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Theater is a big deal this weekend with three new shows.

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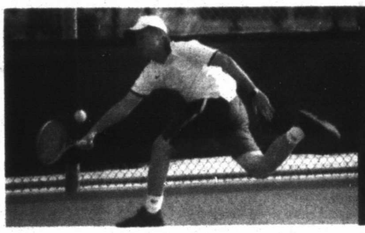

TALL CITY TENNIS

Midland and Lee high schools are excited to host the Tall City Invitational.

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City: Drilling to bring in tens of millions

Parsley to drill under Hogan Park; other companies also drilling on city propery

By Stewart Doreen
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The city of Midland is set to reap the rewards of horizontal drilling.

That is how veteran City Councilman Scott Dufford sees it. Dufford told the Reporter-Telegram that a deal with Parsley Energy promises to bring in tens of millions of dollars a year for the city of Midland.

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"Literally, we will average between $10 (million) and $30 million a year," Dufford said. "It will be that way for a while."

Dufford said the city previously leased "350 net acres" to Double Eagle, which later sold its interests to Parsley. Using "tablecloth economics," Dufford explained how drilling as many as 18 wells on city property, primarily around Hogan Park, will bring royalty income to the city.

"The math, for the most part, is off the charts," Dufford said.

Dufford said if Parsley averages 400 barrels a day, that could result in $35 million a year to the city — and that is just money coming in from interests around Hogan Park. Drilling is taking place around Midland International and under parks across the city and that money is shared by the city and airport, he said. Another 500 acres will be leased at airpark as the city will go out for bids next month, Dufford said.

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WATER IN ENERGY

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Conference attendees mingle Wednesday during the Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference at Horseshoe Pavilion.

Oil and gas operators push for use of recycled water

■ First annual Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference puts water issues in focus

By Mella McEwen and Trevor Hawes
Reporter-Telegram

Millions of gallons of water are needed to produce oil and gas, and in the water-challenged Permian Basin, that can mean problems with balancing the demands of the public, agriculture and the energy industry.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin hosted its first annual Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference on Wednesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion and presented a forum to discuss the myriad issues surrounding water use.

"This is an opportunity to learn from each other about this ancient and essential element to our lives," UTPB President Sandra Woodley said in her opening statement.

A major subject throughout the day was the recycling and reuse of produced water for exploration operations in order to have less impact on vital fresh water supplies.

Apache Corp. between 2013 and 2016 used more than 20 million barrels of recycled produced water in its operations and has set a goal of sourcing more than 50 percent of its water from recycled produced water in 2018, according to Tyler Hussey, water resources engineer with the company.

What's next for efforts to eliminate the use of fresh water and increase the use of recycled and reused water is increased collaboration among operators, reusing more produced water, coordinating drilling and completion schedules, reducing water disposal and reducing frac hits on neighbor wells, Hussey said.

Robert Huizenga, water resources manager with Cimarex Energy, said he is passionate about the fact that operators don't need to do a lot of processing to reuse produced water. He said his company uses a filter and trusts that the chemicals in the frac fluids are sufficient friction reducers. He said the company's goal is to use 100 percent produced water for future frac jobs or dispose of the water.

Ryan Marshall, water resources manager with Callon Petroleum, said his company used 100 percent non-potable water on three projects in one area. The water was 80 percent brackish Santa Rosa water and 20 percent produced water. "We want to get that to 50-50," he said, adding the company's ultimate goal is to use 100 percent produced water in its operations. "It's the right thing to do, and it makes economic sense. It helps on the fracturing side and on the disposal side," he said.

Basic Energy's customers are demanding the use of less fresh water and more recycled and reused water, said James Newman, senior vice president with the company. He said the company uses filtration and oxidization methods to recycle the water it uses.

"The Permian Basin has lagged in water recycling and is in its infancy in reusing water," he said.

Here are some other highlights from Wednesday:

■ CRMWD declines: Water deliveries from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which supplies 70 percent of the city of Midland's water, have fallen about 23 percent over the past 10 years while the population of the three member cities — Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder — have climbed 20 percent to total about 150,000. John Grant, the district's general manager, attributes the decline to the impact of the severe drought that began in 2011.

Municipalities such as Midland built infrastructure during that time to bring water in. Midland, for example, constructed a pipeline to the T Bar Ranch, and the cost of those projects is built into the water rates charged city customers. Those rising rates have likely prompted the drop in usage, he said.

■ Know the differences: Water laws and regulations not only differ from state to state, but in Texas they can differ county by county. As an example, during a panel discussion by groundwater district general

Please see **CONFERENCE**/5A

Local pastors react to news of Billy Graham's passing

The Rev. Billy Graham, who has counseled presidents and was dubbed "America's pastor," died Wednesday at his home in North Carolina. He was 99. Three local pastors provided the Reporter-Telegram with their thoughts of the Christian evangelist.

I am moved deeply by his passing. His impact on the Church today, was, and still is, of paramount magnitude. So much so until it separates him as being "the only of a kind." His commitment to the simple message of salvation through Jesus Christ only was his mantra of hope to a dying world. He epitomizes what it meant to stay the course! The Cross of Christ was indeed his Statue of Liberty!

There is much more I could say of him, but his life said it best! "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

— Roy Smith, pastor of True-Lite Christian Fellowship

Few leaders, religious or otherwise, stand as such a beacon of influence and humility. As a religious leader with unalterable core convictions about the Gospel, he was respected across all aisles of belief. Hopefully, another generation can learn from his enduring legacy to love people the way God so loved them and be able to speak truth in love and respect rather than judgment and condemnation.

Men like Billy Graham and Martin Luther King, Jr. showed us what it's like to stand for truth, love people, work with those who differ and leave behind a legacy of love, forgiveness and respect. We would do well, in Reverend Graham's passing, to remember, repent and relight the torch of such enduring legacy.

— Patrick Payton, lead teaching minister, Stonegate Fellowship

Dr. Graham's shadow shall likely never fade from American Christianity. His legacy of being faithful to his Savior, his wife, his family and his calling are simply legendary.

Some years ago, he said, "One day you'll hear Billy Graham is dead. Don't believe it. I shall be more alive at that time than I am now!"

And indeed he is. We are a poorer place without him, but we celebrate his gain.

— Darrin Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church

The Rev. Darrin Wood provides additional thoughts on Billy Graham in **Friday's Faith & Philanthropy section.**

More inside

■ Billy Graham went from tent revivals to the White House.

■ Texas governor orders flags to half-staff in Graham's honor.

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Obituaries

Bettie Jo Vick Pryor

Bettie Jo Vick Pryor, 90, of Midland, Texas (formerly of Deming, New Mexico), passed away on February 14, 2018 at her residence in Helen Greathouse Manor.

Bettie was born on February 28, 1927 in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Jennings Samuel Vick, Sr. and Della Frances Cocks Vick. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Bob Pryor, this past December as well as her two siblings, Cluzecilla Martin and Jennings Vick, Jr.

Bettie's childhood through eighth grade was spent in Old Mesilla, New Mexico. Her family then moved to Clint, Texas where she attended and graduated from Clint High School. Bettie married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Pryor, on September 27, 1947. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone in the accounting department in El Paso, Texas for 11 years.

In 1956, she and Bob moved to Deming. For many years, Bettie was able to be a stay at home mother of their two daughters, Robin and Judy. In 1967, she went to work for Deming Public Schools as the high school registrar. Bettie worked for Deming Public Schools for 25 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Deming for 56 years. She actively participated as both a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Dorcus Sunday School Class.

Colorful flower beds were one of Bettie's many specialties. She spent time meticulously pruning, watering, and enjoying her beautifully blooming flowers that included roses, zinnias, mums, crepe myrtles, as well as many other flowering plants. They were an oasis in the New Mexico desert and anyone who drove or stopped by for a visit were sure to enjoy their beauty.

Bettie was also a wonderful cook. She showed her love for her family and friends by cooking and baking for them. Her gift of baking fudge and chocolate pies were a family favorite. She would ship her fudge to family in Texas if she was not able to deliver it herself. Anyone who visited Bettie was certainly going to be offered a piece of her famous fudge or homemade chocolate pie with coffee.

Bettie (Nana to the grandkids and great-grandkids) loved her family. She made summer, Christmas, and Thanksgiving holidays a special time. The grandkids treasured and enjoyed the adventures that she and Bob took them on whether it was camping in the Gila Wilderness, driving to the ghost town of Shakespeare, eating watermelon at Rock Hound State Park in the Florida Mountains, hunting for coins and tiger eyes in the dirt, or just lying on the grass in the yard looking at the clouds, watching for satellites and telling stories. Nana (Bettie) was a precious grandmother.

In 2013, after 56 years of living in Deming, Bettie and Bob moved to Helen Greathouse Manor, Manor Park in Midland. She and Bob joined the First Baptist Church of Midland.

After 70 years of marriage, Bettie peacefully joined Bob in Heaven after only 57 days of being apart. She is survived by two daughters, Robin Bishop (David) of Midland (Greenwood), Texas, and Judy Fellows (Cecil) of Kerrville, Texas; four grandchildren, Jennifer Tidwell (David), Dustin Fellows (Lisa), Kristen Leonard (Keith), and Taylor Fellows; as well as nine great-grandchildren, Jacee Fellows, Gunnar Holcomb, Jacob Tidwell, Maddie Wilhelm, Claire Tidwell, Isabelle, Bishop and Thomas Leonard, and Hudson Wilhelm.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Helen Greathouse Manor, Manor Park, (Midland) Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and staff of Manor Park Rehab Hospital, (Midland), Dr. Chau Le of Texas Tech Geriatrics in Odessa, Texas along with his nurses and staff, Dr. Phillip Everett, Dr. James Barnett and Ryan Vela, PA of Permian Cardiology, Ministry of First Baptist Church, and Bill Billett, Manor Park Chaplain.

Joint graveside services for Bettie and Bob are planned for 2:00 p.m., April 7, 2018 at Mountain View Cemetery, Deming, NM.

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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Deborah Dee Petrie

"For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever shall believe in Him, shall not perish but have Everlasting Life" - John 3:16

Our beautiful wife, mother and grandmother, Deborah Dee Petrie, went home to be with our Savior on February 18, 2018 at the age of 61 years. She was born in Blackwell, Oklahoma, the daughter of Gerald and Betty Mitchell, on February 4, 1957. She attended Blackwell schools through high school. She married the love of her life, Michael Alan Petrie, on October 20, 1979. They moved to Texas that day and have been residents ever since.

She loved gardening, working with her irises and flowers, and being with her much loved grandchildren.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Petrie; son, Chad Petrie and wife Beth, along with their children Evan and Jacob, of Ponca City, Oklahoma; son, Cory Petrie and wife Sara, along with their children Caleb and James, of Midland, Texas; and daughter, Kelsi Baker and husband Jon-Marc, of Midland.

She is also survived by her mother, Betty Mitchell of Blackwell; brother, Ronald Lockert and wife Tammy of Blackwell; along with numerous nephews and friends.

She is predeceased by her father, Gerald Mitchell, and her grandparents.

Services will be held at Stonegate Fellowship on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the north building.

Donations can be made to Cook's Children's hospital or St. Jude Children's Research Center in her honor.

The family would like to thank everyone for their love and kindness during this difficult time. We rejoice because she is in Heaven smiling upon us.

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Dorothy Jean Hinckley

Dorothy Jean Hinckley was born on November 9, 1924 in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma to Walter and Reba (Holdridge) Kelly. Jean passed from this life in Oklahoma City on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the age of 93.

Jean attended Will Rogers High School in Tulsa and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Tulsa University. She taught school for 12 years but spent a lifetime of Christian service.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Walter Kelly; and a sister, Norma Lea Kelly.

She was a loving wife to her late husband, Dr. De L. Hinckley, Jr., a United Methodist minister for 40 years; loving mother to her children, Deede (Dr. Richard) Cauley of Big Spring, Texas, David (Lyn) Hinckley of Moore, Oklahoma, Jim (Susan) Hinckley Tuttle, Oklahoma, and Debbie (Mark) Dillard of Murphy, Texas; nine grandchildren (including Grayson Cauley of Midland, Texas) and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Epworth Villa, 14901 N. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery (Tulsa), followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church Mason Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oklahoma City University, Attention, Dept. of Advancement "De and Jean Hinckley Scholarship Fund," 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

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Montie Guy Watson

Montie Guy Watson, 60, of Midland, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on February 17, 2018 in Uganda, Africa.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steve Schorr, officiating.

He was born on September 26, 1957 in Abilene, Texas to A.K. "Bud" and Dorise Stone Watson. Montie attended elementary school in Abilene, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Huntsville, Texas before moving to Midland in 1968. He graduated Lee High School in 1976, attended New Mexico Junior College for two years and then went to Angelo State University, graduating in 1982.

Montie was an outstanding golfer in high school and received scholarships to play in college. While playing professional golf in Arizona, he met his wife and soulmate, Lia Marie Tanselli. They married in Phoenix Arizona in 1987. He continued his professional golf career until 1993.

In 1994, he was blessed with a son, Aaron Cole. Three years later a baby girl, Avery Elizabeth, arrived to complete the family.

Montie owned and operated Watson Machinery Company and was involved in many other business ventures. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, a member of West Texas Safari Club and Safari Club International. He gave generously of his time in planning and executing several golf tournaments benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center.

Montie's passions included college football, cooking for his family, hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities. He instilled a love of the outdoors to his children who were the center of his life. He never missed any sporting event in which his children participated. If Montie befriended anyone, and there were many, you were a friend for life.

He is survived by his wife, Lia; their children, Aaron and Avery Watson of Midland; his mother, Dorise Watson of Midland; sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Bill Engvall of Park City, Utah; a niece, Emily Holden; and by a nephew, Travis Engvall.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bud Watson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church, or a charity of your choice.

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Sandra Kay Alsup

Sandra Kay Alsup, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2018.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018.

Sandra was born on July 13, 1942 in Texas City, Texas to Vella Mae and Clarence Hazel. She graduated from Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Texas in 1960, and received a nursing diploma from Wichita General Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1962. While completing a psychiatry rotation in Austin, she met the love of her life. Jim and Sandy were married in 1963 and moved to Midland in 1964. She was a long time registered nurse practicing in several settings, but her passion was working in surgery at Midland Memorial Hospital. She worked in the field until the late 1980s when arthritis finally made the work too difficult.

Sandy gave generously of her time to several Midland organizations, including Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland Junior League, Community Children's Clinic, and First Presbyterian Church, where she served as both a deacon and an elder as well as a Stephen Minister. She was an avid sports fan, and played tennis as long as her hands would let her. She rarely missed a grandchild's game or meet, and loved the Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys. Sandy and Jim travelled the world together, spending time with life-long friends and making new ones along the way.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Alsup; sons, J. Devin Alsup and sons Briggs and Brady; Jeff Alsup and wife, Lynn and daughters Clare, Anna and Lucy; a brother, Clegg Hazel and wife, Jean; brothers-in-law Bill Alsup and Jack Filler; and cousins, Vicki Stewart and Sally Hazel.

In addition, she is survived by nine loving nieces and nephews and their families.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Vella Mae and Clarence Hazel.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward the staff of Home Hospice for their work during her rapid decline.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Community Children's Clinic. or a charity of your choice.

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Troy Alan Fox

Troy Alan Fox was born November 16, 1956 to Bill and Lois Fox of Hardesty, Oklahoma. He passed away at his home in Midland, Texas on February 16, 2018 at the age of 61.

Troy grew up on the farm outside of Hardesty, Oklahoma and spent most of his adult life in Midland. He worked in computer repair, owned his own repair business, and worked in the oilfields and at a salvage yard. If it was broken, Troy could fix it.

He is survived by daughters, Lyndsey Fox (Joeie) and Caren Holmes (Michael); son, Jimmy Fox; grandchildren, Caleb Shepard, Chloe Fox, Shaina Moreau, Caytlynn Spezzano, and Logan Reid; and sisters, Ronda O'Daniel (Jack), Brenda Hussey, Tracy Smith (Terry), and Karla Hussey (Brian).

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bill and Lois Fox; grandparents, John and Lola Fox, and Ted and Clarice Taylor; and grandson, Jeffrey McCoy.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 3800 N. Big Spring St, Midland, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at Range Cemetery outside Hardesty, Oklahoma on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at Apostolic Faith Church Fellowship Hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Midland Memorial Hospital of Midland, Texas for their assistance with indigent care as they helped Troy.

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Death Notices

Dolores Moya Ruiz

Dolores Moya Ruiz, of Midland, passed away February 20, 2018.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Av-alos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road, Midland, Texas.

There will be a rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine with burial to follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Eddy Strickland; a daughter, Tiffany Jewel Moya Ruiz; two sons, Mathias Matthew Moya Ruiz II and Christian Bo Moya Ruiz; and by three brothers.

Edwin J. McKinley

Edwin J. McKinley, 74, of Midland, passed away February 19, 2018.

He is survived by son, Eddie J. McKinley; daughters, Renee McKinley and Michelle Molinar; and by two siblings.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home, 10:00 a.m. with inurnment immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

Israel L. Luna, Sr.

Israel L. Luna, Sr., 78, of Midland, passed away February 20, 2018.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Luna, David Martin Luna; daughters, Elvira Norma Luna, Marisol Luna; and by five siblings.

Viewing will be held for Mr. Luna on Friday, February 23, 2018 beginning at 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home, with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

Joe Mack Dominick

Joe Mack Dominick, 55, of Midland, passed away February 14, 2018.

He is survived by his daughter, Cristal Poole.

Mary Ellen Gibbons Short

Mary Ellen Gibbons Short, 89, passed away in Midland, Texas on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Munden; and by her sons, Steve Short, Mark Short and Phil Short.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

Patricia L. Shaw

Patricia L. Shaw of Midland passed away on February 20, 2018.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Pearlie Mae Culberson Haynes

Pearlie Mae Culberson Haynes, 72, of Midland, peacefully passed away February 19, 2018.

There will be a visitation at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

A wake service will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. where family will receive friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Faye Riggs, Sandra Denise Collins, Vickey Lea Haynes; and two sisters and five brothers.

Steve V. Nicholson

Steve V. Nicholson, 80, of Midland, peacefully passed away February 13, 2018.

Graveside service will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 at Serenity Memorial Garden Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

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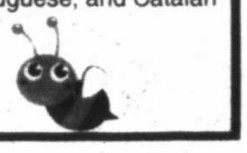

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District 2 town hall

Councilman John Love III will be hosting a town hall event today for residents of his district. The forum will feature officials from the city of Midland and Midland County and provide an opportunity to ask questions and share priorities.

The town hall is scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m. today at Martinez Bakery, 206 E Florida Ave.

Things to do

■ 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@artbysaradb.com.

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

■ Resolving Conflict and Finding Purpose by the Lifestyle Medicine Center, 6-7 p.m., Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway. $5. Eventbrite.com.

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

■ Saluté: A Night of Old Hollywood Glam, 7 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. $150. Tables still available. seniorlinkmidland.org.

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

■ The 34th annual Wrangler Rodeo, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 seniors and children 12 and younger. Odessa.edu.

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

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

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

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

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Jeanie Wilson combs her dog Feb. 15 at the West Texas and Big Spring Kennel Club's Dog Show at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

■ Sam Riggs, 9 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

■ Sam Choate, 9 p.m., Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

Program planned on Irises

West Texas Iris Society is meeting 7 p.m. March 1 at Senior Link Midland. The program is on artistic arrangements. The presenter is Dawn Boyer of Amarillo, former vice president of Region 17 of the American Iris Society.

The public is invited to attend.

WTIS is hosting a show April 14 at Midland Park Mall. For more information, contact Debbie Strauss at 352-5483.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177). Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-3-5
Pick 3 day: 3-3-4
Pick 3 evening: 0-4-9
Pick 3 night: 8-3-1
Daily 4 morning: 3-5-1-7
Daily 4 day: 9-0-8-6
Daily 4 evening: 6-4-1-4
Daily 4 night: 4-0-4-3
Cash Five: 4-9-32-33-36
Triple Chance: 2-12-14-15-21-32-39-42-50-51
Powerball: 7-15-31-34-36 BB: 8 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 4-5-8-9-11-12-14-15-18-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-6-9-10-11-12-14-17-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-5-7-8-10-13-15-16-17-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-5-7-11-12-14-17-20-22-24

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 40
Low 25
Normal high 64
Normal low 36

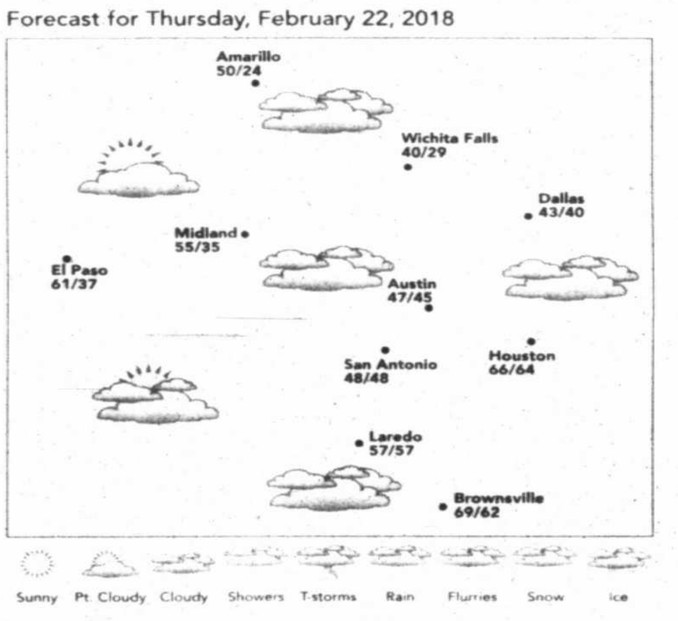
Feb. 21's records
Record high: 88 set in 1996
Record low: 1 set in 1939

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.01 in.
Month total ..... 0.04 in.
Year total ..... 0.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.10 in.

Winds
Average speed: 18.2 mph
Highest speed: 29 mph
Highest gust speed: 35 mph

Today's forecast
High: 55
Low: 38
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night

Forecast for Thursday, February 22, 2018



Chance of rain: Patchy freezing drizzle before noon
Sunrise ..... 7:24 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:41 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Taurus if born before 6:07 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2018:** This year you break past previous restrictions. You often think in terms of your daily life, and let long-term planning fall to the wayside. If you are single, your popularity soars. Be willing to read between the lines with a potential suitor. The issue might not be what is said, but what isn't said! If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more excitement than usual. As a couple, you are likely to make a major change on the homefront. GEMINI often presents new ideas that you can count on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your possessive side emerges when dealing with a financial matter. Stay on top of your to-do list, or else you'll need to adjust your plans. Opportunities knock on your door that you won't want to say "no" to. Your organization might determine how you proceed. **Tonight:** Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your upbeat attitude melts others' negativity and opens up several opportunities. Friends support you in taking the next step toward pursuing a long-desired goal. You feel more positive than you have in quite a long time. **Tonight:** Get into some spring shopping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might want to do some thinking about your next choice or action. Planning your day contributes to even more possibilities. Deal with a partner directly, especially when handling a money matter. Opportunities knock on your door. **Tonight:** Accept someone's invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Use the morning to focus on what you want to do. Associates and friends are likely to be your cheerleaders and supporters. Later in the day, you might find that a partner is easily irritated. Detach for a while, until you both calm down. **Tonight:** Make it an early bedtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Demands push you into the limelight, which you can handle and actually even might like. With this activity comes a lot of responsibility. You might want to rearrange your schedule in order to be as effective as possible. Reschedule a personal appointment. **Tonight:** Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be willing to take a leap of faith. Consider what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes before you decide to head in a new direction. If your insecurities keep encouraging you to back off, you might need more time to think. **Tonight:** Accept the limelight gracefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You often relate to a loved one on a one-on-one level. Together, you make a strong and insightful combo. Make it OK to tap into your imagination. Reach out to someone who always adds a fresh perspective. You will have to do some heavy thinking. **Tonight:** Reach for the stars!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Defer to others for now, and understand that they need to see their ideas become a reality. The results might not be what they had anticipated. You express yourself with clarity and demonstrate the ability to see situations differently. **Tonight:** Respond to a friend playfully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Breeze into the morning with determination to complete some errands. Your perspective about a financial matter could change after a conversation with a partner. Your instincts come through for you if you aren't sure which way to turn. **Tonight:** Sort through your invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Some people think of you as a stick in the mud. Today you'll give these people a reason to reassess their judgments. Your creativity allows you to approach an important project differently. Uncertainty surrounding this project might cause you to walk away from it. **Tonight:** Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Stay anchored. You know what is good for you, and you know which way you need to go. You might opt to work from home and handle a problem from there. With you less available, others will make more of an effort to bypass a hassle. **Tonight:** Get into weekend mood ASAP!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to speak your mind in a way that triggers others' thoughts. Choose the most effective and powerful method of achieving results and drawing in supporters. Take the time to consider where someone else is coming from. **Tonight:** Make it a cozy night at home.

