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on Tryon Lewis stepping down from the transportation commision.

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METH BURRITO BUST

LA police officers found 14 foil-wrapped packages that contained 17 pounds of methamphetamine disguised as burritos.

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AAA: Gas in Midland rises; state average drops

Midland's gas price streak reaches 10 weeks; average price is $2.57

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City comes close to record sales tax collection.

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The price of gas in Midland increased this week. During the same period, the average price across the state dropped.

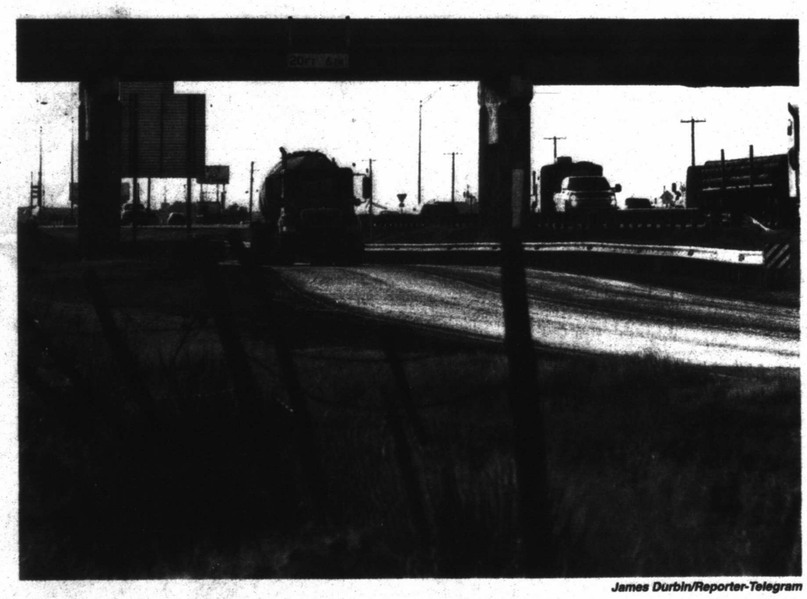
AAA Texas again reported that Midland has the most expensive gas in the state, according to its survey of larger metropolitan areas. The average price per gallon in Midland is $2.57 — an increase of 2 cents compared to last week. Average prices across the state dropped by 2 cents to 2.35 per gallon. Nationwide retail gasoline prices rose a penny to average $2.60 per gallon.

Unlike last week when Midland and Odessa tied for the top spot, Midland again is alone at the top. The cheapest gas in Odessa ($2.28) was 4 cents lower than the lowest price in Midland ($2.32), according to TexasGasPrices.com. Also, seven of the lowest eight prices in both cities could be found in Odessa.

The largest shift across West Texas may be taking place in Abilene, where the cheapest gas Thursday was $2.44, according to TexasGasPrices.com. Prices in Abilene averaged $2.56, according to

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ANOTHER STRIKE



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Cotton Flat Road overpass photographed Thursday after it was struck by an oversize load for the third time in less than four months.

Cotton Flat overpass was hit for the third time

From staff reports

The Cotton Flat Road overpass that spans across Interstate 20 was closed for evaluation after it was struck by an oversize load early Thursday. It was expected to be reopened later in the day, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District.

This is the third time in recent months that the bridge has been hit.

The overpass, which is near the Horseshoe complex, was struck by an oversize load Oct. 23 and it was hit again Jan. 23 by an oversize load.

There have been more than 100 bridge strikes of varying degrees in the Odessa District over the past seven years, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

A pair of bridge strikes occurred Jan. 15 when a truck driver hauling an oversize load hit the Business 20 overpass in Stanton and the County Road 1150 overpass in Midland, both of which extend across I-20.

A single truck hit both bridges, according to a previous report. The driver was cited.

TxDOT attempts to reclaim money to repair bridges when bridge-strike culprits are known.

Prude seeks another term in Precinct 4

Editor's Note: This profile is the second about a candidate for county commissioner for Precinct 4. A profile on Carla Repman was published in Thursday's edition.

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Prude

Midland County commissioner Randy Prude has filed as a Republican candidate to retain his Precinct 4 seat. Prude, 66, has enjoyed the role and wants to serve another four-year term.

"It has to do with the original reason that I ran, which is to make sure that anybody and everybody in Midland County that needs access to their government doesn't get ignored," he said.

Prude has served on the Commissioners' Court since 1999. He has played a role in more than 20,000 decisions, including those related to the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch and Horseshoe complex, according to information provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

During his time in office, Prude has taken the lead on some matters, including a program that has allowed the county to be reimbursed for undocumented immigrants housed in its jail.

Prude also said he made a proposal related to medical care, leading the county to offer a free clinic and prescriptions for its employees. He said the option saves money for taxpayers because it catches diseases early on.

"Since we have the lowest tax rate in the state, I still want us to give the best services in the state," Prude said. "The only way you give the best services is to have people motivated with good morale as well as good benefits."

Prude said he hopes in the future to address water access for people living outside city limits in Precinct 4 and other areas. Also, with growth in all precincts, he said another focus would be the possible southern extension of Loop 250.

Prude, a native Midlander, studied

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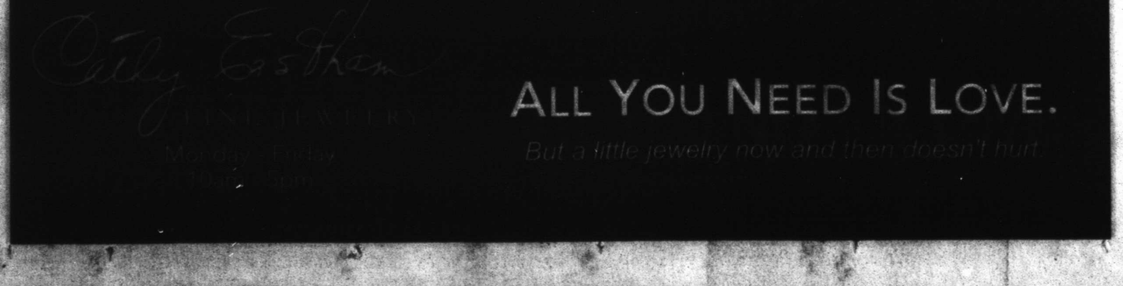
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13 cases tied to the Waco biker shooting were dismissed. Page 4A

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City comes close to record sales tax collection

From staff reports

The sales tax collection roll continues for the city of Midland.

The city on Thursday reported a seventh-straight sales tax collection increase of 20 percent or more. The amount collected is $4.905 million, the second-highest amount ever collected by the city (short of only February 2015's $4.928 million). It was an increase of 34.24 percent from February 2017.

Whatever doldrums the city was experiencing in terms of sales tax collections during fiscal years 2016 and 2017 appear to be over. February's collection marked the fourth time in five months that the percentage increase topped 30 percent. Also, the year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2017-2018 is up 33.78 percent — an increase of more than $5 million — from last year's totals at this time. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is $19.9 million.

City council representatives said previously that greater sales tax collections can mean more money for roads, reserves or a lower tax rate for the following fiscal year.

The February collection also includes $1.2 million for the Midland Development Corp. This fiscal year, the MDC has received more than $4.975 million.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; February collection is based on December sales. February also marked the eighth straight month of positive sales tax collections (seven of which were by double-digit percentage totals).

Recent increases

February	34.24 percent
January	29.80 percent
December	32.56 percent
November	41.71 percent
September	40.91 percent
August	27.82 percent
July	27.51 percent
June	16.55 percent

Gas

From 1A

TexasGasPrices.com. The gas price website showed the average price in Midland to be $2.55 a gallon. It is not known if Abilene is among the cities AAA Texas surveys.

Of the 50 prices in Midland posted on TexasGasPrices.com site early Thursday afternoon, six were less than $2.40 per gallon, nine were less than $2.50 per gallon and more than half were at $2.59 per gallon — the highest and most common price in the city. There were 41 stations with gas prices higher than $2.50 a gallon, which was more than the 39 stations last week and the 18 stations two weeks ago.

TexasGasPrices.com reports the average price of gas in Midland-Odessa is more than 18 cents higher than the average across the state (last week it was less than 16. Last year, that spread was less than 2 cents when Midlanders were paying around $2.102 per gallon, according to the website).

In the past, gas retailers have told the Reporter-Telegram that transportation costs and supply-and-demand rules are reasons for the differences when there is price disparity in Midland.

The association survey found drivers in Lubbock and the Fort Worth-Arlington area have the cheapest gasoline statewide at an average $2.29 per gallon.

AAA spokesman Daniel Armbruster said drivers in Texas are paying an average 26 cents more per gallon than they did a year ago.

Cheapest gas: $2.32 (Sam's Club, SH 191/ Tradewinds)
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.36 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway and Loop 250)
Most expensive: $2.59
Most common prices: $2.55, $2.59
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $2.16, San Angelo $2.24, Odessa $2.28, Midland $2.32, Abilene $2.44

	Mid-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.519	$2.332
Last week	$2.532	$2.377
Last month	$2.467	$2.256
Last year	$2.102	$2.088

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

One officer injured when patrol car shot; no suspects were located

Dallas police say an officer has been slightly hurt after gunfire from an unknown person struck a patrol car traveling on an access road near Interstate 45.

Sr. Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez says the officer suffered minor injuries from flying glass in the shooting early Thursday.

The officer, whose name wasn't released, was treated and released from a hospital.

Gutierrez says the other officer in the car wasn't injured in gunfire that left a passenger-side door and a window shot.

Responding officers were unable to locate a suspect. Gutierrez didn't immediately provide additional details.

It's the second incident this week of damage to a Dallas police car. Police on Sunday arrested a man accused of using a sledgehammer to break windows of about a dozen patrol cars in a substation lot.

SAN ANTONIO

Deputy stabbed breaking up fight between dad and son

A Texas sheriff's deputy is in serious condition after being stabbed in the neck and head while responding to a domestic dispute at a home near San Antonio.

The Bexar County sheriff's deputy was responding to a report of a domestic disturbance Wednesday night. Authorities say the deputy had broken up a fight between a father and a son when he was attacked.

Investigators say the deputy was trying to speak with the son when a struggle ensued. Sheriff's officials say the son repeatedly stabbed the officer in the back of his head and neck. The son was arrested.

Officials said the deputy was in serious condition but recovering early Thursday. A message left with the sheriff's spokesman seeking updates later Thursday wasn't immediately returned.

The deputy's name hasn't been released.

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Alexandria Rodriguez/Corpus Christi Caller-Times via AP

Medics and officers escort a man as he walks to an ambulance in Corpus Christi. A man believed to be in his 30s is in police custody after four people were stabbed Wednesday evening during a church service at a residence in Corpus Christi.

One dead, 3 wounded after stabbing at Texas church service

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — One man has died after he and three others were stabbed during a church service at a private home in Texas, police said Thursday.

As many as 20 people were in the home Wednesday night when a man of the congregation pulled a knife and stabbed four men, said Corpus Christi police Lt. Chris Hooper. He said a 61-year-old man later died of his injuries, while the church's 54-year-old pastor was hospitalized in serious condition.

Police said late Wednesday that a band member was stabbed in the neck and the pastor was stabbed in his chest, and both men were taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries. Police said the other two victims suffered puncture wounds — one to his hand and the other to his arm — while trying to get the suspect away from the pastor.

Hooper declined to identify the victims on Thursday, but the Nueces County medical examiner's office identified the man who died as Frank Castillo. No other details were immediately released.

The suspect, 28-year-old Marco Antonio Moreno, immediately surrendered to congregants after the stabbing, Hooper said. Moreno was being held at the Nueces County jail on Thursday on charges of murder and aggravated assault.

