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MHS & Lee head to a three-day softball tournament.

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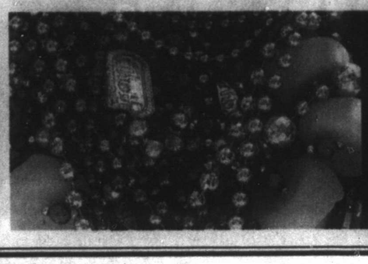

MARDI GRAS HOT SPOTS

Events throughout town are highlighted by a four-day downtown festival presented by Do432 and Mode Communications. Proceeds from the event will benefit Midland Area AIDS Support. See more in Weekender.

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Number of available homes drops again

Homes sold in Midland County last month top previous Januarys

By Stewart Doreen
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The number of available homes on the market has dropped by nearly 200 since July, according to statistics from the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

The PBBOR reported there were 432 available homes in January. That figure represents a 49-day decrease from December and a 32 percent drop from the 2016 high in July (630). It also marked the fourth straight month the number of available homes dropped in Midland County and the lowest number of homes since May 2015.

The drop also shows the market is trending even more toward sellers. Veteran Realtor Victoria Printz told the Reporter-Telegram a balanced market (between the seller and buyer) is in the range of 900 to 1,100.

January statistics

Average total on the market:	432
Homes sold:	169
Average days on the market:	60
Average sold price:	$260,139
Average list price:	$270,735
Median sold price:	$226,500
Median list price:	$234,900
Total house sales sold (dollar volume):	$44,483,773

Average number of houses on market

2012:	221
2013:	264
2014:	334
2015:	514
2016:	550
2017:	432

Total houses sold

2012:	103
2013:	99
2014:	130
2015:	96
2016:	102
2017:	169

Average days on market

2012:	50
2013:	40
2014:	46
2015:	38
2016:	53
2017:	60

Average sold price

2012:	$253,895
2013:	$242,691
2014:	$278,053
2015:	$265,316
2016:	$245,344
2017:	$260,139

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

This report not only showed another drop in inventory but another increase in the number of homes sold (169) during the month. Although January's total is slightly more than the 165 sold in December, it is a dramatic jump from January 2016 when 102 were sold. In fact, the 169 sold in January were 39 homes more than any January going back to 2012, according to figures provided by the PBBOR.

"We started the year off with a bang," said Carroll Nall, MLS/Member Services director for the PBBOR. "Record sales and steady prices. February numbers are looking strong and could be a record before it's done. We believe consumer confidence is great and continues to rebound."

January appeared to be a month that workforce housing drove the average price of homes sold ($260,139), which was lower than the average for 2016 ($276,688)

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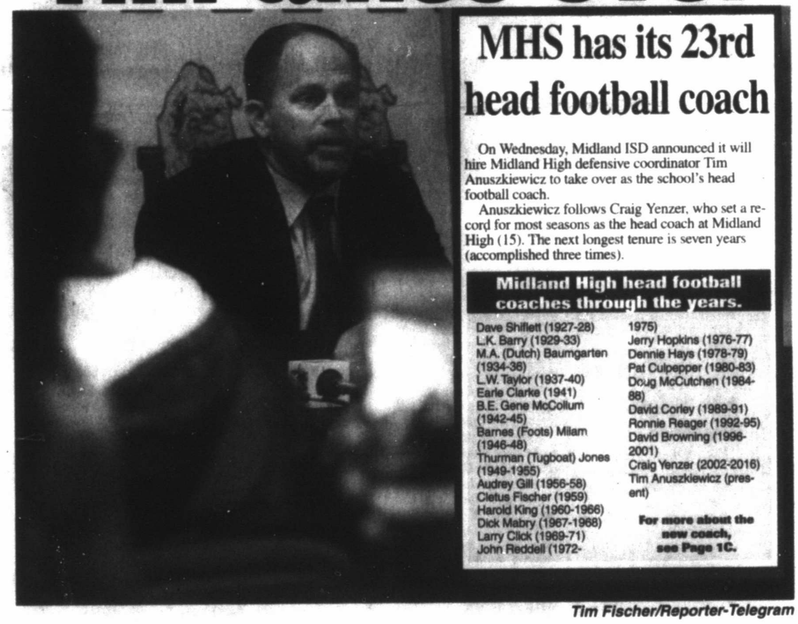
Tim takes over



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Tim Anuszkiewicz was named head football coach Wednesday at Midland High School as he and his wife, Chrystal, answer questions.

MHS has its 23rd head football coach

On Wednesday, Midland ISD announced it will hire Midland High defensive coordinator Tim Anuszkiewicz to take over as the school's head football coach.

Anuszkiewicz follows Craig Yenzer, who set a record for most seasons as the head coach at Midland High (15). The next longest tenure is seven years (accomplished three times).

Midland High head football coaches through the years.

Dave Shiflett (1927-28)
L.K. Barry (1929-33)
M.A. (Dutch) Baumgarten (1934-36)
L.W. Taylor (1937-40)
Earle Clarke (1941)
B.E. Gene McCollum (1942-45)
Barnes (Foots) Milam (1946-48)
Thurman (Tugboat) Jones (1949-1955)
Audrey Gill (1956-58)
Cletus Fischer (1959)
Harold King (1960-1966)
Dick Mabry (1967-1968)
Larry Click (1969-71)
John Reddell (1972-1975)
Jerry Hopkins (1976-77)
Dennie Hays (1978-79)
Pat Culpepper (1980-83)
Doug McCutchen (1984-88)
David Corley (1989-91)
Ronnie Reager (1992-95)
David Browning (1996-2001)
Craig Yenzer (2002-2016)
Tim Anuszkiewicz (present)

For more about the new coach, see Page 1C.

Officials oppose high-level waste traveling through county

■ Commissioners are first in state to oppose waste deliveries through their county to Andrews

By Brendan Gibbons
San Antonio Express-News

Bexar County became the first county in Texas to officially oppose having high-level nuclear waste pass through the county on its way to a West Texas waste site.

Commissioners this week unanimously approved a resolution opposing shipments of nuclear fuel rods from more than 62 sites across the U.S., most of them operating or closed reactors used to produce power.

If the waste storage site in Andrews County is approved, the fuel rods could start being shipped to the Waste Control Specialists facility on the Texas-New Mexico line starting in 2021.

Despite the resolution, Bexar County commissioners have no say over the waste site, which is under review by the the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Last year, WCS applied for an NRC license to accept 5,000 tons of the waste, which would likely be transported in steel canisters via rail. WCS officials have said they eventually hope to accept up to 40,000 tons over 40 years.

That would likely require shipping 3,000 canisters of waste, NRC official James Park said at a public meeting in Andrews County last week. Each canister is heavy enough to require its own train car, with three to five cars per train, according to NRC and WCS officials.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Tommy Calvert, who sponsored the resolution, cited the vulnerability to terrorist attack, train derailments and lack of financial support for rail in Texas all as reasons to say no.

"With our history of derailments and lack of infrastructure support, it's not ready for prime time," he said. "It's just too risky."

Calvert said his office has received 84 constituent emails opposing waste shipments, more than on any other issue since he took office in January 2015.

After fuel rods become too thermally

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UT/TT Poll: Texans take a hard line on immigration and refugees

■ Led by self-identified Republicans, Texans favor bans on Syrian refugees, blocking travel from certain countries and outlawing "sanctuary" cities, according to the new University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll

By Ross Ramsey

A majority of Texans support banning Syrian refugees and blocking individuals from seven countries from entering the United States, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

They balk, but only a bit, at banning Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the country, the poll found.

Asked about banning Syrian refugees, 54 percent they support that policy — 37 percent of them "strongly" so. Republicans are with President Trump on the issue: 65 percent strongly support a ban, and another 17 percent "somewhat" support a ban. Democrats are on the other side, with 51 percent "strongly" opposing the ban and 18 percent "somewhat" opposing it. White Texans support a ban (63 percent), while a plurality of black (49 percent) and a slight majority of Hispanic Texans (51 percent) oppose one.

The responses were similar to a question about blocking entry of people traveling from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — the seven countries listed in an executive order from President Trump. Overall, 56 percent support temporarily blocking entry from those countries while 38 percent oppose it. Again, there's a partisan split, with 88 percent of Republicans in favor and 71 percent of Democrats opposed to blocking travel.

"I'm used to talking about how Texans are more open about this stuff, but these are more conservative than the national numbers," said poll co-director Daron Shaw, a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin.

Republicans said they would support banning Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the U.S., with 51 percent strongly in support and another 16 percent somewhat in support. But the overall numbers for a religious ban were

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$53.59	▼	$0.74
WTI Posted	$50.25	▲	$0.25
WTS Posted	$45.80	▲	$0.25
Natural Gas	$2.592	▲	$0.028
Gasoline	$2.104	▲	$0.005

The big number
Astronomers have discovered
seven Earth-size planets
orbiting a single star less than 40 light-years away in the constellation Aquarius. Page 5A

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

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Obituaries

Betty Hall

Betty Hall, 80, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

A service celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Chapel.

Betty was born on July 4, 1936 to Winnie and Ernest Brumley in Odessa, Texas. She graduated from Fairpark High School in Shreveport, Louisiana in May 1954. She married Herb on June 15, 1954 in Shreveport.

Betty was a faithful and loving wife, mother, and grandmother, as well as a caring volucteer for the Benevolence, Home Bound, and Music Ministry. She enjoyed traveling, bridge, cards, table games, embroidery, needle point, reading, puzzles, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Herb Hall; children, Randy Hall, Dale Hall, Stacy Hilliard, and Brenda Parker; and by 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, E. G. "Slick" Brumley and Winnie Sprayberry Brumley.

Pallbearers will be Adam Hall, Sterling Hilliard, Stephen Parker, Aaron Hall, Bradley Hilliard, Spencer Hilliard, Jeffrey Parker, Tanner Hall, and Seth Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to First Baptist Church-Benevolence Fund.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Charles Mark Jones, Jr.

Charles Mark Jones, Jr., 29, of Odessa, Texas, went to be with our Lord and Savior on February 14, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

Mark, Jr. enjoyed playing golf with friends and in competition. He graduated from Permian High School in 2006. Mark won 96 individual golf tournaments as well as multiple partnerships. Mark enjoyed laughing and making other people laugh. He was a Christian who loved the Lord with all his heart. Mark was a member of Mission Dorado Baptist Church.

Mark is preceded in death by his grandfather, Reverend Charles W. Jones; grandfather, L.C. Flowers; grandmother, Yvonne Menges; and uncle, Randy Flowers.

Mark is survived by his mother, Delilah Flowers Jones; father, Charles Mark Jones, Sr., and wife Alison Jones; grandmother, Fae Jones; brother, Brad Pettiet and wife Angela; sister, Lisa Paterson; brothers, Jimmy, Brandon, and Patrick Warne, uncles, Ronny Flowers and wife Pam, Richard (Fudd) Flowers and wife Jacque, Paul Jones and wife Katia, and daughter Tabitha Jones; David Jones and wife Lisa, and son David Adam Jones; aunt, Tarra Nann Cox and husband David; nephews, Bryce and Brantley Pettiet; and nieces, Jordyn Burner and Rylee Paterson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors, 4635 Oakwood Dr. Odessa, Texas 79761.

Services will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Crossroads Fellowship 6901 E. Highway 191, Odessa, Texas 79762. Burial services will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens 6801 E. Business 20, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Pallbearers are Jonny Kidd, Blake Parks, Will Kinnaird, Rocky Hutson, Brian Scherer, Brandon Warne, Tate Schwarz, and Trey Schwarz.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Mission Dorado Baptist Church Building Fund 4142 Faudree Rd., Odessa, Texas 79762.

Our family finds peace in knowing he is in our Lord and Savior's arms.

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Condolences may be offered at www.frankwwilson.com

Jerry Lee Garnett

Jerry Lee Garnett, 86, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday February 12, 2017.

Memorial services will be held February 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.

Jerry was born on January 14, 1931 in Alpine, Texas to Walter and Faye Garnett.

He moved to Marfa, Texas with his parents in time to start first grade and graduated from Marfa High School in 1948. He attended the College of the Mines in El Paso (UTEP.) He served in the United States Navy from October 1951 through November 1954 during the Korean Conflict. After serving his country, he worked for various oil exploration companies.

In 1963, Independent Exploration sent him to Palmerston North, New Zealand where he met Janet Green and married her in 1964. Later assignments included Mogadishu, Somalia Republic, British Honduras, and numerous locations throughout the United States. He left the oil field in 1980 and went into the retail business in Marfa. In 2000, he retired and moved to the Davis Mountains and then to Midland in December 2003.

Jerry loved serving with the Marfa Volunteer Fire Department, as did his father. His two sons followed them in service with the Department as well.

Janet, his wife of 52 years, survives Jerry, along with sons Patrick Walter Garnett and wife Racheal of Corinth, Texas and Jerry Lee Garnett, Jr. of Midland; daughter, Eugenia Ransom of Lancaster, Texas; and grandchildren, Cassandra Lee Garnett, Amanda Faye Garnett, John Sewruk, Thomas Sewruk, all of Corinth and Dallas, and Kyle Matthew Garnett of El Paso.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Midland Memorial Hospital Critical Care Unit staff, Dr. P.K. Patel and his staff, Dr. Mangat and the staff of Texas Oncology, and the staff of the Big Spring VA Hospital, particularly Home Telehealth nurse Lynda Walker.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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

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Maverick Wayne Dizmang

Maverick Wayne Dizmang, 4 years old, passed away on February 22, 2017.

He was born on May 1, 2012 in Lubbock, Texas to the proud parents of mother, Cheyanna Wylie Vogeler of Baytown, Texas, formerly of Lubbock, and father, Harlan Wayne Dizmag of Midland, Texas.

Maverick battled Ewing's Sarcoma for 2½ years. He stayed strong during the entire time of his treatments and all the staff at M.D. Anderson where so loving to him.

He loved playing on his IPad, and playing with his dog, Oreo. He was surrounded by fire trucks and police cars. Lil Maverick loved the ocean, or just anything related to water, he was ready to jump in. He will miss Amy and the horses.

He is survived by mom and dad; sister, Haley Vogeler of Baytown; Grandma Amy Wylie; and Great-Grandma Gail Wylie.

He is preceded in death by his Great-Grandfather, Dr. Thomas W. Wylie, and Uncle Robert Wylie.

Special family and friends: the Gould Family, the Horton Family, the Dunn Family, the Dawson Family, the Peterson Family, and Karen Storie and Kim Brown.

The greatest joy for Maverick was when his brothers and sisters of the Houston Fire Department came to spend time with him at the hospital. They all made his journey much easier and made us family.

The memorial service will be held Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Marks UMC, 3811 N Main St. 77521 in Baytown, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to MD Anderson Pediatric Ewing's Sarcoma Research in Maverick's name.

Maverick may be gone, but his fighting spirit will live on forever!

Death Notices

John William Everhart II

John William Everhart II, 60, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2016.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Greenfield Acres Baptist Church. A pot luck reception follows.

John is survived by his wife, Sylvia; son, William Eric Everhart; daughter, Tanya Nicole Everhart-Moreno; 1 sister; 2 step-sisters; and 5 step-brothers.

Linda Sue Jones

Linda Sue Jones, 69, of Midland, Texas, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 24, 2017 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Survivors include children, Angela De Moya, Jeff Wakley, and Stephanie Lee.

Thomas Alfred Newbold

Thomas Alfred Newbold, 97, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m.

Texas, Trump administration seek to delay voter ID hearing

By David Saleh Rauf
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The U.S. Justice Department joined Texas' attorney general Wednesday in asking a federal court to delay a hearing on the state's voter ID law, the latest signal that the federal government might drop its opposition to the law now that Donald Trump is president.

In the joint filing, the Justice Department and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton asked to delay next Tuesday's hearing until summer because the Texas Legislature is considering changes to the existing law, which a federal court has found to be discriminatory. Barack Obama's Justice Department had joined the lawsuit contesting it.

Senate Republicans this week introduced a revised voter ID bill that could address problems courts have identified with the existing Texas law, namely the lack of an affidavit process for voters who are unable to obtain one of seven forms of state-approved photo identification.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos required Texas to allow people without an accepted ID to vote by signing a sworn declaration stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one. Twenty Senate Republicans backed a bill that would make the affidavit option permanent and would also create stiff

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House speaker gets firsthand look at US-Mexico border

Associated Press

MCALLEN — U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan visited the Rio Grande valley on Wednesday for a firsthand look at the U.S.-Mexico border as the Trump administration steps up immigration enforcement and prepares to ask Congress to pay for a border wall.

It was the first time the Wisconsin Republican had visited the border, and protesters gathered to meet his arrival in McAllen with hand-painted signs protesting Trump policies. Ryan led a small group of fellow Republicans on the trip, including Rep. Michael McCaul, who chairs the Homeland Security Committee in the House.

In McAllen, Ryan came face to face with some of the challenges that arise in building a wall along the entire 2,000-mile border, which includes much remote and inhospitable terrain as well as the Rio Grande, the river between Texas and Mexico. He met with local officials and toured the area by boat and helicopter, and even briefly rode on a horse.

"When you see with your own eyes the many challenges facing our law enforcement professionals along the border, it gives you even greater respect for the work that they do day-in and day-out. But more tools and more support are needed for them to do their jobs effectively," Ryan said in a statement after the visit. "Congress is committed to securing the border and enforcing our laws, and together with the Trump administration, we will get this done."

President Donald Trump has not yet formalized his request to Congress to pay for the wall he promised during his campaign. It's expected to cost $15 billion or more, making it uncertain whether Congress would go along. Trump has promised Mexico will pay, but Mexico says it won't, and Trump has never spelled out how that would happen, anyway.

The administration is rolling out new policies to

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CRIMEBRIEFS

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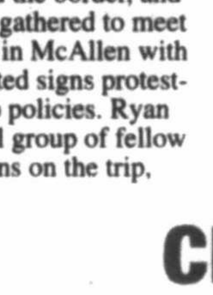
Man arrested for burglary of habitation



Zamora

A Midland man was arrested Feb. 15 after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.

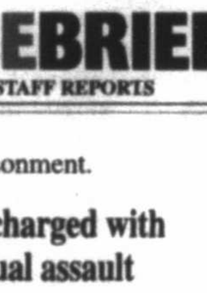
Manuel Zamora, 50, was being held Wednesday on a $25,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit another felony and a $10,000 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of violation of a bond or protective order.

Midland police were dispatched on Feb. 2 in reference to a disturbance.

A man, identified as Zamora, entered a residence and choked a woman, impeding her breathing, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

Man charged with sexual assault



Lebarron

A Midland man was arrested Feb. 14 after he allegedly sexually assaulted a child, according to court documents.

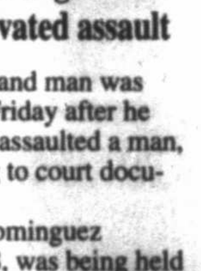
Jesse Alan Lebarron, 19, was being held Wednesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child. He was also facing three felony drug possession charges, and bonds for those charges had not been set.

The Midland Police Department received a DNA lab report from the Department of Public Safety on Feb. 8.

The report showed Lebarron's DNA was on the clothing of a girl who reported a sexual assault in April, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Lebarron could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Man charged with aggravated assault



Flores

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

Ivan Dominguez Flores, 28, was being held Wednesday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 7:20 a.m. Friday in reference to a disturbance.

Flores hit a man and displayed a knife, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Flores could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

WASTE

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cool to efficiently generate electricity in a nuclear reactor, they remain dangerously radioactive for tens of thousands of years. A freshly spent fuel rod emits enough radiation to kill a person directly exposed to it without shielding, according to the NRC.

"This is the really hot stuff," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, an activist who recently retired from running Public Citizen's Austin office and has long been involved with nuclear issues in Texas. "We don't think you ought to consent to having this waste come through Bexar County," he said.

Some expert reviews have found the cansiters can withstand drops, punctures, explosions and submersion, though a 2006 report by the National Research Council states they are vulnerable to "very long duration, fully engulfing fires."

Smith urged commissioners to formally intervene in the NRC's review of the waste site application, which he argued would give Bexar County "a seat at the table."

"We haven't decided on that," Judge Nelson Wolff said after the meeting. "Our primary concern is the transportation coming through the city."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Elizondo said they would have to confer with the District Attorney's office to see if the county has standing to intervene.

The deadline for formally intervening is March 31. The NRC will accept public comments on WCS' application until March 13. The public can post comments on its website, nrc.gov, under the "Public Meetings and Involvement" section.

The NRC will also hold an online public meeting about WCS from noon to 3 p.m. today to be webcast at video.nrc.gov.

HOMES

From 1A

and the lowest going back to April. Homes in the $200,000-$299,999 range made up a larger portion of sales than previous months. Also, the number of homes in the $300,000-$399,999 range dropped from 28 in December to 16 in January.

January PBBOR numbers also showed the average number of days on the market of a home sold in Midland County was 60 days.

Breaking it down to the individual price ranges:

- homes sold between $200,000 and $249,999 were on the market an average of 44 days,
- homes sold between $250,000 and $299,999 were on the market an average of 58 days,
- homes sold between $300,000 and $399,999 were on the market an average of 56 days.
- no price range, starting at $200,000, had a DOM lower than 33 (from $750,000 to $999,999 price range).

There was one home sold for at least $1 million.

WORD OF THE DAY
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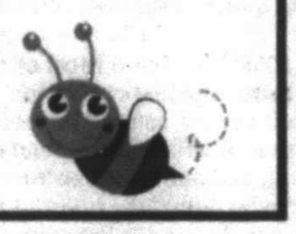
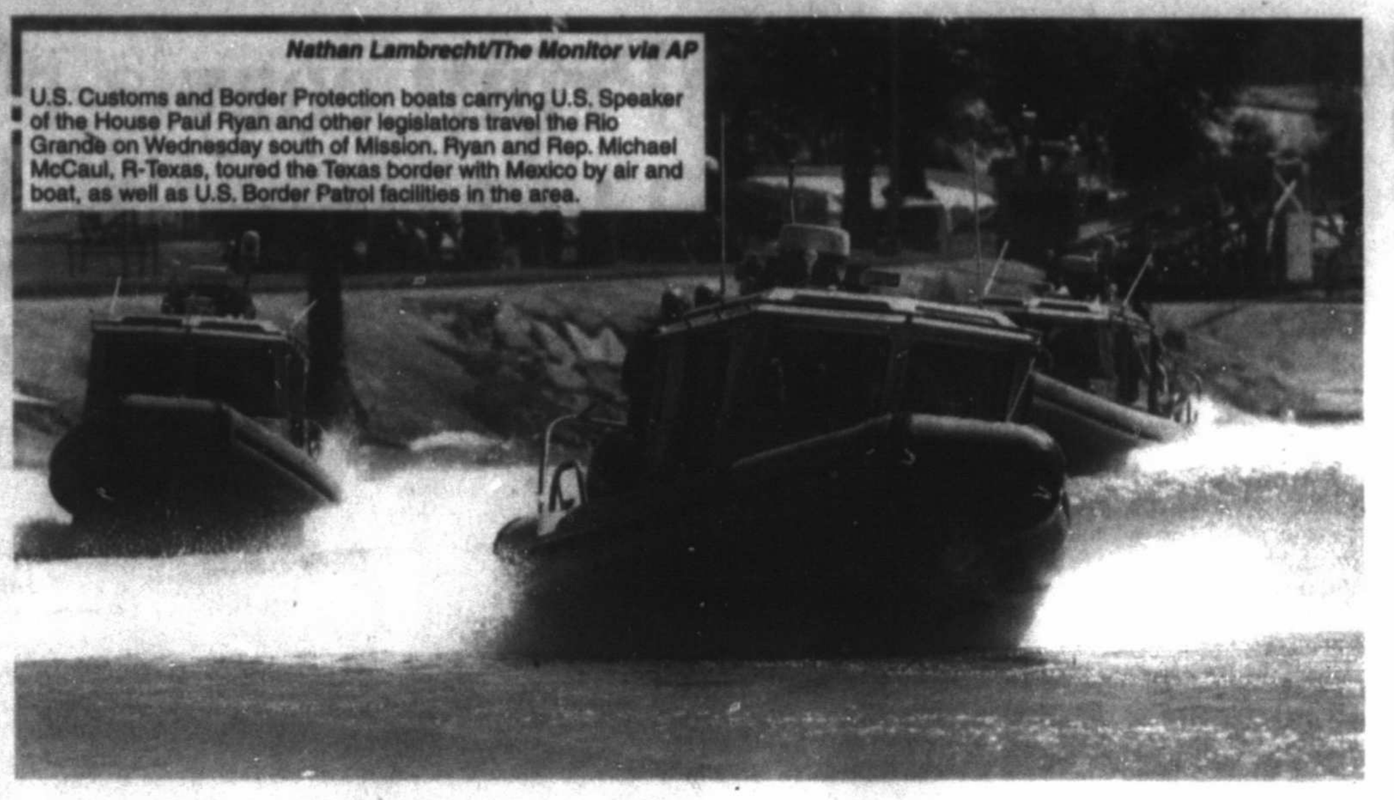
Virescent
[vahy-res-uh nt, vi-]
adjective
1. turning green.
2. tending to a green color; slightly greenish.





Nathan Lambrecht/The Monitor via AP

U.S. Customs and Border Protection boats carrying U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and other legislators travel the Rio Grande on Wednesday south of Mission. Ryan and Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, toured the Texas border with Mexico by air and boat, as well as U.S. Border Patrol facilities in the area.

RYAN

From 2A

rolling out new policies to fight illegal immigration and subjecting millions of people who are in this country to deportation, even for minor infractions.

A group called La Union del Pueblo Entero announced it was protesting Ryan's visit "in order to show the opposition of border residents to the current presidential administration's immigration and border policies."

According to The Monitor newspaper, protesters were asking to meet with Ryan, but he did not meet with them.

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Mexicans weigh the daunting prospect of deportee camps

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans fear deportee and refugee camps could be popping up along their northern border under the Trump administration's plan to start deporting to Mexico all Latin Americans and others who entered the U.S. illegally through this country.

Previous U.S. policy called for only Mexican citizens to be sent to Mexico. Migrants known as "OTMs" — Other Than Mexicans — got flown back to their homelands.

Now, under a sweeping rewrite of enforcement policies announced Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, migrants might be dumped over the border into a violence-plagued land where they have no ties while their asylum claims or deportation proceedings are heard in the United States. U.S. officials didn't say what Mexico would be expected to do with them.

The only consensus so far in Mexico about the new policies of President Donald Trump is that the country isn't remotely prepared.

"Not in any way, shape or form," said the Rev. Patrick Murphy, a priest who runs the Casa del Migrante shelter in the border city of Tijuana, which currently houses about 55 Haitian immigrants. They were part of a wave of thousands who swarmed to the border in the closing months of the Obama administration in hopes of getting asylum in the U.S.

Tijuana was overwhelmed, and while the government did little, a string of private Christian groups pitched in to open shelters with improvised bedding, tents and sanitary facilities. Donated food kept the Haitians going.

Mexicans quake at the thought of handling not thousands, but hundreds of thousands of foreigners in a border region already struggling with drug gangs and violence.

"Just look at the case of the Haitians in Tijuana, what were they, seven or eight thousand? And the situation was just out of control," said Alejandro Hope, a Mexico City-based security analyst. "Now imagine a situation 10 or 15 times that size. There aren't enough resources to maintain them."

It's unclear whether the United States has the authority to force Mexico to accept third-country nationals. The DHS memo calls for the department to provide an account of U.S. aid to Mexico, a possible signal that Trump plans to use that funding to get Mexico to accept the foreigners.

Murphy said, "I hope Mexico has the courage to say no to this."

Mexico's foreign relations secretary, Luis Videgaray, said Wednesday that his country has "no reason to accept unilateral decisions imposed by one government on another."

"We are not going to accept that because we don't have to and it is not in the interest of Mexico," Videgaray said.

In apparent reference to broadened definitions of those subject to deportation, he said "Let there be no doubt, Mexico and the Mexican government will not hesitate in going to international organizations, starting with the United Nations, to defend human rights, liberties and due process for Mexicans abroad according to international law."

Victor Clark, director of Tijuana's Binational Center for Human Rights, said Mexico can simply refuse to accept non-Mexican deportees. "They come through one by one, and when the Mexican immigration agent sees a person who isn't Mexican, he tells the ICE agent, 'I can't accept this person, he's not Mexican,' and they return him to the United States."

Hope said the new U.S. policy could create an "explosive situation," noting that some anti-foreigner sentiment already exists in Mexico's northern border region and that Central American migrants have been recruited, sometimes by force, into drug gangs like the Zetas and the Gulf cartel.

The United States could pay to build the needed facilities. There would be precedents for such a deal. Turkey has agreed to house

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Trump sends top aides to Mexico amid deep strains with US

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Donald Trump dispatched his top diplomat and homeland security chief to Mexico on Wednesday on a fence-mending mission complicated by the actual fence he wants to build on the southern border. Mexico's government signaled it was in no mood to be lectured by the new U.S. administration.

Ties between the countries have plunged since Trump took office a month ago, punctuated by Trump's insistence that Mexico pay for a border wall and other demands on illegal immigration and trade. During their brief visit, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly will face a Mexican government anxiously rethinking its relationship with its bigger, richer and more powerful neighbor.

Tillerson arrived in Mexico City late Wednesday, while Mexico was still reeling from the Trump administration's announcement a day earlier of a deportation crackdown that envisions sending people to Mexico who cross the border illegally — even if they're not Mexican citizens.

Kelly, whose department is in charge of implementing Trump's immigration crackdown, was arriving separately after a visit to Guatemala. The two plan to meet with President Enrique Pena Nieto and with Mexico's top defense, finance and diplomatic officials.

Yet Tillerson's counterpart in Mexico, Luis Videgaray, insisted that his country would not "accept unilateral decisions imposed by one government on another."

"We don't have to, and it is not in the interest of Mexico," Videgaray said. He hinted that Mexico might seek to challenge Trump's move at the United Nations or in other international bodies.

Still, senior Trump administration officials sought to play down the disagreements between the countries, describing close cooperation between the two countries on economic prosperity, law enforcement, drug trafficking and trade. Reporters were given an official briefing ahead of the trip on condition that officials weren't quoted by name.

At the White House, press secretary Sean Spicer said the U.S.-Mexican relationship is "phenomenal."

"I think there's an unbelievable and robust dialogue between the two nations," Spicer said.

On Tuesday, the U.S. changed immigration enforcement policies that could subject millions of people living in the U.S. illegally — including many Mexicans — to deportation. Whereas President Barack Obama focused on deporting immigrants convicted of serious crimes, new memos signed by Kelly prioritize deportation for anyone convicted of a crime or charged with any offense. That includes crossing the border illegally.

Immigrants fearing deportation under Trump change routines

By Deepti Hajela and Amy Taxin
Associated Press

In Orange County, California, dozens of immigrant parents have signed legal documents authorizing friends and relatives to pick up their children from school and access their bank accounts to pay their bills in the event they are arrested by immigration agents.

In Philadelphia, immigrants are carrying around wallet-size "Know Your Rights" guides in Spanish and English that explain what to do if they're rounded up.

And in New York, 23-year-old Zuleima Dominguez and other members of her Mexican family are careful about answering the door and start making worried phone calls when someone doesn't come home on time.

Around the country, President Donald Trump's efforts to crack down on the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S. have spread fear and anxiety and led many people to brace for arrest and to change up their daily routines in hopes of not getting caught.

In El Paso, Texas, Carmen Ramos and her friends have developed a network to keep each other updated via text messages on where immigration checkpoints have been set up.

She said she also is making certain everything she does is in order at all times. She checks her taillights before leaving the house to make sure they are working. She won't speed and keeps a close eye on her surroundings.

"We are surprised that even a ticket can get us back to Mexico," said the 41-year-old Ramos, who with her husband and three children left Ciudad Juarez because of drug violence and death threats in 2008 and entered the U.S. on tourist visas that have since expired. "We wouldn't have anywhere to return."

The unease among immigrants has been building for months but intensified in recent weeks with ever-clearer signs that the Trump administration would jettison the Obama-era policy of focusing mostly on deporting those who had committed serious crimes.

The administration announced Tuesday that any immigrant in the country illegally who is charged with or convicted of any offense, or even suspected of a crime, will now be an enforcement priority. That could include people arrested for shoplifting or other minor offenses, or those who simply crossed the border illegally.