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Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), actress Julie Walters (1950), singer/songwriter James Blunt (1974)

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Billy Graham speaks as his son Franklin Graham, right, listens May 31, 2007, during a dedication ceremony for the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C.. Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, has died. Spokesman Mark DeMoss says Graham, who long suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments, died at his home in North Carolina on Wednesday. He was 99.

Billy Graham went from tent revivals to the White House

By Rachel Zoll and Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

MONTREAT, N.C. — As a young man, he practiced his sermons by preaching to the alligators and birds in the swamp. At his height years later, he was bringing the word of God into living rooms around the globe via TV and dispensing spiritual counsel — and political advice — to U.S. presidents.

The Rev. Billy Graham, dubbed "America's Pastor" and the "Protestant Pope," died Wednesday at his North Carolina home at age 99 after achieving a level of influence and reach no other evangelist is likely ever to match.

More than anyone else, the magnetic, Hollywood-handsome Graham built evangelicalism into a force that rivaled liberal Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the United States.

The North Carolina-born Graham transformed the tent revival into an event that filled football arenas, and reached the masses by making pioneering use of television in prosperous postwar America. By his final crusade in 2005, he had preached in person to more than 210 million people worldwide.

All told, he was the most widely heard Christian evangelist in modern history.

"Graham is a major historical figure, not merely to American evangelicals, but to American Christianity in general," said Bill Leonard, a professor at Wake Forest University Divinity School in North Carolina. Graham was "the closest thing to a national Protestant chaplain that the U.S. has ever had."

A tall figure with swept-back hair, blue eyes and a strong jaw, Graham was a commanding presence in the pulpit with a powerful baritone voice. His catchphrase: "The Bible says ..."

Despite his international renown, he would be the first to say his message was not complex or unique. But he won over audiences with his friendliness, humility and unyielding religious conviction.

He had an especially strong influence on the religion and spirituality of American presidents, starting with Dwight Eisenhower, whom he urged to run for office and baptized at the White House. George W. Bush credited Graham with helping him transform himself from carousing, hard-drinking oilman to born-again Christian family man.

His influence reached beyond the White House. He delivered poignant remarks about the nation's wounds in the aftermath of Sept. 11 during a message from Washington National Cathedral three days after the attacks. He met with boxer Muhammad Ali in 1979 to talk about religion. He showed up in hurricane-ravaged South Carolina in the 1980s and delivered impromptu sermons from the back of a pickup truck to weary storm victims.

In the political arena, his organization took out full-page ads in support of a ballot measure that would ban gay marriage. Critics blasted Graham on social media on Wednesday for his stance on gay rights.

Graham wasn't always a polished presence in the pulpit. After World War II, as an evangelist in the U.S. and Europe with Youth for Christ, he was dubbed "the Preaching Windmill" for his arm-swinging and rapid-fire speech. His first meeting with a U.S. president, Harry Truman, was a disaster. Wearing a pastel suit and loud tie that he would later say made him look like a vaudeville performer, the preacher, unfamiliar with protocol, told reporters what he had discussed with Truman, then posed for photos.

But those were early stumbles on his path to fame and influence.

His first White House visit with Lyndon Johnson, scheduled to last only minutes, stretched to several hours. He urged Gerald Ford to pardon Richard Nixon and supported Jimmy Carter on the SALT disarmament treaty. He stayed at the White House with George H.W. Bush on the eve of the first Persian Gulf War.

His presidential ties proved problematic when his close friend Nixon resigned in the Watergate scandal in 1974, leaving Graham devastated, embarrassed and baffled.

Later, tapes released in 2002 caught the preacher telling Nixon that Jews "don't know how I really feel about what they're doing to this country."

Graham apologized, saying he didn't recall ever having such feelings. He asked the Jewish community to consider his actions instead of his words.

At the height of his career, he would be on the road for months at a time. The strain of so much preaching caused the already trim Graham to lose as much as 30 pounds by the time one of his crusades ended.

His wife, Ruth, mostly stayed behind at their mountainside home in Montreat to raise their five children: Franklin, Virginia ("Gigi"), Anne, Ruth and Nelson ("Ned"). Ruth sometimes grew so lonely when Billy was traveling that she slept with his tweed jacket for comfort. But she said, "I'd rather have a little of Bill than a lot of any other man."

Beyond Graham's TV appearances and speaking engagements, he reached multitudes through network radio, including "The Hour of Decision," film and newspapers.

One of Graham's breakthrough films was "The Restless Ones," made in the 1960s, about morally adrift teens in Southern California who found the strength to withstand temptation after attending a Billy Graham crusade.

In the 1950s he created a syndicated newspaper column, "My Answer," which at its height reached tens of millions of readers.

Early on, he took up the cause of fighting communism, preaching against its atheistic evils. But he was much less robust in his support for civil rights and did not join his fellow clergymen in the movement's marches, a position he later said he regretted.

"I think I made a mistake when I didn't go to Selma" to join the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., he said in a 2005 interview. "I would like to have done more."

Still, Graham ended racially segregated seating at his Southern crusades in 1953, a year before the Supreme Court's school integration ruling, and long refused to visit South Africa while its white regime insisted on separating the races at meetings.

Graham's integrity lifted him through the dark days of the late 1980s, after scandals befell TV preachers Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker.

Graham had resolved early on never to be alone with a woman other than his wife. Instead of taking a share of the offerings at his crusades, he drew a modest salary from his ministry, which was governed by an independent board, instead of by friends and relatives.

"Why, I could make a quarter of a million dollars a year in this field or in Hollywood if I wanted to," Graham once said. "The offers I've had from Hollywood studios are amazing. But I just laughed. I told them I was staying with God."

Later in his career, Graham visited communist Eastern Europe. Increasingly, he appealed for world peace.

William Franklin Graham Jr. was born on Nov. 7, 1918, on a rural dairy farm near Charlotte. His path began taking shape at age 16, when the Presbyterian-reared teenager committed himself to Christ at a tent revival.

After high school, he enrolled at the fundamentalist Bob Jones College, then transferred to Florida Bible Institute in Tampa. There, he practiced his sermonizing in a swamp.

He still wasn't convinced he should be a preacher until a soul-searching, late-night ramble on a golf course.

"I finally gave in while pacing at midnight on the 18th hole," he said. "'All right, Lord,' I said, 'If you want me, you've got me.'"

A 1949 Los Angeles revival in a tent dubbed the "Canvas Cathedral" turned Graham into evangelism's rising star. Legendary publisher William Randolph Hearst had ordered his papers to hype Graham, though the evangelist said he never learned why.

He later embarked on expectation-defying crusades in London and New York, soon becoming a global voice for Christianity.

Health problems gradually slowed Graham. In 1995 his son William Franklin Graham III, then 43, was designated the ministry's leader.

Billy Graham's wife died in 2007 at age 87. Graham will be buried next to her at the Billy Graham Museum and Library in Charlotte. There was no immediate word on other funeral arrangements.

Biographical details on the Rev. Billy Graham

Associated Press

NAME — William Franklin "Billy" Graham Jr.

BIRTH — Nov. 7, 1918, near Charlotte, North Carolina

EDUCATION — Bachelor of theology, Florida Bible Institute, 1940; bachelor of arts in anthropology, Wheaton College, Ill., 1943; numerous honorary doctorates.

CAREER — Baptist pastor in Western Springs, Ill., 1943-45. Field representative with Youth for Christ, 1945-49. From 1947 on ran his own campaigns, sponsored after 1950 by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, becoming history's most-traveled Christian evangelist and speaking in person to more than 210 million people in 185 countries and territories. Multi-media innovator and a key leader in numerous evangelical Protestant organizations and meetings.

HONORS — The $1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (1982). Presidential Medal of Freedom (1983), Congressional Gold Medal (1996), honorary British knighthood (2001).

WRITINGS — Countless sermons and speeches, daily newspaper columns, 32 books including a best-selling 1997 autobiography "Just As I Am."

FAMILY — Married Ruth McCue Bell in 1943 (she died in 2007). Children: Virginia ("Gigi"), Anne, Ruth, William Franklin Graham III ("Franklin," his father's successor as B.G.E.A. leader), Nelson ("Ned").

QUOTE — "My one purpose in life is to help people find a personal relationship with God, which, I believe, comes through knowing Christ."

Abbott orders flags to half-staff in Graham's honor

Associated Press

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott is ordering his state's flags to fly at half-staff in memory of "humble servant of God" Billy Graham.

A 99-year-old evangelist, Graham died Wednesday at his North Carolina home.

In a statement, Abbott ordered his state's flags "to be lowered to half-staff on the day of interment," which he noted will be determined by Graham's family.

Abbott said Graham was a counselor to many U.S. presidents, including some from Texas. He said Graham "left an indelible mark" and "forever impacted the lives of everyday people" around the nation and the globe.

Abbott said that he and his wife, Cecilia, "extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Graham family, and we celebrate the life of this humble servant of God."

Secular and religious leaders pay tribute to Billy Graham

Associated Press

Leaders expressed admiration and respect for evangelist Billy Graham, who died at his North Carolina home Wednesday morning.

President Donald Trump

In a tweet, President Donald Trump said: "The GREAT Billy Graham is dead. There was nobody like him! He will be missed by Christians and all religions. A very special man."

Vice President Mike Pence

"Billy Graham's ministry for the gospel of Jesus Christ and his matchless voice changed the lives of millions," Pence tweeted. "We mourn his passing but I know with absolute certainty that today he heard those words, 'well done good and faithful servant.'"

Former President Barack Obama

"Billy Graham was a humble servant who prayed for so many — and who, with wisdom and grace, gave hope and guidance to generations of Americans."

Former President George W. Bush

"Billy Graham was a consequential leader. He had a powerful, captivating presence and a keen mind. He was full of kindness and grace. His love for Christ and his gentle soul helped open hearts to the Word, including mine. Laura and I are thankful for the life of Billy Graham, and we send our heartfelt condolences to the Graham family."

Former President Jimmy Carter

"Rosalynn and I are deeply saddened to learn of the death of The Reverend Billy Graham," Carter said in a statement. "Tirelessly spreading a message of fellowship and hope, he shaped the spiritual lives of tens of millions of people worldwide. Broad-minded, forgiving, and humble in his treatment of others, he exemplified the life of Jesus Christ by constantly reaching out for opportunities to serve."

Former President George H.W. Bush

"Billy Graham was America's pastor. His faith in Christ and his totally honest evangelical spirit inspired people across the country and around the world. I think Billy touched the hearts of not only Christians, but people of all faiths, because he was such a good man. I was privileged to have him as a personal friend. ... He was a mentor to several of my children, including the former president of the United States. We will miss our good friend forever."

Former President Bill Clinton

In a statement, Clinton said he and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton are saddened by Graham's death. "I will never forget the first time I saw him, 60 years ago in Little Rock, during the school integration struggle. He filled a football stadium with a fully integrated audience, reminding them that we all come before God as equals, both in our imperfection and our absolute claim to amazing grace. ... Billy has finished his long good race, leaving our world a better place and claiming his place in glory."

House Speaker Paul Ryan

Ryan issued a statement that said, in part, "As soaring a figure as he was, Rev. Graham connected with people on an elemental level. His reach was rooted in decency, humility, and love. He set a tone of ecumenical inclusion, advocated civil rights, and refused to accept the segregation of those attending his crusades. Rev. Graham's service is a testament that, with faith in God, one person can do so much good for the world."

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper

"Billy Graham was a strong, humble, positive and passionate North Carolina man of faith who made a difference in the lives of so many. Rest with God, Reverend Graham."

Sen. Lindsey Graham

"One of the greatest messengers of Christ has gone to his heavenly reward," Sen. Graham wrote in a tweet. "Dr. Graham spread the good news to millions across the world and led a life beyond reproach."

Franklin Graham

The evangelist's son, who is now president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, tweeted: "My father ... was once asked, "Where is Heaven?" He said, "Heaven is where Jesus is and I am going to Him soon!" This morning, he departed this world into eternal life in Heaven, prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ — the Savior of the world — whom he proclaimed for 80 years."

Anne Graham Lotz

In an online post titled "Daddy is at Home," Graham's daughter Anne Graham Lotz said she did not think of him as a public figure. "I think of my Daddy. The one who was always a farmer at heart," she wrote. "Who loved his dogs and his cat. Who followed the weather patterns almost as closely as he did world events. Who wore old blue jeans, comfortable sweaters, and a baseball cap. Who loved lukewarm coffee, sweet ice tea, one scoop of ice cream, and a plain hamburger from McDonald's. Who was interested in everything and everyone, from the small to the great."

Mike Huckabee

The former Arkansas governor and GOP presidential candidate said in a statement, "When the news broke that Billy Graham had died, my first reaction was 'there's a real example of "Fake News."' Billy Graham has passed from this life for sure at the age of 99, but he is anything but dead. He is more alive now than ever before, and living a life that will never end."

North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr

"I was incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of Reverend Billy Graham this morning. America's Pastor was an inspiration to millions of Christians in our country and across the world. While his humility, faith, and booming voice will be sorely missed, today, he is at peace with God."

Woman charged with assault with deadly weapon

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested Tuesday after allegedly using a brick during the commission of an assault, according to court documents.

Kailinn Khi Williams, 24, was being held on a $50,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.

Midland police were dispatched Tuesday in reference to a disturbance.

Williams allegedly got into a verbal argument with a man and took his cellphone, according to her arrest affidavit.

Williams

The man sat in Williams' car so she wouldn't leave with the phone, according to the affidavit.

Then Williams grabbed a brick and threw it into the back and front windshields of the man's car, according to the affidavit.

Williams then grabbed a meat cleaver and began hitting the man on his arm, according to the affidavit. Officers observed multiple lacerations on his arm, according to the affidavit.

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

Man arrested on assault charge

From staff reports

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

Thomas

Jevon Travis Thomas, 24, was released on a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

Midland police were dispatched Monday in reference to a disturbance with weapons.

Upon arrival, the officer found a man and a woman who had a large amount of blood on both hands, according to Thomas' arrest affidavit.

Thomas allegedly hit the woman on the head with a suitcase and threw her on the couch and began fighting with her, according to the affidavit.

The woman bit Thomas in attempt to get him off her, according to the affidavit. Thomas then placed his hands around her neck and began to choke her, according to the affidavit.

A 5-year-old was present during the disturbance and kept telling Thomas to stop hurting the woman, according to the affidavit.

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

Abbott weighs parole board's advice on inmate's fate

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The fate of a convicted Texas killer was in Gov. Greg Abbott's hands Wednesday after the state parole board recommended sparing the prisoner's life at the urging of his father, who survived the attack.

Thomas "Bart" Whitaker is scheduled for lethal injection Thursday for arranging the fatal shootings of his mother and brother at their suburban Houston home in 2003. Whitaker's father, Kent, also was shot but survived and has led the effort to save his 38-year-old son from execution.

The seven-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, whose members are appointed by the governor, made the unanimous recommendation Tuesday that Abbott commute Whitaker's death sentence.

Abbott's options appeared to be accepting the recommendation, rejecting it or doing nothing. His office was silent midday Wednesday about the Whitaker case.

"I think the most important thing is both I and my staff have the opportunity to evaluate all the facts, all the circumstances, all the law, and base our decision on all of that information," Abbott, who is running for re-election, said late Tuesday at a campaign appearance in Houston.

Keith Hampton, one of Whitaker's attorneys, said if Abbott did nothing, Whitaker "gets executed." Another of Whitaker lawyer's, James Rytting, said while state law language doesn't specify the governor "must" act, no decision would "look bad" and possibly spur a due process violation legal challenge.

"I don't know why Abbott would not go along with this," Hampton said. "The clock's ticking. I'm just waiting."

It's only the fourth time since the state resumed executions in 1982 that the parole board has recommended clemency within days of an inmate's scheduled execution. In the previous cases, then-Gov. Rick Perry accepted the board's decision in one case and rejected the other two, who subsequently were put to death in the nation's most active capital punishment state.

Hampton said he and Whitaker's father went to the office of Abbott's general counsel immediately after the board ruling Tuesday but weren't allowed in.

"I'm very worried about conversations that are going on and a ticking clock and I've never sat down with anybody from the general counsel's office," he said. "He has the authority to wait until 5:55 on Thursday, but why put everybody through that?"

Rytting said Abbott should trust the parole board. "That's what the board is for," he said. "And there is no ambiguity here. They all came to the same conclusion."

Prosecutors in Fort Bend County, where the killings occurred at the Whitaker home in Sugar Land, just southwest of Houston, criticized the parole board recommendation.

"I guess the 12 jurors' opinion means nothing to the parole board," Fred Felcman, one of the trial prosecutors, said. He said if Abbott signed off on the clemency request, "then it's a total injustice, absolute injustice on this."

Kent and Patricia Whitaker and their two boys had returned to their home following a restaurant dinner to celebrate Bart Whitaker's college graduation when they were confronted by a gunman wearing dark clothes and a ski mask. All four were shot. Patricia Whitaker and her 19-year-old son, Kevin, were killed.

Nearly two years later, Bart Whitaker was arrested in Mexico after investigators determined he masterminded the murder plot against his family in hopes of collecting the family estate of more than $1 million.

"I'm 100 percent guilty," Whitaker testified at his trial in 2007. "I put the plan in motion."

He hated his parents and brother at the time, he said.

Whitaker's father says he has forgiven his son, calling him a changed person.

"As the greatest victim in this case, you don't have to convince me how awful this crime was," Kent Whitaker said. "I've lived it for 14 years now. But that doesn't mean the death penalty was the right choice in this case."

The U.S. Supreme Court last year refused to review appeals in Whitaker's case. Whitaker and another Texas death row inmate are plaintiffs in an appeal pending before the high court questioning the legality of Texas' lethal injection protocol and procedures.

Evidence showed the murder plot included two of his friends and was at least his third attempt to kill his family. As part of the scheme, Whitaker was shot in the arm to draw attention away from him. Unknown to his parents, the dinner celebration marking his graduation was a fraud. He'd dropped out of school months earlier.

CONFERENCE

From 1A

managers, it was noted that metering isn't required in the Glasscock County Groundwater District but it is in the Brewster County Groundwater District.

"Never make the assumption that just because you know how one groundwater district works that you know how another works," said moderator Monica Jacobs of Austin law firm Kelly Hart & Hallman.

She said adjacent groundwater districts in Texas can have much different rules and requirements.

Jacobs and Elizabeth Newlin Taylor of law firm Taylor & McCaleb of Albuquerque, New Mexico, presented the many differences between Texas and New Mexico. Perhaps the biggest is who owns the water.

Jacobs said surface water in Texas is owned by the state but that groundwater is private property. In New Mexico, surface and groundwater are public property, Taylor said.

Produced water is private property in Texas because it's considered groundwater. In New Mexico, produced water is regulated by the Oil Conservation, as opposed to the Office of the State Engineer, which is the primary water regulator. A permit or registration isn't required to use produced or recycled water on-site. Instead, reports on how much is being used must be submitted monthly. Off-site water recycling facilities and containments must be permitted or registered. Taylor said there are 27 recycling facilities in New Mexico.

Texas has about 100 groundwater districts that are formed not by aquifer boundaries, but by political lines, namely counties. In New Mexico, districts generally follow hydrologic boundaries, and there are 33 basins designated in the state.

■ Plenty of interest: Organizers had expected its inaugural conference to attract about 150 attendees; however, more than 400 people registered, including two from Tokyo, Japan. The conference website garnered more than 15,000 views, including from Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This first conference is a four-day event.

TEXASBALLOTPROPOSITIONS

2018 Texas republican party ballot propositions:

■ Texas should replace the property tax system with an appropriate consumption tax equivalent. Yes/No

■ No governmental entity should ever construct or fund construction of toll roads without voter approval. Yes/No

■ Republicans in the Texas House should select their Speaker nominee by secret ballot in a binding caucus without Democrat influence. Yes/No

■ Texas should require employers to screen new hires through the free E-Verify system to protect jobs for legal workers. Yes/No

■ Texas families should be empowered to choose from public, private, charter, or home-school options for their children's education, using tax credits or exemptions without government constraints or intrusion. Yes/No

■ Texas should protect the privacy and safety of women and children in spaces such as bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers in all Texas schools and government buildings. Yes/No

■ I believe abortion should be abolished in Texas. Yes/No

■ Vote fraud should be a felony in Texas to help ensure fair elections. Yes/No

■ Texas demands that Congress completely repeal Obamacare. Yes/No

■ To slow the growth of property taxes, yearly revenue increases should be capped at 4%, with increases in excess of 4% requiring voter approval. Yes/No

■ Tax dollars should not be used to fund the building of stadiums for professional or semi-professional sports teams. Yes/No

Source: teachthevote.org

2018 Texas democratic party ballot propositions:

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to quality public education from pre-k to 12th grade, and affordable college and career training without the burden of crushing student loan debt? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to refinance student loan debt with the Federal Reserve at a 0% interest rate, as relief for the crushing burden of debt and an investment in the next generation of Americans? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have a right to healthcare, guaranteed by a universal, quality Medicare-for-all system? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to economic security, where all workers have earned paid family and sick leave and a living wage that respects their hard work? Yes/No

■ Should the Democratic Party promote a national jobs program, with high wage and labor standards, to replace crumbling infrastructure and rebuild hurricane damaged areas, paid for with local, state, and federal bonds financed through the Federal Reserve at low interest with long term maturities? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to a life of dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment anywhere, including businesses and public facilities, no matter how they identify, the color of their skin, who they love, socioeconomic status, or from where they come? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to affordable and accessible housing and modern utilities including high speed internet, free from any form of discrimination? Yes/No

■ Should every eligible Texan have the right to vote, made easier by automatic voter registration, the option to vote by mail, a state election holiday, and no corporate campaign influence, foreign interference, or illegal gerrymandering? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair criminal justice system that treats people equally and puts an end to the mass incarceration of young people of color for minor offenses? Yes/No

■ Should there be a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses? Yes/No

■ Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair tax system, where all interests (business, corporations, and individuals) pay their share, so that state government meets its obligations? Yes/No

Source: teachthevote.org

Primary elections

When: March 6
Early Voting: Through March 2

Early voting centers
■ Midland County Elections Office — county annex building, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N
■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
■ Manor Park (Cowden Clubhouse), 5212 Sinclair Ave.

Times
■ **Elections Office**
Through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Feb. 25, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Feb. 26-March 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
■ **Other four locations**
Through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Feb. 25, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Feb. 26-March 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election turnout
Tuesday: 534 (Republicans 480; Democrats 54)
Wednesday: 358 (Republicans 324, Democrats 34)
By mail: 348
Total: 1,240

Pelosi can't say president, Trump in same sentence

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman

U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi dropped by the newspaper Monday and generously gave us more than an hour of her time to talk about the issues of the day, both legislative and political.

She opened by noting it was Presidents Day, which indeed it was. About 40 minutes later, it struck me that Pelosi, in town as part of a Texas swing to rally the Democratic troops for this year's elections, seemed to have trouble saying the name of our current president.

This revelation occurred to me as Pelosi, D-Liberalville, was answering a question from my colleague Jonathan Tilove.

"So here's the thing," she said. "I wish the election were today because we would win today."

Then she talked a little more and then she pinpointed her cause for optimism.

"When number 45 became president of the United States ...," she said just before I interrupted her.

"You really don't like to say Trump. I'm getting a pattern here," I said. (I'm pretty good about being quick to detect patterns. For example, I'm starting to think our current president is a tad different.)

Pelosi assured me she had no trouble with saying Trump. No, she said, she has no trouble with that. "It's to say president and Trump in the same" breath that's the problem, she said.

The ex-speaker speaks for much of a concerned nation.

Sensing an outcry for help, I staged a one-columnist intervention to help Pelosi say the words she has trouble saying: "Come on, try it. It'll be OK."

And she did and it was, though she quickly fell back into the previous pattern. Some habits are difficult to break. Some you don't want to break.

"When President Trump became president... ," she said in prefacing her next line of thought. "As I said, I'm a respectful person. More respectful of this office than he is. And, by the way, you know who tells us every day that he should not be president? You know who tells us every single day, who knows better than anyone that Trump should not be president?"

Pelosi then answered her own question: "Forty-five," she said, referring to the number our 45th president has monogrammed on the cuffs of some of his shirts. "Every day. Right? More than once a day sometimes. Tweet city."

Earlier in the visit to the paper, Pelosi, with disdain, told of the first thing Trump said to her and other congressional leaders during their first meeting after he became president.

"We're sitting at the table, and where will he begin? Will he quote our founders? Will he quote the Bible? (Tell us) what inspiration he has had?" Pelosi recalled.

Nope, she said. He went with what you'd expect him to: "You know I won the popular vote."

(Fact check: Hillary Clinton won 65,853,516 votes — 48.2 percent — compared with Trump's 62,984,825 votes — 46.1 percent, according to the official results compiled by the Federal Election Commission and released Jan. 30, 2017. Fiction check: Trump claims millions of people voted illegally. There's no evidence of that.)