"The officers at the scene suspect there is a mental health issue with the offender," said Hooper, who noted that Moreno has an "alcohol- and drug-related history" with police.

Jail records don't yet indicate whether Moreno has an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported late Wednesday that the incident occurred about 7 p.m. at a nondenominational service held by Kingdom Acts Ministries' International. Police in the Gulf Coast city were called to the home and found the pastor stabbed in the chest. Police Lt. Jay Clement told the newspaper it wasn't clear what led to the attack.

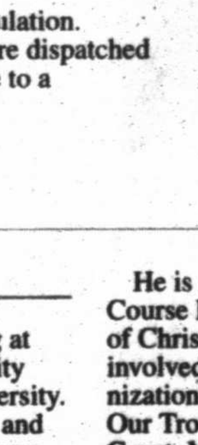
Those attending services at the home had been gathering there each day as part of a "40-day pledge," Clement said, adding that witnesses said the suspect was a parishioner.

In November, a gunman fatally shot more than two dozen worshippers at a church in Sutherland Springs before dying of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Investigators have said that attack appeared to stem from a domestic dispute.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on assault charge



Duran

A Wichita Falls man was arrested Saturday after allegedly assaulting a female, according to court documents.

Jacob Patrick Lupe Duran, 21, was being held Thursday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

Midland police were dispatched Saturday in reference to a disturbance.

Duran allegedly threw a female onto a bed and got on top of her.

He held her down and later punched her on the side of her face, according to his arrest affidavit.

Duran then placed his hands on her throat and began to apply pressure, impeding her breathing, according to the affidavit.

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

Celebration of Public Education planned for next week

In recognition of the importance of public education, Pastors for Texas Children and local education advocates are hosting Celebration of Public Education next week.

Celebration of Public Education "Coffee and Conversation" is planned for 7:45-9 a.m. Feb. 16 in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas St. Breakfast will be provided, according to a press release.

Speakers include the Rev. Bobby Broyles, board president for Pastors for Texas Children, and Charles Luke, coordinator of the Coalition for Public Schools. The event also will feature brief presentations from the Rev. Steve Schorr, pastor of FPC; Patrick Payton, lead teaching minister of Stonegate Fellowship; and MISD Board President Rick Davis. The event is open to the public.

Prude

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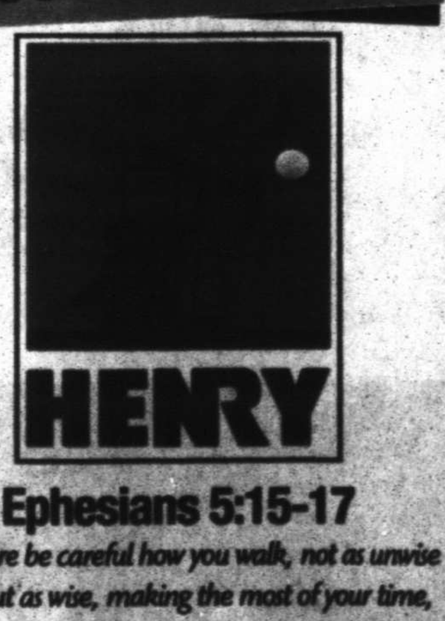
chemical engineering at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

The commissioner and his business partner have 30 years of involvement in commercial real estate and downtown renovation. Prude is also co-owner of the company TGAAR.

He is an elder at Golf Course Road Church of Christ and has been involved with various organizations, including Honor Our Troops, Midland Teen Court, Museum of the Southwest, The Field's Edge and Court Appointed Special Advocates of West Texas.

"When I ran for office, I was able to provide all my attention to government as well as to many nonprofits," Prude said. "One of the first things that I did was I donated all of my county salary to people in need."

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Ephesians 5:15-17

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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adjective
1.joyous, merry, or happy in disposition; glad; cheerful

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This date in Midland

On Feb. 9, 1980, the National Weather Service recorded a high sustained wind speed of 67 mph, a record for Midland.

Things to do

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

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

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

■ Festejando Mes del Amor y Amistad with Los Tigres del Norte, Los Rieleros, Conjunto Azabache and El Nuevo Corcel, 7 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $75. haciendamidland.com.

■ The 32nd anniversary Valentine's Party, 7 p.m., KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. $9. kcsnuttyroller.com.

■ Marty Thompson and Friends, 7:15 p.m., Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

■ Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$45. wagnernoel.com.

■ "Mamma Mia," 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

■ Bobby Champion, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

■ Koe Wetzel, 9 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $10 advance, $13 door. dosamigos.com.

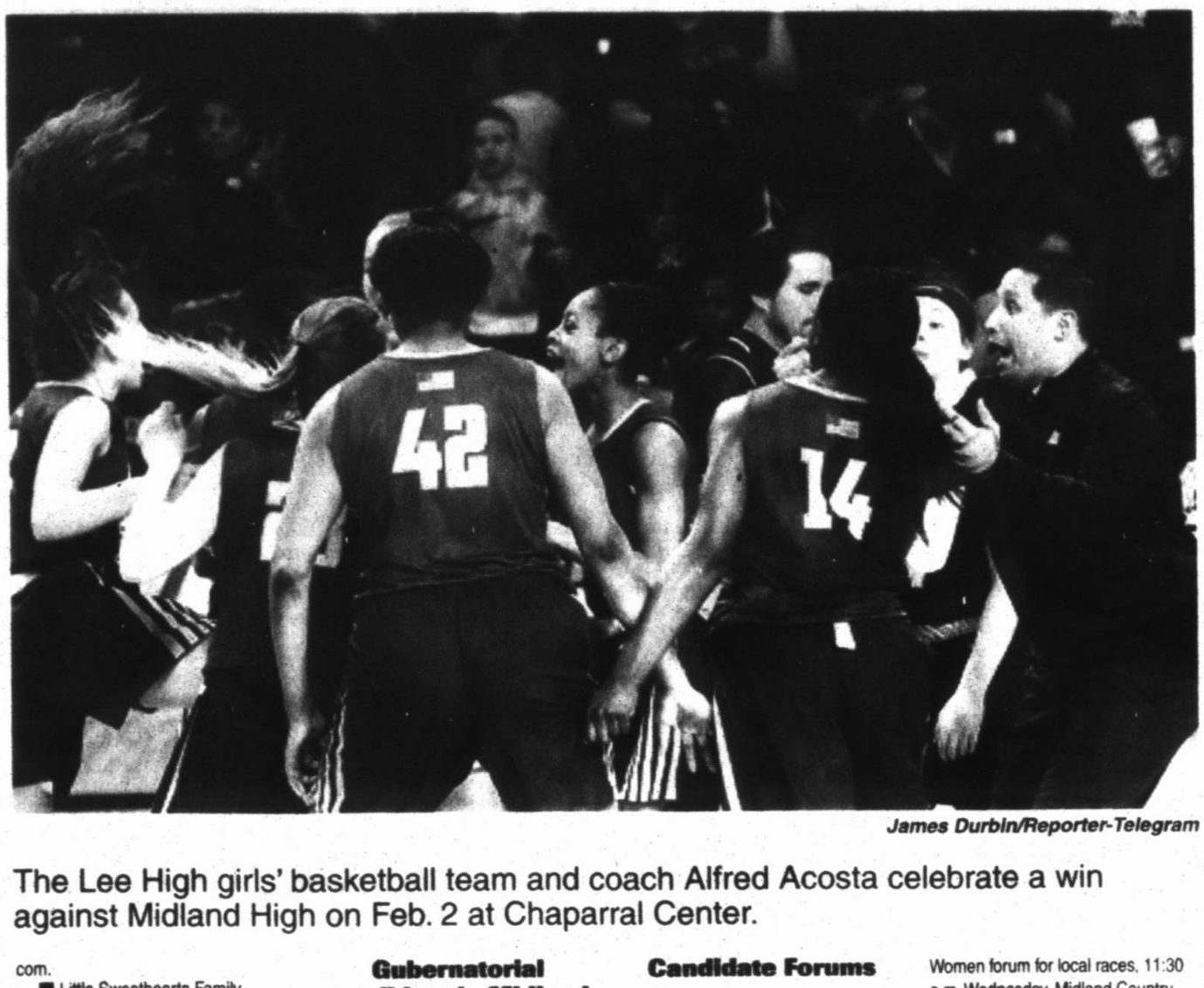
■ Hill Country Revival, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

YMCA Valentine's celebrations

■ The fifth annual Heart and Sole includes a 1K, 5K and 10K run and walk, 8:45 a.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. Proceeds benefit the YMCA's annual campaign. runsignup.com.

■ Little Sweethearts Family Dance, 7-9 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. Will offer light refreshments, dancing, picture and games for father/daughter, mother/son and guardian/child couples. $25. $5 per additional child.

Lady Rebels defeat Lady Dawgs



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Lee High girls' basketball team and coach Alfred Acosta celebrate a win against Midland High on Feb. 2 at Chaparral Center.

Gubernatorial candidate in Midland

Lupe Valdez, candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for governor, will be in Midland 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at Martinez Bakery.

Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for Republican state Senate candidates, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Carrasco Room at Midland College.

■ Midland County Republican Women forum for local races, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Midland Country Club.

■ The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for county judge candidates, 7 p.m. Feb. 20, F. Marie Hall Building at MC.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-2-1
Pick 3 day: 3-2-1
Pick 3 evening: 6-4-5
Pick 3 night: 2-5-9
Daily 4 morning: 6-3-7-9
Daily 4 day: 7-2-4-2
Daily 4 evening: 4-5-7-4
Daily 4 night: 8-9-1-9
Cash Five: 4-6-12-15-20
Triple Chance: 4-5-9-10-11-15-22-38-47-53

Texas Two Step: 16-22-27-31 BB: 26
All or Nothing morning: 4-5-6-9-10-11-13-17-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-12-13-17-18-19-20-23-24
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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High ... 66
Low ... 29
Normal high ... 61
Normal low ... 33

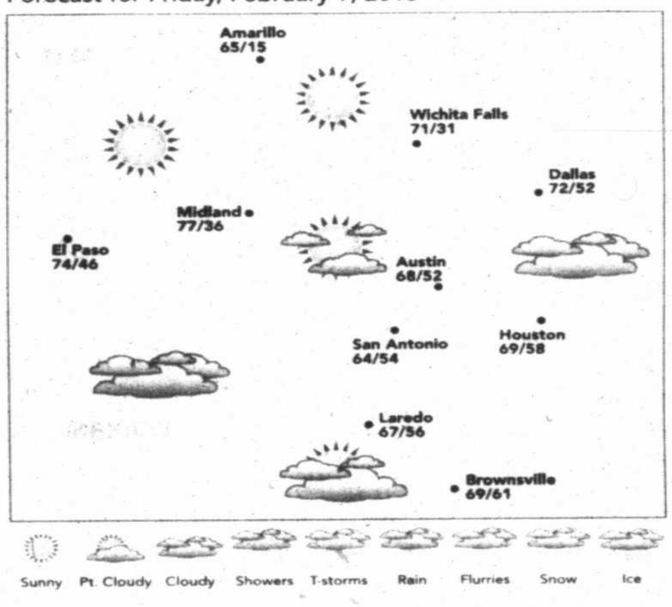
Feb. 8's records
Record high: 83, set in 1994
Record low: -11 set in 1933

Precipitation
Wednesday ... 0.00 in.
Thursday ... 0.00 in.
Month total ... 0.00 in.
Year total ... 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 0.75 in.

