three years earlier, according to the most recent data from the Federal Reserve.

Some of the biggest increases in stock ownership have come from households toward the lower end of the income bracket. Because of the stronger labor market, more people are getting automatically enrolled into workplace plans or can afford to start saving, said Peter Brady, senior economist at the Investment Company Institute.

Workers in the bottom half for income took some of the biggest hits during the Great Recession, and stock-ownership rates for them dropped sharply. "They're finally starting to recover," Brady said.



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The Charging Bull sculpture by Arturo Di Modica, in New York's Financial District, is shown in this photo Wednesday. The current bull market is set to turn nine years old in about a month. As of Jan. 26, the date of the last market record, the S&P 500 had more than quadrupled over that time. The market had made big gains over the last year, and many experts felt stocks were overdue for a slump.

Markets get jumpy again; investors should keep their nerve

By Stan Choe and Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — So this is what all those market watchers meant when they said the stock market was quiet, too quiet.

The violent moves for stocks over the last week have been particularly jarring for investors because they'd been sailing through unusually calm trading and strong returns for more than a year. It was a return to more "normal" conditions — but much like stepping out of a soothing, warm shower on a cold winter morning.

Experts are saying even more volatility may be on the way. The market is worried about the threat of higher inflation and interest rates, and it's also concerned that stock prices have become too expensive following their huge run. Many still expect stocks to gain over time, in part because the global economy is strengthening and recently passed tax cuts should give an extra boost to corporate profits. But a drop for stocks in the near-term may well be a restorative thing.

"This pullback is simply helping to get some of the froth out of the market," said Tim Armour, chairman and CEO of Capital Group, which runs some of the world's largest mutual funds under the American Funds name. "Some volatility is a natural part of investing, and it is healthy for markets."

The nearly 8 percent drop for S&P 500 index funds from two Fridays ago through Monday was the first loss of even 5 percent in a year and a half, a record amount of time. For younger investors, this may be their first bout with market volatility.

Calm markets have become such a given that investors poured dollars into products that made money if expectations for volatility remained low. They did this by investing in the futures market for the VIX index, which measures how worried traders are about a drop in stocks, and often used borrowed money to do so.

But some of these seemingly can't-miss products blew up in the past week after volatility spiked and lost as much as 90 percent of their value. Some market watchers blame the breakdown of these esoteric investments for exacerbating volatility and accelerating Monday's sell-off in particular, when the S&P 500 lost 4.1 percent.

So, what would a return to "normal" volatility entail? For one, expect more down days for the market. Second, expect those losses to be bigger than they have been.

From the start of 2017 through January of this year, a typical down day for the S&P 500 meant a loss of 0.2 percent. Half the losses for the index over that time were more than 0.2 percent, and half were less. But over the last 20 years, a down day for S&P 500 index investors was roughly three times as bad, with a median loss of 0.6 percent.

The swings may even be more noticeable within a single day. During the calm stretch of 2017 into January, a typical day for the S&P 500 saw it drift just 0.5 percentage points from its low point to its high. On the first day of this year, for example, the S&P 500 held tight between a gain of 0.3 percent and 0.8 percent.

Over the last 20 years, though, the typical trading range was more than double that, at 1.1 percentage points. So think of a day like Election Day 2016, when the S&P 500 flipped between a loss of 0.4 percent and a gain of 0.7 percent.

One natural reaction to increased volatility is the inclination to get off the wild ride and sell. If you have a long time horizon for the investment, say a decade, the general recommendation is to resist that temptation. Stocks have historically offered some of the biggest returns over the long term for investors.

Investors who want less volatility should be in bonds, savings accounts or other investments with less risk. The trade-off is that returns over the coming decade will likely be lower.

"Stocks do go up and down, this is normal," said Roger Young, a senior financial planner at T. Rowe Price. "It is something that, if you have a long-term outlook, it shouldn't worry you too much."

Brian Armstrong, a 46-year-old in Tigard, Oregon, is thinking along those lines. He's willing to ride through the ups and downs of the stock market and isn't looking to make a flurry of moves in the short term. To scratch that itch, he plays in the cryptocurrency market, which is famous for being even more volatile than stocks.

"I hold stocks, but mine are for the long term," he said. "I'm making the conscious choice not to monitor (the stock market) on a day-to-day basis."

This photo provided by Ben & Jerry's shows the company's low-calorie caramel cookie fix ice cream. Ben & Jerry's is the latest big brand to launch a slimmed-down version of its frozen treats. *Courtesy of Ben & Jerry's via AP*

Ben & Jerry's latest to go low-calorie to take on Halo Top

By Joseph Pisani,
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The competition among low-calorie ice creams is heating up.

Ben & Jerry's, known for its ice cream filled with chunks of fudge, brownies or cookie dough, is the latest big brand to launch a slimmed-down version of its frozen treats. It's an effort to better compete with Halo Top, a low-calorie, low-sugar ice cream that is growing fast and sending shivers through older brands.

Halo Top's entire pints have fewer than 400 calories, and it emphasizes the full calorie count on the front of its package — a move others are mimicking. Breyers, which like Ben & Jerry's is owned by Unilever, launched a line of light ice cream in July whose pints have 330 calories or less, with the totals printed on the front.

Ben & Jerry's entry, which will hit stores this month, is called Moo-phoria and cuts sugar and fat but still has cookies and dough. Dena Wimette, senior innovation manager at Ben & Jerry's, said customers asked for a lower-calorie version but wanted some crunch, which is hard to find in lighter ice creams.

The line will come in three flavors. A chocolate and vanilla ice cream mixed with cookies has 140 calories for half a cup, or 560 calories for the entire container. (A regular Ben & Jerry's pint can top 1,000 calories.) Unlike Halo Top, the Moo-phoria packages print the calorie count for a half-cup serving on the front. Wimette says the company doesn't want to encourage fans to eat the entire pint in one sitting.

But Halo Top's approach seems to be working for it. The company's share of the U.S. ice cream market more than doubled to 1.9 percent in 2017 from the year before, according to research company Euromonitor. Ben & Jerry's market share in that period was unchanged at 5.6 percent.

Halo Top did not respond to a request for comment.

Ben & Jerry's, which has chased other trends in the past — including a no-longer for sale low-carb version — still plans to offer frozen yogurts that have slightly more calories than its Moo-phoria line.

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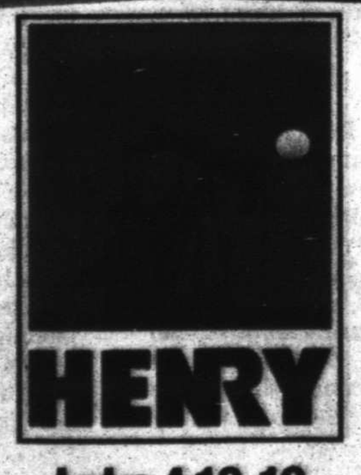

Luke 4:18-19

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'Cult' of the presidency is worse with Trump

■ It's shocking, but it's not so hard to comprehend

JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

'Rarely has a president changed his party as fast and profoundly as Donald J. Trump. Love him or hate him, you can no longer argue his ability to bend an entire party to his will," writes Axios' Jonathan Swan in a piece titled "The cult of Trump."

A source "close to GOP leadership" tells Swan: "We're all MAGAs now."

I'm not quite sure it's MAGA hats for as far as the eye can see, but Swan is right about the broader point. There has been a sea change on the right with Trump at the helm. And not just for HMS Grand Old Party.

To anyone who hasn't lived and breathed in conservative circles, this change is both shocking and hard to comprehend. I agree it's shocking, but it's not so hard to comprehend.

Three distinct factors go a long way to explain it.

First, never before in modern American history have we had a president so transparently demanding not just of loyalty but praise from his subordinates and political allies. He considers criticism of his behavior a greater offense than voting against his agenda — and so do his most ardent supporters. This creates a powerful cultural incentive to define norms down, or just defenestrate them entirely.

This is one reason why evangelical leaders such as Jerry Falwell Jr., who have spent a lifetime talking about eternal principles, feel enormous pressure from above and below to give the president a "mulligan" on personal shortcomings (in the words of Family Research Council President Tony Perkins).

The other two factors say more about the rest of us than they do about Trump. One is the tribal belief that the other party is an existential enemy that will do anything. And so we must be just as ruthless.

All of that stuff about Trump being a "fighter" who "counterpunches" and isn't "politically correct" is shorthand for this argument. But this attitude is not new to the GOP, nor to our politics generally. Under George W. Bush, one heard a great deal from the left about how only "fighting Dems" who refused to be intimidated could "take back America," a slogan used by many Democratic politicians in the 2000s.

The dynamic only gets worse with each election. The party out of power convinces itself that obstruction — or now "resistance" — is the only option. The party in power talks a big game about bipartisanship, but it not only knows the other side won't cooperate, it also realizes that its base sees compromise as weakness and capitulation.

The result is that the party in power races to get its agenda accomplished, and the base forgives any abuses or violations of norms in the process, thus proving the worst suspicions of the opposition.

Liberals roll their eyes at the claim that President Obama violated democratic norms or abused his power. But putting aside the specific arguments, conservatives saw plenty of abuses and violations, from the IRS scandals and Benghazi to the Iran deal. Obama said many times he couldn't unilaterally implement the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program because he wasn't a "king." Then he did it anyway.

And the process repeats itself, getting worse and more egregious each time. When I criticize Trump, the first response from countless Republicans is, "Oh yeah, why was it OK for Obama!?" If I point out it wasn't and that I said as much, they switch gears to how we need a fighter who gets things done and doesn't care about the "old rules."

Which brings me to the third factor.

Yes, there is a cult of Trump. But that's because we have a cult of the presidency in this country. It infects not just our understanding of the office, but of the person holding it. When Obama acted like a king — by his own definition — liberals cheered, because their loyalty was to the man, not the office. It's getting worse with Trump, but this dynamic has been getting worse for decades. And I suspect it won't improve much when he's gone.

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GUEST VIEW

SpaceX again achieves something unreasonable

'It seems surreal to me," said Elon Musk, proprietor of SpaceX, and for once he was understating things.

On Tuesday, his company blasted a 230-foot rocket into orbit, returned its two side boosters to Earth for a flawlessly synchronized landing, and — with exquisite nerd flair — propelled Musk's own Tesla Roadster toward deep space, where it's expected to orbit the sun for hundreds of millions of years.

Surreal, yes. But it was also a triumph of private enterprise and a milestone in American spacefaring. Its true significance, in fact, may not be apparent for decades.

Known as the Falcon Heavy, the new projectile has 27 engines generating 5 million pounds of thrust, making it the most powerful rocket ever built by a private company.

It'll soon face competition. Musk's rival space-billionaire, Jeff Bezos, is also building a new heavy-lift rocket. So is United Launch Alliance, an aerospace joint venture. SpaceX is already at work on its next generation, the BFR, which it expects will one day transport people to Mars. The U.S. government, incongruously, is building its own behemoth, the Space Launch System, at a cost of some $23 billion and counting.

Skeptics accurately note that this rivalry is heating up just as commercial demand for such firepower is dwindling. Satellites are getting smaller and lighter, while improvements in engine technology mean that smaller rockets — such as SpaceX's Falcon 9 — can handle bigger payloads. Customers may be hard to come by for the Falcon Heavy.

This misses the bigger picture, however. Competition in the space business — worth some $323 billion annually — is driving down costs and stimulating both innovation and demand. By mastering reusable rocketry, SpaceX has substantially reduced the expense of getting stuff into orbit, to the benefit of everything from navigation systems to data transmission. At $90 million per launch, the Falcon Heavy will be able to carry twice the payload of its nearest competitor for about one-fifth the cost.

In the near term, this should enable some cheaper military launches, and might also allow NASA to conduct more frequent research missions into deep space. Conceivably, the Falcon Heavy could even transport people to the moon, at a fraction of the expected cost of an SLS launch.

But longer-term, and more intriguingly, the new rocket could open up novel commercial possibilities. Companies are already testing gear for asteroid mining, space tourism, moon expeditions and much else, spurred on in no small part by SpaceX's earlier achievements. Add cheap, reliable heavy-lift rockets to the equation and the opportunities only expand. A few decades from now, more far-out stuff — space-based energy production, say — may no longer be science fiction.

Even if the Falcon Heavy becomes obsolete, in other words, it will represent an important landmark in the grand American space experiment. Once again, SpaceX has tried something unreasonable — surreal, even — and once again, it has prevailed.

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Reality is catching up with Trump

■ But nowhere does reality threaten such a rude intrusion into the president's world as it does on Wall Street

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President Trump, in his State of the Union address last week, boasted to the nation about stock market gains: "The stock market has smashed one record after another, gaining $8 trillion and more in value in just this short period of time."

He has boasted about the booming market in tweets no fewer than 54 times since taking office. Including boasts he has made in speeches, he has celebrated stock market gains roughly 100 times. In January alone he extolled the "record stock market," the "most explosive stock market rally," the "incredible" gains, and more.

And how is that boast working out for him now?

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 1,175 points Monday, its biggest one-day point drop in history, following Friday's beastly 666-point slide. The S&P 500 has lost more than $1 trillion in market value in just three trading days, and the Dow's 8 percent drop in six trading days wiped out the year's gains.

Stocks rise and fall, but the recent sell-off shows the ultimate folly of the president's fact-free existence. For a year, he took credit for stock market gains that were the continuation of a nine-year bull market (a market he had called a "bubble" before assuming the presidency). Now, the market is, arguably, beginning to react to Trump's actual policies — a tax cut that added fuel to an already strong economy, raising fears it will overheat, causing inflation, higher interest rates and recession.

In ways large and small, reality is catching up with Trump.

In the same State of the Union address, Trump boasted that "African-American unemployment stands at the lowest rate ever recorded." (Never mind that this continued an eight-year trend.) Barely 60 hours later, Trump's Labor Department reported that this boast was no longer true: Black unemployment swelled to 7.7 percent in January from 6.8 percent in December.

Reality caught up with the Trump tax cut over the weekend in a most unusual way. Republicans had mocked Nancy Pelosi for saying the cut amounted to "crumbs" for ordinary workers. But on Saturday, House Speaker Paul Ryan tweeted out a message pulled from an Associated Press story: "A secretary at a public high school in Lancaster, PA, said she was pleasantly surprised her pay went up $1.50 a week … she said [that] will more than cover her Costco membership for the year." Amid the social media ridicule that followed — Rep. Joe Kennedy noted that the wealthiest Americans get an extra $3,000 per week — Ryan took down the truth-telling tweet.

In Illinois, reality is catching up with Trump, and Republicans, in a less amusing way. Trump has given rhetorical support to white supremacists — in Charlottesville, for example, and with talk about "s***" African countries. Such comments have won praise from the likes of Richard Spencer, David Duke and the Daily Stormer.

But look where this is Goring. The Chicago Sun-Times just reported that a white-supremacist Holocaust denier is now poised to be the Republican nominee in a Chicago-area congressional district. At the same time, a Republican state representative challenging the state's Republican governor released a vulgar ad portraying a deep-voiced transgender person thanking the governor for the right to use a girls' bathroom, a woman in a pink protest hat thanking him for her abortions and a black teacher thanking him for bailing out public schools.

State party officials can't get either candidate to back off — and no wonder. The president of the United States and leader of the party has, with his actions, licensed this anything-goes environment.

But perhaps nowhere does reality threaten such a rude intrusion into Trump's world as it does on Wall Street. Trump claimed credit for the rising stock market, even though it has been setting records for about six years. But what goes up inevitably must come down.

New York Federal Reserve Bank President William Dudley, in a prescient speech as the market surged last month, said that while he was optimistic about the near term, he was concerned that the tax cut worsened a fiscal position already "far worse" than before the last downturn and that the "extra boost" caused by the tax cuts to an already tight labor market means the Fed "may have to press harder on the brakes at some point over the next few years. If that happens, the risk of a hard landing will increase."

Now just such a concern is riling markets. For the braggadocious Trump, it could be a particularly hard landing.

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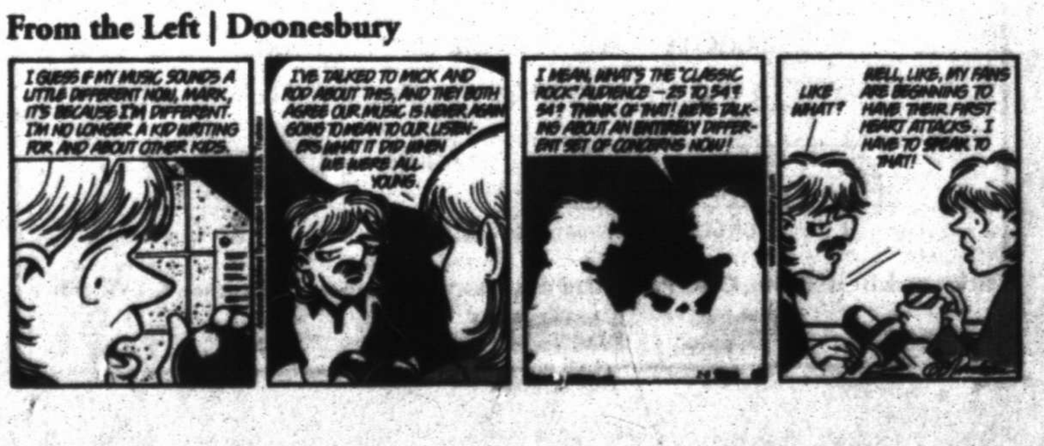

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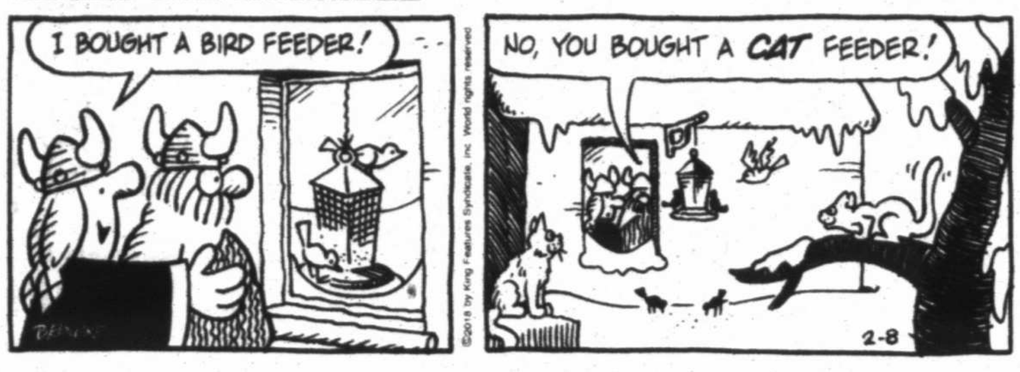

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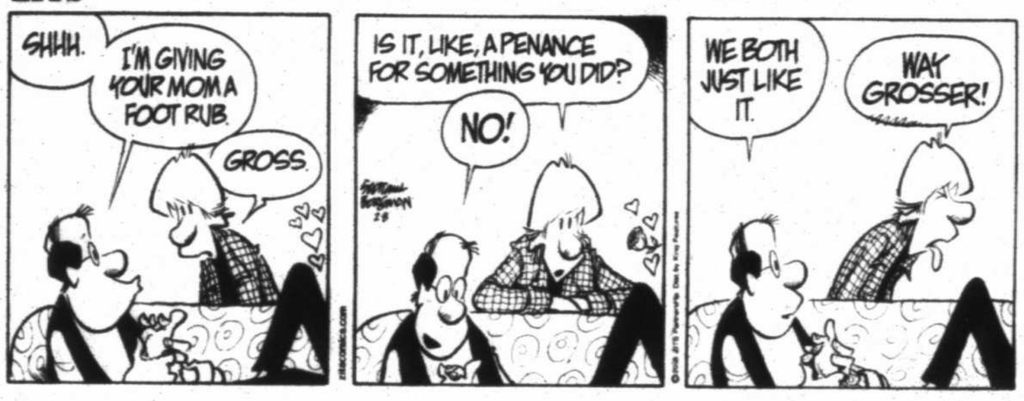

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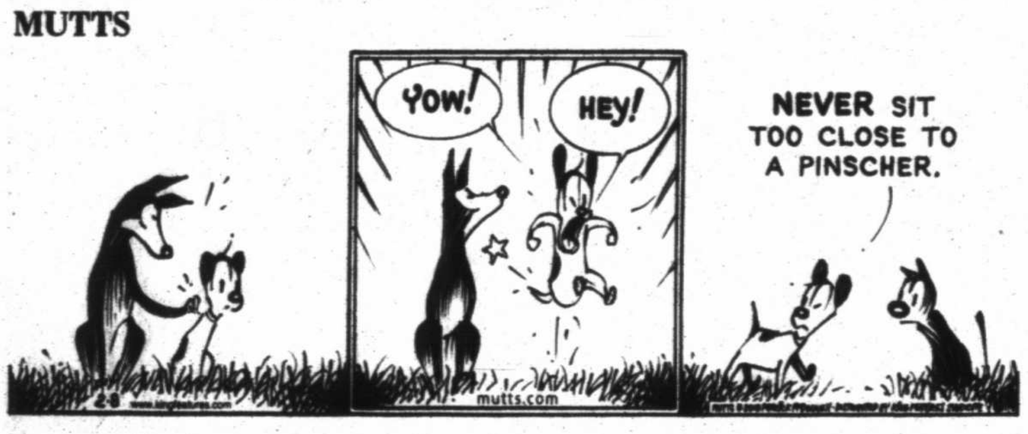

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Senate celebrates budget deal — but shutdown still possible

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders brokered a long-sought budget agreement Wednesday that would shower the Pentagon and domestic programs with an extra $300 billion over the next two years. But both Democratic liberals and GOP tea party forces swung against the plan, raising questions about its chances just a day before the latest government shutdown deadline.

The measure was a win for Republican allies of the Pentagon and for Democrats seeking more for infrastructure projects and combatting opioid abuse. But it represented a bitter defeat for many liberal Democrats who sought to use the party's leverage on the budget to resolve the plight of immigrant "Dreamers" who face deportation after being brought to the U.S. illegally as children. The deal does not address immigration.

Beyond the $300 billion figure, the agreement adds almost $90 billion in overdue disaster aid for hurricane-slammed Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Senate leaders hope to approve the measure Thursday and send it to the House for a confirming vote before the government begins to shut down Thursday at midnight. But hurdles remain to avert the second shutdown in a month.

While Senate Democrats celebrated the moment of rare bipartisanship — Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called it a "genuine breakthrough" — progressives and activists blasted them for leaving immigrants in legislative limbo. Top House Democrat Nancy Pelosi of California, herself a key architect of the budget plan, announced her opposition Wednesday morning and mounted a remarkable daylong speech on the House floor, trying to force GOP leaders in the House to promise a later vote on legislation to protect the younger immigrants.

"Let Congress work its will," Pelosi said, before holding the floor for more than eight hours without a break. "What are you afraid of?"

The White House backed the deal — despite President Donald Trump's outburst a day earlier that he'd welcome a government shutdown if Democrats didn't accept his immigration-limiting proposals.

Trump himself tweeted that the agreement "is so important for our great Military," and he urged both Republicans and Democrats to support it.

But the plan faced criticism from deficit hawks in his own party.

Some tea party Republicans shredded the measure as a budget-buster. Combined with the party's December tax cut bill, the burst in military and other spending would put the GOP-controlled government on track for the first $1 trillion-plus deficits since President Barack Obama's first term. That's when Congress passed massive stimulus legislation to try to stabilize a downspiraling economy.

"It's too much," said Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., a fiscal hawk.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., however, backed the agreement and was hoping to cobble together a coalition of moderate Democrats and Republicans to push it through.

Despite the 77-year-old Pelosi's public talkathon, she was not pressuring the party's rank-and-file to oppose the measure, Democrats said. The deal contains far more money demanded by Democrats than had seemed possible only weeks ago, including $90 billion in disaster aid for Florida and Texas. Some other veteran Democrats — some of whom said holding the budget deal hostage to action on Dreamer immigrants had already proven to be a failed strategy — appeared more likely to support the agreement than junior progressives elected in recent years.

The budget agreement would give both the Pentagon and domestic agencies relief from a budget freeze that lawmakers say threatens military readiness and training as well as domestic priorities such as combating opioid abuse and repairing the troubled health care system for veterans.

The core of the agreement would shatter tight "caps" on defense and domestic programs funded by Congress each year. They are a hangover from a failed 2011 budget agreement and have led to military readiness problems and caused hardship at domestic agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the IRS.