Also during the Monday session, Pelosi told me I'm dead wrong about my theory that lots of congressional Republicans, while publicly backing Trump, privately think he's something of an oddball, possibly a dangerously odd ball.

"They love him," she said. "He's their guy."

She said my question was one she gets on daily basis. She resorted to a dramatic whisper to make her point: "When are Republicans going to" acknowledge the weirdness of Trump?

"Never," Pelosi said in a barely audible whisper.

She said she thought about Trump the other night when a certain song came on in a Houston restaurant. Again speaking for a nation, she noted how Trump that day had claimed personal exoneration in the federal indictments alleging Russian meddling in his improbable 2016 election victory.

"It's not about you," Pelosi recalled thinking. "You're the president of the United States. You're the commander in chief. An assault has been made on our country. It's not about you. It's about the United States of America."

That was in her mind when that certain song came on in that Houston restaurant, reminding us that God sometimes speaks to us via background music and Carly Simon.

"They had this song on just as he was saying that," Pelosi said, leading into the lyrics. "'You're so vain. I guess you think this song is about you.'"

"It's not about you," Pelosi repeated. "It's about you a little bit. Well, we'll see if it's about you."

And for Democrats this year, it is all about him, she said.

"God has blessed us this time with so much enthusiasm, so much urgency. People see the urgency. They want to take responsibility. That gives us opportunity," she said. "Right now, today, we would win. But the election isn't today so we have to put one good day in front of another."

The opportunity is great. But, as a sage of old once said, the Democrats rarely see a great opportunity they can't screw up.

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OPINION EXTRA

Simple measures can be taken to achieve broad agreement on guns

The gun control debate is complex. It pits rights against duties. It pits individualism against communitarianism. It pits gun owners against anti-gun activists, and law-abiding citizens against one another. Most of all, it pits "common sense" against evidence. The vast majority of gun control proponents keep talking about "common sense" gun control, as though Americans could simply blue-sky some ideas about curbing highly sporadic acts of violence and fix the problem immediately — and as though Americans were suffering from lack of will, rather than disagreement about method. That's simply not the case.

But there are things we can do.

Let's begin with the easiest thing: We can insist that our law enforcement agencies actually *enforce the law*. The Parkland, Florida, shooting occurred because the FBI failed to do its job. Not once but *twice*, the FBI was warned about the shooter. And not once but *twice*, it ignored the warnings. That isn't rare. We know that law enforcement screwed up in the South Carolina black church massacre; we know it screwed up in the Texas church massacre; we know it screwed up in San Bernardino. We know that, as of 2013, out of 48,321 cases against straw buyers — people who buy guns for others, including those who aren't legally allowed to buy them — just 44 had been prosecuted. We know that as of 2013, there were nearly 20,000 people in California alone who weren't legally allowed to own guns but owned them anyway. Giving the government more legal power to confiscate weaponry or prosecute those who are dangerous means nothing if the government blows every available opportunity.

But we can do more.

David French at National Review suggests an option: gun-violence restraining orders, or GRVOs. These would allow family members to apply for an order enabling the legal authorities to temporarily remove guns from those who are deemed to be a significant danger to themselves or others. Furthermore, we should ensure more transparency in the background-check system with regard to mental health records, and we should look to ease the regulations on involuntary commitment of the dangerously mentally ill.

We should also radically increase security in schools. I attended a Jewish high school that was regularly threatened with violence. Every student who attends that school is now checked in by security; the school has barriers on every side; armed security guards attend the campus. The same measures should be available at every public school. Complaints about the so-called school-to-prison pipeline created by the presence of law enforcement at schools seem to be overblown, according to the data — and, more importantly, it's the school's job to ensure the safety of students, not to protect students against their own criminal behavior.

These are simple measures that should be able to achieve broad agreement. But they probably won't, because it's too politically useful for the left to rail broadly about gun control. The biggest problem with the gun control debate has been its failure to boil down slogans to proposals. That problem won't be alleviated so long as the media insist on putting mourning teenagers on television with the chyron "DO SOMETHING." Something is nothing unless someone puts some actual proposals on the table.

— Ben Shapiro
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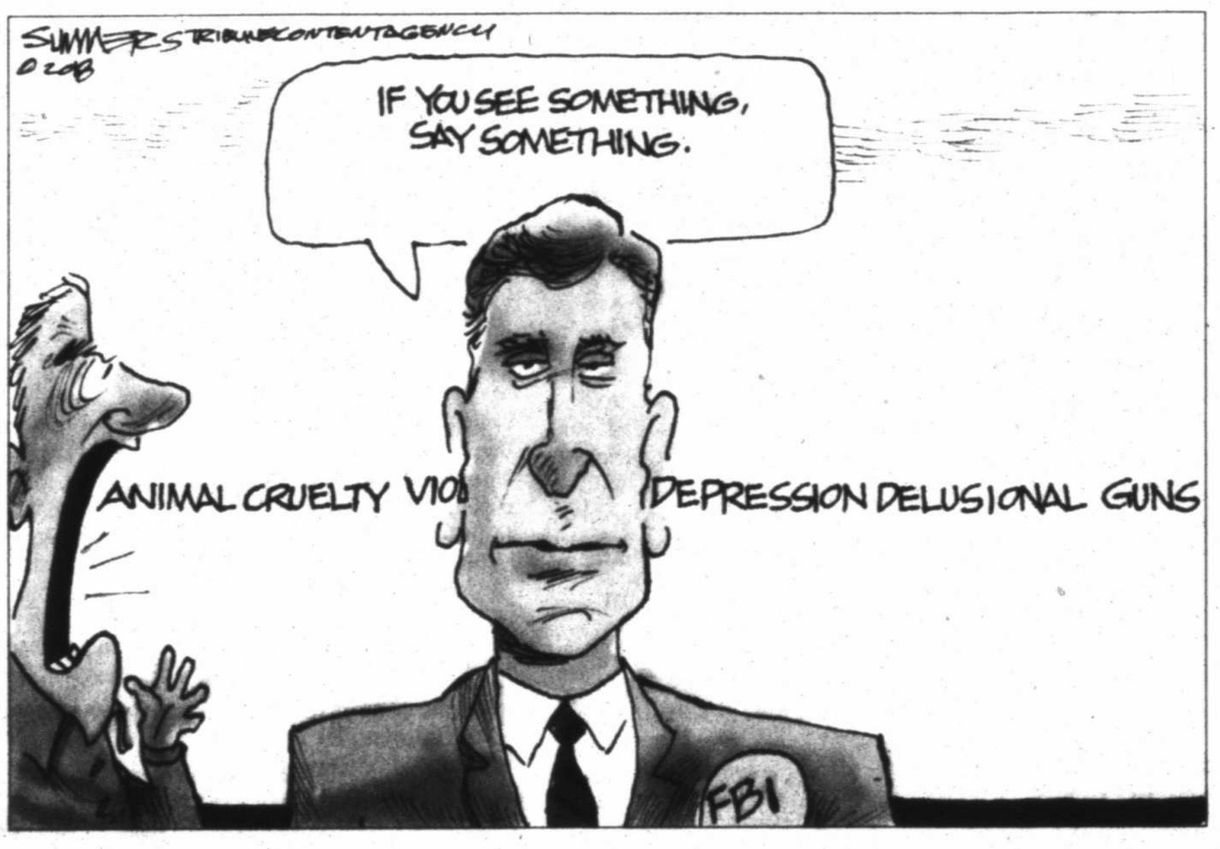

Divided U.S. beat Russia to the punch

■ The Russians didn't do anything to us that we weren't doing to ourselves, although we were doing it on a much larger, more potent scale

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

If only Joe McCarthy had lived to see this moment, when it is suddenly in vogue to attribute large-scale events in American politics to the hand of Russia and to inveigh against domestic subversion.

Robert Mueller released an indictment of 13 Russians for crimes related to their social-media campaign to meddle in our internal affairs in the run-up to and aftermath of the 2016 election.

Mueller obviously isn't a McCarthyite, and can't be held responsible for the hysteria — and hopeful expectations of an impeachment-level event — that has built up around his work. His indictment is, as far as anyone can tell, rigorously factual. That's probably the point of it — to create a record of an episode that we should want to know as much about as possible and prevent from ever happening again.

The Russia campaign was a shockingly cynical violation of our sovereignty. President Donald Trump would do himself and the country a favor by frankly denouncing it. But the scale of the operation shouldn't be exaggerated. In the context of a hugely expensive, obsessively covered, impossibly dramatic presidential election, the Russian contribution on social media was piddling and often laughable.

The Russians wanted to boost Trump, but as a Facebook executive noted, most of their spending on Facebook ads came after the election. The larger goal was to sow discord, yet we had already primed ourselves for plenty of that.

Does anyone believe, absent Russian trolls on Twitter and Facebook, that we were headed to a placid election season involving an incendiary, mediagenic former reality TV star bent on blowing up the political establishment and a longtime pol who had stoked the enmity of Republicans for 30 years and was under FBI investigation?

If you read the Mueller indictment, you might think the Russians were everywhere, not only advertising on Facebook ("Trump is our only hope for a better future"; "Ohio Wants Hillary 4 Prison"), but organizing rallies around the country. But it's not clear these rallies even came off.

The New York Post couldn't find any evidence of planned pro-Trump and anti-Hillary rallies in New York — not exactly a swing state — in June and July of 2016. Pictures and videos that appear to be from Russian-initiated pro-Trump "flash mobs" in Florida show a handful of people in various cities. This at a time when Trump was routinely holding rallies with thousands of people that garnered lavish media coverage.

The biggest Russian rally success appears to have been an anti-Trump event in New York after the election; it drew 10,000 people. This hardly means that the #resistance was corrupted by Russian influence. Without Kremlin involvement, half a million women marched against Trump in Washington, D.C., and more than 3 million around the country.

The Russians didn't do anything to us that we weren't doing to ourselves, although we were doing it on a much larger, more potent scale. The Russians are just aping the arguments we are already having with one other, and the sewerish level of much of the discussion on social media.

The New York Times ran a report the other day on Russian bots, in the immediate aftermath of the Parkland school shooting, posting on Twitter about gun control. It's hard to believe that this is going to rip apart the American body politic when many perfectly respectable, red-blooded Americans themselves advocate for gun control, and often in the immediate aftermath of shootings.

In a better world, Trump would be less defensive about the Russian investigation, and his opposition would be less obsessively invested in it (at least until such time that it produces a genuine bombshell). We should seek to shut down Russian influence as much as possible, without losing perspective. We aren't divided because of Russia; we're divided because we have genuine, deeply held differences. The fault, to the extent there is one, isn't with the bots, but with ourselves.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Gov. Greg Abbott orders Texas schools to ensure safety of students after Florida shooting

■ On Wednesday, Abbott outlined steps the state's education leaders should take to prevent tragedies like the Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 people dead.

By Rishika Dugyala
Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott on Wednesday ordered the Texas Education Agency to take action to ensure the safety of the state's students following last week's school shooting in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 people dead.

In a letter to Education Commissioner Mike Morath, Abbott outlined steps state education leaders should take to prevent tragedies like the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The steps include sharing all available information on school safety programs with districts, ensuring all public schools have completed and submitted their required school safety audits and drafting recommendations for the Legislature on changes to the school safety system.

"All of Texas grieves the tragedy that occurred in Parkland last week," Abbott wrote in the letter. "As Governor, I take seriously the safety of all Texas residents, and as an American, I mourn the loss of 17 Floridians in a cruel and senseless act of violence. Immediate steps must be taken to keep our students and communities safe, with the understanding that more will be expected in the future."

Morath wrote in a statement to The Texas Tribune that Abbott's identified steps can help strengthen campus safety for all students.

"Our schools must always be a safe place for learning," he wrote. "I have directed TEA staff to begin full implementation of his directives."

The letter comes a day after Abbott told a crowd of reporters he would support fixing the federal background check database for gun buyers and identifying mental health issues that could lead to gun violence.

Abbott said he would like to discuss a nationwide response on his trip to Washington, D.C., this weekend for a Republican Governors Association meeting. He pointed to legislation pending in Congress that would address the federal background check system, which he said should be considered and passed. Among the proposals is one by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn that would increase government accountability for the system.

Students across the country have also become vocal advocates for gun control, with hundreds engaging in walkouts. Those who survived the Parkland shooting traveled more than 400 miles to the Florida state capitol nationwide school walkout is being planned for March 14.

And across central Texas, middle school and high school students demonstrated solidarity. On Wednesday, nearly 500 students at three Austin area districts participated in walkouts, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

But on Tuesday, the superintendent of Needville Independent School District in Fort Bend County threatened to suspend students who take part in demonstrations against gun violence during school hours.

In a statement that was posted on Facebook and sent to families in the district, Superintendent Curtis Rhodes wrote that the punishment would last three days and students would face "all the consequences" that come with an out-of-school suspension. "Parent notes will not alleviate the discipline," he added.

"The Needville ISD is very sensitive to violence in schools including the recent incident in Florida," Curtis wrote.

"Anytime an individual deliberately chooses to harm others, we are sensitive and compassionate to those impacted."

However, he wrote, "A school is a place to learn and grow educationally, emotionally and morally. A disruption of the school will not be tolerated."

IEA: OPEC's rivals' oil may cover demand to 2020

By Annemarie Hordern and Grant Smith
Bloomberg

Rising oil supply from non-OPEC countries may cover global demand growth for the next two years, according to the International Energy Agency. That could force OPEC to stick to output cuts for much longer than planned.

"We're seeing a significant amount of non-OPEC oil coming to the markets," IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said Wednesday, citing rising output from North America, Brazil and Mexico.

The forecast may thwart any efforts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its partners to unwind the production curbs they've been making since the start of last year. If supplies outside the group are enough to satisfy the increases in consumption, the cartel would need to keep output capped at current levels for the rest of the decade.

Although countries involved in the production cuts are considering how to extend their partnership in coming years, keeping output constrained could be a challenge as the deal has shown some signs of strain. Russian oil companies, eager to press on with new projects, have pushed for a swift end to the curbs, while OPEC members like Iraq, Iran and Libya are keen to expand capacity after years of lost revenues amid sanctions and conflict.

New supplies outside OPEC may cover demand growth in 2019 and 2020, Birol said in a Bloomberg Television interview in London. The challenge will come in a few years' time, when high demand, maturing fields and underinvestment in new supply could combine to destabilize the market, he said.

Angry teens swarm into Florida Capitol; demand new gun laws

By Brendan Farrington, Gary Fineout and Tamara Lush
Associated Press

Mark Wallheiser/Associated Press

Therese Gachnauer, center, a 18 year old senior from Chiles High School and Kwane Gatlin, right, a 19 year old senior from Lincoln High School, both in Tallahassee, join fellow students protesting gun violence Wednesday on the steps of the old Florida Capitol in Tallahassee, Fla.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A week after a shooter slaughtered 17 people in a Florida high school, thousands of protesters, including many angry teenagers, swarmed into the state capitol Wednesday, calling for changes to gun laws, a ban on assault-type weapons and improved care for the mentally ill.

The normally staid Florida Statehouse filled with students, among them more than 100 survivors of the Feb. 14 attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, on the edge of the Everglades. They held signs, chanted slogans and burst into lawmakers' offices demanding to be heard.

The teens were welcomed into the gun-friendly halls of power, but the students' top goal — a ban on assault-style rifles such as the weapon used in the massacre — was taken off the table a day earlier, although more limited measures are still possible.

Many protesters complained that lawmakers were not serious about reform, and they said they would oppose in future elections any legislator who accepts campaign contributions from the National Rifle Association.

"We've spoke to only a few legislators and ... the most we've gotten out of them is, 'We'll keep you in our thoughts. You are so strong. You are so powerful,'" said Delaney Tarr, a senior at the high school. "We know what we want. We want gun reform. We want common sense gun laws. ... We want change."

She added: "We've had enough of thoughts and prayers. If you supported us, you would have made a change long ago. So this is to every lawmaker out there: No longer can you take money from the NRA. We are coming after you. We are coming after every single one of you, demanding that you take action."

Outside the building, the crowd burst into chants of "Vote them out!" as speakers called for the removal of Republican lawmakers who refuse to address gun control issues. One sign read, "Remember the men who value the NRA over children's lives" and then listed Republicans in Florida's congressional delegation. Other signs said, "Kill the NRA, not our kids" and "These kids are braver than the GOP."

About 30 people left an anti-gun rally outside Florida's Old Capitol and began a sit-in protest at the office of four House Republican leaders, demanding a conversation about gun legislation.

"They're not speaking to us right now. We only asked for five minutes and so we're just sitting until they speak," Tyrah Williams, a 15-year-old sophomore at Leon High School, which is within walking distance of the Capitol.

In Washington, students and parents delivered emotional appeals to President Donald Trump to act on school safety and guns. The president promised to be "very strong on background checks," adding that "we're going to do plenty of other things."

And at a news conference Wednesday, Broward County, Florida, Sheriff Scott Israel ordered all deputies who qualify to begin carrying rifles on school grounds. The rifles will be locked in patrol cars when not in use until the agency secures gun lockers and lockers, he said.

"We need to be able to defeat any threat that comes into campus," Israel said.

The sheriff said the school superintendent fully supported his decision.

Stoneman Douglas' school resource office was carrying a weapon when the shooting happened last week, but did not discharge his firearm. It's unclear what role he played in the shooting. The sheriff said those details are still being investigated.

Also Wednesday, teens in at least a dozen South Florida schools walked out of class to protest gun violence and commemorate the shooting victims. About 2,000 students, parents, teachers and supporters held hands and chanted outside the Parkland campus.

Megan Mui, a 15-year-old, walked 2 1/2 hours from her school to Stoneman Douglas. "I want to show my support for the changes we need to make so this never happens again," she said, adding that she would like to see a ban on weapons like the AR-15. "They should be strictly for military" purposes.

The suspect, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, has been jailed on 17 counts of murder. Defense attorneys, state records and people who knew him indicate that he displayed behavioral troubles for years, including getting kicked out of the Parkland school. He owned a collection of weapons.

"How is it possible that this boy that we all knew was clearly disturbed was able to get an assault rifle, military grade, and come to our school and try to kill us?" one 16-year-old student asked the president of the state Senate, Joe Negron.

Negron did not answer directly. "That's an issue that we're reviewing," he said.

When another lawmaker said he supported raising the age to buy assault-style weapons to 21 from 18, the students broke into applause.

Florida lawmakers have rebuffed gun restrictions since Republicans took control of both the governor's office and the Legislature in 1999.

Saying the tragedy at the high school was "completely unavoidable," Republican legislative leaders say they will consider legislation that will likely call for raising the age limit to purchase a rifle in Florida and increasing funding for mental health programs and school-resource officers, the police assigned to specific schools.

Lawmakers are also considering a program promoted by one Florida sheriff that calls for deputizing someone to carry a weapon on campus. Legislators may also enact a waiting period for rifle purchases.

"I am extremely, extremely angry and sad," 16-year-old student Alfonso Calderon said at a news conference at the Statehouse after meeting with lawmakers. "I don't know if I will have faith in my state and local government anymore."

He added, "People are losing their lives and it's still not being taken seriously."

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From 1A

While Parsley appears to be a big player with the drilling that will take place under Hogan Park, it is not alone. Dufford said other companies drilling under city property include Diamondback and Endeavor.

Dufford expects the city will use the money brought in from drilling in three different areas — parks spending, infrastructure spending and property tax relief. He said the guarantee of millions helps offset the higher prices being forced on the community on projects across the city. For instance, the council last week approved the Dennis the Menace Park improvement project despite bids that were more than 50 percent higher than originally estimated.

"This will be a nice windfall for a long time," Dufford said. "Hopefully, councils in the future will invest it wisely in infrastructure and keeping property taxes at a low rate."

The city reports collecting $2.133 million in oil and as revenue in 2017 and more than $5 million in 2016. In 2017, more than $1.7 million went into the Airport Fund. In 2016, the city collected $4.94 million in one-time bonuses. Most of that revenue went into the General Fund.

For Dufford, an oilman and the dean of all council representatives, this oil revolution is something he could have never contemplated when he was first elected in 2001. He told the Reporter-Telegram this week that the technology is so new he's not sure there were any horizontal wells around the area when he was first elected. It was in 2007-09 that the technology accelerated, he said, and today, companies can steer those wells thousands of feet underground, piercing any zone needed to unlock thousands of barrels of oil.

"That has transformed the Permian Basin in to the oil and gas powerhouse it is today," Dufford said.

And the city soon will be a player in a way no one thought possible less than two decades ago. and with plenty of growth on the horizon, they city will have money to help deal with the heated economy.

Oil and gas lease revenue 2017

General Fund	$184,969
Water and Sewer Fund	$210,203
Airport Fund	$1,738,420
Annual total	$2,133,593
2016	
General Fund	$179,852
Water and Sewer Fund	$189,300
Airport Fund	$112,810
Annual Total	$481,962
One-Time bonus 2016	
General Fund	$4,354,779
Park Special Fund	$586,066
Total	$4,940,845

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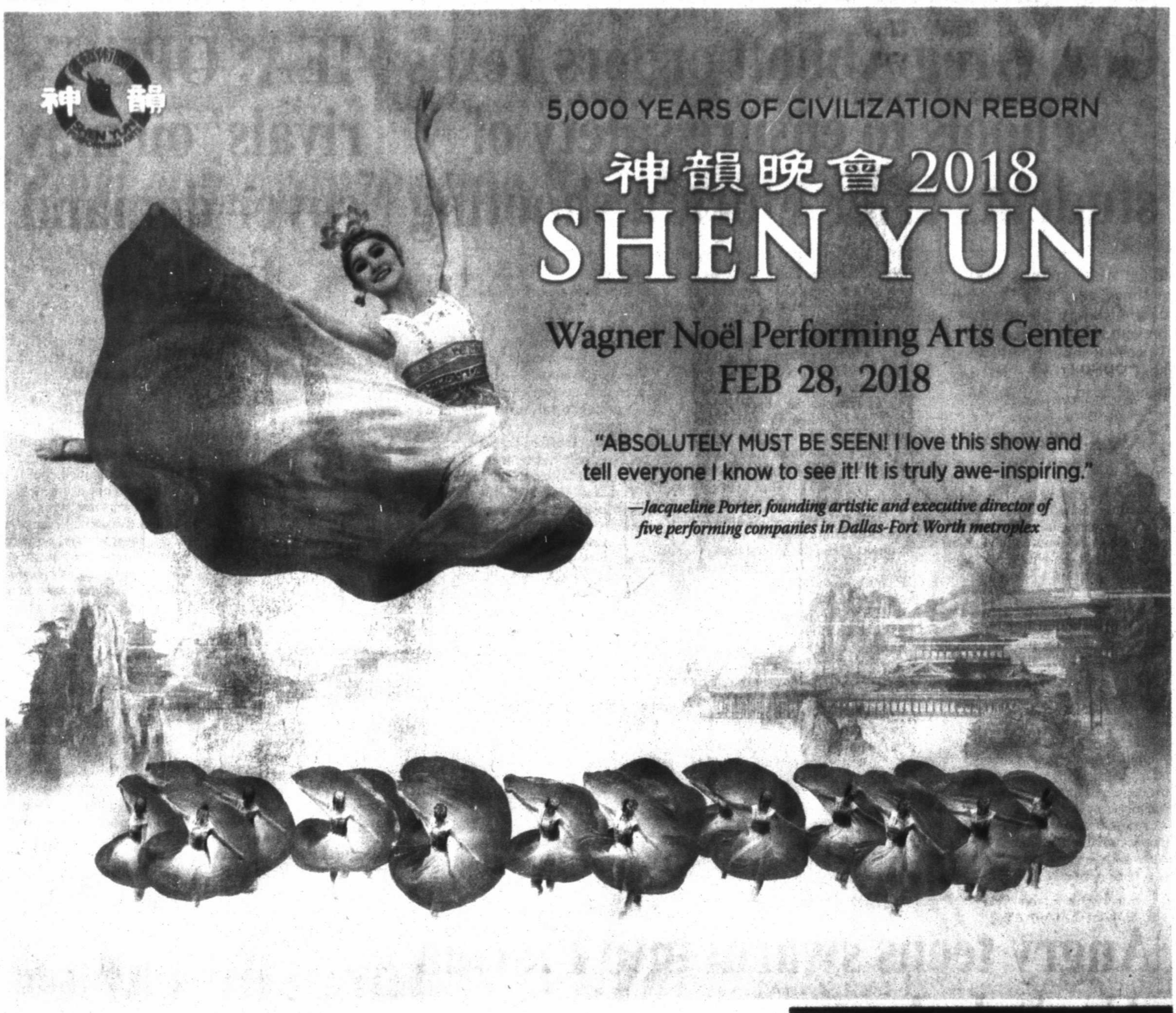

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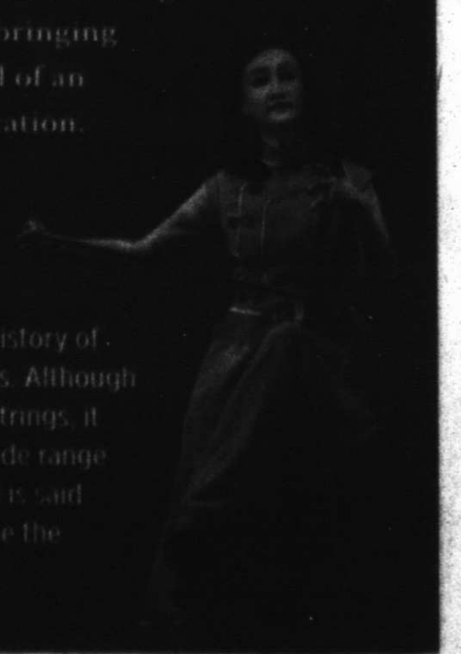

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—Christine Walevska, master cellist

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—Joe Heard, former White House photographer

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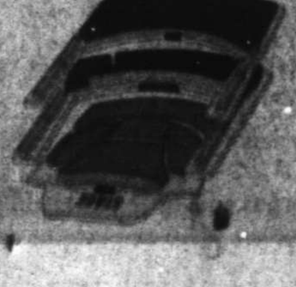

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

ROUND'EM UP
Odessa College hosts the 34th annual Wrangler Rodeo today through Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. 7 p.m. nightly.