Winds
Average speed: 7.6 mph
Highest speed: 17 mph
Highest gust speed: 23 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Friday, February 9, 2018



High: 75
Low: 40
Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night
Winds: 10-20 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 7:36 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:30 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Sagittarius all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Friday, Feb. 9, 2018:**
This year you express your caring attitude more completely. Others respond to your greater sensitivity, and they like what they experience. At times, you could feel limited by various situations and what you can share. If you are single, you might decide to change your status, as you could meet someone very special. You might date for quite a while before deciding what you want from this bond. If you are attached, your outgoing nature draws in quite a few friends. Be careful about your boundaries, as your interest in someone easily could be misread. SAGITTARIUS gets frustrated easily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out to a friend who often challenges you. You want this person's support and feedback. It will make a big difference when you attempt to sleuth through a problem. A meeting could be instrumental in determining the fate of a key matter. **Tonight:** Think "weekend."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Tap into your sixth sense before responding to others. You know what is best for you, and you'll want to move past an immediate issue. You could be holding back from sharing your ideas in order to encourage others to open up more. **Tonight:** A close associate comes forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Allow more openness when dealing with a complicated person in your life. A boss has a lot to share that might not make sense to you right now. Know that this person has years of experience and will use that knowledge when making a decision. **Tonight:** Be with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be unusually emotional right now, especially as you have so much ground to cover. Be willing to stop and have a long-overdue conversation about a personal or professional matter. Know that you will be happy with the outcome. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow more spontaneity into your day. You tend to demand a lot from yourself, so perhaps you need to lighten up the moment. Allow a loved one to be more expressive than in the past. Understand that the change, though pleasant, could be awkward as well. **Tonight:** All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Be more in touch with your feelings about a domestic or personal matter. You generally become uncomfortable when becoming more expressive. Those around you are likely to receive your message in the way that it was intended to be heard. **Tonight:** Invite a friend over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Clarify in your mind what is important to share. You might doubt that the receivers of your message could also have difficulty dealing with the feelings you arouse in them. Encourage a more open discussion. Know that nothing is written in stone. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You could feel overly tired and withdrawn. You have a lot of ground to cover. You might decide to take some shortcuts, which could have financial implications. Know when you have had enough. Make some time for yourself, and screen your calls. **Tonight:** Make it your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be in the mood to spread some good news. For the most part, you'll achieve a lot of what you want. Your emotional feelings come forward. You might need to discuss some of the ramifications of expressing your feelings. **Tonight:** Touch base with a close loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Examine your feelings before taking a stand. You might not be in touch with what is happening within yourself. You might want to hold off before sharing how much prejudice and negativity you are witnessing. Ask a partner for feedback. **Tonight:** Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Examine what is going on around you. You could be unusually picky or demanding when it comes to pursuing a long-term goal or desire. Friends and loved ones could play a significant role in your day. Consider starting the weekend early. **Tonight:** Choose a favorite stress-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your feelings might be closer to the surface than you realize. You suddenly might find yourself having to answer some touchy questions. Know that you can say "no" and walk away. You could be withdrawn. Take a nap before starting your weekend. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

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Attorney Brian Bouffard, who represents Jorge Daniel Salinas, talks about his case being dropped by the McLennan County District Attorney's office during a press conference Thursday in Waco. Salinas was involved in the roundup following the May 17, 2015, shootout at Twin Peaks that left nine bikers dead and 20 more injured.

Texas prosecutor dismisses 13 cases tied to biker shooting

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Texas prosecutor on Thursday dismissed 13 cases stemming from a 2015 shootout in Waco involving bikers and police and recused himself from two others, placing into doubt the criminal prosecution of the more than 130 bikers still awaiting trial.

The actions came hours before a scheduled hearing for Jorge Salinas, whose case was among those dismissed.

Current and former staff had been due to speak at the hearing about corruption allegations against District Attorney Abel Reyna, who faces a Republican primary election in March. The hearing was canceled.

According to a motion filed Thursday, the prosecutor dismissed Salinas' case "in order to focus its efforts and resources on co-defendants with a higher level of culpability."

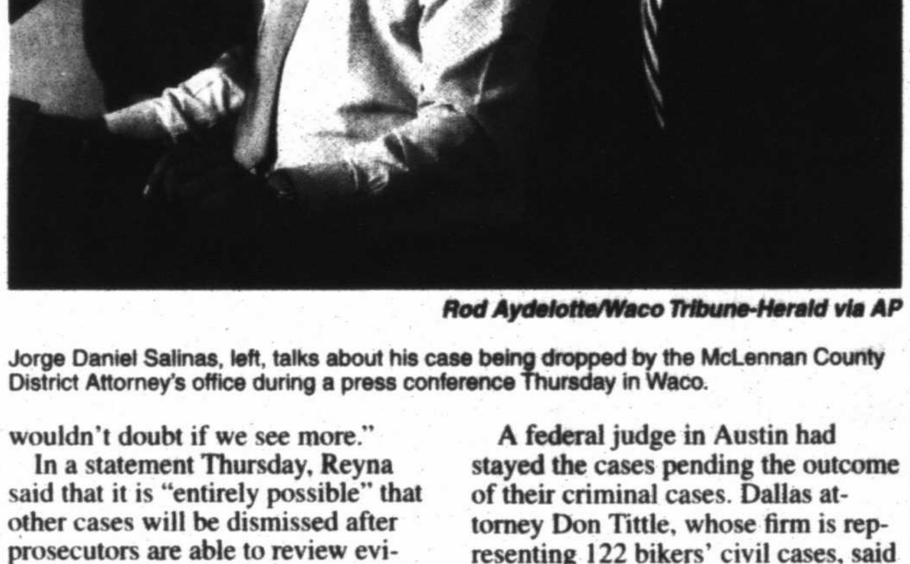
The May 2015 shootout involving members of the Bandidos and Cossacks motorcycle clubs outside a Twin Peaks restaurant left nine bikers dead and 20 injured. Local police arrested 177 bikers after the mayhem, and more than 150 people were eventually indicted on felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity resulting in the deaths and injuries.

Ballistics evidence showed that police bullets struck four bikers, killing at least two of them.

The three officers involved in the shooting were no-billed by a grand jury after being cleared by an internal investigation.

Nearly three years later, only one biker, Dallas locomotive driver and Bandido chapter president Christopher "Jake" Carrizal, has been tried. Carrizal's November trial resulted in a mistrial when jurors were unable to reach a unanimous verdict. The second biker set for trial rejected a plea deal in December.

"The way people were arrested was fairly indiscriminate — it was predictable that some of these cases would be dropped," said Sandra Guerra Thompson, a University of Houston law professor, adding, "I wouldn't doubt if we see more."



Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune-Herald via AP

Jorge Daniel Salinas, left, talks about his case being dropped by the McLennan County District Attorney's office during a press conference Thursday in Waco.

In a statement Thursday, Reyna said that it is "entirely possible" that other cases will be dismissed after prosecutors are able to review evidence from an ongoing federal trial of the former Bandidos president and vice president in San Antonio.

While the Waco shootout isn't mentioned in the federal indictments against both men on racketeering charges, including ordering killings and assaults, government witnesses have discussed the Waco incident in pretrial hearings, court records show.

Reyna said prosecutors expect to receive evidence from the federal case "within 60 to 75 days. Once received, we will commit to making additional decisions in each of the Twin Peaks cases within 30 days from receipt of that evidence," he said.

More than 100 bikers, including 11 whose cases were dismissed Thursday, have civil suits pending against Reyna's office and the Waco police department claiming that they were wrongfully arrested.

A federal judge in Austin had stayed the cases pending the outcome of their criminal cases. Dallas attorney Don Tittle, whose firm is representing 122 bikers' civil cases, said he hopes the dismissals mean "that there's no longer any impediment" to proceeding in civil court.

Salinas, 27, a decorated Marine from Lometa, and his Fort Worth attorney, Brian Bouffard, both cried upon learning late Wednesday from the district attorney's office that the case against him would be dropped.

Bouffard called the dismissals a "smoke screen" to avoid having the allegations against Reyna voiced in public court, and said Salinas would continue to pursue his civil case.

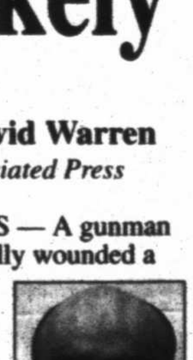
Salinas "lived under this garbage for almost three years, and his civil rights were violated. The dismissal, while welcome, doesn't erase that," Bouffard said.

Reyna said in a statement that claims that the dismissals were motivated by a desire to avoid a hearing were "simply not the case."

Police say Texas officer's killer likely gunned down 2nd man

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A gunman who mortally wounded a suburban Dallas police officer likely killed a second man before barricading himself in an apartment and randomly firing his weapon during the standoff, authorities said Thursday.



McCall

It's believed that Brandon De McCall, 26, fatally shot an acquaintance at an apartment complex in Richardson on Wednesday evening, according to officials. Responding officers found the body of Rene Gamez, 30, on a landing and then went to a nearby apartment where they encountered McCall.

Officer David Sherrard, 37, was shot as he entered the apartment. He fell back out of the apartment and was pulled away by other officers, according to Richardson police Chief Jim Spivey. Sherrard, a married father of two daughters, later died at a hospital.

Sherrard is the first to die on duty in the 63-year history of the Richardson department, Spivey said during a news conference.

"It's the hardest day we've ever had," Spivey said. "We're not doing well."

McCall eventually surrendered to police early Thursday and was taken into custody. Witnesses said McCall repeatedly shouted "I'm sorry" as he was being led away.

He was being held Thursday at the Collin County jail on a charge of capital murder of a peace officer. Online jail records don't indicate an attorney for him.

It's believed McCall shot Gamez but the investigation is continuing, Plano police spokesman David Tilley said. Police in Plano, which borders Richardson, are leading the investigation.

Gamez lived in the apartment where McCall barricaded himself and the two knew one another, but the extent of their relationship wasn't clear Thursday, according to Tilley.

Collin County court records show McCall has been arrested at least once before by Richardson police, in 2016 on a drug possession charge.

Police in nearby Garland arrested him in March and May of 2009 for marijuana possession charges and in January 2010 for unauthorized use of a vehicle, according to a spokesman for the Garland Police Department. The 2009 charges were dismissed after an apparent plea deal and probation was completed, Dallas County court records show. The vehicle arrest was dismissed before charges were filed, according to police records.

A Dallas police report says he was taken to a mental health facility last year after threatening to jump off a bridge and telling officers that he wanted to be taken to a doctor and "put to sleep permanently," according to KTVT-TV in Dallas.

A Richardson police cruiser served as a makeshift memorial for Sherrard with people leaving flowers and other items Thursday.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott offered his condolences on Twitter.

"The hearts and soul of Texas mourn with you. Your loss is a loss to all law enforcement and everyone in our great state," the governor said.

Cafe reopens more than 5 months after Harvey

By Emily Foxhall
Houston Chronicle

SIMONTON — For five months, pipeline operator Tommy Lindsey didn't know where to eat lunch. He tried having a salad at Whataburger. It was fine but it wasn't the same as the meal he missed so much: a grilled chicken Caesar at Roper's Country Store and Cafe in Simonton.

The Houston Chronicle reports twice Roper's had been swamped by a flood, and most of the city of Simonton along with it. But twice the owners of the beloved restaurant, akin to the town gathering place, had rebuilt.

At 6 a.m. Tuesday, the cafe owners once again opened their doors to dish up breakfast tacos, chicken fried steak and cobb salads for a slew of regulars eager to return to their weekly, daily or even twice-a-day place in the country to eat. As one diner said, "This is home."