The agreement would give the Pentagon an $80 billion increase for the current budget year for core defense programs, a 14 percent increase over current limits and $26 billion more than Trump's budget request. Nondefense programs would receive about $60 billion over current levels. Those figures would be slightly increased for the 2019 budget year beginning Oct. 1.

"For the first time in years, our armed forces will have more of the resources they need to keep America safe," said Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "It will help us serve the veterans who have bravely served us. And it will ensure funding for important efforts such as disaster relief, infrastructure and building on our work to fight opioid abuse and drug addiction."

The $90 billion in disaster aid would bring the total appropriated in the wake of last year's hurricane season to almost $140 billion.

The agreement would increase the government's borrowing cap to prevent a first-ever default on U.S. obligations that looms in just a few weeks. The debt limit would be suspended through March of 2019, Sanders said, putting the next vote on it safely past this year's midterm elections.

The House Tuesday passed legislation to keep the government running through March 23, marrying the stopgap spending measure with a $659 billion Pentagon spending plan, but the Senate plan would rewrite that measure.

Pelosi said the House should push into immigration legislation and noted that Senate Republicans have slated a debate on the politically freighted subject starting next week. At issue is legislation to address the dilemma of immigrants left vulnerable by Trump's move to end Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

Rep. Nanette Barragan, D-Calif., a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said the Latino community thinks Senate Democratic leaders have "turned their back."

And a frustrated Angel Padilla, policy director for the liberal group Indivisible, said of the Democratic leaders: "What are they thinking? They're giving up their leverage. ... All of these votes will matter come November."

Dreamers and supporters mounted a peaceful protest in a Senate office building.

Nearly 11.8M enroll for Obama health law in 2018

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Kevin S. Vineys
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Call it the political equivalent of a death-defying escape: former President Barack Obama's health care law pulled in nearly 11.8 million customers for 2018, despite the Republican campaign to erase it from the books.

An Associated Press count found that nationwide enrollment was about 3 percent lower than last year. California, with more than 1.5 million sign-ups, was the last state to report, announcing its numbers on Wednesday. Sixteen states increased their enrollment from last year, according to AP's analysis. Six of those were carried by President Donald Trump in 2016, while 10 went for Democrat Hillary Clinton.

However, of the total number of people signed up this year about 6 in 10 live in states that went for Trump, according to the AP's analysis.

"If you had asked me a year ago whether enrollment for 2018 would be almost equal to 2017, I would have laughed at you," said Larry Levitt, who follows the health law for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Total enrollment remained remarkably stable despite Trump's disdain for "Obamacare," and multiple attempts by the Republican-led Congress to repeal it. The Trump administration also cut the sign-up window in half, slashed the ad budget, and suddenly stopped a major subsidy to insurers, which triggered a jump in premiums.

"The Affordable Care Act and the landmark protections and affordable coverage it provides are here to stay," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a statement.

"These results show that people recognize how important coverage is for their health and financial stability," said Kristine Grow of America's Health Insurance Plans, the industry lobby. The Trump administration had no immediate reaction. Newly confirmed Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar is a critic of the health law but has avoided directly antagonizing Democrats over it. The White House line remains that "Obamacare" should be repealed and replaced, but Republicans in Congress don't have the votes.

Still, nearly eight years after the ACA passed, the debate isn't likely to go away. The outlook for next year is dicey. Starting in 2019, Congress has repealed the law's unpopular requirement that most people carry health insurance or risk fines from the IRS. That's expected to embolden some healthy people to go without coverage, which would raise premiums for those left behind.

People who are eligible for health law subsidies would be shielded from such increases, but those who don't get financial assistance would face another round of premium hikes.

The Trump administration is trying to address that by promoting lower-cost insurance alternatives that don't offer the comprehensive benefits available through the health law. But that also has drawbacks. If the lower-cost plans catch on with consumers, it could siphon healthy people away from the health law's comprehensive coverage.

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Dance the night away when Midland's new nightclub Supernova opens today at 2215 N. Midland Drive. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Grace and athleticism come together when the Golden Dragon Acrobats take over the Wagner Noel. 7:30 p.m.

Aaron Watson, Kyle Park, Josh Ward fill up a night with Texas country at La Hacienda Event Center. 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Wind down the weekend with the chamber ensemble West Texas Winds at the Rea Greathouse Recital Hall. They bring along friends for this show. 3 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

Opening: "The 15:17 to Paris," "Fifty Shades Freed," "Peter Rabbit"
Closing: "12 Strong," "Darkest Hour," "Insidious: The Last Key," "Phantom Thread"

Opening: "The 15:17 to Paris."

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

COMING SOON

Texas guitarist and singer Davy Knowles comes to headline Tall City Blues Fest's Wang Dang Doodle show on Feb. 17 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza.

Comic Jo Koy says he's surprised by his success

By Rich Lopez
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Jo Koy said he can't believe he's coming to Midland. He double checked to be sure he understood where the Tall City was located. He knew. But the reason he can't believe is not what you think.

"For the most part of my career, I'm always in major cities. I got to play those," he said in a phone interview.

"Now I can play the in-between spots. I get to play the Stocktons (in California) and the Midlands before the big cities. It's so crazy but it's pretty cool man."

These days are pretty cool for Koy, who headlines the Wagner Noel on Saturday. In March 2017, he had his third comedy special stream on Netflix and he sold out an unprecedented 11 shows last fall in Hawaii. In short, Koy is in the middle of his star rising.

The Filipino-American comic credits his success to his tenacity, but his mother deserves some credit as well.

"I write stuff about my culture but it relates to everyone. People will come to me and say, 'My mom does the same thing.' And it's Latino, white, black people all saying that," he said. "I love that."

He has been on the hustle for almost 30 years to make it to this point.

"'No one's going to give you anything anymore' has always been my motto. I'm still producing my own shows. I had to go get the Netflix special myself. It's the only way to get it done, but it's paying off. I enjoy it more," he said.

He may have worked hard for it and earned his success, but he's still surprised by it.

"I am still pinching myself, man. We just did two shows in San Diego, and I look at all the seats. It doesn't even make sense that we sold out the 2,200-seat venue," he said.

Koy even has a tour bus these days.

"This is really happening," he said.

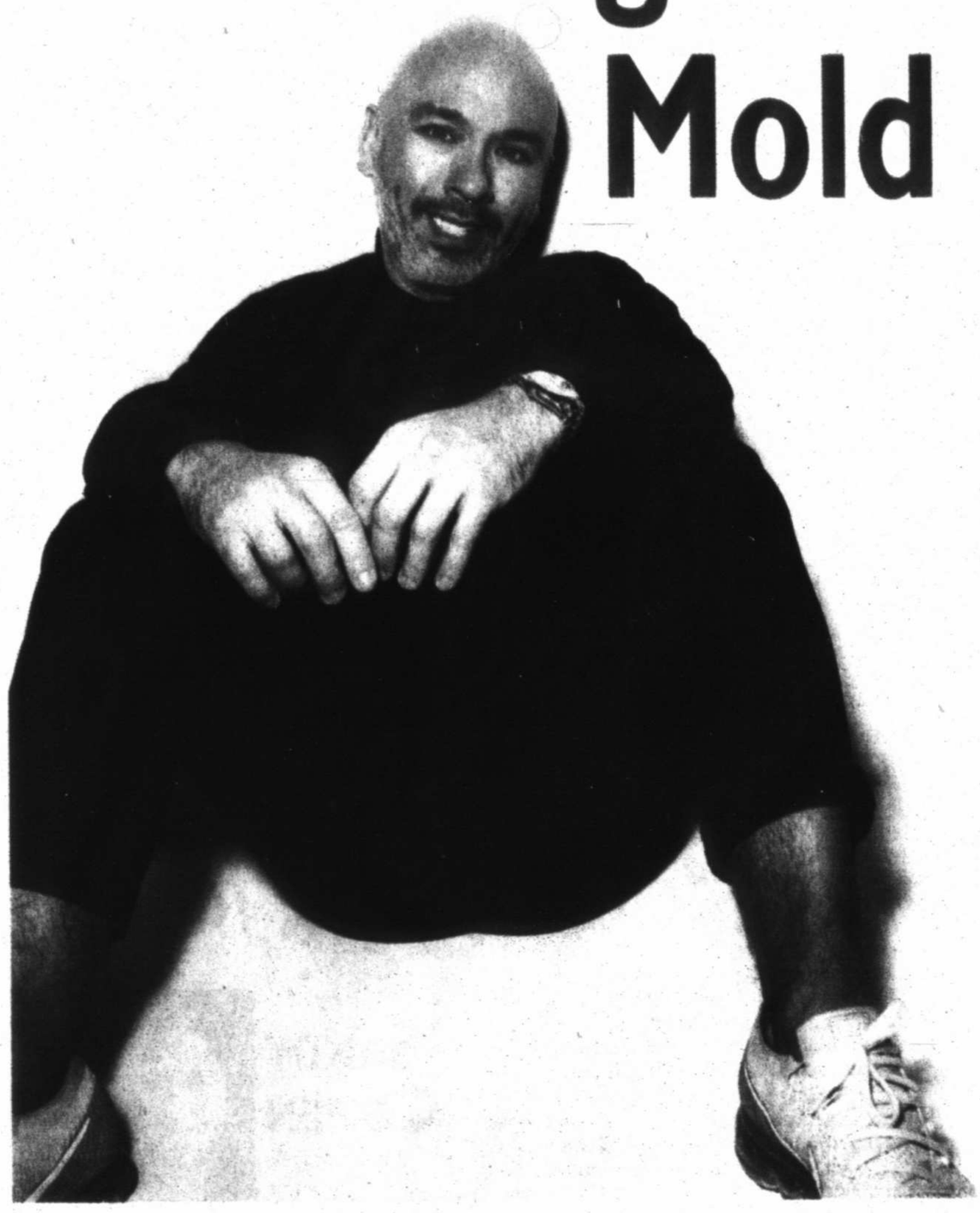
He's deemed his tour the Break the Mold tour. He hopes that along with punchlines, he also can deliver a bigger message.

"I did a joke in my first special about chasing your dreams but in Filipino culture, we're supposed to be nurses," he said. "And, man, you can just tell some people didn't want to be that. There's that mold we got to break and do things you want to do and do it differently."

The one thing that stays the same for Koy is his dedication to his comedy. He may have paid his dues from his club circuit to guest spots with Chelsea Handler and Adam Carolla, but he's not stopping the hustle.

"I don't want ever want this to end. I'm addicted, man. I've worked hard for it, and I'm going to work hard to keep it," he said.

Breaking the Mold



IF YOU GO

Jo Koy, 7 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $32-$112. wagnernoel.com.

'MAMMA MIA!'

Courtesy photo

From left, Lisa Barnett, Kaylee Campbell and Kathy Armstrong in MCT's "Mamma Mia!"

Take a chance on MCT's 'Mamma Mia!'

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IF YOU GO

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

"Mamma Mia!" is, without a doubt, a musical theater confection. It's a sweet, chewy piece of candy to enjoy with a big smile. And with the classic pop of ABBA as its score, it's all the sweeter. In its season opener, Midland Community Theatre achieved all the fun schmaltz of the show that also does double-duty as a disco party.

The show is instantly a crowd-pleaser with all those attributes. In its second weekend, MCT continued to host a packed house. Already, the show has been extended a week.

The appeal of the show is from its

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HEAT INDEX: Valentine's Day edition

The 32nd Annual Valentine's Party at KC's Nutty Roller

Go for a retro night out with KC's 32nd annual Valentine's Party. Lace up those skates and roll the night away with your friends or date while enjoying specialty drinks. Valentine's games and door prizes.

7 p.m. Friday at 1004 Andrews Highway. $9 entry. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Festejando Mes del Amor y Amistad at La Hacienda Event Center

Spend a night of music and dancing at this Celebration Month of Love and Friendship. With the Tejano tunes by Los Tigres del Norte, Los Rieleros, Conjunto Azabache and El Nuevo Corcel, you'll be on your feet most of the night.

7 p.m. Friday at 12610 State Highway 191. $75. haciendamidland.com.

The Fifth Annual Heart and Sole Run and Walk

Valentine's can be good for the heart in more ways than one. YMCA hosts this annual run that benefits its annual campaign. The event includes 1K, 5K and 10K run and walk.

8:45 a.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. runsignup.com.

The Heart of the Arts St. Valentine's Celebration in Alpine

Take a road trip to Alpine for this artsy event. Downtown will open up its galleries to showcase a variety of art, live music, including strolling

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ON SCREEN

Earnest 'Peter Rabbit' sure to delight young fans

SANDY COHEN
Associated Press

With warm nostalgia for Beatrix Potter's classic children's tale, "Peter Rabbit " director, producer and co-writer Will Gluck channels the author's earnestness into a sweet film sure to delight young fans.

Adults may find the plot predictable and the pacing a bit wanting, but the dynamic animation and beloved characters help compensate, as does the film's cheeky self-awareness.

As in the book published in 1902, the story begins with Peter Rabbit (James Corden) disobeying his parents' rules and sneaking into Old Mr. McGregor's vegetable garden for a snack.

Old Mr. McGregor gives chase, but Peter and his trusty sidekick, Benjamin Bunny (Colin Moody) elude capture. All the running around gives the old man a heart attack, and Peter assumes all their problems are solved — until McGregor's great-nephew moves in.

Thomas McGregor (Domhnall Gleeson at his most playful) is a tightly wound Londoner who resents relocating to the countryside to care for the property. He's still apoplectic about being passed over for a promotion at Harrods, and that irritation is compounded when he discovers his great-uncle's house and garden are overrun with cotton-tailed cuties he calls vermin.

The rabbits' savior — and maybe Thomas', too — is Bea (Rose Byrne), a kind-hearted animal lover who lives next door. She moved to the country to paint, and her best pieces recall Potter's original Peter Rabbit" illustrations.

Those illustrations come to life at various points during the film. The simple, hand-drawn animation contrasts beautifully with the slick digital work that comprises most of the movie, inserting realistic-looking talking rabbits into live-action scenes with Byrne and Gleeson.

Peter recruits his younger sisters into the battle for McGregor's garden. Margot Robbie, Elizabeth Debicki and Daisy Ridley respectively voice Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail, and while these T-shirt-wearing bunnies are undoubtedly adorable, the top-level talent behind them is underused (with the exception of Robbie, who also narrates the film).

As the conflict over the garden escalates, it becomes clear that Peter and Thomas aren't just fighting over vegetables, but for Bea's affections. It's a modern romantic take on the classic rabbit tale.

Gluck further modernizes the story withv a pop-packed soundtrack featuring music from Vampire Weekend, Basement Jaxx and Fitz and the Tantrums.

The main characters' trajectory is easy to anticipate, and the movie knows it. At one point, the narrator describes "a half-thought-out plan that's dangerous, gutsy and convoluted, and in a story like this, pretty much guaranteed to succeed."

But there are many amusements to be found among the ancillary characters, like a quartet of harmonizing birds who are frequently and unceremoniously interrupted (perhaps a swipe at Disney sweetness?) and a buck who can only repeat "headlights" when he sees a car. Particularly hilarious is a loudmouthed, uncensored rooster who's shocked each morning that a new day has dawned.

There's enough entertainment for parents here, and plenty of good-natured humor for kids. Stay past the credits for an extra dose of laughs.

"Peter Rabbit," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "for some rude humor and action." Running time: 100 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

'Cloverfield Paradox' desperately needs sharpening

MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

The big draw following the thrilling Super Bowl was a fresh episode of "This Is Us." But, very mysteriously, there was suddenly something else big to see.

Netflix surprised nearly everyone by streaming the latest "Cloverfield" film directly after the game. But up against one of TV's most popular shows — promising an answer to a long-running cliffhanger — was it a terrible miscalculation or an attempt to hide a clunker?

The answer is a bit of both. Somewhere in "The Cloverfield Paradox" is an excellent sci-fi thriller but one that's in desperate need of sharpening. It's no disaster, like Netflix's recent "Bright," but it tries too hard to give something to everyone and ends of unsatisfying to everyone. That it had a poorly considered birth is simply its first problem.

The franchise — created and produced by J.J. Abrams — began with "Cloverfield" in 2008 and continued with 2016's "10 Cloverfield Lane." This time it looks up, far into space. It's set in a near-future where an energy crisis threatens to cause World War III.

A crew of seven multilingual, racially diverse astronauts — led by David Oyelowo and Gugu Mbatha-Raw — are in an orbiting space station trying to get a particle accelerator to work, thereby solving the crisis. But two years of failure have left frayed nerves and splintering cohesion.

Story creators Oren Uziel and Doug Jung borrow heavily from films like "Interstellar," "Alien," "Event Horizon" and even "Evil Dead II" to create their thriller, but fall victim to strange detours, including a woefully flimsy Earth-bound story-line that pointlessly follows one of the astronaut's husbands.

Directed with skill by Julius Onah, the film is under-lit for full paranoia, with slick, antiseptic visuals, including a spinning space station that resembles an upside-down cupcake tower. Onah is a little too reliant on huge orchestral movements to add a dose of urgent drama or a feeling of magnitude but he has dread down cold.

Back on the station, things are getting serious. The onboard particle accelerator threatens to risk splitting open the membrane between space and time, thereby shattering reality, unleashing chaos, monsters and demons. What? "I don't get it," says one flustered astronaut. You can sympathize.

What it really does is nudge aside a potentially fascinating head-warping plot about clashing realities and our responsibility to alternate worlds. That would have been some darn good high-brow sci-fi. But it gets overrun by the appearance of a severed arm, buckets of worms and dodgy eyeballs, which never get explained properly. "Logic doesn't apply to any of this," someone says, as if to inoculate the writers from blame.

Mbatha-Raw is a riveting lead and proves she can stand with any muscle-flexing space heroine of the past like Sigourney Weaver or Carrie Fisher. Elizabeth Debicki shows her creepy side brilliantly and the always welcome Chris O'Dowd proves to be the oddball in an otherwise high-functioning, very serious crew. His comic relief is a large reason you keep watching even if it threatens to destabilize the film.

How "The Cloverfield Paradox" fits into the franchise's universe seems to be clear at the end, but it is a clunky connection, raising plenty of questions. Along the way, the movie shares with its sisters a paranoia about the characters' real motivations and the uncertainty of what we really see.

But this time, the filmmakers have done that about "The Cloverfield Paradox" itself. What was the point of releasing it so late on a night already filled with entertainment? Perhaps a sneaking suspicion it's not up to par? The best we can hope for is that in an alternative dimension the film is much better. That and "This Is Us" got canceled in its first season.

"The Cloverfield Paradox," a Netflix and Paramount Pictures release, is rated TV-MA. Running time: 102 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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CALENDAR

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

Book Talk: "The Goldfinch by Finding." by Donna Tart. Discussion led by Odessa College's Julie Roth. 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet brown bag concert. 11:45 a.m. Feb. 15 at ClayDesta Towers, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "The Story of Ferdinand" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Jersey Boys," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 and 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

Cameran Nelson, 8 p.m. Feb. 15 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Unleashed Reunion Tour with Bruce Robison, Jack Ingram and Charlie Robison. 8 pm. Feb. 15 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $20 advance, $25 door. dosamigos.com.

O'Reilly Auto Parts **Outlaw Nationals Monster Trucks.** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 and 17 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $23 adults, $13 children. Etix.com.

West Texas Kennel Club competition. Feb. 16-18 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Akc.org.

Couples Yoga Date night is a Hatha-based class where partners support each other in modified yoga poses. After the class, guests can enjoy wine, beer and food. 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211W. Wadley Ave. $40 couple through Feb. 11, $50 couple after.

Garden Explorers: Composting. 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 17 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 non-members. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Author Signing: Professor Douglas Spence signs copies of "Andrew Jackson Donelson: Jacksonian and Unionist." Noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Rick Ruizy. 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Gage Hotel, 201 NW Highway 90, Marathon.

"Girls Night the Musical." 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$45. wagnernoel.com.

Wang Dang Doodle with Davy Knowles. Hosted by Tall City Blues Fest. 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. $25.15. Tallcitybluesfest.com.

"The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

Author Signing: Mike Gleason signs copies from his book series "Hideout Kids." 4-6 p.m. Feb. 17 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

President's Day All-Day Skate. Noon Feb. 19 at KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: **An Evening with Jackie Joyner-Kersee.** 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $10. shepperdinstitute.com.

Art Tales: "They All Saw a Cat." 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

The Quebe Sisters, 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.

"Captured by Detail: Camille Engel" opens Feb. 22 with artist talk at 6 p.m. The exhibition runs through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

The 34th Annual Wrangler Rodeo, 7 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 seniors and children 12 and younger. Odessa.edu.

National Theatre Live: **"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"** with Jack O'Connell and Sienna Miller. 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77. fathomevents.com.

"Is Genesis History?" 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

"The Miracle Worker" by the Odessa College Theatre Performance Program. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at The Globe Theatre at OC, 201 W. University Blvd. $7 adults, $5 seniors and military. Odessa.edu.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Del Castillo, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25. westtexasguitarfestival.com.

The second annual Power of One Luncheon and Children's Style Show with guest speaker Victor Rowell, author of "The Women who Raised Me." The event benefits CASA of West Texas. 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at Midland Country Club. casawt.org.

Film Series: "Far from the Tree." Hosted by West Texas Film Festival and Odessa College. 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Locals Night, 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. westtexasguitarfestival.com.

Los Tres, Los Huracanes del Norte, Conjunto Primavera y Polo Urias. 8 p.m. Feb. 23 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

Guided Trail Walk, 9 a.m. Feb. 24 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

AUDITION: Casting call for the feature length film "Love, Alfonsina," a revenge horror story set in West Texas. Casting for principal and minor roles as well as bilingual Spanish actors. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 24 at Ector County Library, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. For more information, call 432-386-8178 or email carolinecrawley@hotmail.com.

The Met: Live in HD - "La Boheme." 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77. fathomevents.com.

West Texas Guitar Festival: Tavi Jinariu, 7 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. Westtexasguitarfestival.com.

Cirque Eloize: "Saloon." 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30-$65. wagnernoel.com.

MOSC: "Sounds of South America" with Permian Basin String Quartet. 3 p.m. Feb. 25 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Bend and Bubbly. 4 p.m. Feb. 25 at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211W. Wadley Ave. $5.

Shrimpfest 2018. Sponsor cocktail hour, 5:30 p.m., general admission 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Ector County Coliseum. $40 advance, $45 door. noelartmuseum.org.

"Light Up the Night:" Dancing with the Stars Live! The night will feature celebrity finalists Frankie Muniz and season 25 champion Jordan Fisher. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $45-$85. wagnernoel.com.

"Primal Rage: Bigfoot Reborn". 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

"Kirk Cameron: Connect." Real help for parenting kids in a social media world. 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

Shen Yun, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $82-$122. wagnernoel.com.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CLASSES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

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

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

Midland Genealogical Society: "Military Records, Mining for Genealogy Gold" by Doug Swift. 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Open to public.

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

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

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

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

Midland Quilters Guild: "English Paper Piecing" by DeeAnn Adams of Country Store Quilt Shop. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. Free and open to the public. midlandquiltersguild.com.

EVENTS

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

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

Mardi Gras Bash will feature The Shane Show, karaoke and more. Costumes encouraged. 5 p.m. Feb. 10 at Proof, 7270 E. Hwy 191, Odessa.

Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday. Masks encouraged. 5 p.m. Tuesday at Twist, 5518 Starboard Drive.

LOPEZ

From 1B

worldwide popularity and ABBA songs, but an appealing cast with strong voices and comic timing marked it a home run.

The setting is a Greek island where Sophie (Kaylee Campbell) opens with "I Have a Dream." In preparing for her wedding, she is trying to determine who her father is and she's narrowed it down to Sam (David Thomas), Bill (Chris Carroll) or Harry (Nicholas McRae) with wedding invitations in hand to be mailed. She reveals the secret to her friends but not her mother, Donna (Patrice Compton).

Donna runs the island inn where her friends and former bandmates Tanya (Lisa Barnett) and Rosie (Kathy Armstrong) arrive for the wedding as do the potential fathers.

Campbell played Sophie with lovely optimism and backed it up with a strong voice. Compton gave Donna an embittered flair as the single mother who is not only preparing for her daughter's nuptials, but also running a business that is falling apart around her. She inhabited all the spastic emotions of her character and brought the audience to a roar with her show-stopping "The Winner Takes It All."