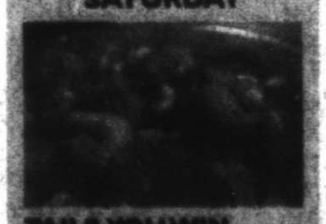
FRIDAY

PARTY PEOPLE
The Vegas Stars mix cheesy genres with disco hits for a dance party extravaganza at Rockin' Rodeo. 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

GONE TO MARKET
The Midland Downtown Farmers Market hosts its second Winter Market for February at the Museum of the Southwest. 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY



TAILS YOU WIN
Shrimpfest 2018 is the annual fundraiser for the Ellen Noel Art Museum as well as a night of unlimited Cajun shrimp, music, auction and more at Ector County Coliseum. 7 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Annihilation," "Every Day," "Game Night."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening "Annihilation," "Game Night."

COMING SOON

The Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin hosts its annual Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games with live music, athletic events, workshops and more at the Horseshoe Pavilion on March 10-11. For more information and tickets, visit chsph.org.

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, Audrey Spotts, Rachel Howard, Farah Benyacoubat and Tripp Hankins rehearse Fiddler On The Roof on Wednesday at the Yucca Theater. Trinity School opens with its production this weekend.

Heat Index: Theater is a big deal this weekend with three new shows

By Rich Lopez
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From left, Paula Waldrop and Sherrie Cooke rehearse Thursday for Maverick Players upcoming production "The Last Roundup of the Guacamole Queens."

This weekend's confluence of theater openings isn't the first, but definitely a rarity. Three shows open across the Permian Basin giving fans of the stage a busy opening weekend. Along with the new show openings, another closes and a classic will appear on the big screen.

National Theatre Live: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"

Head to the movies for this piece of live theater. Sienna Miller and Jack O'Connell take on the iconic roles of Maggie and Brick in this Tennessee Williams revival of his Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Tensions are high between the married couple as the Mississippi family gathers to celebrate Big Daddy's birthday. The cast includes actors Colm Meaney and Brian Gleeson.

7 p.m. today at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77. fathomevents.com.

"The Miracle Worker" at The Globe Theatre

Odessa College's Theatre Performance Program kicks off the weekend of local theater with a three-day run of this classic story based on Helen Keller's autobiography. Due to an illness as a baby, Keller was rendered blind, deaf and then mute.

The play relates the story of her relationship with her governess and teacher, Anne Sullivan.

7:30 p.m. today through Saturday at 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $7 adults, $5 seniors and military, free for students with ID. odessa.edu.

"Fiddler on the Roof" by Trinity School

If a cat on a tin roof isn't enough, how about a fiddler? Trinity School's spring musical is the popular "Fiddler on the Roof." Also, a three-day run, the theater staple centers on Tevye and his five daughters, three of whom have found potential husbands who

Please see HEAT/3B

A refreshed Del Castillo looks ahead to West Texas Guitar Festival, new music

By Rich Lopez
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At this year's Grammy awards, a big surprise was the big nominations for "Despacito," the radio smash by Latin artists Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee.

The Spanish-language song (albeit with guest vocals in English by Justin Bieber) was the first to be nominated for Song of the Year. It didn't win, but Rick Del Castillo took notice of the moment.

"The song is a classic example," the guitarist said in a phone interview from his Austin home. "I always thought Hispanics were more likely to listen to American music, but now you see the opposite. It's an awakening for everyone's ears."

The band, which includes Del Castillo's brother, Mark, has been bridging the gap between Spanish and English sounds for almost 20 years.

Fusing together rock and Tejano with an added dose of blues, the band has vacillated a career that has been successful in two languages buoyed by the brothers' guitar work.

Del Castillo's sound will be on display when the band

Please see GUITAR/3B

Female-driven 'Annihilation' is singularly adventurous

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Sometimes cinematic adaptations are conversations with source material rather than direct representations. No recent film more exemplifies this idea than Alex Garland's bold, metaphysical and just plain weird "Annihilation," adapted from Jeff VanderMeer's book, the first in his "Southern Reach" trilogy. The result is a deeply challenging, big budget, female-driven sci-fi film, which begs a question — how did this get made? Films as singularly adventurous as this don't come around often.

VanderMeer's book is obtuse, meditative, mysterious and transfixing. It suggests and hints at possibilities that are far greater and wilder than the characters encounter in the plot, requiring the reader to make those connections, to fill in the gaps. Garland, who adapted the screenplay, takes the premise, characters and larger ideas of VanderMeer's book, and interprets them in his own story to bring an almost unfilmable novel to the big screen as a sci-fi epic.

Please see WALSH/3B

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CLASSES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

District Two Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilman John Love. 6-8 p.m. today at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave.

Resolving Conflict and Finding Purpose by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. Limited space, so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. today at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway. $5. Eventbrite.com.

African-American Family History hosted by the Genealogy Department with guest teacher and author Joan Cox. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

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

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

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

EVENTS

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

Saluté: A Night of Old Hollywood Glam, 7 p.m. today at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. $150. Tables still available. seniorlinkmidland.org.

Drag

"RuPaul Drag Race All Stars" viewing party with host Ayyva Nevaeh. 7 p.m. Thursdays through April 20 at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

FAMILY AND YOUTH

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

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

"Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" storytime. 11 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

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

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

FINE ART & DANCE

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

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

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

Visions 2018: "Peregrination in Photography" featuring works by Aaron Bedell through March 18 at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

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

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

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

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

FOOD AND DRINK

Knights of Columbus Famous Catfish Supper, 6-7 p.m. Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

February Winter Market II by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Urban Market features local vendors, a brunch menu by Bus 22 and adult beverages by The Garlic Press. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at 300 N. Colorado St.

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

Wine Dinner featuring Terre Rouge - Easton Winery. The five-course meal will be paired with different labels from the winery. 7 p.m. Monday at The Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. $85 per person. Call 570-4020 for reservations.

Steak Night, 6 p.m. Wednesdays through April 18 at Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250. Littlewoodrows.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. 682-5511.

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

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

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 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, 607 N. Colorado St.

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 Highway. Free.

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

MUSIC

Classical

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

Contemporary Christian

Plumb, We Are Messengers, Young Oceans, 7 p.m. Friday at Andrews County Expo, 1441 Highway 176, Andrews. $20. whatyeshuacando.webs.com.

Country

Sam Riggs, 9 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Stoney LaRue, Harry Luge, 7 p.m. Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. dosamigos.com.

Vigilante Road, 9 p.m. Friday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80.

Kevin Seale Band, 10 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Cover/Tribute

The Vegas Stars, 8 p.m. Friday at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St.

DJ/Dance

EDM with DJ Borris, 8 p.m. Thursdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

DJ Joel, 8 p.m. Fridays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

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

DJ Alex Shock, 8 p.m. Saturdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

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

Festivals

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

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

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

Karaoke

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

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

Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayyva Nevaeh. 9 p.m. Wednesdays at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

COMING SOON

March

Plant-Based Cooking Demonstration: Quick and Easy Meals. 6-7:30 p.m. March 1 at West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. $10. To register, call 432-221-5433. wtxfoodbank.org.

Shotgun Rider, 8 p.m. March 1 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

"The Jungle Book" by the Pickwick Players. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Opens March 2 and runs through March 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Author Signing: Cristy Nickel discusses and signs copies of her book, "The Code Red Revolution: How Thousands of People are Losing Weight and Keeping it Off without Pills, Shakes, Diet Foods or Exercise." 4 p.m. March 2 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration with games, activities and more. 6:30 p.m. March 2 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

The Adult Comedy Variety Show, 8 p.m. March 2-3 at Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee St., Odessa. $10. westtexastalent.com.

Family movie and game night hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ(plus). Enjoy board games and a movie screening of "Guardians of the Galaxy" for children every first Friday of the month. 7 p.m. March 2 at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

Texas Pride, 9 p.m. March 2 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

King George and Raised Right Men, 10 p.m. March 2 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" storytime. 11 a.m. March 3 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Rock 'n' Bowl for Kids Sake benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 3 at Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bbbsmidland.org.

MOSC Pops: "Brass Transit." 7:30 p.m. March 3 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

AUDITIONS: "His Girl Friday." Roles for four women and nine men. 7 p.m. March 5, 6 p.m. March 7 at Dee's Bistro and Grill, 622 N. Lee Ave., Odessa.

Float the Keg with complimentary beer samples. 5 p.m. March 6 at Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250. littlewoodrows.com.

Mix at Six by Young Professionals of Midland. 6-8 p.m., March 8 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. Ypmidland.org.

Robert Mondavi Anniversary Dinner. Celebrate Opal's Table one-year anniversary with this wine dinner event featuring Robert Mondavi Winery. 7 p.m. March 8 at Opal's Table. 223 W/Wall St. $85 per person. opalstable.com.

Odessa Jackalopes against Lone Star Brahmas. 7:11 p.m. March 9 and 10 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. jackalopes.org.

Lost and Found, 9 p.m. March 9-10 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Scottish Irish Faire will feature live music, Highland Games, workshops, vendors and more. March 10-11 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $16 adults, $9 children. chspb.org.

"The Magician's Hat" storytime. Skippyjon Jones will also make an appearance at the store. 11 a.m. March 10 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Sack Lunch Story Time. Story time will continue through renovations with items available for checkout through Polly the Bookmobile. For ages 2-6. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 10 at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

An Up Close and Personal Conversation with Wayne Newton. 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $47-$152. wagnernoel.com.

Odessa Jackalopes against Amarillo Bulls. 7:11 p.m. March 11 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. jackalopes.org.

Black Violin, 8 p.m. March 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $37-$47. wagnernoel.com.

Think. Make. Spring Break! The daily program will feature cartoons, outdoor movement, storytime and crafts. 10:30 a.m. March 12-16 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Midland Downtown Lions Club

62nd ANNUAL

Pancake Jamboree

(Sausage, Drink, Plus All The Pancakes You Can Eat)

Saturday, February 24th

7am to 5pm

200 Plaza

Tickets are $7 ea & can be purchased from any Club Member or at the door.

Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled

Proceeds to benefit:

- The Texas Lions Camp for Physically Handicapped, Diabetic and Downs Syndrome Children
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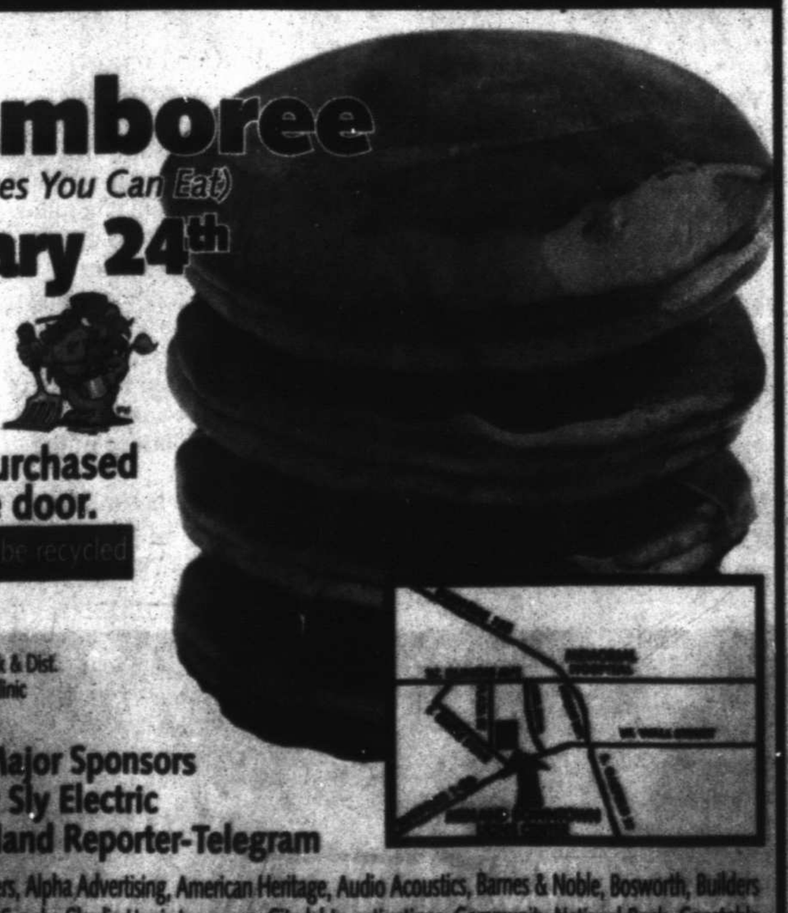
- And Many More!



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ON STAGE & SCREEN

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From 1B

"Annihilation" follows a group of female scientists who set out on what is essentially a suicide mission to a top-secret location known as Area X, where a shimmering energetic border has appeared, cordoning off an amorphous portion of wilderness, changing its landscape. There is no communication in or out, and in three years, no missions have returned. Having tried groups of military men, they're trying out women scientists.

Natalie Portman stars as Lena, a biologist, professor and former soldier. Her husband, Kane (Oscar Isaac), went missing in Area X for a year before he returned, changed, subdued, and falls violently ill. She joins the latest mission hoping to search for whatever might have changed him, for the traces of him he left behind. She's part of a group including medic Anya (Gina Rodriguez), physicist Josie (Tessa Thompson), geothermal scientist Cass (Tuva Novotny) and a taciturn psychologist, Dr. Ventress (Jennifer Jason Leigh). They're going to enter "The Shimmer," go to the lighthouse, collect data and return (though that seems unlikely, based on the track record).

What happens in The Shimmer is where Garland diverges from VanderMeer's tale. Time and space tilts once they enter. It is stunningly beautiful, a vibrant, dripping rainforest swamp overflowing with bright flowers and fungi. Hazy light pierces, signaling always the presence of the lighthouse. But it seems to alter time, too. They lose whole days of memory, and the wildlife is increasingly intoxicating, dangerous and threatening. Great beasts leap out of the dark, their roars carrying a distinct human tone. The group finds remnants of old missions and harrowing video tapes. Always the question remains: Did something kill them, or did they go crazy and kill each other?

This is a basic question that returns again and again, and it lays the foundation for the themes of existential paranoia that Garland dives into during the last act of "Annihilation." The title refers to total destruction, but what's happening isn't destruction but transformation, mutation. Does a sense of self survive a mutation? Does your soul?

Garland splays these big ideas brazenly, grounding them in Portman's performance as grieving widow, curious scientist and fierce warrior.

She must confront the memory of her husband again and again as she traces his journey through steps that have fragmented, rooted and rot. She digs and delves inside to find an answer, and discovers the only way through is within. That larger message is what Garland eventually unearths, giving a distinctly spiritual slant to this science-fiction story.

'ANNIHILATION'
3 stars

(Peter Mountain/Paramount Pictures/Skydance via AP

This image released by Paramount Pictures shows, from left, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Natalie Portman, Tuva Novotny, Tessa Thompson and Gina Rodriguez in a scene from "Annihilation."

Cast: Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Oscar Isaac, Gina Rodriguez, Tessa Thompson.

Directed by Alex Garland.

Running time: 2 hours.

Rated R for violence, bloody images, language and some sexuality.

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If you go

West Texas Guitar Festival is today through Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center located at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Schedule

Today

3:30 p.m. | Elementary student competition
4:15 p.m. | Middle school student competition
5 p.m. | Ensemble competition
7:30 | Del Castillo concert

Friday

10 a.m. | Master class with Del Castillo
4 p.m. | High school student competition
7 p.m. | Locals Night: guitar program performances

Saturday

8 a.m. | Registration and college student competition round
9 a.m. | First ensemble sectional rehearsal
10 a.m. | Master class with Tavi Jinariu
11 a.m. | Workshop session No. 1
Noon | Lunch break
1 p.m. | Ensemble sectional rehearsal No. 2
2 p.m. | Workshop session No. 2
3 p.m. | Judge workshop class
4 p.m. | Ensemble sectional rehearsal No. 3
5 p.m. | Dinner break
7 p.m. | Tavi Jinariu concert and mass ensemble piece

Tickets

Del Castillo concert $25
Tavi Jinariu concert $15

Available at wagnernoel.com.

For more information, visit westtexasguitarfestival.com

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headlines tonight at the West Texas Guitar Festival.

The band's trajectory has been a captivating one. They debuted with "Brothers of the Castle" in 2001 and would go on to win two Album of the Year awards from South by Southwest and Austin Music.

After being introduced to director Robert Rodriguez, the band's songs were featured in "Once Upon a Time in Mexico." That led to being featured in the director's subsequent films as well as Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill Vol. 2."

But in 2014, the band made a decision.

"We were touring hard in 2011, 2012," Del Castillo said. "We needed a break."

The band took a hiatus in 2014, which turned out to be just what they needed.

"We regrouped when our singer Alex rejoined and we told ourselves, if it's not fun, it's not worth it. I think that turned out to be the key to our longevity," he said.

The band doesn't play as often by choice, but when they do play, he said they are happier.

"We always gave it our all in live performances, but the break helped us to keep it fresh," he said.

Without giving too much away, Del Castillo said that the band is working on a new album that could be out this year — but they aren't going to rush it.

"We're still recording, and we're looking at a new album and possible new management in the not-so-distant future," he said. "After 18 years, we're on a whole new frontier ourselves and we're going to just see where it takes us."

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challenge his ideas on tradition.

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Yucca Theatre. $15-$10. trinitymidland.org.

"Last Roundup of the Guacamole Queens" by the Maverick Players

The Mavericks finish off the Verdeen family trilogy with this "chicken-fried" comedy set in the fictional town of Sweetgum, Texas. Plans are made for one last reunion at the closing of Sweetgum High School.

With the Verdeen cousins involved with the planning, expect a disaster involving a catfight with a televangelist and a earthquake caused by fracturing.

7:30 pm. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m Sundays through March 11 at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. maverickplayers.com.

"Mamma Mia" closes at Midland Community Theatre

There are two chances left to catch the big hit musical set to the classic pop of ABBA. While Donna oversees her crumbling hotel on the waters of Greece, her daughter, Sophie, has invited three guests to her wedding, all of whom could be her father. Shenanigans follow in this feel-good musical with lavish dance numbers and comic romps by a strong cast.

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

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ON SCREEN

FILM RECAPS

"Annihilation" — Natalie Portman stars as a biologist on a mission to learn her husband's fate in a mutated coastal sector of the U.S. With Oscar Isaac, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Tessa Thompson, Gina Rodriguez, Tuva Novotny. Written and directed by Alex Garland, based on novels by Jeff VanderMeer. R.

"Are We Not Cats" — Unorthodox drama about a man who loses everything, then meets a woman who shares his fondness for eating hair. With Michael Patrick Nicholson, Chelsea Lopez, Michael Godere. Written and directed by Xander Robin. (1:20) NR.

"Beast of Burden" — A pilot running drugs between Mexico and the U.S. is torn between his allegiance to the cartel and a deal with the DEA. With Daniel Radcliffe, Pablo Schreiber, Grace Gummer. Written by Adam Hoelzel. Directed by Jesper Ganslandt. R.

"Beuys" — Documentary on the 20th century German sculptor-performance artist Joseph Beuys. Directed by Andres Veiel. In German and English with English subtitles. (1:47) NR.

"The Boy Downstairs" — A young woman returns to Brooklyn only to discover her new apartment is directly above that of her ex. With Zosia Mamet, Matthew Shear, Sarah Ramos. Written and directed by Sophie Brooks. (1:30) PG-13.

"Broken Ceiling" — A woman decides she's been passed over for promotion one too many times. With Karan Kendrick. Written and directed by Adam Davis. (1:30) NR.

"The Chamber" — A special-ops team and the crew of a commercial vessel are trapped in a submersible at the bottom of the Yellow Sea off the coast of North Korea. With Johannes Bah Kuhnke, Charlotte Salt, James McArdle. Written and directed by Ben Parker. (1:27) NR.

"Confessions of a Teenage Jesus Jerk" — A teenage boy in the 1980s discovers things of which his conservative family would not approve. With Sasha Feldman. Written by Tony DuShane, based on his book. Directed by Eric Stoltz. (1:35) NR.

Redbox's Top 10 DVD rentals

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of Feb. 12:

1. Wonder — Lionsgate
2. A Bad Moms Christmas — Universal
3. Roman J. Israel, Esq. — Sony
4. Only the Brave — Sony
5. Geostorm — Warner
6. Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween — Lionsgate
7. Blade Runner 2049 — Warner
8. It (2017) — Warner
9. Despicable Me 3 — Universal
10. Jigsaw — Lionsgate

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Bateman, McAdams anchor lively, fun 'Game Night'

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Associated Press

A murder mystery party goes sideways when violent kidnappers arrive before the fake ones in "Game Night," which seems on the page to be like all the other disappointing action-comedies of late.

You know the kind, where ordinary, upper middle class-ish suburbanites get thrown into some wacky underworld or genre situation. Spies live next door! We have to start a casino to put our kid through school! We killed a stripper! While it's a formula that can be brilliant and/or fun (see: everything from "After Hours" to "Adventures in Babysitting"), recent efforts have seemed to result in features that feel more like extended Saturday Night Live sketches — a gimmick stretched far past its worth and padded with some car chases and contrived heart.

Thankfully, "Game Night" does not fall into that trap. A charismatic ensemble cast, a sharp script and a few well-placed twists make "Game Night" one of the more enjoyable big studio comedies in recent memory. John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein ("Vacation") direct off of a script by Mark Perez, whose credits include "Accepted" and "The Country Bears."

Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams anchor "Game Night" as Max and Annie, a married couple who love each other as much as they love games — trivia, charades, board varieties, you name it — and winning. They live in a cul-de-sac, where all middle class suburban couples live in glossy comedies, and host a weekly game night with their friends, longtime couple Michelle (Kylie Bunbury) and Kevin (Lamorne Morris) and the happy, handsome idiot Ryan (Billy Magnussen) and whatever Instagram babe he happens to have on his arm that week.