Some husbands and wives fear spouses who lack legal papers could be taken away. And many worry that

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criminal penalties of two to 10 years in prison for lying on a sworn declaration. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has made the legislation a priority.

In the filing, the Justice Department and Texas asked for the hearing to be pushed back until after June 18, the last day Gov. Greg Abbott has to sign or veto legislation.

"If new Texas state voter identification legislation is enacted into law, it will significantly affect the remainder of this litigation," Texas and the Justice Department argue.

Just hours after Trump was sworn in as president, the Justice Department asked for a January hearing to be delayed to February, saying they needed more time to brief new leadership. Lawyers in the case say it's still too early to know for sure if Trump's Justice Department change positions in the case.

In August, Ramos denied a request from Texas to delay hearings in the case until after the legislative session wraps up in June.

"The question to be determined at the hearing is whether there was intent to discriminate during the legislative session in 2011," said Houston attorney Chad Dunn, who is part of a legal team representing Democrats and minority rights groups challenging the law. "Whatever happens with this bill doesn't address that question."

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Hour-long meetings are planned to introduce a draft of the Lone Star Governance Report.

- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Stonegate Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, Greater Ideal Family Life Center.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hispanic Cultural Center (conducted in Spanish)

Things to do

- The Sewell Leadership Event with John Maxwell and Andy Stanley, 9 a.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $42-$82. wagnernoel.com.
- Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysarad b.com.
- 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.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.
- Adam Crabb, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagner-noel.com.
- The N'Awlins Gumbo Kings, 7:30 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 117 W. Wall St. wtjs.org.

Note: For more information on this weekend's entertainment calendar, check out the Weekender section in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Seliger in Midland

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be in Midland on Friday on his tour of District 31 associated with his role of "Governor for a Day"

Seliger will be meeting with constituents 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at MAC's Bar-B-Que & Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

The senator also is scheduled to attend an ice cream social 1:30 p.m. at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Permian Basin, 800 W. Fourth St. in Odessa.

Community calendar

- The 61st annual Midland Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree is planned for 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Lions Club building, 200 Plaza St. Tickets are $7 each for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and drink.

The jamboree benefits the club's programs, including its eyeglass recycling center and Texas Lions Camp.

- Casa de Amigos and Chevron Corp.'s SOMOS Employee Network are sponsoring free citizenship classes. The classes, which began Tuesday, are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Casa, 1101 E. Garden Lane. The sessions continue for eight weeks.

For more information, call 682-9701.

- The second Rebels on the Run, a 5K benefiting the Lee High School volleyball team, is set for March 4 at Midland College. The chipped timed race kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Entrance fee is $25.

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Today in history

In **1903**, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the area around Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

In **1927**, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In **1945**, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised a pair of American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph.)

In **1954**, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

Emails: EPA's Pruitt cozy with fossil fuel industry

By Michael Biesecker and Jason Dearen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While serving as Oklahoma's attorney general, new Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt coordinated closely with fossil-fuel companies and special interest groups working to undermine federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions, newly released emails show.

More than 7,500 pages were released under court order Tuesday evening after an Oklahoma judge ruled that Pruitt had been illegally withholding his correspondence, which is public record under state law, for the last two years.

Pruitt's office was forced to release the emails after he was sued by the Center for Media and Democracy, a left-leaning advocacy group. Other emails are still being held back pending further review by the judge.

The Republican-dominated Senate voted on Friday to confirm President Donald Trump's pick to lead EPA. Democrats had sought to delay the vote on Pruitt's confirmation until the requested emails were released, but Republican leaders used their slim majority to push Pruitt through.

The emails show Pruitt and his staff coordinating their legal strategy with oil and gas industry executives and conservative advocacy groups funded by those profiting from fossil fuels, including the billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch. While serving as Oklahoma's elected state lawyer for the last six years, Pruitt sued federal agencies more than a dozen times to challenge stricter environmental regulations.

Among the emails is a series of 2013 exchanges between Pruitt's staff and Richard Moskowitz, general counsel for the Washington-based American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers. The lawyer detailed the industry's plan to seek waivers from the federal rules boosting the use of renewable fuels and asked Pruitt to make a specific legal argument under air pollution regulations known as the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The email was copied to Thomas Bates, then Pruitt's first assistant attorney general.

"We think it would be most effective for Oklahoma to file a separate waiver petition that emphasizes 'severe environmental harm,' as this argument is more credible coming from a state with primary responsibility for achieving and maintaining attainment with the NAAQS," Moskowitz wrote.

Moskowitz's email was then forwarded to Pruitt's deputy solicitor general, P. Clayton Eubanks, who replied that he knew little about the federal Renewable Fuel Standard and asked for further instructions about what the trade group wanted them to do.

"I think it is safe to say that AG Pruitt has an interest in the issue," Eubanks wrote. "Hopefully I haven't missed the boat too much on these questions but I want to make sure I fully understand what Oklahoma's role will be."

Now working at EPA, Pruitt did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

Environmentalists cited Pruitt's close ties to the fossil fuel industry in opposing his nomination. Like Trump, Pruitt has questioned the validity of scientific studies showing the Earth is warming and that carbon emissions from human activity are the primary cause. As attorney general, Pruitt's office joined a GOP-led multi-state lawsuit seeking to overturn President Barack Obama's plan to limit emissions from coal-fired power plants.

During his confirmation hearing last month, Senate Democrats pressed Pruitt on political donations he had raised from energy companies such as Exxon Mobil and Devon Energy, including "dark money" funneled to groups not required to disclose their donors.

Pruitt's staff was also in close contact with the American Legislative Exchange Council and Americans for Prosperity to coordinate opposition to new EPA regulations. Oil industry giant Exxon Mobil is a major donor to ALEC, while AFP is closely linked to Koch Industries, which owns petroleum pipelines.

In another exchange of emails from 2013, executives from Devon, an Oklahoma City-based oil and gas company, asked Pruitt to send an official state response to new regulations on hydraulic fracturing proposed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The company provided a draft letter for Pruitt's signature, addressed to the White House office that reviews regulations.

"Our goal is to have input to (the office) with a goal of its directing BLM to completely do away with the present thrust," wrote William Whitsitt, an executive vice president at Devon. Brent Rockwood, another Devon executive, chimed in with suggested edits and additions for Pruitt's filing.

"Thank you for your guidance and assistance in getting this letter out," Eubanks, the deputy solicitor general, later emailed Rockwood.

Melissa McLawhorn Houston, Pruitt's chief of staff, emailed a Devon executive in November 2013 asking whether it would be possible for her to take her sons to a posh restaurant at the top of the company's 50-story headquarters building. She wrote that they were "dressed like tourists" and had no plans to eat.

Allen Wright, Devon's vice president for government affairs, quickly responded by having his assistant arrange a personal escort for Houston, who later followed up by inviting the executive out to lunch.

"You are so sweet!" Houston responded to Wright. "Thank you again so much for your help on this! Very sweet and you'll be making 2 little boys very happy!"

In an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Houston insisted she wasn't asking for a favor, but rather was just emailing a longtime acquaintance out of concern her family might not be appropriately dressed. She said they ended up not going and that her sons have still not made it to the top of Devon Tower.

Asked about a separate email confirming an appointment for her at the building a few days later, Houston said she had no specific recollection of what that visit was about.

"I've been to Devon several times," Houston said, adding that she likes the gelato sold in the lobby.

Most oil pipeline opponents leave North Dakota protest camp

By Blake Nicholson and James MacPherson
Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. — Most of the Dakota Access pipeline opponents abandoned their protest camp Wednesday ahead of a government deadline to get off the federal land, and authorities moved to arrest some who defied the order in a final show of dissent.

The camp has been home to demonstrators for nearly a year as they tried to thwart construction of the pipeline. Many of the protesters left peacefully, but police made some arrests two hours after the deadline.

Earlier in the day, some of the last remnants of the camp went up in flames when occupants set fire to makeshift wooden housing as part of a leaving ceremony. Authorities later said about 20 fires were set and two people — a 7-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl — were taken to a Bismarck hospital to be treated for burns. Their conditions weren't given.

After the deadline passed, as many as 75 people outside the camp started taunting officers, who brought five large vans to the scene. Police took about 10 people into custody for failing to heed commands to leave, authorities said.

With darkness falling, Lt. Tom Iverson said police would not enter the camp Wednesday evening, and he offered no timetable for doing so.

Levi Bachmeier, an adviser to Gov. Doug Burgum, said about 50 people remained in the camp at dusk.

Hours before, about 150 people marched arm-in-arm out of the soggy camp, singing and playing drums as they walked down a highway. It was not clear where they were headed. One man carried an American flag hung upside-down.

Authorities sent buses to take protesters to Bismarck, where they were offered fresh clothing, bus fares home and food and hotel vouchers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers set the deadline, citing the threat of spring flooding.

At the height of the protests, the site known as Oceti Sakowin hosted thousands of people, though its population dwindled to just a couple of hundred as the pipeline battle moved into the courts.

The camp is on federal land in North Dakota between the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation and the pipeline route that is being finished by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners. When complete, the project will carry oil through the Dakotas and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois.

Some of the protesters were focused on moving off federal land and away from the flood plain into other camps, said Phyllis Young, one of the camp leaders.

"The camps will continue," she said. "Freedom is in our DNA, and we have no choice but to continue the struggle."

New camps are popping up on private land, including one the Cheyenne River Sioux set up about a mile from the main camp.

"A lot of our people want to be here and pray for our future," tribal Chairman Harold Frazier said.

Others, including Dom Cross, an Oglala Sioux from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, said he planned to return home after living at the camp since September.

"There's a lot of sadness right now. We have to leave our second home," he said.

Law enforcement officers and first-responders were on hand from several states.

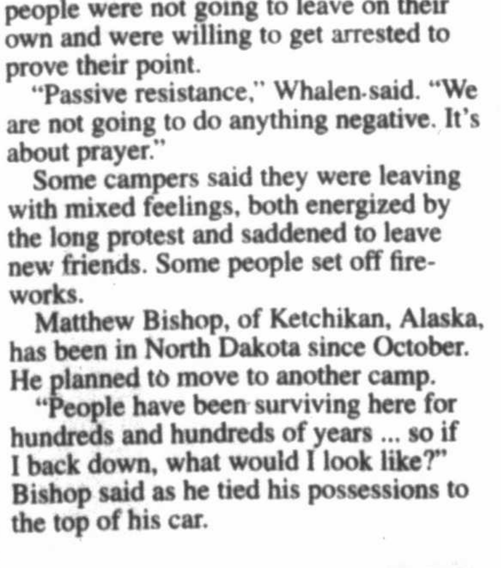
Charles Whalen, 50, an alcohol and drug counselor from Mille Lacs, Minnesota, said he and a group of about 20 people were not going to leave on their own and were willing to get arrested to prove their point.

"Passive resistance," Whalen said. "We are not going to do anything negative. It's about prayer."

Some campers said they were leaving with mixed feelings, both energized by the long protest and saddened to leave new friends. Some people set off fireworks.

Matthew Bishop, of Ketchikan, Alaska, has been in North Dakota since October. He planned to move to another camp.

"People have been surviving here for hundreds and hundreds of years ... so if I back down, what would I look like?" Bishop said as he tied his possessions to the top of his car.



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A couple embraces as opponents of the Dakota Access pipeline leave their main protest camp Wednesday near Cannon Ball, N.D., as authorities were preparing to shut down the camp in advance of spring flooding season. The Army Corps of Engineers ordered the camp closed at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON

Trump administration lifts transgender bathroom guidance

Transgender students on Wednesday lost federal protections that allowed them to use school bathrooms and locker rooms matching their gender identities, as the Trump administration stepped into a long-simmering national debate.

The administration came down on the side of states' rights, lifting Obama-era federal guidelines that had been characterized by Republicans as an example of overreach.

Without the Obama directive, it will be up to states and school districts to interpret federal anti-discrimination law and determine whether students should have access to restrooms in accordance with their expressed gender identity and not just their biological sex.

"This is an issue best solved at the state and local level," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said. "Schools, communities and families can find — and in many cases have found — solutions that protect all students."

In a letter to the nation's schools, the Justice and Education departments said the earlier guidance "has given rise to significant litigation regarding school restrooms and locker rooms."

The agencies withdrew the guidance to "in order to further and more completely consider the legal issues involved."

Anti-bullying safeguards would not be affected by the change, according to the letter. "All schools must ensure that all students, including LGBT students, are able to learn and thrive in a safe environment," it said.

It was not clear what immediate impact the change would have on schools, as a federal judge in Texas put a temporary hold on the Obama guidance soon after it was issued — after 13 states sued.

Even without that hold, the guidance carried no force of law. But transgender rights advocates say it was useful and necessary to protect students from discrimination.

WASHINGTON

Conservatives welcome Trump with delight — and wariness

For the past eight years, thousands of conservative activists have descended on Washington each spring with dreams of putting a Republican in the White House.

This year, they're learning reality can be complicated.

With Donald Trump's presidential victory, the future of the conservative movement has become entwined with an unconventional New York businessman better known for his deal-making than any ideological principles.

It's an uneasy marriage of political convenience at best. Some conservatives worry whether they can trust their new president to follow decades of orthodoxy on issues like international affairs, small government, abortion and opposition to expanded legal protections for LGBT Americans — and what it means for their movement if he doesn't.

"Donald Trump may have come to the Republican Party in an unconventional and circuitous route, but the fact is that we now need him to succeed lest the larger conservative project fails," said evangelical leader Ralph Reed, who mobilized his organization to campaign for Trump during the campaign. "Our success is inextricably tied to his success."

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From 3A

parents will be separated from their U.S.-born children. Dozens of immigrants have been turning up at an advocacy group's offices in Philadelphia, asking questions like, "Who will take care of my children if I am deported?" They also are coached on how to develop a "deportation plan" that includes the name and number of an attorney and other emergency contacts in case of arrest.

An organization in Austin that runs a deportation hotline said it normally would receive one or two calls every few days. After recent immigration raids, the phone rang off the hook.

"We got over 1,000 phone calls in three days about the raids," said Cristina Parker, immigration programs director for Grassroots Leadership. "And certainly a lot of those were people who wanted information about the raids saying, 'I'm scared, I'm worried, what can I do?'... A lot of them were people who were impacted by the raids who saw a friend or family be taken."

Immigrants in the Chicago area have said they are scared to drive, and some are even wary of taking public transit. When Chicago police and federal authorities conducted regular safety checks on a train line earlier this month, many assumed it was an immigration checkpoint.

Word spread so quickly that Chicago police issued a statement assuring immigrants, "You are welcome here."

In Arizona, immigrant Abril Gallardo said the policies have prompted new conversations with her parents and siblings. Her father, who's in the country illegally, made sure all the taillights work in the van he drives to his construction job in the Phoenix area. They look through the window if anyone knocks.

Her brother is getting married this weekend, and immigrant friends were reluctant to drive to the bridal shower.

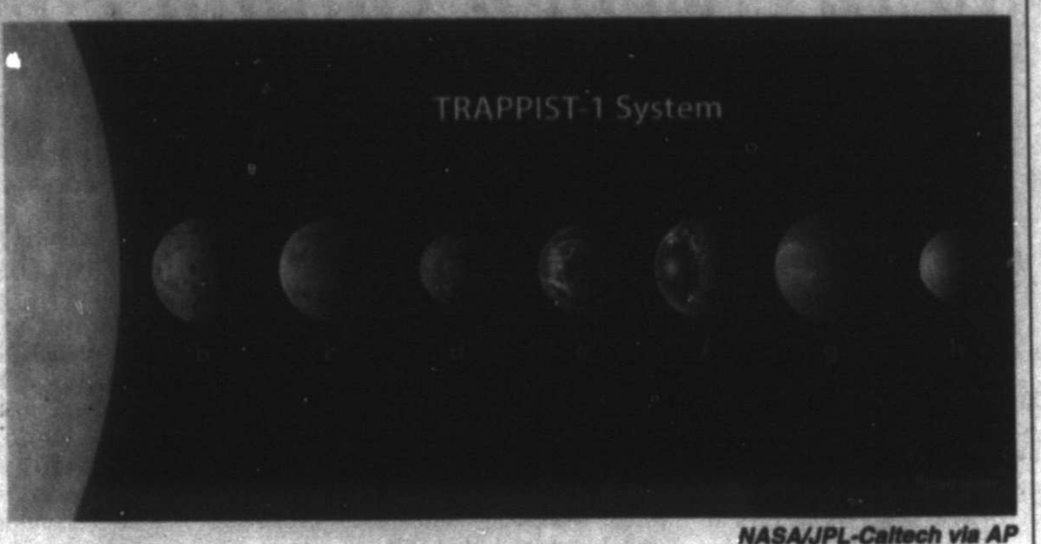
"We have a regular life, but with this new executive order, anyone, just for the fact that you're here, you can become a priority," said Gallardo, 26, who is in the U.S. with permission under the Obama administration policy for people who entered illegally as children.

In the Bronx, Dominguez, a college student protected from deportation under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, is looking into what she needs to do to raise her American-born brother and sister, ages 6 and 11, if their parents are deported.

When Dominguez goes out, she tells the others where she is going, with whom, and when she will be home, and expects the same from her parents and siblings. If someone is late getting home, she said, "we start calling."

7 Earth-size worlds found orbiting star; could hold life

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press



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This illustration provided by NASA/JPL-Caltech shows an artist's conception of what the TRAPPIST-1 planetary system may look like, based on available data about their diameters, masses and distances from the host star. The planets circle tightly around a dim dwarf star called Trappist-1, barely the size of Jupiter. Three are in the so-called habitable zone, where liquid water and, possibly life, might exist. The others are right on the doorstep.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — For the first time, astronomers have discovered seven Earth-size planets orbiting a single nearby star — and these new worlds could hold life.

This cluster of planets is less than 40 light-years away in the constellation Aquarius, according to NASA and the Belgian-led research team who announced the discovery Wednesday.

The planets circle tightly around a dim dwarf star called Trappist-1, barely the size of Jupiter. Three are in the so-called habitable zone, the area around a star where water and, possibly life, might exist. The others are right on the doorstep.

Scientists said they need to study the atmospheres before determining whether these rocky, terrestrial planets could support some sort of life. But it already shows just how many Earth-size planets could be out there — especially in a star's sweet spot, ripe for extraterrestrial life. The more planets like this, the greater the potential of finding one that's truly habitable. Until now, only two or three Earth-size planets had been spotted around a star.

"We've made a crucial step toward finding if there is life out there," said the University of Cambridge's Amaury Triaud, one of the researchers.

The potential for more Earth-size planets in our Milky Way galaxy is mind-boggling. The history of planet-searching shows "when there's one, there's more," said Massachusetts Institute of Technology astrophysicist Sara Seager.

"With this amazing system, we know that there must be many more potentially life-bearing worlds out there just waiting to be found," she said.

NASA's Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator for the science mission, said the discovery "gives us a hint that finding a second Earth is not just a matter of if, but when," and addresses the age-old question of "Are we alone out there?"

"We're making a step forward with this, a leap forward in fact, toward answering that question," Zurbuchen said at a news conference.

Last spring, the University of Liege's Michael Gillon and his team reported finding three planets around Trappist-1. Now the count is up to seven, and Gillon said there could be more. Their latest findings appear in the journal Nature.

This crowded yet compact solar system — 235 trillion miles away — is reminiscent of Jupiter and its Galilean moons, according to the researchers.

Picture this: If Trappist-1 were our sun, all seven planets would be inside Mercury's orbit. Mercury is the innermost planet of our own solar system.

The ultracool star at the heart of this system would shine 200 times dimmer than our sun, a perpetual twilight as we know it. And the star would glow red — maybe salmon-colored, the researchers speculate.

"The spectacle would be beautiful because every now and then, you would see another planet, maybe about as big as twice the moon in the sky, depending on which planet you're on and which planet you look at," Triaud said Tuesday in a teleconference with reporters.

Years are exceedingly short in this star system — the planets take just 1 ½ to 20 days to orbit Trappist-1.

DC-based for decades, Apollo 11 capsule to go on road trip

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

CHANTILLY, Va. — The Apollo 11 command module, which traveled more than 950,000 miles to take Americans to the moon and back in 1969, is going on a road trip, leaving the Smithsonian for the first time in more than four decades.

The capsule, named "Columbia," went on a tour of U.S. capitals following its historic role in the mission to the moon. But it has since made its home at the Smithsonian in Washington. On Wednesday, officials announced a four-city road tour ahead of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing in 2019. The capsule will visit museums in Houston, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Seattle as part of a new exhibit: "Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission."

Part of the reason for the tour is that the Smithsonian is working to renovate the gallery at its National Air and Space Museum in Washington that tells the story of the Apollo missions, but that exhibit isn't scheduled to open until 2020. Smithsonian space history department curator Allan Needell says the Smithsonian didn't want to just store the capsule and instead decided that "while we're preparing for its new home we could share it with other venues and have some broader access to it."

The command module is only a part of the spacecraft that blasted off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, on July 16, 1969, on an eight-day moon mission. The capsule, its interior about the size of a car, was the main work and living area for the three-man crew. And it was the craft astronaut Michael Collins piloted while his crewmates, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, descended to the moon's surface in the Lunar Module "Eagle."

Health care's future: Turning patients into savers, shoppers

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

The U.S. government may soon lean on someone new to help lower health care costs: you.

The idea is that when your money is on the line — and not the insurance company's — you'll look for the best value and do your part to curb national health care spending.

The Affordable Care Act's fate is up in the air as President Donald Trump and Congress weigh plans to overhaul the law. While much remains unknown, Republicans indicated last week that they will encourage wider use of insurance that comes with a health savings account aimed at pushing patients to save and shop for care.

This coverage has been around for years and is becoming more common in plans offered through employers. It comes with a high deductible, which means most insurance doesn't kick in until patients have first spent their own money up to a limit that can top $10,000 for family coverage.

To ease that pain, health savings accounts, or HSAs, let customers set aside money before taxes, and some offer the chance to invest the balance in mutual funds like a retirement account.

More than 20 million people are covered by plans with HSAs, according to various estimates. Patients who used these accounts for years say they save money, and the coverage changes how they approach health care. But these plans also may push patients to skip care or quickly pile up debt.

Slammed by the flu, businesses scramble to get work done

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The flu season has slammed many small businesses, weakening already thin staffing levels and forcing some owners to scramble to cover shifts or get the work done.

All but five of the 26 staffers at BusBank, a transportation booking service, have been sick at some point this season. On the worst day so far, six people were out sick or caring for children with the flu, and four others were on already planned days off.

"It has been hard for us to keep up, with lots of folks running backup for each other," says Brandon Dudley, vice president of the Chicago-based company that arranges bus charters for events ranging from nights on the town to long-distance trips.

Human resources consultants have been hearing from company owners overwhelmed by flu-related absences. In its latest report, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 35 states had moderate to high levels of flu cases. More than 5 percent of people seeking medical help complained of flu-like symptoms during the week ended Feb. 11, up from a baseline of 2.2 percent, the CDC said.

"Small businesses' operations are so lean that having two people sick at one time is a very big impact," says Amy Marcum, a human resources consultant with Houston-based Insperity.

Telecommuting has helped lessen the flu's impact on companies like BusBank, where staffers mainly work on laptops. So customers are getting their buses, Dudley says.

POLL

From 1A

mixed, with 45 percent in favor and 47 percent opposed. Among Democrats, only 19 percent support a ban, while 56 were strongly opposed and another 16 percent were somewhat opposed.

"The administration has claimed that this is not a Muslim ban, and you can see the social undesirability of it in the answer here," said Jim Henson, co-director of the poll and head of the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin.

"SANCTUARY" CITIES

Half of Texans oppose "sanctuary" cities, where local police and city government employees don't automatically enforce immigration laws by turning undocumented immigrants over to federal authorities. Only 37 percent support that practice.

Republicans in state government are pushing hard for a ban on sanctuary cities, and their voters appear to be solidly behind them: 71 percent "strongly oppose" sanctuary cities and another 8 percent "somewhat oppose" them. Democrats support them, but not as intensely: 41 percent strongly support sanctuary cities and 24 percent somewhat support them.

A narrow majority of Hispanics — 53 percent — are with the sanctuary cities. Among white Texans, 30 percent are with them and 61 percent are against; 41 percent of black Texans are with the cities and 29 percent are against.

"This the kind of debate that does better in the ivory tower than it does out on the streets," said Shaw. "But if the supporters of sanctuary cities get their message out, their base lines up. The overall numbers are dismal, but Democrats in the electorate are open to it if their elites can and will make the argument."

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

A plurality of Texans — 47 percent — would continue to extend in-state tuition at state colleges and universities to undocumented immigrants who graduated from Texas high schools, have lived in the state for three years or more and have applied for U.S. citizenship. More than a third — 36 percent — would have those students pay higher out-of-state tuition rates.

As in so many responses in the current poll, the party flags were flying in these answers: 66 percent of Democrats said the students should pay in-state tuition, and 57 percent of Republicans said they should pay out-of-state tuition. Among Tea Party Republicans, 68 percent said out-of-state tuition should apply.

Even so, Texas politicians have been more forgiving on this issue than their counterparts in other states, and they have suffered for that in national elections.

"(National politicians) wonder why Rick Perry and others had this albatross around their necks, but they were reflecting Texas attitudes," Shaw said.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

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CAMPS

From 3A

Syrian refugees headed for the European Union in exchange for at least $3 billion in aid.

"For this to be politically acceptable in Mexico, it would have to be paid," said Hope. "No Mexican administration could accept this kind of thing unless it were accompanied by billions of dollars."

Mexico's government didn't formally react to the DHS policy statements.

But in a hearing with Mexican senators, Mexico's new ambassador to the United States, Geronimo Gutierrez, said, "Obviously, they are a cause for concern for the foreign relations department, for the Mexican government, and for all Mexicans."

But Gutierrez praised the Trump administration's release of the policies before this week's visit to Mexico by U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, calling that "a position that is much more straightforward and honorable, to make these positions known beforehand ... so they can be discussed."

There are precedents in Mexico for refugee camps.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Mexico took in about 46,000 Guatemalans fleeing civil war. With help from the United Nations, camps were set up in the southern states of Chiapas, Campeche and Quintana Roo. When peace accords were signed in Guatemala in the mid-1990s, almost 43,000 refugees and their children went home, but more than 30,000 Guatemalans and their children born in Mexico decided to stay.

The same thing could happen with any migrants housed in Mexico.

Haitians streamed into Tijuana last year to seek asylum in the U.S., but since January they have stopped applying after hearing that other Haitians' requests were being denied and U.S. authorities were sending them back to Haiti. Murphy estimated the 3,000 Haitians still in Tijuana have mostly decided to seek asylum in Mexico.

He said a lot of Latin American migrants might do the same.

"You know, a lot of Central Americans would rather be deported to Mexico than their own countries," Murphy said.

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What's happening in Sweden should concern us

■ An immigrant surge has changed the country in ways that haven't necessarily been good

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

As if on cue, riots broke out in a heavily immigrant suburb of Stockholm as soon as the media mocked President Donald Trump for a vague warning about immigration-related problems in Sweden.

At a campaign rally over the weekend, Trump issued forth with a mystifyingly ominous statement. *"You look," he declared, "at what's happening last night in Sweden."* What? Had the president invented a nonexistent terror attack? As it turned out, the reference was to a segment on Sweden he had watched on the Fox News show "Tucker Carlson Tonight" the previous night rather than to any specific event in the Nordic country.

The ensuing discussion quickly took on the character of much of the debate in the early Trump years — a blunderbuss president matched against a snotty and hyperventilating press, with a legitimate issue lurking underneath.

By welcoming a historic number of asylum-seekers proportionate to its population, Sweden has indeed embarked on a vast social experiment that wasn't well thought out and isn't going very well. The unrest in the Stockholm suburb of Rinkeby after police made an arrest the other night underscored the problems inherent in Sweden's immigration surge.

Sweden's admirable humanitarianism is outstripping its capacity to absorb newcomers. Nothing if not an earnest and well-meaning society, Sweden has always accepted more than its share of refugees. Immigration was already at elevated levels before the latest influx into Europe from the Middle East, which prompted Sweden to try to see and raise the reckless open-borders policy of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Sweden welcomed more than 160,000 asylum-seekers in 2015, and nearly 40,000 in October of that year alone. For a country of fewer than 10 million, this was almost equal to 2 percent of the population — in one year. The flow doubled the number of asylum-seekers at the height of the Balkans crisis in 1992.

The foreign-born proportion of the Swedish population was 18 percent in 2016, double that of 1990. As of 2015, the most common county of origin for the foreign born was Finland, which makes sense as it is a neighboring Scandinavian country. Next are Iraq and Syria.

Predictably, it isn't easy to integrate people who don't know the language, aren't highly skilled and come from a foreign culture. Sweden's economic polices don't help. As a report of the Migration Policy Institute put it politely, Sweden is "an interesting case" because "the state is committed to fostering large-scale immigration despite huge integration challenges in the labor market."

There is a stark gap in the labor-force-participation rate between the native born (82 percent) and the foreign born, (57 percent). As the Migration Policy Institute points out, Sweden is an advanced economy with relatively few low-skills jobs to begin with. On top of this, high minimum wages and stringent labor protections make it harder for marginal workers to find employment, while social assistance discourages the unemployed from getting work.

None of this is a formula for assimilation or social tranquility. In a piece for The Spectator, Swedish journalist Tove Lifvendahl writes, "A parallel society is emerging where the state's monopoly on law and order is being challenged."

And the fiscal cost is high. According to Swedish economist Tino Sanandaji, the country spends 1.5 percent of its GDP on the asylum-seekers, more than on its defense budget. Sweden is spending twice of the entire budget of the United Nations High Commissioner responsible for refugees worldwide. Pressed for housing, Sweden has spent as much on sheltering 3,000 people in tents as it would cost to care for 100,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan.

It is little wonder that Sweden, where so recently it was forbidden to question the openhanded orthodoxy on immigration, has now clamped down on its borders. Sweden is a unique case, but clearly one of the lessons of its recent experience is, Don't try this at home.

OPINION EXTRA

Maybe Trump isn't a strongman at all

By this point in his presidency, George W. Bush had announced the outline of a tax plan that, with modifications, he would sign into law a few months later. Barack Obama had signed the stimulus, a bill to expand the children's health-care program, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

President Donald Trump is having a slower start. He has not signed major legislation yet. The White House has not put out a legislative plan on three of Trump's main campaign issues: health care, infrastructure and tax reform. He has been slower in filling government positions than his predecessors, too. And the president's highest-profile executive orders, on immigration, have been stayed by federal courts.

During the campaign, Trump frequently promised rapid action once he took power. It is not entirely his fault that it has not happened yet. Congressional Republicans put the repeal of Obamacare on their agenda seven years ago, back when Trump was still giving money to Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer, but still have not united behind a plan. The Democrats have fought Trump's nominees harder than opposition parties usually fight presidential appointments.

But Trump has also been slow to name people to posts. And the congressional disarray is in part because Trump did not perform one of the usual roles of a presidential nominee: helping to settle some of the debates in his party over major policies so that everyone would work together on an agenda.

Trump isn't serving that function even now. Republicans are having a sometimes heated debate about taxes. Some of them think changing the way the tax code handles imports and exports is a crucial part of reform, and some of them oppose the idea. Trump first criticized the proposal, then opened the door to it.

He has been inconstant even about some of the ideas he touted during the campaign. He said the government would save money by negotiating with pharmaceutical companies, and kept saying it after the election. As president, though, he has renounced the policy.

Trump has also established a White House without clear lines of authority. Republican legal theorists have championed the idea of a "unitary executive" that speaks with one voice and acts with one purpose. Trump is not running an executive branch that conforms to the theory's ideal.

Presidents before Trump have changed their minds about issues, let congressmen hash out issues, and tolerated factions in their administrations. The difference is one of degree, and it is substantial. Trump is doing much less to set a direction for his party in Congress than we have seen in decades.

That might be a good thing. Maybe Congress will adjust by doing more to set its own direction, as befits the branch of government to which Article I of the Constitution is devoted.

But it will take some getting used to. For congressional Republicans, the problem with Trump may not be that he is an authoritarian strongman, as so many of his critics say.