Barnett and Armstrong were ideal as comic relief sidekicks but Brady Suggs stole almost every scene as Sophie's fiancé, Sky. The actors playing the potential father all gave enjoyable performances that were more centered on their songs than their narrative. Like their female counterparts, they each have their own moment onstage — alone or together — which were often an energetic, flirty number like "Does Your Mother Know?" or "Take a Chance on Me."

The show moved well between numbers, but the bigger productions were the show's centerpiece, particularly the suite of songs that ends the first act.

The show moved with a wonderful ease even with its massive cast amid a smart set that transported the audience to the Greek waters.

From beginning to end, "Mamma Mia!" was a delightful sugary treat that will have you on your feet at the very end.

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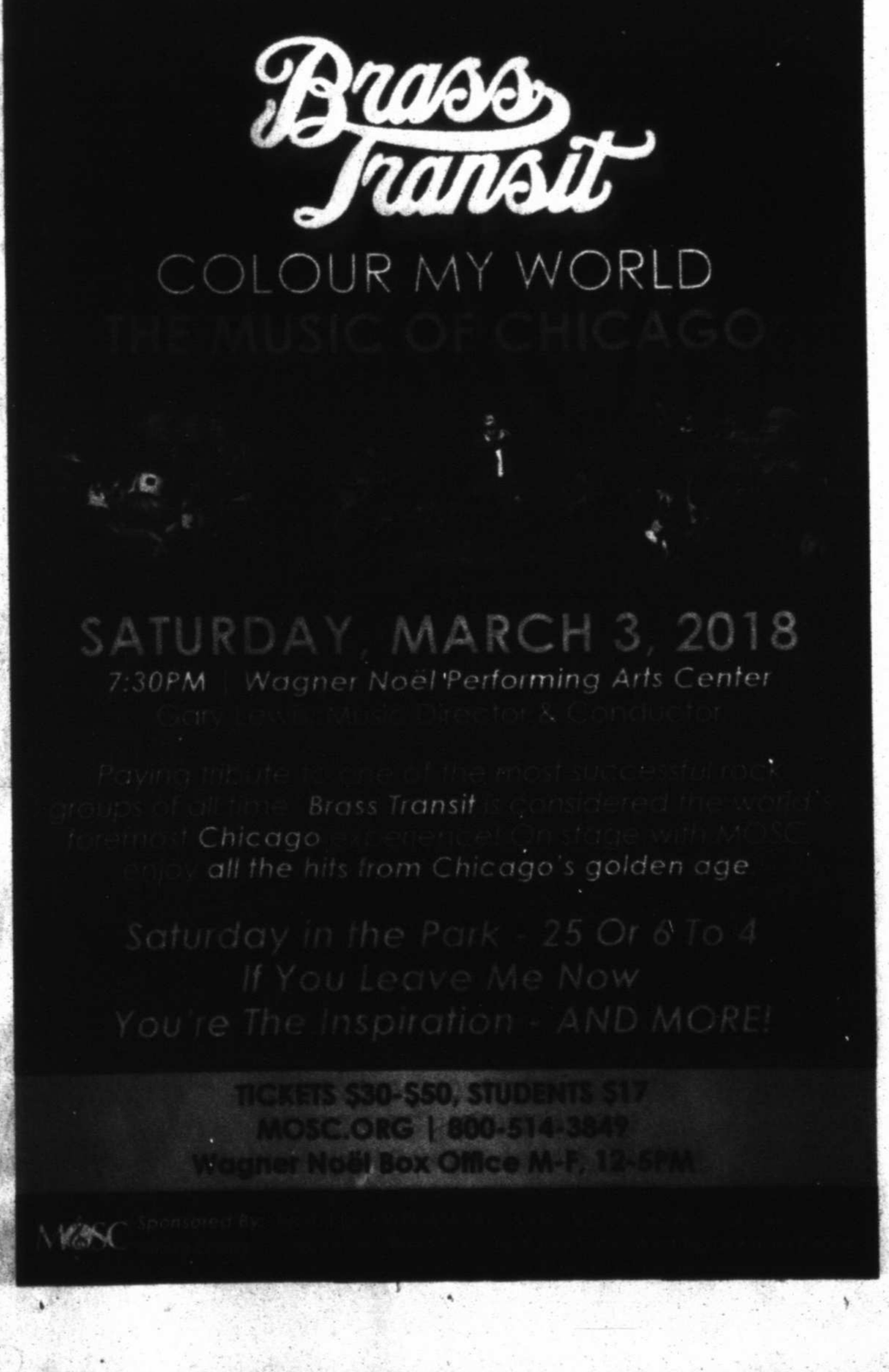
mariachis. Visitors can also take in the shopping and dining in Alpine's unique shops and restaurants.

6-9 p.m. Saturday in downtown Alpine. visitalpinetx.com.

SWEETHEARTS DINNER AND DANCE AT THE YUCCA THEATRE

The Texas Pecos Trail Region hosts this ideal date night. They've checked all the boxes with music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, dancing and dinner in the historic Yucca Theatre. The best part is that the event benefits TPTR, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The TPTR promotes heritage preservation and tourism throughout West Texas. So not only do you get to enjoy a special evening, but also help preserve your own backyard.

7 p.m. Saturday at 208 N. Colorado St. $75.texaspecostrail.com.



FILM CAPS

"12 Strong" (R) Sturdy, fact -based account of Army special forces unit (led by Chris Hemsworth) inserted into Northern Afghanistan just weeks after 9-11 to assist Northern Alliance in an early battle to capture the key stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif from entrenched Taliban forces. The men (including Michael Pena and Michael Shannon) were lightly equipped and trained to work with local allies, which in this case meant making charges on horseback. Based on Doug Stanton's book 'The Horse Soldiers.' Co-starring Rob Riggle, a former Marine who actually served in Mazar-i-Sharif.

'THE GREATEST SHOWMAN'

"The 15:17 to Paris" (PG-13) Real heroes Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos and Spencer Stone play themselves in this dramatization of their thwarting of a terrorist attack on a train bound for France in 2015. With Jenna Fischer, Judy Greer. Written by Dorothy Blyskal, based on the book by Sadler, Skarlatos, Stone and Jeffrey E. Stern. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

"Bright" (NR) In an alternative present where mythical creatures exist, a human cop partners with an orc to protect a powerful ancient relic. With Will Smith, Joel Edgerton, Noomi Rapace, Lucy Fry, Edgar Ramirez. Written by Max Landis. Directed by David Ayer. Streaming on Netflix.

"Call Me By Your Name" (R) Timothee Chalamet and Armie Hammer give superb performances as two young men falling in love in the northern Italian countryside in this rapturously beautiful collaboration between director Luca Guadagnino and screenwriter James Ivory. At Regal Permian Palace in Odessa.

"Coco" (PG) A young boy with musical aspirations visits the Land of the Dead. Voices of Gael Garcia Bernal, Anthony Gonzalez, Benjamin Bratt, Renee Victor. Directed by Lee Unkrich. Co-directed by Adrian Molina.

"The Commuter" (PG-13) An insurance salesman stumbles upon a deadly conspiracy during his evening train ride home. With Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Jonathan Banks, Elizabeth McGovern, Sam Neill. Written by Byron Willinger & Philip de Blasi and Ryan Engle. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

"Den of Thieves" (R) Gang of efficient and highly motivated bank robbers is shadowed by a mirror-image group of law-enforcement officers. A knowing knock-off of Michael Mann's 'Heat' that invites the audience to enjoy the way it riffs on Mann's classic, sort of a bro-movie version of a Sound of Music sing-along. Some of the plotting also filches from another famous genre picture. Which one? We're never tell. Starring Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber and O'Shea Jackson Jr.

"Ferdinand" (PG) Animated tale about a large, gentle bull determined to return to his family after being captured. Voices of John Cena, Kate McKinnon, Gina Rodriguez. Inspired by a book by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson. Directed by Carlos Saldanha.

"Fifty Shades Freed" (R) Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan return in the third installment of the erotic drama. With Eric Johnson, Eloise Mumford. Written by Niall Leonard, based on the novel by E.L. James. Directed by James Foley.

"The Greatest Showman" (PG) Hugh Jackman stars as P.T. Barnum, the 19th century empresario who created entertainment known around the world. With Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya. Songs by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. Written by Jenny Bicks and Bill Condon; story by Bicks. Directed by Michael Gracey.

"Hostiles" (R) Written and directed by Scott Cooper and powered by a dynamic trio of interwoven performances by Christian Bale, Wes Studi and Rosamund Pike, this latest example of the Western revival grabs you by the throat and holds on for the duration.

"Insidious: The Last Key" (R) A parapsychologist discovers a horrific threat inside her own home. With Lin Shaye, Angus Sampson, Leigh Whannell. Written by Whannell. Directed by Adam Robitel.

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13) Four teenagers find themselves inside an old video game console featuring ferocious realism and danger. With Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart. Written by Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jake Kasdan & Scott Rosenberg & Jeff Pinkner; story by McKenna, based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Directed by Jake Kasdan.

"Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (PG-13) Action adventure with Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Thomas Brodie-Sangster. Directed by Wes Ball.

"Mudbound" (R) Two families — one black, one white — struggle to farm the Mississippi Delta under Jim Crow laws during World War II. With Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, Mary J. Blige, Jonathan Banks, Jason Clarke, Rob Morgan. Written by Virgil Williams and Dee Rees, based on a novel by Hillary Jordan. Directed by Rees. Streaming on Netflix.

"Paddington 2" (PG) The popular bear and the Brown family search Windsor Gardens for a book thief. With Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Peter Capaldi, Hugh Grant, Brendan Gleeson and the voices of Ben Whishaw, Imelda Staunton. Written by Paul King, Simon Farnaby; based on the children's stories by Michael Bond. Directed by King.

"Peter Rabbit" (PG) James Corden gives voice to Beatrix Potter's notable hare in this mix of live-action and animation. With Rose Byrne, Domhnall Gleeson; voices by Daisy Ridley, Elizabeth Debicki, Margot Robbie. Written by Rob Lieber and Will Gluck. Directed by Gluck..

"The Post" (PG-13) Director Steven Spielberg and stars Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks combine for a thriller cum civics lesson showing the value of newspapers hanging together and holding government accountable for deception.

"The Shape of Water" (R). Adult fable from Guillermo del Toro, set Cold War Baltimore in 1962, about a lonely woman (Sally Hawkins) working on the cleaning staff in a government lab who falls in love for the amphibious creature (Doug Jones) brought there for study. Richard Jenkins and Octavia Spencer have charming roles as the woman's friends and co-conspirator in a plot to save the creature. Michael Shannon — surprise — is the heavy. Full of strange ideas and twists, unified by first-rate visual presentation that somehow maintains the movie's tone of enchantment. The film is nominated for 13 Academy Awards. At Regal Permian Palace in Odessa.

"Winchester" (PG-13) Inspired by true events, the story of Sarah Winchester (Helen Mirren), who believed she was haunted by the souls killed by the guns that made her family fortune. Also starring Jason Clarke, Sarah Snook. Directed by the Spierig Brothers.

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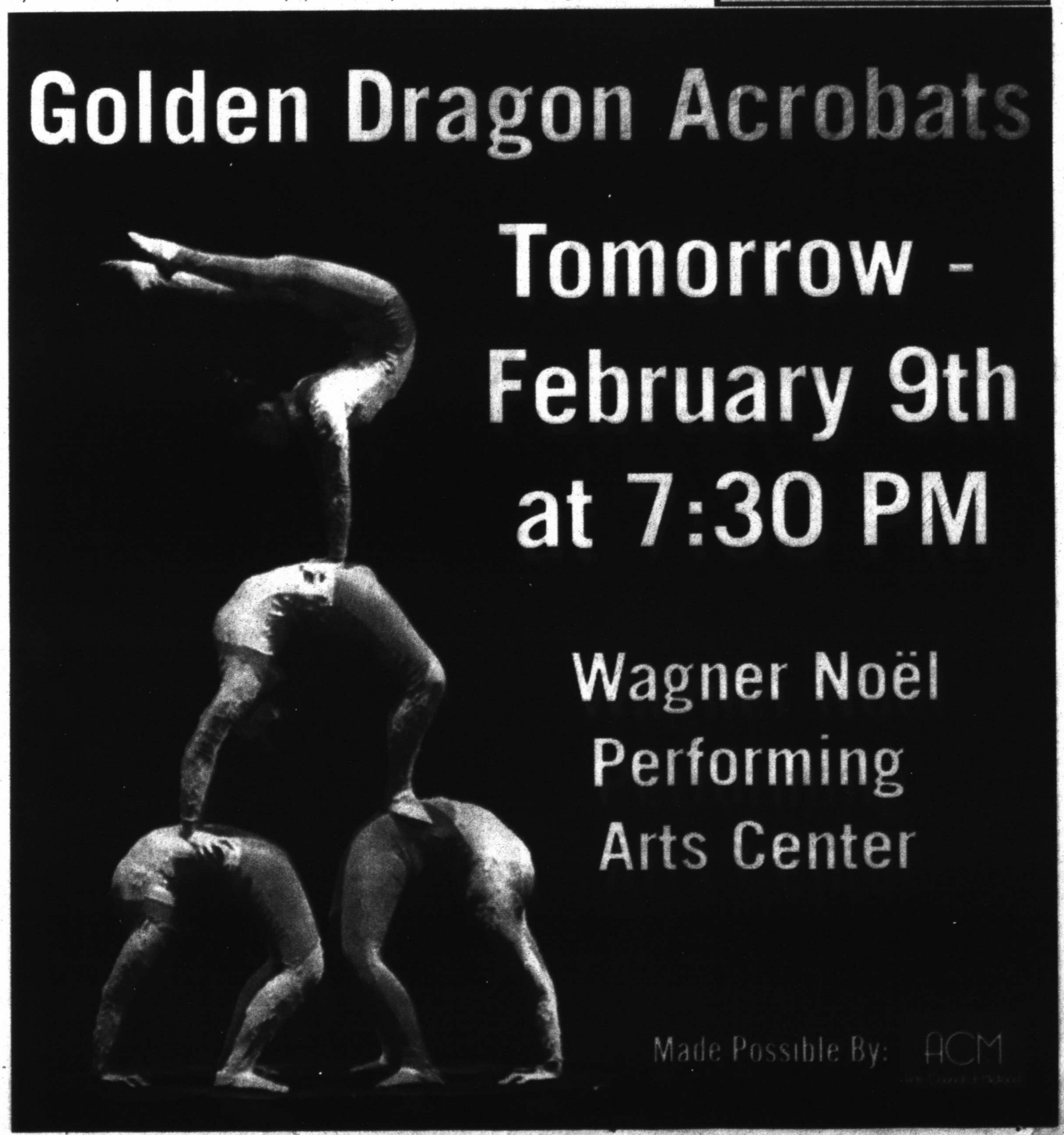

DINING

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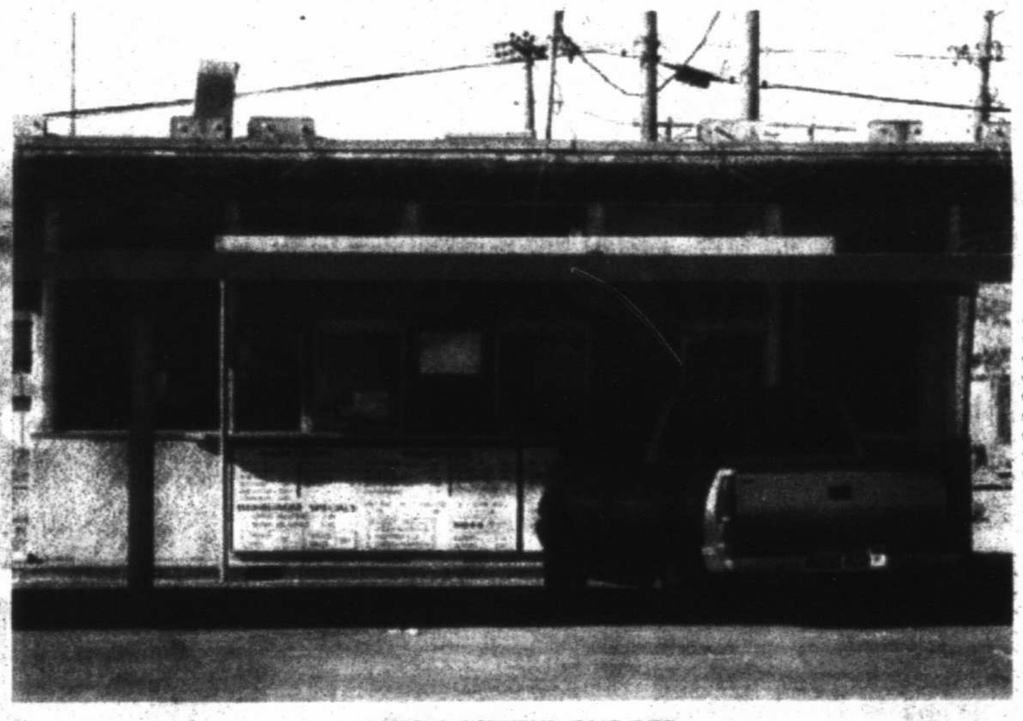

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BURGERS & BARBECUE

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BURGER KING The Tall City is home to three of the well-known fast-food chain serving grilled burgers, fries and shakes, plus breakfast. 4005 N Midkiff Rd., 699-1510; 710 Andrews Hwy., 685-0991; 2503 Rankin Hwy., 682-6400 | burgerking.com | $ | 2 spoons

CARL'S JR. Fast-food chain known for its variety of piled-high burgers and meal combos, plus shakes. 5313 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 695-6883 | carlsjr.com | $ | 3 spoons

DAIRY QUEEN Soft-serve ice cream and trademark Blizzards top the menu at this classic burger and fries fast-food chain owned by Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway. Midland has three locations: 3702 W Wall St., 694-3801; 706 N Big Spring St., 684-5948; 802 S Big Spring St., 684-6[illegible] | $ | 4 spoons

DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT Texas-based barbecue marketed as fast food. Try the pulled pork sandwich and the baked potato casserole. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 689-4500; 600 W Wadley Ave, 704-5080; 2212 South Rankin Hwy., 704-5581, www.dickeys.com | $ | 4 spoons

FIVE GUYS BURGERS & FRIES The menu is fairly small, keeping things limited to burgers — with or without the bun — hot dogs and a few more sandwich options. Order a shake with your burger and try some of the numerous flavor options. 2816 W. Loop 250 N. Unit 300 699-2036 | $ | 4 spoons

FUDDRUCKERS Choose your burger size and add whatever toppings you want. If you're feeling adventurous, try the ostrich or bison burgers. Located inside Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road 689-0448 | $ | 3 spoons

GRUB BURGER BAR The fast-casual College Station-based restaurant offers gourmet burger selections, milkshakes and a full bar. 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 500 789-1855 www.grubburgerbar.com | $ | 4 spoons

HOG PIT PUB & GRUB This out-of-the-way bar and barbecue joint offers all the traditional favorites plus unexpected menu items like fried sausage. Go hungry and relish the oversized portions of Texas goodness. 7400 West County Road 116 | 561-9301 | $ | 3 spoons

JACK IN THE BOX Burgers, chicken, tacos and breakfast items fill out the menu at this fast-food chain. The drive-thrus at Midland's two locations are open 24 hours. 5205 W Wadley Ave., 694-0500; 2208 Rankin Hwy., 684-8900 | jackinthebox.com | $ | 3 spoons

JOHNNY'S BAR B-Q & DINER Downtown barbecue joint. Try the chopped beef sandwich for lunch. Look for the pig on the roof. 316 N. Big Spring St. 683-4581 | $ | 4 spoons

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MAC'S B-B-Q AND CATERING Generous servings and hearty flavors are the hallmark of this local restaurant that now features live music on the weekends. Opens at 7 a.m. for breakfast. 2400 W. Indiana Ave. 247-5654 | $ | 4 spoons

MCDONALD'S Classic, long-running fast-food chain known for its burgers, fries & shakes. Midland locations are open 24 hours but switch to a limited "overnight" menu after 11 p.m. 3310 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 699-0768; 1111 N Andrews Hwy., 520-3044; 2307 Rankin Hwy., 687-1705; 4015 Farm-to-Market Road 1788, 563-1876 | mcdonalds.com | $ | 3 spoons

MICHAEL'S CHARCOAL GRILL Great barbecue and great burgers, including the King Kong burger. Michael's also has a salad bar. Something for everyone. 723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030 | $$ | 4 spoons

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE You can smell the smoke before you get into the parking lot at this longtime Midland establishment. Whether you go for ribs, brisket or sausage, be sure to save room for the peach cobbler. 1113 E. Scharbauer Drive | $ | 570-1082 | 4 spoons

SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Scotty's offers everything comfort food. Try the ribs or the chicken fried steak. Don't leave without a helping of cornbread. 503 E. Illinois Ave. | 695-6511 | $ | 4 spoons

SONIC DRIVE-IN Fast-food burger and fries joint with an old-school feel, including retro drive-in service and an emp. Four locations serve Midland. 4201 Midland Dr., 694-0473; 1109 S Midkiff Rd., 697-2391; 2104 N Big Spring St., 683-2552; 2301 Rankin Hwy., 682-8899 | sonicdrivein.com | $ | 3 spoons

TANK'S BAR-B-QUE AND CATERING Stop by Tank's for lunch and get a full plate of barbecue with all the sides to take back to the office or enjoy at a nearby picnic table. Don't skip the potato salad. 401 East Scharbauer Drive 684-0006 | $ | 4 spoons

TEXAS BURGER Fast-food burgers with more of a local — or regional feel — than the national chains. Try the jalapeno burger and spicy fries. Don't forget the ice cream. 3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177 and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838 | $ | 4 spoons

TRUE TEXAS BBQ Located inside the West Midland H-E-B, the barbecue and all the fixins has folks coming in just for the food, not groceries. In addition to the smoked meats, try the banana pudding or peach cobbler for dessert. Catering is available. 5407 Andrews Hwy., 699-2660 | heb.com/static-page/true-texas-bbq | $ | 4 spoons

VIDAL'S OLDFASHIONED BURGERS Web reviews place this restaurant in the top echelon of Midland burger joints. Not only are the burgers great but the curly fries and fried pickles earn raves, too. 1200 N. Lamesa Rd., 570-1616 | $ | 4 spoons

WENDY'S Fast-food burger chain known for its famous Frosties, as well as sides such as chili and baked potatoes. Midland has two of the restaurants. 902 Andrews Hwy., 522-1154; 4412 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 520-7094 | wendys.com | $ | 3 spoons

WHATABURGER Circa-1950 chain serves burgers, patty melts and the What-a-catch, one of fast food's best fish sandwiches. Also try the onion rings, which use actual rings, not chopped onion. Midland's four locations are open 24 hours. 3206 N Midkiff Rd., 697-4184; 800 Andrews Hwy., 694-1648; 1905 N. Big Spring St., 684-0545; 2217 E. Interstate 20, 570-4179 | whataburger.com | $ | 3 spoons

WHITEHOUSE MEAT MARKET Even with a full service meat counter and butcher for custom meat cuts, the cheeseburger is the signature of this longtime institution in Odessa. 7270 Hwy 191, 432-296-4160 | whitehousemeatmarket.com. | $$ | 4 spoons.