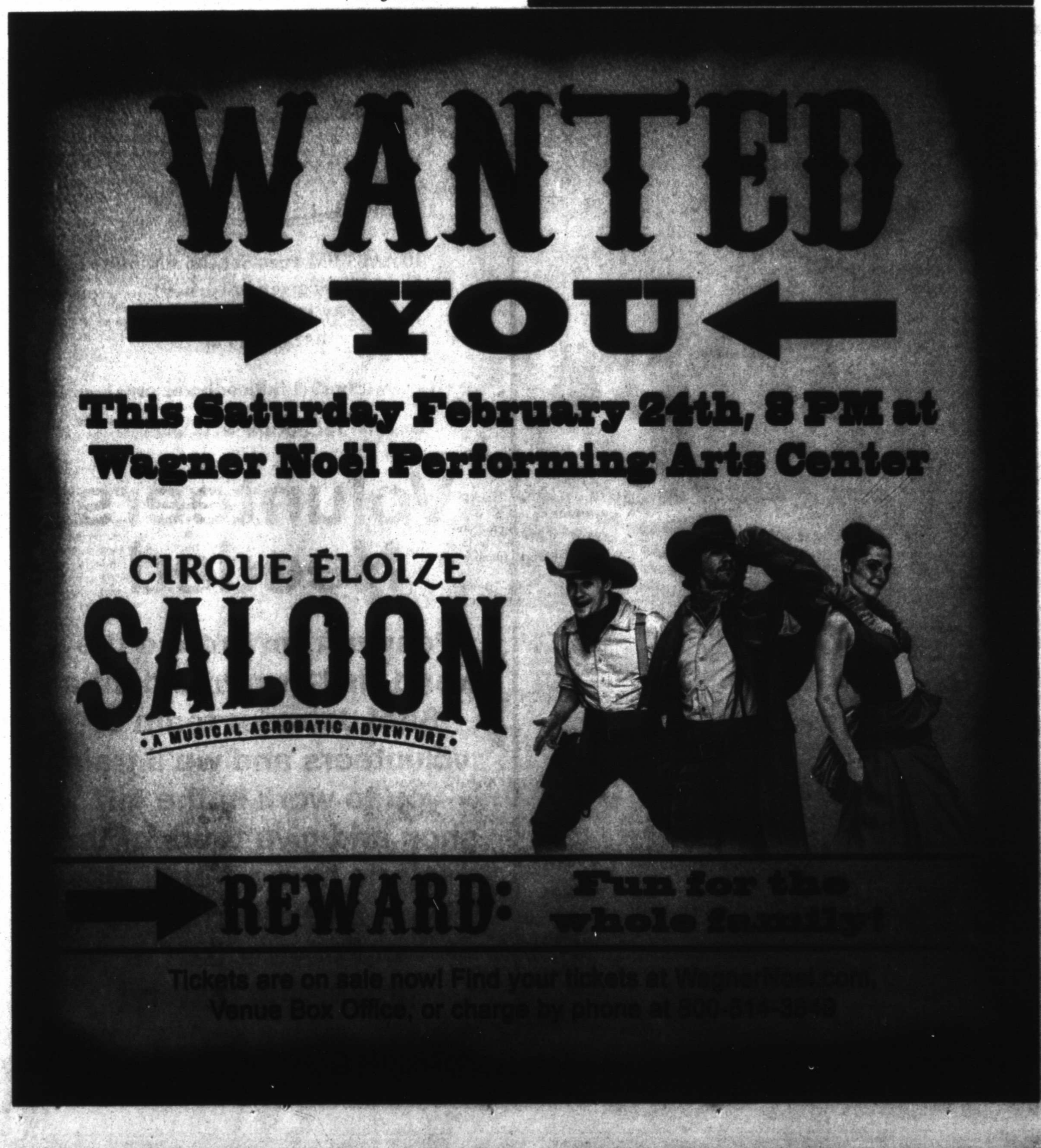
They also have a very strange next-door neighbor, Gary (Jesse Plemons), a police officer with light serial killer vibes. Always in uniform and holding his fluffy white dog, Gary just desperately wants to be included. Plemons plays him with over-the-top seriousness that makes for some of the sillier laughs early on.

The hook of the film comes when Max's brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler), a charismatic alpha male and bane of Max's existence, attempts to one-up the normal game night proceedings by arranging a pricey murder mystery event where one person is kidnapped and the rest have to try to solve it. So no one is the wiser when real kidnappers show up and beat Brooks to a pulp before taking him away, thinking that it is all part of the game. The somewhat ridiculous misunderstanding, while definitely milked for all it's worth, does eventually go away and the couples are all invested in trying to help Brooks get out of trouble. Also by this point Ryan has introduced a different kind of date in his co-worker Sarah, who is played by the wonderful Sharon Horgan.

Attempting to explain why a comedy works is a kind of futile exercise, but this group of actors just works together. They have an easy chemistry with one another that resembles that sort of lived-in friendship that usually only comes across midway through the first season of a sitcom. That and there are a lot of giddily executed movie references.

Of course "Game Night" isn't perfect, and an electric first hour gives way to a slow third act that's handicapped by the gimmick wearing thin and a too-earnest side plot about Max and Annie's shifting plans to have a kid. But it kind of redeems itself by the end with a series of twists and turns fitting of the absurd premise.

"Game Night," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language, sexual references and some violence." **Running time:** 100 minutes. **Three stars out of four.**



Lee's Traylor gets invite to select Nike football camp

By Will Korn
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Lee junior Josh Traylor is beginning to cement his status as one of the best running backs in Rebel football history.

After a stellar junior season that saw him rush for 1,443 yards and a team-high 18 touchdowns, Traylor is set for another potential turning point in his career, as he'll be attending the invitation-only Nike Football: The Opening Regional Camp at 10 a.m. Sunday at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

Along with a select group of other high school players at each position from around the state, Traylor will work alongside college and professional coaches to showcase his abilities in front of college recruiters.

Traylor, who was officially invited to the camp in January, said he is thrilled to have the chance to compete and learn with some of the most talented players in the state and to represent Lee and West Texas on a grand stage.

"It feels good because now I know if Nike is looking at me, I know colleges are looking at me," Traylor said. "At this camp I'll be able to show off what I've got and perform at a top level with top level coaches and other players I could possibly learn from too. Just being in that environment with a bunch of other top players, it's really going to be a good experience for me."

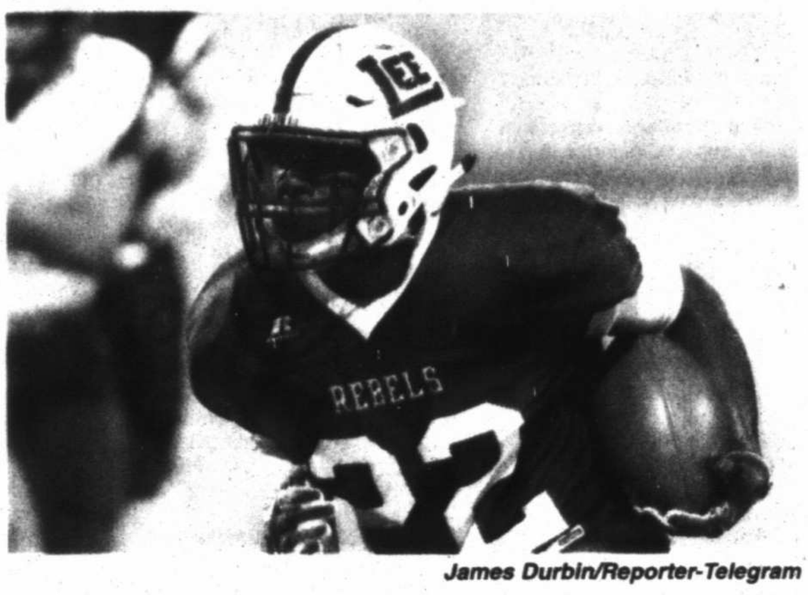
Traylor, who competes in the 400 relay and 800 relay for the Lee track team, began his journey to statewide recognition as a sophomore. Following an injury to outgoing senior running back Avery Akbar in the spring of 2016, Traylor was called up to the Rebels' varsity backfield and immediately impressed.

In his first varsity start, a 48-14 loss at Abilene High on Sept. 2, 2016, he picked up 82 yards on 16 carries.

He went on to rush 147 times for 1,088 yards and eight touchdowns, first flashing a quickness and vision that he carried into his junior campaign. He became the fourth sophomore running back in Lee history to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark as a sophomore, joining program greats Cedric Benson, Farris Strambler and Trent Hines.

Traylor signed up for a chance

Please see **TRAYLOR**/2C



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Josh Traylor (22) runs the ball against El Paso El Dorado on Sept. 15, 2017, at Grande Communications Stadium.

What's all that racket?

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Keaton Curtis competes in a tennis match against Midland High on Oct. 3, 2017, at Bush Tennis Center.

MHS, Lee to host talented field at Tall City Invitational

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee tennis coach Raymundo Perez and Midland High tennis coach Carmen Stewart have a good problem on their hands.

There are so many tennis programs that want to enter the Tall City Tennis Invitational that the coaches have to turn away teams and put them on a waiting list.

The Tall City Tennis Invitational takes place Friday and Saturday at Bush Tennis Center, Midland College and Midland High.

The 16-team field features 2017 Class 4A team tennis state champion Abilene Wylie and five Class 6A schools with No. 6 Southlake Carroll, No. 7 Allen, No. 12 El Paso Coronado, No. 13 Amarillo Tascosa and No. 15 Coppell that are ranked in the top 15 in the state by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.

Furthermore, Amarillo High is ranked No. 2 in Class 5A by TTCA.

In all, there are nine teams ranked in the state's top 25 polls, including No. 22 Midland High.

"It has some of the best in the state," Perez said. "It's a tradition. It's been going on for so long and I think the number of courts that we have in Midland helps out also. There's plenty of facilities, plenty of places to play. Since we have a central location between El Paso and the Panhandle and Dallas, we get a lot of teams that come into Midland for some great matches."

Stewart is expecting the boys singles competition to be the fiercest.

Her son Tyler Stewart, an MHS freshman, is seeded fifth in a loaded bracket, which includes Amarillo High's 2017 state semifinalist Rajiv Saralaya, Abilene Wylie's top player Lane Adkins and Amarillo Tascosa super sophomore Avery Zavala, a 2017 state qualifier in mixed doubles.

"For the most part, after the first round, it will be tough for all of them, which is good," Carmen Stewart said of boys singles. "That's what you want."

Midland High senior and Abilene Christian signee Allison Stewart is the No. 1 seed in girls singles.

Allison Stewart, Carmen's daughter, carries a 26-1 record in singles this season after capturing the 2017 girls doubles state title with former partner Kate Daugherty.

"Hopefully she will get to play some of those top girls this weekend to give her an idea for regionals," Carmen Stewart said. "We won't get an opportunity to play them again. It will be good. Her dream again is to get the ticket for state."

The boys doubles competition is arguably as tough as boys singles, with Coppell's Justin Chen and Victor Kalev and Southlake Carroll's Arman Dave and Nick Ryniak.

Chen and Dave were both Class 6A state semifinalists as singles players in 2017.

Midland High brothers Nick and Diego Martinez are seeded seventh in boys doubles.

Perez says Lee's spring standouts have been the boys doubles team of Robert Hernandez and Alexander Telesca and the mixed doubles team of Keaton Curtis and Ashley Lawrence. However, Curtis is entered to play singles in the Tall City.

"It's a great tournament to see what's out there, see how much we have to work on, see where the bar is," Perez

Please see **TENNIS**/2C

MHS, Lee set to host annual West Texas Classic

By Christopher Hadorn
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The parking lot of the Fred the Ezell Softball Complex will be cluttered with school buses today through Saturday when the 22nd West Texas Classic takes place.

The high school softball tournament, co-hosted by Lee and Midland High, will have 30 varsity teams and another 17 junior varsity teams participating.

The contingent largely consists of West Texas programs, but there's also a sizeable portion of traveling teams, which includes Panhandle squads Amarillo High, Amarillo Caprock, Amarillo Palo Duro, Hereford and Hereford, and

El Paso teams such as Del Valle, Hanks, Montwood and Pebble Hills.

"It has a tremendous impact on the city's economy," Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said. "This year we will have 47 teams participating in the tournament. We have teams getting hotel rooms as well as all the people that will be visiting restaurants. Parents, friends and families follow the teams to the tournament. They spend quite a bit of money over the course of the three days."

This year's tournament has three teams that are currently ranked in the Texas Girls Coaches Association state poll, as San Angelo Central is

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Abbi Sanchez (5) bats against Lee on March 28, 2017, at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Smith's 21 help Oklahoma State upset No. 6 Texas Tech 79-71

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Kendall Smith scored 21 points to help Oklahoma State stun No. 6 Texas Tech 79-71 on Wednesday night.

Lindy Waters added a career-high 18 points, and Jeffrey Carroll had 14 points to help the Cowboys (16-12, 6-9 Big 12) get a huge boost to their hopes of gaining an NCAA Tournament bid. The Cowboys already had four wins against teams that were ranked in the Top 20 at the time they played — Florida State, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Kansas.

Oklahoma State shot 52.2 percent overall and 11 of 22 from 3-point range against a Texas Tech team that ranks in the Top 10 nationally in field goal percentage defense and scoring defense.

Zhaire Smith scored 18 points, and Jarrett Culver added 15 for Tech (22-6, 10-5), which needed a win to tie Kansas for the Big 12 lead. The Red Raiders lost their second straight after reeling off seven straight wins.

Tech's Keenan Evans, the Big 12's No. 2 scorer, finished with two points on 1-for-7 shooting. He missed the second half of Tech's loss to Baylor last Saturday with a toe injury. He started against Oklahoma State and played 25 minutes.

Smith scored 16 points in the first half to help Texas Tech take a 35-34 lead at the break. Oklahoma State shot 57 percent in the first half but committed 11 turnovers.

Oklahoma State opened the second half with a 9-2 run to take a 43-37 lead and force Texas Tech to call timeout.

It didn't help. Back-to-back 3s by Waters and Carroll put the Cowboys up 49-37 just four minutes into the second half. A 3-pointer by Tavarius Shine made it 59-43. In all, Oklahoma State made its first nine field goals in the second half.

Tech scored eight straight to make it a game, and that helped put the Red Raiders in position to make a run late. A pair of free throws by Zhaire Smith cut Oklahoma State's lead to 70-66 with just over 2 minutes remaining, but the Cowboys held on at the free throw line.

Big picture

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders hurt their chances of dethroning Kansas for the Big 12 title by losing on the road against an Oklahoma State team that hasn't been impressive at home.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys continue to rise to the occasion in big games for first-year coach Mike Boynton. The Cowboys lost momentum late in the first half but didn't buckle. They were the aggressors to start the second half, and they cut down their turnovers to give themselves more chances to score.

Up next

Texas Tech: Hosts Kansas on Saturday. Oklahoma State: At Texas on Saturday.

Sue Ogrocki/AP Photo

Texas Tech guard Jarrett Culver (23) goes to the basket in front of Oklahoma State forward Yankuba Sima during the second half of an NCAA game Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing
Joseph Diaz Jr. vs. Victor Terrazas, 10:30 p.m. ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Golf
PGA: The Honda Classic, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Honda Thailand, 2nd Round, 12 a.m., GOLF
EPGA: Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

Men's College Basketball
UConn at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., ESPN
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Winthrop at UNC Asheville, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Purdue at Illinois, 6 p.m., FS1
Robert Morris at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m., CBSSN
UCLA at Utah, 8 p.m., ESPN
Gonzaga at San Diego, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Belmont at Jacksonville State, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Arizona at Oregon State, 8 p.m., FS1
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m., CBSSN
BYU at Portland, 10 p.m., ESPNU
Arizona State at Oregon, 10:30 p.m., FS1

Men's Soccer
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: FC Lokomotiv Moscow vs. OGC Nice, 9:50 a.m., FS2
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: Atletico Madrid vs. FC Kobenhavn, 11:45 a.m., ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: FC Zenit St. Petersburg vs. Celtic FC, Noon, FS1
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: Villarreal vs. Olympique Lyonnais, Noon, FS2
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: Atalanta BC vs. Borussia Dortmund, 2 p.m., FS1
UEFA Europa Rd of 32, Leg 2: Arsenal FC vs. Ostersund, 2 p.m., FS2, ESPNDEP

NBA
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m., TNT
LA Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., FSSW

Tennis
ATP: Delray; ATP: Rio de Janeiro, 9:30 p.m., TENNIS

Winter Olympics
Short Track: Men's 500m, Women's 1000m and Men's 5000m Relay, 6:45 a.m., NBCSN
Curling: Men's and Women's Tiebreakers, 9:45 a.m., NBCSN
Men's Curling: Semifinal 1, 12:30 p.m., NBCSN
Nordic Combined: Team Large Hill; Biathlon: Womens' 4x6km Relay, 2 p.m., NBC
Men's Curling: Semifinal 2, 4 p.m., CNBC
Short Track: Men's 500m, Women's 1000m, Men's 5000m Relay; Snowboarding: Women's Big Air; Alpine Skiing: Women's Super Combined Downhill; Figure Skating: Ladies' Free Skate, 7 p.m., NBC
Figure Skating: Ladies' Free Skate, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Men's Curling: Semifinal 2, 9 p.m., NBCSN
Short Track: Men's 500m, Women's 1000m, Men's 5000m Relay, 11:30 p.m., NBCSN
Alpine Skiing: Women's Super Combined Slalom; Freestyle Skiing: Women's Ski-Cross, 11:35 p.m, NBC
Men's Hockey: Semifinal 1, 1:15 a.m., NBCSN
Speed Skating: Men's 1000m, 4 a.m., NBCSN
Men's Hockey: Semifinal 2, 5:45 a.m., NBCSN

Women's College Basketball
LSU at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m., SEC
Kentucky at Ole Miss, 7:30 p.m., SEC

RADIO

Men's College Basketball
Howard College at New Mexico Military, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM; KBYG 1490 AM (Big Spring)
West Texas College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m., KGWB 91.1 FM (Snyder)

Women's College Basketball
West Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m., KGWB 91.1 FM (Snyder

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball
Midland High at El Paso Tournament
Lee at Lewisville Tournament
Greenwood at El Paso Tournament
Midland Christian at McClain/Cowert Tournament

HS Boys Basketball
Class 4A area: Andrews vs. Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m., Lamesa

HS Softball
Lee, Midland High, Greenwood at West Texas Classic, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

JC Women's Basketball
Western Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

JC Men's Basketball
Western Texas College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended Houston RHP Forrest Whitley (Double-A Corpus Christi) 50 games without pay for a violation of baseball's minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with OF Colby Rasmus on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired international slot compensation from Cincinnati for RHP Miguel Medrano.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with OF Cameron Maybin on a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Signed OF Michael Saunders to a minor league contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joaquin Benoit on a one-year contract. Placed RHP Joe Ross on the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Dallas owner Mark Cuban $600,000 for public statements detrimental to the NBA.

INDIANA PACERS — Signed G Trey McKinney Jones to a 10-day contract.

PHOENIX SUNS — Called up G Shaquille Harrison from Northern Arizona (NBAGL) and signed him to a 10-day contract. Released G Josh Gray.

Women's National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Re-signed F Tiffany Jackson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Named Marty Hurney general manager.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Brentson Buckner defensive line coach and Stephen Nicholas defensive quality control coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled G Reto Berra from San Diego (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned D Ryan Sproul to Hartford (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Acquired D Jakub Jerabek from Montreal for a 2019 fifth-round draft pick.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday's late playoff box

GRADY 49, IRA 34

Grady (20-7) – Sergio Reyna 11, Dante Ruiz 7, Marshall Cox 14, Jordan Rodriguez 17

Ira – Valentine 15, Goodwin 11, McCowen 2, Brazil 4, Fonville 2

Grady	14	10	19	6	–49
Ira	12	12	2	8	

Free throws – Grady 5-10, Ira 3-7. 3-point goals – Grady 2 (Ruiz, Rodriguez), Ira 3 (Goodwin 3). Total fouls – Grady 8, Ira 10. Fouled out – None.

Next: Grady vs. Sierra Blanca, 7 p.m. Friday, Monahans

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	60	40	17	3	83	215	161
Boston	58	37	13	8	82	191	142
Toronto	62	37	20	5	79	205	172
Florida	57	26	25	6	58	166	186
Detroit	59	24	26	9	57	157	177
Montreal	59	22	29	8	52	151	188
Ottawa	59	21	28	10	52	160	207
Buffalo	60	17	32	11	45	143	198

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	60	34	19	7	75	187	180
Pittsburgh	61	35	22	4	74	195	180
Philadelphia	60	31	19	10	72	181	174
New Jersey	60	31	21	8	70	181	183
Columbus	60	30	25	5	65	159	170
Carolina	60	27	23	10	64	162	180
N.Y. Islanders	61	29	26	6	64	203	219
N.Y. Rangers	60	27	28	5	59	173	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	59	36	14	9	81	185	154
Winnipeg	60	35	16	9	79	199	161
Dallas	59	34	21	4	72	179	157
St. Louis	61	34	23	4	72	173	156
Minnesota	59	32	20	7	71	177	169
Colorado	59	32	23	4	68	184	177
Chicago	61	26	27	8	60	173	175

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	59	39	16	4	82	202	160
San Jose	60	33	19	8	74	178	163
Los Angeles	60	33	22	5	71	174	149
Anaheim	61	30	20	11	71	169	170
Calgary	60	30	21	9	69	169	175
Vancouver	60	23	30	7	53	161	194
Edmonton	59	24	31	4	52	164	194
Arizona	59	17	32	10	44	143	197

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

Wenesday's Games
Chicago 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Dallas at Anaheim, late
Calgary at Vegas, late

Today's Games
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	16	.719	—
Boston	40	19	.678	2
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10
New York	23	36	.390	19
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	33	24	.579	—
Miami	30	28	.517	3½
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9
Orlando	18	39	.316	15
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Indiana	33	25	.569	2
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	28	29	.491	6½
Chicago	20	37	.351	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	44	13	.772	—
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13
Memphis	18	38	.321	25½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	25	.590	—
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2
Denver	32	26	.552	2½
Portland	32	26	.552	2½
Utah	30	28	.517	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20½
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25½
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26½

Wednesday's Scores
No games Wednesday

Today's Games
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Karen Warren / Houston Chronicle

In this June 22, 2016 file photo, Forrest Whitley was introduced to the media by Astros Director of Amateur Scouting Mike Elias during a press conference after signing with the Houston Astros in Houston.

Astros prospect Whitley suspended for 50 games

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Houston Astros minor league pitcher Forrest Whitley has been suspended for 50 games without pay for a violation of baseball's minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

Whitley, who is considered one of Houston's top prospects, is on the roster for Double-A Corpus Christi. His suspension will begin at the start of the Texas League season.

"Obviously as an organization we're going to suffer a little bit, but we're still hopeful and optimistic that Forrest can be a big part of our future," general manager Jeff Luhnow said.

The 20-year-old Whitley was selected with the 17th overall pick in the 2016 amateur player draft by the Astros. The right-hander played at three minor league levels last season, finishing with Corpus Christi where he had a 1.84 ERA in four games.

He was expected to reach the majors by next season, but there was a chance that he could have made his debut this year. Luhnow said missing so much time will likely slow his development, but he added that if things go well once he returns the suspension wouldn't keep the Astros from bringing him up later this season.

Luhnow wouldn't provide details on what led to the suspension, but he did say Whitley was remorseful and he believes he will learn from his mistake.

"On the pitching side I don't have any concerns, he's going to continue to develop and this is part of maturity," Luhnow said. "When you're a high school player and you get drafted and you're a top prospect there's a lot of pressure that goes along with that role. And I don't know if that had anything to do with this, but there's a maturation process going from high school and the big leagues and this is one step along the way for him."

TENNIS

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said. "And it's guaranteed five matches, win or lose, they are keep on playing and they are going to keep getting better. I think that's what a lot of the kids need. They need a lot of match time."

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TALL CITY TENNIS INVITATIONAL

Where: Bush Tennis Center (boys and girls singles); Midland High (girls doubles); Midland College (boys doubles and mixed doubles). All semifinal and championship matches at Bush Tennis Center.

When: 8:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday (championship matches start at 11 a.m. Saturday)

Teams competing: Lee, Midland High, El Paso Coronado, Wolfforth Frenship, El Paso Franklin, San Angelo Central, Amarillo High, Odessa Permian, Lubbock Monterey, Allen, Abilene Wylie, Lubbock Cooper, Southlake Carroll, Odessa High, Amarillo Tascosa, Coppell

TRAYLOR

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to be invited to the Nike regional camp as a sophomore, but didn't receive an invitation.

Lee head coach Clint Hartman said this opportunity is a special one for Traylor, as he'll not only get increased college exposure but get to play and learn with other promising athletes. He has already begun to receive attention from both Oklahoma State and SMU.

"It's another opportunity to further his career," Hartman said. "He's a special kid and everything you want in a football player and he's getting this recognition because of that. He is a college football player – I believe that. From where he was (as a freshman) when we got here to where he is now, that's Josh trusting the process."

Traylor said he'll be ready for whatever awaits him on the field Sunday.

"I'm a football player, I like playing football so I'm going to be ready to play," he said.

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CLASSIC

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ranked No. 9 in Class 6A, Monahans carries a No. 6 ranking in Class 4A, and Ralls is No. 13 in Class 2A.

Midland High enters the tournament with a 4-4 record coming off an 8-7 win over Class 5A No.-6 ranked Lubbock Coronado in 11 innings Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs went 2-4 at the Bryan Tournament last week.

Lee carries a 3-2-2 mark into the West Texas Classic after it went 2-2-2 at the Lubbock Tournament last week.

MHS and Lee will be joined by their District 2-6A rival Odessa High (3-1) in the field.

Greenwood (2-1) is participating in its first tournament of the season. The Rangerettes won 8-7 at Presidio Tuesday behind a home run from Jaylene Valenezuela.

Other area Class 4A programs participating are Andrews, Big Spring, Lamesa and Seminole.