It's that he is, by the standards to which we have become accustomed, a weak president.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

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Trump should quit the stupidity

■ Any chance to reverse a big-government trend depends on the president acting the part and not handing government back to the Democrats

JAY AMBROSE

Tribune News Service

One day, President Donald Trump is at a prayer meeting talking about Arnold Schwarzenegger being lousy on TV, and on another, he is naming the brilliant Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his national security advisor. I will hereby be an unsolicited national hope advisor. Do the second kind of thing much more and wholly eradicate the first kind of thing, Mr. President, and save us from a grave public enemy.

That would be the kind of socialistically inspired future represented by Hillary Clinton as a presidential candidate. She wanted more freebies but less freedom, more spending, more regulations, a marketplace coerced into failures, identity-group divisiveness, contemptuous elitist supremacy and judicial power usurping democracy along with constitutionalism.

President Barack Obama was also a champ at all of this, and while the public mostly liked him, many did not like what he was doing. Thus, after his eight years in office, Democrats had lost a net of 62 seats in the House, nine seats in the Senate, 12 governorships, more than 900 state legislature seats and the presidency, according to a Fox News report. Republicans took charge, and there is now an extraordinary opportunity to reverse a big-government trend threatening to encapsulate us for eons.

The thing is, we may be cheated out of that chance if Trump does not give up on his stupidities and instead provides his enemies the wherewithal to stymie the best in him and turn the country back over to their contrary dreams. If he loves America, therefore, he should please, please quit obnoxious tweeting for starters. It is absurd and makes him look like a misbehaving child with a misused toy.

Then he should quit holding zany press conferences in which he overstates everything, insults everyone and further institutes enmity. He should in fact avoid ad libbing as much as possible. He is a non-linear, now-you-see-it, now-you-don't speaker who treats us to unconnected, unexplained phrases that can mean just about anything and are advantageously interpreted by critics as saying he favors hell over heaven.

Still more advice. He should quit substituting glances at a TV set for actual study. He should quit having reckless phone calls with heads of state. He should quit putting together policy plots with minimal trustworthy advice. He should quit the small-mindedness that puts claims of crowd size above real issues.

Yes, it is absolutely the case that his critics are often far worse than he is. Sen. Elizabeth Warren? Sen. Chuck Schumer? There is nothing polite to say. The reputable press is not so reputable when its commentators, for instance, issue baseless growls about anti-Semitism.

It is also despicable that protestors carry signs referring to Trump as anti-gay when there is absolutely nothing to back them up. It is simple-minded and worse for anyone to insist Trump's criticism of someone who is black is ipso facto racism, and yet we have seen it. In terms of evidence at this point, the Russian collusion theory is right up there with the birther theory. Vandalizing college students should be required to clean up after themselves before packing their bags and going home, and the leakers in the intelligence community should be worried about criminal prosecution.

There is lots of good in Trump, as seen in his executive orders on pipelines and absolutely smothering regulations, his choice for the Supreme Court, most of his Cabinet picks and, as mentioned earlier, his choice of McMaster as a top advisor.

He may very well do something about a crime rise the left uncaringly dismisses as nothing much. Watch for an improved world order. Some of his tax ideas are excellent, if not the one on imports, and we should replace Obamacare with something better, although prudence is needed. The wonders already happening in the economy are signs of how he actually could do splendid things.

But if Trump does not cut out the bad, there are those waiting in the bushes with a ruinous future in mind.

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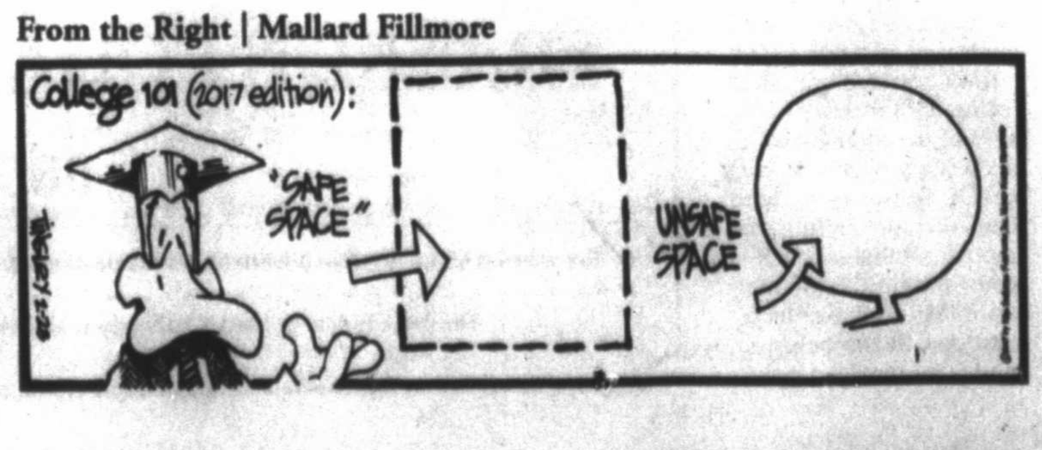

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

HOME SWEET HOME The 17th annual Permian Basin Builders Association Home and Garden show takes over the Horseshoe Pavilion this weekend. The event opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

SUNDAY

RALLY CRY Unapologetically Black ends with a youth rally and live music at the Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church activity center. 2:30 p.m.

ONLINE

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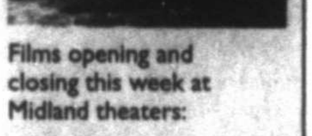

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STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

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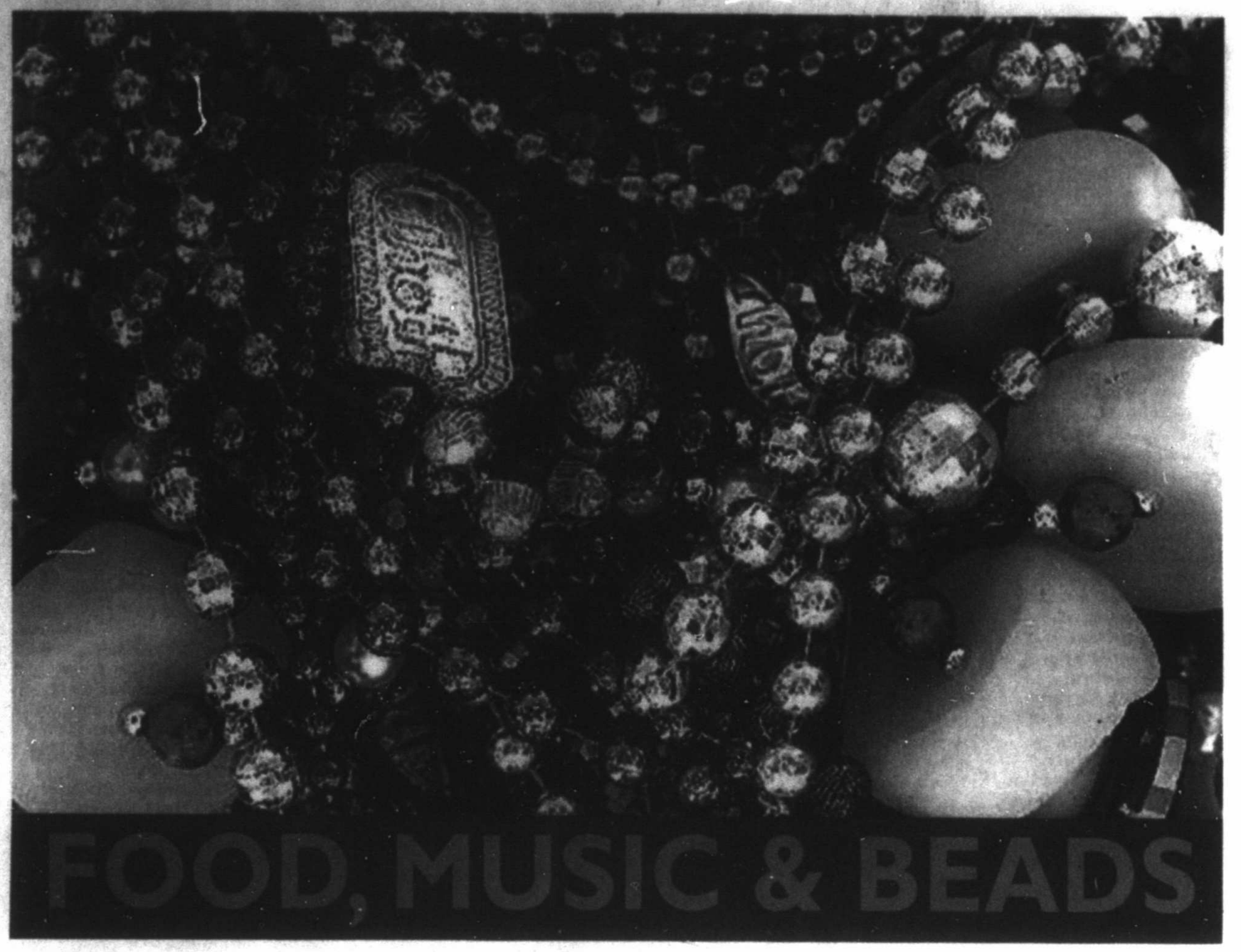

Where to Mardi Gras in Midland

By Rich Lopez
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Get your beads handy. Mardi Gras and Midland are coming together in a big way this weekend. Events throughout town are highlighted by a four-day downtown festival presented by Do432 and Mode Communications. Get ready for a helping of crawfish with a side of live music topped with a multitude of festivities for families and adults.

The event is not only a party, but also a fundraiser. With food, music and beads galore, Mardi Gras downtown will also work to raise awareness.

"Do432 is so excited to be working with Midland Area AIDS Support (MAAS), Atmos Energy and the Downtown Midland Management District to make this incredible four-day Mardi Gras event happen in Downtown Midland," said Elizabeth McLellan, Mode marketing coordinator.

Proceeds from the event will benefit MAAS. Donna Bruno and Steven Palma were named Mardi Gras king and queen for raising more than $1,400 for the organization.

"We are so very thankful for being chosen as the charitable beneficiary for the Mardi Gras event," MAAS board member Luke Morrow said. "We are excited for MAAS and for Midland to get something new and exciting to do in our wonderful downtown area.

"It is our hope that Midlanders will come out in full force to celebrate this event and support the life-changing work of MAAS in our community," he said.

Passes for the entire event, which range from $89 to $475, are available at doyourcity.us/mardigras.

"This is the best Mardi Gras celebration west of New Orleans and not one to be missed," McLellan said.

All events will be located at or by One Wall Plaza, 300 W. Wall St., unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit doyourcity.us/mardigras.

SATURDAY | Crawfish and Krewes is an all-you-can-eat crawfish boil with a New Orleans-style Mardi Gras procession featuring floats by local companies.

Procession begins at 4 p.m. The boil opens at 5 p.m. Leighton Fields and Mase Rutledge perform at 5 p.m. and the Tim Kreitz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $45 general admission , $20 general without crawfish and $75 VIP.

SUNDAY | Experience the legendary Cafe du Monde with brunch, beignets and mimosas created by the chefs of the Mercy Cafe, soon to open downtown. Debbie Kelly and Kaylee Cochran perform at 11 a.m.

Seating times are every half hour from noon to 2 p.m. VIP seating begins at 11 a.m. $35 general admission, $65 VIP, $600 VIP table.

MONDAY | Spend an Evening at Antoine's as five area chefs replicate the menu of the oldest French-Creole fine dining restaurant. The five-course dinner will be prepared exclusively for Mardi Gras VIPs. Musical entertainment by MOSC harpist Vincent Pierce.

Cocktail attire required. Seats are $100.

MARDI GRAS: FAT TUESDAY: Beads and Buskers caps off the festivities with food and entertainment on Midland's "Bourbon Street" — the 100 block of Colorado Street between Wall Street and Texas Avenue. The Corbell Blues Band kicks off the night at 6 p.m., followed by Michael Lee and the Wartime

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HEAT INDEX: Students shine this weekend; men are still from Mars

By Rich Lopez
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Beyond Mardi Gras, this weekend is still jam-packed. Theater, comedy and art can still fill your calendar if you're not into the beads and crawfish. This is also a weekend to be proud of young talent. Area students take centerstage in three very different shows.

'On the Rise' student art show at Museum of the Southwest

Art by area students from elementary through high school will be on display at "On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin," which opens Friday. The public is welcome to today's opening reception and teacher appreciation night. This year, students' works reflect the theme of culture and heritage expressed in a variety of media.

5:30 p.m. at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The show will continue through April 23. museumsw.org.

Permian Basin String Quartet's 'British Invasion' at Rea-Greathouse

You may think this is a show based entirely on British rock from the '60s, but think again. This chamber concert by the Permian Basin String Quartet gives focus to British composers Frank Bridge, Benjamin Britten and Edward Elgar. But they do pay tribute to those other English legends. The concert finishes off with an arrangement of Beatles music.

3 p.m. Sunday at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. FM 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

'The Boy Friend' at the Yucca Theatre

Much to her father's dismay, Polly Browne, an English

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RAFER GUZMAN
Newsday

Racial anxiety front-and-center in horror film 'Get Out'

In the upcoming film "Get Out," a young black man, Chris, pays his first visit to his white girlfriend's parents. The Armitages turn out to be wealthy liberal types, very friendly, staunch Obama supporters. If anything, Chris suspects the Armitages like him a little too much. It's almost as though they want to ... keep him.

Is "Get Out," which arrives in theaters Friday, a comedy? Its writer and director is Jordan Peele, who with Keegan-Michael Key created the Comedy Central show "Key & Peele," which pushed many an ethnically sensitive button over five seasons. "Get Out" might sound like one of their sketches, but it's actually a

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ART & DANCE

"Something From Nothing," works by Jim Arendt closing reception, 6 p.m. today at Midland College's McCormick Gallery, 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

"On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin" in the Turner Memorial Art Museum. Opens Friday and runs through April 24. A public opening and teacher appreciation night will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Adult Paint and Sip: "Midnight Strum," 6:30 p.m. Friday at On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina, 4306 W. Loop 250 N. $30 per painter advance, $35 door. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Unapologetically Black: A Celebration of Black Art and Culture Breakfast and Canvas painting event, 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church, 211 N. Tyler St. Register by Friday. $32. mtrosefgbc.org/ub.

Adult Paint and Sip: "Crowning Glory." 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Carino's Italian, 4711 W. Loop 250 N. 21 and older. $35 per painter. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Family Painting Event: "Hearts & Whiskers," 6 p.m. Monday at Chick-Fil-A, 3805 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $25 per painter. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Works by Cipriano Bueno, 6 p.m. Fridays in February at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"James Gill: American Pop" in the Concho Resources Inc. and Wagner galleries. On display through April 2. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Robin Germany: Current Literature" in the Mary Blanton Kennedy Gallery. The show is part of the 2017 Contemporary Series. Science in the Southwest. On display through March 5. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Spirit Lines: Helen Hardin Etchings" features 23 first editions of the artists copper-plate etchings. Through March 26 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd, Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

EVENTS

The Sewell Leadership Event with John Maxwell and Andy Stanley, 9 a.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $42-$62. wagnernoel.com.

Unapologetically Black: A Celebration of Black art and culture. The event will feature live music, panel discussions. Guest speakers and artwork. Everyone is welcome to the event. 4:30 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday at Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church, 211 N. Tyler St. mtrosefgbc.org.

Jasmin Cardenas presented by the Midland Storytelling Festival. This appearance is part of the programing for Midland County Public Library's current exhibition "Estamos Aqui." 7 p.m. Friday at Midland Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley Ave. Free.

31st annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Friday and Saturday at Marshall Auditorium at Sul Ross State University, US 90, Alpine. $15. texascowboypoetry.com.

Permian Basin Builders Association (PBBA) 17th Annual Home and Garden Show preview party, 6 p.m. with food by Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering and craft beers by Midland Beer Garden. 6 p.m. Friday at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $20. 21 and older. PBBAtexas.org.

Permian Basin Builders Association (PBBA) 17th annual Home and Garden Show, 9 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $5. PBBAtexas.org.

Mardi Gras: Fat Tuesday: Beads and Buskers event with food, entertainment and music on Midland's very own Bourbon Street. 6-10 p.m. Tuesday at 300 W. Wall St. doyourcity.us/mardigras.

Casino Night, a fundraiser for the youth and adult ministries of St. Stephen's Catholic Church. 7 p.m. Saturday at 4601 Neely Ave.

FAMILY FUN

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

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

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

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

FOOD & DRINK

Kaffee Haus with acoustic sounds by local musicians. 6 p.m. Thursday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Downtown Lions Club 61st annual Pancake Jamboree serves as a fundraiser and blood drive for the organization. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and a drink. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the MDLC, 200 Plaza St. $7.

Mardi Gras Crawfish Boil, noon Saturday at Rue 432, 106 S. "A" St.

Mardi Gras: Crawfish and Krewes is an all-you-can-eat crawfish boil with live music and a New Orleans style Mardi Gras parade featuring floats built by local companies. 3 -10 p.m. Saturday at 300 W. Wall St. doyourcity.us/mardigras.

Mardi Gras: Brunch at Cafe du Monde. Experience the legendary Cafe du Monde with beignets, mimosas, live music and an incredible New Orleans brunch created by the chefs of Mercy Cafe. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at 300 W. Wall St. doyourcity.us/mardigras.

Mardi Gras: An Evening at Antoine's. Visit the oldest French-Creole fine dining restaurant as five of the region's top chefs will each present one of the five courses prepared exclusively for Mardi Gras VIPs. (Cocktails attire required.) 6 p.m. Monday at 300 W. Wall St. doyourcity.us/mardigras.

Shrimpfest 2017 benefiting the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Sponsors cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. Event at 7 p.m. Monday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Odessa. Tickets are $40 in advance and $45 at the door and are now on sale online or by calling 432-550-9696.

Coffee and Culture: How to start and art collection and Financial planning sessions. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ellen Noel Art Museum E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

The 55th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodist-midland.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. First Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

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

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Bingo, 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Hwy. Free.

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

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Carolina Quiroga-Stultz presents "Mom, Dad, tell me a story! Mama, Papa, cuentame un cuento!" The workshop explores how to develop other voices and effective ways to read an entertaining story for children and students. Register to attend by calling 683-4226. 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, 1311 E. Wadley Ave.

Permian Basin Genealogical Society meeting. The program will discuss ancestors' wedding stories. Pictures are encouraged to bring. 7 p.m. Monday at Bethany Christian Church, 4522 N. Everglade Ave., Odessa.

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.

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MOSC Permian Basin String Quartet: British Invasion, 3 p.m. Sunday at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $14. MOSC.org.

COUNTRY

Easton Corbin, 7 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

Jay Statham and the Tokie Show, Michael Player, 8 p.m. Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 7 p.m. today at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

JAZZ

The N'Awlins Gumbo Kings, 7:30 p.m., Thursday at DoubleTree Hotel, 117 W. Wall St. wtjs.org.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. today at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

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

ROCK

Darren Welch Group, 5 p.m. Friday and 25 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Paying it Forward live music and comedy show, 7 p.m. Friday at W.O.W. Beer and Barbecue, 3010 FM 1936, Odessa.

America, 8 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40-$65. wagnernoel.com.

One Night of Queen performed by Gary Mullen and the Works, 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $36-$46. wagnernoel.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

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

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

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Faust." The Odessa College Music Department presents the Charles Gounod opera based on the 1926 silent film by F.W. Murnau. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday at The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road. $7 adults, $5 military and seniors, free for students and OC staff with ID. odessa.edu.

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame." 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Through March 4 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Men are from Mars Women are from Venus — Live, 8 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

The Met: Live in HD presents "Rusalka." 11:55 a.m. Saturday at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.17 adults, $18.32 children, $23 seniors. fathomevents.com.

Jeanne Robertson, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. At Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $24-$44. wagnernoel.com.

COMING SOON

MARCH

Knit and Stitch is a free social gathering for stitchers, quilters, knitters and crocheters. 7 p.m. March 2 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

"Rent: 20th Anniversary Tour," 7:30 p.m. March 2 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Star Party with the West Texas Astronomers. 5:30 p.m. March 3 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. (in Haley Park). museumsw.org.

First Friday featuring the works of Sara Drescher and Brad King. 6 p.m. March 3 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile," March 3-25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Odessa Shakespeare Festival: Literary Death Match at 8 p.m. March 3 at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. $10 advance, $15 door, $30 all access pass. Odessashakespeare.org.

Banda MS, Perdidos de Sivialoa, 8 p.m. March 3 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $75. haciendamidland.com.

Urban Cowboy 35th Anniversary Tour with Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee, 8 p.m. March 4 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $35. haciendamidland.com.

Bowl for Kids Sake 2017 benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. 2 p.m. March 4 at Reeds Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St. bbbsmidland.org.

Odessa Shakespeare Festival: "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits" by Kilgore's Texas Shakespeare Festival. 2 p.m. March 4 at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. $10 advance, $15 door, $30 all access pass. Odessashakespeare.org.

Odessa Shakespeare Festival: A Conversation with Christopher Moore, author of "Fool". 5 p.m. March 3 at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. Free. Odessashakespeare.org.

MOSC Pops & Family Series: Five By Design in Mad Men Era Concert, 7:30 p.m. March 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $26-$46. MOSC.org.

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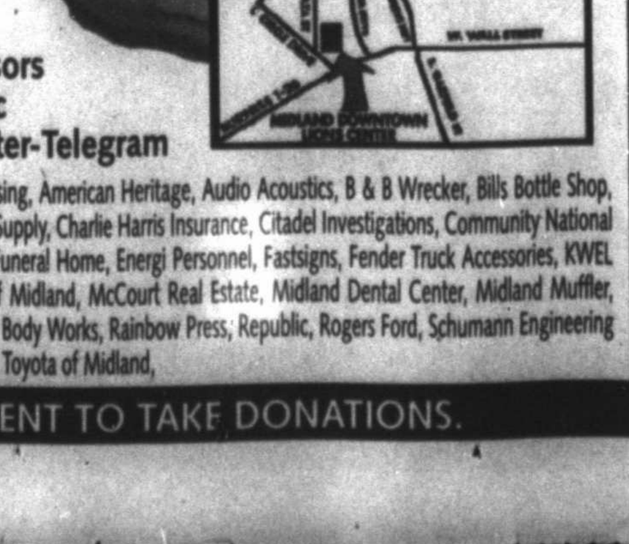

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EVENTS & ON SCREEN

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heiress, falls for a not-so-rich messenger boy. Watch how that plays out when Trinity Upper School presents Sandy Wilson's comedy "The Boy Friend." Directed by Carl Beery Moore, the pastiche musical is set in the Roaring '20s on the French Riviera.

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at 208 N. Colorado St. $20 adults, $10 students. trinitymidland.org.

'MEN ARE FROM MARS' AT THE REA-GREATHOUSE RECITAL HALL

Get all your relationship advice from "Men are from Mars - Women are from Venus Live!" Based on the best-selling book by author John Gray, this show is a mix of stand-up comedy and theater piece. Who says relationships can't be funny?

8 p.m. Friday, 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50. wagnernoel.com.

30TH ANNUAL MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Think you're a good speller? You can find out by testing your spelling skills against that of fourth- through eighth-graders at the 30th annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee at Midland College.

Forty students from Midland County, Andrews and Monahans will be vying for a chance to represent Midland at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is the week of May 28 in Washington, D.C.

The event is co-sponsored by JumBurrito.

9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Allison Fine Arts Building auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

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Limousine at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $15 general admission, $35 VIP, $2,000 for a balcony suite.

Mardi Gras isn't limited to the downtown events. Crawfish boils, jazz music and pancakes highlight other events around town.

TODAY | The West Texas Jazz Society kicks off Mardi Gras in Midland by presenting The N'Awlins Gumbo Kings. Led by Brian Piper, who has played for Rosemary Clooney, Cab Calloway and The Vocal Majority, the sextet will perform at the ballroom of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 117 W. Wall St. beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Event is free for society members. Tickets are $40 for nonmembers and $5 for students with ID. Reserved seating is an additional $15. To make reservations, call 559-2412 or visit wtjs.org

FRIDAY | Vertices Fitness, 1304 N. Loop 250 W, will host a different kind of party. Friday Night Fitness Fandango has a masquerade theme for Mardi Gras. Open to all levels of fitness, the center focuses on aerial, cardio, pole and yoga. Wear a mask along with exercise wear. The party is free for members and $15 for non-members.

Space is limited so registration is required and can be made by visiting verticesfitness.com. Door prizes will also be given and there will be a contest for best mask.

SATURDAY | Basin Bayou catering will host its first Crawfish and Shrimp Boil beginning at 10 a.m. Diners can purchase by the pound along with a side of potatoes and corn.

The outdoor event will be held at 2215 N. Midland Drive.

SATURDAY | Beginning at noon, Cajun bistro Rue 432, 106 S. "A" St., will host a Mardi Gras Crawfish Boil with blues music by Marfa Lake Social Club.

SATURDAY | For a creative celebration, join Kidds And Canvas Parties' Adult Paint and Sip at Johnny Carino's Italian, 4711 W. Loop 250 N. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and feature paiting "Crowning Glory," which depicts a queen. Reservations are $35 per painter; to make reservations, visit kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

MONDAY | Shrimpfest 2017 is the annual Ellen Noel Art Museum fundraiser. The Mardi Gras-themed event will feature the signature Cajun-style shrimp recipe based on the one used by Pascal's Manale restaurant in New Orleans. Sponsors cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. Event at 7 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy in Odessa. Tickets are $40 in advance and $45 at the door and are now on sale online or by calling 550-9696.

TUESDAY | Breakfast for dinner is always a good idea. Break out the syrup and celebrate at the 55th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. The full breakfast buffet begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are $5.

The event also wraps up the church's month-long campaign 28 Days of Nothing but Love.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance at firstmethodistmidland.com/55th-annual-pancake-supper.

Oscar predictions: Who should (and will) win

By Rafer Guzman
Newsday

Surprise, stunner, upset — those are three words you probably won't hear much at this year's Oscars. Here are three words you'll probably hear a lot: "La La Land."

Since its premiere at the Venice Film Festival last August, "La La Land" has been hailed as a shoo-in for the Academy Award for best picture. Starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling as two starry-eyed Los Angelinos, "La La Land" went on to become a critical smash, a $290 million success worldwide and an awards-season juggernaut, earning a record-breaking seven Golden Globes in January. It goes into the Oscars with an impressive 14 nominations — one of only three films ever to do so.

Alright, but what about the other movies? There are nine best picture contenders, you know, and many other acting nominees besides Gosling and Stone. "Moonlight," Barry Jenkins' film about a gay African-American man growing up in Miami, has an impressive eight nominations, as does "Arrival," a science-fiction drama starring Amy Adams as a translator for an alien species. "Jackie," starring Natalie Portman as Jacqueline Kennedy, and "Manchester by the Sea," starring Casey Affleck as a troubled loner, could each steal an Oscar from "La La Land." There's also some unusual excitement in the foreign language category, where the Iranian drama "The Salesman" has become a political football. Its director, Asghar Farhadi, is boycotting the Oscars to protest America's recent travel ban against his country and others.

Here's our list of this year's likely winners, along with shout-outs to the ones who may not get the gold they deserve. It's "La La Land's" world — we just live in it.

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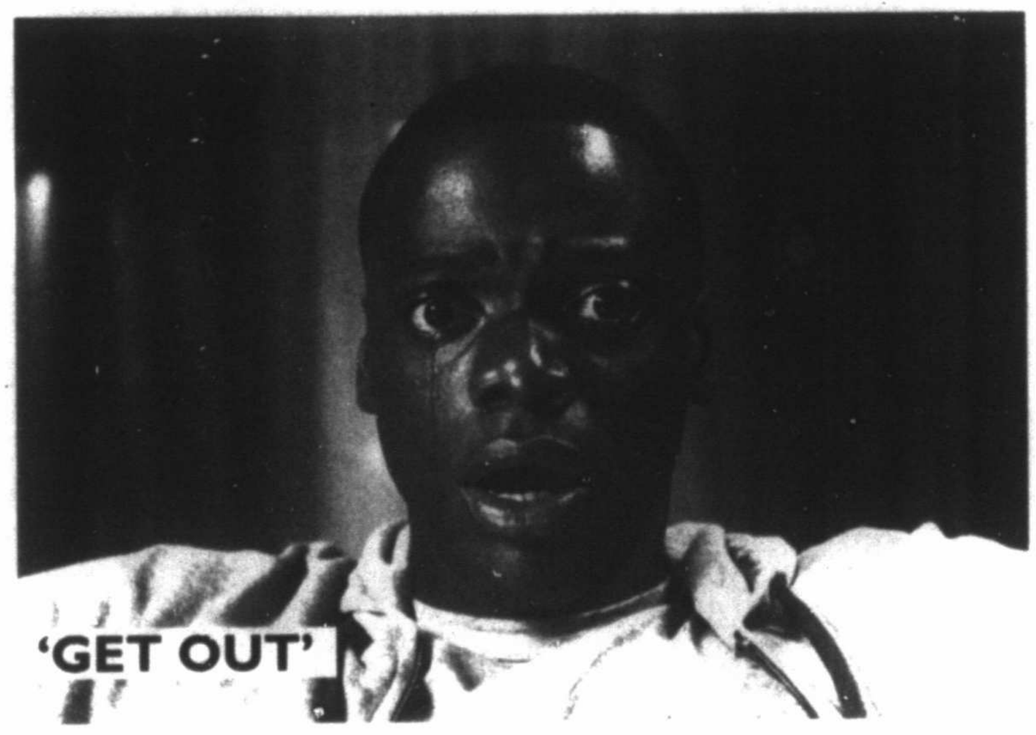

'GET OUT'

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horror movie produced by Blumhouse, the studio known for such low-budget horror hits as "Paranormal Activity," "Insidious" and "The Purge."

"I think of the two genres as being very linked," the comedian-turned-horror-director said in a recent interview. "You're looking for visceral, audible reactions, and part of that art form is the ability to subvert what the audience thinks is going on."

Peele wrote "Get Out" eight years ago after ending his stint on the "Mad TV" series. He was inspired by "Rosemary's Baby" and "The Stepford Wives," he said, and wanted his film to do for blacks what those films did for women — address deep-seated fears. "For anybody who's ever been in a situation where you feel like the sole other in an environment, there's a kind of horror to it," Peele said. Given the near-total absence of horror films with leading black roles, however, "It was a movie I never thought would get made," he said.

Nevertheless, when Blumhouse founder Jason Blum read the script two years ago, he was hooked. "I'd just never read anything like it," Blum said. "If nobody can find a comp for a movie" — meaning a comparable project that's been made before — "I'm always intrigued by that."

Starring Daniel Kaluuya as Chris, Allison Williams (HBO's "Girls") as his girlfriend and Catherine Keener and Bradley Whitford as the Armitages, "Get Out" played a midnight screening at Sundance last month and became a critical hit. Variety praised it for "blending race-savvy satire with horror to especially potent effect."

Though filmed during the Obama administration, "Get Out" faces release during a time of newly inflamed ethnic tensions in America. That could actually help the movie, according to Peele. "When I first started, race was a topic that nobody really wanted to discuss. We all wanted to feel like we were past it," he said. "I think the effect that this movie can have right now is giving people a way to discuss race, but also to have fun. First and foremost, this is about entertaining people."