Z'S BURGERS Locally-owned burger joint also features breakfast burritos, steak fingers, frappes and smoothies. 10805 Farm-to-Market Road 307, 687-1700 | zsburgersmidland.com | $ | 4 spoons

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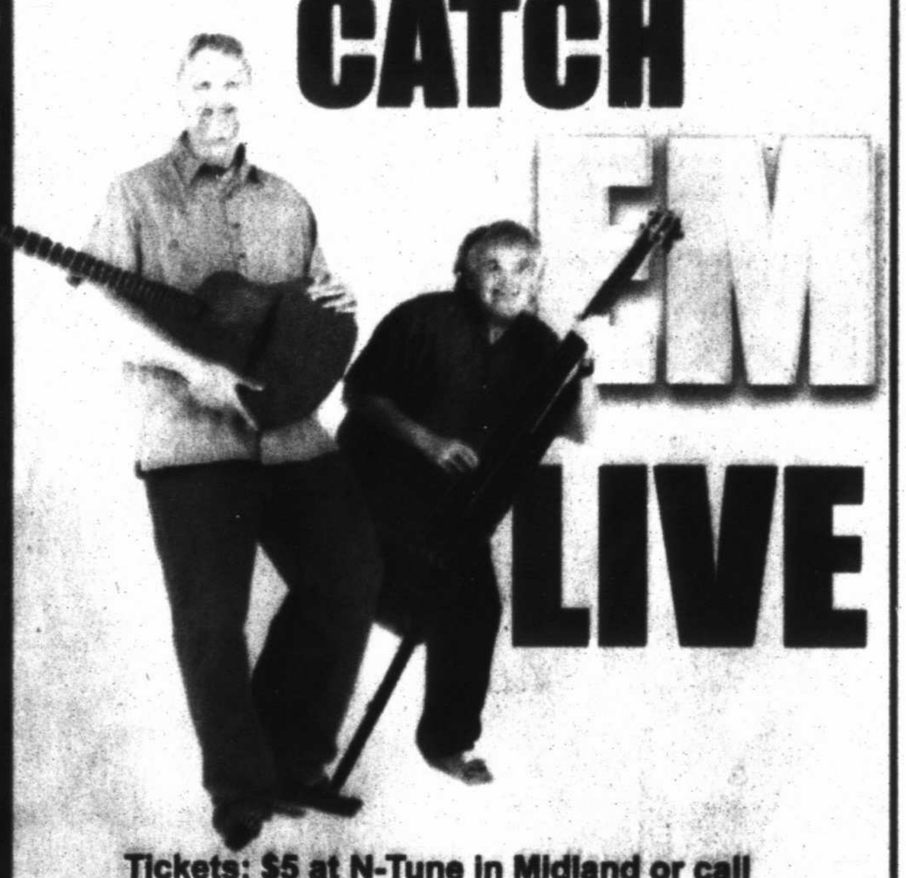

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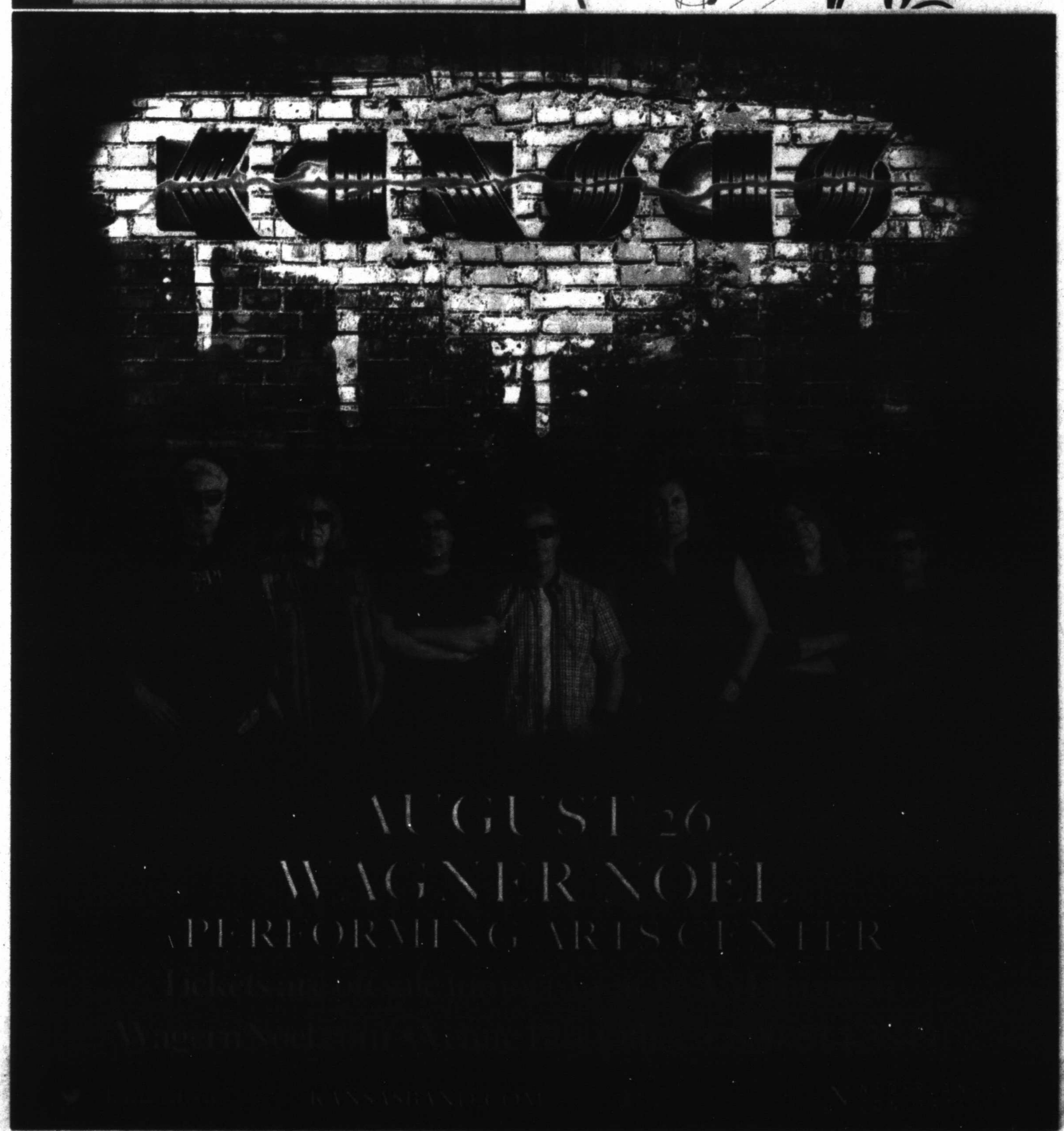

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Greenwood o-line duo inks with LSC rivals

By Oscar LeRoy
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Matt Groeschel and Sloan Stephens helped to lead a formidable offensive line at Greenwood this past season, helping the Rangers have offensive success and leading the team to the playoffs out of the tough District 2-4A Division II.

Now the former teammates will become Lone Star Conference rivals as Groeschel signed with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, while Stephens inked with Tarleton State University on Wednesday morning at the Greenwood High School gymnasium.

Both Groeschel — the 6-foot-6, 320-pound left tackle —"They had big roles for us," Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said. "We knew that the offensive line was going to be the core of our team. Those two guys were great representatives of it. They worked hard and they got better every week. They were a lot better at the end of the year than when they started. It was a big part of our offense and our team was built around the offensive line and those two guys."

Both athletes said the camaraderie that the unit had helped them have success.

"It was definitely a brotherhood," Stephens said. "The offensive line, we had each other's backs on and off the field. When something would happen on the field, we would step in and take charge for each other. I thought we had a good season. We played for each other and that was the biggest

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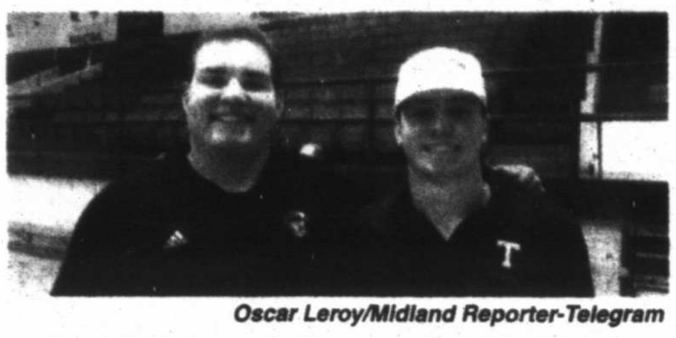

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Greenwood High School football teammates Matthew Groeschel, left, and Sloan Stephens pose after signing their letters-of-intent to play college football.

On to the next level

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Top row, from left, Grant Brown, Elijah Prince, Stephen Quiroz, Cormac Fish, Tyler Madrid, bottom row from left, Mason Sanchez, Kougar Rodriguez, and Isaiah Nunez pose for a group photo during a Lee football college signing Wednesday at the Lee fieldhouse.

Nunez sticks with Air Force, leads eight Rebels signing with colleges

By Will Korn
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Former Lee captain and linebacker Isaiah Nunez deeply cherished the brotherhood he experienced playing for the Rebels' varsity team the last two seasons.

But he'll soon be returning to another brotherhood.

Along with seven other Lee teammates who will continue their football careers around Texas and New Mexico, Nunez signed his letter of intent to play for the Air Force Academy on Wednesday in front of a large audience at the Lee turf room.

"It feels great, with all the work I've put in, everything I've worked for to try to get a scholarship and get school paid for," said Nunez, who will be joining older brother Kaleb in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Last season, Nunez was the heart of the Rebels during the program's best year since the 2000 state championship team. Despite missing two games, he amassed 145 total tackles, 19 tackles for a loss, nine sacks, a fumble recovery, an interception and three pass breakups, earning him a second team bid to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 6A All-State team.

Nunez received the offer from Air Force on May 6, 2017 and committed shortly after. He said that although he was open to other opportunities that might have presented himself over the next few months, he never wavered from his commitment to Air Force.

The most deciding factor for him was the chance to play with Kaleb, a 2016 Lee grad who starred for the Rebels as a tight end and defensive lineman. He said Kaleb told him all about the next brotherhood he would get to experience.

"I never backed away from (Air Force), I just wanted to see what else there was," Nunez said. "My ultimate goal was to go play with my brother. Here at Lee I had a real brotherhood and if I went to college (I wanted to have it again). When I went up there (for a visit), one think Kaleb told me was 'One thing you're going to love is the guys here and everything about them because they're so close.' That's something I've always wanted in a team and it's something I'm looking forward to."

Nunez, who plans to study either medicine or business, said he has every intention to go into the service following his time on the gridiron.

"It's a big part of the commitment and honestly, I really would like to serve this country," Nunez said. "I don't think it's a negative, I think it's a positive."

Joining Nunez during Wednesday's National Signing Day was wide receiver Grant Brown (UTPB), wide receiver Tyler Madrid (Hardin-Simmons University), offensive lineman Stephen Quiroz (Howard Payne), Mason Sanchez (Howard Payne), Cormac Fish (Eastern New Mexico), defensive back Elijah Prince (West Texas A&M) and linebacker Kougar Rodriguez (Concordia University – Seward, Nebraska).

It was a proud day for Lee head coach Clint Hartman, who introduced each player as a part of the program's largest signing class in years.

"When you get to this point and you have the opportunity to play football at the next level, each one of these guys has defied the odds," Hartman said. "Less than one percent of all seniors play another down of football after that last game. These eight are going to have that opportunity, so our percentages on this football team are extremely high.

"This senior senior class by and large was fun to coach. I'd like to think we're having fun playing football at Lee High School, so kids are wanting to play (here) again."

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Texas lined up as Big 12's top class with defensive adds

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Things lined up nicely for coach Tom Herman and the Texas Longhorns to have one of the top signing classes in the nation, not just the best in the Big 12 Conference.

After a winning record on the field in Herman's first season, the Longhorns also made significant strides with his second recruiting class.

Eight more players signed with Texas on Wednesday, bolstering what was already a strong class with the 19 players added during the early signing period in December. That includes three defensive linemen, a 250-pound high school quarterback expected to play defensive end and a really young tackle.

"Pretty historic day. Obviously a lot of the work was done by December 21st, but adding the eight guys that we added today really kind of solidifies the class, especially on the defensive front," Herman said. "We made some big-time strides."

And gave the Longhorns the Big 12's best class.

Texas was No. 3 in the 247Sports.com team rankings, behind only Georgia and Ohio State and directly ahead of Southern California, Penn State, Clemson and defending national champion Alabama.

Defending Big 12 champion and College Football Playoff team Oklahoma, which added four more signees Wednesday for a class of 22, ranked ninth. TCU was the league's only other team in the top 25 — at 25th after also signing four to get to 22.

Longhorns signee Keondre Coburn, a 334-pound defensive lineman, had 20 tackles for losses as a senior at Houston's Westfield High and played in the Under Armour All-American game. The other defensive linemen were Daniel Carson from Independence, Missouri, and Moro Ojomo, a Nigerian-born 16-year-old from Katy, Texas.

Joseph Ossai is a linebacker from Conroe, Texas, while 250-pound Mike Williams was a high school quarterback in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who is expected to be a defensive end for Texas.

"There's going to be a lot of competition on the defensive side. On both sides of the ball really," Herman said. "But I think we all can see, when this side of the ball just got real in a hurry."

Some other things from Wednesday's national signing day in the Big 12:

SOMEWHAT QUIET: Because of the early signing period, much of the usual hoopla was missing on the traditional February signing day. The 10 teams in the Big 12 had signed 194 players in December, including 23 by Oklahoma State. TCU coach Gary Patterson didn't even conduct a media availability as [illegible] Wednesday, taking advantage of the opportunity to hear him say the usual "super team" as he usually does when discussing signing classes.

IOWA STATE'S BIG PRIZE: The Cyclones beat out former Big 12 rivals Texas A&M and other prestigious schools, including Alabama, to land quarterback Brock Purdy. The 6-foot-1 Purdy was Arizona's Gatorade Player of the Year in 2017 after throwing for 4,465 yards and 57 touchdowns, both state records. He also ran for 1,016 yards and 10 more scores. Iowa State's roster lists a sophomore and two freshmen quarterbacks [illegible]

BECOMING SOONERS SOONER: Like most of the top schools, Oklahoma

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No. 7 Texas Tech wins 5th straight, 76-58 over Iowa State

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Freshman guard Zhaire Smith scored a career-high 21 points, including a steal that led to his alley-oop slam, and No. 7 Texas Tech beat Iowa State 76-58 on Wednesday night for its fifth straight win.

After the Cyclones (12-11, 3-8 Big 12) scored seven straight points in a 77-second span to get within one after halftime, Smith made a steal. He passed the ball on the break to Jarrett Culver, who then lobbed an alley-oop pass that resulted in Smith's two-handed slam.

Culver added 16 points for the Red Raiders (20-4, 8-3), whose last loss was 70-52 at Iowa State on Jan. 20. Keenan Evans scored 15.

Texas Tech is the first Big 12 team to reach 20 wins overall and is tied with No. 10 Kansas (19-5, 8-3) atop the conference standings.

Cameron Lard had a career-high 22 points on 10-of-11 shooting for already short-handed Iowa State. He played only 20 minutes before fouling out. Lindell Wigginton scored 13.

BIG PICTURE

Iowa State: The Cyclones have been to a school-record six NCAA Tournaments in a row, but that streak could be in serious jeopardy. They have lost four of their last five games, and are in a stretch of three straight against ranked opponents.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders are 15-0 at home this season and have won 16 in a row there since an 82-80 loss to Iowa State last February. They have already surpassed last season's totals of 18 wins overall and six wins in the Big 12.

MISSING YOU

The Cyclones played their second game in a row without junior guard Nick Weiler-Babb, who has left knee tendinitis. He is the only player in the nation averaging at least 11 points, seven rebounds and seven assists per game. Iowa State had only eight available players because senior forward Hans Brase was also out with a knee issue.

UP NEXT

Iowa State also faces Top 25 opponents in its next two games, Saturday against No. 17 Oklahoma and next Tuesday night against No. 10 Kansas.

Texas Tech plays three of its next four on the road. The Red Raiders play Saturday night at Kansas State, a team they beat by 16 points at home on Jan. 6.

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Texas Tech's Keenan Evans (12) steals the ball from Iowa State's Nick Weiler-Babb (3) during the first half of an NCAA game on Wednesday in Lubbock.

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Australian Women's Football
Greater Western Sydney vs. Carlton, 2 a.m., FSP

Baseball
Caribbean Championship, 8 p.m., ESPNDEP

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BYU vs. Stanford, 3:30 p.m., P12, P12 BAY
Oregon vs. Georgia, 6 p.m., P12, P12 OR
Tennessee at Arizona State, 8:30 p.m., P12 AZ

Golf
PGA: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: tSPS Hanada World Super Perth 6, 2nd Round, 10 p.m., GOLF

High School Basketball
Greensboro Day- NC at Spartanburg Day- SC, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2

Men's College Basketball
Bryant at Wagner, 4 p.m., CBSSN
Georgia Tech at Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Vermont at Albany, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Tulane at Tulsa, 6 p.m., ESPNews
Austin Peay at Murray State, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Pitt at Clemson, 6 p.m., FSSW
Duke at North Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN
Stanford at Utah, 7 p.m., FS1
SMU at Houston, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville State, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Southern Illinois at Illinois State, 8 p.m., CBSSN
UCLA at Arizona, 9 p.m., ESPN
Washington at Oregon, 9 p.m., FS1
USC at Arizona State, 10 p.m., ESPN2
Santa Clara at BYU, 10 p.m., ESPNU

NBA
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m., TNT
Oklahoma City at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., FSSW

NHL
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

Winter Olympics
Curling (Mixed Doubles): China vs. South Korea, 7 a.m., NBCSN
Ski Jumping: Men's Normal Hill, Qualifying, 8 a.m., NBCSN
Figure Skating: Team and Pairs' Short Programs; Freestyle Skiing: Men's & Women's Moguls, Qualifying, 7 p.m., NBC
Curling (Mixed Doubles): USA vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill Training; Luge: Men's Single Training, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Curling (Mixed Doubles): USA vs. South Korea, 10:30 p.m., NBCSN

Women's College Basketball
South Carolina at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC
Kentucky at Missouri, 8 p.m., SECRADIO

Men's College Basketball
Howard at South Plains, 7:45 p.m., KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

NBA
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

Women's College Basketball
Howard at South Plains, 5:45 p.m., KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Swimming
TAPPS Division II state meet, Mansfield

JC Women's Basketball
Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

JC Men's Basketball
Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m.

JC Softball
Trinidad State JC at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended Washington C Raudy Read 80 games without pay after testing positive for Boldenone, a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Myles Jaye, Michael Kohn and Jake Reed; Cs Williams Astudillo, Brian Navarreto and Bobby Wilson; INFs Taylor Featherston, Nick Gordon, Gregorio Petit and Brock Stassi; and OFs Nick Buss, Ryan LaMarre and LaMonte Wade on minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS — Traded INF Russell Wilson to the New York Yankees for future considerations. Named Joseph Ingoro major league director of peak performance; Brett Hayes major league advance scout; Randy Smith and Al Rangsithinthai pro scouts; Casey Fox assistant, player development; Eric Gagne pitching coach for Arizona League Rangers, Don Kalkstein senior advisor and Andrew Koo analyst, baseball operations.

National League

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 3B Todd Frazier on a two-year contract. Designated INF Matt Reynolds for assignment.

Atlantic League

ROAD WARRIORS — Named Ellis Rodriguez manager and Rafael Montalvo pitching coach.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed C Dillon Kelley.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Ashton Baxter and RHP Kane McCall.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Louis Cohen and RHP Joe Costello.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed INF/OF Scott Dwyer and RHP Kurtis McEachern.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Agreed in terms with G Lou Williams on a contract extension.

NEW YORK KNICKS — Traded C Willy Hernangomez to Charlotte for 2020 and 2021 second-round draft picks and F Johnny O'Bryant.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Sam Shade assistant special teams coach.

DETROIT LIONS — Named David Corrao director of football research, Paul Pasquisoni defensive coordinator, Jeff Davidson offensive line coach, George Godsey quarterbacks coach, Al Golden linebackers coach, Brian Stewart defensive backs coach and Chris White tight ends coach.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed DL Cassius Marsh to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

ECHL

ECHL — Announced commissioner Brain McKenna will be leaving the league this summer.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Dan Jones chief operating officer.

FC DALLAS — Renewed its affiliation agreement with Oklahoma City Energy FC (USL) for the 2018 season.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Acquired $50,000 in general allocation money from D.C. United for D Oniel Fisher.

North American Soccer League

JACKSONVILLE ARMADA — Agreed to terms with D Kalen Ryden, Fs Ciaran Kilduff and Derek Gebhard and MF J.C. Banks.

TENNIS

ITF — Reduced the ban on Ilie Nastase by eight months and doubled his fine to $20,000 following his appeal of sanctions for foul-mouthed comments and misconduct as the Romanian Fed Cup captain.

COLLEGE

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Phil Paquette director of new media/communications.

MOUNTAIN WEST — Suspended New Mexico senior F Joe Furstinger one game and issued a public reprimand to Boise State sophomore G Justinian Jessup for their actions in a men's basketball game Tuesday.

CLEMSON — Announced RB C.J. Fuller is transferring.

FORDHAM — Named Paul Rice defensive coordinator, Vincent Natelli offensive line coach/recruiting coordinator, and Scott Vallone defensive line coach.

GEORGIA — Rehired assistant football coach Scott Fountain. Named Cortez Hankton assistant football coach.

GEORGIA TECH — Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach Darryl LaBarrie.

RUTGERS — Named Nunzio Campanile running backs coach.

Adams, Parker finish third at TAPPS state meet

From staff reports

MANSFIELD – Two Tall City swimmers left Mansfield ISD Natatorium with bronze medals during Wednesday's TAPPS Division III State Swimming Championships.

Trinity senior Eriq Adams placed third in the boys 100-yard freestyle with an unofficial time of 52.08 seconds and Midland Classical sophomore Chloe Parker finished third in the girls 500 freestyle with a time of 5:47.04.

Adams

Parker

Adams medaled at state for the third straight year. Adams also finished fourth in the 100 back (1:01.01).

"I am very proud of his accomplishments and most appreciative of his sportsmanship, efforts and dedication to represent his school at this high level," Trinity coach Janneke Garos said of Adams.

Parker tallied a state medal for the second consecutive year. Parker also finished seventh in the 100 butterfly (1:04.63).

MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAPSULES

WOMEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 18 FRANK PHILLIPS
When/where: 5:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 12-10, 5-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 17-3, 7-2

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 76, Clarendon College 63; Frank Phillips College 62, South Plains College 55

Notes: Midland College currently sits a half-game up on Odessa College for third place in the WJCAC standings and is two games back of second-place Frank Phillips. ... The Lady Chaparral snapped a two-game losing streak with its win over Clarendon College on Monday as MC held the Lady Bulldogs scoreless in the second quarter before pulling away down the stretch. Matangiora Flavell led MC with 18 points and 10 rebounds, Bethany Theodore had 18 points, Alexandrea Washington added 11 points and Bianca Thacker finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds after missing a game last week with the flu. ... FPC defeated MC, 59-48, on Jan. 8 at Chaparral Center. ... The Lady Plainsmen bounced back from a loss on Monday with a win over South Plains as three players scored in double figures. Marlene Aniambossou and Kinsley Choate each scored 17 points, while Kiara Shoals added 16 points and nine rebounds.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Lamar Community College at Frank Phillips College, 4 p.m. Saturday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
New Mexico JC	7	1	23	1
Frank Phillips	7	2	17	3
Midland College	**5**	**4**	**12**	**10**
Odessa College	4	4	16	7
Clarendon College	3	5½	19	5
Western Texas	3	5	11	10
Howard College	3	6	13	12
South Plains	2	7	15	10

Monday's Scores
Midland College 76, Clarendon College 63; Howard College 57, Western Texas College 45; Frank Phillips College 62, South Plains College 55; Odessa College and New Mexico JC were open

Thursday's Games
Midland College at Frank Phillips College; Western Texas College at Clarendon College; Howard College at South Plains College; Odessa College and New Mexico JC is open

MEN
MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE
When/where: 7:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 7-17, 3-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 11-13, 3-7

Last game: Clarendon College 68, Midland College 63; South Plains College 85, Frank Phillips College 74

Notes: This game features two teams that need to win to keep their postseason hopes alive. ... MC is coming off its second straight loss on Monday as the Chaparrals experienced another frustrating outcome in a game they had chances to win. MC got down 22-4 early in the game, came back to take the lead in the second half, but couldn't make plays down the stretch on both ends of the floor. MC coach Pat Rafferty said the team has to find a way to not beat itself as the Chaps continue to battle trying to get over the mental hurdle. ... Kevin Kangu led MC with 18 points, Jardin van der Korput had 11 and Erkam Kiris added 10 in the loss. ... MC defeated Frank Phillips, 76-43, on Jan. 8 at Chaparral Center. ... FPC has also lost two straight games coming into tonight. ... In the loss to South Plains, FPC shot 36.4 percent but Marquise Kindel led the Plainsmen with 19 points. Kwame McBean added 14 and Kent Thomas had 12 for Frank Phillips.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Odessa College	9	0	20	2
South Plains	8	2	16	6
Clarendon College	6	4	16	8
Howard College	6	4	18	6
New Mexico Military	5	5	15	9
Frank Phillips	3	7	11	13
Midland College	**3**	**7**	**7**	**17**
Western Texas	2	7	13	9
New Mexico JC	2	8	13	11

Monday's Scores
Clarendon College 68, Midland College 63; Howard College 86, Western Texas College 70; South Plains College 85, Frank Phillips College 74; New Mexico Military Institute 68, New Mexico JC 64; Odessa College was open

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

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

MEN
KANSAS STATE 67, TEXAS 64

AUSTIN—Dean Wade scored 16 points and Kansas State rallied late in the second half to beat Texas 67-64 and earn a tough road win the in the Big 12 on Wednesday night.