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West Texas Classic
At Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

Thursday

3 p.m. – Monahans vs. Sweetwater, Field 1; Odessa High vs. Andrews, Field 2; Midland High vs. El Paso Pebble Hills, Field 7; Levelland vs. Lubbock High, Field 9

5 p.m. – Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Ralls, Field 1; Amarillo High vs. Andrews, Field 2; Odessa High JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 3; Big Spring vs. San Angelo Central, Field 4; Dumas vs. Seminole, Field 5; San Angelo Lake View vs. Amarillo Caprock, Field 6; Lee vs. Colorado City, Field 7; Snyder vs. Hereford, Field 8; Lamesa vs. Lubbock High, Field 9

7 p.m. – Monahans vs. Big Spring, Field 1; El Paso Montwood vs. Odessa High, Field 2; Amarillo High vs. Kermit, Field 3; El Paso Pebble Hills vs. San Angelo Central, Field 4; Levelland vs. Presidio, Field 5; El Paso Del Valle vs. Amarillo Caprock, Field 6; Midland High vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Dumas vs. Greenwood, Field 8; Idalou vs. Lamesa, Field 9

9 p.m. – Ralls vs. Big Spring, Field 1; El Paso Montwood vs. Snyder, Field 2; Seminole vs. Sweetwater, Field 3; El Paso Del Valle vs. Hereford, Field 6; Lee vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 7; Colorado City vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 8; Idalou vs. Greenwood, Field 9

Friday

9 a.m. – Greenwood JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 1; Alpine JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 2; Lee JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 3; Alpine vs. Amarillo Caprock, Field 4; Ralls vs. Amarillo High, Field 5; Kermit vs. Dumas, Field 6; Odessa High JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 7; Colorado City JV vs. Midland High JV, Field 8; Odessa Permian JV vs. Sweetwater JV, Field 9

11 a.m. – Kermit JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, Field 1; Lubbock High JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 2; Greenwood vs. Idalou, Field 3; Seminole vs. Colorado City, Field 4; Lubbock High vs. Odessa High, Field 5; Monahans vs. Snyder, Field 6; Midland High vs. Levelland, Field 7; Colorado City JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 8; El Paso Pebble Hills vs. San Angelo Lake View, Field 9

1 p.m. – Greenwood JV vs. Lubbock Coronado JV, 1 p.m.; El Paso Del Valle vs. Andrews, Field 2; Hereford vs. Lamesa, Field 3; San Angelo Central vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 4; Sweetwater vs. Kermit, Field 5; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Alpine, Field 6; Lee vs. Amarillo Caprock, Field 7; Odessa High JV vs. Sweetwater JV, Field 8; Alpine JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 9

3 p.m. – Lubbock High JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 1; Lee JV vs. Presidio JV, Field 2; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Lubbock High, Field 3; Odessa High vs. Levelland, Field 4; Presidio vs. Big Spring, Field 5; Dumas vs. El Paso Pebble Hills, Field 6; San Angelo Lake View vs. Monahans, Field 7; Odessa Permian JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 8; Alpine JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 9

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7 p.m. – Monahans JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 1; Colorado City JV vs. Lubbock High JV, Field 2; Kermit vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 3; Presidio vs. Snyder, Field 4; San Angelo Central vs. Seminole, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 8; Midland High JV vs. Greenwood JV, Field 9

9 p.m. – Presidio JV vs. Sweetwater JV, Field 1; Greenwood vs. Lamesa, Field 4; Andrews vs. Hereford, Field 6; Big Spring vs. El Paso Montwood, Field 7; Andrews JV vs. Snyder JV, Field 8

Saturday

9 a.m. – Lee JV vs. Kermit JV, Field 2; Presidio vs. Idalou, Field 3; San Angelo Lake View vs. Alpine, Field 4; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Andrews, Field 5; Lamesa vs. Colorado City, Field 6; Odessa High JV vs. Colorado City JV, Field 7; Midland High JV vs. San Angelo Central JV, Field 8; Alpine JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 9

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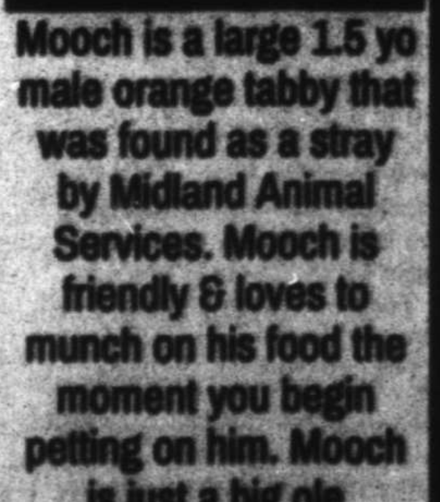

Mooch is a large 1.5 yo male orange tabby that was found as a stray by Midland Animal Services. Mooch is friendly & loves to munch on his food the moment you begin petting on him. Mooch is just a big ole "mooch"!!

A bronze that feels golden for Lindsey Vonn

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

JEONGSEON, South Korea — Over coffee last November at Lindsey Vonn's home in Colorado, Sofia Goggia of Italy asked her friend for some advice.

How does she handle the pressure? How does she deal with the expectations?

Vonn didn't hesitate to answer. An honest answer, and one the new Olympic downhill champion seemed to take to heart.

"It probably helped her (win)," Vonn said with a wry smile.

Maybe, but on this brilliantly sunny day on the slopes at Jeongseon Alpine Centre that seemed OK to Vonn, too. Just getting on the podium herself with her family there to watch seemed like a win by itself to the American who dominated the slopes for so many years.

At the age of 33 there aren't too many downhills left for Vonn. As much as she was hurting after this one, she savored what will almost surely be her last Olympic medal, even though she will race again Thursday in the combined.

Yes, the medal was bronze. But the moment was golden.

She was skiing in memory of her grandfather, who passed away a few months ago. She was skiing for her family, including her father who was not in Vancouver for her last Olympic run when the two were estranged.

She was skiing again for America, draping herself in the flag afterward after being bullied online for saying she would not accept an invitation to the White House after the Games.

Mostly, though, she was skiing for herself.

It's not quite the end of the line for Vonn, but the line is in sight. Her body has been beaten down by so many crashes, so many spills, and so much stress that the next World Cup season could be her last.

"An emotional day all around because this is probably my last Olympic downhill," Vonn said. "But I'm on the podium, so I'm very happy."

She was the first American woman to win gold in the downhill, romping past the field in Vancouver eight years and what seems like an eternity ago. To return after missing the 2014 Olympics while rehabbing a torn ACL — one of two Vonn suffered — was a feat all by itself.

But to bring home a medal — the oldest woman to ever medal in the downhill — made it all worthwhile.

Vonn fought back tears afterward trying to describe it all. There would surely be even more tears afterward when she reunited with her family, who all came to watch.

"I love racing in the Olympics," Vonn said. "I love racing. I love being in the starting gate, with so much pressure, you feel suffocated, but somehow you will yourself to give everything you have and you throw yourself down the mountain in hopes of a medal. I'm absolutely going to miss it. I wish I could keep skiing. I wish that my body didn't hurt as bad as it does."

Winning a final Olympic downhill gold was always going to be an uphill climb for Vonn. She and Goggia had traded World Cup wins all season, but the younger Italian was building confidence with each race.

When the Italian got up for the early race, that confidence was at a peak.

"I knew this was my day," Goggia said, "when I saw on the gondola the sun rising up and I felt good. I put my boots on and I was really with my center. I said, 'This could be my day so let's make it.'"

Goggia was fifth out of the starting gate, and turned in a near perfect run. Vonn was two places behind her, and just couldn't match the pace.

Her silver would turn to bronze when Ragnhild Mowinckel of Norway turned in a surprise silver-medal run as the 19th racer on the course.

To Vonn, it was as good as gold.

"It feels amazing," she said. "During Sochi, I was on the couch watching the Olympics after my second ACL surgery. I have had a lot of ups and downs, mostly downs, in that time. But you know I'm here and I'm on the Olympic podium again."

There's an outside chance she's not done, though the bookies in Las Vegas would be wise not to lay down a line. Vonn races in the combined on Thursday without having really trained for the slalom part, and even she admits it would take a miracle to get a fourth medal to go with her four Olympics.

"It's a longshot," she said.

Her Olympic experience — which began 16 years ago in Salt Lake City — will soon be over. She plans to continue racing, but can't possibly see an Olympics at the age of 37 with the toll it has taken on her body.

But the last one was special, and in so many ways.

"I wanted to win for my grandfather but I didn't. But I think he would still be proud of me for bronze, and I think that's what counts," Vonn said. "My family is proud of me and I'm proud of myself. Today bronze to me feels like gold."

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Christophe Ena/AP Photo

United States' Lindsey Vonn smiles in the finish area of the women's combined downhill at the 2018 Winter Olympics today in Jeongseon, South Korea.

2018 WINTER OLYMPIC MEDALS TABLE

Associated Press

At Pyeongchang, South Korea
Through 3 of 7 medal events for Feb. 21
Through 72 of 76 total medal events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Norway	11	11	9	31
Germany	11	7	5	23
Canada	9	5	6	20
Netherlands	6	5	3	14
France	5	4	4	13
United States	6	3	5	14
OA Russia	0	3	9	12
Austria	4	2	4	10
Japan	2	5	3	10
Italy	3	2	4	9
Sweden	4	4	0	8
South Korea	4	2	2	8
Switzerland	2	5	1	8
China	0	5	2	7
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
Britain	1	0	3	4
Finland	0	0	4	4
Slovakia	1	2	0	3
Australia	0	2	1	3
Belarus	1	1	0	2
Poland	1	0	1	2
Spain	0	0	2	2
Ukraine	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

MC BASKETBALL CAPSULES

WOMEN
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 14-10, 7-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College 12-13, 4-8

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 65, Odessa College 62 (Feb. 12); Western Texas College 50, South Plains College 41

Notes & quotes: This is the final home game of the year for Midland College as it also will honor its sophomores after the game. ... Thanks to Odessa College defeating Howard College on Monday, the Lady Chaparrals qualified for next month's Region V Tournament in Lubbock for the 24th straight season. ... The Lady Chaps have been off for the past week and MC coach Ron Jones said it was good for his team to get a little extra rest at this time of year. ... MC defeated WTC, 65-60, in Snyder on Jan. 22. ... Jones said the Lady Westerners have been competitive all year long, have played a lot of close games in the WJCAC and he expects another tough game tonight. "They are real scrappy and they're doing a good job of taking care of the basketball," Jones said. ... Tonight's game will mark the final return of three Lee grads in Kyra Lewis, Allison Valdez and Yaritza Rivas as Lady Westerners. "I'm sure they'll be fired up to play," said Jones about the former Lady Rebels. "It should be another typical game in the WJCAC." ... MC's sophomore post Ella Tofaeono was just honored as the WJCAC Player of the Week for her performance (20 points, seven rebounds, two blocks) in the win against OC last week.

Next: Midland College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-New Mexico JC	10	1	26	1
x-Frank Phillips	8	3	19	4
x-Midland College	7	4	14	10
Odessa College	6	5	18	8
Howard College	5	6	15	14
Clarendon College	4	7	20	7
Western Texas	4	8	12	13
South Plains	2	10	15	13

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 65, Howard College 49; Western Texas College 50, South Plains College 41; New Mexico JC 74, Clarendon College 54; Frank Phillips College 93, Richland College 35 (non-conference); Midland College was open

Thursday's Games

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

MEN
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 8-19, 4-9 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College 13-13, 2-11

Last game: New Mexico Military Institute 71, Midland College 70 (Feb. 15); South Plains College 71, Western Texas College 70

Notes: Both teams have been eliminated from postseason contention. ... With three games left, MC head coach Pat Rafferty and the Chaparrals will look to close out the season on a positive note. ... The Chaps are coming off a lost to NMMI in what was pretty much an elimination game. Rafferty wasn't too pleased with the way his team played as the Chaps failed to follow up on some recent solid performances. ... WTC has lost its last 11 games and is sitting in the WJCAC cellar. WTC did play South Plains close on Monday as Demarcus Hartfield had 17 points and Nigel Allen added 16 in the loss. ... MC defeated WTC, 66-52, in Snyder on Jan. 22. ... The Chaps will honor their two sophomores Marquell Fraser and Erkam Kiris prior to the game.

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

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Odessa College	12	1	23	3
x-South Plains	11	3	19	7
Howard College	9	5	21	7
Clarendon College	8	5	18	9
New Mexico Military	7	7	17	11
New Mexico JC	4	9	15	12
Midland College	4	9	8	19
Frank Phillips	3	10	11	16
Western Texas	2	11	13	13

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

Monday's Scores

T: South Plains College 71, Western Texas College 70; New Mexico JC 88, Clarendon College 68; New Mexico Military Institute 78, Frank Phillips College 69; Midland College was open

Thursday's Games

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

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

EAST
Boston U. 81, Lafayette 65
Bucknell 85, Navy 61
Colgate 87, Army 83
George Washington 103, Richmond 77
Hartford 65, New Hampshire 56
Holy Cross 70, American U. 64
Lehigh 80, Loyola (Md.) 74
VCU 82, UMass 78
Xavier 89, Georgetown 77

SOUTH
Davidson 76, Fordham 52
SMU 77, East Carolina 58
South Carolina 66, Georgia 57
Virginia 65, Georgia Tech 54

MIDWEST
Indiana St. 58, Evansville 53

Top 25 Fared

1. Virginia (25-2) beat Georgia Tech 65-54. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
2. Michigan State (27-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
3. Villanova (25-3) beat DePaul 93-62. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
4. Xavier (25-4) beat Georgetown 89-77. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
5. Duke (23-5) beat Louisville 82-56. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
6. Gonzaga (25-4) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
6. Texas Tech (22-6) lost to Oklahoma State 79-71. Next: vs. No. 8 Kansas, Saturday.
8. Kansas (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Texas Tech, Saturday.
9. Purdue (24-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
10. North Carolina (22-7) beat Syracuse 78-74. Next: vs. Miami, Tuesday.
11. Cincinnati (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
12. Auburn (24-4) beat Alabama 90-71. Next: at Florida, Saturday.
13. Wichita State (22-5) beat Tulane 93-86. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
14. Arizona (21-6) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
15. Clemson (20-7) lost to Virginia Tech 65-58. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
16. Ohio State (23-7) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Friday.
17. Michigan (23-7) beat Penn State 72-63. Next: at Maryland, Saturday.
18. Rhode Island (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Friday.
19. Tennessee (20-7) beat Florida 62-57. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
20. Nevada (23-5) vs. San Jose State. Next: vs. Colorado State, Sunday.
21. West Virginia (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
22. Saint Mary's (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
23. Houston (21-5) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.
24. Middle Tennessee (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. UAB, Saturday.
25. Florida State (19-8) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.

Women

EAST
American U. 72, Holy Cross 57
Army 69, Colgate 49
Bucknell 49, Navy 40
Cincinnati 70, Temple 52
Davidson 58, La Salle 51
Fordham 51, Duquesne 43
Iowa 77, Rutgers 67
Lafayette 44, Boston U. 41
Lehigh 64, Loyola (Md.) 55
St. Bonaventure 77, Rhode Island 72

SOUTH
Belmont 66, Jacksonville St. 35
Incarnate Word 57, Northwestern St. 53
New Orleans 77, Sam Houston St. 50
Nicholls 63, McNeese St. 51
South Florida 81, Houston 65
UCF 63, Memphis 40
UConn 91, Tulane 47
UMass 56, Richmond 49
VCU 88, Saint Louis 84

MIDWEST
Ball St. 85, W. Michigan 58
Buffalo 88, Bowling Green 67
Cent. Michigan 91, N. Illinois 77
Dayton 71, George Mason 66
Kansas 68, Oklahoma St. 59
Miami (Ohio) 77, Akron 50
Michigan St. 69, Wisconsin 61
Ohio 79, Kent St. 78
Ohio St. 88, Northwestern 54
Purdue 64, Illinois 51
Toledo 80, E. Michigan 69

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 80, Iowa St. 71
Oral Roberts 72, Nebraska-Omaha 56
TCU 72, Texas Tech 60
Texas A&M-CC 70, Abilene Christian 51

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (27-0) beat Tulane 91-47. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
2. Mississippi State (28-0) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
3. Baylor (26-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
4. Louisville (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
6. Texas (22-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
7. South Carolina (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 LSU, Thursday.
8. Oregon (25-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Friday.
9. Florida State (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
10. UCLA (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
11. Missouri (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
12. Oregon State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
13. Maryland (22-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
14. Ohio State (23-6) beat Northwestern 88-54. Next: at Penn State, Sunday.
15. Tennessee (21-6) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
16. Stanford (19-9) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
17. Texas A&M (20-8) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
18. South Florida (23-5) beat Houston 81-65. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
19. Georgia (22-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
20. Duke (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Sunday.
21. N.C. State (21-6) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
22. Green Bay (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.
23. Belmont (27-3) beat Jacksonville State 66-35. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Saturday.
24. LSU (19-7) did not play. Next: at No. 7 South Carolina, Thursday.
25. Oklahoma State (18-9) lost to Kansas 66-59. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

KANSAS STATE 58
TEXAS 48

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Barry Brown scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and Kansas State pulled away late to beat Texas 58-48 on Wednesday night.

In what was a cold shooting affair for both teams, the last five minutes saw Kansas State (20-8, 9-6 Big 12 Conference) close on a 16-4 run. Brown had the hot hand as he knocked down five free throws, two layups and a backbreaking 3-pointer in the final 4:49.

The Wildcats shot 42 percent but just 3 of 13 (23 percent) from long range. Texas (16-12, 6-9) shot 29 percent overall and missed 16 of 18 3-pointers.

Dean Wade added 13 points for Kansas State. Cartier Diarra had 12 points and Xavier Sneed chipped in nine with a game-high 13 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Matt Coleman scored 14 points and was a perfect 6-of-6 shooting from the free-throw line to lead Texas. Dylan Osetkowski finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Coleman made six free throws and Mohamed Bamba added a dunk during a 8-2 surge to give the Longhorns a 44-42 lead with 5:12 left before Kansas State pulled away.

Kansas State gets back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

Texas, which beat then-No. 23 Oklahoma 77-66 on Saturday, has now lost four of their last five games.

Texas hosts Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Kansas State travels to Oklahoma on Saturday.

TCU 89
IOWA STATE 83

AMES, Iowa — A grieving Donovan Jackson played his heart out for an Iowa State team that needed all the help it could get.

In the end it wasn't enough, as TCU eventually overwhelmed the undermanned Cyclones to avoid an untimely bad loss.

Desmond Bane had 27 points, including a crucial late dunk, and the Horned Frogs rallied to beat Iowa State 89-83 on Wednesday night for their second straight win.

Alex Robinson scored 18 points with six assists and Kouat Noi added 17 for the Horned Frogs (19-9, 7-8 Big 12), who reached seven wins in league play for the first time since they went 7-7 in the Mountain West Conference in 2012.

"I proud of the guys and the way they did it because (Iowa State) came out playing with emotion with all the things they have going on," TCU coach Jamie Dixon said. "We responded and held them off."

Jackson, playing in his first game since learning of his father's death over the weekend, scored 17 first-half points as the Cyclones — who dressed just seven players — jumped ahead 47-41.

But Jackson cooled off and TCU got hot, going on a 15-4 run early in the second half.

Noi then hit a jumper and Robinson added a free throw with 1:16 left to make it 83-78 and Lindell Wigginton turned it over on an air-balled 3. The Frogs then found Bane for an uncontested dunk, and they held on at the free throw line.

"It's going to be a different guy every night. It's been like that the whole season, and tonight happened to be my night," Bane said.

Jackson finished with 27 points for Iowa State (13-14, 4-11), which announced on Tuesday that starters Nick Weiler-Babb and Solomon Young would be out, likely for the rest of a season that could be over in just two weeks, because of knee trouble.

Weiler-Babb had been battling tendinitis for weeks, while Young had successful arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday.

Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said that Jackson learned on Saturday that his father had died of yet-unknown causes, and Jackson returned to Ames after visiting his family in Milwaukee.

"I just know that he would want me to come out here and compete," said Jackson, who broke down while recalling that his father wouldn't be calling him to dissect how he played.

"He always used to tell me to attack the basket and get to the free throw line, and I got to the free throw line 10 times, so I know he's happy about that."

Wigginton had 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting, and fellow freshman Cameron Lard had 14 points with eight rebounds. ...TCU went 16 of 20 at the line. ...Zoran Talley scored 12 points on 6-of-9 shooting for the Cyclones. ...The Horned Frogs committed 15 turnovers to just nine for Iowa State. ...Vlad Brodziansky had 14 points but just three rebounds for TCU.

TCU hosts the Bears on Saturday.

Iowa State plays at West Virginia on Saturday.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Bachelor from around the world look for love. (SF) (N)		Winter Games		The 26 singles		The Bachelor "World Tells All" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Bang Theory	Mom	S.W.A.T. "Contamination"				CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett		Mason "The Case of the Counterfeit Crank"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Queen Takes Knight"		9-1-1 "Heartbreaker"		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom		Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11		All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Faith for Families		Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9		NewsW-est 9 (N)	Olympic Zone	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating (W) Final, Alpine Skiing (W) Combined, Downhill, Snowboarding (W) Big Air Final, Short Track Speed Skating (M, W) Final (L)										NewsW-est 9 (N) (:35) Olympics
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8		PBS NewsHour (N)		Wild West	Two for the Road	Daytri-pper	Places to Love	Antiques Roadshow "St. Louis (Hour One)"		Aman-pour (N)		News (N)	News (N)	Stories
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16		Noche de Estrellas "Premio lo Nuestro"		Premio Lo Nuestro						Noticias Tejas		Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16			Last Man	Last Man	Law:Cl "Pas De Deux"		Law:Cl "Mis-Labeled"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.		Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575		165			(5:25) Good Advice		Hardball ('01, Dra) Keanu Reeves.				My Best Friend's Girl				(:40) Bigger Than the Sky		
HBO	300	590	14	14			Movie	News (N)	Wonder Woman ('17, Act) Gal Gadot.						(:25) Here and Now		(:25) 2 Dope Queens	HighMain	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23		(5:25) Snatched		LastWeek	HighMain	Here and Now		Crashing		The 9th Life of Louis Dras		(:20) Atomic R...		
HBO5	304	552	16	102			(:20) Mechanic: Resurrection				The Exorcist Linda Blair.				(:05) Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy.				
MAX	380	557	17	120	24		(5:35) Passenger 57		The Hunted				(:35) Jason Bourne Matt Damon.				(:40) Strike Back	Movie	
MAX2	382	558	18	122			(:10) Big Miracle Drew Barrymore.				Whip It ('09, Com/Dra) Ellen Page.				(:55) The Wedding Singer			Movie	
PLEX			96				(5:00) The Pink P...		Staying Alive				(:40) The Wiz ('78, Mus) Thelma Carpenter.				(:55) The Von Tra...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25		Movie	(:25) Homeland			(:25) Sleepless Jamie Foxx.		The Chi		Cartoon	SNCTM		Homeland	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26		(4:45) Snowden		Undertow Dermot Mulroney.						Smoke Signals			The Boondock Saints	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47		60 Days In "Blood Rules"		60 Days In "Sexual Preference"		60 Days In: Watch Along (N)		60 Days In (N)		(:05) The First 48		(:05) 60 Days In "Sexual Preference"		
AMC	40	74	23	42	51		(4:00) True Lies				Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Brad Pitt.				Date Night ('10, Com) Tina Fey.			Movie	
BET	58	-		40			Death Row Chronicles		Death Row Chron.		Death Row Chron.		Death Row Chron.		Death Row (N)		Death Row (N)		Death Row Chron.
BRAVO	65	76		41			Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Beverly Hills		Watch (N)		Housewives Atlanta		VanderR
CNBC	46	52		39	72		(4:00) 2018 Olympics		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit "Rayjus"		
CNN	43	50	51	30	56		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		
DISC	50	60	31	24	42		To Be Announced				Killing Fields (N)		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36		Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Gravity	Gravity	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30		NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31		NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at San Diego (L)				Basketb.	Boxing Golden Boy (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55		The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson		
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54		Chopped		Chopped "Raw Deal"		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped		
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33		(5:00) The Wedding Planner				Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.				The 700 Club		She's All That		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29		NCAA Basketball Miami vs. Georgia Tech -- Atlanta, Ga. (L)				The Beat Tex A&M	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)		NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				
FX	31	56	59	64	69		(4:00) Man of Steel		The Martian ('15, Adv) Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon.						The Martian Matt Damon.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34		F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44		FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43		Swamp People		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp: Blood		
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48		Project Runway	(:55) ProjectR	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway "A Kick in the Astro" (N)		What Happens in Vegas ('08, Com) Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Cameron Diaz.				Runway "Thrown for a Loop by Betty Boop"		
MSNBC	47	53		49	73		Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow		
NBCSN	38	43					PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating (W) Free (L)						2018 Olympics Curling (M) Semifinal, Short Track Speed Skating Final						
NICK	55	-	39	34	37		Paradise	Thunder	To Be Announced				Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync	Lip Sync		Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.			Cops	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67		Jeepers Creepers 2 Ray Wise.				The Mechanic Jason Statham.				The Magicians		Channel Zero		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41		Sein. "The Seven"	Seinf. "The Cadillac"	Sein. "The Cadillac"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Van Jones, Judah & the Lion		Brooklyn 99	Conan	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66		(5:15) Babes in Ar...		Goodbye, Mr. Chips						(:15) Ernest Borgnine.			Sergeant York	
TELE	20	-	10	20			Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Enemigo Intimo (N)		Al rojo	Titulares		Al Otro Lado del	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52		My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Lisa's Story" (N)		To Be Announced		Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit" (N)		600 Life: Supersized "Lisa's Story"			To Be Announced	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50		NCIS: New Orleans "The Last Stand"		NBA Basketball Washington Wizards 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		MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	26	55	42	27	49		Chicago P.D. "Wrong Side of the Bars"		Chicago P.D. "Chin Check"		Chicago P.D. "Now Is Always Temporary"		Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	
WGN	19	85					Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	

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Message left on voicemail embarrasses bulimia patient

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: My psychiatrist's office called and left a very sensitive voicemail about my bulimia on a message machine shared with other individuals. Our voicemails are sent transcribed to everyone's email accounts.