The grand reopening, full of smiles, hugs and hard work, was a sign of normalcys for the small, rural city of Simonton, population 814, which was devastated by major floods first in 2016 and again when Hurricane Harvey struck last August.

Some residents there continue to await buyout application decisions, while others are rebuilding their homes the only way they can: raised up on pier and beam. (Some are living temporarily in campers or in trailers without their normal kitchens.)

Tucked among the woods along the Brazos River, an hour's drive west of downtown Houston, Simonton began as a place of country homes with room for horses. Today, its identity is ever-changing, as city leaders wrestle with how to keep a town where 90 percent of homes flooded both safe and financially sound — all while growth from Houston barrels its way.

"The people in Simonton — they're very, very resilient," Simonton Mayor Louis Boudreaux said.

The restaurant, which claims Oct. 4 as a city-sanctioned "Roper's Day," is one of the only places to eat in Simonton and an important part of the community fabric. Diners on Tuesday likened it to eating at a friend's house. Food aside — everyone seems to have a different favorite — it's a place to relax, catch up on local gossip and, inevitably, trade stories about the flood.

Walking in the door for lunch Tuesday, Lindsey, who works in the area, found that everything looked like it had before. The deer heads were back mounted on the wall. Fresh painted barn-red wood siding ran along the lower half of the walls. Red-and-white checkered tablecloths covered the 13 tables.

Lindsey didn't have to say his order.

Manager Maria Silva, 31, brought over his salad, piled high with olives, tomatoes avocado and cheddar cheese, with a side of chips and salsa (among the house favorites) and a sweet iced tea.

Over his eight years of coming there, often several days a week, he didn't think he had ever ordered anything else. Today, it was as good as he remembered.

"We can get our routine back again," the 56-year-old Lindsey said, digging in.

Harvey flooded an estimated 241 of 267 homes in Simonton, compared with 224 flooded and repaired the year before, according to the city secretary, one of two municipal employees. As the Brazos River spilled over its banks and across town, there was nothing anyone could do to stop the murky brown floodwater flowing again into Roper's, which hadn't even been open a year since the owners rebuilt from the Memorial Day 2016 flood.

Fort Bend County flood maps, last updated in 2014, show most of the city in the flood plain. Boudreaux, who was sworn in for a second time right before the 2016 flood hit, has tried to make changes accordingly, and the city now prohibits houses from being rebuilt by raising land with soil. (They didn't want the mounds of dirt making the situation worse for anyone else.) They also require that homes be built to 2 feet above the expected 100-year flood level.

Still, not everyone has wanted, or been able, to stay. When the first wave of applications became available after the 2016 flood, 28 people applied for buyouts and 20 applied for help with home elevations. Those decisions have yet to be returned.

The mayor worries about the effect of that on the tax roll; the law prevents buyout properties from ever being developed again, and it requires the city to maintain it. But he knew some people needed that option.

Many in town, meanwhile, find themselves again living in trailers in front of their homes on bumpy streets with names like Pony Lane, Cowhide Drive and Wagon Road. They've been cooking on tiny stoves in campers, or grilling when they can. It all added to the excitement of Roper's being back in business.

Lauren Gillespie, who lives nearby in Fulshear, first opened Roper's with her husband Marty in 2007, when, she jokes, there was no competition around. She took pride in serving homemade food in heaping portions. They peeled their own potatoes. They pounded their chicken. She liked how, when things got busy, people knew to refill their own coffee cups themselves.

With such a loyal clientele, Gillespie knew she had to rebuild after the 2016 flood. She swore she would never do it again. But then, after Harvey, she did. Everywhere she went, people asked when the reopening would be.

And so, on Tuesday, after all the trauma and heartache, Gillespie got up at 4:45 a.m., arrived at the restaurant by 5:50 a.m. and took the first order of half-a-dozen breakfast tacos at 6 a.m. She found herself singing the words of the old Gene Autry song "Back in the Saddle Again." The restaurant hummed.

"We're the heart and soul of this community," Gillespie said. "Everybody's at home here."

The usual breakfast club group came in, then as breakfast switched to lunch, neighbors Ramona Neal, 48, Laura Krueger, 50, and Anne Little, 71, who typically gathered here weekly, took a seat to order what they had been craving: a burger, chicken fingers (with half saved for Krueger's husband) and a brownie with ice cream. Each wore a shade of purple. For Neal, seeing Roper's open again brought a sense of hope. Little said she'd lost 37 pounds since its most recent closing.

They'd brought a gift for the restaurant — a small, antique "Welcome" sign — that they'd planned to bring by at Christmas. Running the show in the dining area, Silva first gave them all hugs.

The relationships, in some cases, run deep. One diner told about how the Gillespies had offered to help put up his family after the first flood.

Another, 44-year-old Kelli Matula, said she and the Gillespies became such good friends that they vacationed together.

Matula, who lost her job in the oil business, ate at Roper's three or four times a week. Her family has lived in Simonton for three generations, and she was in the process of rebuilding the family home, ruined after the 2016 flood, 8 feet higher. She even has her own special; a warm brownie with bananas, vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup and pecans.

Tuesday, she had a grilled chicken Caesar wrap. "I'm ready for it to be back to normal, I really am," she said. With the local hangout back open, it felt like progress.

Senate stumbles shutdown, as Rand Paul blocks vote

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government stumbled into a midnight shutdown Thursday as a rogue Senate Republican blocked a speedy vote on a massive, bipartisan, budget-busting spending deal, protesting the return of trillion-dollar deficits on the watch of Republicans controlling Washington.

A shutdown — technically a lapse in agency appropriations — became inevitable as GOP Sen. Rand Paul repeatedly held up votes on the budget plan, which is married to a six-week government-wide spending measure. The Senate recessed around 11 p.m. with plans to reconvene just after midnight.

Paul was seeking a vote on reversing spending increases and refused to speed things up when he was denied.

"I ran for office because I was very critical of President Obama's trillion-dollar deficits," the Kentucky senator said. "Now we have Republicans hand in hand with Democrats offering us trillion-dollar deficits. I can't in all honesty look the other way."

While the government's authority to spend some money would expire at midnight, there weren't likely to be many clear immediate effects. Essential personnel would remain on the job regardless, and it appeared possible — if not likely — that the measure could pass both the Senate and House before most federal employees were due to report for work.

If the measure passes in the wee hours of the morning, the government would open in the morning on schedule, said John Czwartacki, spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget, the agency responsible for coordinating any shutdown.

At the White House, there appeared to be little sense of concern. Aides closed shop early in the night, with no comment on the display on the Hill. The president did not tweet.

But frustrations were clear in both sides of the Capitol, where just hours earlier leaders had been optimistic that the budget deal was a sign they had left behind some of their chronic dysfunction. Senate Democrats sparked a three-day partial government shutdown last month by filibustering a spending bill, seeking relief for "Dreamer" immigrants who've lived in the country illegally since they were children. This time it was a Republican's turn to throw a wrench in the works.



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., is shown on television as she speaks Wednesday from the House floor on Capitol Hill in Washington as a news conference that she was supposed to attend goes on in the background.

Paul brushed off pleas from his fellow Republicans, who billed the budget plan as an "emergency" measure needed for a depleted military.

"We will effectively shut down the federal government for no good reason," said Sen. John Cornyn, as his requests to move to a vote were repeatedly rejected by Paul.

Paul was unfazed.

"I didn't come up here to be part of somebody's club. I didn't come up here to be liked," he said.

Approval of the measure in the Senate seemed assured — eventually — but the situation in the House remained dicey. In that chamber, progressive Democrats and tea party Republicans opposed the measure, which contains roughly $400 billion in new spending for the Pentagon, domestic agencies, disaster relief and extending a host of health care provisions.

However, House GOP leaders said they were confident they had shored up support among conservatives for the measure, which would shower the Pentagon with money but add hundreds of billions of dollars to the nation's $20 trillion-plus debt.

House Democratic leaders opposed the measure — arguing it should resolve the plight of Dreamers — but not with all their might.

The legislation doesn't address immigration, though Republican Speaker Paul Ryan said again Thursday he was determined to bring an immigration bill to the floor this year — albeit only one that has President Donald Trump's blessing.

At a late afternoon meeting, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California made it plain she wasn't pressuring fellow Democrats to kill the bill, which is packed with money for party priorities like infrastructure, combating opioid abuse and helping college students.

Still, it represented a bitter defeat for Democrats who followed a risky strategy to use the party's leverage on the budget to address immigration and ended up scalded by last month's three-day government shutdown. Protection for the Dreamers under former President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, expires next month.

Republicans were sheepish about the bushels of dollars for Democratic priorities and the return next year of $1 trillion-plus deficits. But they pointed to money they have long sought for the Pentagon, which they say needs huge sums for readiness, training and weapons modernization.

"It provides what the Pentagon needs to restore our military's edge for years to come," said Ryan.

Beyond $300 billion worth of record increases for the military and domestic programs, the agreement adds $89 billion in overdue disaster aid for hurricane-slammed Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, a politically charged increase in the government's borrowing cap and a grab bag of health and tax provisions. There's also $16 billion to renew a slew of expired tax breaks that Congress seems unable to kill.

"I love bipartisanship, as you know," said Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. "But the problem is the only time we discover bipartisanship is when we spend more money."

The deal contains far more money demanded by Democrats than had seemed possible only weeks ago.

"We're not going to get DACA as part of this," said Rep. John Yarmuth of Kentucky, the top Democrat on the Budget Committee. "So if we can negotiate a deal like I think we've gotten that essentially meets every other one of our priorities then I think that's where a lot of the Democrats are."

Added conservative Democrat Henry Cuellar, "It's an easy 'yes.'"

Combined with the Republicans' December tax cut bill, the burst in spending would put the GOP-controlled government on track for the first $1 trillion-plus deficits since Obama's first term and the aftermath of the most recent recession nine years ago.

"This budget deal shows just how broken the budget process is, that Congress thinks the only way to agree to a budget is to put hundreds of billions of dollars on the nation's credit card," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Center for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington-based group.

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

Budget agreement adds money for defense, infrastructure

Key aspects of the proposed budget agreement that covers the current fiscal year and the next.

- Eliminates automatic spending cuts, known as sequestration, for defense and non-defense programs, and provides for spending increases for priorities in both categories.
- Significantly increases spending for non-defense programs by $131 billion over the current and coming fiscal year.
- Significantly increases spending for defense programs by $165 billion over two years.
- Suspends the government's cap on borrowing, or debt limit, through March 2019, eliminating the looming threat of a market-rattling default on U.S. obligations.
- Provides almost $90 billion in disaster relief, mostly for hurricane-hit Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.
- Creates new congressional panels to come up with a legislative fix for millions of pensioners facing cuts to their benefits and to reform the congressional budget process.
- Extends the Children's Health Insurance Plan for 10 years, up from six years under a previous agreement.
- Extends funding for community health centers serving the poor for two years.
- Includes an additional $6 billion for fighting opioid addiction and boosting mental health services, $4 billion to improve health care for veterans, $20 billion for infrastructure improvements and $2 billion to support additional research at the National Institutes of Health.
- Extends dozens of expired tax breaks for economic development, energy production, and other odds and ends.
- Extends numerous technical provisions related to health care, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- Provides additional funding for constituent services at the Social Security Administration and for the Internal Revenue Service, which is implementing the new tax-cut law.

BUDGETROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Budget plan's $1 trillion deficit sours some Republicans

WASHINGTON — Republicans rode the tea party wave to power eight years ago on a message of fiscal responsibility and attacking budget deficits, and kept at it during President Barack Obama's two terms. That was then.