Wade went to the free throw line with 3 seconds left and made one, but missed the second that would have given the Wildcats a four-point cushion. Texas's last shot to tie was an off-balance, stumbling 3-pointer by Kerwin Roach II that didn't get anywhere close to the basket.

The Wildcats (18-7, 6-5) trailed 54-52 before taking the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Cartier Diarra, who followed it with a steal and a layup for a 57-54 lead Kansas State never relinquished.

Texas (15-9, 5-6) got within 66-64 on a 3-pointer by Eric Davis with 44 seconds left. The Longhorns had a chance to tie but Matt Coleman turned it over on a desperate drive to the basket with 3 seconds left on a play that sent Wade to the free throw line.

TEXAS A&M 81, AUBURN 80

AUBURN — Duane Wilson made one of two free throws with four seconds left to lift Texas A&M to an 81-80 upset of No. 8 Auburn on Wednesday night.

The Aggies (16-8, 5-6 Southeastern Conference) held on for their third straight win after squandering a 17-point lead in the second half. Freshman guard T.J. Starks scored a career-high 23 points.

Mustapha Heron's 3-point attempt from a few feet across midcourt bounced off the rim at the buzzer, capping a wild second half and final minute.

Malik Dunbar forced a jump ball off an inbounds pass with 50 seconds left, but Auburn (21-3, 9-2) gave it right back when Wilson caused a turnover.

WOMEN
OKLA. ST. 71, TCU 54

FORT WORTH, — Kaylee Jensen and Loryn Goodwin combined for 46 points and 29 rebounds and No. 22 Oklahoma State pulled away from No. 24 TCU 71-54 on Wednesday night.

The teams entered the game with identical 16-4 records and tied for third in the Big 12 at 7-4, each with two wins over ranked opponents. It was the first game at TCU between two ranked games since 2004.

The Cowgirls outscored the Horned Frogs 11-2 in the last three minutes of the second quarter, including the last seven points, to lead 31-23 at the break. Jensen and Goodwin each had 14 points, combining for all 10 in a clinching run that ended with OSU up 69-52 with 2:13 to play.

Goodwin earned her 40th career double-double with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Jensen had 22 points on 7-of-12 shooting and made all eight of her free throws to go with 16 rebounds.

Lee, MHS girls basketball playoff dates set

Staff Reports

District 2-6A No. 3 seed Midland High (22-13) will face District 1-6A No. 2 seed El Paso Pebble Hills (25-6) in a bi-district playoff at 6 p.m. CST Monday at Sul Ross State in Alpine.

No. 4 seed Lee (17-15) meets District 1-6A champion El Paso Franklin (27-5) in a bi-district playoff at 6 p.m. CST Tuesday at Roswell High School in Roswell, New Mexico.

Lee and MHS finished district play in a third-place tie at 6-4, but MHS won the coin toss Wednesday for the third seed.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

EAST
Colgate 74, Boston U. 60
Fordham 67, George Mason 66
George Washington 80, La Salle 69
Lafayette 81, Army 54
Loyola (Md.) 72, American U. 69
Marquette 86, Seton Hall 85
Navy 69, Holy Cross 34
Penn St. 74, Maryland 70
St. Bonaventure 79, Saint Louis 56
St. John's 79, Villanova 75
Temple 80, East Carolina 73
UConn 88, South Florida 65

SOUTH
Campbell 78, Gardner-Webb 70
Charleston Southern 87, Liberty 75
Florida 73, LSU 64
High Point 81, Radford 80
Lamar 79, Northwestern St. 75
Miami 87, Wake Forest 81
UNC Greensboro 78, Longwood 73
UNC Wilmington 80, Furman 67
Vanderbilt 81, Georgia 68
Virginia 59, Florida St. 55
Winthrop 83, Presbyterian 49
Wofford 92, Samford 79

MIDWEST
Dayton 88, Duquesne 73
Evansville 83, Valparaiso 59
Loyola of Chicago 72, Drake 57
N. Iowa 74, Bradley 65
Ohio St. 64, Purdue 63

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 100, Houston Baptist 80
Kansas St. 67, Texas 64
Nicholls St. 69, Abilene Christian 65
SE Louisiana 88, Incarnate Word 68
Sam Houston St. 66, Texas A&M-CC 64

FAR WEST
Wyoming 83, Utah St. 65

Top 25 Fared
1. Villanova (22-2) lost to St. John's 79-75. Next: vs. Butler, Saturday.
2. Virginia (23-1) beat Florida State 59-55. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
3. Purdue (23-3) lost to No. 14 Ohio State 64-63. Next: at No. 4 Michigan State, Saturday.
4. Michigan State (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Purdue, Saturday.
5. Xavier (22-3) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
6. Cincinnati (22-2) did not play. Next: at SMU, Sunday.
7. Texas Tech (19-4) vs. Iowa State. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
8. Auburn (21-2) vs. Texas A&M. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
9. Duke (19-4) did not play. Next: at No. 21 North Carolina, Thursday.
10. Kansas (19-5) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday. Next: at Iowa State, Tuesday.
11. Saint Mary's (23-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
12. Gonzaga (21-4) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
13. Arizona (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Thursday.
14. Ohio State (21-5) beat No. 3 Purdue 64-63. Next: vs. Iowa, Saturday.
15. Tennessee (18-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
16. Clemson (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Thursday.
17. Oklahoma (18-7) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
18. Rhode Island (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.
19. West Virginia (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Sunday.
20. Michigan (19-7) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
21. North Carolina (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Duke, Thursday.
22. Wichita State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.
23. Nevada (20-4) vs. UNLV. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
24. Kentucky (17-7) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
25. Miami (18-5) beat Wake Forest 87-81. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.

Women

SOUTH
Women's College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press
Wednesday, Feb. 7

EAST
American U. 69, Loyola (Md.) 56
Army 48, Lafayette 39
Boston U. 66, Colgate 64
Bucknell 59, Lehigh 52
Buffalo 80, Kent St. 42
Dayton 76, UMass 49
Duquesne 80, VCU 71
Kennesaw St. 81, NJIT 58
La Salle 87, Saint Louis 76
Navy 69, Holy Cross 54
Saint Joseph's 64, Rhode Island 46

SOUTH
Duke 59, Wake Forest 51
George Washington 65, George Mason 61
Jacksonville 61, Stetson 54
Louisiana Tech 75, Rice 55
Louisville 65, Clemson 46
Nicholls 81, Abilene Christian 60
SC-Upstate 80, Lipscomb 64
SE Louisiana 65, Incarnate Word 54
South Florida 88, East Carolina 47
Tulane 69, Temple 65
UConn 55, UCF 37
Virginia Tech 90, North Carolina 74

MIDWEST
Ball St. 91, E. Michigan 85
Cent. Michigan 74, Ohio 72
Cincinnati 75, Wichita St. 69
Kansas St. 83, Texas Tech 69
Miami (Ohio) 87, Toledo 59
N. Illinois 84, Akron 81
SIU-Edwardsville 62, E. Illinois 52
South Dakota 79, Fort Wayne 60
W. Illinois 103, Nebraska-Omaha 68
W. Michigan 81, Bowling Green 67

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 64, Houston Baptist 56
Houston 68, Memphis 55
Lamar 71, Northwestern St. 44
Oklahoma St. 71, TCU 54
SMU 74, Tulsa 70
Stephen F. Austin 73, McNeese St. 58
Texas A&M-CC 62, Sam Houston St. 48

FAR WEST
Boise St. 91, New Mexico 85
Colorado St. 61, Air Force 50
Fresno St. 68, San Diego St. 60
Wyoming 64, Utah St. 46

Top 25 Fared
1. UConn (23-0) beat UCF 55-37. Next: vs. Wichita State, Saturday.
2. Mississippi State (24-0) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
3. Baylor (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 TCU, Saturday.
4. Louisville (25-1) beat Clemson 85-46. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Monday.
5. Notre Dame (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
6. Texas (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
7. South Carolina (18-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
8. UCLA (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
9. Oregon (21-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
10. Maryland (20-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (19-4) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
12. Florida State (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
13. Ohio State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Thursday.
14. Texas A&M (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
15. Missouri (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Thursday.
16. Oregon State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
17. Stanford (16-8) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
18. Georgia (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
19. Duke (19-6) beat Wake Forest 59-51. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
20. Green Bay (21-2) did not play. Next: at Milwaukee, Saturday.
21. Michigan (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
22. Oklahoma State (17-6) beat No. 24 TCU 71-54. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
23. N.C. State (19-5) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
24. TCU (16-7) lost to No. 22 Oklahoma State 71-54. Next: at No. 3 Baylor, Saturday.
25. Arizona State (17-7) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Boston	39	16	.709	—
Toronto	37	16	.698	1
Philadelphia	28	25	.510	11
New York	23	32	.418	16
Brooklyn	19	36	.345	20
Southeast Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Washington	31	23	.574	—
Miami	29	25	.537	2
Charlotte	23	30	.434	7½
Orlando	17	36	.321	13½
Atlanta	17	37	.315	14
Central Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	31	22	.585	—
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	1
Indiana	30	25	.545	2
Detroit	27	26	.509	4
Chicago	16	35	.340	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	40	13	.755	—
San Antonio	34	21	.618	7
New Orleans	28	25	.528	12
Memphis	18	36	.333	22½
Dallas	17	37	.315	23½
Northwest Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	34	23	.596	—
Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	2
Denver	29	25	.537	3½
Portland	29	25	.537	3½
Utah	26	28	.481	6½
Pacific Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	41	12	.774	—
Golden State	41	13	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	27	25	.519	13
L.A. Lakers	22	31	.415	18½
Phoenix	18	37	.327	23½
Sacramento	17	36	.321	23½

Wednesday's Scores
Detroit 115, Brooklyn 106
Houston 109, Miami 101
Cleveland 140, Minnesota 138, OT
Indiana at New Orleans, ppd.
Utah 92, Memphis 86
San Antonio at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	53	35	14	3	73	189	140
Boston	52	33	11	8	74	173	124
Toronto	56	32	19	5	69	182	158
Florida	51	31	17	3	65	152	128
Detroit	52	21	23	8	50	126	154
Montreal	53	22	25	6	50	139	164
Ottawa	52	18	26	8	45	127	169
Buffalo	53	14	29	10	38	120	175
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	53	31	17	5	67	165	154
Pittsburgh	55	30	22	3	63	169	168
New Jersey	52	27	17	8	62	157	156
Philadelphia	55	28	19	8	64	150	155
Columbus	55	27	22	6	60	139	150
N.Y. Islanders	54	28	22	4	60	161	167
Carolina	54	24	21	9	57	144	164
N.Y. Rangers	54	25	24	5	55	157	166
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Winnipeg	54	32	15	7	71	178	140
Nashville	52	32	12	8	72	163	134
St. Louis	55	32	20	3	67	155	140
Dallas	54	31	19	4	66	157	141
Minnesota	55	29	19	5	63	159	152
Colorado	52	29	19	4	62	167	150
Chicago	53	24	21	8	56	155	149
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	53	35	14	4	74	181	145
San Jose	53	28	17	8	64	153	145
Calgary	53	27	18	8	62	150	151
Anaheim	55	26	19	10	62	165	159
Los Angeles	52	28	19	5	61	146	139
Edmonton	51	23	24	4	50	144	163
Vancouver	53	21	26	6	48	138	171
Arizona	53	12	32	9	33	122	186

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

Wednesday's Scores
Toronto 3, Nashville 2, SO
Boston 6, N.Y. Rangers 1
Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Calgary at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.

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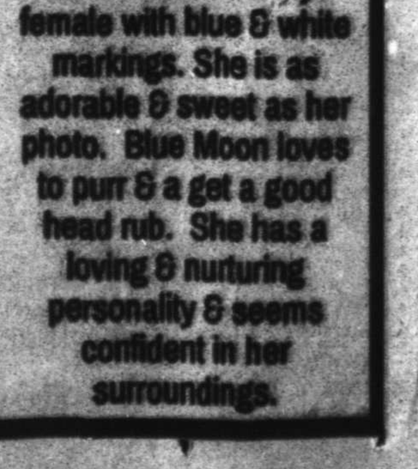

Blue Moon is a 1.5 yo female with blue & white markings. She is as adorable & sweet as her photo. Blue Moon loves to purr & a get a good head rub. She has a loving & nurturing personality & seems confident in her surroundings.

AREA SIGNING DAY CAPSULES

VONHOLLE HEADING TO ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
KYLIE VONHOLLE

Signing college: St. Mary's University, San Antonio, NCAA Division II

High School: Midland High

Sport: Women's soccer

VonHolle

VonHolle on why she chose St. Mary's: "St. Mary's is my school and I can't wait to be there next year. I like everything, honestly. When I first went, I love San Antonio and I was super pumped to go. And then I got to the campus and it was beautiful. That made me more excited. Then I met all the other girls and the recruits, and the coach was awesome. I like everything about it."

MHS head girls soccer coach Cooper Barham on VonHolle: "I'm super proud of her. Overall, she's just a great kid, great player. They call them student-athletes for a reason. They're students first and athletes second. It's pretty amazing to watch somebody take full responsibility both as a student and as an athlete. It's always awesome to see a player that we coach to take it to the next level."

Notes: VonHolle is a four-year starter for the Lady Bulldogs and is a returning all-district player. ... This season, the starting forward has gotten off to a great start, scoring more than 20 goals. She said the key to that has been to keep fighting and never to get discouraged on the field. ... The starting forward also said that she also considered Lubbock Christian University early on. ... Kylie's older brother, Alex, plays soccer at NCAA Division II University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

-Oscar LeRoy

RYAN CHOOSES CISCO
SETH RYAN

Signing college: Cisco College, NJCAA

High School: Midland High

Sport: Football

Position: Defensive line

Height/weight: 6-foot-4, 250 pounds

Ryan

Ryan on why he chose Cisco: "I visited the school and it's a nice compact school. It's a great community. I love the coaches and the environment there. It was great. I loved it."

MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz on Ryan: "Seth is a big, good looking kid. For his size, he's a really good athlete for that size. Seth's potential is untapped. He went to several different high schools in California and then moves to Texas his senior year. I am sure for him, it's really hard for him to get plugged in somewhere and have consistency. I think for Seth, the JUCO route is a really strong choice for him. I think it buys him more time. He's going to develop, he's going to get good coaching."

Notes: Ryan said he also had conversations with the University of Wyoming football program. ... Ryan plans to major in electrical engineering. ... Ryan transferred from La Verne Damien High in the Inland Empire area of California to play his senior year at Midland High. "It was a big change," Ryan said. "I am used to a lot of busy freeways and a lot of trees everywhere. When I come here, it's dirt and just one-lane highways." ... Ryan played defensive tackle for the 2017 Bulldogs that earned a playoff spot with a 3-3 mark in District 2-6A.

-- Christopher Hadorn

THREADGILL INKS WITH WTAMU
DAVID THREADGILL

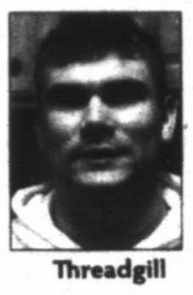
Signing college: West Texas A&M, Canyon, NCAA Division II

High School: Midland Christian

Sport: Football

Position: Linebacker

Height/weight: 6-foot-2, 205 pounds


Threadgill

Threadgill on why he chose West Texas A&M: "I went up there and I just liked it. I like the coaches, I like what they're trying to do. I like how they are restarting (with second-year coach Hunter Hughes)."

MCS head coach Greg McClendon on Threadgill: "I know there's a bunch of guys that missed out on one heck of a football player and (West Texas A&M) is going to be blessed to have him. He's not a culture continuer, he's a culture maker. He's a culture builder. You're not going to go in and give a half effort around that kid. He's going to hold you accountable and he's going to demand your best. To me, that's a coach's dream. I think Coach Hughes is getting more than he's paying for."

Notes: Threadgill considered walking on at Texas Tech and Houston. He said he also had offers from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, and Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. Threadgill said the recruiting process was difficult. "I didn't like not being in control, not knowing anything or what was going on," Threadgill said. "Just kind of waiting was stressful." ... McClendon played at West Texas A&M in 1988-89. "There's not a lot to do get in trouble," McClendon said. "If you go to West Texas A&M, you're going there to go to school, you're going there to play football and that's what your focus needs to be on." ... Threadgill had 452 tackles between 2015-17 for MCS. ... Threadgill was the TAPPS Division II, District 1 Co-Defensive MVP in 2016 and 2017 and he earned the Reporter-Telegram's Defensive Player of the Year honor in 2016.

--Christopher Hadorn

ANDREWS' NARRELL SIGNS WITH UTPB
BEAU NARRELL

Signing college: UTPB, Odessa, NCAA Division II

High School: Andrews

Sport: Football

Height/weight: 6-foot-2, 200

Narrell

Notes: Narrell was a first-team All-District 2-4A Division I wide receiver and defensive end for the Mustangs, who went 9-3 and made it to the area round of the playoffs. He was a three-year starter and in his senior season finished with 65 total tackles, four sacks and six tackles for loss on defense, while catching 17 passes for 187 yards and two TDs on offense. ... Andrews coach Ralph Mason said there is a possibility that Narrell will play H-back with the Falcons.

-Oscar LeRoy

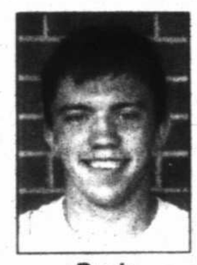
ANDREWS' BUCK PICKS WAYLAND BAPTIST
CASEY BUCK

Signing college: Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, NAIA

High School: Andrews

Sport: Football

Height/weight: 6-foot-1, 200 pounds


Buck

Buck on why he chose WBU: "I went on a visit and loved it up there. Before then, I was stressing about if I was going to get an opportunity to play in college and the schools I was looking at, I don't know if any of them felt right. But Wayland Baptist felt like home."

Notes: Buck was a first team All-District 2-4A Division I running back and a second team all-district linebacker for the Mustangs, who went 9-3 and made it to area round of the playoffs, ... He is expected to play middle linebacker at WBU. ... Buck said he also looked at Howard Payne, Southern Nazarene, UTPB and Sul Ross. ... Buck said it's a dream come true to play college football and added that playing close to home wasn't as big of a factor. "I'm just excited to go play college football," Buck said.

-Oscar LeRoy

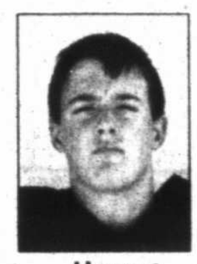
FORSAN'S HERGERT INKS WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS
BRYCE HERGERT

Signing college: Hardin-Simmons University, NCAA Division III

High School: Forsan

Sport: Football

Height/weight: 6-foot-1, 180 pounds


Hergert

Hergert on why he chose Hardin-Simmons: "I was trying to decide between Hardin-Simmons and Howard Payne and the atmosphere at Hardin-Simmons was great and it's a much more distinguished program. They have strong academics as well and the coaching staff was great."

Forsan coach Jason Phillips on Hergert signing with HSU: I'm real proud of him. He's put in years of work and dedication to our program and it has paid off. He's one of those kids you have to run out of the weight room and track. He's also a great student and great all around kid."

Notes: Hergert is a three-year varsity starter, who excelled at both quarterback and safety this past season for the Buffaloes. He completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,106 yards, 25 TDs and 10 interceptions at quarterback and finished with 61 total tackles, three interceptions and three tackles for loss. ... Hergert said he is considering studying criminal investigation or business. ... He added that sighing was a dream come true for him. "It's just surreal that I was able to fulfill that dream and I'm thankful that God has given that opportunity to play at the next level," he said. ... Hergert said he signed as an athlete but will start off at quarterback.

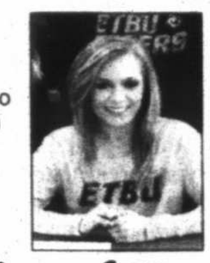
-Oscar LeRoy

CROW COMMITS TO ETBU
JADEN CROW

School: Midland Classical

Sport: Girls golf

Signing school: East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, NCAA Division III


Crow

Crow on why she picked ETBU: "It is a great academic institution, but it is also a Christian education and that is a big deal to me."

MCA golf coach Jeff Carter on Crow: "She's a consistent ball striker and she can drive it well over 200 yards. She packs a punch in her drive, she's good off the box and good with short irons. She's got some social energy to her and she wants to make sure everyone is included. (ETBU) is a good school for her."

Notes: Crow has been a standout performer on the Lady Knights' girls golf team in each of the last three years. She won the TAPPS 1-3A district title as a freshman and last season as a junior. She placed second in the individual standings at last year's TAPPS state tournament and finished in the top five statewide in both her sophomore and freshman seasons. ... Crow said she has an inclusive personality and she takes pride in showing care and compassion to her teammates, whomever they may be. "I'm the mom of the group," Crow said. "Even if I have to miss a round, I love being there and making sure everybody has what they need. It's the family aspect of it (that is important to her)." ... Crow said she also had offers and interest from Mary Hardin-Baylor, Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and McMurry University in Abilene. ... She plans to pursue a master's degree in psychology.

-Will Korn

BIG 12

From 1C

completed a majority of its signing class in December. The Sooners have the most 2018 signees already on a Big 12 campus with 10 of them already enrolled in classes at Norman. That includes Brendan Radley-Hiles, a top cornerback and U.S. Army All-American from IMG Academy who was already on the Oklahoma campus before signing his letter of intent Wednesday.

BIG BROTHERS: West Virginia's latest signings were big, even though there were only two of them after the Mountaineers signed 20 recruits in December. Brothers Michael and Joe Brown, a pair of 340-pound offensive linemen, made it official Wednesday after verbally committing to the Mountaineers last week. The Browns are from Compton, California, and both played most recently at Eastern Arizona Community College. The 6-foot-4 Joe Brown started three games as a redshirt freshman in 2015 before playing at Eastern Arizona in 2016. The 6-foot-3 Michael Brown played at Eastern Arizona the past two seasons and has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

BE MY VALINTIN: Baylor's only additional signee, after 21 were secured in December, was offensive lineman Johncarlo Valentin. The 6-foot-5, 330-pound Valentin is originally from Philadelphia, where Bears coach Matt Rhule was at Temple before taking the Baylor job after the 2016 season. After playing last season ASA College in Brooklyn, New York, Valentin was ranked by ESPN as the No. 21 junior college recruit, and the best offensive guard.

GREENWOOD

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thing that Coach Sanderson preached to us."

Added Groeschel: "The past couple of years and ever since I moved to Greenwood, the offensive line culture is big. We're big about building good offensive linemen because that's where the game is won or lost."

Groeschel, a three-star rated recruit by Rivals, followed through on his commitment to the Falcons he made last month. Groeschel chose UTPB among other LSC programs he was looking at as well as some NCAA Division I programs.

"It's a huge relief now that you finally know where you're going," Groeschel said. "It's a lifelong dream that hopefully every football player wants to achieve. It's a huge stepping stone in life and now I'm getting ready for the next level."

In addition to Tarleton, Stephens said he also looked at UTPB, Abilene Christian University and Southern Nazarene University, but chose TSU because he said that's where he felt the most comfortable.

"It was just the environment," said Stephens, who will play either on the offensive line, tight end or on the defensive line. "It felt like home from the first time I stepped on campus. The coaches and the people there are awesome, awesome people. I knew it was the right fit for me."

Both said they enjoyed playing with each other but now they look forward when they get to see each other again on opposite sidelines.

"I'm looking forward to that game," Groeschel said. "We had the same schools of interest in UTPB and Tarleton. I guess it's going to be a rivalry game for me and him. I can't wait to play against him again.

There were a lot of moments shared. A football team is pretty much a family. You see them as much as you do your family. He's going to be part of my life forever."

Added Stephens: "I think it's cool but I think we're still going to have that love relationship as brothers since we've had for the last four years. On the field, we're going to be competitive against each other, but other than that, off the field we're going to be the same good buddies that we've always been."