Since my complaint (which was an argument during which the nurse who left the private information hung up on me), human resources and the office manager have contacted me to try to alleviate the tension, but I have received no apology from anyone for violating HIPAA or embarrassing me. Should I throw in the towel and find a new doctor or revoke my contact information from their files? I don't know how to proceed from here. — **PERSONAL TO PUBLIC**

DEAR PERSONAL: If you provided a shared phone number as your point of contact, you should not have blamed the person who left the message for using it. I see no reason to change doctors, but you should definitely alter your client information so this doesn't happen in the future.

That said, does your psychiatrist know one of his/her employees hung up on you? If not, the doctor should be informed, and you should be offered an apology.

DEAR ABBY: As guardians of our 5-year-old grandson, we have been given all rights, no terms. He has a father who is "on again, off again" and makes zero financial contribution. I want to cut him off because consistency and effort are important to me, and he shows none.

My husband, on the other hand, says the boy is young, and I should give his father some time because contact once every other month is better than none at all. Our grandson enjoys him when he is here, but he doesn't miss him or ask for him once he's left. Should I allow this inconsistency and instability to continue? — **PARENTS AGAIN IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR PARENTS AGAIN: I think your husband is right. While the father's presence may be sporadic, at least your grandson knows that he is cared about. As he grows older, he may or may not start asking why his dad isn't around more. Deal with it then. The boy's stability is coming from the home you and your husband are providing for him, and that should be your focus.

DEAR ABBY: I'm close to my brother and his wife. My friend "Dotty"— who is estranged from her husband — thinks my brother is hot, so when she sees him (without his wife) she greets him with a quick kiss on the lips. I have told her I don't think my sister-in-law would like it if she saw her do that.

Since then, Dotty has asked him to do repair work at her house (without pay) and he agreed because he is kind-hearted. I told her subtly that I didn't think that was a good idea. Is her behavior toward married men normal? — **TOO FRIENDLY IN HAWAII**

DEAR TOO FRIENDLY: It is, for a woman who is friendly, outgoing and on the prowl. You may be dropping hints about what Dotty is doing to the wrong person. The next time you talk to your brother, tell HIM what you think about your friend's behavior, and ask him what he thinks his wife would think about it.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Strange bidding

North-South vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠J962
♡A9
♢J53
♣9872

WEST
♠A104
♡Q103
♢A9874
♣43

EAST
♠Q853
♡K6542
♢1062
♣5

SOUTH
♠K7
♡J87
♢KQ
♣AKQJ106

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♡*	Dbl	2♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All pass	

*Both majors, weak

Opening lead: Three of ♡

East-West were using a convention that has a serious following on other shores, but is seldom seen in the USA. West had no idea as to which of East's major suits was longer or stronger, so he corrected to his own better major.

The opening heart lead was ducked in dummy and East won with the king. A heart continuation did not appeal to East, as the suit would be blocked after knocking out dummy's ace. The best possible heart holding for West was three to the queen, and that wouldn't be good enough to use the suit because East had no further entry.

It appeared that West had three hearts, which must mean that he held three spades that were stronger or he wouldn't have bid two spades in the auction. East shifted to a low spade at trick two and declarer played low from his hand. Would West rise to the occasion? Yes! He brilliantly inserted his 10 of spades, losing to dummy's jack. South needed a diamond trick to make his contract, so he crossed to his hand with a club and led the sneaky queen of diamonds. West grabbed his ace and continued with the ace of spades, felling South's king, and led the four of spades through dummy's remaining nine-six. East took two spade tricks to defeat the contract.

South did nothing unreasonable in the auction, and we expect that the same contract would have been reached with no bidding by East-West. The defense, however, would probably not have been as accurate.

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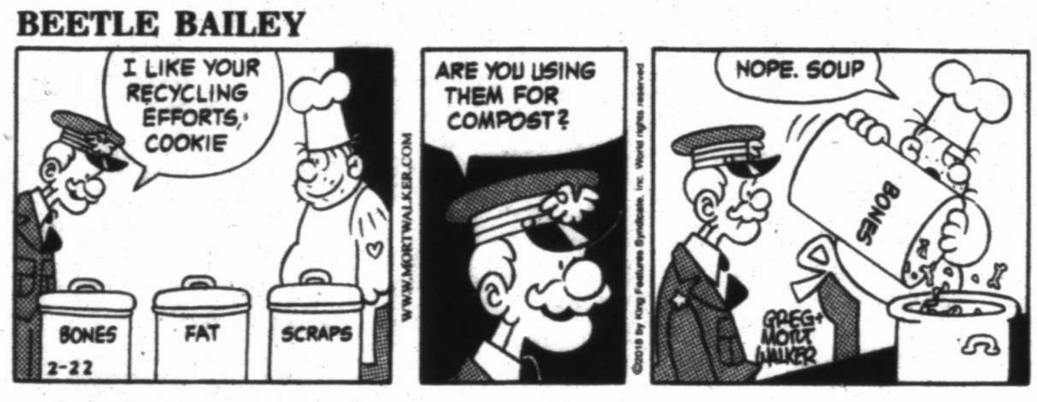

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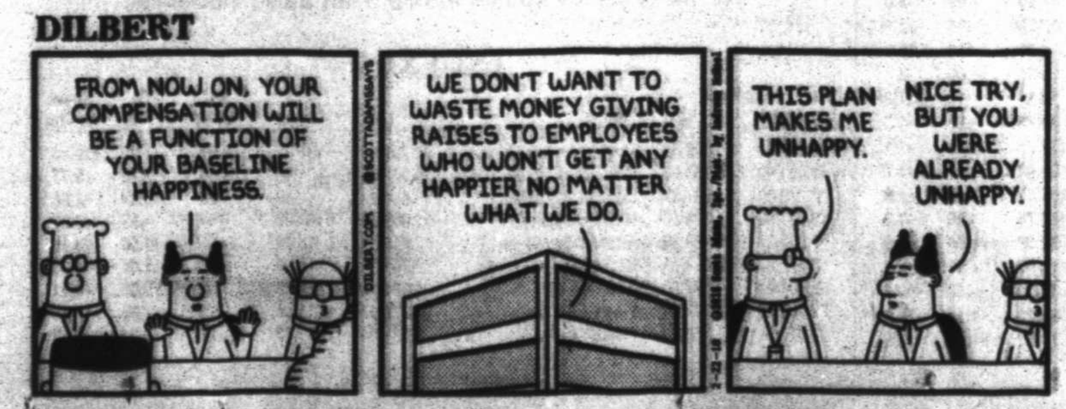

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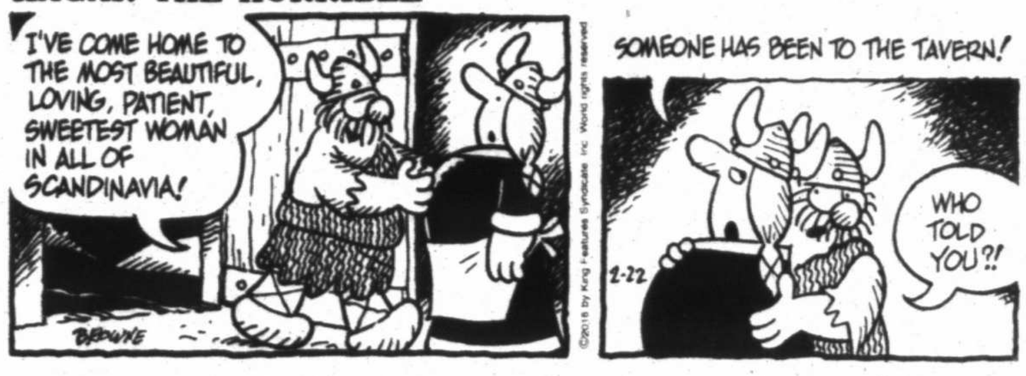

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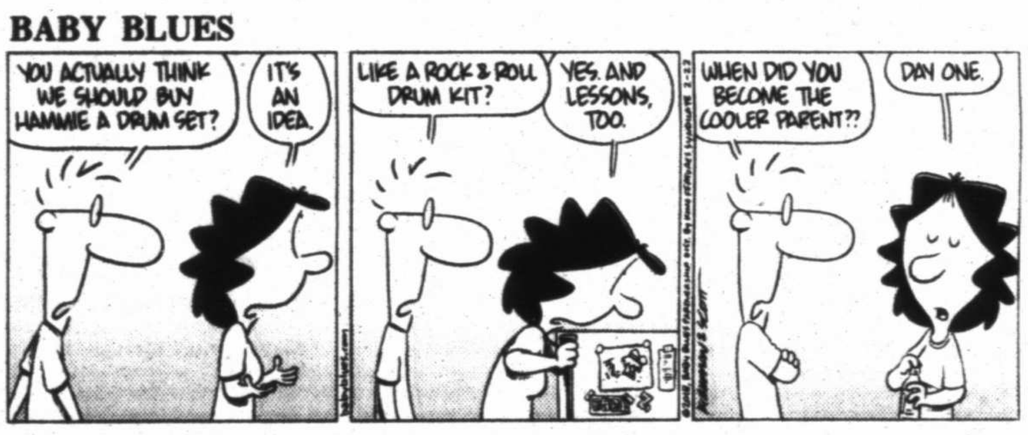

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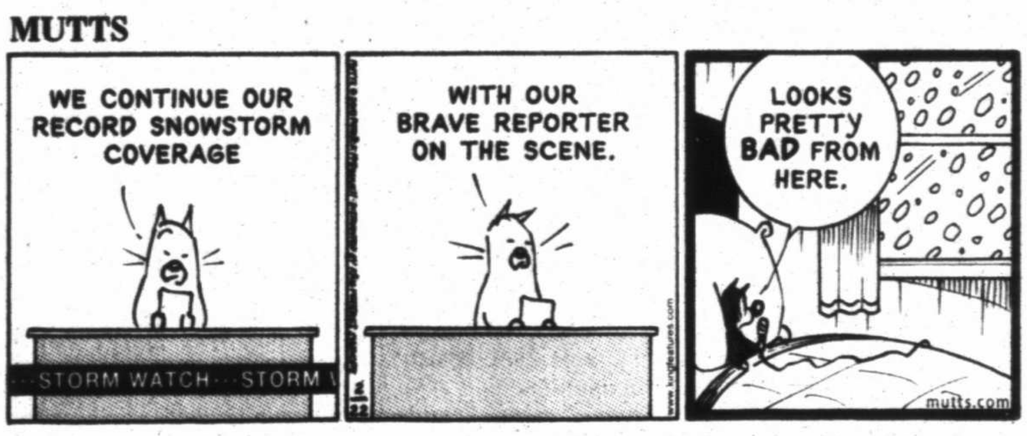

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"I TOOK THE CHAIR OVER THE *LECTURE*."

LOCKHORNS

"I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE ASKING TO HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITES AROUND HERE..."

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"Where, Mommy, where?"

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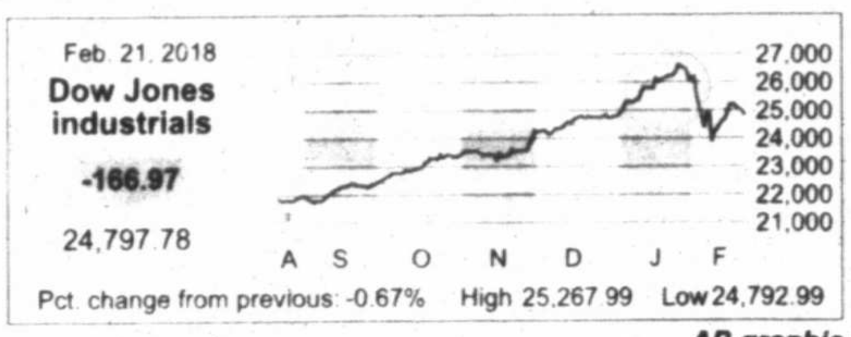

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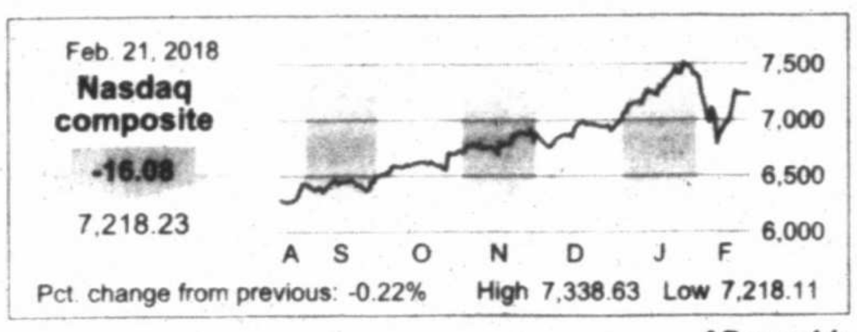

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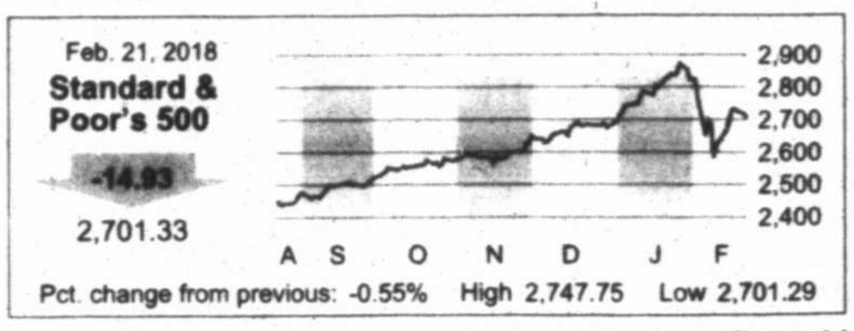

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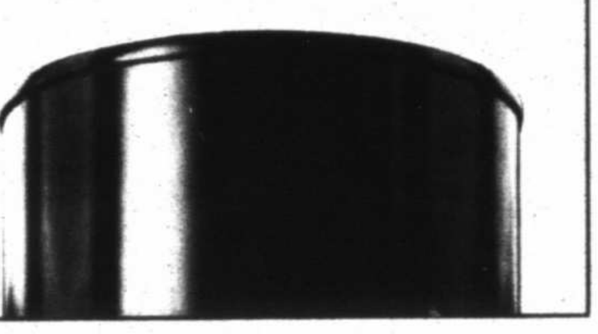
Wednesday:	$2.659
Previous:	$2.616



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	980604	14.52	-.22
S&P500ETF	975985	270.07	-1.37
RiteAid	777410	2.03	-.18
BkofAm	721572	31.87	-.06
iShEMkts	665900	48.79	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QuadGrph	27.83	+5.78	+26.2
VishayPrc	27.80	+2.95	+11.9
Conduent n	17.86	+1.87	+11.7
RoadrnTrn	3.87	+.35	+9.9
LaZBoy	31.75	+2.85	+9.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RAIT pfC	8.05	-9.96	-55.3
RAIT pfB	7.80	-8.60	-52.4
RAIT pfA	7.78	-7.89	-50.4
AegeanMP	2.75	-1.70	-38.2
QTS RltTr	34.01	-9.99	-22.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,338
Declined	1,577
Unchanged	95
Total issues	3,010
New Highs	75
New Lows	73
Volume	3,770,278,776

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	73646	2.57	-.03
TransEntx	40661	1.64	+.13
B2gold g	39315	2.89	...
iShIndia bt	33349	34.57	-.24
ChenlereEn	27420	56.86	-1.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LevelBr n	4.26	+.68	+19.0
VirnetX	3.70	+.30	+8.8
AmpioPhm	2.75	+.22	+8.7
Takung n	2.20	+.17	+8.4
Cohen n	10.45	+.66	+6.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Alio Gld rs	2.75	-.19	-6.5
Gastar pfB	16.91	-.89	-5.0
BluerkRsd	7.63	-.39	-4.9
Gastar pfA	16.00	-.81	-4.8
AdmRsc	41.50	-1.95	-4.5

DIARY

Advanced	138
Declined	164
Unchanged	30
Total issues	332
New Highs	1
New Lows	11
Volume	87,823,553

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	405692	164.80	-.43
Apple Inc	373755	171.06	-.79
AntherP rs	365952	2.47	+.78
MicronT	315443	44.55	-.34
CSVixSh rs	310486	8.86	+.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AntherP rs	2.47	+.78	+46.0
RestorRob n	6.48	+1.79	+38.2
NightstTh n	12.78	+1.99	+18.4
FateThera	10.61	+1.44	+15.7
VoyagerT n	27.18	+3.52	+14.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TileShop	6.20	-2.25	-26.6
DropCar rs	2.56	-.49	-16.1
Sientra	9.49	-1.73	-15.4
SmartSnd n	7.09	-1.08	-13.2
DianaCnt rs	2.13	-.28	-11.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,556
Declined	1,278
Unchanged	186
Total issues	3,020
New Highs	103
New Lows	56
Volume	1,915,653,743

Fed officials: Stronger economy boosts chance for rate hikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve officials at their January meeting saw a brightening global economic picture and the effects of recently passed tax cuts raising the prospect for solid growth and continued interest rate increases.

The minutes of the Fed's Jan. 30-31 discussions showed that the officials were more optimistic about the economy than they had been in December. They noted a stronger U.S. and global economy as well as expectations that the Republican tax cuts enacted in December would boost growth.

The minutes released Wednesday said "a majority of participants noted that a stronger outlook for economic growth raised the likelihood that further gradual policy firming would be appropriate."

The Fed held rates steady at the January meeting, which was the last to be led by Janet Yellen before her term as chair ended this month and she was succeeded by Jerome Powell. Last month's meeting preceded the stock market plunge in early February and the budget deal in Congress that will boost spending on military and domestic programs by an additional $300 billion over two years.

Some economists have suggested that the market turbulence and the prospect of higher federal debt — and higher bond yields — might make the Fed more cautious about raising short-term rates.

But others say they think the central bank will discount those developments and focus instead on the stimulative effects of the Republicans' $1.5 trillion tax cut and the additional spending from the budget deal. The possibility of higher inflation resulting from the tax cuts and spending increases could even make the Fed likelier to tighten credit.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said he is forecasting four Fed rate hikes this year on the basis of his expectations that inflation will finally rebound this year and the decisions by Congress to cut taxes and boost spending will increase economic growth.

"The minu[illegible]s ... show that officials were firmly on track to raise interest rates again in March, even before the latest incoming data showing stronger wage growth and core inflation," Ashworth said.

The Fed raised rates three times in 2017 and signaled at its December meeting that it expected to do so three more times in 2018. But many analysts now think the Fed may accelerate its rate increases and boost rates four times this year. That would likely cause consumer rates such as mortgage rates to rise more quickly.

The Fed's benchmark rate remains at a still-low 1.25 to 1.5 percent.

Investors are awaiting the release Friday of the Fed's twice-a-year monetary policy report to Congress for further clues to the likely path for rate increases. They will also be listening next week when Powell testifies on Capitol Hill about the report. It will be Powell's first public appearance since he assumed the Fed's chairmanship early this month.

Powell, who has been a Fed board member since 2012, was tapped by President Donald Trump to be the next Fed chairman after the president decid[illegible] not to offer Yellen a second term.

Powell is expected to [illegible]e the same gradual approach to raising rates that Yellen followed.

Spike in bond yields upends US stock market rally

U.S. stocks closed broadly lower Wednesday, erasing an early gain, as investors reacted to a late-afternoon surge in bond yields.

Bond yields climbed to their highest level in four years after the Federal Reserve released minutes from its latest policy meeting. The minutes showed bullish sentiment among policymakers, confirming their intention to raise interest rates this year.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose sharply after the minutes came out, touching 2.95 percent, its highest level since January 2014. Higher bond yields indicate investors expect more risk of inflation. They also can threaten stock prices by making bonds more appealing versus stocks.

"We're moving back to normal volatility, we're moving back toward normal interest rates, normal inflation," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "This is what normal looks like."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 14.93 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,701.33. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 166.97 points, or 0.7 percent, to 24,797.78. The blue chip average had been 300 points higher before the late-afternoon slide.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold rose $.90 to $1,332.10 an ounce. Silver added 18 cents to $16.62 an ounce. Copper gained 3 cents to $3.22 a pound.

Amid a flood of plastic, big companies try to clean up image

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Once a month, accountant Michael Byrne pulls on his rubber boots and makes his way to a spot on the banks of the River Thames.

He carefully marks out a one-square meter (11-square foot) patch and, with gloved hands, catalogues each bit of plastic he finds, meticulously reporting the data to the environmental group Thames21. On Aug. 20, for example, he and other volunteers found an average of 31 food wrappers, the sticks from 29 cotton swabs, 12 bottle tops and about 100 pieces of small chewed up plastic in each patch.

"We are the data gatherers" who provide evidence of the plastic that's clogging the world's rivers and oceans, he said. "We are building up a picture all along the river of what is washing up."

Public awareness of the problem of plastic waste is swelling after alarming forecasts that there could be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050. Plus the shocking images are rolling in: Britain's Sky News' campaign against ocean plastic featuring whales bloated by plastic bags; National Geographic's chilling picture of a seahorse curled around a pink cotton swab, and filmmaker David Attenborough's documentary "Blue Planet II" footage of sea turtles shrouded in plastic.

And where consumers' attention goes, so does that of companies.