The Republican-led Congress on Thursday was rounding up support for a bipartisan budget bill that would put the government on track for annual deficits topping $1 trillion, a gap last seen toward the end of Obama's first term.

The projection for massive budget deficits has split Republicans. Dedicated fiscal conservatives criticized the plan while others accepted it as a necessary compromise to shore up military spending and keep the government running after a short-lived shutdown last month.

"I think the spending in this is reckless and irresponsible," said Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., a conservative who is backed by the tea party.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said the budget agreement was "doubling down on the irresponsible mentality in Congress of spend now, pay later. To say I am discouraged by the outcome of these negotiations would be an understatement."

Corker voted for the recent Republican tax cut after raising similar concerns in the weeks leading up to the vote.

Republicans are pinning their long-term hopes on their $1.5 trillion tax cut, which they say eventually will stimulate enough economic growth to help reduce the deficit. GOP leaders were using that argument and a desire to boost military spending to sell the budget plan. Congress needs to approve a spending bill by midnight Thursday to avoid a partial government shutdown.

Many in the GOP ranks were willing to sign on despite the soaring deficit.

What's a tax break for car racing doing in the budget deal?

WASHINGTON — Congress passed a $1.5 trillion tax cut package just two months ago. Turns out it wasn't enough.

Wedged into the new mammoth Senate spending deal is a pack of tax breaks for homeowners and electric car owners — as well as goodies for motor speedways. There's also tax relief for people and businesses affected by the California wildfires and the hurricanes that devastated Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Owners of racehorses will get a break, too.

The new tax benefits didn't make it into the Republican-backed tax overhaul enacted in December, which had to land under a $1.5 trillion limit in order to pass the Senate with a simple majority of 51 votes. Now, with fresh bipartisan legislation allowing the shattering of tight caps on defense and domestic programs, lawmakers have found room for dozens more tax breaks.

The provisions for the disaster-struck areas and the extensions of benefits for homeowners and energy savers are popular with lawmakers from both parties and may have helped sweeten the deal for Democrats, all of whom rejected the GOP tax plan. Most of the proposed tax breaks are not new, but extend expired provisions through the end of this year.

Among the proposed extensions of tax benefits for homeowners: the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums and the exclusion from income of some forgiven debts on mortgages. The deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses for higher education also is extended, subject to certain caps.

Tax credits are extended for investments homeowners make to improve energy efficiency, such as solar panels, windows, skylights, water heaters and heat pumps.

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OPINION

Attempt to block Nunes memo was scandalous

■ The real threat to national security came not from the memo's release, but from the FBI effort to suppress it



MARC THIESSEN
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Washington is debating the significance of the memo released by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, but this much should not be debatable: The effort by the FBI to prevent its release was scandalous.

The ostensible reason for suppressing the memo was that it was classified. But now that we have seen the memo, it is hard to see anything that justifies a national security classification, much less the highest level of classification — top secret. No diplomatic secrets were revealed, and no sources or methods were exposed by making it public. If that is the case, then what was the real reason the FBI opposed the memo's release? The bureau's public statements made clear that their real concern was something other than the release of national security information, when the FBI declared it had "grave concerns about material omissions of fact that fundamentally impact the memo's accuracy."

But there is nothing in the law that allows the government to suppress the release of a document simply because it has "material omissions of fact." The only justification for classifying information is to protect national security. Indeed, government officials are explicitly prohibited from preventing the release of a document under the guise of "classified information" because they believe it is politically biased or may embarrass the government. Executive Order 13526, signed by President Obama on Dec. 29, 2009, clearly states: "In no case shall information be classified, continue to be maintained as classified, or fail to be declassified in order to: conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error; prevent embarrassment to a person, organization, or agency ... or prevent or delay the release of information that does not require protection in the interest of the national security."

Recall that in 2014, then-Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein released a document prepared by committee Democrats about the CIA's terrorist interrogation program that was rife with "material omissions of fact." Indeed, Feinstein and her staff did not interview a single CIA official involved in the interrogation program, because they did not want to hear inconvenient facts that might undermine their predetermined narrative. Former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, who had sat on the Intelligence Committee, decried "the partisan nature of this report." Yet no one in the media decried its release, nor did the Obama administration suppress it. Instead, the Republican minority was allowed to publish a separate report and the CIA released a document of its own rebutting Feinstein's many falsehoods — and then left it to the public to judge.

If the FBI thinks the Republican memo is incomplete or misleading, then, by all means, the bureau should prepare and release a rebuttal. But under no circumstances did they have the right to try to suppress it. Not only were they wrong on legal grounds to oppose the memo's release, they were politically stupid for doing so. All they accomplished was to draw more attention to the document and its recitation of the bureau's failings.

If the FBI knew the Christopher Steele dossier was paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee when they submitted it as (in the words of the Nunes memo) "an essential part" of the FISA application for a warrant to spy on an American citizen, and failed to tell the court its provenance, then that is corrupt. This revelation is embarrassing. But in a democracy, that does not allow them to use government classification laws to keep it from the American people.

The real threat to national security came not from the memo's release, but from the FBI effort to suppress it. We depend on FISA warrants to obtain critical intelligence on terrorist threats to the American homeland. If the FBI's actions cause Americans to lose trust in the FISA process, then their elected representatives may impose greater restrictions on it, making it harder for the intelligence community to protect America.

The only way to restore that trust is full transparency. Democrats and the FBI should be able to offer their versions of story. But trying to keep this information from the public is corrupt, undemocratic and arguably unlawful. Let the American people see the evidence and decide who is right.

Editor's Note: Charles Krauthammer continues to make progress in his recovery and hopes to resume his column soon.

OUR VIEW

Lewis' departure from transportation board is a blow to the region

We are disappointed that Odessa's Tryon Lewis is leaving the Texas Transportation Commission.

Lewis told the Austin American-Statesman that he plans to pursue "senior judge status." He had presided over the commission at a time when the Texas Department of Transportation had a multi-billion-dollar annual infusion of cash for highway projects because of constitutional amendments passed in 2014 and 2015.

As a former chairman and then as a commissioner, Lewis guaranteed West Texas had a seat at the table when transportation issues were discussed. That is gold for a region like West Texas, which doesn't have the population to compete with the state's major metropolitan areas. West Texas isn't just another rural portion of the state. Our region is the lifeblood of the Texas economy. Yet state leaders, including those sitting in high-profile seats, have shortchanged this area when it comes to roads.

Lewis served as the board's "rural" designee. Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance President James Beauchamp told the Reporter-Telegram that the rural designee must be from a county with a population of 150,000 or less. He also said that because of recent and projected population growth, he doesn't think our immediate area will be considered for a replacement.

"Having Tryon Lewis on the transportation commission, as well as his tenure as chairman, helped bring enormous attention to the transportation needs in the energy sector, and in particular, the Permian Basin," Beauchamp said.

Think transportation doesn't matter? In our view, anyone who has recently traveled on State Highway 349 to Lubbock to State Highway 158 would beg to differ. We also believe anyone who has been trapped on SH 349 to Rankin among all that oil field traffic knows our region would be served well with an expansion of that portion of highway.

Oilfield traffic isn't going to disappear, and unlike major metropolitan areas, there aren't tollway authorities or millions of people to give our region an advantage when it comes to road funding. Having Lewis at the table provided hope. We are not sure a rural commission member from east or south Texas will see transportation the same way.

We want to congratulate Lewis, 70, for following his passion in making his return to the courtroom. We also want to thank him for his service on the commission, which Beauchamp said means a commitment of 50 to 60 hours a week.

"Few people will truly understand the sacrifice that he has made or the service he provided as an ambassador for the Permian Basin in Austin," Beauchamp said. "We appreciate and believe that the focus and attention he has brought to freight needs in our area will continue to help us develop our transportation network here in the Permian Basin for years to come."

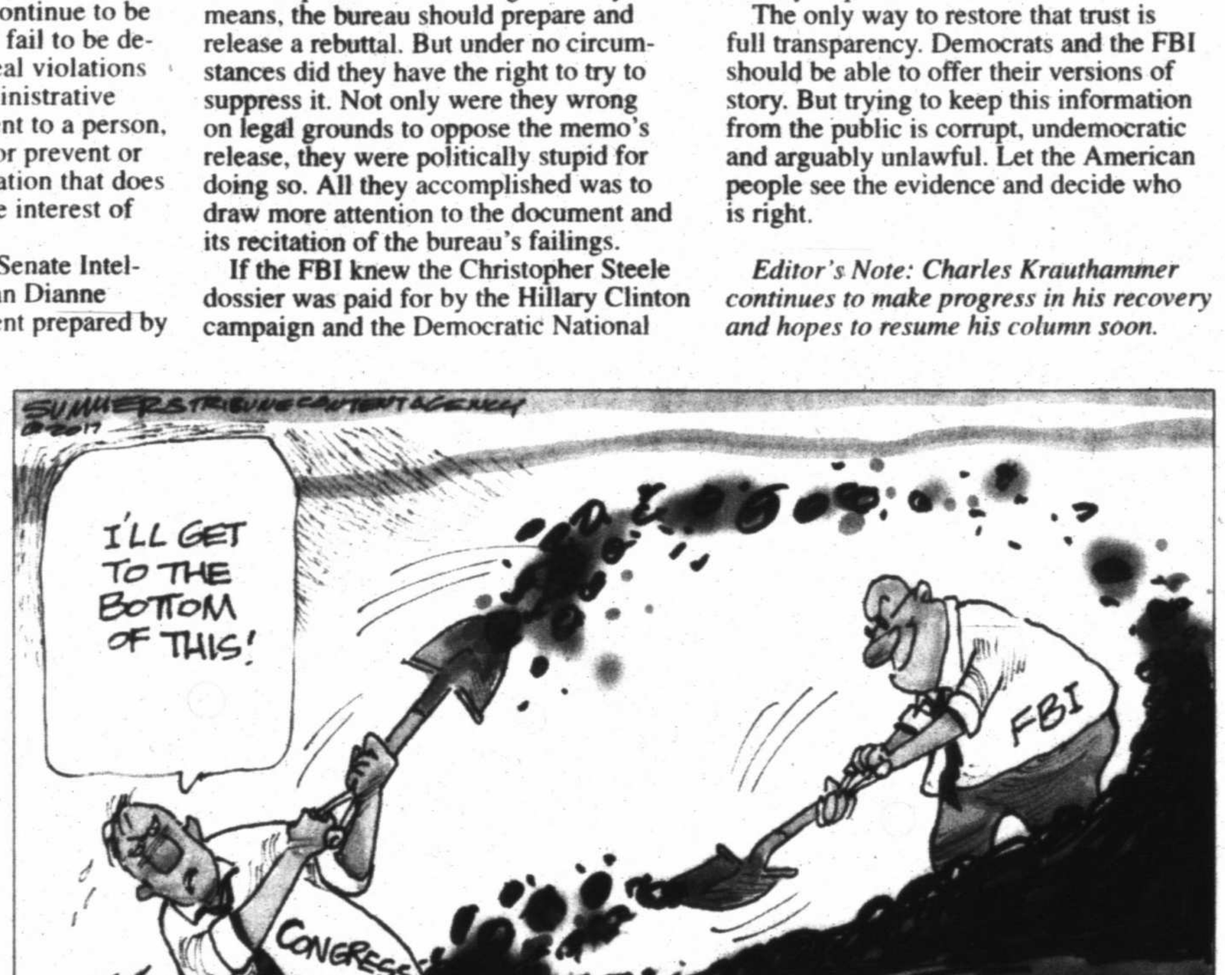
Moving on, it is imperative that Midland, Odessa and the rest of the Permian Basin be vocal about the need for the state to invest in roads here and around West Texas. When transportation commission members make the trek to the Permian, they must get an earful about our needs and what is right. Better roads equal greater transportation efficiencies. In the oil patch, that means more dollars going to state coffers, such as the rainy day fund. We are the only region in the state that can guarantee such a return on investment.