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ON SCREEN

Alien invasion film deserves Oscar nod for best picture

PICK O'THE WEEK

"Arrival" (PG-13) In a week that brings three of the Academy Award nominees for best picture to the small screen, this is the pick of the litter. And although it has a few questionable moments — such as there apparently being only one linguistics specialist in the entire world to bridge the communication gap — its status as a remarkable thriller and its nods to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is beyond reproach. **A-**

ICK! O'THE WEEK

"Life on the Line" (R) Kudos to John Travolta for resurrecting his "Urban Cowboy" accent, but a chance to honor those who work on power lines was squandered when the film boarded the sentimental train and headed straight to over-the-top town. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Almost Christmas" (PG-13) Mo'Nique, playing Aunt May, steals the show in this holiday-themed film with an all-star cast. According to the featurettes on the DVD, she was allowed to improvise, and a look at some of the gag reel shows some of her best moments were cut out. Regardless, there is a depth to the film one wouldn't expect, making it all the more wonderful. **B**

"American Pastoral" (R) Ewan McGregor makes his feature film directorial debut in this drama based on Philip Roth's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. The result is somewhat uneven but strong performances by McGregor and Dakota Fanning even out things. **B-**

"Barbie Video Game Hero" (unrated) I can't deny I'm a fan of the series. I watched the first film in the franchise with a "bah, humbug" attitude and was won over. So I'm sad to report the latest effort from the folks at Mattel is greatly disappointing. Its attempt to make a G-rated "Tron" did not impress. **C-**

"Blackway" (R) Good performances enhance an otherwise cliched story that, in a rare instance, needs more exposition to show the characters' motivations. **C+**

"Desierto" (R) Jonás Cuarón, who penned "Gravity," directed and co-wrote this cat-and-mouse thriller that features Jeffrey Dean Morgan playing a scumbag even more notorious than his Negan on "The Walkibng Dead." Otherwise, though, things are fairly by the book, which is ultimately a letdown. **B-**

"The Eagle Huntress" (G) Animal lovers like myself might have some difficulty watching. The goal of the Mongolian nomads who steal eaglets from their nest when they're still too young to fly is to raise them to hunt foxes. But the reward of getting a glimpse of this fascinating culture in this documentary is the payoff. **B+**

"Frank & Lola" (unrated) Though there is nothing technically wrong with the performances by Michael Shannon and Imogen Poots in the title roles, there remains a feeling that this film was badly miscast. **C+**

"Hacksaw Ridge" (R) Mel Gibson's directorial approach to this war film was to make the graphic battle scenes in "Saving Private Ryan" look like "Sesame Street." But that's Gibson's specialty, as exemplified by all of his films, notably "The Passion of the Christ" and "Apocalypto." But this faith-based film also has a kinder, gentler side, and that's what makes it so powerful. Andrew Garfield proves his best actor nomination was not a fluke with the finest performance of his career. **A-**

"The Handmaiden" (unrated) Best suspense thriller of its type since David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive." There are twists and turns throughout, never letting on which way it's going to go. This Japanese period piece won lots of foreign language awards, but is inexplicably absent from Oscar contention. That's a shame. **A**

"Manchester by the Sea" (R) Gripping performances — Casey Affleck deserved his Golden Globe for best actor — highlight this heart-wrenching drama that sneaks up on you with sad moment after sad moment then punches you in the gut with a stunningly depressing scene. That's not to say it's not worth the watch. Quite the opposite, in fact. But like so many great dramas, it's a film you're likely going to want to see only once. **A**

"The 9th Life of Louis Drax" (R) The best career performance by Jamie Dornan is not going to be his role as Christian Grey in the "50 Shades" films, but in this modest-budget oddity that's as gratifying as it is puzzling. **B**

"O.J.: Made in America" (TV-MA) Got eight hours to spare? Then settle in to watch this absolutely riveting expose showing the life and trials of O.J. Simpson. All the major players — with the notable exception of A.J. Cowlings — weigh in on Simpson's glory days as one of the nation's best ever running backs and his infamous post-career aggressions. Be warned: the crime scene photos and other graphic language and material are shown unfiltered in the streaming and on-demand versions. **A-**

"Traded" (unrated) This Old West version of "Taken" has issues, and not the least among them is a cast that wasn't thoroughly trained how to ride a horse. It also has a bit of heart, though, and a playful performance by Kris Kristofferson — whose daughter Kelly plays a supporting part — makes it a decent watch for Western fans. **B-**

"Trolls" (PG) Its A-list cast has its moments — particularly Christine Baranski's snarky Chef and Zooey Deschanel's lovable Bridget — but the cute factor wears off. **B-**

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PREDICTIONS

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BEST PICTURE

"Arrival"
"Fences"
"Hacksaw Ridge"
"Hell or High Water"
"Hidden Figures"
"La La Land"
"Lion"
"Manchester by the Sea"
"Moonlight"

WHO SHOULD WIN: "Moonlight." It's become known as the year's "other" movie — meaning, it's about someone other than most of us — but it's really a universal story about growing up, searching for happiness and finding love.

WHO WILL WIN: "La La Land." There's certainly no arguing with this nostalgic musical's visual panache and charismatic stars. Having won almost everything else, it seems sure to grab the top Oscar, as well.

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Casey Affleck, "Manchester by the Sea"
Andrew Garfield, "Hacksaw Ridge"
Ryan Gosling, "La La Land"
Viggo Mortensen, "Captain Fantastic"
Denzel Washington, "Fences"

WHO SHOULD WIN: Affleck. This is one of those how-does-he-do-it performances, thoroughly convincing and seemingly effortless.

WHO WILL WIN: Affleck. Unflattering headlines about past sexual harassment charges won't be enough to stop the actor's momentum in this category.

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Mahershala Ali, "Moonlight"
Jeff Bridges, "Hell or High Water"
Lucas Hedges, "Manchester by the Sea"
Dev Patel, "Lion"
Michael Shannon, "Nocturnal Animals"

WHO SHOULD WIN: Ali. This slender, distinctive-looking actor is on-screen only briefly in "Moonlight," but his character — a drug-dealer with a paternal streak — haunts the entire film.

WHO WILL WIN: Ali.

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Isabelle Huppert, "Elle"
Ruth Negga, "Loving"
Natalie Portman, "Jackie"
Emma Stone, "La La Land"
Meryl Streep, "Florence Foster Jenkins"

WHO SHOULD WIN: Negga. The little-known Irish-Ethiopian actress is quietly convincing as an American Southerner fighting anti-miscegenation laws during the 1960s. She's the heart and soul of a very underrated movie.

WHO WILL WIN: Portman. Though not all reviews for "Jackie" were positive, the consensus seemed to be that Portman delivered a powerful performance as one of America's most beloved figures.

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Viola Davis, "Fences"
Naomie Harris, "Moonlight"
Nicole Kidman, "Lion"
Octavia Spencer, "Hidden Figures"
Michelle Williams, "Manchester by the Sea"

WHO SHOULD WIN: Davis. As the long-suffering wife of an overbearing patriarch, Davis gives "Fences" its most emotionally resonant moments. In some ways, she's the real star of the movie.

WHO WILL WIN: Davis.

BEST ACTOR

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

DIRECTOR

Denis Villeneuve, "Arrival"
Mel Gibson, "Hacksaw Ridge"
Damien Chazelle, "La La Land"
Kenneth Lonergan, "Manchester by the Sea"
Barry Jenkins, "Moonlight"

WHO SHOULD WIN: Jenkins. Just about everything in "Moonlight" — the moody visuals, the sensitive performances, the evocative soundtrack — points back to Jenkins' personal vision.

WHO WILL WIN: Chazelle. Is it a race thing? Perhaps, but it's mostly a Hollywood thing. "La La Land" is a young filmmaker's salute to old-fashioned entertainment, and it's done with great skill and imagination. You can't say Chazelle didn't earn the gold.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

"Land of Mine," Denmark
"A Man Called Ove," Sweden
"The Salesman," Iran
"Tanna," Australia
"Toni Erdmann," Germany

WHO SHOULD WIN: "Toni Erdmann." This wonderfully weird comedy about an impish father and his uptight daughter has beguiled critics, but it hasn't been a big seller in the United States. Maybe that's because it's in German. And three hours long.

WHO WILL WIN: "Toni Erdmann." Though there's been some buzz about voting for "The Salesman" as a form of political protest, the German film is simply too audaciously good to ignore.

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FILM CAPS

"Collide" (PG-13) An American backpacker gets involved with European drug smugglers. With Nicholas Hoult, Felicity Jones, Anthony Hopkins and Ben Kingsley. Directed by Eran Creevy. (1:39) PG-13.

"A Cure for Wellness" (R) A young executive is sent to retrieve his company's CEO from a luxurious Swiss spa but soon realizes the horrific truth beneath the surface. With Dane DeHaan, Jason Isaacs. Written by Justin Haythe; story by Haythe & Gore Verbinski. Directed by Verbinski.

"A Dog's Purpose" (PG) The meaning of life is explored through one pooch and his humans. With Britt Robertson, KJ Apa, John Ortiz, Dennis Quaid, Josh Gad. Written by W. Bruce Cameron & Cathryn Michon and Audrey Wells and Maya Forbes & Wally Wolodarsky; based on the novel by W. Bruce Cameron. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

"Fifty Shades Darker" (R) A reunion between Christian and Ana is threatened by a shady character from his past. With Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Eric Johnson, Jennifer Ehle, Victor Rasuk, Kim Basinger, Marcia Gay Harden. Written by Niall Leonard; based on the novel by E L James. Directed by James Foley.

"Fist Fight" (R) A meek high school English teacher inadvertently angers a tougher colleague, and their pending after-school brawl triggers an unexpected response on the campus. With Ice Cube, Charlie Day, Tracy Morgan. Written by Van Robichaux & Evan Susser; story by Robichaux & Susser and Max Greenfield. Directed by Richie Keen.

"Get Out" (R) A young African-American man's visit to his white girlfriend's country home takes a chilling turn in this thriller. With Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Bradley Whitford, Caieb Landry Jones, Catherine Keener. Written and directed by Jordan Peele. (1:43) R.

"The Great Wall" (PG-13) Historic action-thriller about warriors making a heroic stand on China's most famous structure. With Matt Damon, Jing Tian, Pedro Pascal, Willem Dafoe, Andy Lau. Written by Carlo Bernard & Doug Miro and Tony Gilroy; story by Max Brooks and Edward Zwick & Marshall Herskovitz. Directed by Zhang Yimou.

"Hidden Figures." (PG) Taraji P. Henson, Octavio Spencer and Janelle Monáe are terrific in this feel-good family movie about a group of black female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the 1960s. The true story is about overqualified scientists who could only get jobs crunching numbers for their white male bosses, but who overcame prejudice to make their own mark on the space program. Where it lacks as serious history, the film makes up for with an empowering social message. The ensemble casts includes Kevin Costner, Glen Powell, Mahershala Ali and Aldis Hodge.

"John Wick: Chapter 2" (R) Keanu Reeves is back as his titular hit man is lured out of retirement to stop an attempt to seize control of a mysterious assassins' guild. With Common, Riccardo Scamarcio, Laurence Fishburne, Ruby Rose, Bridget Moynahan, Lance Reddick, Franco Nero, John Leguizamo, Ian McShane. Written by Derek Kolstad. Directed by Chad Stahelski.

"La La Land" (PG-13) Starring a well-paired Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, writer-director Damien Chazelle's tuneful tribute to classic movie musicals is often stronger in concept than execution, but it's lovely and transporting all the same.

"The Lego Batman Movie" (PG) The snarky brick version of the Caped Crusader battles the Joker, learns to be a team player and lighten up a little. Voices by Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis, Michael Cera, Rosario Dawson, Ralph Fiennes. Written by Seth Grahame-Smith and Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jared Stern & John Whittington, story by Seth Grahame-Smith. Directed by Chris McKay.

"Split" (PG-13) A man with 23 distinct personalities struggles with an emerging 24th that threatens to dominate the others in a chilling way. With James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy, Betty Buckley, Jessica Sula, Haley Lu Richardson. Written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan.

"Rock Dog" — A Tibetan mastiff is lured from his mountaintop to seek music stardom after a radio falls from the sky in this animated comedy. Voices by J.K. Simmons, Luke Wilson. Written by Ash Brannon and Kurt Voelker; story by Brannon and Zheng Jun, based on a graphic novel by Zheng. Directed by Ash Brannon. (1:20) PG.

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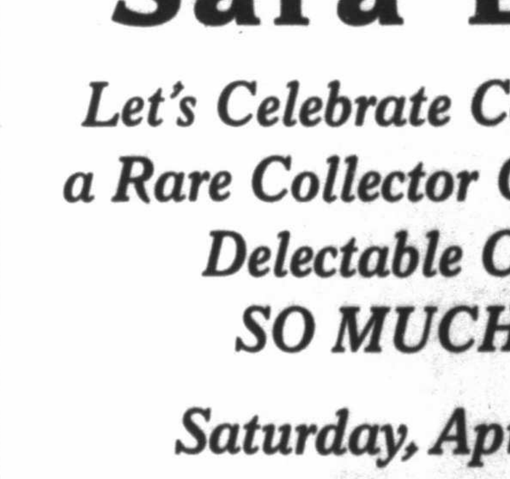

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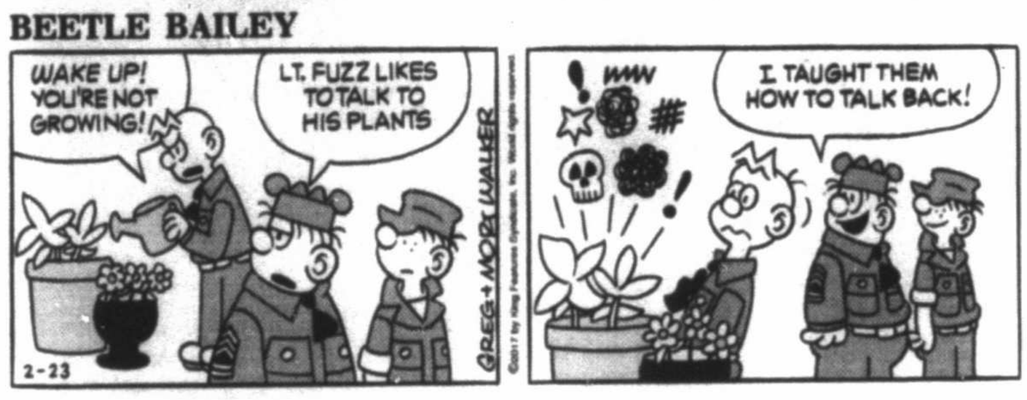

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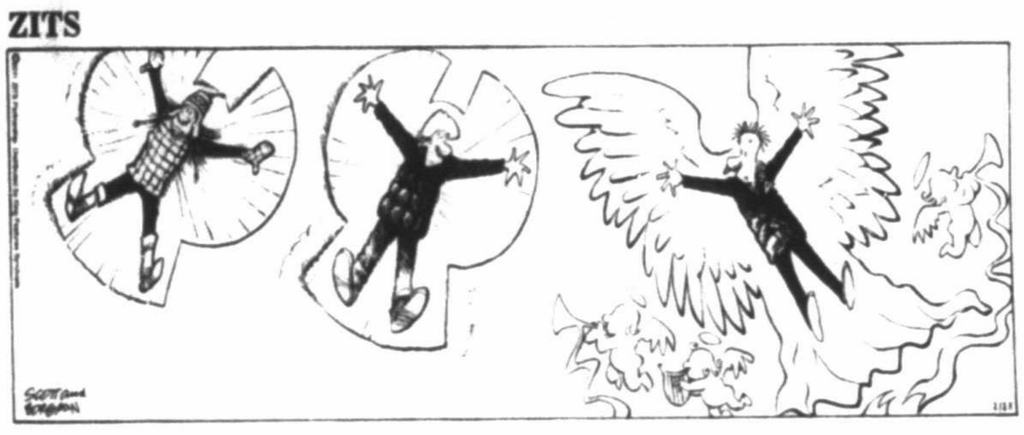

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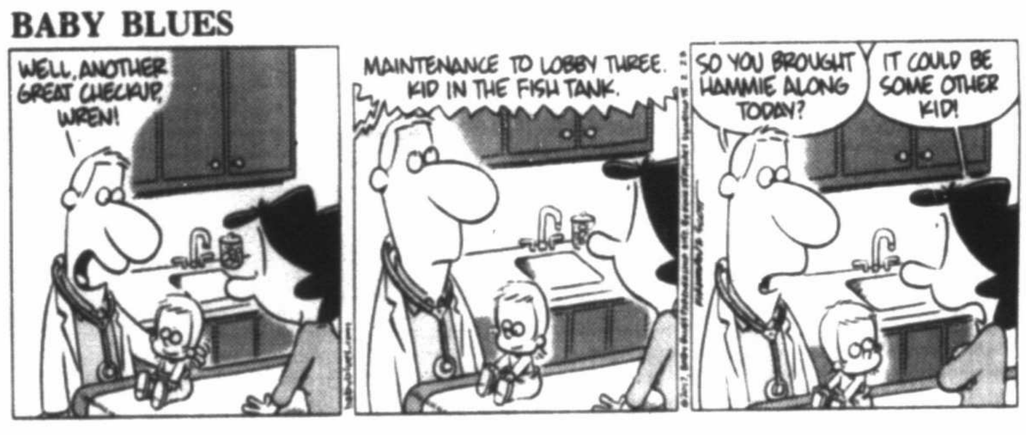

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GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

"Mr. Tamlin, I have warned you repeatedly about the importance of flossing daily."

DENNIS THE MENACE

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

LOCKHORNS

"THESE DIET BOOKS ALL GIVE THE SAME ADVICE... IF IT TASTES GOOD, DON'T EAT IT."

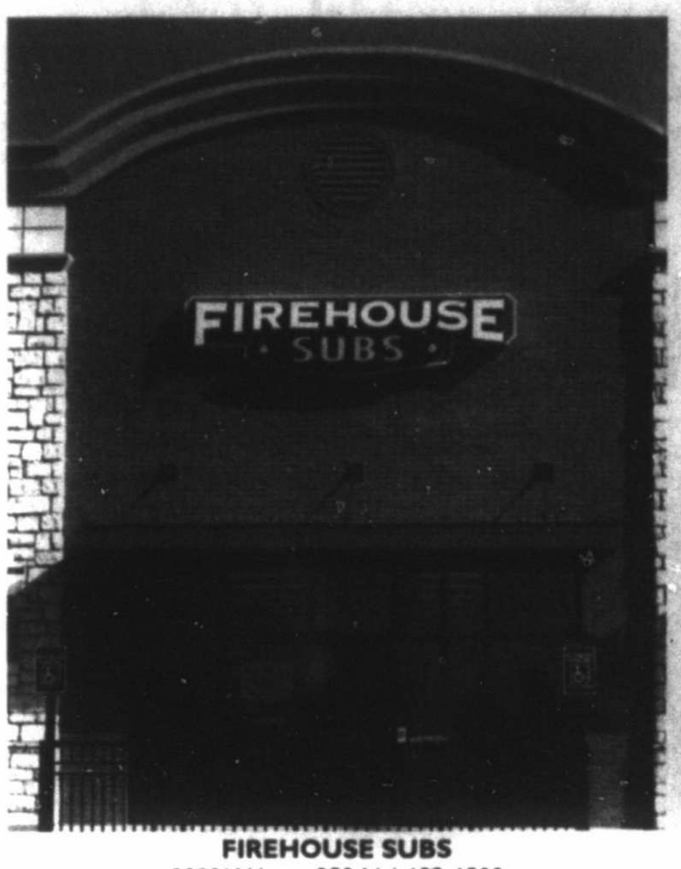
FAMILY CIRCUS

"Do my socks have to match today?"

DILBERT

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.



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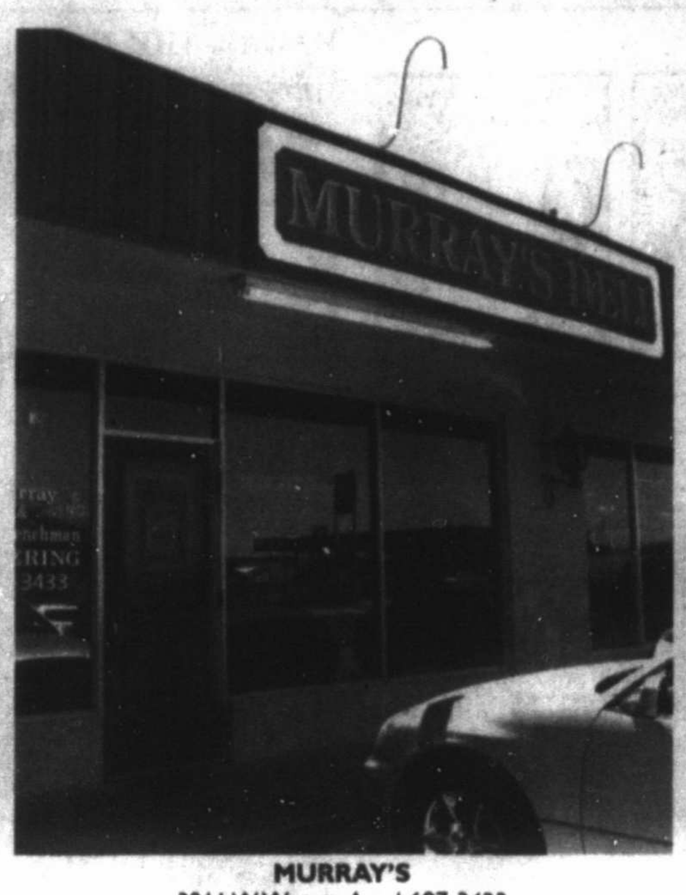

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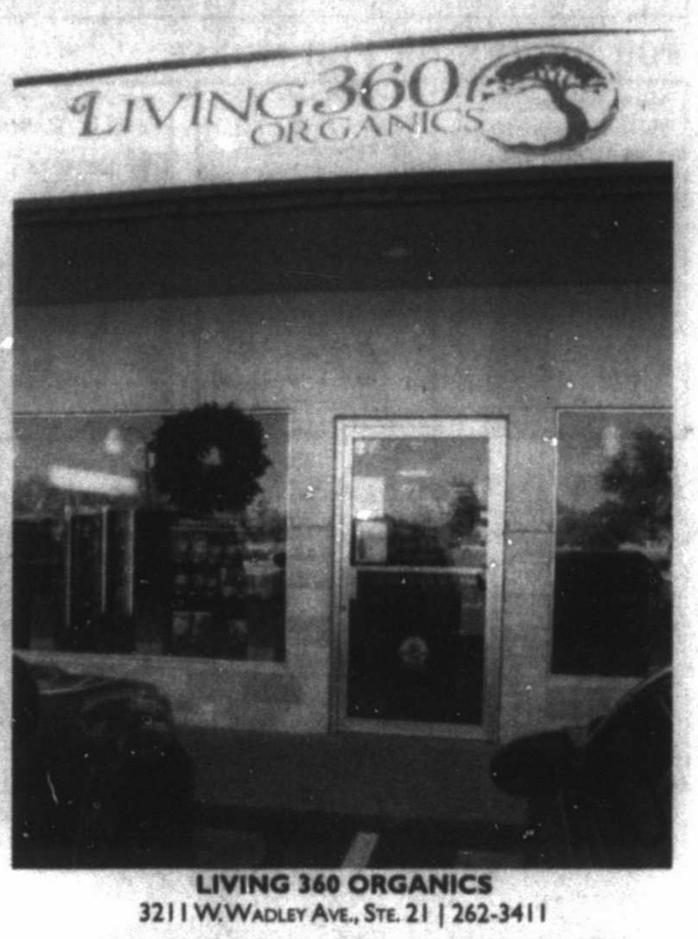

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3211 W. WADLEY AVE., STE. 21 | 262-3411

DELI

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

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

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

JIMMY JOHN'S GOURMET SANDWICHES The chain puts an emphasis on freshness of ingredients in its menu selections, which includes sandwiches, chips and cookies. 3201 N. Midland Road Suite 110 689-0468 | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP With a fairly small menu, the chain sticks to classics such as ham and cheese, turkey and Swiss and roast beef with provolone. The shop also features a plethora of salads, cookies, shakes and soups. 1401 N. Loop 250 W 704-5500 | $ | 3spoons

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

SUBWAY The popular sandwich chain has 10 locations in the Tall City. The menu offers standard deli fare such as turkey and roast beef on your choice of bread along with heart-healthy items, all veggie sandwiches, salads and breakfast specialties. 610 N. Big Spring St 682-4816, 2300 W Wadley Ave, 682-5541, 329 Dodson St. 684-0005., 1220 N Midkiff Road 683-8132, 101 E Longview Ave. 685-5090. Westwood Village, 4310 West Illinois Suite 140 689-3469, 4324 Andrews Hwy. 520-0770, 4509 N Big Spring St. 684-4058, 4517 Midland Dr. 699-1991, 3201 State Highway 158 683-8132, 2109 S Midkiff Road 684-4533, 4400 N Midkiff Road 699-2428 www.subway.com | $ | 4 spoons

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

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

WHICH WICH In addition to custom sandwiches, Which Wich also offers shakes, cookies and ice cream sandwiches. The restaurant has free Wi-Fi, and several silver chairs and tables outside for sunnier days. 100 N Main St Suite 400 685-1203 | $ | 4 spoons

DINO'S PIZZA
34322 ANDREWS HWY., STE. B | 699-7175

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
111 N. BIG SPRING ST. | 683-6363

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA
4408 W. LOOP 250 N | 689-7220 &
1901 RANKIN HWY, SUITE 110 684-4884

ITALIAN & PIZZA

DINO'S PIZZA Hand-tossed pizza with all the toppings and other Italian favorites, including calzones. Regulars swear it's the best in town. 4322 Andrews Highway, Suite B | 699-7175 | $$ | 5 spoons

DOMINO'S PIZZA Inconsistency is the chain's biggest flaw but when it's good, it's fantastic. The newest location at 503 E. Interstate 20 is also the first Domino's Pizza Theater in town, where customers can dine inside the restaurant, watch their food being prepared and watch television in the dining room. The other locations offer carryout and delivery. 606 N. Big Spring St. 685-3030, 3300 W. Illinois Ave. 699-3030, 4519 N. Garfield St. 689-3030 3111 Faudree Road 362-3030 | $ | 3 spoons

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

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

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

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

MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 699-1388 www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA Now with two locations in Midland, this popular chain offers several specialty pizzas, including Cheesy Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mediterranean Veggie and Hawaiian BBQ Chicken that you can order for carryout or delivery by phone or online. Make sure you add some extra yummy garlic butter dipping sauce. 4408 West Loop 250 N, 694-7272 and 1901 Rankin Highway, Suite 110, 684-4884 www.papajohns.com | $$ | 3 spoons

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

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

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

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT
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CAFE UNIQUE
3303 N. MIDKIFF ROAD STE. B | 247-1487

SHAHI TANDOOR
3400 W. WALL ST. | 618-9090

GREEK

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT The only Greek restaurant in town features classics like dolmades, spanakopita and gyros along with Greek-style burgers for lunch and an extensive menu of seafood, lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite B | 247-5280 | $$ | 4 spoons

VENEZUELAN

CAFE UNIQUE Chef Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a varity of arepas, empanadas and other unique specialities. Try any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

INDIAN

SHAHI TANDOOR In a hotel lobby off of West Wall Street, Shahi Tandoor offers authentic Indian cuisine to West Texans. The lunch buffet offers a variety of salads, meats and vegetarian dishes. Try the sag paneer or chicken tikka masala. Evening is menu service only. 3400 W. Wall St. | 618-9090 | www.indianfoodmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

MEET THE NEW COACH

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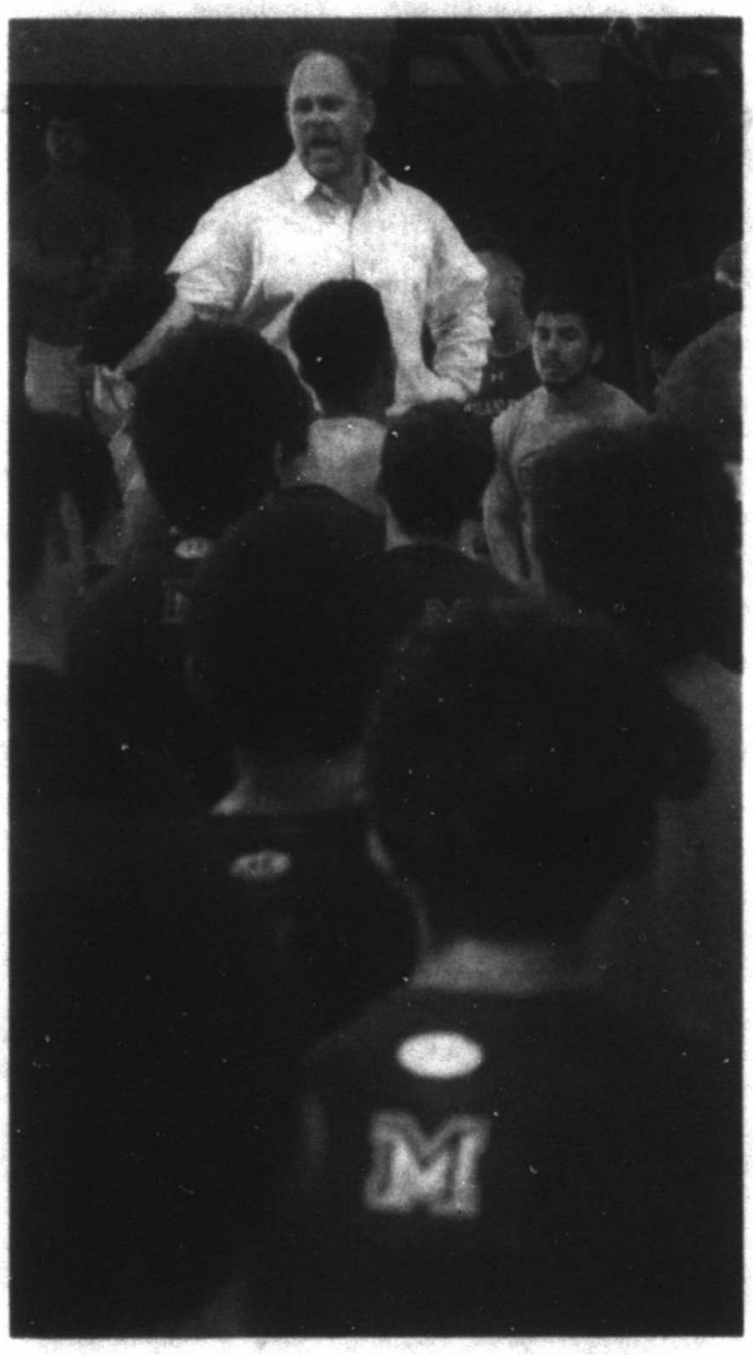
TOP: Tim Anuszkiewicz was named MHS head football coach Wednesday at Midland High School as he and his wife, Crystal, answer questions. BELOW LEFT: Coach Anuszkiewicz talks with his players in the weight room.

MISD hires MHS coordinator to replace Yenzer



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Wednesday was the culmination of 24 years in coaching for Tim Anuszkiewicz.

Anuszkiewicz, the Midland High defensive coordinator, landed his dream job in what he called his hometown and community. Anuszkiewicz was introduced as the Bulldogs' new head football coach and athletic coordinator alongside his wife Crystal during a press conference at MHS.

Anuszkiewicz, 47, replaces Craig Yenzer, who announced his retirement Jan. 13 after 15 seasons in which he compiled the most wins (103) in program history and guided Midland High to its only state championship game in 2002.

Anuszkiewicz played a big hand in Yenzer's success, serving as Midland High defensive coordinator from 2002-05 and 2009-16.

Anuszkiewicz was even an assistant on Yenzer's Hereford staff between 1995-99, which included a state runner-up in 1999.

"He's put a lot of trust in me," Anuszkiewicz said of Yenzer. "Coach Yenzer has given me a lot of opportunities throughout the years that have made me a better coach and have prepared me for this opportunity."

Midland ISD Director of Athletics Randy Rowe said Anuszkiewicz was chosen to be the Bulldogs' 23rd head coach over Navarro head coach Les Goad and ex-Wolfforth Frenship head coach Brad Davis.

The approved salary for Anuszkiewicz is $115,000, according to MISD.

"I just thought he was the best man for the job through the interviews he had," Rowe said. "We had other good candidates and what I have learned is that you can bring great coaches in that are great coaches, but you have to find the best fit. And I thought at this time that he's the best fit and one of the things you heard him in our speech over here is that he had prepared his whole life for this. And the more I talked to him, that came through to me more clearly."

Anuszkiewicz described his only head coaching experience at Borger, where he went 6-23 from 2006-08, as vital to preparing for his new job at MHS.

"When I took that job, I was a young coach," Anuszkiewicz said. "I learned a lot of things from that job and I think since then, I've grown a lot as a coach. When I went there, the reason why I did go there was to gain the experience to prepare me for

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Lee, MHS look to improve, raise money at West Texas Classic

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The Lee and Midland High softball teams have engaged in some intense games on the diamond in recent years.

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However, that competitive rivalry has stayed between the lines. Over the past two decades, the Lady Bulldogs (3-3) and Lady Rebels (5-2) have worked jointly to generate funds.