In the last few months, Amcor, Ecover, Evian, L'Oréal, Mars, M&S, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Unilever, Walmart and Werner & Mertz - which together use more than 6 million metric tons of plastic packaging per year — have committed to using only reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging by 2025, according to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, an innovation think-tank. Adidas, meanwhile, is making a line of clothing from recycled plastic bottles and promoting the products with an online video underscoring the health threat to humans of ingesting plastic particles found in fish.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $149.16 Up 2.01

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.36 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $120.98 Down 1.83

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.89 Up 0.33

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.55 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.35 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $16.60 Up 0.47

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.55 Down 0.52

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.55 Down 0.28

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $22.65 Down 0.69

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	16	5.69	-.12	+.5
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	36.29	-.48	-6.7
Abraxas	...	53	2.10	-.08	-14.6
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	15.20	-.04	+1.1
AMD	...	...	11.72	-.30	+14.0
AkersBios	...	...	.50	+.09	+273.1
Alibaba	...	53	188.69	+1.50	+9.4
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.42	-.19	-3.4
Ambev	.05e	7	6.81	-.09	+5.4
Amgen	5.28e	17	182.60	-.38	+5.0
Anadarko	1.00f	67	57.23	-2.02	+6.7
AntherP rs	...	...	2.47	+.78	+49.5
Apache	1.00	...	37.14	-1.16	-12.0
Apple Inc	2.52	20	171.06	-.79	+1.1
ApldMatl	.80f	18	56.14	-.52	+9.8
Archrock	.48	...	8.85	...	-15.7
ATMOS	1.88f	15	81.04	-1.03	-5.6
AutoData	2.52	31	116.06	+.65	-1.0
BP PLC	2.38	21	38.83	-.69	-7.6
BcoBrad s	.06a	...	12.17	+.08	+18.7
BkofAm	.48	21	31.87	-.06	+8.0
B iPVxST rs	...	...	44.48	+.53	+59.3
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	14.97	+.11	-1.9
BarrickG	.12	27	12.66	-.19	-12.5
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	24	301530.03	-3373.98	+1.3
BlkHillsCp	1.78	15	50.66	-.88	-15.7
BrMySq	1.60f	66	66.54	-.81	+8.6
BrownFA s	.79	39	65.60	-.85	-2.4
BrownFB s	.79	...	67.72	-.59	-1.4
CVS Health	2.00	12	68.76	-1.90	-5.2
CallonPet	...	33	10.50	-.20	-13.6
Caterpillar	3.12	27	155.20	-.36	-1.5
Celestic g	...	9	10.62	-.07	+1.3
Cemex	.29t	...	7.04	-.16	-6.1
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.90	-.57	+7.3
ChesEng	...	4	2.64	-.13	-33.3
Chevron	4.48f	48	109.11	-1.87	-12.8
Chicos	.33	13	9.28	+.07	+5.2
Cimarex	.32	20	95.13	-3.24	-22.0
Cisco	1.32f	22	43.32	-.74	+13.1
Citigroup	1.28	15	77.00	+.54	+3.5
ClevCliffs	...	5	7.53	-.21	+4.4
CocaCola	1.56f	80	43.34	-.65	-5.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.60	24	69.14	-.89	-8.4
Comcast s	.76f	19	39.03	-.44	-2.2
ConAgra	.85	19	35.69	-.39	-5.3
ConchoRes	...	23	149.27	+2.12	-.6
ConocoPhil	1.14f	43	53.76	-1.08	-2.1
CrackerB	4.80	19	158.63	-3.25	-.2
CSVixSh rs	...	...	8.86	+.23	+59.9
CrosTim	.97e	15	15.30	+.17	+4.2
DCP Mid	3.12	50	35.24	-.82	-3.0
DTE	3.53f	18	101.90	-1.30	-6.9
DevonE	.24	20	30.57	-4.08	-26.2
DrGMBll rs	...	...	13.20	-.06	-25.7
DxSCBear rs	...	...	12.07	-.05	-1.6
Disney	1.68f	15	105.05	-.93	-2.3
EOG Rescs	.67	...	105.81	-2.15	-1.9
Energen	.08	19	52.49	+.45	-8.8
EnPro	.88	43	75.62	+.35	-19.1
EntProdPt	1.70f	20	25.95	-.30	-2.1
Ericsson	.13e	...	6.67	+.01	-.2
Exelon	1.38f	11	37.12	-.56	-5.8
ExxonMbl	3.08	16	74.89	-.86	-10.5
Facebook	...	33	178.04	+2.03	+.9
FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.76	-.04	+7.0
FordM	.60a	5	10.60	-.03	-15.1
FrptMcM	...	15	18.73	+.30	-1.2
GATX	1.76f	15	71.94	+1.76	+15.7
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.39	-.02	+2.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.19	-.10	-.6
GenElec	.48	...	14.52	-.22	-16.9
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.93	+.01	+32.5
GtPlainEn	1.10	17	29.45	-.33	-8.7
Hallibrtn	.72	...	46.57	-.60	-4.7
iShGold	...	...	12.71	-.06	+1.6
iShBrazil	.67e	...	45.83	-.04	+13.3
iShEMU	.86e	...	43.91	-.22	+1.2
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	49.04	+.66	+6.2
iShEMkts	.59e	...	48.79	-.06	+3.5
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	116.75	-1.44	-8.0
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	70.41	-.35	+.1
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	85.79	-.37	-1.7
iShR2K	1.77e	...	152.25	+.19	-.1
Intel	1.20f	17	45.95	-.38	-.5
InterDig	1.40	11	76.55	-.35	+.5
iShCorEM	.95e	...	58.81	-.07	+3.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
JD.com	...	28	47.14	+.21	+13.8
JPMorgCh	2.24f	18	115.12	+.41	+7.6
JohnJn	3.36	18	129.93	-.94	-7.0
KimbClk	4.00f	17	111.94	-2.51	-7.2
KindMorg	.50	25	16.76	-.24	-7.2
Kinross g	...	29	3.71	-.08	-14.1
LaSalleH	1.80	14	25.37	-2.88	-9.6
LegacyRes	...	...	2.89	+.33	+79.5
LendingClb	...	...	3.90	-.23	-5.6
LloydBkg	.47a	...	3.95	+.09	+5.3
Lubys	...	...	2.95	+.05	+11.7
MarathnO	.20	...	15.30	-.55	-9.6
McDnlds	4.04	27	158.64	+1.48	-7.8
Merck	1.92	20	54.57	-.41	-3.0
MeritMed	...	53	45.90	+.40	+6.3
MexcoEn	...	...	3.55	-.15	-9.7
MicronT	...	9	44.55	-.34	+8.3
Microsoft	1.68	66	91.57	-1.15	+7.0
Nabors	.24	...	6.44	-.07	-5.7
NOilVarco	.20	...	34.96	-.42	-2.9
NewfldExp	...	12	23.20	-2.54	-26.4
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.69	-.04	+22.1
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.10	-.11	-7.2
NTXQI	.65	...	13.52	+.02	-5.7
Nvidia	.60	59	241.64	-7.44	+24.9
OcciPet	3.08	...	67.21	-.78	-8.8
Oracle	.76	21	49.48	-.42	+4.6
PDC Engy	...	...	50.51	-1.45	-2.0
Pandora	...	...	4.88	+.45	+1.2
ParTech	...	27	10.97	-.29	+17.3
ParkDrl	...	...	.98	+.01	-2.4
PattUTI	.08	...	17.93	-.03	-22.1
PennaRE	.84	13	9.98	-.18	-16.1
Prmian	.63e	26	9.21	+.06	+3.8
Petrobras	...	...	13.16	-.13	+27.9
Pfizer	1.28	14	35.76	-.25	-1.3
PioNtrl	.32f	...	174.73	-3.52	+1.1
PlainsAAP	2.20	28	21.40	-.67	+3.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	164.80	-.43	+5.8
Praxair	3.30f	35	152.74	-.86	-1.3
PrmEgy	...	...	52.50	+1.50	+1.9
PUVixST rs	...	...	18.07	+.47	+77.0
ProShtVx s	...	...	12.02	-.10	-90.6
ProctGam	2.76	22	[illegible]	-1.14	-12.7
PShtQQQ rs	...	...	17.52	+.14	-18.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUShtSPX	...	...	10.72	+.16	-5.8
Qualcom	2.28	...	63.02	-.97	-1.6
RangeRs	.08	14	12.92	-.16	-24.3
RiteAid	...	...	2.03	-.18	+2.8
Roku n	...	...	51.19	+.01	-1.1
Rowan	.40	7	12.37	-.25	-21.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	95	62.39	-.91	-6.5
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	247.75	-1.60	+.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	270.07	-1.37	+1.2
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.05	-.14	-1.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.02	-.77	-11.2
SabnR	2.29m	20	42.90	+.25	-3.8
SanderFm	1.28	10	128.13	-3.31	-7.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	44	64.46	-1.15	-4.3
SiriusXM	.04	34	6.12	+.01	+14.2
Smucker	3.12	16	120.75	-3.12	-2.8
SnapInc A n	3.28	...	18.64	-.29	+27.6
SwstnEngy	...	25	3.50	-.16	-37.3
Sprint	...	3	5.35	-.10	-9.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	53.68	-.67	-5.6
SP Engy	2.04e	...	66.65	-1.12	-7.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.91	-.02	+3.6
SP Tech	.78e	...	66.83	-.41	+4.5
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.85	-.62	-7.3
TOP Shi rs	...	...	.19	-.01	-23.9
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	9.29	-.06	-4.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	20.11	+.13	+6.1
3M Co	5.44f	29	232.18	-2.89	-1.4
Torchmark	.60	7	86.17	-.21	-5.0
Transocn	...	...	9.01	-.08	-15.6
TriContl	1.07e	...	27.06	-.05	+.5
Twitter	...	...	33.38	+.54	+39.0
TylerTech	...	65	205.14	-2.38	+15.9
US Silica	.25	...	25.15	-5.60	-22.8
UBSI	1.36f	24	37.88	+.83	+9.0
USSteel	.20	25	42.86	-1.97	+21.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.66	-.32	+11.7
ValeroE	3.20f	24	90.83	-.75	-1.2
VanEGold	.06e	...	21.79	-.10	-6.3
VerizonCm	2.36	7	47.95	-.97	-9.4
Vipshop	...	38	18.39	+.01	+56.9
VulcanM	1.12f	26	122.04	-2.43	-4.9
WEC Engy	2.21f	19	60.12	-.78	-9.5
WalMart	2.08f	20	91.51	-2.60	-7.3
WalgBoots	1.60	14	69.67	-1.21	-4.1
Weathfintl	...	...	2.80	+.04	-32.9
WellsFargo	1.56	14	59.76	-.19	-1.5
WmsCos	1.36f	11	28.62	-.47	-6.1
XcelEngy	1.44	19	43.72	-.40	-9.1
Xerox rs	1.00	38	30.38	-.65	+4.2
Yamana g	.02	...	3.02	+.06	-3.4

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,379.55	Dow Jones Industrials	24,797.78	-166.97	-.67	+.32	+19.36
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,372.08	+31.46	+.30	-2.26	+9.77
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	664.82	-8.39	-1.25	-8.09	-2.55
13,637.02	11,324.50	NYSE Composite	12,695.53	-67.82	-.53	-.88	+9.92
7,505.77	5,769.39	Nasdaq Composite	7,218.23	-16.08	-.22	+4.56	+23.16
2,872.87	2,322.51	S&P 500	2,701.33	-14.93	-.55	+1.04	+14.33
2,001.48	1,673.30	S&P Midcap	1,884.04	-4.23	-.22	-.87	+8.11
29,760.60	24,131.40	Wilshire 5000	27,972.97	-214.66	-.76	+.64	+13.34
1,615.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,531.84	+1.85	+.12	-.24	+9.12

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LLAMA BOSSY LESSON TIPTOE
Answer: When asked if she could finish the dress in an hour, she said it — "SEAMS" POSSIBLE

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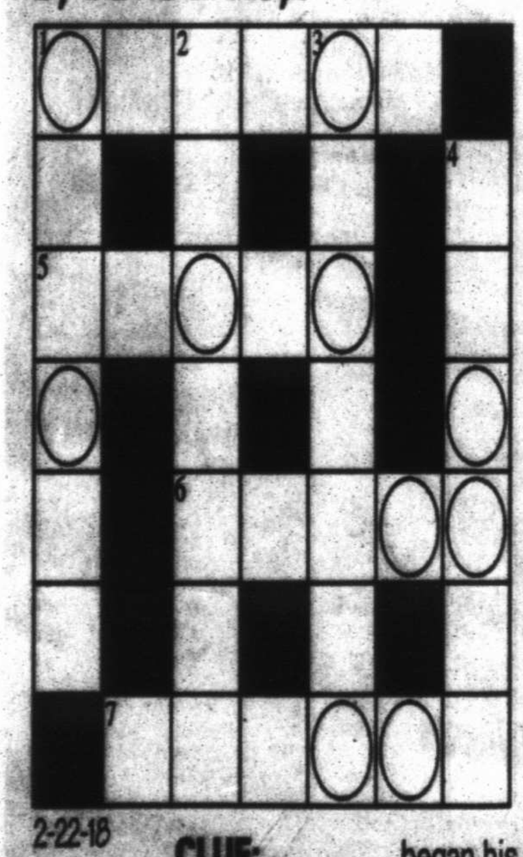

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Smartest	SSETIW
5. Ursa ___	JROAM
6. ___ Jack	UINNO
7. Fanciful, illusory	ARELUN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Stocky herbivore	OATWMB
2. Temporary stay	RUSNJOO
3. ___ can	ADIENRS
4. Type of songbook	YMAHLN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: ____ began his career as a gospel singer in Toccoa, Georgia.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Maze 5A-Union 7A-Unreal 1D-Nimbus 2D-Sojourn 3D-Sunrise 4D-Hymnal B-James Bryan

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Word with rose or road
4 AMA part: Abbr.
9 __ Bornes: card game
14 Caen comrade
15 Thick-skinned herbivore
16 Big Apple stage honors
17 Longtime PBS news anchor
19 Open, in a way
20 Delon of cinéma
21 Exactas, e.g.
23 Site for a railroad signal
30 Part of __
31 Hawk or eagle
32 Tic-toe link
35 "That was close!"
38 Buckwheat dish
39 Statistic including farmers and their neighbors
43 "25" album maker
44 Wedding invitation encl.
45 Yellowknife is its cap.
46 Mournful artwork
48 Abhor
51 Kielbasa
55 Anorak part
56 Really cool place to live?
59 Grouchy look
63 Primitive area, and what's literally found in this puzzle's circles
66 Ventricular outlet
67 Thar Desert country
68 JFK Library architect
69 180-degree river bend
70 __ Heights: Mideast region
71 Serpentine letter

DOWN

1 Mexicali's locale
2 Oscar winner Jannings
3 Joltin' Joe
4 Bull-riding venues
5 Warning to a chatty theatergoer
6 Chivalrous title
7 Year not designated as such until centuries later
8 Kitchen gizmo
9 Greek menu staple
10 Hebrew : Ben :: Arabic : __
11 Lemon on "30 Rock"
12 Floral neckwear
13 Clairvoyant's gift
18 Turkish dough
22 Only Canadian MLB team
24 "Murder on the Orient Express" (2017) actor
25 Value system
26 Irritated words
27 "__ the bag"
28 "Not gonna happen"
29 Researcher's request
32 "The Sound of Music" name
33 Sound
34 Fish basket
36 #TestforRadon org.
37 Chinese martial arts
40 Meter opening?
41 Rule governing intentional walks?
42 Open fields
47 "Ray Donovan" network, briefly
49 Ang Lee's birthplace
50 Its main product was originally given the portmanteau name "Froffles"
52 Ferber novel
53 Hersey's "A Bell for __"
54 Skip church?
57 Pindaric verses
58 Malady suffix
59 __ Paulo
60 Regatta chief
61 Marble, e.g.
62 Geneva-based commerce gp.
64 XLV x X
65 Sedona, for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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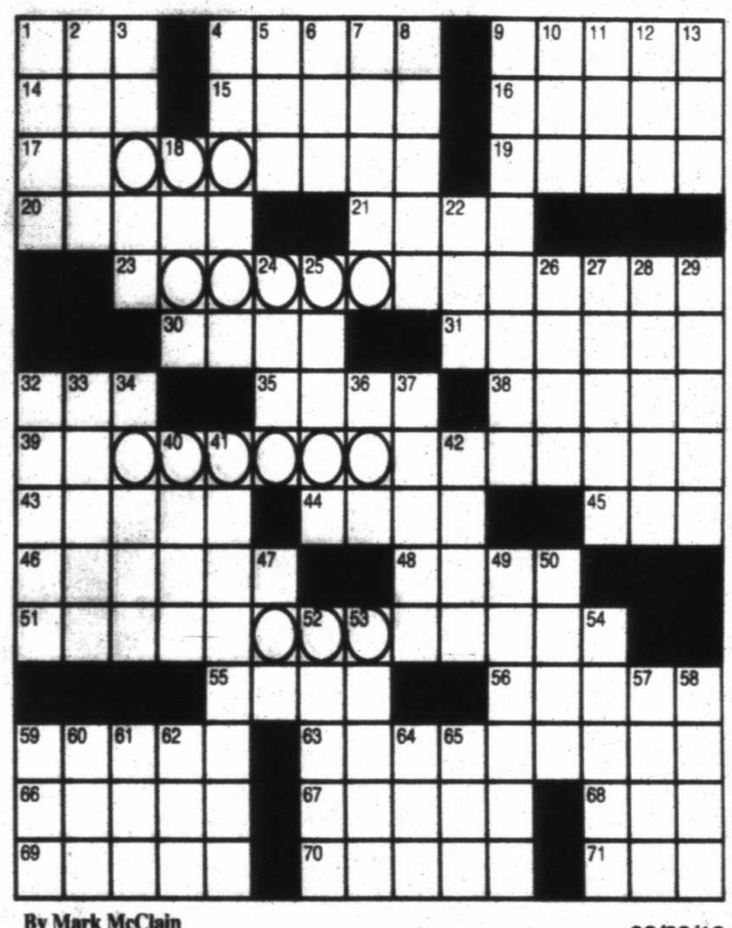

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- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
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- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

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Work Environment:
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Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
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- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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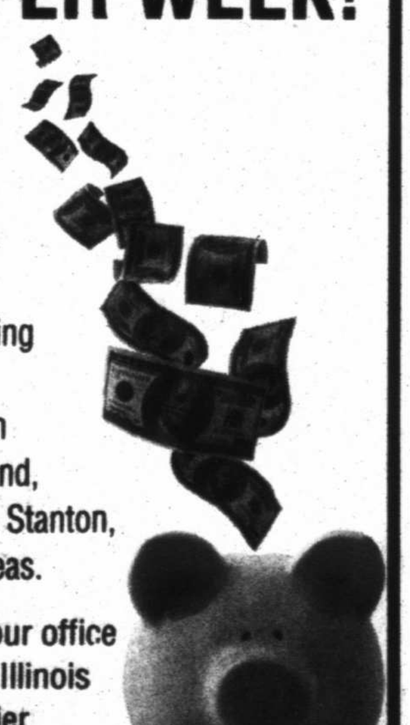

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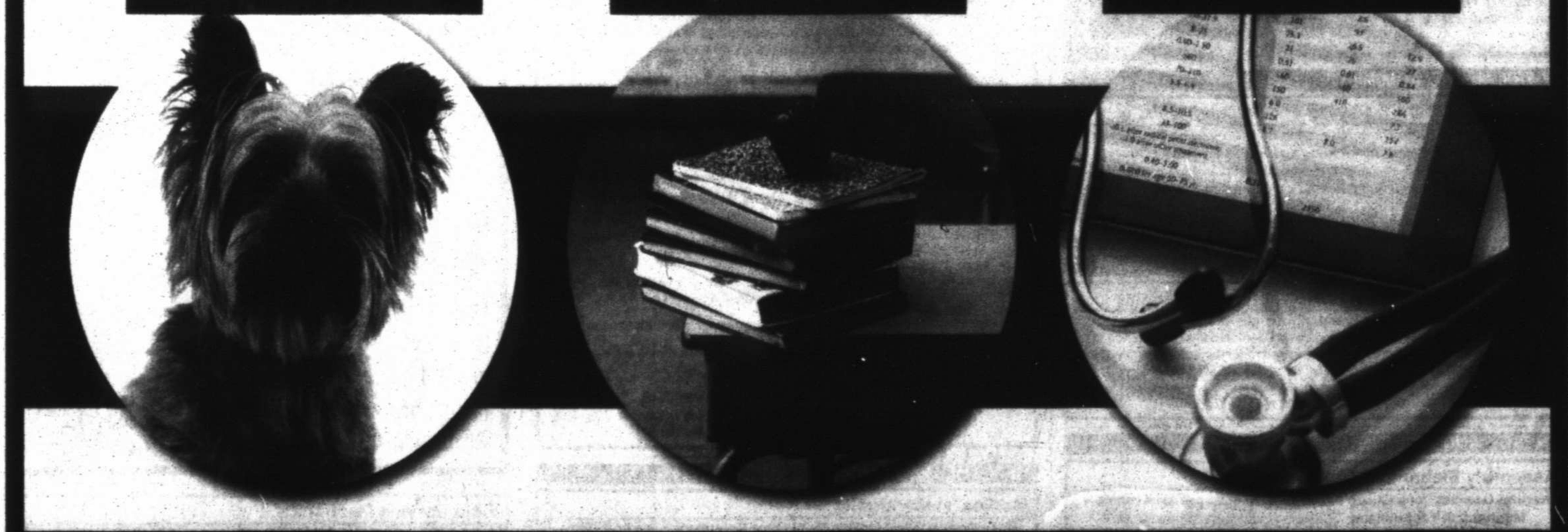

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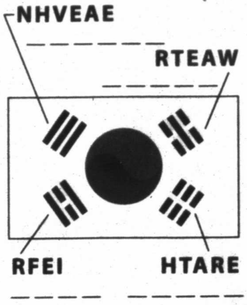
PyeongChang 2018

People around the world are now following the excitement of the **2018 Winter Olympic Games** in PyeongChang, South Korea.

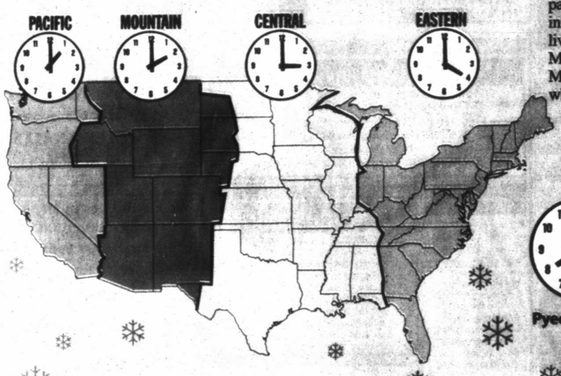
At right is the flag of South Korea. Unscramble the words to find out what each symbol on the flag represents.



This symbol is known as **yin and yang**. Yin and yang mean literally the "dark side" and the "sunny side" of a hill. The symbol means that everything in the world has its **opposite**.

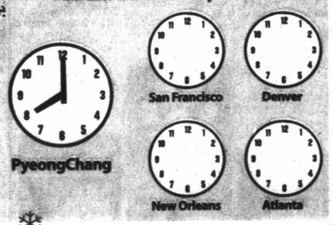
What time is it in PyeongChang?

There is a 17 hour time difference between PyeongChang and California. If it is 8:00 a.m. Monday in PyeongChang, it is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in California.



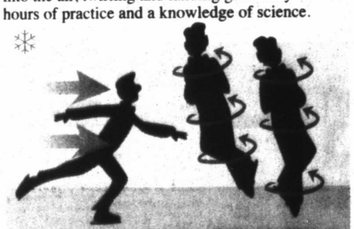
Benjamin lives in San Francisco, California, which is in the Pacific Time Zone. His pen pal Tessa, lives in Atlanta, Georgia, which is in the Eastern Time Zone. Their pal Charlotte lives in Denver, Colorado, which is in the Mountain Time Zone. Charlotte's cousin Megan lives in New Orleans, Louisiana, which is in the Central Time Zone.

Complete the clocks below so they show what time it is in each city.

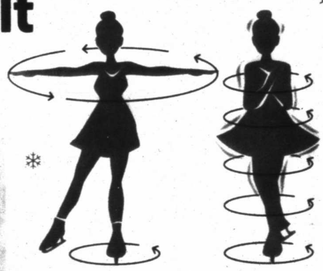


Put a Spin On It

Olympic figure skaters make it look easy to jump in the air and spin. But make no mistake, leaping into the air, twirling and landing gracefully takes hours of practice and a knowledge of science.



In order to twirl well, a skater needs velocity, or speed. A skater uses his or her feet to push off the ice to accelerate. Once the right velocity is reached the skater will jump and twirl. The more velocity a skater gets for the jump, the higher he or she will go.



To get more spins, a skater needs to twirl as fast as possible. To increase their twirling speed, a skater starts a twirl with arms out wide. Keeping the body straight and bringing the arms in close to the body causes a skater to twirl faster. This is a scientific principle called the **conservation of angular momentum**.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand forces and motion.

How many snowflakes can you find on this page in two minutes?

Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

Extra! Extra!

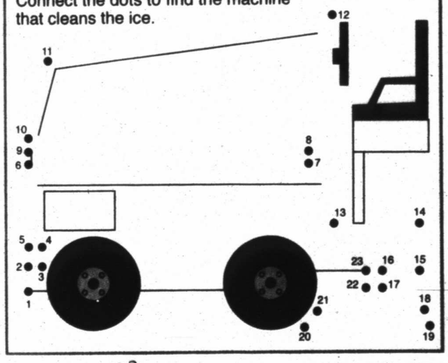
Opposites: Yin and Yang

Look through the newspaper for five things that have an opposite. For example, a photo of a man. The opposite would be a woman.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Connect the dots to find the machine that cleans the ice.



Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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SKATERS
SYMBOL
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KOREA
TWIRL
MEGAN
SPIN
JUMP
YANG
YIN

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S	T	R	E	N	S	R	A	I	L	
K	O	L	A	P	I	T	P	G	O	
A	M	Y	I	C	N	H	M	R	B	
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Hold That Pose!

Find a photograph in the sports section showing somebody in action. Try to hold the pose of the person in the photograph, and hold it as long as you can. Smile while doing it!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What happens when ice cream gets mad?

ANSWER: It has a total meltdown.

Weekly Writing Corner

Fitness Favorite

Students describe their favorite way to exercise.

My favorite way to exercise is playing sports with friends and family. I like to exercise because I'm an active person and like to stay active and fit. I am a strong woman and very athletic.

Coriana, 3rd grade

Jumping is good exercise for you, did you know that? It builds some strength in your legs and arms. To be able to jump over things or to do an ordinary jump, you need to bend down and bounce up with your legs and your arms. It is my favorite thing to do, you lose body fat. That is why I like jumping.

Kailey, 4th grade

My favorite way to exercise is ballet. Ballet is my favorite because I get to express myself so gracefully and also because of the dances I learn. They are so pretty. The music is like nothing I have ever heard before. Of course, we have to do splits, stretches and other things like that. And when we're done, we go home feeling graceful and can't wait until the next lesson.

Meghan, 3rd grade

My favorite exercise is fun I have riding my bike. I like the bike because you can move the seat up and down and you can put a bunch of water bottles in it. Once when I went on the bike, I traveled five miles.

Camden, 2nd grade

I like to do cartwheels. I do them in gymnastics all the time. You have to be careful because you can fall on your head and that hurts really bad. I can do five cartwheels and not fall down. I love them so much I could do them all day.

Jason, Preschool

My favorite way to exercise is to go to the YMCA and do Boot Camp, Zoomba, the free kids gym and swim. It is fun and sometimes my friends are there.

Jessica, 2nd grade

Did you know that I exercise every day? Sometimes I get on my Wii. It's exciting and interesting, too. I have Just Dance Kids. If you don't exercise you can have a heart attack. When you get older and you don't exercise it can be dangerous because you can get fat or you can get very, very sick. Exercising is a fantastic thing you can do every day.

Jennifer, 2nd grade

Write On!

Good Turn

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