When state leaders return to West Texas — usually to pick up a check to spend campaigning in larger metropolitan areas —we also must be vocal that they don't shortchange this area when it comes to transportation funding as they have education.

Ultimately, our dollars and our voice matter. When we don't have a person in a position of importance, there are other ways for the region to be heard. Let's make sure those efforts continue and, when the opportunity calls for it, are stepped up.

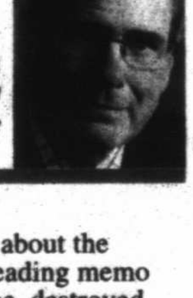
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To get the president, anything goes

■ Now we have a stranger-than-fiction development



JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Nov. 8, 2016, was despair day, tears and groaning day, disbelief day. Donald Trump had been elected president although everyone knew that could never occur. So now, in the minds of some, it was time to undo what happened, no conscience needed. The old norms? The rule of law? Sorry, but that would just slow them down, and here came the anti-Trump crusaders more threatening than Trump.

There's no question about the overreaching. Incriminating, perhaps felonious leaks from intelligence agencies poured forth in unprecedented numbers. Courts intervened to stop legal Trump actions. Some news outlets became blues outlets. Free speech, already struggling, disappeared at some universities. Some psychologists in need of examination said Trump was loony. A comedian aimed for giggles by pretending to be holding up Trump's severed head.

As it turned out, however, it was "impeachment" instead of "decapitation" that became the word of the moment, and then there was this conspiracy theory about collusion with the Russians. Some questions had been asked before the election, but the speculation now reached a boiling point. Soon enough we had a special counsel investigation.

And now we have a stranger-than-fiction development.

It seems that an actual Russian collusion with the Hillary Clinton campaign produced mostly discredited dirt on Trump that the FBI then used to help enable its spying on a private citizen suspected of aiding the imagined Trump collusion. The FBI did not want to talk to a congressional oversight committee about it because, after all, why should it be answerable to anyone?

Finally, the agency had to and then there was this Republican memo summing up some of the testimony and classified documents, telling us how a dossier of the Clinton campaign dirt was used as evidence to persuade a Foreign Surveillance Court to give the go-ahead to do the spying.

The FBI screeched that none of the memo should be released because it would endanger security, which it didn't. Then we had a war of interpretations as Democrats said the GOP misrepresented the truth and Republicans talked about liberal politics superseding fundamental demands of ethics and law. Former FBI director James Comey jumped in.

"That's it?" he asked in a tweet about the GOP memo. "Dishonest and misleading memo wrecked the House intel committee, destroyed trust with Intelligence Community, damaged relationship with FISA court, and inexcusably exposed classified investigation of an American citizen. For what? DOJ & FBI must keep doing their jobs."

Well, that's bosh, but they should keep doing their jobs despite what Comey has done to them. He broke every protocol there was when, as FBI director, he gave a press conference essentially telling us that Clinton as secretary of state violated security laws by using her personal email server for classified materials.

He then said no prosecution would work because of an inability to prove criminal intent. It turned out he had not tried to prove much because, in an FBI interview with Clinton, she was not required to take an oath and nothing was recorded. Later, when Comey decided to publicly reopen the Clinton case pretty much on the basis of nothing, he just may have cost her the election.

After Trump fired him, Comey arranged for his own memo on a talk they had to get in the hands of the press, a matter of legal dubiety, and he is now serving as a top witness for his friend Robert Mueller, which is highly questionable. Mueller, the special counsel, may not have much of a collusion case against Trump and may instead be focusing on obstruction of justice. He wants an interview. If Trump agrees, this man with a roulette wheel for a mouth could end up facing charges on just about anything.

Meanwhile, everyone is focused on the November midterm elections, saying the Democrats may retake the House and, if they do, impeachment is certain.

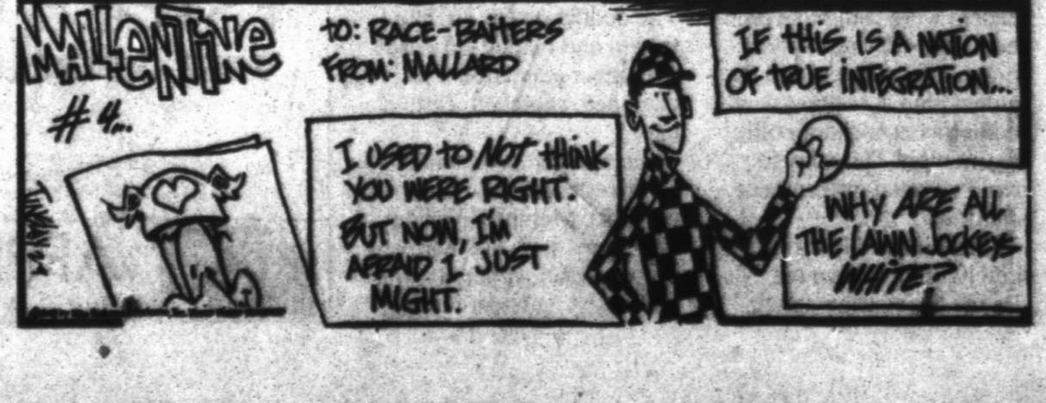
We may at least be spared a guillotine.

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A sign promoting the Amazon Prime Now delivery service is displayed outside a Whole Foods store Thursday in Cincinnati. Amazon, which owns Whole Foods, plans to roll out two-hour delivery at the organic grocer this year to those who pay for Amazon's $99-a-year Prime membership. Amazon.com Inc. said deliveries started Thursday in Austin, Cincinnati, Dallas, and Virginia Beach, Va.

Kale to go: Amazon to roll out delivery at Whole Foods

By Joseph Pisani and Dan Sewel
Associated Press

Amazon is bringing its speedy delivery to Whole Foods — and Margot Good might never visit the organic grocery chain again.

"I can stay in my pajamas at home and have them deliver me my groceries," she said Thursday after learning about the new service outside a Cincinnati location.

The online retail giant plans to roll out two-hour delivery at Whole Foods this year to those who pay for Amazon's $99-a-year Prime membership. It is the company's biggest move since it bought the organic grocer last year.

It's also precisely the action rivals have been preparing for since the day Amazon — with the Prime program that's been so successful in cementing customer loyalty — announced plans to buy Whole Foods.

Amazon shoppers can order meat, seafood and other Whole Foods grocery items through the Prime Now app and website. Deliveries started Thursday in Austin; Cincinnati; Dallas; and Virginia Beach, Virginia; and will expand nationwide this year.

While convenient, not everyone wants other people picking out their eggs or fruit. A major hurdle for companies that offer grocery delivery is getting those people to sign up, said Darren Seifer, a food and beverage industry analyst at NPD Group.

"There are always going to be people who want their bananas a little green," he said.

Ade Ogbomo, a teacher in Dallas, said she orders everything from Amazon — except food.

"I like to get it myself," she said outside a Whole Foods store. She worries about the possible mishaps: "Maybe the bananas are bruised or the cookies are all broken up, and you can't really complain because you asked for it."

Good, though, said she thinks Whole Foods has high-enough quality produce that she's not worried about choosing items herself.

About 7 percent of U.S. households bought groceries online last year, according to NPD Group. Most of those — about three-quarters — get their orders delivered to their door; the rest pick it up at the store. NPD Group said it expects online grocery shopping to grow quickly, especially among young adults, who are more comfortable shopping online.

And grocery chains don't want to miss out when that happens.

Walmart, the country's largest grocer, is making it easier for customers to order groceries online and pick them up at the store. Target bought grocery-delivery company Shipt late last year. Kroger, the largest traditional supermarket chain, has been promoting store pickup for online orders and doing trials of home delivery.

Maggie Anderson, 38, a therapist in Cincinnati, said she has tried it at Remke, a regional chain.

"I just did my first order online at Remke this week because I was of out of town, and that was great," she said. "It saved me a whole hour and a half of time."

For Amazon, items will be pulled from Whole Foods stores, bagged and then delivered by Amazon drivers. Amazon, based in Seattle, said there's no extra fee for two-hour deliveries above $35, but one-hour delivery will cost $8. The company isn't saying where delivery will expand, but its Prime Now service is in more than 30 cities, including Chicago, Milwaukee and San Diego.

The announcement gives Amazon yet another way to get groceries to customer's doorsteps.

It already does so through AmazonFresh, but that requires a $15-a-month fee. And Prime Now delivers groceries from its facilities, but it has also offered grocery delivery from other physical stores, including Whole Foods rival Sprouts Farmers Market.

Whole Foods also offers delivery in some cities through a partnership with delivery service Instacart, which will continue.

Buying Whole Foods was the biggest part of a push into physical retail for the chain known for online shopping. Right after taking over Whole Foods, Amazon made a splash by cutting prices on bananas, yogurt and other items. It also began selling Kindle e-readers in some of its 470 stores, and started selling Whole Foods-branded food on its site.

Good's friend Debbie Alf, who picked up some fruit and lunchmeat on Thursday, said she's intrigued by the two-hour delivery pledge. Would she give it a try?

"Maybe sooner than you think," she said. "If I forgot something, maybe later today."

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Kelly in harsh spotlight after senior aide's resignation

By Jonathan Lemire, Catherine Lucey and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pressure mounted on White House chief of staff John Kelly Thursday as questions swirled about his defense of a senior aide he fought to keep in a highly sensitive West Wing job despite accusations of spousal abuse from two ex-wives.

White House staff secretary Rob Porter, a member of President Donald Trump's inner circle and arguably Kelly's closest aide, cleaned out his desk on Thursday. But the aftershocks of his resignation reverberated amid concerns about his access to classified information.

Kelly himself faced criticism for initially defending his aide — only to later shift course after the publication of photos showing one of Porter's ex-wives with a black eye.

"It's fair to say we all could have done better over the last few hours or last few days in dealing with this situation," said White House deputy press secretary Raj Shah, who faced a barrage of questions about Kelly during a press briefing.

Though the allegations against Porter became public this week, Kelly learned last fall that something was amiss with the staff secretary's attempts to get a security clearance, according to an administration official who insisted on anonymity to discuss internal matters.

The chief of staff had sought information about the status of security clearance applications for top aides, and it was then he learned there were allegations against Porter from his ex-wives, said the official. Porter and Kelly later discussed the allegations.

The White House official said that staffers felt misled about how Porter downplayed the allegations, both to Kelly at the end of the 2017 and to White House Counsel Don McGahn near the beginning of Trump's term.

When the allegations first emerged against Porter a number of senior aides rallied around him, and the White House acknowledged that personal relationships may have played a role in their response. Communications Director Hope Hicks, who was dating the staff secretary, helped draft the original statements defending him, according to three current and former White House officials.



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White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter, center, hands President Donald Trump a confirmation order Jan. 20, 2017, for James Mattis as defense secretary, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, as White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, right, watches. Porter is stepping down following allegations of domestic abuse by his two ex-wives.

Shah said Thursday that Hicks later "recused" herself from some aspects of the matter, but it was unclear from what. Kelly, meanwhile, was Porter's loudest defender, including in the first hours after the graphic photos of alleged abuse emerged.

Only later did the chief of staff, who had argued for Porter to keep his post, release a second statement in which he said he supported Porter's resignation.

Shah said that Trump was not aware until Tuesday of the accusations against Porter, who was a frequent presence in the Oval Office and helped craft last week's State of the Union address. By the time the president was fully briefed of the claims against Porter on Wednesday, the once-rising White House star had already resigned, according to the official.