That tradition will continue today when the 21st annual West Texas Softball Classic commences at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex for a three-day tournament consisting of 34 teams.

Vines

MHS head coach Shawnda Vines calls the West Texas Softball Classic her program's main fundraiser.

"Both of our booster clubs work pretty well together, making sure that the

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Top competition coming to Tall City Invitational

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High and Lee tennis programs don't have to travel this week to find top-level competition.

Some of the best tennis teams in Texas are coming to them.

Friday and Saturday, the two Midland ISD schools will be hosting a deep field of teams at the Tall City Tennis Invitational, which will be held at Bush Tennis Center, Midland College and Midland High.

The field includes six of the top eight Region I-6A teams — No. 1 Southlake Carroll, No. 2 Allen, No. 3 El Paso Coronado, No. 5 Amarillo Tascosa, No. 6 MHS and No. 8 San Angelo Central — according to the latest Texas Tennis Coaches Association poll.

In addition to those region foes, the tournament includes three top 15 Class

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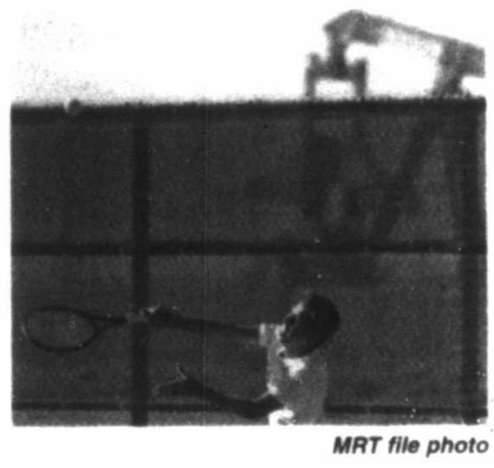

MRT file photo

Midland High's Diego Martinez competes in a No. 2 singles match against Lee's Keaton Curtis on Oct. 4, 2016, at Bush Tennis Center.

Earnhardt wants to win a title then ride into retirement immediately after

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Upon further review, hoisting a championship trophy is exactly how Dale Earnhardt Jr. wants to end his career.

Earnhardt

NASCAR's most popular driver caused a stir on "The Dan Patrick Show" when he claimed he would immediately retire if he wins the title this year. The statement followed him to media day for the Daytona 500, and there was no question about it.

"Hell, yeah. I would definitely not want to come back and try to race anymore if I won the championship. I would be outta here," he said. "That's the last box I don't have checked, really. There's a few races I'd like to win. The championship would definitely be the icing on the cake for my career."

Earnhardt is the son of Hall of Famer Dale Earnhardt, who won a record-tying seven championships over his career. As Earnhardt enters the 18th season of his Cup career, he's still seeking his first title.

He's said repeatedly that retirement is not on his radar, and at just 42 years old, he should have many years ahead in his career. But Earnhardt has had concussion issues and missed the second half of last season recovering from one. He is also newly married and says he is looking at life differently.

Knowing how hard he worked to get healthy and back in the race car, he really just wants to dictate his final racing years himself and not have a doctor be the one to end his career.

"To come back this year, win a championship, it would be hard not to hang it up," he said. "This is the last year of my (contract). I would like to race more. But if I win the championship, I'd have to consider going out on top."

Earnhardt qualified second for Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500 — on the front row next to Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott — and is the star of Speedweeks. All the drivers had a chance to address a variety of topics Wednesday. The highlights:

Concussion awareness

The absence of Dale Earnhardt Jr. for 18 races last season raised awareness on concussions in racing, and NASCAR this year has beefed up its concussion policy in an effort to better detect head injuries. Danica Patrick, who raced for years in IndyCar before moving to NASCAR, estimated she's suffered a dozen concussions in her career.

"Every time you crash you have a concussion on a varying degree, I'm sure," she said. "It is a little bit thought-provoking ... because while we're not football players, we don't get the repeated hits like in succession over a short amount of time, but it's rough in the car and the hits are probably singularly bigger.

"There's nothing better than having somebody like Dale Jr. going so far as to get out of the car for as long as he did and saying, 'Hey, I have a problem,' because it makes it more available for everyone else. I think we like to sweep it all under the rug as drivers like we feel fine and nothing is wrong, but it's our life."

Turn 4 troubles

Hendrick Motorsports has been admittedly aggressive in preparing for the Daytona 500, and it may be the cause of the problems the team has had in Turn 4 at Daytona International Speedway.

Jimmie Johnson twice spun in that turn Sunday during an exhibition race, and pole-sitter Chase Elliott got loose in the same spot in practice. In last year's Daytona 500, both Elliott and Dale Earnhardt Jr. spun in Turn 4.

"We can't sit still. We need

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JLT Community Series: Richmond vs. Adelaide Crows, 2:30 a.m., FSP

GOLF

EPGA: Joburg Open, 1st Round, 6 a.m., GOLF

PGA: The Honda Classic, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: Honda LPGA Thailand, 2nd Round, 12 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Memphis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., ESPN

Georgia at Alabama, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Nebraska at Michigan State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

LIU Brooklyn at Mt. St. Mary's, 6 p.m., CBSSN

UMass at George Washington, 6 p.m., SNY

USF at Tulsa, 7 p.m., ESPNews

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

UCLA at Arizona State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

UNC Asheville at Gardner-Webb, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Tennessee Tech at Morehead State, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Utah Valley at New Mexico State, 8 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

Utah at Colorado, 10 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Osmanilspor vs. Olympiacos, 9:50 a.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: APOEL FC vs. Athletic Bilbao, 11:50 a.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: AS Roma vs. Villarreal, 11:50 a.m., FSP, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Tottenham Hotspur FC vs. KAA Gent, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: ACF Fiorentina vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 2 p.m., FSP, ESPNDEP

CONCACAF 2017: Mexico vs. Barbados, 3 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF U20: Mexico vs. Honduras, 5 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF Champions: FC Dallas vs. CD Arabe Unido, 7 p.m., UDN

MOTORSPORTS

Monster Energy Cup Series: Daytona 500, Practice, 11 a.m., FS1

Camping World Truck Series: NextEra Energy Resources 250, Practice, 1 p.m., FS1

Camping World Truck Series: NextEra Energy Resources 250, Final Practice, 3 p.m., FS1

Monster Energy Cup Series: Can-Am Duel at Daytona 1, 6 p.m., FS1

NBA

New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m., TNT

LA Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE

Sioux Falls at Austin, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

NHL

Arizona at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

WTA: Dubai, 9 a.m., beIN

ATP: Delray, ATP: Rio de Janeiro, 11:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

North Carolina at NC State, 6 p.m., FSSW

Rutgers at Northwestern, 6 p.m., BTN

South Carolina at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., SEC

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BASEBALL

Lee at Lewisville Tournament

MHS at Round Rock Tournament

Greenwood at El Paso Tournament

Midland Christian at McClain Cowart Invitational

MCA at Midland High Sophomore Tournament

GIRLS BASKETBALL

TAPPS 3A state quarterfinal, MCA vs. Arlington Burton Adventist, 6 p.m., Abilene Christian HS

SOFTBALL

West Texas Classic, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

Midland Christian at Whitney Tournament

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at New Mexico JC, 6:45 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at New Mexico JC, 8:45 p.m.

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	South Plains (16)	25-0	350	1
2.	Hutchinson CC	26-1	334	2
3.	San Jacinto-Central	25-1	315	3
4.	Northwest Florida State	24-2	309	4
5.	Vincennes	25-1	294	5
6.	Georgia Highlands	25-1	282	6
7.	McLennan CC	26-1	264	8
8.	Jones County	20-1	250	9
9.	North Dakota SCS	28-1	238	10
10.	Moberly Area	25-3	217	14
11.	Mineral Area	26-2	213	7
12.	Eastern Florida State	25-4	190	15
13.	Indian Hills	25-4	180	16
14.	Gillette	25-3	154	11
15.	Tyler JC	21-3	144	17
16.	Odessa College	21-4	135	18
17.	Spartanburg Methodist	25-3	130	20
18.	Trinity Valley CC	22-5	115	12
19.	Motlow State	24-4	102	22
20.	Tallahassee CC	24-5	94	13
21.	Lamar College	23-5	75	(tie)
22.	Shelton State	22-5	42	NR
23.	Palm Beach State	22-5	33	21
24.	Daytona State	23-6	19	23
25.	Cochise College	22-5	13	25

NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll

Rank	College	Record	Pvs.
1.	Odessa College	22-0	1
2.	Hutchinson CC	26-1	2
3.	Gulf Coast State	26-2	3
4.	Seward County CC	26-1	5
5.	Chipola College	23-3	6
6.	Salt Lake CC	25-3	4
7.	South Plains	23-4	7
8.	Shelton State	24-2	11
9.	Tallahassee	21-6	8
10.	Palm Beach State	21-2	12
11.	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	22-2	13
12.	New Mexico JC	18-7	9
13.	Harford	26-2	14
14.	Trinity Valley CC	20-5	10
15.	Wabash Valley	24-1	15
16.	Jones County	20-1	16
17.	Tyler JC	22-4	18
18.	Walters State	21-6	19
19.	Midland College	15-8	21
20.	South Georgia Tech	23-4	17
21.	Motlow State	23-4	22
22.	Vincennes	22-4	22
23.	San Jacinto-North	19-7	20
24.	Cochise College	23-3	24
25.	Western Nebraska	23-4	25

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Joel Hanrahan assistant pitching coach for Morgantown (NYP)

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed F Derrick Williams to a second 10-day contract

DETROIT PISTONS — Assigned F Henry Ellenson and G Michael Gbinije to Grand Rapids (NBADL)

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned G Wade Baldwin IV and F Jarell Martin to Iowa (NBADL)

PHOENIX SUNS — Assigned F Derrick Jones Jr. to Northern Arizona (NBADL)

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Acquired F Bojan Bogdanovic and F Chris McCullough from the Brooklyn Nets for F Andrew Nicholson, G Marcus Thornton and a 2017 protected first round draft pick

Women's National Basketball Association

WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Signed F Tianna Hawkins

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Zach Azzanni wide receivers coach; Brandon Staley outside linebackers coach and Derius Swinton II assistant special teams coach

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed CB K'Waun Williams to a one-year contract

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Marek Langhamer to Tucson (AHL)

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL) for conditioning

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Connor Jones for the remainder of the 2016-17 season and loaned him to Bridgeport (AHL)

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Acquired $75,000 in General Allocation Money from Montreal for an international roster spot for the 2017 season

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Aaron Long

COLLEGE

DELAWARE — Named Kallie Knop associate athletics director for communications and digital strategy

EMORY & HENRY — Named McCallie Jones women's soccer coach

MICHIGAN — Named Kevin Lempa senior defensive analyst for football

MISSISSIPPI — Self-imposed a one-year postseason football ban for the 2017 season after the school received an amended Notice of Allegations from the NCAA that alleged more rules violations by the program

RADFORD — Announced the resignation of Marc Reeves, men's soccer coach, to take the same position at Elon

UTSA — Named Bo Davis defensive line coach

WASHINGTON — Named Matt Lubick wide receivers coach and co-offensive coordinator

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	20	649	—
Toronto	33	24	579	4
New York	23	34	404	14
Philadelphia	21	35	375	15½
Brooklyn	9	47	161	27½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	34	21	618	—
Atlanta	32	24	571	2½
Miami	25	32	439	10
Charlotte	24	32	429	10½
Orlando	21	37	362	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	16	709	—
Indiana	29	28	509	11
Chicago	28	29	491	12
Detroit	27	30	474	13
Milwaukee	25	30	455	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	13	768	—
Houston	40	18	690	4
Memphis	34	24	586	10
New Orleans	23	34	404	20½
Dallas	22	34	393	21

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	22	614	—
Oklahoma City	32	25	561	3
Denver	25	31	446	9½
Portland	23	33	411	11½
Minnesota	22	35	386	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	47	9	839	—
L.A. Clippers	35	21	625	12
Sacramento	24	33	421	23½
L.A. Lakers	19	36	328	29
Phoenix	18	39	316	29½

Schedule

Today's Games

Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 5:53 am MG machine groomed 18 - 28 base 64 of 78 trails
80% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat: 9a-6p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Wed 7:17 am hard packed machine groomed 24 - 42 base 39 of 44 trails, 75% open
3 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Red River — Tue 7:34 am variable machine groomed 50 - 50 base 60 of 60 trails
100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Kandis Peak — Reopen 02/24 26 - 26 base 35 of 39 trails
90% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Wed 5:41 am variable machine groomed 30 - 36 base 40 of 43 trails, 93% open
190 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Tue 7:36 am variable machine groomed 40 - 49 base 55 of 55 trails
100% open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 7:18 am MG machine groomed 90 - 90 base 83 of 83 trails
100% open, 8 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

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Greenwood's Gonzalez commits to MHBU

LANE GONZALEZ
High school: Greenwood
Signing school: Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, NCAA Division III
Sport: Football
Position: Cornerback
Height/weight: 5-foot-9, 180 pounds
Gonzalez on why he chose MHBU: "It's the right fit. When I walked into the facility and I saw the football players, they made it like it should be home. Not only are they the national champs but it's a beautiful place. I wanted to be somewhere that not only impacts my life through school but life beyond football."

Gonzalez

Notables: Gonzalez was a first team All-District 4-4A defensive back this past season in which he had 44 total tackles, three interceptions, 11 pass breakups and one caused fumble. ... He played three years on the varsity team. ... Gonzales said a lot of hard work was involved in getting him to become a player with college potential. "I went through many steps to get to this point and I had a bunch of people doubt me. By my senior year came around and I made it happen. After I got noticed and schools started contacting me, it was the most humbling experience," he said. ... Gonzalez said he also had interest from McMurry University and Hardin-Simmons University. ... He added that MHBU coaches are expecting him to work hard once he gets there, especially being one of the last players signed in the latest recruiting class. "I'm going to work my tail off and represent where I came from," Gonzalez said. ... Gonzalez wants to study to become a nurse practitioner and minor in business.

Pelicans' Cousins: He and Davis can 'wreak havoc' together

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — DeMarcus Cousins says his prayers have been answered, although not necessarily in the way he expected.

Cousins

The New Orleans Pelicans' newest All-Star maintained on Wednesday that he liked Sacramento and initially wasn't happy about being traded Sunday night, but added he'd become frustrated waiting through six-plus losing seasons for the Kings to add more elite players.

Cousins is the one who wound up being sent away, but to a team where he joins fellow 6-foot-11 All-Star Anthony Davis. In New Orleans, they're calling the tandem, "Boogie and Brow," the former being Cousins' nickname and the latter a reference to Davis, known for his connected eyebrows, or unibrow.

"Our games complement one another and being together I think is going to make both of our jobs easier," Cousins said shortly before his first Pelicans practice. "We can wreak havoc on this league. Will it happen overnight? Probably not, but our potential is scary."

Davis and Cousins debut as Pelicans teammates at home tonight against Houston — a game Davis has eagerly awaited since learning of the trade Sunday night. The deal excited him to the point he had trouble sleeping and texted Cousins around 3 a.m. Monday. Cousins' was up, too, and texted back.

"I was up all night just thinking about how far we could go and what we could do on the court together," Davis said. "We're both excited for the rest of the season, then next year."

Cousins is averaging 27.8 points and 10.6 rebounds this season and can become a free agent in 2018 unless the Pelicans can sign him to an extension.

Cousins said he's not prepared to discuss his contract situation now, but stressed, "I'm all in. I'll make the best of this opportunity and see what the future holds."

Davis is averaging 27.7 points, 11.9 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game this season and is coming off his fourth straight All-Star game. On Sunday night, he scored an All-Star game record 52 points and was named MVP.

Without using the term "Big Three," general manager Dell Demps insinuated that he sees the two former Kentucky big men and point guard Jrue Holiday — a former Eastern Conference All-Star — in that light.

"We just felt that those three guys, putting them together, it's exciting just to think about the possibilities," Demps said.

Holiday, who has struggled with injuries since being acquired in 2013, has been healthy this season and is averaging 16.3 points and 7.5 assists.

The key with Cousins is how he manages his notoriously combustible on-court disposition. Asked to describe how intense of a competitor he is, Cousins grinned and said, "about 17 technicals worth," referring to his league-leading technical foul total. His 16th technical foul resulted in a one-game suspension, as would his 18th, 20th and every two after that for the rest of the season.

In describing how he and Davis would complement one another, Cousins said, "You've got a little fire; you've got a little ice."

Demps laughed and added, "I couldn't have said it better myself."

Still, Cousins said he was not averse to trying harder to reign in his emotions — a little.

"Being in the position I'm in right now, I'm going to have to turn it down a little bit," Cousins said. "I have to remain myself. That's the way I play. That's what makes me the player that I am, but I do have to find that fine line."

Davis said he'll be ready to step between Cousins and officials or others to try to keep Cousins calm when tensions rise.

"I'm not afraid of him — at all," Davis said. "When you want to win, you've got to be comfortable telling whoever what they need to hear."

The Pelicans' can't afford any suspensions. They are 2 1/2 games out of the final Western Conference playoff spot with 25 games left. They need quick results from the Cousins deal, which also brought New Orleans forward Omri Casspi in exchange guards Tryeke Evans, Buddy Hield, and Langston Galloway, along with first- and second-round draft picks this summer.

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From 1C

faster cars. Everybody is working on it," Johnson said. "We were very aggressive in the (Clash) trying to create speed for the car, and I'm a guy that likes a loose race car so I was willing to roll dice."

Johnson also noted that Alex Bowman and Kasey Kahne had no problems with Turn 4 in Sunday's race.

"We have great notes to fall back on. We had a very good driving car in last year's 500, and then two teammates that didn't spin out in the Clash, so we have plenty of notes to go to, but we're definitely being aggressive."

Toyota teamwork

A solid game plan got Toyota its first Daytona 500 victory last season, and the manufacturer wants to use that same teamwork this year during Speedweeks. It was on display during the Clash on Sunday when the Toyota entries ran 1-2-3-4 for most of the race.

It remains to be seen if the same strategy will work in the Daytona 500. The Toyota fleet now includes a pair of rookies in Erik Jones and Daniel Suarez, and neither has much experience in a Cup car.

"Game plans don't necessarily all work out," said Toyota driver Matt Kenseth. "You've got to have strong cars to do it. The car has to end up there, not be separated by bad pit stops or strategy. I thought we had it lined up really good in the Clash. We had all four of us in a row for a while.

"We just weren't quite fast enough."

Race favorites?

Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano teamed to win six-of-the last nine restrictor-plate races, and Logano won the exhibition Clash on Sunday.

It means Team Penske is a heavy favorite for Sunday, and eager for the 500 to arrive.

"I wish it was Sunday right now, I'm ready to go racing," Keselowski said.

Austin Dillon praised the way Keselowski raced Sunday, and called a move Keselowski made where he went to the bottom, then the middle, then back to the bottom, "pretty wicked. That was a sweet move."

Dillon called Logano, Keselowski and defending race winner Denny Hamlin the drivers to beat.

"As a race car driver you always look to be better at certain things," Logano said. "When I first started speedway racing, I wasn't very good at all and I've worked really hard at it to become better. I'm confident enough to say I'm the best race car driver out there, but I guess at the same time after the race I'm able to look back at the race and say, 'Why did I do that? I screwed this up. I did that wrong.' I'm able to still find a lot of things that I can be a lot better at."

NHL GLANCE

Standings

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	60	32	20	8	72	169	155
Ottawa	58	32	20	6	70	158	153
Toronto	59	28	20	11	67	186	177
Boston	59	30	23	6	66	159	156
Florida	59	28	21	10	66	152	166
Tampa Bay	59	27	24	8	62	164	167
Buffalo	60	26	24	10	62	147	168
Detroit	60	24	26	10	58	150	178
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	40	12	7	87	199	127
Pittsburgh	59	37	14	8	82	207	166
Columbus	58	37	16	5	79	187	143
N.Y. Rangers	59	35	19	2	78	198	155
N.Y. Islanders	59	28	21	10	66	177	175
Philadelphia	60	28	25	7	63	155	180
New Jersey	60	25	25	10	60	139	172
Carolina	56	24	24	8	56	142	165
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	59	39	14	6	84	196	138
Chicago	60	37	18	5	79	177	154
St. Louis	60	31	24	5	67	170	173
Nashville	59	28	22	9	65	169	165
Winnipeg	63	28	29	6	62	184	199
Dallas	60	23	27	10	56	165	193
Colorado	58	16	39	3	35	114	192
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	60	35	18	7	77	166	144
Edmonton	61	33	20	8	74	176	159
Anaheim	61	31	20	10	72	156	154
Calgary	60	30	26	4	64	159	172
Los Angeles	59	29	26	4	62	145	146
Vancouver	60	26	28	6	58	142	172
Arizona	58	21	30	7	49	140	183

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Edmonton 4, Florida 3
Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
Boston at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Edmonton at Washington, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Anaheim at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Washington at Nashville, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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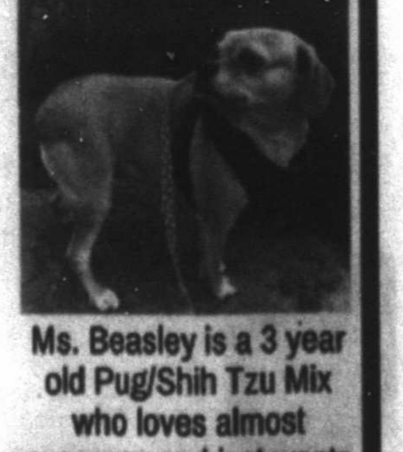

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MIDLANDCOLLEGECAPSULES

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Women

NO. 19 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 12 NEW MEXICO JC

When/where: 6:45 p.m. (CST), Caster Activity Center, Hobbs, N.M.

Records: Midland College 16-8, 7-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Junior College 18-7, 7-4

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 112, Frank Phillips College 71; New Mexico JC 79, Clarendon College 59

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to continue its recent momentum as it has shown more consistency during a four-game winning streak. ...MC is coming off arguably its best performance of the year with its win over Frank Phillips College on Monday. The Lady Chaparrals shot 60.9 percent for the game and had their second highest point total of the year. Janea Bunn had 20 points and 14 rebounds, Teneshia Dixon had 18 points, Kayla Bretherton had 14 points, and Alexis Washington added 11 points and nine rebounds. ... The win also clinched a postseason berth for MC for the 23rd consecutive year and will head into the Region V Tournament in Wolfforth on March 8 as the No. 3 seed. ... NMJC will be playing for pride as an NJCAA ruled the Lady Thunderbird program ineligible for the posteason after missing reporting eligibility deadlines. ... MC looks to play better against NMJC than it did in a 76-57 loss at home on Jan. 23. "The last time they played us, they put it to us really good," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We didn't seem focused in that game at all. I'm just looking forward to see if we can step up in a tough road game. I'm also looking forward to see if our kids fight for 40 minutes." ... Jones added that he's been pleased that the team has been playing with more energy, which is something the Lady Chaps haven't always sustained for 40 minutes.

Next: Midland College at Odessa College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips College at New Mexico JC, 6:45 p.m. (CST) Monday

Women's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Odessa College	11	0	23	0
x-South Plains	9	3	24	4
x-*New Mexico JC	7	4	18	7
x-Midland College	7	5	16	8
Western Texas	4	7	11	11
Howard College	4	8	8	18
Frank Phillips	3	8	15	9
Clarendon College	1	11	12	18

*includes forfeit loss
x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 112, Frank Phillips College 71; Odessa College 69, Western Texas College 59; South Plains College 67, Howard College 57; Clarendon College and New Mexico JC were open

Today's Games

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

Men's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-South Plains	14	0	26	0
x-Odessa College	10	3	22	5
x-Western Texas	10	3	18	8
*New Mexico JC	6	7	18	9
Howard College	6	7	17	10
New Mexico Military	6	8	11	17
Midland College	4	9	13	14
Frank Phillips	2	11	13	14
Clarendon College	2	12	11	17

*includes two forfeit losses
x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Frank Phillips College 79, Midland College 74; Western Texas College 77, Odessa College 75; South Plains College 71, Howard College 51; New Mexico Military Institute 74, Clarendon College 64; New Mexico JC was open

Today's Games

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

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO JC

When/where: 8:45 p.m. (CST), Caster Activity Center, Hobbs, N.M.

Records: Midland College 13-14, 4-9 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico JC 18-9, 6-7

Last game: Frank Phillips College 79, Midland College 74; New Mexico JC 72, Clarendon 52

Notes: Midland College is looking for any positives right now after losing three straight and eight out its last 10 games. ... On Monday, MC may have hit a new low as it lost to last-place Frank Phillips College as it missed 13 free throws and turned the ball over 22 times. Juan Cardenas led the Chaparrals with 19 points and 10 rebounds, Ashawn Jones had 16 points, Daven Joseph had 15 points and Roland Griffin added 12 points. ... Like MC, NMJC will be playing for mostly pride after the NJCAA Executive Committee ruled the Thunderbirds ineligible for the postseason after missing reporting eligibility deadlines. ... Before their win a week ago, the Thunderbirds had lost four straight (including a forfeit loss to Western Texas College). ... Roosevelt Smart leads NMJC with 18.8 ppg, while Shawn Olden is averaging 17.0 ppg.

Next: Midland College at Odessa College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips College at New Mexico JC, 8:45 p.m. (CST) Monday

MCACAPSULE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TAPPS 3A Regional Playoff

NO. 2 MIDLAND CLASSICAL VS. ARLINGTON BURTON ADVENTIST

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Abilene Christian School, Abilene

Records/seeds: Midland Classical 24-6, No. 1 seed in TAPPS 1-3A; Arlington Burton Adventist 19-15, No. 2 seed in TAPPS 2-3A

Last game: MCA 70, Dallas Yavneh 25, area; Arlington Burton Adventist 31, Rockwall Heritage 29, area

Notes: The Lady Knights have a quick turnaround after Tuesday's win over Dallas Yavneh because Arlington Burton Adventist is a Seventh-Day Adventist school that can't play on Fridays and Saturdays due to the Sabbath. ... MCA head coach Carla Cunneen doesn't know much about the Blue Angels because the Lady Knights are traditionally a 4A school that moved down to 3A this season. "We're just worried about us right now," Cunneen said. "We're staying focused and playing like there's no tomorrow. That's kind of our focus right now, just take care of the things we can control." ... Lady Knights point guard Leia Beattie led MCA with a team-high 19 points, while Delanie Grffin had 18 in their team's first game since Feb. 4 on Tuesday. "Leia did a good job of moving the basketball and distributing the basketball," Cunneen said. "We played with a lot of confidence, which we were excited to see." ... MCA is seeking its first state tournament appearance since 2015.

Next: Winner plays Denton Calvary-Lakehill Prep winner, state semifinal, 6 p.m. Friday, March 3, McMurry University, Abilene

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARKANSAS 86
TEXAS A&M 77

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jaylen Barford scored 16 points as Arkansas took another step toward solidifying an NCAA Tournament berth with an 86-77 win over Texas A&M on Wednesday night.

The win is the fourth straight for the Razorbacks (21-7, 10-5 Southeastern Conference), giving them two separate four-game SEC winning streaks in the same season for the first time since the 1997-98 season. It's also Arkansas' 10th straight win over the Aggies (14-13, 6-9) in Fayetteville.

Barford scored 10 of his points in the second half, including six straight after Texas A&M cut Arkansas' lead to 69-67 in the closing minutes. Manuale Watkins added a season-high 13 points for the Razorbacks, while Daryl Macon had 12, Dusty Hannahs 11 and Moses Kingsley 10.

Tyler Davis scored 21 points to lead the Aggies, who shot 50.8 percent (31 of 61 percent) in the loss.

Admon Gilder added 17 points for Texas A&M, while Robert Williams had 16 and Tonny Trocha-Morelos 10 in the loss.

Arkansas overcame a 12-point second-half deficit to defeat the Aggies 62-60 in College Station last month.

This time around, the Razorbacks led by as many as eight points in the first half on their way to a 36-33 halftime lead.

OKLAHOMA STATE 80
KANSAS STATE 68

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jawun Evans and Leyton Hammonds led Oklahoma State back from a 14-point first-half deficit to defeat Kansas State 80-68 on Wednesday night.

With 6:07 left in the first half, Oklahoma State (19-9, 8-7 Big 12) used a 14-0 run over the next 3:08 to tie the game at 33. An Evans' 3-pointer as time expired at the half left the Cowboys with a one-point deficit.

Oklahoma State took the lead on a Hammonds layup with 16:03 left in the game. Hammonds finished with 18 points on 7-of-14 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds. Evans scored a game-high 21 points, making 11 of 12 free throws, and had nine assists. Brandon Averette added 13 points.

The Cowboys outscored the Wildcats 42-29 in the second half.

Wesley Iwundu led the Wildcats (17-11, 6-9) with 21 points, shooting 14 of 17 from the free-throw line, and collecting nine rebounds. Dean Wade scored 11 points.

HOUSTON 75
UCONN 70

HOUSTON — Damyean Dotson had 25 points and nine rebounds and Houston used a big run to start the second half to rally for a 75-70 win over UConn on Wednesday night.

Rob Gray added 16 points for Houston (19-8, 10-5 American), which shot 34 percent. Devin Davis had 11 points, and Kyle Meyer had nine points and 11 rebounds for the Cougars, which hit 9 for 10 from the free throw line in the final minute.

Jalen Adams had 18 points, Vance Jackson added 16 points and Rodney Purvis had 11 points for UConn (14-13, 9-6), which saw its four-game winning streak snapped. The Huskies shot 39 percent but hit 9 of 29 in the second half.

Trailing by five, UConn coach Kevin Ollie earned a technical with 50 seconds left. Dotson hit the two free throws to push the lead to seven.

The Huskies could get no closer than five the rest of the way.

Houston opened the second half on a 25-6 run and took its first lead at 44-43 on a Gray layup with 14 minutes left. The Cougars opened it up to 54-45 on two Bertrand Nkali free throws with 9:52 remaining. Gray and Dotson each had seven in the run.

No. 3 Kansas routs TCU 87-68 to clinch share of Big 12 title

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — One by one, the glittering Big 12 championship trophies were paraded into Allen Fieldhouse, set upon a series of tables that these days stretch nearly the full length of the court.

Bill Self proceeded to nestle No. 13 right in front.

"It's 13 in a row, but tonight shouldn't be about 13," he said after the third-ranked Jayhawks pulled away in the second half to beat TCU 87-68 on Wednesday night, clinching at least a share of yet another Big 12 title. "This should be about these guys first."

The streak dating to Self's second season coaching in Lawrence matches the Division I record of 13 straight league titles UCLA set in the 1960s and '70s. To put it into perspective, Kansas has not failed to win a share of the Big 12 since the 20-year-old freshman Josh Jackson was 8.

Frank Mason III led the Jayhawks (25-3, 13-2) with 20 points. Devonte Graham had 17 points and seven assists, Jackson had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Carlton Bragg Jr. scored 15 points off the bench as Kansas cruised to its NCAA-leading 60th conference title.

Kansas can clinch the outright title with a victory at Texas on Saturday.

"People here will take it for granted a lot, which is fine," Self said. "But there's a lot of places — we won the Big Ten back-to-back years at Illinois and there was 5,000 people who greeted us at the airport. Here we got a hat and a T-shirt."

Alex Robinson had 15 points for the Horned Frogs (17-11, 6-9), who have lost four straight and still have never won in Allen Fieldhouse. Jaylen Fisher added 11 points and JD Miller had 10.

As the final seconds ticked away, Self congratulated his assistant coaches on the bench, and the Jayhawks donned white championship hats. Jackson had trouble tucking his over his bushy hair, but all that did was add to the festive atmosphere inside the Jayhawks' storied arena.

Jackson had a scary moment in the first half when he landed awkwardly on his right ankle, which he had tweaked in practice. He went to the locker room for a few minutes but soon returned.

Just like in their first meeting in Fort Worth, when the Horned Frogs gave Kansas everything it could handle most of the way, this one was a nip-and-tuck matchup well into the second half.

The Jayhawks' superior guard play eventually opened a gap.