Sanderson knows that regardless of the college rivalry, he believes both will be successful.

"They've done a great job since I've been here," he said. "They're both great leaders and they're going to be successful in life after college. They're going to be great program kids for both schools, they're going to go to class and do what they're supposed to do. I'm excited to put our name on the two kids like Sloan and Matt."

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Georgia holds on this time to finish No. 1 in recruiting

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Georgia was not about to blow this lead.

The Bulldogs, who let a 13-0 halftime advantage get away in a national championship game loss to Alabama, finished their 2018 recruiting class with a flourish and laid claim to the No. 1 ranking on national signing day.

Georgia loaded up in the new early signing period and came into Wednesday's start of the traditional signing period with the top-rated class, according to 247 Sports' composite rankings. Coach Kirby Smart and the Bulldogs put the finishing touches on the recruiting championship by flipping a pair of four-star linebackers, one who had been committed to Michigan (Otis Reese) and another who had been committed to Alabama (Quay Walker), and grabbing a highly touted wide receiver from Texas (Tommy Bush).

Georgia also beat Miami and Alabama for star cornerback Tyson Campbell from American Heritage High School in Plantation, Florida.

"It's ridiculous," said Mike Farrell, the national recruiting coordinator for Rivals. "The average star ranking is near historic levels." National champion Alabama had finished on top of the recruiting rankings each of the last seven years, but the Tide finished outside the top three this year.

No, coach Nick Saban is not slipping. The Tide had a relatively small class (18 signees), which kept down its ranking. Alabama also landed the top-rated uncommitted recruit left in the country entering the second signing period when cornerback Patrick Surtain Jr. picked the Tide over LSU early in the day.

It's the first time that major college football has had two signing periods, thanks to changes to the recruiting calendar.

The vast majority of top prospects signed back in December and most FBS schools had signed the bulk of their classes. That made for a quiet signing day for most schools.

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald tweeted "6:34 a.m. ... that's a wrap on #NSD18 and #NUView18." The Wildcats signed two more players and called it a day.

The recruiting calendar was new, but it was a typical signing day in this respect: The rich got richer.

Ohio State finished with the second-ranked class, topped with five-star offensive lineman Nicholas Petit-Frere from Tampa, Florida. Texas came in third, with its best class in years. Coach Tom Herman cleaned up in state, signing 10 of the top-20 ranked recruits in the Lone Star state.

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Tyson Campbell, a defensive back from the football team at American Heritage High School, announces he is signing with Georgia on Wednesday's national signing day in Plantation, Fla.

Penn State and Clemson, which signed the top-rated player (receiver Justyn Ross) in the state of Alabama on signing day, rounded out the top five in 247's composite rankings.

Alabama was ninth with a few more players left to sign, but not enough to make a huge leap.

It was Smart, Saban's former assistant, who won this round.

"I don't think that's what's important," Smart said. "What's more important is the quality of kids we were able to get, both academically and athletically."

Other notable goings on from national signing day:

Better than expected

Coming off a 1-11 season and just a couple years removed from an ugly scandal involving the handling of sexual assault cases under former coach Art Briles, Baylor and coach Matt Rhule signed a top-30 class.

Mississippi also was right around top-30, solid work by new coach Matt Luke, coming on the heels of the NCAA sanctions that will keep the Rebels out of the postseason for another season.

Disappointing

Michigan is looking at a top-20 class. Not bad, but considering coach Jim Harbaugh's first two full classes in Ann Arbor were top-five level this has to qualify as a disappointing recruiting year for the Wolverines. Especially with Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State cleaning up.

Coming off an 8-5 season on the field, 2018 will be huge for Michigan to change the trajectory.

New coaches

For new coaches, the first recruiting class is generally a bit underwhelming after getting a late start.

Not for Willie Taggart of Florida State. The Seminoles closed strong enough to have a borderline top-10 class. Signing day started for Florida State by flipping Tennessee commit Anthony Grant, a three-star running back.

— Former Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher, now at Texas A&M, got the Aggies into the top-20, flipping defensive lineman Bobby Brown away from an Alabama verbal commitment.

— Oregon, which promoted offensive coordinator Mario Cristobal after Taggart left, did a solid job of holding together a class that had top-10 potential when Taggart was there.

— Scott Frost showed off the recruiting reach Nebraska hoped he would bring to Lincoln, signing a top-25 class that included linebacker Caleb Tannor from Georgia and running back Maurice Washington from Texas.

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Said Madrid on his signing with HSU: "They were all I was looking for in a school -- the right size, not too crazy. I love the coaches over there, they're great."

Said Quiroz on signing with Howard Payne: "It felt like I was really at home. They didn't just care about numbers, they cared about players and I felt like I was wanted and needed there."

Added Sanchez on Howard Payne: "It was by far the coaches. I came in and they made me feel at home. That was the biggest reason I picked them."

Said Fish on ENMU: "The campus is really nice, I really like the coaching staff and it just felt like a perfect place. Their offense is triple option, run heavy, aggressive and I like that."

Said Prince on WTAMU: "They're West Texas, I'm from West Texas and that carried a lot of weight."

Said Rodriguez on Concordia: "When I went on my visit, it felt just like home. The community is amazing, everyone is nice. I love to play football, they offered me and it felt like home."

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Against tense global backdrop, let the Games begin

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — On the one hand: The world gathers for a scripted, globalized spectacle of competition and unity. North Korean athletes and performers stream into the rival South for a display of cooperation that maybe, just maybe, could ease anxiety about possible nuclear war. The North's head of state announces plans to visit the South for the first time. The U.S. vice president is stopping by, too.

On the other: Angry South Koreans bump up against riot police to protest the arrivals. The North's government immediately calls the demonstration a "spasm of psychopaths." The president of the United States insists that America must become "great again" — and goads the North Korean leader on Twitter.

And outward from there it ripples, across a planet riven by uncertainty and anger.

That the world is a contradictory and quarrelsome place is hardly breaking news. But on the week that the 2018 Winter Olympics begin, tucked away in chilly mountains that loom over one of the planet's most contentious patches of earth, it somehow seems more so at this moment.

When the torch is lit during the opening ceremonies in Pyeongchang's Olympic stadium on Friday night, it will become one of many flames being fanned around the world. Few others are anywhere near as uplifting.

"It's hard to talk about these Olympics without bearing in mind that for all the wonderful ideals that are brought to mind by the Olympic Games, and rightfully so, right now the Korean Peninsula is the most dangerous place on Earth," says Mark Hertsgaard, author of "The Eagle's Shadow: Why America Fascinates and Infuriates the World."

As its organizers often say, an Olympics are an opportunity to sublimate politics into healthy competition and show that the world can come together for a noble purpose: an excellence of body and mind produced by hard work and sheer determination.

And yes, that's happening in Pyeongchang even before the Games begin, most dramatically with the joint Korean women's hockey team, which will feature players from the long-divided North and South skating and competing together on the same ice.

But bypassing political bumpiness entirely is a challenge when the other main point of the Olympics — national pride, as seen through the prism of sports — can come with some serious geopolitical baggage.

This is also the first Games to take place since Donald Trump became president of the United States in early 2017. And whether you love him or hate him, it's clear that he has changed the global conversation through his willingness to be voluble in ways previous presidents have avoided.

One of Trump's hallmarks has been his attitude of America first. That has always played to a mixed audience at the Olympics, and this edition will be no exception. For all its country-specific fervor, the Olympics is a proudly multilateral event taking place this year in a world that, from Brexit to Trump policies, is awash in a burst of unilateralism.

How those two notions mix — particularly with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and North Korea's figurehead head of state, Kim Yong Nam, both planning to visit Pyeongchang with clear political agendas — will prove interesting.

There is also the specter of non-athletic scandal around the edges.

—The Russian team is banned because of doping issues; Russian athletes, however, are competing — but without their flag to wrap themselves in.

—U.S. Gymnastics, a staple of the Summer Games, is reeling after its team doctor was convicted of sexually assaulting dozens of athletes.

—Even the fall of TV personality Matt Lauer, a fixture of past Olympic coverage for American viewers, was linked to sexual misconduct at the Sochi Games.

But geopolitics hang heaviest.

This corner of the world is filled with countries whose histories run deep with unique, often tense relationships with each other and with the United States. That's true not only of the two Koreas but of neighbors Japan and China, the locations of the 2020 and 2022 Games respectively. With that trifecta in mind, it's hard to imagine that regional relationships won't affect the tenor of not only these Olympics but the next two as well.

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North Korea's Ryom Tae Ok and Kim Ju Sik, center, practice next to South Korea's Kim Kyu-eun, front right, and Alex Kam during a pairs figure skating training session on Feb. 5 prior to the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

That's on display this week. Pence is coming to Pyeongchang as a kind of bulwark against too much good feeling about Korean cooperation. "We'll be ensuring that whatever cooperation that's existing between North and South Korea today on Olympic teams does not cloud the reality of a regime that must continue to be isolated by the world community," he said Monday.

Not to be outdone, the North's official news agency is weighing in regularly as the opening of the Games approaches. "The U.S. has revealed its intention to make the Winter Olympics a theatre for stand-off with the DPRK," it said, using the initials for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name.

Against this backdrop, it will be interesting to watch the opening ceremony, typically a moment for a country to showcase vivid imagery about its own history. What space, if any, will that performance give to North Korea and the conflict that divided the peninsula seven decades ago?

"There is a way in which countries use especially the opening ceremony to talk about their narrative, their myth, their origin," says Sarah Mendelson, head of Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College's program in Washington and the former U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

"It's going to be very interesting to see how they deal with this — with the Korean War," she says. "How do you not talk about the seminal event?"

On the ground in Pyeongchang, optimism presents itself in remarks like this one a few days ago, from athletes' village volunteer Go Do Hyoung, a South Korean faced with the possibility of meeting people from the North:

"I just want to say to them, 'How are you? Nice to meet you. Welcome to South Korea.' And just take one picture, something like that. We South Korean people don't have much chance to talk with North Korean(s). So I just want to know who they are and what they want to know about. Just know them in person."

Ultimately, that's where a lot of human diplomacy takes place: at ground level, among amateurs. You just have to create the conditions for it. The Olympics does that — puts people of many stripes together in an arena where, unlike the thunderdome of actual politics, winning doesn't have to mean making sure that the other party is told aggressively that they've just lost.

"We get to see, in the Olympics, where clash doesn't have to be destructive. This kind of clash shows us what we can be capable of," says Meg Mott, a political scientist at Marlboro College in Vermont. "It can show us how to have winners and losers and not destroy each other."

At a moment in history when enmities are high and hints of war are in the air, that's a notable message — especially when coming from a bunch of highly skilled athletes gathered in the mountains to show what humanity's excellence can really mean.

Colts say 'rivalry on' after McDaniels backs out of deal

By Michael Marot
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts general manager Chis Ballard showed up for a news conference Wednesday — just not the one he expected.

Instead of introducing Josh McDaniels as the team's new head coach, Ballard stood in front of reporters trying to explain why New England's longtime offensive coordinator reneged on a deal he initially accepted.

But if Ballard's disgust about losing his top choice wasn't clear from the occasional glare or the strong pitch in his voice, he left no doubt with one parting shot.

"The rivalry is back on," he said before leaving.

Conducting a coaching search in February isn't what Ballard or Indy envisioned when Chuck Pagano was fired just hours after Indy completed a 4-12 season on Dec. 31.

Exactly 24 hours after announcing McDaniels' hiring on the team's Twitter account and roughly 16 hours after he called back to tell Ballard he was out, the search begins anew for the jilted Colts.

Their other finalist, Mike Vrabel, has already taken the Tennessee job. Another top-tier candidate, Mike Nagy, has already been hired in Chicago. Baylor coach Matt Rhule, who also interviewed for the job, is back on campus getting ready for spring football. And it's unclear where the Colts may turn next.

"We have a list of candidates, I've had them from the get-go," Ballard said. "There are other guys we wanted to interview, but because of the playoffs, we weren't able to.

"We'll move forward with them and we will get the right leader for the Indianapolis Colts — one that believes what we believe and wants to go where we want to go. I'm very confident in this."

Ballard didn't name names, of course, nor did he provide a timetable.

Oddly, the timing could present Indy with a unique opportunity to pick off a candidate who might emerge as a top candidate on next year's coaching carousel.

Several possibilities exist including Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Frank Reich, who was part of a Super Bowl victory over the Patriots with a backup quarterback.

The good news for Indy is that the only coaching vacancy still looks pretty attractive — if Andrew Luck is healthy.

Indy still has Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton, Pro Bowl tight end Jack Doyle, a revamped defense that showed major improvement as last season went along, the No. 3 pick in the draft and about $80 million to spend in free agency.

Luck, meanwhile, continues to be the big question as he rehabs from last January's surgery for a partially torn labrum in his throwing shoulder.

Some believe McDaniels' sudden change of heart was related to doubts about Luck's health.

Ballard didn't bother asking McDaniels why he made the decision.

On Wednesday, though, he attempted to alleviate lingering concerns about Luck while acknowledging the franchise quarterback still hasn't thrown a football since returning from Europe late last year.

"At this point, we feel very strongly that Andrew is in a good place. He doesn't need surgery," Ballard said. "I have not gotten that from the two doctors that he's seen here after the season. His strength is good. He's working on his throwing motion and he's working on his arm speed right now. He has not picked up a football, but he is throwing balls, working on arm speed.

"He's going to do everything right to get himself ready to play and I'm very confident, he's very confident, that he's going to come back and prove a lot of people wrong," Ballard added.

McDaniels decision didn't just leave the Colts in the lurch.

Three assistant coaches — Matt Eberflus, Mike Phair and Dave DeGuglielmo — had already been hired in Indy.

While Ballard said he likes all three and will honor their contracts by keeping them on the next coach's staff, others strongly criticized McDaniels from walking away from them.

"Haven't read the article but I can tell you there is NO excuse big enough to justify this," Dungy wrote on Twitter in response to a story that indicated McDaniels stayed with the Pats because he was more comfortable with the team.

"It's one thing to go back on your word to an organization.

But having assistant coaches leave jobs to go with you then leave them out to dry is indefensible."

But as the news conference continued, Ballard said people say no to job offers every day, he wished McDaniels well at the end of Tuesday night's brief call and that his primary concern now is finding someone who wants the job.

"To me, it's about being right," Ballard said. "You've got to be right. It doesn't matter if you're the first out of the box and everybody praises you or you are the last one to make the hire. We want to be right."

TEXAS SPORTS WRITERS CLASS 2A ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM

Associated Press

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Offense

Tackles — Kody Waltenscheid, Muenster, 6-6, 235, jr.; Chase Lilly, Tenaha, 5-10, 236, sr.

Guards — Joan Torres, Mart, 6-1, 275, sr.; Trey Upton, Refugio, 6-2, 250, sr.

Center — (tie) Joey Garcia, De Leon, 6-0, 190, sr.; Lucas Martin, Mason, 6-2, 225, jr.

Wide receivers — Trai Gardner, Tenaha, 6-0, 183, sr.; Saul Chavez, Groveton, 5-7, 160, sr.

Tight end — Lonnie Applin, Stamford, 6-1, 185, sr.

Quarterback — (tie) C.J. Horn, Tenaha, 6-0, 195, sr.; Jace Terry, Mart, 6-1, 186, sr.

Running backs — Onterio Thompson, Tenaha, 5-10, 180, sr.; K.J. Davis, San Augustine, 5-8, 180, sr.; Tyrek Horne, Mart, 5-10, 162, jr.

Fullback — Daniel Byrd, Centerville, 6-3, 235, sr.

All-purpose — (tie) Seth Burk, Big Sandy, 6-2, 180, sr.; De'Monderick Winters, Burton, 6-1, 192, jr.

Place-kicker — Trey McTaggert, Muenster, 5-5, 140, soph.

Offensive player of the year — Horn, Tenaha and Terry, Mart.

Defense

Linemen — Jaurmez Brock, Tenaha, 6-1, 245, jr.; Armonie Brown, Refugio, 6-3, 255, jr. Sebastian Burke, Mason, 6-1, 180, sr.; Kagen Dangelmayr, Muenster, 6-0, 180, sr.

Linebackers — Cooper Balze, Mart, 5-11, 180, sr.; Tavoris Giles, Tenaha, 5-11, 190, sr.; Zamar Kirven, Mart, 6-3, 200, sr.; Ty Patterson, Linden-Kildare, 6-0, 170, jr.

Secondary — Jamel LeFond, Refugio, 5-9, 185, sr.; Jermaine Madkins, Mart, 5-10, 140, sr.; Ced Thomas, San Augustine, 6-1, 165, sr.; Clay Stevens, Muenster, 5-10, 175, sr.

Utility — Shaybrick Bailey, Mart, 5-3, 150, jr.

Punter — Klay Kloerner, Mason, 5-9, 180, soph.

Kick returner — Charlie Adamick, Crawford, 5-10, 155, sr.

Defensive player of the year — Madkins, Mart. Coach of the year — Brady Carney, Muenster

SECOND TEAM

Offense

Tackles — Keyton Castro, Three Rivers, 6-4, 240, sr.; (tie) Kason Stiteler, Mason, 5-10, 215, sr., Noah Harris, Stratford, 6-6, 280, sr.;

Guards — Carson Chesney, Muenster, 6-1, 195, sr.; Henry Kelly, Albany, 5-10, 170, sr.

Center — Kellan Stuard, Bremond, 6-4, 285, sr.

Wide receivers - Hunter Hawthorne, Bells, 6-2, 195, sr.; (tie) Dax Neace, Albany, 6-4, 187, sr.; Jake Tinsman, Refugio, 6-1, 190, jr.

Tight end — TR Kerr, Mason, 6-4, 235, sr.

Quarterback — (tie) Brian Hamilton, Albany, 6-2, 190, sr.; Caleb Hammel, Burton, 6-0, 200, jr.

Running backs — Brandon Madison, Centerville, 5-11, 205, sr.; Anthony Rangel, De Leon, 5-7, 160, sr.; Zach Zamzow, Three Rivers, 6-0, 170, sr.

Fullback - Tony Ortega, Menard, 5-8, 195, sr.

All-purpose — Shay Hess, Stratford, 5-11, 170, sr.

Place-kicker — Fabian Valenzuela, Santo, 5-9, 155, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Shawn Montanez, Hamlin, 5-9, 220, sr. Corey Pargmann, Yorktown, 6-3, 215, soph. (tie) Kade Sanders, Munday, 6-4, 188, sr., Eddie West, Milano, 6-0, 215, sr.; Eric Fisk, Wolfe City, jr.; Drake Welch, Wellington, 6-4, 245, sr.

Linebackers — Jake Cockerham, Mason, 5-8, 180, jr.; Quay Johnson, San Augustine, 5-8, 165, sr., (tie) Koby Smith, Crawford, 5-10, 195, sr., Colby Stevenson, Hamlin, 5-7, 155, sr.

Secondary — Alex Thorn, Munday, 5-7, 140, sr.; Adam Faith, Albany, 5-11, 165, sr. Kyle King, Milano, 6-3, 205, sr.; Arturo Tellez, Wellington, 6-1, 175, jr.

Punter — Kyler Gann, Hamlin, 5-11, 215, sr.

Kick returner — Gerald Turner, Carlisle, 5-11, 160, jr.

Utility — (tie) Ja'kevian Rose, Linden-Kildare, 5-10, 165, sr. Je-Mel Wade, Yorktown, 6-0, 160, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Offense

Tackles — Trebeaux Broussard, Milano, 6-1, 230, sr.; Trevor Roberson, Wellington, 6-11, 345, jr.

Guards — Cade Weiss, Burton, 6-0, 240, soph.; Caden Mathis, Stamford, 6-1, 220, sr.

Center — (tie) Wyley Stmad, Thrall, 6-2, 230, sr., Alex Sultz, Maud, 6-2, 300, sr.

Wide receivers - Nelson Bermudez, McCamey, 6-0, 185, sr.; Marcell Estell, Bosqueville, 5-9, 165, jr.

Tight end — (tie) Cole Jaluska, Shiner, 5-9, 180, sr.; Derrick Shaw, Crawford, 6-2, 225, sr.

Quarterback — (tie) Jared Kelley, Refugio, 6-3, 215, soph.; Parker McEntire, Muenster, 6-2, 175, jr.; Bryan Ponder, Bells, 6-0, 180, jr.

Running backs — Clint Epperson, Valley View, 6-0, 184, soph.; Jordan Osby, Timpson, 6-0, 178, jr.; (tie) Nehemiah Martinez, New Deal, 5-9, 185, soph.; Khameron Pippins, Big Sandy, 5-9, 185, jr.; Miguel Vasquez, Farwell, 5-7, 155, sr.

Fullback — Ryan Pickett, Granger, 6-1, 240, jr.

All-purpose — Tyler Dykes, Iola, 5-9, 155, sr.

Place-kicker — Isa Cruz, Mason, 5-10, 180, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Kylan Hodges, De Leon, 5-9, 160, jr.; Valente Perez, Post, 5-11, 250, sr.; Taelor Pieter, McCamey, 6-3, 260, jr.; (tie) Payton Williams, Lindsay, 5-11, 180, sr.; Nick Bancroft, Bremond, 5-10, 235, sr.

Linebackers — Devon Womack, Rivercrest, 6-0, 180, soph.; Colton Renick, Iola, 5-10, 185, sr.; Donald Groseharss, Milano, 5-9, 215, sr.; Kade McBryde, Stratford, 6-2, 190, sr.

Secondary — Gunner Adams, McCamey, 5-11, 180, jr. Adrian Montelongo, Holland, 6-2, 175, sr.; Brandon Coronado, New Deal, 5-8, 150, sr.; Hunter Pirie, Centerville, 6-0, 155, sr.

Punter — Kyle King, Milano, 6-3, 205, sr.

Kick returner — (tie) Jalon Kirven, Mart, 5-11, 165, sr. Marcell Estell, Bosqueville, 5-9, 165, jr.

Utility — Creed Spivey, Gruver, 6-1, 160, jr.

Spieth in a good spot to keep his thinking to a minimum

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jordan Spieth is trying to get back to the point that he stops thinking when he gets over a putt, and the AT&T National Pro-Am might provide the ideal environment for him.

Sure, it helps that Spieth is the defending champion. He seized control by taking only 10 putts on the back nine in the third round at Pebble Beach to build a six-shot lead, and he cruised home from there. He also has the right attitude for the poa annua greens that get plenty of footprints. He worries only about the right speed, and if the putts happen to bounce into the hole, then great.

The real advantage might be the other pro in his group. His partner for the fourth straight year, Dustin Johnson, rarely thinks at all.

"He sees a light pole out there and he just hits it at the light pole, and he normally hits the light pole," Spieth said Wednesday. "And I'm out there going, 'OK, I'm going to work a draw there because if I miss it right it's in a better spot."

Of all the issues Spieth should battle, putting would seem to be the least of his worries. He still doesn't consider it a big concern.

Over time, typical of most players, the way he sets up over a putt has gotten a little out of sync. He found he was getting on hitting putts into the ground with his hands more forward than usual, which he said was opposite from his natural tendency that dates to when he first started playing as a junior.

"I just kind of got into a place that I hadn't been before, and I've just got to get back into a comfortable setup position, and then everything will fall through from there," he said. "The idea is just to stop thinking and just putt, and not having to worry about things. But that's not the reality for a little while going forward here until I get to where when I set up over the putter, I'm seeing my lines."

The proof is more in the statistics than the results.

Spieth said all week at Royal Birkdale that he wasn't comfortable with his putting, and while it showed early in the final round when he lost a three-shot lead, he managed to deliver big moments down the stretch — birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie — to win the British Open.