A number of lawmakers criticized Kelly, and a leading women's group called for the chief of staff to resign.

The president, for his part, has not signaled to allies that he is on the verge of making a change. But his frustration with Kelly has grown in recent weeks.

Trump has long resisted Kelly's attempt to control him. In recent weeks, the president has complained about the chief of staff to his circle of informal advisers, according to two people who speak to the president regularly but are not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations. One of the people said Trump was angry that Kelly did not bring the Porter allegations to him sooner.

Kelly also drew Trump's ire last month when he seemed to suggest that the president was flip-flopping on his call for a border wall. Trump complained to aides that the chief of staff had portrayed him as a child who had to be managed, a contention that particularly irked the president in the wake of the way he was portrayed in the recent Michael Wolff book, "Fire and Fury."

Though Trump frequently vents about senior aides, he is often loath to fire staffers. A dismissal of Kelly would surely revive the narrative of a White House in crisis as it faces the ongoing Russia probe and the midterm elections.

But Kelly's handling of the Porter affair rattled some aides, who questioned his full-throated defense of an accused batterer, according to more than a half-dozen White House officials and outside advisers who were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Democratic swiftly called for an investigation into Porter's presence at the White House.

"If John Kelly is covering this up, he needs to be held accountable," Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., told CNN's "New Day," adding, "He better have a really good reason. Otherwise, he's gone, too."

Toni Van Pelt, head of the National Organization for Women, was more direct. She revisited the accusations that Trump himself has sexually harassed women, allegations he has denied. "White House chief of staff John Kelly must resign," said Van Pelt. "His pathetic defense of staff secretary Rob Porter reveals his true nature — an enabler of sexual abusers, a betrayer of trust and an avoider of responsibility."

The White House was also put on the defensive about Porter's interim security clearance, fielding questions about how someone could handle some of the nation's most sensitive documents while potentially being ripe for blackmail. In Thursday's briefing, Shah outlined the background check procedure, which is run by the federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies and was still underway for Porter.

Attorneys who specialize in security clearance said Porter should have disclosed the allegations, including the protective order granted to one woman, when he filed his lengthy national security application. John V. Berry, who represents government employees and contractors, said the FBI would have notified the White House about the allegations but noted that the interim clearance would not have prohibited Porter from having access to sensitive information.

Both of Porter's ex-wives have detailed the nature of the abuse they said they suffered at Porter's hands and said they informed the FBI. One of them, Jennifer Willoughby, posted about it in detail on Instagram in April 2017 and wrote of Porter that "When I tried to get help, I was counseled to consider carefully how what I said might affect his career."

She wrote again Thursday that she hoped her "story and my words can be a beacon forward for anyone who needs to be reminded: You are seen. You matter. You are enough."

How the market's turmoil could affect Fed's rate decisions

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wall Street has thrown a rather sour welcoming party for Jerome Powell.

On Monday, Powell's very first day as Federal Reserve chairman, the Dow Jones industrial average suffered its worst percentage drop since 2011. The selling has raged on in the days since, fueled partly by fear that higher inflation will lead the Fed to accelerate its interest rates hikes and weaken the economy and the stock market. On Thursday, the Dow plunged over 1,000 points, bringing the index's losses from its January highs to more than 10 percent.

All of which has left investors wondering what the Fed and its new leader might do now. Have they grown concerned about inflation? Will they step up their rate hikes — or perhaps slow them now in the face of investor anxiety and lower stock prices?

The worry that has seized investors is merely one of the issues Powell faces as he succeeds Janet Yellen as head of the world's most influential central bank. Before becoming chairman, Powell had indicated he was inclined to follow the cautious stance toward rate hikes that was a hallmark of Yellen's tenure. Yellen's Fed kept rates near record lows and bought long-term bonds to lower borrowing rates for consumers and businesses and energize an economy leveled by the 2008 financial crisis.

But as the plunge in markets showed, the path forward is likely to be trickier and perhaps riskier. The Fed's perennial challenge is to keep rates high enough to prevent the economy from overheating and igniting inflation — but low enough to nurture healthy growth.

The central bank left rates unchanged in January at Yellen's last meeting as chair. But it had signaled in December that it expected to raise rates three times in 2018, just as in 2017.

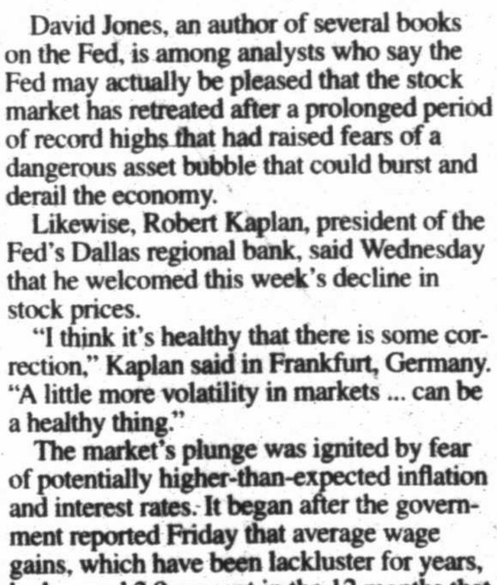
The turbulence coursing through markets has raised speculation that Fed officials might decide to slow their pace of rate increases out of fear of upsetting the markets and possibly harming the economy. But remarks some officials have made this week suggest that the Fed is most likely to stay the course.

William Dudley, president of the Fed's New York regional bank, on Thursday called the stock market's decline so far "small potatoes" relative to the outsize gains of the past few years.

"If it stops here, the implications for the economic outlook are very marginal," Dudley said in an interview on Bloomberg TV. "If it were to go on much further and be much more persistent, then it could start to affect household and business spending behavior, and that could actually start to influence the economic outlook."

On the Fed's possible timetable for rate increases, Dudley said the pace will depend on how the economy evolves. He said the Fed's forecast in December for three rate hikes this year seems "like a very reasonable projection."

Charles Evans, president of the Fed's Chicago bank, who had dissented from the Fed's last rate hike in December, said he could support "three or even four" rate increases this year if he has more confidence that inflation has begun to move up.



Andrew Harnik/Associated Press

Jerome Powell arrives Monday to take the oath of office as Federal Reserve Board chair at the Federal Reserve in Washington.

David Jones, an author of several books on the Fed, is among analysts who say the Fed may actually be pleased that the stock market has retreated after a prolonged period of record highs that had raised fears of a dangerous asset bubble that could burst and derail the economy.

Likewise, Robert Kaplan, president of the Fed's Dallas regional bank, said Wednesday that he welcomed this week's decline in stock prices.

"I think it's healthy that there is some correction," Kaplan said in Frankfurt, Germany. "A little more volatility in markets ... can be a healthy thing."

The market's plunge was ignited by fear of potentially higher-than-expected inflation and interest rates. It began after the government reported Friday that average wage gains, which have been lackluster for years, had surged 2.9 percent in the 12 months that ended in January. That was the sharpest such increase in eight years.

That's good for workers. But it raised the concern that if the wage increase was heralding higher inflation ahead, then the Fed might accelerate its rate hikes out of concern that it needed to control inflation before it got out of hand. Faster Fed rate hikes would make stocks less attractive to some investors.

Many economists caution that they see little evidence that inflation is poised to rise too high. In fact, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge shows that price increases remain below its 2 percent target level.

Before this week, many economists had begun to speculate that the Fed might raise rates four times this year if inflation measures edged closer to the 2 percent target level. The 12-month change in inflation in December was 1.7 percent. Some analysts have suggested that that figure was held down by temporary factors, including price wars among cellphone service providers.

Many economists think a Powell-led Fed may step up the pace of rate hikes if economic growth accelerates this year, boosted by the new $1.5 trillion tax cut package.

"I think Powell is going to be more concerned about where we are in the business cycle, with a very low unemployment rate, growth expected to be around 3 percent this year and stimulus from the Trump tax cuts," Jones said.

Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands, suggested that any likelihood of faster Fed rate hikes this year could quickly change if the market extends its fall in a sustained way.

GOP lawmaker says panel investigating Russia is 'poison'

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Partisan sparring over the Russia investigation is causing chaos on the traditionally bipartisan House intelligence committee — with the panel now planning to build a wall to separate Republican and Democratic staff who have long sat side by side.

A senior Republican on the committee, Florida Rep. Tom Rooney, said Thursday that he thinks the committee is "poison" right now, characterizing partisan tensions as a total breakdown on committee that could have national security concerns. Rooney is one of the leaders of the panel's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether the Trump campaign was involved.

"The level of trust is just gone," Rooney said, adding that "certain things definitely suffer," like how to fund and conduct oversight over intelligence agencies.

Rooney said he was discouraged that only three or four members of the committee attended a recent national security briefing on a "very sensitive issue abroad that that we have been following for years." He said the sparsely-attended meeting came at the same time lawmakers were publicly debating their differences over a GOP memo that criticized methods the FBI used to obtain a surveillance warrant on a onetime Trump campaign associate.

The plan to divide the Republican and Democratic staff comes as members of the two parties have publicly been at odds, first over the panel's ongoing investigation into Russia and more recently over Republican investigations into the FBI and Justice Department. A committee official confirmed the plan to separate staff, characterizing the move as bringing the panel into line with most other committees in the House where majority and minority staff use different offices. The official declined to be identified because the committee's operations aren't public.

Much of the tension has been between the Republican chairman of the panel, California Rep. Devin Nunes, and the committee's top Democrat, California Rep. Adam Schiff, who have been chiding each other since launching the Russia investigation together last year.

Schiff said dividing the two staffs would be a "terrible" mistake.

"While we have more than our share of difficulties, the important oversight work of the committee continues with our staff working together, irrespective of party," Schiff said. "This would be a very destructive decision."

It's unclear what the wall would look like or if it would permanently separate the staff. CBS News first reported that there would be a partition.

He disputed Rooney's account that the committee's other work is suffering, noted the panel has recently passed bipartisan bills to renew intelligence programs. Schiff said he believes the committee has so far been able to "compartmentalize."

A spokesman for Nunes did not respond to a request for comment on Rooney's characterization of the committee.

Rooney expressed frustration with Democrats, but also with the breakdown of bipartisanship in general. He said another likely result is that Republicans and Democrats will issue separate reports on the Russia investigation, and partisans will only believe one report.

"As far as who is to blame for that — everyone is so eager to blame Devin, but I can't tell you that it's Devin's fault, that the atmosphere down there is what it is," Rooney said. "You could easily say the same thing about Adam on our side. But that doesn't help."

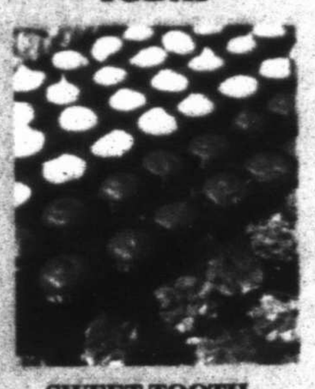
The tension has escalated in the last few weeks as Democrats have disputed the GOP memo, which was declassified by President Trump last week and released unredacted by the committee. The committee voted Monday to release a classified Democratic counter-memo, but Republicans have said they think it needs redactions. Trump has five days from the Monday vote to decide whether to allow its release.



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SWEET TOOTH
The phantom of the opera takes over this year's theme at Chocolate Decadence benefiting the Aphasia Center of West Texas. Costumes encouraged at the event in the Horseshoe Pavilion 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

SHORT STACK
Enjoy a stack at the Sweetheart Family Pancake Breakfast benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center at On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina. 8 a.m.