It began after TCU had closed to 49-47 on a basket by Miller with about 16 minutes left. The Jayhawks answered moments later when Mason lobbed a pass to Jackson and the springy freshman forward — showing no signs that his ankle was still bothering him — threw it down for a dunk.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 86, Texas A&M 77
N. Dakota St. 82, Oral Roberts 80
Texas A&M-CC 56, Abilene Christian 44

SOUTH

Carson-Newman 96, Brevard 55
ETSU 93, Furman 81, OT
Fayetteville St. 86, St. Augustine's 80
Lincoln Memorial 93, Anderson (SC) 71
Minnesota 89, Maryland 75
SE Louisiana 87, Cent. Arkansas 70
Samford 72, Chattanooga 68, OT
St. Andrews 88, Milligan 76
Tusculum 113, Mars Hill 78
UNC Greensboro 72, Mercer 66
VCU 64, Saint Louis 50
Vanderbilt 67, Tennessee 56
W. Carolina 84, The Citadel 80
Wake Forest 63, Pittsburgh 59
Wofford 81, VMI 63

MIDWEST

Bradley 77, Missouri St. 68
Grand View 91, Mount Mercy 76
Illinois St. 50, S. Illinois 46
Indiana St. 69, N. Iowa 59
Indiana-East 98, Brescia 78
Kansas 87, TCU 68
Loyola of Chicago 80, Drake 65
Peru St. 85, Avila 74

EAST

American U. 74, Navy 58
Army 73, Boston U. 62
Bucknell 94, Lafayette 64
CCNY 73, Lehman 71
DePaul 67, Georgetown 65
Fordham 70, Duquesne 52
Hartford 76, Binghamton 69
Holy Cross 63, Loyola (Md.) 62
Lehigh 87, Colgate 69
Michigan 68, Rutgers 64
New Hampshire 78, Mass.-Lowell 67
Rider 93, Manhattan 82
Scranton 75, Catholic 68
Seton Hall 71, Xavier 64
St. Bonaventure 83, Saint Joseph's 77
Staten Island 71, Baruch 54
Syracuse 78, Duke 75
UCF 71, Temple 69
UMBC 65, Stony Brook 52
Vermont 62, Albany (NY) 50

Top 25 fared
Wednesday

1. Gonzaga (28-0) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday
2. Villanova (26-3) lost to No. 22 Butler 74-66. Next: vs. No. 23 Creighton, Saturday
3. Kansas (25-3) beat TCU 87-68. Next: at Texas, Saturday
4. Arizona (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday
5. UCLA (24-3) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday
6. Oregon (25-4) beat California 68-65. Next: at Stanford, Saturday
7. Louisville (22-6) lost to No. 8 North Carolina 74-63. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday
8. North Carolina (24-5) beat No. 7 Louisville 74-63. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday
9. Baylor (23-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday
10. Duke (22-6) lost to Syracuse 78-75. Next: at Miami, Saturday
11. Kentucky (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Florida, Saturday
12. West Virginia (22-6) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday
13. Florida (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Kentucky, Saturday
14. Purdue (23-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday
15. Cincinnati (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Memphis, Thursday
16. Wisconsin (22-5) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday
17. SMU (24-4) did not play. Next: at UConn, Saturday
18. Virginia (18-9) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday
19. Florida State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday
20. Saint Mary's (24-3) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Thursday
21. Notre Dame (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday
22. Butler (22-6) beat No. 2 Villanova 74-66. Next: at Xavier, Sunday
23. Creighton (22-6) lost to Providence 68-66. Next: at No. 2 Villanova, Saturday
24. Maryland (22-6) lost to Minnesota 89-75. Next: vs. Iowa, Saturday
25. Wichita State (26-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri State, Saturday

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 72, Texas A&M-CC 64
Houston Baptist 72, McNeese St. 68
Incarnate Word 69, Nicholls 63
Oklahoma St. 75, Texas Tech 62

SOUTH

Austin Peay 85, UT Martin 60
Cent. Arkansas 78, SE Louisiana 64
Clayton St. 54, Montevallo 51
East Carolina 80, Cincinnati 69
George Washington 63, Richmond 44
Indiana-East 82, Asbury 60
Jacksonville St. 71, E. Kentucky 61
Lincoln (Pa.) 73, Chowan 71
SC-Aiken 92, Augusta 81
SE Missouri 80, Murray St. 67
SMU 60, Memphis 39
UCF 56, Tulane 51
Virginia St. 66, Livingstone 61

FAR WEST

Boise St. 77, Nevada 74
Colorado St. 58, New Mexico 55
UNLV 52, Air Force 38
Utah St. 82, San Jose St. 78

MIDWEST

Avila 69, Peru St. 62
Baker 69, Graceland 44
Ball St. 83, W. Michigan 72
Cent. Michigan 109, N. Illinois 86
Clarke 94, Missouri Valley 91
Dayton 68, Saint Louis 62
Evangel 74, Mid-Am Nazarene 64
Grand View 72, Mount Mercy 64
IUPUI 63, South Dakota 42
Indiana 80, Iowa 77
Kent St. 70, Bowling Green 60
Miami (Ohio) 66, Akron 62
Michigan St. 73, Penn St. 64
Omaha 90, N. Dakota St. 64
Toledo 65, E. Michigan 57
W. Illinois 77, Fort Wayne 51
Wisconsin 59, Illinois 55

EAST

American U. 50, Navy 48
Army 64, Boston U. 52
Bucknell 79, Lafayette 65
Buffalo 65, Ohio 54
Colgate 75, Lehigh 70
Fordham 66, La Salle 61
Holy Cross 59, Loyola (Md.) 58
Iona 51, St. Peter's 50
Rhode Island 53, UMass 50
Scranton 71, Moravian 60
UConn 90, Temple 45
West Virginia 77, TCU 73

Top 25 fared
Wednesday

1. UConn (27-0) beat No. 23 Temple 90-45. Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday
2. Maryland (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday
3. Mississippi State (27-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Kentucky, Thursday
4. Baylor (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday
5. Notre Dame (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday
6. Texas (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Friday
7. South Carolina (22-4) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Thursday
8. Florida State (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Thursday
8. Stanford (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Oregon State, Thursday
10. Oregon State (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Stanford, Thursday
11. Washington (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday
12. Ohio State (24-5) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday
13. Duke (24-4) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday
14. Louisville (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday
15. UCLA (20-7) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday
16. Oklahoma (21-7) lost to Kansas State 79-71. Next: at TCU, Saturday
17. Miami (19-7) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday
18. N.C. State (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Thursday
19. DePaul (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Friday
20. Syracuse (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday
21. Drake (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Iowa, Friday
22. Kentucky (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Mississippi State, Thursday
23. Temple (21-6) lost to No. 1 UConn 90-45. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday
24. Missouri (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday
25. Michigan (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday

DISTRICT 5-4A TEAM

ALL-DISTRICT 5-4A GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP: Sage Cupps, Jr., Brownwood
Offensive MVP: Mallory Garcia, So., Brownwood
Defensive MVP: Baylie Lindsey, Sr., Sweetwater
Newcomer of the Year: Mary Lovelace, So., Abilene Wylie
Coach of the Year: Heather Hohertz, Brownwood

First Team

Gabby Zullo, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Ryleigh Dalleh, So., Brownwood; Taytum Sutton, Jr., Brownwood; Julia Lovelace, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Jessica Poe, Jr., Sweetwater

Second Team

Claire Allen, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Abbey Henson, So., Abilene Wylie; **Logan Terrazas, So., Big Spring; Kayleigh Penny, So., Big Spring**; Tavis Black, So., Sweetwater; Natalee James, Fr., Snyder

Honorable Mention

Sadie Smith, Sr., Brownwood; Tyanne Stewart, Sr., Brownwood; Skylar Williams, So., Abilene Wylie; Lauren Fulenwider, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Allegra Esconbedo, Sr., Snyder; Kirstie Pierce, Sr., Snyder; **Amber Martinez, Fr., Big Spring; Alexis Starr, So., Big Spring; Kamri Kemper, So., Big Spring; Shavie Green**, So., Sweetwater; Amber Knox, So., Sweetwater

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Boys

Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district

North Crowley (26-6, W4) 64, Abilene High (13-18, F3) 35
Wolfforth Frenship (21-10, T2) 49, El Paso El Dorado 41 (21-8, R1)
Keller (28-2, W3) 60, Mansfield (17-16, F4) 44
Odessa Permian (R2, 22-11) 54, El Paso Coronado (20-10, T1) 42
Killeen Shoemaker (26-6, W8) 75, South Grand Prairie (22-10, F7) 57
McKinney (21-12, F6) 54, Flower Mound (20-12, T6), 47
Cedar Hill (29-4, W7) 81, Copperas Cove (18-16, F8) 55
Allen (27-6, R6) 63, Lewisville (21-11, T5) 36
Amarillo Tascosa (22-5, W2) 72, El Paso Pebble Hills (17-14, F1) 67
Arlington Bowie (24-9, T4) 76, Keller Fossil Ridge (15-16, R3) 38
El Paso Americas (32-2, W1) 71, Midland High (12-19, F2) 47
Arlington Martin (22-9, R4) 78, Keller Timber Creek (12-13, T3) 43
Euless Trinity (17-12, F5) 92, Denton Guyer (25-6, W6) 91
Duncanville (R7) 55, vs. Waco Midway (26-7, T8) 53
Plano West (21-12, T6) 61, Hebron (23-7, W5) 58
Ellison (26-7, R8) 53, DeSoto (22-10, T7) 41

Area

North Crowley (26-6, W4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (21-10, T2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene High School
Keller (28-2, W3) vs. Odessa Permian (22-11, R2), 7 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS
Killeen Shoemaker (26-6, W8) vs. McKinney (22-12, F6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West HS
Cedar Hill (29-4, W7) vs. Allen (27-6, R6), 7 p.m. Friday, Carrollton
Amarillo Tascosa (22-5, W2) vs. Arlington Bowie (25-10, T4), 7 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
El Paso Americas (32-2, W1) vs. Arlington Martin (22-9, R4), 6 p.m. Friday, Odessa Permian HS
Euless Trinity (18-12, F5) vs. Duncanville (25-7, R7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington HS
Plano West (21-12, T6) vs. Ellison (26-7, R8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hillsboro HS

Class 4A
Bi-district

Monahans (19-11, W4) 78, Clint Mountain View (1-26, F3) 38
Perryton (R1) 57, Levelland (23-9, T2) 56
Clint (18-10, W3) 63, Greenwood (11-20, F4) 48
Lubbock Estacado (21-10, R2) 79, Borger (9-13, T1) 59
Midlothian Heritage (28-5, W8) 71, Lake Worth (14-19, F7) 39
Graham (17-7, T6) 62, Brownwood (18-14, R5) 49
Kennedale (23-10, W7) 54, Glen Rose (13-19, F8) 42
Burkburnett (25-7, R6) 88, Big Spring (5-24, F5) 32
Seminole (21-11, W2) 58, Pampa (11-13, F1) 30
Fort Stockton (13-19, T4) 73, Fabens (10-17, R3) 48
Lamesa (26-6, F2) 62, Bushland (15-12, W1) 55
Andrews (15-16, R4) 82, San Elizario (3-26, T3) 39
Wichita Falls Hirschi (19-7, W6) 57, Sweetwater (F5) 25
Mineral Wells (22-6, R7) 72, Stephenville (9-19, T8) 58
Abilene Wylie (28-5, W5) 78, Iowa Park (3-15, F6) 43
Life Waxahachie (27-8, R8) 84, Castleberry (18-16, T7) 47

Area

Monahans (20-11, W4) vs. Perryton (19-8, R1), 6 p.m. Friday, Slaton
Clint (18-10, W3) vs. Lubbock Estacado (21-10, R2), 6 p.m. Friday, Fort Stockton
Midlothian Heritage (29-5, W8) vs. Graham (20-9, T6), 6 p.m. Friday, Aledo
Kennedale (24-10, W7) vs. Burkburnett (25-6, R6), 8 p.m. Friday, Jacksboro
Seminole (21-11, W2) vs. Fort Stockton (13-19, T4), 8 p.m. Friday, Lee HS
Lamesa (26-6, F2) vs. Andrews (15-16, R4), 6 p.m. Friday, Denver City
Wichita Falls Hirschi (19-8, W6) vs. Mineral Wells (22-6, R7), 6 p.m. Friday, Jacksboro
Abilene Wylie (28-5, W5) vs. Life Waxahachie (27-8, R8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo

Class 3A
Bi-district

Wall (23-6, W4) 72, Kermit (8-20, F3) 27
Childress (22-3, R1) 68, Dimmitt (17-14, T2) 46
Crane (24-2, W3) 57, Reagan County (16-14, F4) 52
Shallowater (20-6, R2) 60, Amarillo River Road (T1) 37
Bowie (15-8, W8) 63, Tolar (8-18, F7) 51
Brady (12-13, T6) 46, Stanton (20-10, R5) 33
Brock (25-6, W7) 73, Wichita Falls City View (15-15, F8) 56
Colorado City (19-10, T5) 78, Coleman (14-9, R6) 65
Littlefield (25-6, W2) 47, Tulia (7-13, F1) 31
Ballinger (17-14, T4) 53, Tornillo (15-16, R3) 48
Canadian (19-2, W1) 68, Muleshoe (16-14, F2) 40
Presidio (13-12, T3) 66, San Angelo TLCA 54
Dublin (25-8, W6) 73, Merkel (18-11, F5) 70
Peaster (18-5, R7) 61, Holliday (21-11, T8) 46
Tuscola Jim Ned (22-11, W5) 45, Comanche (10-17, F6) 34
Nocona (24-9, R8) 57, Cisco (18-13, T7) 43

Area

Wall (23-6, W4) vs. Childress (22-3, R1), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper HS
Crane (24-2, W3) vs. Shallowater (20-6, R2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denver City
Bowie (23-10, W8) vs. Brady (13-13, T6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Cisco
Brock (25-6, W7) vs. Colorado City (19-10, T5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Clyde
Littlefield (25-6, W2) vs. Ballinger (17-14, T4), 6 p.m. Friday, Post
Canadian (19-2, W1) vs. Presidio (16-12, T3), 6 p.m. Friday, Junell Center, San Angelo
Dublin (25-8, W6) vs Peaster (21-6, R7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Granbury
Tuscola Jim Ned (22-11, W5) vs. Nocona (24-9, R8), 7 p.m. Thursday, Mineral Wells

Class 2A
Bi-district

New Deal (29-2, W4) 65, Bovina (14-14, F3) 59
Stratford (22-4, R1) 50, Memphis (T2) 42
Lockney (22-7, W3) 57, Floydada 36
Wheeler (R2) 68, Sanford-Fritch (T1) 61
Albany (22-4, W8) 75, Miles (10-16, F7) 35
Smyer (R5) 73, Wink (9-14, T6) 60
Haskell (14-13, F8) 50, Forsan (25-6, W7) 47
Seagraves (T5) 55, Van Horn (19-11, R6) 48
Clarendon (16-2, W2) 56, Vega (15-16, F1) 46
Farwell (24-5, R3) 72, Post (17-7, T4) 49
Panhandle (F2) 66, West Texas (W1) 60
Abernathy (14-8, R4) 45, Olton (16-9, T3) 31
Anthony (26-4, W6) 93, Morton (8-14, F5) 57
Christoval (26-5, R7) 50, Hawley (20-11, T8) 38
Sandown (W5) 52, McCamey (7-22, F6) 36
Stamford (20-11, R8) 61, Irion County (T7) 58

Area

New Deal (29-2, W4) vs Stratford (22-4, R1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS
Lockney (22-7, W3) vs. Wheeler (23-8, R2, 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo HS
Albany (22-4, W8) vs. Smyer (R5), 6 p.m. Friday, Colorado City
Haskell (15-13, F8) vs. Seagraves (T5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Ira
Clarendon (26-2, W2) vs. Farwell (24-5, R3), 8 p.m. Friday, Amarillo Tascosa HS
Panhandle (18-13, F2) vs. Abernathy (14-8, R4), 6 p.m. Friday, Levelland
Anthony (25-4, W6) vs. Christoval (26-5, R7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Pecos
Sundown (W5) vs. Stamford (21-11, R8), 8 p.m. Friday, Post

Class 1A
Region II
Bi-district

Borden County (W12, bye)
Grandfalls-Royalty (T10) 42, Balmorhea (R9) 35
Buena Vista (W10, bye)
Dawson (R11) 64, Ira (T12) 63
Richland Springs (W16), bye
Water Valley (T14) 56, Rule (17-6, R13) 38
Garden City (16-7, W14), bye
May (R15) 83, Cherokee (T16) 28
Grady (19-4, W11, bye)
Rankin (R10) 64, Dell City 47
Sierra Blanca (W9, bye)
Sands (T11) 37, Hermleigh 34
Eula (23-6, W15), bye
Bronte (R14) 63, Leuders-Avoca (T13) 40
Roby (W13), bye
Cross Plains (T15) 40, Menard (R16) 32

Area

Borden County (W12) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (T10), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sterling City
Buena Vista (W10) vs. Dawson (R11), Thursday
Richland Springs (W16) vs. Water Valley (T14), 8 p.m. Friday, Coleman HS
Garden City (16-7, W14) vs. May (R15), 6 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS
Grady (19-4, W11) vs. Rankin (14-13, R10), 6 p.m. Friday, Sterling City
Sierra Blanca (W9) vs. Sands (T11), 6 p.m. Friday, Monahans
Eula (23-6, W15) vs. Bronte (R14), 6 p.m. Friday, Coleman
Roby W13) vs. Cross Plains (T15), 7 p.m. Friday, Merkel

Girls

CLASS 6A
REGION I
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Keller (30-5, W3) vs. Duncanville (35-2, W7), 6 p.m. Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Fort Worth
Arlington Lamar (25-9, R4) vs. South Grand Prairie (23-12, R7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wilkerson-Greines AC, Fort Worth

CLASS 4A
REGION I
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Greenwood (25-12, W4) vs. Godley (33-4, W8), 7 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Levelland (31-4, W2) vs. Stephenville (27-7, R8), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

CLASS 3A
REGION I
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Wall (26-7, W4) vs. Bowie (33-1, W8), 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center
Canadian (31-3, W15) vs. Brock (27-9, R7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

CLASS 2A
REGION I
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Panhandle (26-6, R2) vs. Irion County (30-5, W7), 1 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland
Claude (33-1, W2) vs. Sundown (28-4, W5), 2:30 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

CLASS 1A
REGION II
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Garden City (25-6, W14) vs. Klondike (24-6, R11), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Christian University
O'Donnell (22-4, W11) vs. May (23-6, W15), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Christian University

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Coach Tim Anuszkiewicz talks with his players in the weight room Wednesday after being named MHS head football coach.

New coach

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this job. There were a lot of obstacles that we addressed in that program and after three and a half years, I chose to come back to Midland. I know this is where my heart was, where I wanted to coach and I wanted to coach at this level of football.

"Looking back on that experience, it's kind of like when I came here in 2002 as defensive coordinator. I spent two years at a pretty good school (Canyon) in my coordinator's job. I am sure I have made some mistakes, but I learned from them and I think I was a better football coach because of that. Being the athletic director and head football coach at Borger, it's going to make me a better head coach and athletic coordinator on this campus too."

Anuszkiewicz inherits a Bulldogs program that is coming off a 9-3 record, a 5-1 second-place finish in District 2-6A and reached the area round of the Class 6A Division I playoffs.

However, MHS bid farewell to 16 senior starters, seven of them were All-District 2-6A first-team selections. One of the first teamers was quarterback Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Tim's son.

While Anuszkiewicz says he appreciates the contributions the seniors made, his mentality since the end of the season has been to prepare the next crop of players for the upcoming season during football period.

What might stand out the most about Anuszkiewicz is the fire and passion that he brings to the practice field on a daily basis.

During previous autumns, Anuszkiewicz's voice often echoes the loudest during the Bulldogs' practices at Memorial Stadium.

"He screams, his voice cracks," Midland High junior defensive lineman Collin McCullough said. "He just makes you want to work hard. You can just see it in his face. He comes with a positive attitude every day and I feel like even when he's exhausted from the daily grind, he is still ready to go. That really reflects in the players. It's really been a great offseason to start off with this next season, just because of the positive energy going around."

Anuszkiewicz acknowledged that his coaching style is different from Yenzer, his mentor and friend.

He doesn't envision his new role will change the way he approaches his players.

"I think that's what I enjoy about coaching kids that sign up to play sports, they want excitement, they want energy and to me, that's what makes it fun," Anuszkiewicz said. "I don't anticipate my personality changes a whole lot just moving from the defensive coordinator's role to the head coach's role. I think that's a strength that I have."

Because he was just named head coach, Anuszkiewicz said he hadn't addressed the positions of his assistants yet, but he didn't expect there to be much turnover or changes from Yenzer's staff.

"He knows the players, we know him and we already have a relationship with him that's already built," said MHS junior Juan Vasquez, a first-team, all-district guard. "If anything, it just keeps us moving in the right direction."

MHS scored a school-record 517 points last season.

"The growth that we made as an offensive football team, we are going to continue that growth," Anuszkiewicz said. "Defensively, we as a staff, we had really good continuity the last couple of years, so I don't see us really making any changes there so when our team comes out on the field to perform, I think you'll see a very similar product, but I don't think it's going to be identical."

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Previous coaching experience
2009-2016: Defensive coordinator, Midland High
2006-08: Head football coach/athletic director, Borger
2002-05: Defensive coordinator, Midland High
2000-01: Defensive coordinator, Canyon
1995-99: Secondary coach, Hereford
1994-95: Assistant coach, Friona

Education
West Texas A&M
Canyon High School, 1988
Playing career
1988-90: West Texas A&M (inside receiver, running back)

Transgender wrestler's state bid spotlights Texas policy

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

EULESS — A 17-year-old transgender wrestler who qualified for the girls state tournament while transitioning from female to male has become a high-profile test of a year-old Texas policy now being criticized by the attorney who tried to keep the athlete from competing.

Mack Beggs, a junior at Euless Trinity High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, won a regional championship after two opposing wrestlers forfeited, apparently over concerns that Beggs has an unfair advantage because of testosterone treatments that are part of the transition.

Beggs, who has a 52-0 record, has a first-round match in the state tournament Friday in suburban Houston.

Attorney Jim Baudhuin unsuccessfully sought an injunction before the district and regional meets, seeking to prevent Beggs from wrestling during the transition.

Baudhuin now blames the state's governing body for public school athletics and a vote a year ago by school superintendents and athletic directors that required athletes to compete under the gender on their birth certificates.

Baudhuin said his outlook changed because he said he read reports that Beggs had asked the governing body, the University Interscholastic League, to compete as a boy and was turned down. Baudhuin couldn't confirm that account, and the UIL declined to discuss the specifics of Beggs' case.

The UIL has a policy that allows banned substances for medical reasons. Beggs' school district says it shared the athlete's medical records with the UIL and that the testosterone is "well below the allowed level."

"The more I learn about this, the more I realize that she's just trying to live her life and her family is, too," Baudhuin said of Beggs. "She's being forced into that position. Who knows, through discovery we may find out that's not the case. But every indication is, the way the winds are going now, the blame rests with the UIL and the superintendents."

Trinity's wrestling coach, Travis Clark, referred all comment to the school district spokeswoman. Phone calls to Beggs' grandmother and guardian, Nancy Beggs, rang unanswered and no one answered the door Wednesday at an address listed for her.

A year ago, superintendents and athletic directors voted overwhelmingly to require Texas public school officials to use a birth certificate to determine an athlete's gender, with transgender advocates warning that such requirements would violate the UIL's constitution and federal Title IX laws.

The UIL defended its rules-making process as "transparent" and a reflection of the public across more than 1,400 member schools.

"This open approach has produced rules that reflect views widely held by school districts across the state and are intended to serve Texas students," the agency said.

Chris Mosier, the first openly trans athlete to make a U.S. men's national team when he qualified in the duathlon in 2015, said Beggs' case could lead to change, perhaps even without a lawsuit.

"Mack is challenging what people thought was a good policy," said Mosier, founder of TransAthlete.com. "This very well may spark change from people just by seeing how the policy was not well thought out and this is the outcome of following the rules exactly as they are."

Texas is one of seven states that require high school students to provide a birth certificate, proof of gender-reassignment surgery or documentation of hormone therapy, according to TransAthlete.com. It says other states like California and Florida have more inclusive rules.

Under NCAA rules, athletes transitioning from female to male are allowed to compete on men's teams while taking testosterone, but can't compete on women's teams.

That's what Baudhuin said he wants in Beggs' case, saying he would rephrase parts of the lawsuit to emphasize excluding Beggs from competing against girls rather than banning Beggs from competing at all.

Invitational

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5A schools with No. 10 Lubbock Monterey, No. 12 Amarillo High and No. 15 Lubbock Coronado, and Class 6A's No. 15 team Coppell.

Abilene Wylie, the No. 1 team in Class 4A, will also be participating.

"There's some pretty tough schools in it," Lee coach Raymundo Perez said. "I told the kids the way to improve in tennis is you always want to play with someone that is a little bit better than you so that you gain from the experience. You always want to continue to push yourself. This tournament can definitely give us that opportunity to see new some faces and push it higher. It's the top of the state so it's going to be a good experience for them."

Perez said the interest in the tournament is so high that MHS coach Carmen Stewart and him have turned down overtures from teams. Stewart said there will be 256 players competing in the tournament.

The team to watch will be Southlake Carroll's boys doubles pair of Arman Dave and Alec Reusche.

Dave is the defending UIL Class 6A state boys singles champion, while Reusche teamed up with former partner Matt Landers to win the Class 6A boys doubles title in 2016.

Midland High's tandem of senior Kate Daugherty and junior Allison Stewart are the defending Tall City Invitational champions in girls doubles.

Daugherty and Stewart enter this week's tournament as the No. 1 seed, carrying a gaudy record of 21-0.

In boys doubles, the MHS duo of Cole Carriger and Jack Wall are coming off a second-place showing in the San Angelo Hall of Fame Tournament Feb. 16.

Carmen Stewart is looking forward to see how Wall and Carriger fare in this highly competitive Tall City Invite.

"They've been playing well together, so I am excited how they do with all these top teams from Dallas," Carmen Stewart said. "A lot of the teams are in our region, so it will be a good measuring stick."

Lee's entry to watch is the boys doubles team of Neil Patel and Keaton Curtis, who won the Novice Kniffen Invitational in Andrews Feb. 4.

The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday. On Friday, girls singles and doubles matches will be held at Bush Tennis Center, boys singles and doubles matches will be played at Midland College and mixed doubles matches will occur at Midland High.

All semifinal matches will be played at Bush Tennis Center at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, while championship matches will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the same venue.

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The tournament

TALL CITY TENNIS INVITATIONAL
Where: Bush Tennis Center, Midland College, Midland High
When: 8:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday
Teams competing: Lee, Midland High, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock Coronado, Lubbock Monterey, El Paso High, El Paso Coronado, Allen, Southlake Carroll, Coppell, Wolforth Frenship, Abilene Wylie, San Angelo Central

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tournament goes off well and try to make sure all the teams in the tournament are getting competitive games," Vines said. "It's a huge fundraiser for us and for them. We work together to make sure both programs are getting the most out of it that we can."

Lady Rebels head coach Wes Overton has participated in every West Texas Classic, the first two with Big Spring and the previous 18 tournaments with Lee.

"Especially when they're rival schools like us and Midland High are, it's a pretty cool deal that we do all we can to make this tournament as big and as good as possible," Overton said. "At the very end of the day, we split the profits with the school across town. It's a pretty good deal."

The Lady Bulldogs went 3-3 last week at the Bryan Tournament, scoring 25 runs compared to 26 runs by their opponents.

Meanwhile, the Lady Rebels finished 3-2 to take third in the silver bracket of the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock.

"For the most part, we were satisfied," Overton said. "In the two losses we were not very consistent. We are looking for consistency at the West Texas Classic."

In addition to the Midland ISD schools, District 4-4A foes Greenwood (1-1) and Andrews (6-1) will also be competing in the tournament.

The West Texas Classic used to break up teams in pools and award tournament champions via a point system, but Overton said the West Texas Classic no longer recognizes a winner. The main focus of the tournament is provide teams a chance to play as many as six games in three days.

Midland High is scheduled to play San Angelo Lake View, Colorado City, Dumas, San Angelo Central, El Paso Hanks and Shallowater.

Lee is slated to compete against Dumas, Lake View, Alpine, El Paso Hanks, Shallowater and Colorado City.