He also had a stretch late last season of seven consecutive top 10s.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Army of One" (N)		With Murder "Ask Him About Stella" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)		Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Captain's Coins"	Twilight "The Gift"
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Finale" The final four face their last battle. (SF) (N)				Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	Olympic Zone	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing (M, W)						NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:05) The Tonight Show		
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Joe Bonamassa: Muddy Wolf at Red Rocks			Places to Love	Antiques Rd. "New Orleans (Hour Two)"		Aman-pour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law & Order: C.I.		Law & O: CI "F.P.S."		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX		340	575		165		Movie		Disaster Movie				The Cookout Ja Rule.		Shaun of the Dead		(:10) Jaws	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Gifted ('17, Dra) Chris Evans.				(:45) 2 Dope Queens	HighMain	(:15) John Wick: Chapter 2 Keanu Reeves.			
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:05) Scott Pilgr...		HighMain	HighMain	HighMain		All Eyez on Me Demetrius Shipp Jr..			(:50) Semi-Pro Will Ferrell.		
HBOS		304	552	16	102		(4:50) Rules Don't...		Real Sports (N)		Allen Sigourney Weaver.				Allens Sigourney Weaver.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:40) Corpse Bride		Drag Me to Hell				(:40) The Mummy Brendan Fraser.		(:35) Strike Back		Movie	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(5:50) Ace the Case		Cape Fear Robert De Niro.		The Accountant ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				(:10) Fargo		Movie	
PLEX				96			(5:25) Ace the Case		Beethoven's 4th			(:35)	Beethoven's 5th		(:10) Annie ('82, Fam) Carol Burnett.			
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Movie		Con Air ('97, Act) Nicolas Cage.				The Bye Bye Man (F)		SNCTM	(:35) 25th Hour		
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:25) Bad Ass 2:...		Transporter 3			(:45)			Punisher: War Zone		Tekken 2: Kazuya's Revenge	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	60 Days In "Party Favors"		60 Days In "Jail Crush"		60 Days In "Blood Rules" (N)		60 Days In "Sexual Preference" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Dangerous Company"		(:05) 60 Days In "Jail Crush"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) Mr. & Mrs....		The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.						Ghost Rider ('07, Act) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.			
BET		58	-		40		(:05) The Players Club ('97, Dra) Bernie Mac, LisaRaye McCoy.						Black (N)	Mancave	Rundown	Black	Mancave	Rundown
BRAVO		65	76		41		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Top Chef		Watch (N)	Beverly "Petty Mess"	Atlanta	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners "The Aftermath"				Murder Isle (N)		Killing Fields		Mnshiner "Shine On"		Moonshiners	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Gravity	Gravity	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	College Gameday (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)						NCAA Basketball UCLA at Arizona (L)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Georgia Tech at Louisville (L)				NCAA Basketball SMU vs Houston (L)				NCAA Basketball USC at Arizona State (L)			
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		Special Report		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) Beauty & t...		Beyond (N)				Lilo & Stitch Daveigh Chase.		The 700 Club		Gnomeo & Juliet	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Pittsburgh at Clemson Site: Littlejohn Coliseum -- Clemson, S.C. (L)				Bear Bryant Award Show		Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)			
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) Jurassic W...				Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14, Act) Taron Egerton.				The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.			
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp: Blood	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway	(:55) Sammy (N)	Runway "Fashion's New Superheroes" (N)		Project Runway: All Stars (N)		Making a Model "Walk the Walk" (N)		To Be Announced		Runway "Fashion's New Superheroes"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Hardball Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Calgary '88 (N)		2018 Winter Olympics (Pre-Opening Ceremony) (L) (N)									
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	To Be Announced						Nashville		Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync	Lip Sync		The Hangover ('09, Com) Ed Helms.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Contagion				Mad Max: Fury Road ('15, Act) Tom Hardy.				The Magicians		Zero "Insidious Onset"	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Brooklyn "AC/DC"	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan Jamie Doman, Jenna Fischer (N)		Brooklyn 99	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) Strike Up th...				San Francisco Clark Gable.			(:15)	That Hamilton Woman Vivien Leigh.		Movie	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Dottie's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Karina's Story" (N)		To Be Announced		Family by-Ton "Time Is of the Essence"		600 Life: Supersized "Karina's Story"		To Be Announced	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	NCIS: New Orleans "Help Wanted"		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Washington Wizards Site: Capital One Arena -- Washington, D.C. (L)						NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nashville (N)		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	(4:00) The Avengers		Remember the Titans An African American coach is hired to unify an integrated high school football team.						Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Strings attached to son's gift have mom tied up in knots

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My son bought me a car in 2012. I had no idea he was doing it. He traded my car in for this newer car.

During the last five years this "gift" has been nothing but a sore spot. If I get a ding from a parking lot, it's my fault. If I let someone smoke in it, I'm unappreciative. It's always, "I do something to help you, and you're so ungrateful." I'm at the point of giving it back and riding a bus. What's the solution?— **AUTO-CHALLENGED MOM IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR AUTO-CHALLENGED: The solution is to stand up for yourself. Your son appears to be using his "generosity" to badger you.

If you haven't told him how his comments have made you feel, you should. Point out that you can't control what happens to the vehicle when you're not in it. And once a gift is given, it's the recipient's to do with as she wishes. If a friend lighting up in YOUR car doesn't bother you, you shouldn't have to apologize for it.

As a last resort, consider trading the car in for one he has nothing to do with.

DEAR ABBY: After 31 years of marriage, I divorced my husband last year. I was very unhappily married, and am glad to be moving forward in life. Our children suffered as well because of our marriage, and are only now beginning to make healthy choices.

My problem is that people I knew ages ago have found me on social media and want to reconnect. I'm not ready for that. I don't want to discuss what's been happening for the last 32 years. I don't want to wave them off, but neither do I want to talk about my life. It would make them uncomfortable.

I'm building a new life now, but it's still under construction. How do I respond to these well-meaning old friends? — **NOT READY IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR NOT READY: You do not have to reveal anything to these old acquaintances that you don't wish to. If they ask questions you feel are too personal or painful, all you have to say is you would rather not discuss it. Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My husband tosses and turns, snores, talks and sings in his sleep. In short, I cannot get my sleep when we're in the same bed. He insists that I sleep with him because "if I don't, it would create a rift in our marriage." When I tell him I love him but I need to get my sleep, he says that love is only a word for me if I don't act upon it by sleeping next to him. It has gotten so bad I am thinking of leaving him. Advice? —**ONLY A WORD IN OHIO**

DEAR ONLY A WORD: Rather than leave, schedule an appointment for both of you with your family physician. Because your "musical" husband is tone-deaf when he hears you need a solid night's sleep, let the doctor impress upon him how important sleep is for good mental and physical health.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Unlikely contract

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 7 4 3 2
♡ A K 5
◇ 7 3
♣ 2

WEST
♠ K 5
♡ J 10 9 8 7 4
◇ K 5 4
♣ K J

EAST
♠ A J 6
♡ Q 6 2
◇ Q 10 9 8 2
♣ 9 6

SOUTH
♠ Q
♡ 3
◇ A J 6
♣ A Q 10 8 7 5 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	1♡	1♠	2♡
3♣	3♡	5♣	All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

Today's deal is from a recent tournament in Australia. North's five club bid seems remarkable to us, but it led to an interesting contract. Note that it would take an opening diamond lead to trouble a three no-trump contract.

Five clubs would have been defeated had West led the king of spades, but that would be an unlikely lead in any case and even more so after North bid the suit. Declarer scooped up the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and quickly cashed the king to shed his spade loser. Playing on clubs would require a 2-2 split with the king onside — against the odds. South saw that if he could score a diamond ruff in dummy, he could handle any 2-2 club split, and also handle a 3-1 split as long as either the king or the jack were singleton. The problem was to keep East off lead so he couldn't lead a trump.

At trick three, South led a low diamond from dummy and covered East's card with the jack. West won with the king, but could do nothing to hurt declarer. South ruffed the heart continuation and then cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He crossed back to his hand with a spade ruff and cashed the ace of clubs, claiming his contract when the jack fell.

You might think that East could defeat the contract by playing the queen of diamonds on the first round of the suit, but South can still triumph by winning with the ace and exiting with the jack.

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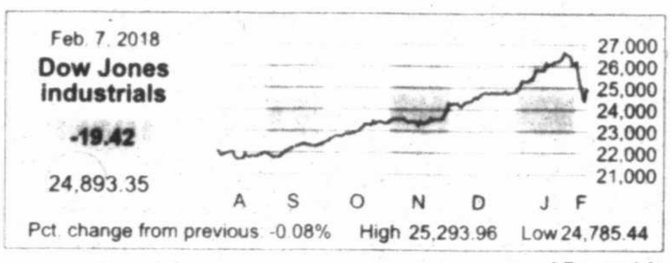

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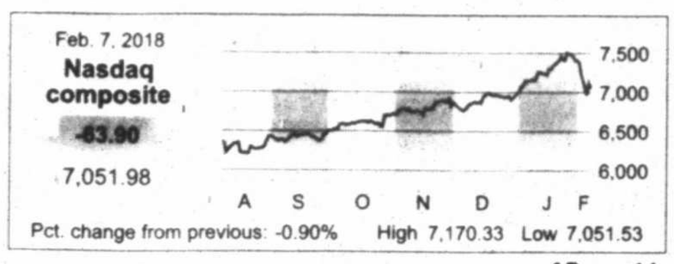

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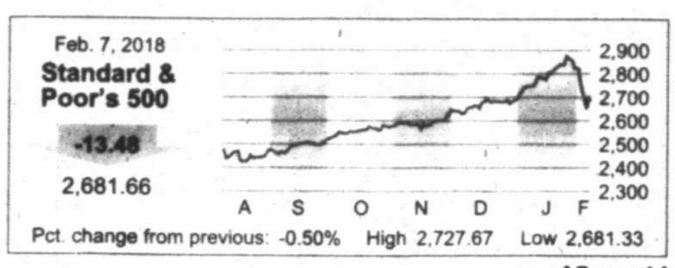

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $61.79
Previous: $63.39

POSTED

Wednesday: $58.25
Previous: $59.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $56.10
Previous: $57.60

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.702
Previous: $2.759

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SnapInc A	n23192	7520.75	+6.69
S&P500ETF	16647	07267.67	-1.39
iShEMkts	1548949	47.32	-1.54
SPDR Fncl	1023204	28.43	+.04
BkofAm	1002093	31.25	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SnapInc A	n 20.75	+6.69	+47.6
Model N	17.40	+3.65	+26.5
NQ Mobile	2.08	+.40	+23.8
WtWatch	73.97	+10.91	+17.3
ProsHldg	31.45	+4.07	+14.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CS LgBmt	n172.21	-34.12	-16.5
DrxCrBull	37.60	-6.72	-15.2
DrxSKBull	52.10	-8.39	-13.9
MagnaChip	9.85	-1.35	-12.1
ProUltTi s	38.14	-4.86	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,508
Declined	1,406
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,019
New Highs	21
New Lows	48
Volume	4,802,952,277

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShIndia bt	56457	34.97	-.89
B2gold g	50098	2.79	-.02
KlondexM g	48218	1.73	-.16
NwGold g	46309	2.76	-.04
NDynMn g	40901	1.18	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IEC Elec	4.14	+.46	+12.4
MastechD	10.31	+.81	+8.5
ErinEn rs	3.65	+.25	+7.4
Ballanty	4.60	+.30	+7.0
Zedge n	3.28	+.20	+6.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVitmInF	4.02	-.89	-18.1
Contango	3.51	-.40	-10.2
22ndCentry	2.75	-.17	-5.7
Ellomay	9.13	-.43	-4.5
NuverEnv n	19.36	-.88	-4.3

DIARY

Advanced	167
Declined	152
Unchanged	15
Total issues	334
New Highs	1
New Lows	5
Volume	122,247,262

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	896914160	21	-2.10
CSVixSh rs	676003	9.09	+1.82
Apple Inc	514406	159.54	-3.49
MicronT	507782	42.01	-1.87
Microsoft	410820	89.61	-1.72

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Inpixon rs	3.80	+3.54	
+1361.5			
BiostrPh rs	4.26	+.90	+26.8
DryShips s	3.59	+.74	+26.0
CSVixSh rs	9.09	+1.82	+25.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MACOM	19.21	-11.15	-36.7
SundEng n	6.70	-1.62	-19.5
BlackBox	2.65	-.55	-17.2
ManhAssc	41.88	-8.59	-17.0
ExtrmNet	11.64	-2.13	-15.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,497
Declined	1,383
Unchanged	178
Total issues	3,038
New Highs	29
New Lows	58
Volume	2,338,695,392

Tax cut, bonuses for workers? Many businesses not sure yet

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Small business owners may want to hand out bonuses and raises now that there's a new tax law, but many don't know if they'll have any wealth to share.

"We didn't base any raises or bonuses on the tax situation because, quite frankly, until it actually happens, no one's sure what's going to happen," says Rod Hughes, a vice president at Kimball Hughes Public Relations in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The company gave its seven full-time employees year-end bonuses last month.

It's easier for big companies like Walmart and Home Depot to award bonuses because they already know their top tax rate is dropping to 21 percent from 35 percent under the old law. Millions of small business owners have far less certainty.

The law provides for a break for the owners of sole proprietorships, partnerships and small businesses structured as what are called S corporations. But while they can deduct 20 percent of their business income, the size of the deduction declines when an individual owner's taxable income reaches $157,500. And the IRS still needs to issue regulations on how these owners' business income is calculated.

"The 20 percent deduction is extremely complex and it's going to require a complete understanding of how the statute works," says William Hornberger, an attorney with tax expertise at the firm Jackson Walker in Dallas.

Big companies also have an advantage because they have billions of dollars in cash reserves. Small and mid-size businesses often don't have such cushions or access to big lines of credit that can help pay operating costs if revenue slows. Giving bonuses or raises in response to a potential tax cut could leave smaller companies vulnerable to a cash flow crisis.

Even when tax professionals have more clarity about the law, small and mid-sized companies are likely to hold off. Owners typically give raises at the end of the year or early in the new year, after they have assessed how employees and the company overall have performed. If owners have a sense of what their revenue and profits will be in the year ahead, that goes into the mix as well.

Mark Carpenter has consulted both of his accounting firms about the law, and gotten different opinions about its potential impact on his roofing company.

"We need to see how the rules change and if it allows us to raise wages," says Carpenter, whose business, Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal, is based in Tualatin, Oregon. He's already given employees raises and bonuses based on the company's performance, but needs to be careful with cash flow because the business is growing rapidly.It's not known exactly how many companies overall have awarded raises or bonuses based on the law. The most recent report on employee wages from payroll company ADP covers the fourth quarter of 2017 and doesn't reflect the impact of the law. But the first-quarter report also may not reveal any trends because it won't specify the factors that go into higher pay, spokeswoman Allyce Hackmann says.

Many business owners say they don't base decisions, including raises and bonuses, primarily on how much money they might save on taxes. Small business advisers say they've been seeing their clients holding to that conservative approach since the law went on the books in December.

"The idea of giving more money to employees purely on speculation that you're going to see more in your pocket, that's counterintuitive," says David Lewis, CEO of OperationsInc, a human resources provider based in Norwalk, Connecticut, whose clients are primarily small and mid-sized companies.

US consumers boosted borrowing by $18.4 billion in December

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American consumers stepped up their borrowing by $18.4 billion in December, a solid performance that followed a massive gain the previous month.

The increase reflects gains of $5.1 billion in the category that covers credit cards and $13.3 billion in the category for auto and student loans, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday.

The overall increase followed a $31 billion surge in November as consumers took on extra credit to finance holiday shopping. Consumer borrowing is closely followed for indications about how confident households are in taking on more debt to finance spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. In the fourth quarter, the overall economy grew at a solid 2.6 percent rate. In recent months, Americans have been increasingly confident and willing to take on more debt.

The question is whether the sharp declines in the stock market last Friday and Monday could shake that confidence. Moreover, the Federal Reserve raised its benchmark rate three times in 2017 and indicated in December that it planned to boost rates another three times in 2018 to keep the economy from overheating now that unemployment has dropped to a 17-year low of 4.1 percent. The five rate increases the Fed has approved over the past two years have left the central bank's key rate at a still-low range of 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent.

The overall increase in credit in December pushed the total to a record of $3.84 trillion. The monthly gain was a 5.8 percent increase in percentage terms, which followed the 9.8 percent surge in November. That had been the biggest percentage increase since a similar percentage gain in July 2011. During the first few years of recovery from the Great Recession, Americans paid down or defaulted on debts that had been run up during the housing bubble that preceded the downturn.

Stocks rally, wobble, then end lower as turbulence continues

NEW YORK — It was another shaky day on Wall Street as indexes rallied in the morning, bobbed up and down for much of the day, then sank in the last few minutes of trading. Energy companies dropped along with oil prices and technology companies also declined.

Stocks were coming off a big gain Tuesday. At times investors looked ready to jump back in after steep losses Friday and Monday, yet every gain the market made was met with more selling. About 20 minutes before the close of trading the Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 260 points, but it finished with a small loss.

After two steep plunges, including its worst loss in six and a half years Monday, the S&P 500 is down 6.7 percent from its most recent record high set on January 26.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 13.48 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,681.66. The Dow slid 19.42 points, or 0.1 percent, to 24,893.35. The Nasdaq composite fell 63.90 points, or 0.9 percent, to 7,051.98.

Metal prices fall

The price of gold fell $14.90, or 1.1 percent, to $1,314.60 an ounce and silver lost 34 cents, or 2.1 percent, to $16.24 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $148.12 Down 0.93

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.21 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $118.50 Down 3.40

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.29 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.60 Down 0.14

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.65 Down 0.60

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $16.50 Down 1.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.91 Down 1.66

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.13 Up 0.73

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.14 Down 0.60

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	4.60	-.20	-18.7
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	36.93	+.10	-5.0
Abraxas	...	56	2.23	-.12	-9.3
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	15.12	+.04	+.8
AMD	...	...	11.80	-.04	+12.8
AkersBios	...	...	.41	+.04	+206.0
Alibaba	...	51	180.30	-4.87	+4.6
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.14	-.09	+3.2
Ambev	.05e	6	6.54	-.12	+1.2
Amgen	5.28e	16	177.47	+.82	+2.1
Anadarko	1.00f	68	58.72	+1.23	+9.5
Apache	1.00	...	39.55	-1.57	-6.3
Apple Inc	2.52	19	159.54	-3.49	-5.7
ApldMatl	.40	15	48.89	-1.56	-4.8
Archrock	.48	...	9.40	-.18	-10.5
ATMOS	1.88f	14	78.48	+.45	-6.6
AutoData	2.52	30	113.56	+.61	-3.1
BP PLC	2.38	21	40.00	-.57	-4.8
BkofAm	.48	20	31.25	+.05	+5.9
B rPVxST rs	...	...	44.57	+1.77	+59.6
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	14.94	-.02	-2.1
BasicEnS	...	...	45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	24301000.00		-2000.00	+1.1
BlkHlleCp	1.78	15	51.78	+.03	-13.9
BrMySq	1.60f	62	62.63	+1.73	+2.2
BrownFA s	.79	38	53.79	-.30	-5.1
BrownFB s	.79	...	55.08	+.07	-5.2
CVS Health	2.00	13	74.35	+.33	+2.6
CallonPet	...	34	10.79	-.50	-11.2
Caterpillar	3.12	27	154.34	-2.07	-2.1
Celestic g	...	8	10.39	+.17	-.9
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.06	-.01	+2.3
ChesEng	...	5	2.89	-.24	-27.0
Chevron	4.48f	51	115.29	-1.89	-7.9
Chicos	.33	14	9.95	+.41	+12.8
Cimarex	.32	26	105.91	-2.55	-13.2
Cisco	1.16	21	40.34	+.17	+5.3
Citigroup	1.28	14	74.99	+.17	+.8
ClevCliffs	...	5	6.80	+.04	-5.7
CocaCola	1.48	27	44.86	-.11	-2.9
ColgPalm	1.80	24	70.17	-.24	-7.0
Comcast s	.76f	19	40.15	+.48	+.7
ConAgra	.85	19	35.89	+.18	-4.7
ConchoRes	...	...	148.10	-.95	-1.4
ConocoPhil	1.14f	45	55.83	-.31	+1.3
CrackerB	4.80	30	170.24	+3.00	+7.1
CSVixSh rs	...	...	9.09	+1.82	+64.1
CSVelVST	...	...	6.23	-1.11	-95.4
CrosTim	.93e	15	14.84	+.40	+1.0
DCP Mid	3.12	56	39.86	-.32	+9.7
DTE	3.53f	19	99.27	-.09	-9.3
DevonE	.24	53	36.76	-1.62	-11.2
DrGMBll rs	...	...	13.06	-.38	-26.5
Disney	1.68f	15	104.76	-1.41	-2.6
EOG Resca	.67	...	105.78	-2.49	-2.0
Energen	.08	...	51.83	-1.45	-10.0
EnPro	.88	48	84.35	+.82	-9.8
ENSCO	.04	...	5.17	-.38	-12.5
EntProdPt	1.70f	21	26.66	-.05	+.6
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.42	+.01	-3.9
ExxonMbl	3.08	16	76.94	-1.41	-6.0
Facebook	...	34	180.18	-5.13	+2.1
FordM	.60a	6	10.76	...	-13.9
FrptMcM	...	15	17.86	-.88	-5.8
GATX	1.76f	14	66.49	-.07	+7.0
GabMulIT	.94e	...	9.32	-.03	+1.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.79	...	-1.8
GenElec	.48	...	15.25	-.02	-12.7
GenMotors	1.52	...	42.39	+.53	+3.4
GileadSci	2.28f	9	82.76	+2.38	+15.5
GlfPlainEn	1.10	17	29.35	-.66	-9.0
HalconRe n	...	...	6.86	-.71	-9.4
HalliBrtn	.72	...	49.69	-.94	+1.7
iShBrazil	.67e	...	43.73	-1.39	+8.1
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	48.07	-2.70	+4.1
iShEMkts	.59e	...	47.32	-1.54	+.4
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	118.82	-1.14	-6.3
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	70.13	-.75	-.3
iShBdHYB	5.09	...	85.94	-.32	-1.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	149.84	+.21	-1.7
Intel	1.20f	17	45.30	+.29	-2.1
InterDig	1.40	11	77.80	-.65	+2.2
iShJapan rs	...	...	60.27	-.52	+.6
iShCorEM	.95e	...	57.10	-1.76	+.4
ItauUnbH	.32e	...	15.34	-.70	+18.1
JD.com	...	26	44.39	-.66	+7.2
JPMorgCh	2.24f	18	112.87	+.76	+5.5
JohnJn	3.36	19	131.42	-.41	-5.9
KimbrCik	4.00f	18	112.95	-1.78	-8.9
KindMorg	.50	26	17.29	-.04	-4.3
LegacyRes	...	...	2.29	-.01	+42.2
Lubys	...	...	2.98	-.01	+12.1
MarathnO	.20	...	18.33	-.90	-3.5
McDnlds	4.04	28	165.71	+.53	-3.7
Merck	1.92	21	55.88	+.42	-.7
MerltMed	...	50	43.35	-.70	+.3
MexcoEn	...	...	3.61	-.14	-8.3
MicronT	...	9	42.01	-1.87	+2.2
Microsoft	1.68	65	89.61	-1.72	+4.8
Nabors	.24	...	7.31	-.27	+7.0
NOilVarco	.20	...	34.05	-1.34	-5.5
NewellRub	.92f	12	29.46	+.71	-4.7
NoblsCp	.17e	...	5.51	...	+18.2
NSTPS	.55e	...	14.43	+.06	-5.0
NTXQI	.65	...	13.62	+.07	-5.0
Nvidia	.60f	56	228.80	+3.22	+18.2
OccidPet	3.08	...	69.87	-1.35	-5.1
Oracle	.76	21	48.87	-.53	+3.4
PDC Engy	...	...	49.13	-.99	-4.7
ParTech	...	21	8.72	-.10	-8.7
ParkDrl	...	...	.98	-.05	-2.0
PattUTI	.08	...	21.83	-1.13	-5.1
Penney	...	18	3.60	+.02	+13.9
PennaRE	.84	12	19.24	+.07	-13.8
Pmlam	.63e	25	9.14	-.18	+3.0
Petrobras	...	...	12.76	-.57	+24.0
Pfizer	1.28	14	34.86	-.30	-3.4
PioNtrl	.08	...	176.20	+2.25	+1.9
PlainsAAP	2.20	28	21.35	+.78	+3.4
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	160.21	-2.10	+2.9
Praxair	3.20f	34	150.01	-5.30	-3.0
PrmEgy	...	...	56.70	...	+8.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	18.59	+3.37	+82.1
ProShtVix s	...	...	12.30	+.06	-80.4
ProctGam	2.76	22	81.84	-.84	-10.9
PShrQQQ rs	...	...	19.34	+.70	-10.1
PUShtS&PX	...	...	11.12	+.20	-2.2
Qualcom	2.28	...	65.04	+.84	+1.6
RangeRs	.08	14	13.12	-.67	-23.1
RiteAid	...	...	2.08	+.01	+5.6
Rowan	.40	8	13.28	-.93	-15.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	98	64.66	-1.07	-3.1
SpdrDJIA	3.99e	...	248.76	-.32	+.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	267.67	-1.39	+.3
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.09	-.14	-1.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.69	-1.10	-9.4
SabnR	2.29m	21	45.00	-.40	+.9
SanderFm	1.20	10	125.25	-.38	-9.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	48	69.75	-1.29	+3.5
Sirius XM	.04	33	6.00	-.04	+11.9
Smucker	3.12	16	119.83	-.09	-3.5
SnapInc A	n ...	...	20.75	+6.69	+42.0
SwstnEngy	...	26	3.60	-.34	-35.5
SpiritRltC	.72	12	7.69	-.09	-10.4
Sprint	...	3	5.51	+.41	-6.5
SP Matls	.96e	...	59.54	-.49	-1.6
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	83.90	...	+1.5
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	54.78	-.24	-3.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	68.80	-1.17	-4.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.43	+.04	+1.8
SP Inds	1.12e	...	75.95	+.14	+.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	64.69	-.81	+1.2
SP Util	1.55e	...	68.10	-.22	-8.7
TOP Shs	rs ...	...	.22	-.01	-10.8
TaiwSemi	.73e	8	41.88	-1.71	+5.6
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	9.55	-.11	-1.3
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	20.85	+.45	+10.0
3M Co	5.44f	29	233.19	-.44	-.9
Torchmark	.60	18	83.26	-.14	-8.2
Transocn	...	9	9.64	-.36	-9.7
TriContl	1.00e	...	26.88	+.24	-.2
Twitter	...	...	26.91	+1.87	+12.1
TylerTech	...	60	190.53	+.78	+7.8
UBSI	1.30f	22	34.80	+.15	+.1
US OilFd	...	...	12.37	-.33	+3.0
VKCl Pr n	...	...	20.75	+.26	-.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	12.71	-.35	+3.9
ValeroE	3.20f	24	89.84	-.62	-2.3
VanEGold	.08e	...	21.80	-.31	-6.2
VEckOilSvc	.47e	...	25.39	-.80	-2.5
VanE JrGld	...	...	31.21	-.30	-8.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	46.52	-1.37	+1.3
VerizonCm	2.36	7	51.01	-.18	-3.6
Vulcanlll	1.00	40	128.24	+1.46	-.1
WEC Engy	2.21f	19	59.86	-.33	-9.9
WalgBoots	1.80	14	71.53	-.26	-1.5
WealthFrnt	...	...	2.93	-.19	-29.7
WellsFargo	1.56	13	57.54	+.28	-5.2
WmsCos	1.20	52	30.00	-.17	-1.6
Wynn	2.00	49	177.32	+14.10	+5.2
XL Grp	.88	...	42.00	+4.66	+19.5
XcelEngy	1.44	18	42.49	-.27	-11.7
Xerox rs	1.00	39	31.18	+.33	+7.0
Zynga	...	...	3.69	+.14	-7.8