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WEST TEXAS CLASSIC
All games at Freddie Estell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park
Today's games
5 p.m.
Lubbock Cooper JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 1; Greenwood JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 2; Shallowater vs. Pecos, Field 3; San Angelo Central vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 4; Lee vs. Dumas, Field 5; Alpine vs. Seminole, Field 6; Midland High vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 7; Greenwood vs. Brownfield, Field 8; Presidio JV vs. Alpine JV, Field 9

7 p.m.
Alpine JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 1; Midland High JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 2; Shallowater vs. Presidio, Field 3; El Paso Hanks vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 4; Andrews vs. Dumas, Field 5; Kermit vs. Pecos, Field 6; Midland High vs. Colorado City, Field 7; Monahans vs. Brownfield, Field 8; Presidio JV vs. Odessa High JV, Field 9

9 p.m.
Odessa Permian JV vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 1; San Angelo Central JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 2; Colorado City vs. Presidio, Field 3; El Paso Hanks vs. San Angelo Central, Field 4; Andrews vs. Seminole, Field 5; Kermit vs. Greenwood, Field 6; Lee vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 7; Monahans vs. Alpine, Field 8; Lee JV vs. Lubbock Cooper JV, Field 9

Friday's games
11 a.m.
Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 1; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Odessa High JV, Field 2; Seminole vs. Colorado City, Field 3; Shallowater vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 4; Pecos vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 6; Midland High vs. Dumas, Field 7; Lee JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 8

1 p.m.
Kermit JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 1; Snyder JV vs. San Angelo Lake View, JV, Field 2; Midland High JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 3; Brownfield vs. Kermit, Field 4; Greenwood vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 5; Presidio vs. Monahans, Field 6; Lee vs. Alpine, Field 7; Presidio JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 8

3 p.m.
Kermit JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 1; Odessa Permian JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 2; Midland High JV vs. Alpine JV, Field 3; Lee JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 5; Lubbock Cooper JV vs. Odessa High JV, Field 6; Andrews vs. San Angelo Central, Field 7; Andrews JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 8

5 p.m.
Greenwood JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 1; Odessa Permian JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 2; Monahans vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 3; Brownfield vs. Shallowater, Field 4; Dumas vs. Seminole, Field 5; Alpine vs. Pecos, Field 6; Midland High vs. San Angelo Central, Field 7; Snyder JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 8; San Angelo Lake View vs. Presidio, Field 9

7 p.m.
Greenwood JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 1; Monahans JV vs. Alpine JV, Field 2; Midland High JV vs. Lubbock Cooper JV, Field 3; Andrews JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 4; Colorado City vs. Greenwood, Field 5; Kermit vs. Andrews, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Lee JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 8; Odessa High JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 9

Saturday's games
9 a.m.
Odessa Permian JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 6

11 a.m.
Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Kermit, Field 1; Seminole vs. Monahans, Field 2; Colorado City vs. Alpine, Field 3; Presidio vs. Andrews, Field 4; Lee vs. Shallowater, Field 5; Brownfield vs. Dumas, Field 6; Midland High vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Greenwood, Field 8; Snyder JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 9

1 p.m.
Lubbock Monterey JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 1; Greenwood JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; Odessa High JV vs. Alpine JV, Field 3; Midland High JV vs. San Angelo Lake View JV, Field 4; San Angelo Central vs. Pecos, Field 5; Lubbock Cooper JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 6; San Angelo Lake View vs. Kermit, Field 7; Andrews JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 8; Lee JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 9

3 p.m.
Kermit JV vs. Lubbock Cooper JV, Field 1; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Andrews, Field 2; Alpine vs. Greenwood, Field 3; El Paso Hanks vs. Brownfield, Field 4; Midland High vs. Shallowater, Field 5; Dumas vs. Presidio, Field 6; Lee vs. Colorado City, Field 7

5 p.m.
Midland High JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 1; Alpine JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 2; Odessa High JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 3; San Angelo Lake View JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 4; San Angelo Central vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 5; Kermit vs. Monahans, Field 6; Seminole vs. Pecos, Field 7; Lee JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 8; Presidio JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 9

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great. Indoor (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Code of Honor" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Deep Cover"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Polka Dot Pony"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Junior "Just Like Gordon" (N)		My Kitchen "LA Rams Tackle the Final 3" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Dollars & Sense	Hidden in Sight	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Supers-tore (N)	Power-less (N)	The Blacklist "The Apothecary" (N)		BlacklistRedemp. "Leland Bray" (P) (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Two for the Road	Daytri-pper	Mercy Street "Unknown Soldier"		Masterp. "Victoria: The Engine of Change"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Bones		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(4:35) Hidalgo		★★ A Mighty Heart Angelina Jolie.				★★★ Sunshine ('07, Dra) Rosemary Harris, Ralph Fiennes.					
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:30) Sports	Vice News	The Huntsman: Winter's War				Big Little Lies		Crashing	RoadTo	(:55) Do the Rig...	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) Matchstick...		Girls	Unlocking the Cage (N)			(:05) The Legend of Tarzan				(:55) Evil Dead 2...	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) Demolition Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★★ The Blues Brothers John Belushi.				(:15) ★★★ Blues Brothers 2000			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) Panic Room		★★★ Stir of Echoes		(:40) Stir of Echoes: The Ho...				(:10) ★★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★★ The Fantastic Four Miles Teller.				★★★★ Dog Day Afternoon Al Pacino.				(:05) ★★★ Live Free or Die Hard			
PLEX			96			(5:35) Desolation ...		★★★ Seven Years in Tibet Brad Pitt.				★★ The Glass Shield		(:20) ★★ The Glass Shield		(:10) The Great ...	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) Bridge of Spies ('15, Thril) Tom Hanks.		Billions				Homeland		Gigolos	Dark Net	Billions	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:25) G.B.F.		★★ The Imitation Game				★ Woman in Gold ('15, True) Helen Mirren.				★ 3:10 to Yuma	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Soldier Down/ Blood Vendetta"		60 Days In "Where Are They Now?" (N)		Nightwatch "EMTs Bare All, Part Two" (N)		Nightwatch "Needle in a Haystack" (N)		(:05) The First 48		(:05) 60 Days "Where Are They Now?"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.						★★★ The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.					
BET	58	-			40	(:25) 2017 ABFF Honors						(:05) Being Mary Jane		(:05) The Quad		(:10) Martin	(:40) Martin	(:20) Martin	(:55) Game
BRAVO	65	76			41	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Top Chef
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Rich	Super Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special		Comedy (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Special	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Diesel "Truck Norris"		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				NFL Live		30 for 30	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Coming to America				★★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.				The 700 Club		★ John Tucker Mu...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball North Carolina vs. North Carolina State (L)				NCAA Basketball Utah Valley vs. New Mexico State (L)				Big 12 (N)	The Beat Tex A&M	Inside TCU	SportsDay on Air
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Thor: The ...		★★ Grown Ups ('10, Com) Adam Sandler.				Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	★★ Grown Ups		
HALLMARK	54	71	58	-	34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipTX (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Curse of Oak Island "Blood Is Thicker"				(:05) Swamp: Blood	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway "Race to the Finale"		Porject Runway Jr "Finale, Part One" (N)		Project Runway: Junior "Finale, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 from Feb 16 (N)		Project Runway: Junior "Finale, Part 2" 2/2 from Feb 16				Porject Runway Jr "Finale, Part One"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				A.Skiing	NHL Live! (L)			NHL Hockey Arizona Coyotes at Chicago Blackhawks (L)				(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Warroad	NHL Top
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Ride	GShakers	Friends	Friends	Sun Records (N)		Nashville		Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift					Lip Sync	Caraoke	★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Vin Diesel.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Underworld...		★★★ Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.						★ The Chronicles of Narnia: ...			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Selin. "The Deal"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Adam Sandler, David Spade		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) Second Ch...		★ Seven Brides for Seven Brothers				★★★ The Seven-Per-Cent Solution				★★★ Shaft	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Ashley D's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Michael's Story" (N)				Extreme Weight Loss "Ty and Charita"		(:05) My 600-lb Life "Michael's Story" At 632 pounds, Michael is dependent upon his family.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "In Plane Sight"		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)						NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Intimidation Game"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "December Solstice"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Community Policing"		Colony "Free Radicals" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Abomination"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders "We Are Kinnah"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: FLACK TRACT OUTBID CANNED
Answer: When the squirrel couldn't get the walnut open, his friend wanted — A CRACK AT IT

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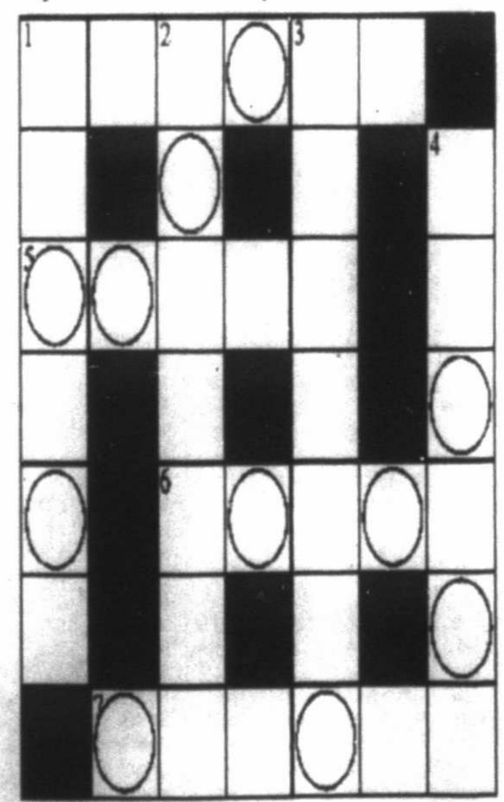

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Special ___	RETPOR
5. Finicky	SUSYF
6. Emerge, originate	ERAIS
7. Distance	GHELNT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Trash	UFREES
2. ___ stamp	GAOPTSE
3. ___ dictionary	GIRHNMY
4. Rear	CRHBEE

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2-23-17 CLUE: There are about 15,000 ___ ___ in the U.S. and about 35,000 worldwide.

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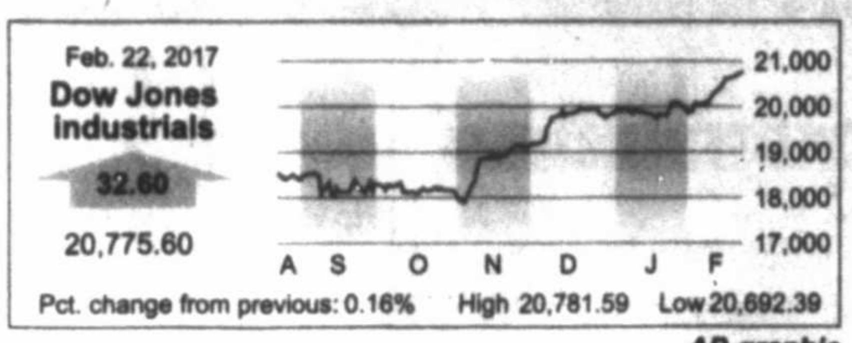

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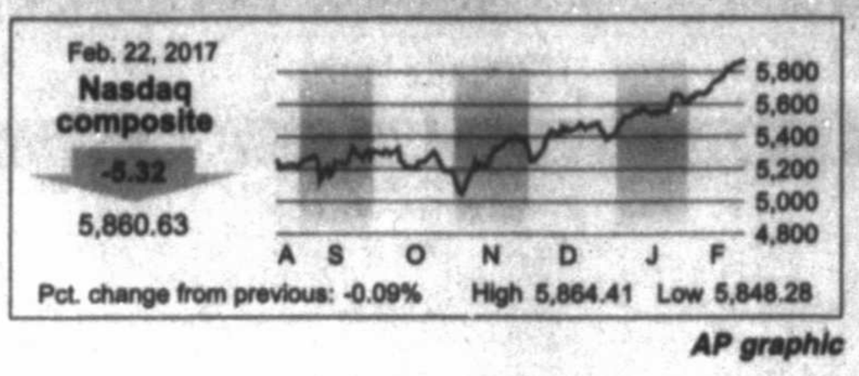

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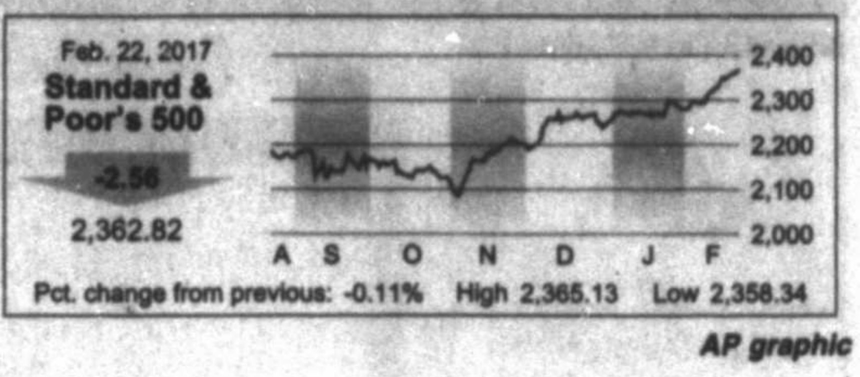

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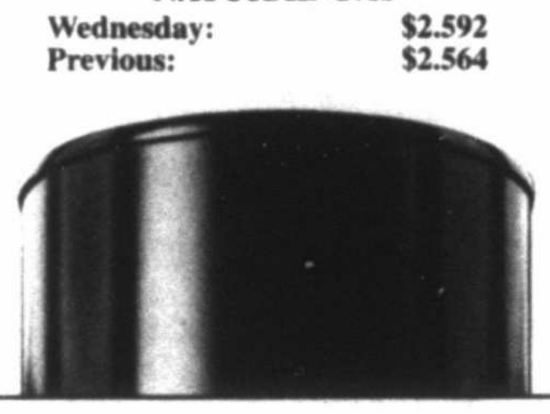
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday: $53.59
Previous: $54.06

POSTED
Wednesday: $50.25
Previous: $50.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $45.60
Previous: $45.35

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $2.592
Previous: $2.564



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	800673	24.79	+.01
VanEGold	694896	24.33	-.29
DxGBull s	578683	11.52	-.45
CousPrp	527753	8.58	-.08
S&P500ETF	527500	236.28	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmergeES	23.49	+3.02	+14.8
Startek	9.37	+1.15	+14.0
HCI Grp	47.61	+4.50	+10.4
Ternium	26.09	+2.40	+10.1
AccoBrds	14.15	+1.25	+9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nautilus	14.80	-2.95	-16.6
SilvrSpNet	12.63	-1.41	-10.0
Matson	32.92	-3.56	-9.8
Stepan	71.64	-7.27	-9.2
DenburyR	2.93	-.29	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,297
Declined	1,634
Unchanged	150
Total issues	3,081
New Highs	207
New Lows	14
Volume	3,360,858,089

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	262275	1.39	-.27
NwGold g	71247	3.04	-.08
B2gold g	64016	3.35	+.05
Globalstar	31978	1.43	-.02
SynergyRs	31037	8.44	-.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TellInstEl	5.03	+.33	+7.1
BarHarbor	43.80	+1.82	+4.3
VirnetX	2.45	+.10	+4.3
US Geoth rs	4.39	+.17	+4.0
ChiRivet	39.42	+1.40	+3.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IssuerDir	10.45	-.75	-6.7
InfuSystem	2.25	-.15	-6.3
InspMD rs	2.00	-.13	-6.1
MastechD	6.31	-.39	-5.8
RingEngy	12.06	-.60	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	138
Declined	202
Unchanged	25
Total issues	365
New Highs	12
New Lows	4
Volume	135,509,990

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	434484	5.15	+.11
Intel	291018	36.07	-.45
Facebook	269000	136.12	+2.40
Cisco	259822	34.09	-.04
Zynga	227578	2.83	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Microbot rs	7.50	+2.37	+46.2
Lanthous n	12.15	+2.80	+29.9
Ever-Glory	2.61	+.60	+29.7
Internap	2.31	+.50	+27.6
AmElTech	2.40	+.45	+23.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cemtrx pf	4.61	-5.08	-52.4
Cemtrex rs	3.40	-1.72	-33.6
EyegatePh	2.53	-1.17	-31.6
SvcSource	4.18	-1.87	-30.9
Entellus n	12.50	-4.58	-26.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,115
Declined	1,682
Unchanged	238
Total issues	3,035
New Highs	188
New Lows	30
Volume	1,804,464,819

Study: Technology trouble dents car and truck reliability

Associated Press

DETROIT — Technology glitches including Bluetooth phone pairing and misunderstood voice commands put a dent in car and truck reliability scores in a major survey of automobile owners.

Lexus and Porsche tied for the top spot, leading all brands for dependability in the survey released Wednesday by the consulting firm J.D. Power. But electronic problems caused trouble across the industry, pushing the average up to 156 problems per 100 vehicles. That's four problems higher than last year and the highest number since J.D. Power changed scoring methods in 2015.

Toyota, Buick and Mercedes-Benz rounded out the top five most dependable brands, while Fiat, Jeep and Infiniti were the least reliable, according to the survey.

The J.D. Power study, now in its 28th year, questioned 35,186 owners of 2014 model-year vehicles about issues they have had in the last 12 months.

In addition to technology trouble, complaints about battery failures jumped by 44 percent compared with last year. Batteries were the most frequently replaced part not related to normal wear, the study found.

That's because people are buying vehicles with more electric features such as power seats and high-end audio systems, plus automakers are converting mechanical devices such as power steering to electric power, said Dave Sargent, J.D. Power's vice president for global automotive. Also, in an effort to save fuel by reducing drag on the engine, automakers aren't fully charging batteries in some cases, Sargent said. "It seems like that maybe isn't going as well as they would like," he said.

The study found that mainstream brands are catching up with luxury and niche brands with excellent reliability. Of the top-10 brands, five are considered mainstream. Besides Toyota and Buick, Hyundai (6th), Chevrolet (8th) and Honda (9th) made the top 10. Luxury brands BMW (7th) and Jaguar (10th) also were high in the rankings.

The scores are important, because buyers who are unhappy with their vehicles are less likely to buy a future vehicle from the same brand. "We find buyers are increasingly avoiding models with poor reputations for dependability, so manufacturers can't afford to let quality slip," Sargent said.

Automakers have struggled for nearly a decade to perfect electronic systems that link phones and handle voice commands. J.D. Power said the audio-communication-entertainment-navigation category caused the most problems in the survey, accounting for 22 percent of complaints.

Stocks slip from highs as energy companies sink

U.S. stocks slipped Wednesday after their recent record-setting run. Energy companies stumbled, but basic materials makers rose as investors hoped two large deals will win approval from regulators.

Alhough energy stocks fell with the price of oil, most other sectors didn't make big moves. Technology companies eked out a small gain. They have risen every day this month to reach their highest mark since 2000. DuPont and Dow Chemical rose after Reuters reported that European officials could approve their merger soon.

After an extended streak of gains, investors didn't make many big moves. They spent most of the day waiting for the minutes from the Federal Reserve meeting three weeks ago, but those minutes contained few surprises. Bond prices rose and yields dipped.

The Dow average rose 32.60 points, or 0.2 percent, to 20,775.60. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.56 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,362.82. The Nasdaq composite shed 5.32 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,860.63. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks slid 6.49 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,403.86. More stocks fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metal prices mostly drop

Gold slipped $5.60 to $1,233.30 an ounce. Silver lost 5 cents to $17.95 an ounce. Copper fell 1 cent to $2.73 a pound. .

T.J. Maxx parent steps up expansion, plans new home chain

Associated Press

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — Department stores just got a double dose of bad news.

The parent company of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, which have taken a bigger share of clothing spending by selling popular brands at deep discounts, plans to expand even faster and test a new home store that's different from its highly successful HomeGoods chain.

TJX Cos. said Wednesday it will add 1,800 stores for a global total of 5,600 over the long term. And though it didn't offer details about the new home store, company executives said the goal is to make it distinct enough from HomeGoods that people will shop at both. The first two are planned for later this year.

The expansion plans were announced as TJX announced fourth-quarter results that topped Wall Street expectations, bolstered by strong sales during the holiday season.

"Looking ahead, we feel great about our prospects for growth in the near and long-term and building our market share," CEO Ernie L. Herrman told investors.

TJX has been one of the bright spots in retailing since the Great Recession and has drawn shoppers away from mall-based stores as it rapidly expands and offers more up-to-date merchandise.

It now has more than 3,800 stores with annual sales of $33.1 billion, compared to just under 2,800 stores with $21.9 billion in sales six years ago.

Traditional department stores like Macy's are testing the off-price concept as they look to bolster sales, but they're also cutting back on their overall number of stores as they see customer counts continue to fall.

"It is a testament to the strength of TJX that this full fiscal (year) marks the 21st consecutive year of positive same-store sales; there are few in retail that can boast such a long period of sustained performance," Neil Saunders, managing director of research firm GlobalData Retail, said in a statement.

He said it's especially notable as off-price competition is increasing from retailers like Macy's developing their own discount concepts and as more people take part in resale markets like online auction sites.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $136.02 Down 2.71

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $131.70 Down 9.65

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Closing Price $7.77 Down 0.23

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.03 Down 4.81

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.11 Down 0.15

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.76 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.50 Down 0.45

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.91 Down 1.70

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.06 Down 0.60

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.26 Up 0.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		30	8.79	-.27	-13.9
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.59	-.14	-2.2
Abraxas	...	...	2.24	-.01	-12.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.64	+.03	+7.3
AMD			14.28	+.28	+25.9
Alibaba		33	104.20	+2.08	+18.7
AlonUSA	.60		11.56	-.13	+1.6
Ambev	.06e		5.91	+.11	+20.4
Amgen	4.60f	16	172.61	-.53	+18.1
Anadarko	.20	...	65.84	-1.37	-5.6
Apache	1.00	...	54.91	-.98	-13.5
Apple Inc	2.28	16	137.11	+.41	+18.4
ApldMatl	.40	18	36.51	-.07	+13.1
Archrock	.48		15.85	-.10	+20.1
ATMOS	1.80f	22	77.25	+.21	+4.2
AutoData	2.28	27	100.42	+1.20	-2.3
BP PLC	2.40a	40	33.41	-.42	-10.6
BakrHu	.68		60.55		-6.8
BkofAm	.30f	20	24.79	+.01	+12.2
B iPVxST rs			17.84	+.08	-30.1
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.23	-.07	-1.6
BarrickG	.12f	35	19.87	-.24	+24.3
BasicEnS			.45		...
BerkHa A	...		172541	51.03+461.01	+4.1
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	20	63.58	+.34	+3.7
BrMySq	1.56f	33	55.35	+.57	-5.3
BrownFA s	...	31	49.69	+.42	+7.4
BrownFB s	...	...	48.77	+.38	+8.6
CVS Health	1.70f	14	80.16	+.40	+1.6
Caterpillar	3.08	30	98.20	+.10	+5.9
Celestic g		10	13.87	-.18	+17.0
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.83	+.16	+4.4
ChesEng	...	...	5.92	-.16	-15.7
Chevron	4.32f	...	110.38	-1.34	-6.2
Chicos	.33f	33	14.96	+.67	+4.0
Cimarex	.32	...	128.30	-2.40	-5.6
Cisco	1.16	17	34.09	-.04	+12.8
Citigroup	.64	13	60.62	+.07	+2.0
ClayEng	...	...	136.02	-2.71	+14.1
CliffsNRs	...	12	11.76	+.09	+39.8
CocaCola	1.48f	25	41.60	+.14	+.3
ColgPalm	1.56	26	73.49	+.31	+12.3
Comcast s	.63f	21	37.94	+.05	+9.9
ConAgra	.80	21	40.48	+.28	+2.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	...	131.70	-9.65	-.7
ConocoPhil	1.06f	...	47.10	-1.03	-6.1
CousPrp	.32	12	8.58	-.08	+.8
CrackerB	4.60	25	160.00	-.38	-4.2
CSVInvNG		...	6.74	-.08	+122.4
CSVixSh rs		...	4.54	+.04	-52.3
CSVLgNG rs		...	14.27	+.14	-69.1
CrosTim	1.07e	12	16.10	-.52	-10.4
DCP Mid	3.12	20	39.98	-.38	+4.2
DTE	3.30f	23	99.29	+.34	+.8
Dataram rs		...	1.51	-.07	-31.4
Delcath rs		...	.19	+.02	-79.6
DenburyR		...	2.93	-.29	-20.4
DevonE	.24	...	43.76	-1.30	-4.2
DxGlMBr rs	...	...	13.67	+.07	-61.0
DrGMBll s	...	...	10.98	-.04	+96.8
DxGBull s	...	...	11.52	-.45	+50.8
Disney	1.56f	20	110.12	+.11	+5.7
DowChm	1.84	20	63.67	+2.45	+11.3
DryShp rs		1	2.70	-.58	-90.9
EOG Rescs	.67	...	97.53	-1.94	-3.5
EnCana g	.06	...	11.47	-.71	-2.3
Energen	.08	...	53.23	-2.36	-7.7
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	38.03	-.76	+6.2
EnPro	.88f	56	65.06	+.09	-3.4
EntProdPt	1.64	23	28.51	-.26	+5.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.41	+.20	+9.0
ExxonMbl	3.00	36	80.93	-.96	-10.3
Facebook		32	136.12	+2.40	+18.3
Fitbit n		8	5.88	-.16	-19.7
FordM	.60a	7	12.67	-.02	+4.5
FrptMcM		...	13.73	-.40	+4.1
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.35	+.03	-.9
GATX	1.68f	10	58.45	-.24	-5.1
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.97	-.01	+10.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.28	-.30	+6.7
GenElec	.96	25	30.33	-.19	-4.0
GtPlainEn	1.10	17	28.37	+.01	+3.7
Groupon	...	...	4.52	-.22	+36.1
HP Inc	.53f	10	16.20	+.07	+9.2
Hallibrtn	.72	...	53.06	-.78	-1.9
HostHotls	.80a	14	18.35	-.34	-2.6
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	8.38	-.09	+11.9
iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.93	+.12	+11.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.70	...	+5.1
iShR2K	1.77e	...	139.58	-.62	+3.5
Intel	1.04	16	36.07	-.45	-.6
InterDig	1.20	17	101.10	-.65	+10.7
Intersil	.48	64	22.49	+.29	+.9
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	91.06	+.05	+5.5
JohnJn	3.20	18	119.52	-.14	+3.7
KimbClk	3.88f	22	134.83	+.19	+18.1
Kinross g		75	3.76	-.07	+20.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.12	-.14	...
Lubys	...	...	3.47	-.11	-18.9
MarathnO	.20	...	15.76	-.62	-9.0
McDnlds	3.76	24	127.85	-.19	+5.0
Merck	1.88f	17	65.29	-.19	+10.9
MeritMed	...	38	29.93	+1.28	+12.9
MexcoEn	...	...	4.76	-.19	-4.8
Microbot rs	...	...	7.50	+2.37	+23.0
MicronT	...	...	23.75	-.02	+8.3
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.36	-.13	+3.6
Nabors	.24	...	15.44	+.01	-5.9
NatGrid	3.35e	...	60.54	-.08	+3.8
NOilVarco	.20	30	38.86	-.70	+3.8
NewfldExp	...	34	39.07	-3.42	-3.5
NobleCorp	.08	4	6.93	-.21	+17.1
NokiaCp	.30e	...	5.10	+.01	+6.0
NDynMn g	...	...	1.39	-.27	-32.9
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.21	+.03	+.3
NTXQI	.65	...	14.13	+.07	+3.0
OcciPet	3.04	...	65.91	-1.07	-7.5
Oclaro	...	...	9.72	-1.25	+8.6
Oracle	.60	21	42.51	+.24	+11.0
ParTech	...	20	6.66	-.06	+19.4
ParkDrl	...	...	1.95	-.40	-25.0
PattUTI	.08	...	27.06	-.60	+.5
Penney	...	...	7.05	-.01	-15.2
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Pfizer	1.28f	14	33.59	-.03	+3.4
PioNtrl	.08	...	188.13	-5.53	+4.5
PlainsAAP	2.20	28	30.34	-.90	-6.0
PlugPowr h	...	...	1.17	+.01	-2.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	130.50	+.05	+10.1
Praxair	3.15f	21	117.79	-.52	+.5
PrmEgy	...	...	59.00	...	+9.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUVixST rs	...	...	20.87	+.18	...
ProctGam	2.68	24	91.44	-.23	+8.8
RangeRs	.08	...	29.93	-.49	-12.9
RegionsFn	.26	18	15.32	-.11	+6.7
Rowan	.40	6	17.75	-.10	-6.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	51.98	-.51	-4.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	207.45	+.38	+5.0
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	236.28	-.21	+5.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	38.66	-1.15	-6.7
SabnR	1.92e	17	37.20	-1.35	+5.8
SanderFm	.96	11	93.67	-1.46	-.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	69	79.70	-.98	-5.1
SeadrillLtd	...	1	2.03	-.12	-40.5
SiriusXM	.01p	40	5.15	+.11	+15.7
Smucker	3.00f	17	140.73	-1.19	+9.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.57	-.02	-20.8
Square n	...	...	15.04	+.41	+10.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.61	+.02	+5.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	50.30	+.21	+3.6
SunocoLog	2.08f	54	25.52	-.58	+6.2
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	9.84	-.06	+7.0
Tesoro	2.20	13	88.00	-1.08	+.6
3M Co	4.70f	23	186.04	+2.67	+4.2
Torchmark	.56	17	77.51	+.25	+5.1
Transocn	...	...	13.28	-.19	-9.9
TriContl	.82e	...	23.31	...	+5.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter	...	...	16.08	-.34	-1.3
TylerTech	...	50	155.14	-1.34	+8.7
UBSI	1.32	23	45.15	-.10	-2.4
US NGas	...	...	6.57	+.02	-29.7
US OilFd	...	...	11.36	-.18	-3.1
USSteel	.20	...	40.49	-1.08	+22.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	11.24	-.28	+47.5
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	10.72	-.15	+55.6
ValeroE	2.80f	18	66.01	-.26	-3.4
VanEGold	.12e	...	24.33	-.29	+16.3
VanE JrGld	...	...	40.73	-.06	+29.1
VerizonCm	2.31f	12	49.67	+.24	-7.0
VulcanM	1.00f	39	120.14	-.93	-4.0
WEC Engy	2.08	20	58.40	+.33	-.4
WalMart	2.04f	16	71.71	+.26	+3.7
WalgBoots	1.50	19	86.29	-.12	+4.3
Weathfintl	...	...	5.72	-.10	+14.6
WellsFargo	1.52	14	58.36	+.11	+5.9
WstnRefin	1.52	26	37.58	-.50	-.7
WhitingPet	...	...	10.77	-.80	-10.4
WmsCos	1.20f	47	28.00	-.87	-10.1
XcelEngy	1.36	20	42.49	+.06	+4.4
Xerox	.31	11	7.46	+.02	+29.7
Yamana g	.02	57	2.85	-.12	+1.4
Zynga	...	...	2.83	+.12	+10.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
20,757.64	16,165.86	Dow Jones Industrials	20,775.60	+32.60	+.16	+5.13	+26.03
9,566.10	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,448.55	-83.20	-.87	+4.47	+29.59
723.83	607.58	Dow Jones Utilities	682.22	+2.42	+.36	+3.43	+8.25
11,688.45	9,325.24	NYSE Composite	11,550.19	-28.06	-.24	+4.46	+21.50
5,867.89	4,425.72	Nasdaq Composite	5,860.63	-5.32	-.09	+8.87	+29.01
2,366.71	1,891.00	S&P 500	2,362.82	-2.56	-.11	+5.54	+22.44
1,749.84	1,292.68	S&P Midcap	1,742.65	-6.55	-.37	+4.94	+32.04
24,735.83	19,363.82	Wilshire 5000	24,681.31	-38.98	-.16	+5.36	+24.78
1,410.39	996.70	Russell 2000	1,403.86	-6.48	-.46	+3.44	+37.35

TODAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 86 Low: 45	High: 69 Low: 34	High: 62 Low: 44	High: 75 Low: 46	High: 76 Low: 52	High: 78 Low: 44

Local forecast

For most of the next six days, the forecasted high is above normal, according to the National Weather Service. Expect windy conditions today and Friday; gusts could be as high as 45 mph.

The record high for Feb. 22 is 87, set in 1996. The record low is 19, set in 1966 and 1953. On Feb. 22 of last year, the high was 63, and the low was 42.

Weather brief

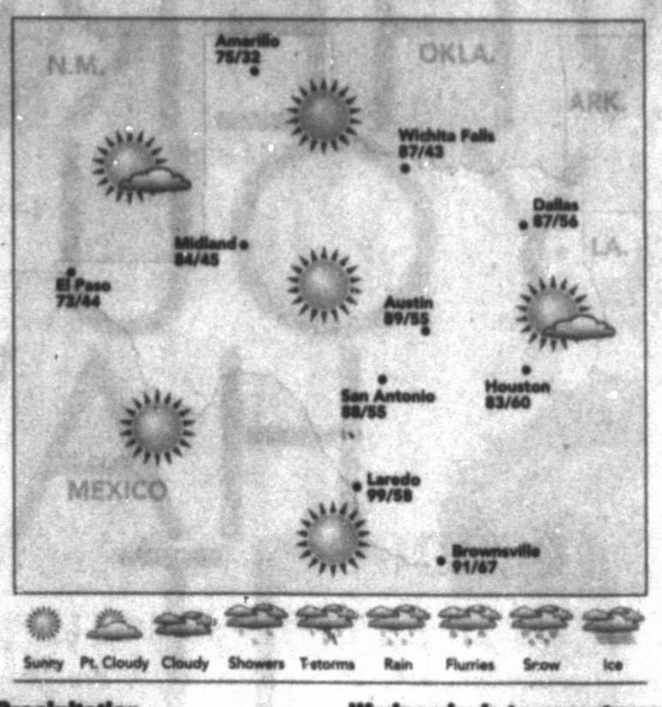
WISCONSIN

Warm weather forces American Birkebeiner route changes

HAYWARD — Warm weather is forcing organizers to change the route of Saturday's American Birkebeiner ski race in northwestern Wisconsin.

As a result, the race will not finish in downtown Hayward this year.

The Birkie race course normally crosses Lake Hayward to get to downtown Hayward. But the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation said Monday the lake is no longer an option.



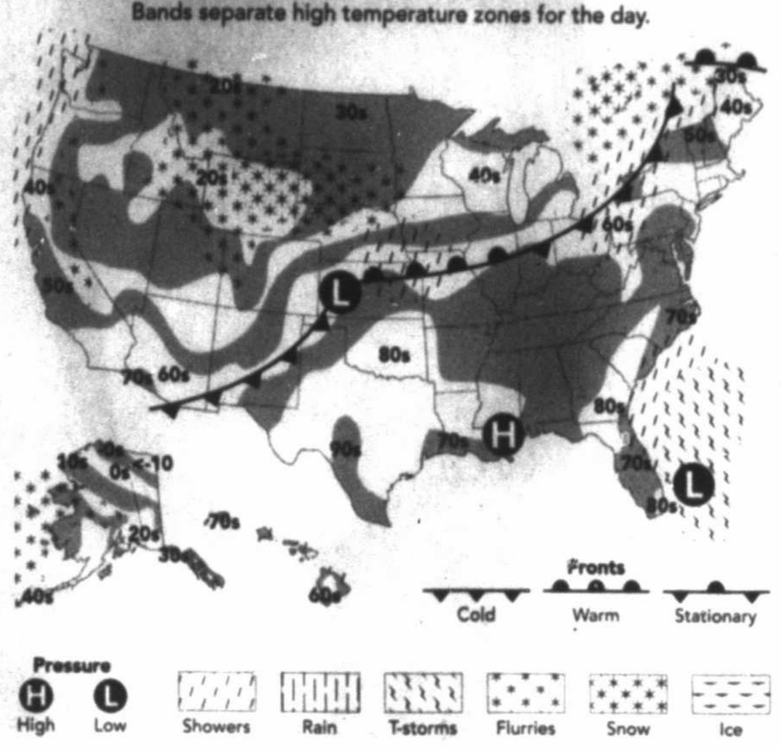
Precipitation		Wednesday's temperatures	
Tuesday	0.00 in.	High	86
Wednesday	0.00 in.	Low	50
Month total	0.72 in.	Normal high	64
Year total	1.84 in.	Normal low	36
Normal total (year to date)	1.12 in.	Sunrise	7:22 a.m.
		Sunset	6:42 p.m.