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INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,002.81	Dow Jones Industrials	24,893.35	-19.42	-.08	+.70	+24.13
11,423.82	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,560.59	+31.74	+.30	-.49	+14.22
778.80	649.76	Dow Jones Utilities	657.76	-4.58	-.69	-9.07	-1.83
13,637.02	11,198.93	NYSE Composite	12,987.13	-58.32	-.46	-.95	+12.76
7,935.77	5,649.39	Nasdaq Composite	7,051.98	-63.90	-.90	+2.15	+24.10
2,872.87	2,285.39	S&P 500	2,681.66	-13.48	-.50	+.30	+16.86
2,001.46	1,673.30	S&P Midcap	1,882.54	-1.49	-.08	-2.00	+9.87
29,760.60	23,879.84	Wilshire 5000	27,824.86	-105.98	-.38	+.11	+15.97
1,815.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,507.97	+.80	+.05	-1.79	+10.98

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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	3						6	
	2			5				

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

9	8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6
7	6	5	1	3	9	2	4	8
1	2	4	8	6	5	7	3	9
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WHOSN

PDATA

FDTEEC

WRTTEE

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THE HIGH-TECH SCULPTURE OF ALASKA WAS ----

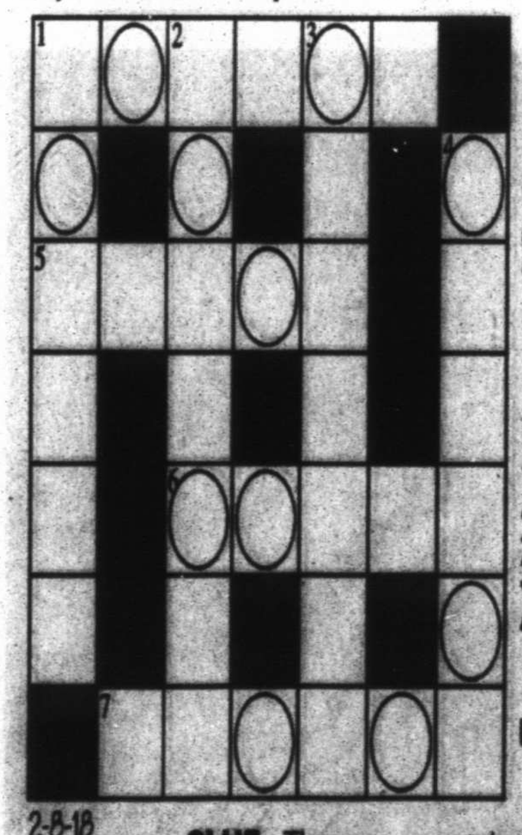
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NUDGE ABATE SCRIPT LATELY
Answer: The importance of the Wright brothers' success could be seen — "PLANE" AS DAY

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Harsh	CTSRIT
5. Put in force	ACETN
6. Mad	AERIT
7. Light ___	NSESRO

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ overlook	NCICES
2. Get the idea	ZAERLEI
3. Type of sword	ALSTCSU
4. Come into sight	EARPAP

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: The _____ takes up about the same area as Antarctica.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Strict 5A-Enact 6A-Irate 7A-Senior 1D-Scenic 2D-Zealize 3D-Outlaw 4D-Appear BONUS: Ocean

Send comments to TCA - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Third Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Color changers
5 Allowing for the uncertainty of the future
10 Fairy tale bear
14 Set
15 Greenland coin
16 Holiday lead-ins
17 Aerialists' insurance
19 Days in Durango
20 Side by side?
21 Medical priority system
23 Visually transfixed
26 Porsche Boxster, e.g.
29 Mauritania neighbor
30 Make a big stink
31 Immobile
32 Lining fabric
34 Zebra hunter
36 Breakfast order ... and a hint to the last words of 17-, 26-, 51- and 58-Across
41 Loaves that may be seeded
42 Printing goofs
44 Narrow groove
48 Take to heart
50 "Yikes!"
51 Like some pizza ovens
53 Decorative draperies
54 Brand name for the sleep aid zolpidem
55 Culture starter?
57 Tropical tuber
58 Conflict in Tennyson's "The Charge of the Light Brigade"
64 Tiny bit
65 Broadcaster
66 Sticking point
67 Many Christmas presents
68 Involuntary muscle contraction
69 Jet black

DOWN
1 Wedding reception VIPs
2 Vote for
3 Cookie baker in the Hollow Tree
4 More disreputable
5 Terrier breed from Scotland
6 Richly decorated
7 Rival
8 Colony crawler
9 Stops working for a while
10 Highway divider
11 Pilot
12 Scanty
13 State strongly
18 Little Italian number
22 "Stand By Me" director
23 Bowling alley initials
24 Some square dancers
25 Baldwin brother
27 "Maybe"
28 1930s migrant to California
30 Beverage company ___ Cointreau
33 Coffee server
35 Binged (on)
37 Paint brand sold at Home Depot
38 Got big enough for
39 "Born This Way" Lady
40 Antlered animal
43 Program interruptions
44 Try to hit, as a fly
45 Minestrone ingredient
46 Drink named for a Scottish hero
47 Make a scene and act up
49 One of a '50s singing quartet
52 Ancient empire builders
53 Madrid Mrs.
56 Start of an idea
59 Fabric flaw
60 Yo La Tengo guitarist Kaplan
61 Break the tape
62 Whichever
63 King of ancient Rome

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

E	S	S		S	A	V	E	R	S		A	R	A	L
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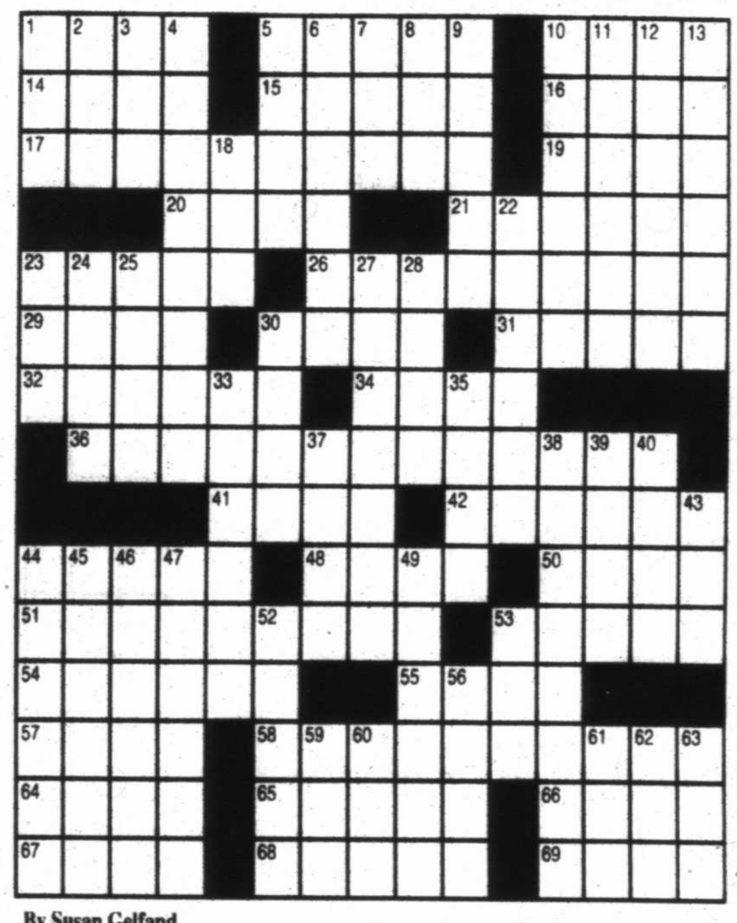

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WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

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1.

HILL

2.

4
snow
cast

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

1. Downhill
2. Snow in the forecast

2-8

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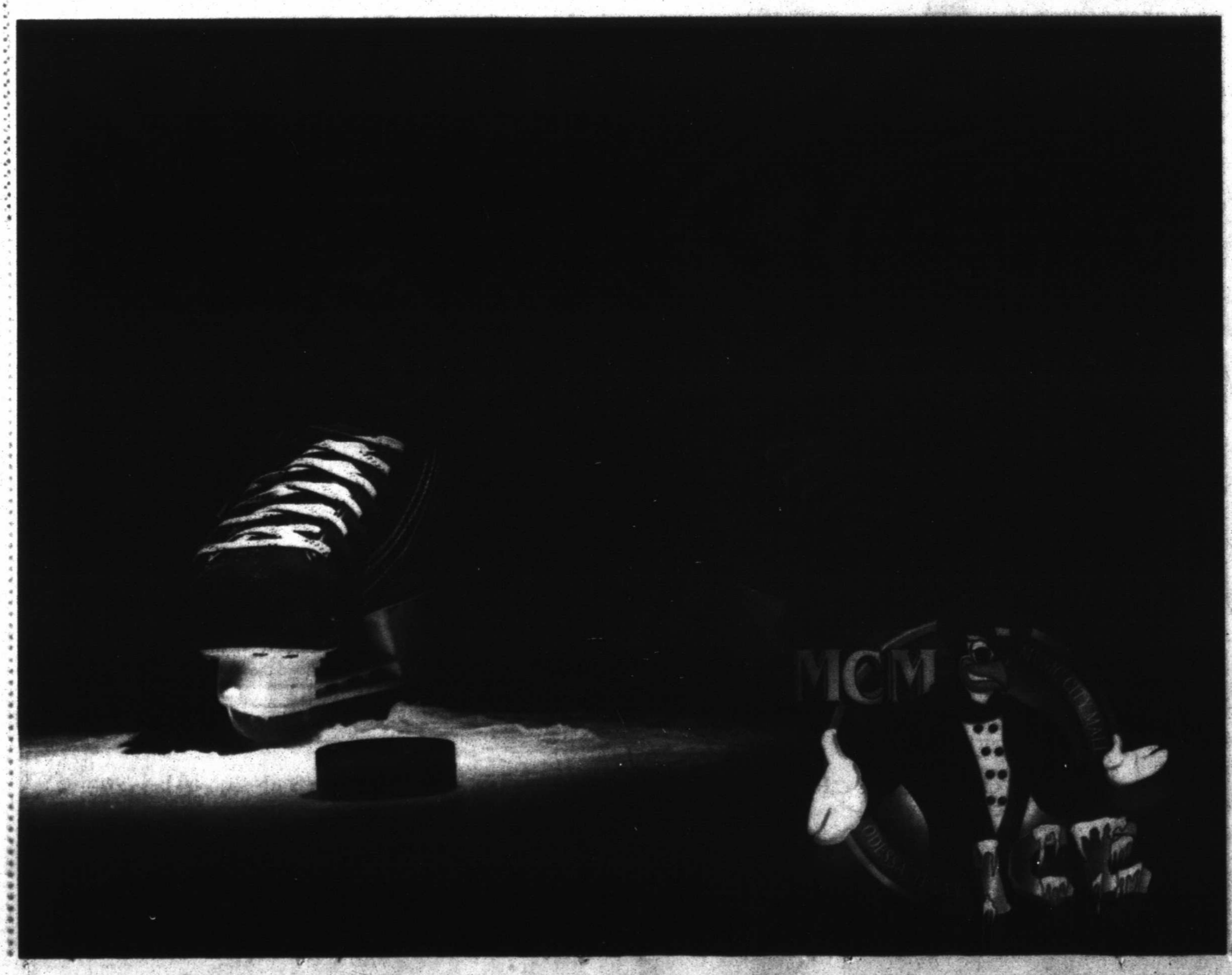

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OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

Now hiring for a Field Technician.

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Job Duties:

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:

- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
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Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
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Contractors w/ Plumbing Construction Exp.

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Jones Brothers, is hiring Field Service Mechanics. 3 years mechanic experience. Must have own tools, Valid Texas Drivers license, Pay will depend on work experience, 50 plus work week.
Benefits: Medical, dental /vision, life insurance.
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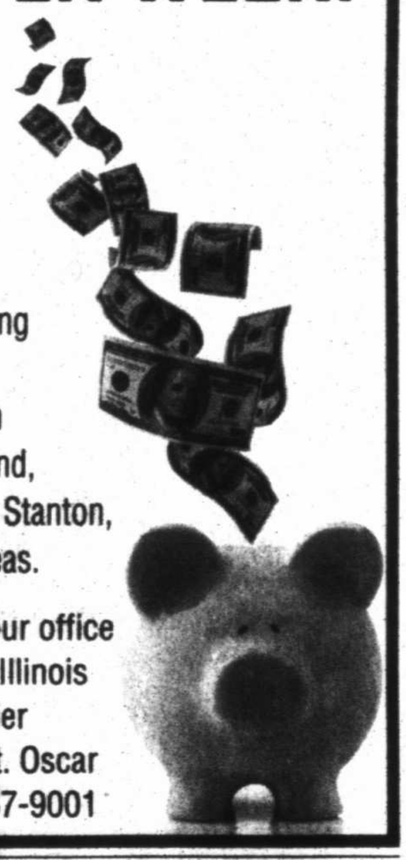

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Midland based oilfield service company seeks a professional night driver. This is a full time position Monday-Friday with some weekend rotations. Average starting pay $25/hr D.O.E. Requirements: Class A CDL with tanker endorsement (no hazmat needed) 3-5 years minimum experience driving tanker preferred. Clean driving record and background check. Please email resume and/or all pertinent information including experience to curbs-decompanies@gmail.com. References appreciated.

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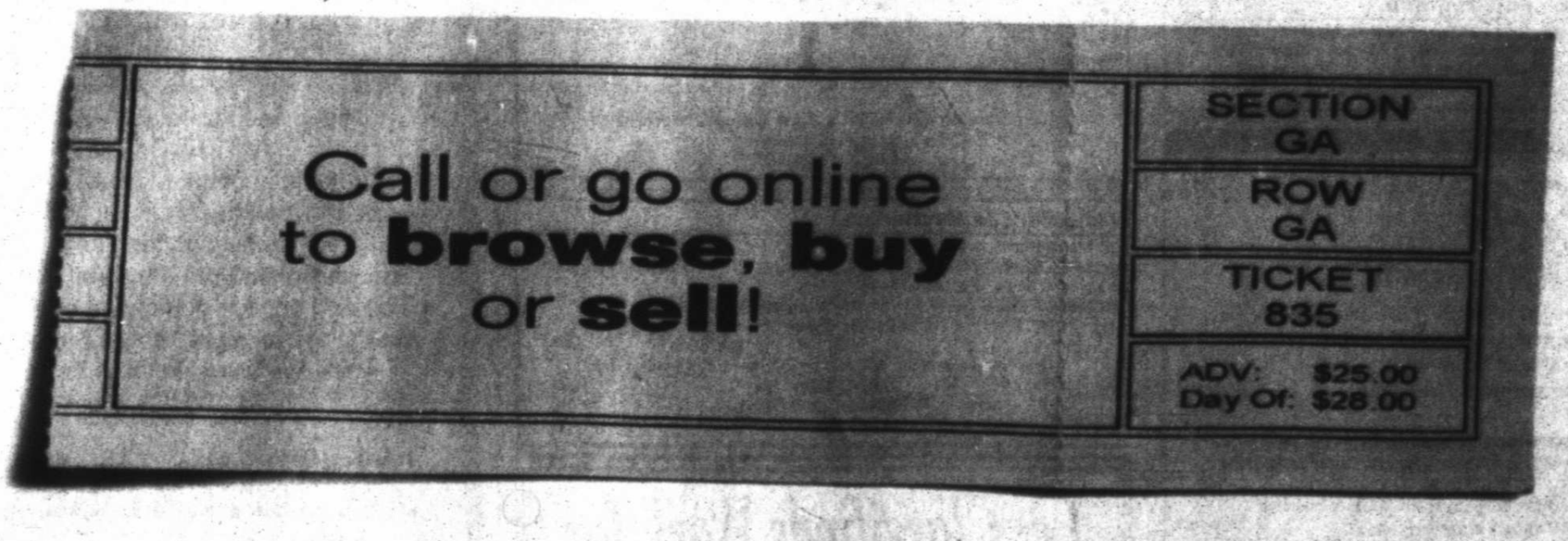

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Yard - Garage Sales

79705

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Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

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Residential Rentals

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EFFICIENCY APARTMENT located behind 907 W. Dakota. $700 monthly, utilities paid $300 deposit. Call Melissa 432-260-9767.

Condo Thome Rent Unfurn

1406 W. Pecan, large 3 bedroom 2 bath, double car garage townhouse. No pets, non smoker, good credit required. $2,500 month, $1,200 deposit. Call 432-631-2497

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Lots and Land

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Valentine's Day Crafts

How many hearts can you find on this page in three minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Hearty Mouse

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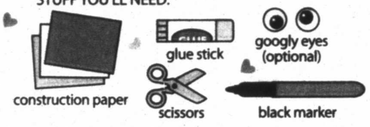

STEP 1: Cut out a big pink heart.

STEP 2: Fold the heart in half.

STEP 3: Cut out two smaller hearts.

STEP 4: Glue small hearts to make an ear. Glue on a googly eye or draw an eye.

STEP 5: Cut out six little strips to make whiskers. Cut out a squiggly tail.

STEP 6: Glue on whiskers and tail. Use marker to make a black nose.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written step-by-step directions.

Help the mouse reach the cheese.

Love Bugs

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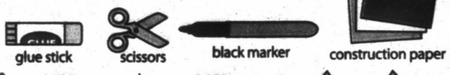
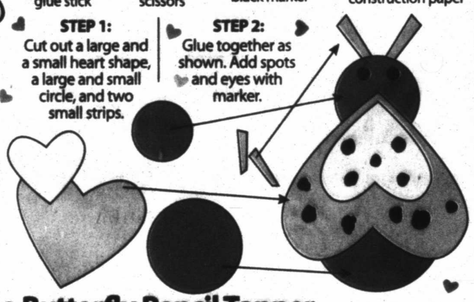
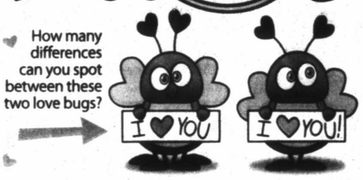


STEP 1: Cut out a large and a small heart shape, a large and small circle, and two small strips.

STEP 2: Glue together as shown. Add spots and eyes with marker.



How many differences can you spot between these two love bugs?



Valentine Butterfly Pencil Topper

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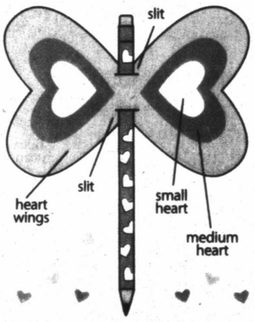

STEP 1: Cut out heart-wing shape, two medium sized hearts and two small hearts.

STEP 2: Glue a medium and a small heart on each wing.

STEP 3: Make two small horizontal slits at center of heart wings. Insert pencil through slits.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra! Happy News

Look through the newspaper for one to three pictures, words or articles that make you feel happy.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw a line from each Valentine's Day message to the animal who wrote it.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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CANDY
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N	V	C	K	A	E	U	Q	S	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Winter Olympic Sport

Students describe their favorite Olympic sport.

My favorite Winter Olympic sport is freestyle skiing because the moves and twirls they do in the air are awesome. The blur of snow is super cool when they jump because the snow shatters in their face. Finally, I like the thrill of jumping because I get scared someone might break a bone. One day when I am older I am going to try out for freestyle skiing.

Zane,
2nd grade

I like bobsledding the best because you go up to at least 90 mph down a big hill.

Sam,
5th grade

My favorite Olympic Winter game is the ski jump. I love how they move their bodies in the air when they jump. Then they stick to the landing and it takes a great amount of balance, but they still manage to do it. I don't know how they do it, but when they jump it takes my breath away.

Elly,
3rd grade

My favorite Olympic games are the Winter Olympics. My favorite Winter Olympic game is hockey! I love hockey because when the puck goes everywhere, all of the players follow it. When a player falls, it is kind of funny. That is why I like ice hockey in the Winter Olympic games!

Grace,
3rd grade

My favorite Winter Olympic sport is luge because of the clothes, track and the type of sled. First, I am going to talk about the track. The track looks like a curly "S." How does luge work? The luge racers lay on a long sled feet first and then they push themselves down a hill. How they turn is by leaning different ways. The fastest person to the finish line wins and that is why I like the luge.

Tucker,
2nd grade

My favorite Olympic sport is speed skating. I love it when they go really fast around the rink. It makes me dizzy, so I laugh and wonder if I will ever be doing the same thing on TV. I like to visit the skating rink and try to skate just as fast as the skaters. I usually can't go very fast, and fall on my bottom. I use the three-year-old push thing and can go faster than normal, but then the three-year olds get mad. I hope that I can be a speed skater in the Olympics one day, and allow other kids to have the dream of being like me in the Olympics.

Falisha,
7th grade

Write On!

Money Math

Write a math problem that solves a money question! Check your answer for accuracy. For example: Tina had $7.50 then purchased a book that cost $3.45. How much did she have left? (Answer: $4.05)

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Valentine's Day Dot-to-Dot

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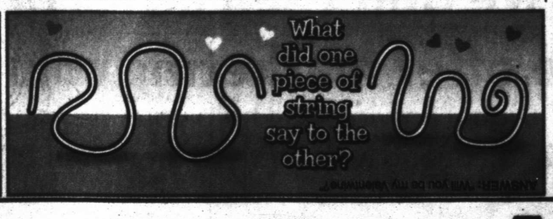
Standards Link: Hand-eye coordination.



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