National weather

AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Thursday, February 23, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Freeloading nephew needs to get help and get going

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's nephew, "Jacob," is 25 and always hanging around our house. He has had a hard time over the last four years. First, his mom committed suicide. Two years later his dad died in his sleep.

My husband and I told Jacob we would be there when he needed advice about things. Well, he recently broke up with his longtime girlfriend, and he's here at my house every day — even days he's not working. He calls every afternoon to see what I'm cooking and expects to eat here every night. He also expects me to drop what I'm doing to go and clean his house and wash his clothes.

I'm disabled, so it's a struggle just to feed my husband and myself. He also sleeps here on the weekends if he doesn't work. My husband and I no longer have any alone time because he's always here.

I have tried to tell Jacob nicely that he needs his own life, but the message isn't getting through. I know he has issues with being alone. He has never learned to be by himself. My husband is starting to get angry about the situation and wants me to "handle" it, but my words are not working. If my husband decides to say something, it will end up in a heated argument.

How can I get through to this kid without hurting him? I do love him and try to treat him like one of my own kids. — UPSET AUNT

DEAR AUNT: Talk to Jacob again. This time do it in plain English. Your nephew's dependence on you has persisted for too long, and for everyone's sake it needs to stop. If you haven't suggested grief counseling for him, you should. Explain that you love him, but you and your husband need time to be alone together. Point out that if he's unable to do his own housecleaning and laundry, he should hire someone. Do not feel guilty for speaking up. You have done more than enough for Jacob over the last few years, and for him to expect you to cook for him every night and weekend is over the top.

DEAR ABBY: My husband quit chewing tobacco, but now he chews gum constantly, three pieces at a time. If he's not asleep or eating, his jaw is moving. He chews it aggressively, rolls it around in his mouth while talking, so that it looks bad and is irritating.

He works with the public, and I'm embarrassed for him because I believe it's bad manners to chew gum in that manner. I don't know how to approach him. Please advise as to how I can help him. — EMBARRASSED FOR HIM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Your husband chews the way he does because he is trying to ease the pangs of withdrawal from his nicotine addiction. Because what he's doing is unsightly, suggest he discuss it with his doctor to see if there are other options such as a nicotine patch to help him over the hump. And be sure to tell him how proud you are of his determination to quit.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Use what you know

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ A K 10 4
♡ A 6 4
♢ K Q J
♣ 8 4 2

WEST
♠ 5
♡ J 10
♢ A 10 3 2
♣ K J 9 6 5 3

EAST
♠ 8 7 2
♡ K Q 9 7 3 2
♢ 9 5 4
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 6 3
♡ 8 5
♢ 8 7 6
♣ A Q 7

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♡	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

The North and South hands have almost identical distribution. These can be some of the most difficult hands to play, as increasing your trick total by ruffing is usually impossible, and discards on a long suit are not available.

South won the opening heart lead with the ace and drew trumps in three rounds, noting that East followed to all three rounds. Declarer played on diamonds next as West won with his ace. West continued with the 10 of hearts, which East overtook with the queen to shift to the 10 of clubs.

There was no reason to take the club finesse right away. South could still lead up to the queen at some point. Should East have the king, he would still have it later.

Declarer rose with his ace of clubs and cashed dummy's remaining diamond winners, noting with great interest that East followed to all three rounds of diamonds. South now had a perfect count on the hand! He knew that East had started with three spades, six hearts, and three diamonds, therefore a singleton club.

Using this information to his best advantage, South led dummy's remaining heart. Rather than ruffing it, he simply discarded a club from his hand. East won this trick, but with no club remaining, he had to give South a ruff-sluff. Declarer ruffed in dummy while discarding the last club from his hand. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017:

This year you open up to many fast changes. You often surprise yourself with how easily you can draw certain matters to a close, and successfully at that. You will need more private time to reflect and consider your many options. If you are single, someone you meet might not be everything that he or she claims to be. Be careful, as this person could be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you open up to more social times with your friends. However, be sure not to deny yourselves the personal couple time you need to bond. AQUARIUS makes an excellent healer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Wrap up a work-related matter ASAP. You naturally become more social and direct as you deal with various issues. Use the evening to network and to gain a broader perspective of what you are dealing with. Do not minimize what you have to offer. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Relate directly to one person at a time when trying to gain a broader perspective. You need to ask the right questions. You might need to postpone these conversations until later. You will gain a fresh insight by pulling away from the matter at hand. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be tired of heading in a certain direction. You even might decide to take a break from this particular engagement. Start seeking out experts before making a decision. You will want to grow beyond your present thought process. Tonight: Start thinking "weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others continue to want to run the show, which frees you up for more engaging activities. Get into this break from routine, and explore other options and ways of handling a problem. Later in the afternoon, make time for a one-on-one talk. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could opt to get more done in the morning than you originally had planned. Getting through your workload is likely to be tiring, but knowing that your schedule frees up in the afternoon will encourage you to dive right in. Tonight: Happiest at home with a special person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will want to get past a difficult situation. You see how the issue could be resolved, but you might not know how to convince others of this fact. At the same time, you feel as if you are really needed here. Get into a project to relax and feel better. Tonight: Slow down the pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Build a project or a special relationship on a strong foundation. You might feel as though what you are doing remains pivotal to your well-being. Understand where someone else is coming from, and you will see how it brings you closer together. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might feel overwhelmed as you answer questions and determine your direction. You are full of fun and action. Meanwhile, ask for more of what you need. Be willing to relax in the afternoon and deal with a personal matter. Tonight: Make it a cozy night for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Handle serious matters in the morning, which is when you are most likely to get positive results. You could be pushing yourself too hard to complete a project. Communication flourishes in the late afternoon, no matter what you decide to do. Tonight: Meet friends at a favored haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You wake up feeling ready to deal with an older friend who sometimes rains on your parade. This person knows how to trigger you. Make careful choices, and you will emerge all the better. You might be startled by how easily you can change moods. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might feel a little down when you wake up, but by the afternoon, you'll return to your free-spirit self. Others will be thrilled that you are casting away the gloominess. Decide to extend a fun invitation to a pal who often goes out of his or her way for you. Tonight: Head to the gym.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Schedule important matters in the morning. You might want to celebrate your success by the afternoon. Think through a situation that on some level is annoying you. You might have a special friend with whom you love to brainstorm. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

BORN TODAY

Actress Emily Blunt (1983), comedian Aziz Ansari (1983), author Francesca Simon (1955)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Oldest U.S. capital
8 Spade creator
15 Melodic movements
16 Ancient region now part of France
17 Is serious
18 Impulse conductors
19 Much toothpaste
20 U.S. neighbor
21 "Picnic" dramatist
22 Letter between November and Papa
25 Singer's warm-up syllables
26 Indy-winning family name
27 Swears by
29 66, e.g.: Abbr.
30 Metaphor for jobs
31 Lav, in London
32 Singer Kitt
36 "... __ quit!"
37 Kind of bath
39 "Just like that!"
40 Sign-off words
42 Director Lupino
43 Corny state?
44 MSN, for one
45 "I'm good"
47 Jazzy Jones
50 Miracle Mets manager Hodges
51 Frozen fruit-flavored drinks
52 Slanted piece
53 Sounds at spas
54 2017 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee
55 Enchant
57 Blog comment format usually interpreted as the word spelled by eight aptly circled puzzle letters
61 Norse explorer
62 Daughter of Agamemnon
63 End of a baseball game, usually
64 Like siblings

DOWN

1 __ Adams
2 "Who __ you kidding?"
3 Actress Vardalos
4 Polynesian archipelago natives
5 State as fact
6 Impede, as a plot
7 Guinness suffix
8 __ Her Way
9 "A Clockwork Orange" narrator
10 2015 Big Ten champs: Abbr.
11 Siren's victim
12 Waist-length jackets
13 Faint trace
14 Trademarked weapon
20 One-piece beachwear
22 Former #1 golfer Lorena who hosts an annual Guadalajara LPGA event
23 Heads up
24 Adorable one
25 Screen __
26 Four Corners state
28 Openly enjoy, as soup
29 Convened again
33 Rib eye alternative
34 Ethan of "Boyhood"
35 Gather up
37 John who composed the "NBA on NBC" theme song
38 Much-followed star
41 Gorge crosser
43 Former Chrysler head
46 Early Jewish scholar
47 116-year-old prize
48 Philip Glass' "Einstein on the Beach," e.g.
49 Kelly's ex-partner
50 Belgian treaty city
53 Jesus of baseball
54 She, in Cherbourg
56 Bar opening?
57 __ Lingus
58 DIRECTV parent
59 Ante- kin
60 Bummed out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

E	A	R			C	L	A	M		R	U	B	L	E
A	L	O	G		R	O	J	O		I	S	L	A	M
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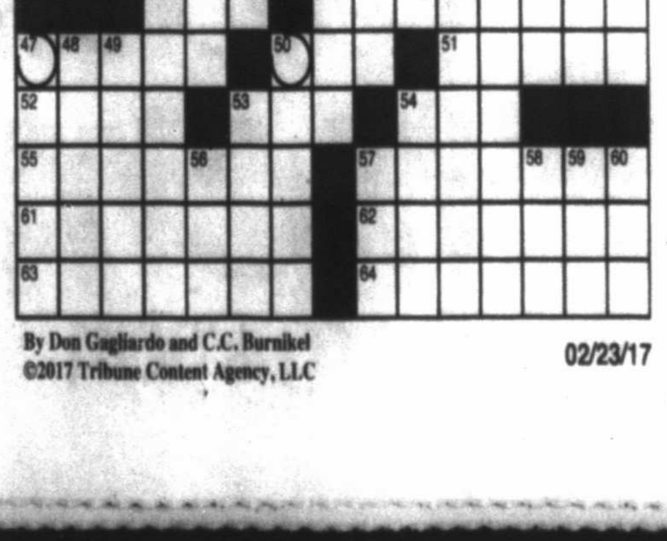

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MUSIC CITY MALL

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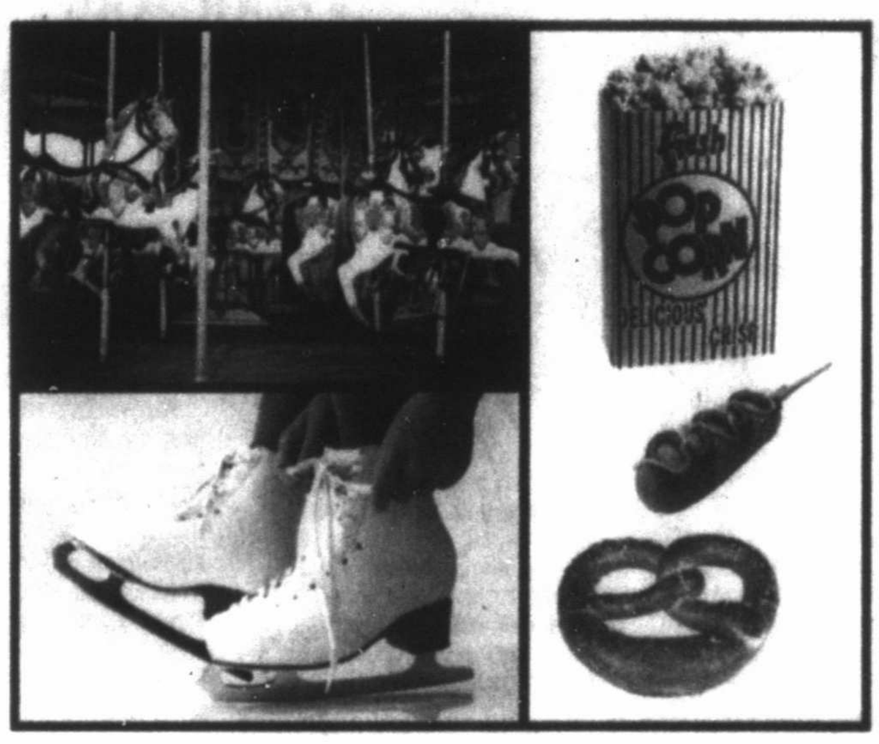

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Accounting/ Bookkeeper

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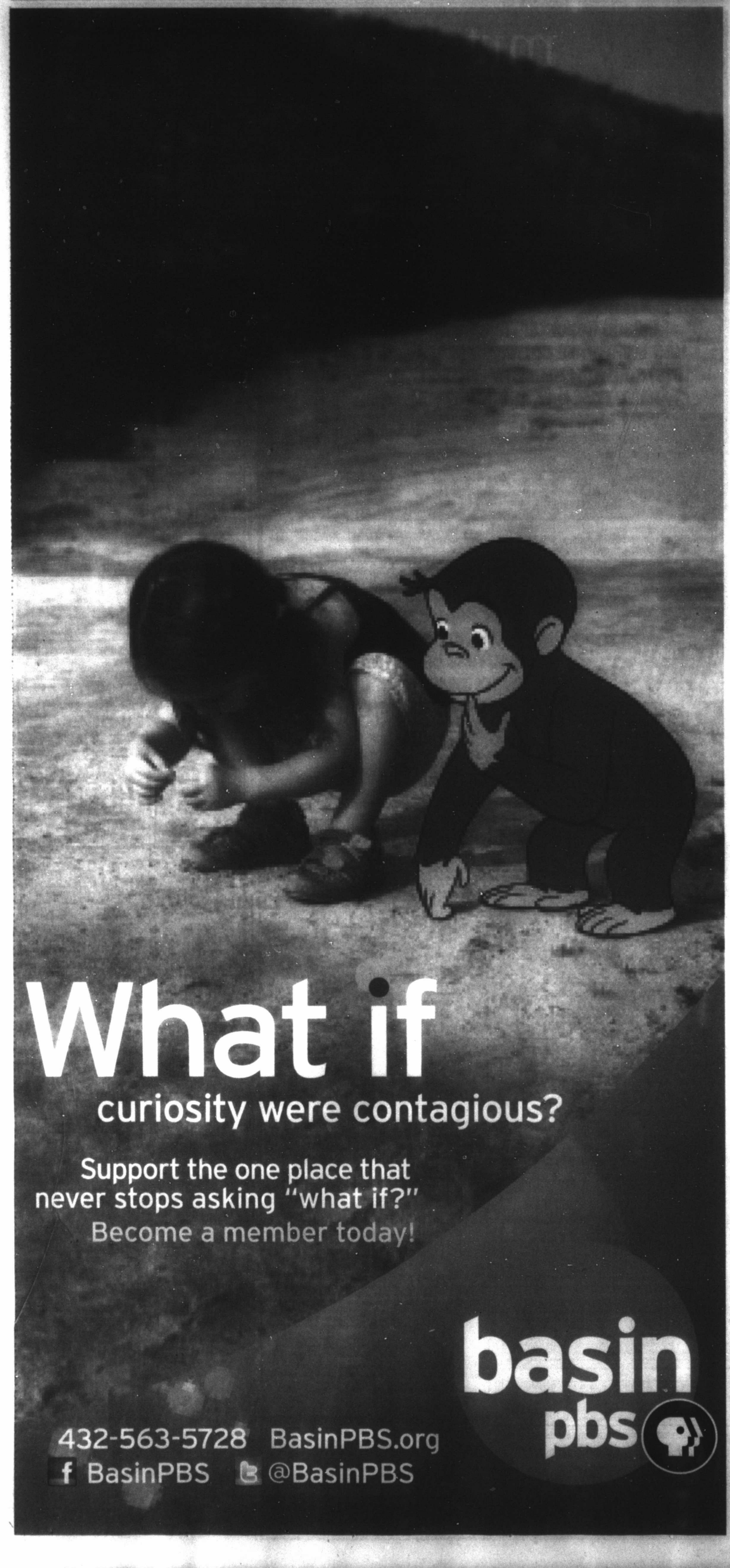
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303504
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2017 Status/Permit No. 822459
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2017
Address: Railroad Commision of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 38, Blk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO/HOUSTON, C M Survey, A-885, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.8 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY 38I		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	9H		
Lease/Unit Acres :	655.5		
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	445.0		
Lease Lines :	167.0 F S L,	1291.0 F E L	
Survey Lines :	2487.0 F N L,	1452.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 167.0 F S L
1291.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 31 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 251
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
380.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L
380.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10680 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CASI RENFRO at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303505
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2017 Status/Permit No. 822460
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WOODY 38J		
Lease/Unit Well No.	10H		
Lease/Unit Acres	655.5		
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	445.0		
Lease Lines	170.0 F S L,	1271.0 F E L	
Survey Lines	2483.0 F N L,	1471.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines 170.0 F S L
1271.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 31 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 251
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
1270.0 F W L
Survey Lines 100.0 F N L
1270.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303502
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2017 Status/Permit No. 822456
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2017
Address: Railroad Commision of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY 38G		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	7H		
Lease/Unit Acres :	655.5		
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0		
Lease Lines :	161.0 F S L,	1330.0 F E L	
Survey Lines :	2493.0 F N L,	1412.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 161.0 F S L
1330.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 31 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 251
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
825.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L
825.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0303503
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2017 Status/Permit No. 822457
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOODY 38H		
Lease/Unit Well No. :	8H		
Lease/Unit Acres :	655.5		
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0		
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	445.0		
Lease Lines :	164.0 F S L,	1310.0 F E L	
Survey Lines :	2490.0 F N L,	1432.0 F W L	

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 164.0 F S L
1310.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 31 Block: 37 T2N Abstract: 251
Survey:T&P RR CO
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
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Legal and Public Notices

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Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Proposal for Grocery Provider for Instructional Purposes

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP#17-008 - Grocery Provider for Instructional Purposes** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **3:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2017.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas 7509 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Woody J Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 14.7 miles NW of Stanton, in the Spraberry (Tread Area) Field, in Martin County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 5650 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Metro Self Storage Midland at 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Statutes-Property Code). The sale will take place at the website StorageStuff.Bid on March 8, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The sale will be conducted under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (#16850) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale at StorageStuff.Bid. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is as described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants:

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0303506
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2017 — Status/Permit No. 822461
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 15, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 38, Bk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO/HOUSTON, C M Survey, A-885, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.8 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: WOODY 38K
Lease/Unit Well No.: 11H
Lease/Unit Acres: 655.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 445.0

Lease Lines: 174.0 F S L, 1251.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2480.0 F N L, 1491.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 174.0 F S L
1251.0 F E L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 31 — Block: 37 T2N — Abstract: 251
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F N L
478.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L
2160.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10680 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CASI RENFRO at (972) 444-9001.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0303703
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 21, 2017 — Status/Permit No. 822127
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 28, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9, Bk. 39 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-427, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 27.1 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: ELWOOD (16-21)
Lease/Unit Well No.: 4107H
Lease/Unit Acres: 663.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 668.0

Lease Lines: 500.0 F S (offlease) L, 2310.0 F W (offlease) L
Survey Lines: 500.0 F S (offlease) L, 2310.0 F W (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F S L
2310.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 21 — Block: 39 T5S — Abstract: 433
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L
330.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2635.0 F N L
2297.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9766 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Legal and Public Notices

Garney Companies, Inc. is soliciting proposals for the Crane County Water District Well Field Expansion and Water System Upgrades project.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically **prior to 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on March 9th, 2017** in accordance with 00100 - Instructions to Bidders.

One single combined PDF proposal shall be submitted to the email addresses provided in "00100 - Iristruction to Bidders" addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook & Mr. Kyle Krueger, and clearly denote: **"Bid Package 03: 18-Inch Transmission Line Rehabilitation"**

No proposal may be changed, amended, or modified after the above time and date. A proposal may however, be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Any proposal received after **2:00 p.m.**, prevailing time on **March 9th, 2017** will not be considered.

Bid documents are available on the website below.

https://team.garney.com/CCWD

Contact Justin Young by email at jyoung@garney.com to receive login credentials for the above mentioned website. It is necessary to input contact information on the website once you login. Alerts will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided as Bid Packages and Project Updates become available.

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the above mentioned website for free. No hard copies will be made available. It is the responsibility of the interested party to download and print all necessary documents. Please contact John Sedbrook by email: jsedbrook@garney.com or phone at 303-335-6155 with any questions.

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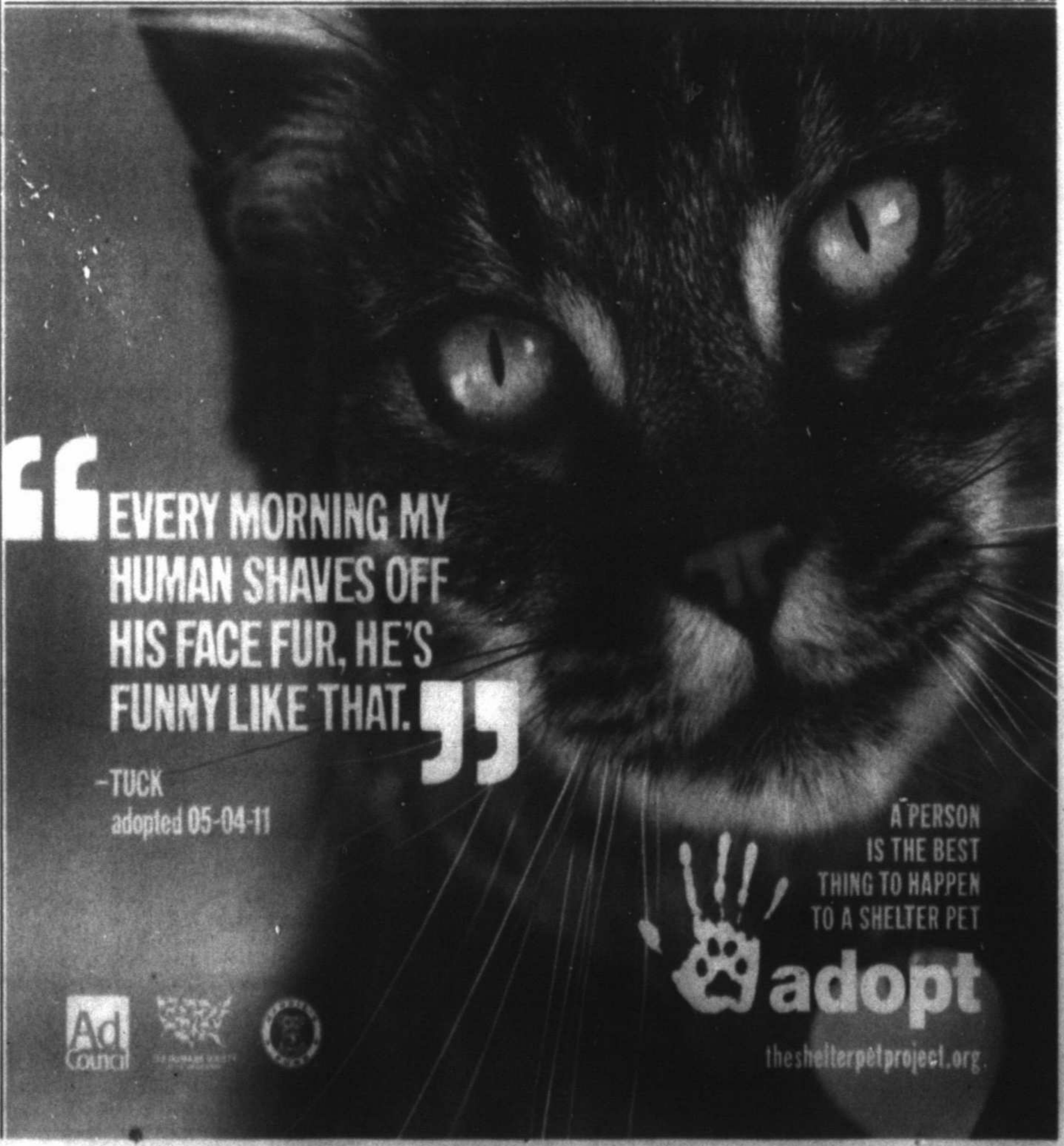

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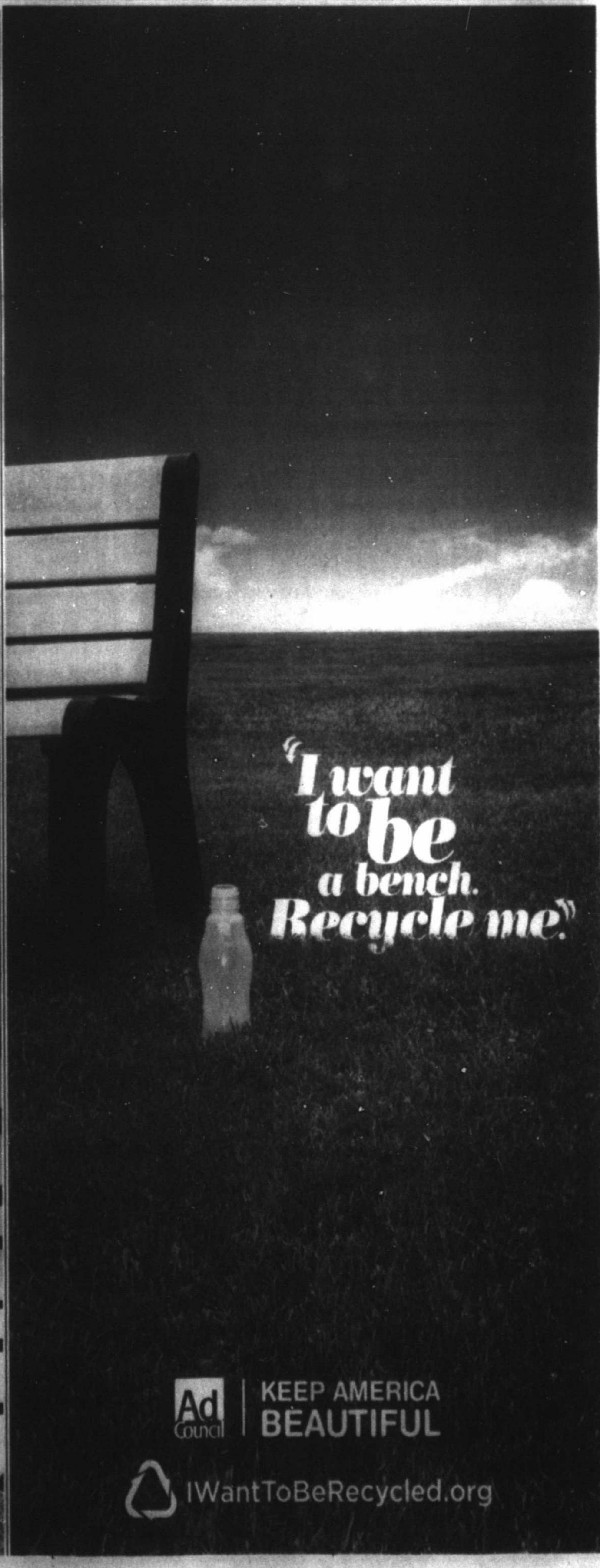

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Mardi Gras!

What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." The "fat" in the name comes from the ancient custom of parading a fat ox through Paris on this day. The ox was to remind the people that they were not allowed to eat meat during the time of **fasting** known as Lent. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

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fast *v.* To eat little or no food for religious or medical reasons.

fastback *n.* : an automobile

Since "Mardi" means "Tuesday," you can tell the holiday is always celebrated on that day of the week. The date can fall between February 3 and March 9 depending on the lunar calendar, used by the Catholic Church to determine the date of Easter. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

French people who came to the United States brought the custom of Mardi Gras with them.

Help the jester find his way to the Mardi Gras doubloons.

Standards Link: History: Students understand cultural contributions from various regions and how they helped to form a national heritage.

Mardi Gras Customs

Mardi Gras parades happen throughout the world. Some of the most famous celebration centers are: New Orleans and Lafayette in Louisiana, Biloxi in Mississippi, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Nice in France and Viareggio in Italy.

17 People dance in the streets.

29 During Mardi Gras, people dress in costumes and put on an ancient play.

25 People celebrate with parades and masked balls. Trinkets, especially beads and doubloons, are tossed to the crowds from parade floats.

28 Paraders wear giant masks that make them look like walking heads with tiny bodies.

Do the math to discover where these Mardi Gras customs take place.

31 - 6 = New Orleans

7 + 8 + 5 + 9 = Southern Italy

4 + 3 + 5 + 5 = Rio de Janeiro

37 - 9 = Nice, France

Standards Link: History: Understand cultural contributions from various regions.

The Colors of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras in the United States has three official colors. To find out what each of these three colors means, cross out the letters M-A-R-D-I G-R-A-S in each of the lines below. Write the remaining letters in order to learn what each color symbolizes.

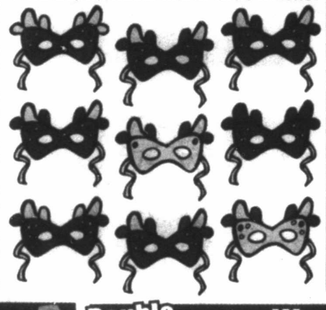
Purple: MJARUDSIGTRAISCE

Green: MAFRDAIGIRATSH

Gold: MPARODIWGRAESR

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step written directions.

Find the identical Mardi Gras masks.



Extra! Extra!

Photo Fun

Clip a photograph from the newspaper and glue it to a piece of paper. Next to the photo write five adjectives that describe the photo. Next to each word, write its antonym. Use the adjectives and the antonyms to write a paragraph about Mardi Gras.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand and use adjectives and antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In England, the Tuesday before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. Because it is a tradition there to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, it is also called Pancake Day.

Read the clues below and see if you can complete the words that all contain the letters **P-A-N**.

PAN___ — A large black and white mammal that lives in China.

PAN___ — A sudden, sharp pain.

PAN___ — To breath in quick, short breaths.

PAN___ — A sudden terror that often causes wild behavior.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

MARDI
GRAS
TUESDAY
TRINKETS
COSTUMES
DOUBLOONS
SHROVE
ANTONYM
PARADE
FRANCE
ITALY
MASK
BILOXI
PLAY

D	I	T	A	L	Y	K	S	A	M
O	X	T	R	K	E	M	H	F	Y
U	I	U	Y	I	M	W	R	X	N
B	X	E	E	A	N	A	O	C	O
L	O	S	R	D	N	K	V	D	T
O	L	D	X	C	A	F	E	G	N
O	I	A	E	B	Y	R	R	T	A
N	B	Y	A	L	P	A	A	G	S
S	E	M	U	T	S	O	C	P	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Mardi Gras Party

Imagine you have $500 to throw a Mardi Gras party. Look through the newspaper and "shop" for food, decorations, games and other supplies. Can you spend exactly $500?

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using money; add and subtract using money amounts.

Why did the jester stare at the frozen orange juice all morning?

ANSWER: Because the label said CONCENTRATE.

Weekly Writing Corner

Safety Poem

Students write a poem including three safety rules.

Sometimes we forget to be careful
Always look both ways
Force yourself to be careful
Even when you're tired
Try to cross at the crossing
You must always watch for danger.

Caitlyn, 3rd grade

Stop, look and listen,
Before you cross the street.
Use your eyes, use your ears,
Before you use your feet.

Reece, 2nd grade

If you're ever in a fire
Remember these simple rules
To stop your clothes from catching fire
Stop, drop and roll.

McKenzie, 4th grade

Always use a seatbelt
Because it could save your life.
Ask a parent if you don't know
To click it without strife.
Don't think your time will waste
Making sure you're fastened in
And don't do it in too much haste
It's a way that you will win.
Make it be a good new habit
And teach others what you did
Like putting on your jacket
Just do it, you'll be a safe kid!

Sydney, 5th grade

When you're crossing the street, go with the light
On your bike at night remember your light
Don't cross on red or you'll be dead
Walk across the road and do not run — being hit will be no fun!

Ian, 4th grade

Never talk to strangers
Even if they offer you a puppy
Stay calm and find an adult
Who can keep you from all harm
Have a family safe word
That only you and a few will know
That way no one else
Can take you, when you're feeling an alarm.

Carolyn, 5th grade

Crossing the road use the safety code
The crossing guard won't make it hard
Look both ways 'cos safety pays
Cars don't care, they'll take your hair
Be smart, be safe, live long, be strong.
Don't play with matches, don't play with fire
Things that are hot really hurt a lot.

Taylor, 5th grade

Write On!

My Favorite Vegetable

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