PEOPLE'S PRIDE
Unapologetically Black continues at the Palmer Activity Christian Center with an art show, block party and performance by hip-hop artist Propaganda.

SUNDAY

CHARITY BOIL
Both Midland and Odessa locations of The Lost Cajun host an All-You-Can-Eat Crawfish Boil benefiting Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center. The party features a live DJ, children's activities and more. 2 p.m. $45.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER
Enjoy more pancakes at the 56th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at First Methodist Midland. 5 p.m.

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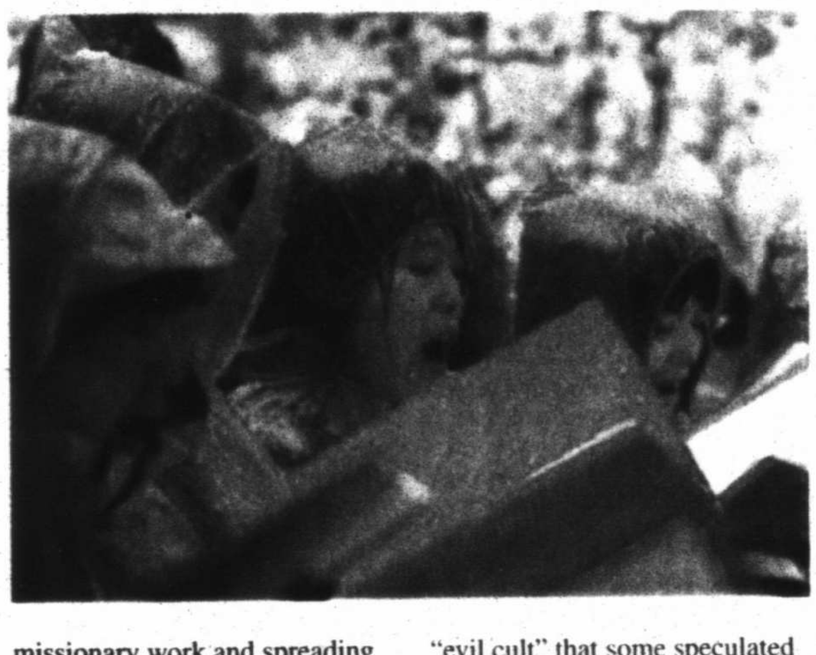


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China Aids seeks help for imprisoned Christians

■ Midland nonprofit has petition requesting that Trump, other world leaders press for prisoners' release

BRYNNE LAWRENCE
China Aid



Christians in China's southern Yunnan province are under attack, facing long prison sentences as Chinese authorities try to eradicate their religion under the guise of cracking down on "evil cults," and you have the opportunity to save them.

In 2016, Yunnan officials formed an investigative team dedicated to wiping out the Three Grades of Servants religious sect, which China regards as a dangerous cult, and launched systematic attack against them.

Only they didn't just target Three Grades of Servants members. They conducted mass arrests of more than 200 Christians across the province. About 40 of them are still in custody and they face long sentences in China's cruel prisons; their lawyers are under official review just for defending them.

Ignoring their denials that they never belonged to the cult, Chinese officials sentenced six of these imprisoned Christians — Ju Dianhong, 46, Liang Qin, 30, Zhang Hongyan, 34, Zi Huimei, 30, Yang Shunxiang, 29, and Zhang Shaocai, 42 — to between four and 13 years in prison. Even though Ju Dianhong and Liang Qin said they were never involved with the sect, they were accused of leading, recruiting members, doing missionary work and spreading news of the apocalypse on behalf of the cult.

In the court's formal verdict, it outlined such broad parameters for what constituted an "evil cult" that some speculated Christianity could fall under the definition. It also said that the authorities found the accused

Please see **LAWRENCE**/4B

'Inoculate yourself with the word of God,' televangelist says

By Julieta Chiquillo
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — More than 70 people are dead in North Texas after one of the worst bouts of flu in recent years.

But Tarrant County televangelist Gloria Copeland, a faith adviser to President Donald Trump, wants you to know there is no such thing as flu season.

"We got a duck season, a deer season, but we don't have a flu season," she said in a Facebook video posted last week that's making headlines. "And don't receive it when somebody threatens you with, 'Everyone's getting the flu!'"

She went on: "Jesus himself gave us the flu shot. He redeemed us from the curse of flu."

It's unclear whether Copeland was crediting Jesus with the development of the flu vaccine or suggesting that getting a flu shot is unnecessary. A representative for her family's organization, Kenneth Copeland Ministries, couldn't be reached by phone and didn't immediately return an email seeking comment.

Gloria Copeland's prescription for avoiding the flu is to tell yourself that you won't get sick.

"If you say, 'Well, I don't have any symptoms of the flu,' well, great, that's the way it's supposed to be," she says in the video. "Just keeping saying that. 'I'll never have the flu. I'll never have the flu.' Put words. Inoculate yourself with the word of God."

Gloria Copeland, her husband and their daughter have expressed skepticism or antagonism toward vaccines and medicine in the past.

During a televised broadcast about seven years ago, Kenneth Copeland challenged whether his great-grandson needed vaccines recommended by doctors.

"All of the shots and all this stuff they wanted to put in his body … some of it is criminal," he said. "We need to be a whole lot more serious about this … you don't take the word of the guy trying to give the shot about what's good and what isn't."

Eagle Mountain International Church, led by the Copelands' daughter Terri Pearsons in Tarrant County, was scrutinized in 2013 when its congregants were exposed to measles after a visitor who had been overseas attended a service.

Of the 21 people linked to the church who contracted measles, 16 were not vaccinated, The Associated Press reported. The others may have had at least one vaccination but had no documentation.

Pearsons reacted quickly. The church hosted vaccination clinics that she advertised in a sermon.

"I mean I would encourage you to do that. There's absolutely nothing wrong with doing that," Pearsons said about getting vaccinated. "Go do it, go do it, you know, go do it and go in faith."

But in a statement, she said she had some reservations about vaccines for "very young children with a family history of autism," hinting belief in a discredited study that linked vaccines to autism.

The wealthy Copelands were featured in a 2015 segment in the HBO show "Last Week Tonight With John Oliver" that accused televangelists of taking advantage of vulnerable followers. The show played an interview with the daughter of a Louisiana woman named Bonnie Parker who said

Please see **FLU/4B**

Archaeologist Ron Charles to speak in Andrews

From staff reports

New York Times bestselling author and archaeologist Ron Charles is to speak in Andrews later this month. Dubbed a modern day Indiana Jones, Charles has spent more than 30 years in the Middle East, Europe and Asia researching and uncovering historical facts of the life and miracles of Jesus as recorded by the Romans and other historians.



Charles

Charles has also ministered to the persecuted church in Egypt for more than 20 years.

He was recently hosted by Egyptian president, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, to help oversee better treatment of Coptic Christians in Egypt.

Charles hosts "The Search" on Israel TV Network, which was launched in January 2017 by Texans for Israel in Amarillo.

The network has extended its viewership into 195 countries and streams Christian, Jewish and Messianic programming on all major services including YouTube TV, Vimeo TV, Facebook TV, Apple TV, Roku, Periscope, Xbox, Daily Motion and Nintendo and online at israeltvnetwork.com.

The network is looking to have a West Texas bent, according to Brant Fricker, who formerly booked Christian concerts in Andrews and co-founded the network with Rick Wadge.

"This isn't just a new viewing option, but one that will have a strong West Texas ministry presence on an international network," Fricker said. "We want to talk churches and ministries to live stream on the network."

Charles is scheduled to speak at 10 a.m. Feb. 25 at Kingdom's Gate Apostolic Center, 412 S. Main St. in Andrews.

Want to go?

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When: 10 a.m. Feb. 25
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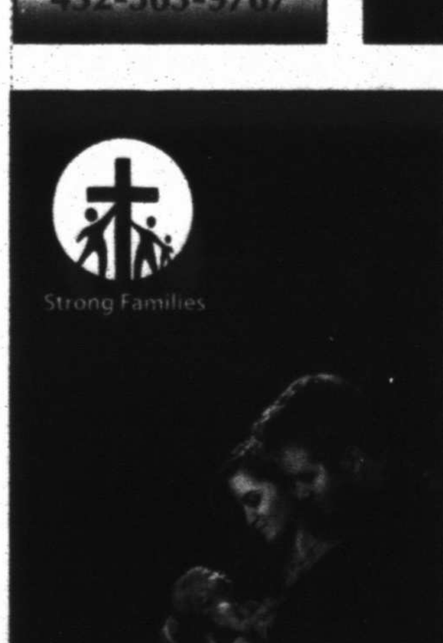
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in possession of Christian books such as "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Streams in the Desert," which they labeled "evil cult" materials.

Another Christian, Tu Yan, has spent nearly a year in jail for the same allegations and is awaiting trial. She and her fellow Christian, Su Min, were running a hotel in Dali, Yunnan, when they were arrested and handed cult charges. Tu Yan says she has never even heard of the Three Grades of Servants, and her sister and father stoutly maintain that she practiced only Christianity.

If they are not freed, these Christians face many perils in prison. The Chinese government infamously persecutes those it deems "enemies of the state," many of whom are Christians. Christian prisoners often suffer torture, beatings, and even death at the hands of prison officials. Others leave their cells in extremely poor physical and mental health from subjection to inhumane practices and medical neglect.

As a result, your intervention is tantamount.

As Midland residents and Christians, we at China Aid care deeply about the rights of these prisoners. After all, so many of our loved ones would face the same fate if such policies were implemented here.

That's why we're inviting you to take action. By signing our petition at Change.org (search "ChinaAid"), you are taking a firm stand against these atrocities and asking President Trump and other world leaders to speak out and press China to release these innocent Christians unconditionally and immediately.

Let's be a voice for the voiceless and tell China "Enough!"

Brynne Lawrence is English media and translation associate for China Aid.

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Parker had refused to seek medical treatment for her cancer because of the Copelands' teachings.

Oliver told viewers that Parker had not unreasonably interpreted the sermons. He played a clip of Gloria Copeland preaching.

"We know what's wrong with you. You got cancer. The bad news is we don't know what to do about it, except give you some poison that will make you sicker," she said. "Now, which do you want to do? Do you want to do that, or do you want to sit in here on a Saturday morning, hear the word of God, let faith come into your heart and be healed?"

The 2017-18 flu season has temporarily shut down school districts and sent many people to emergency rooms and urgent care centers. One Fort Worth man lost nine fingers and both feet due to flu complications, according to KXAS-TV.

In her Facebook video, Gloria Copeland prays for healing.

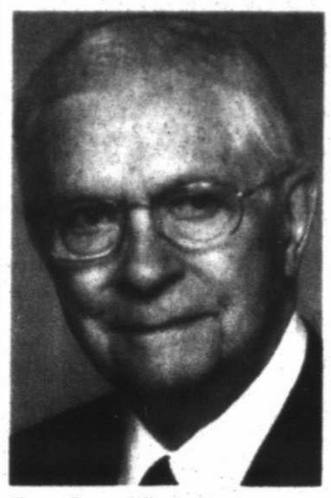
"Flu, I bind you off of the people in the name of Jesus," she says.

The televangelist, who along with her husband is a member of Trump's evangelical advisory board, knows there are skeptics. She addresses them in a post on the Kenneth Copeland Ministries website titled "God's Medicine."

"Sometimes people ask, 'If God's medicine works every time, why are there so many believers who are still sick?' There are two reasons," Gloria Copeland wrote. "No. 1, because they don't take the time to plant the Word concerning healing deeply into their hearts. And No. 2, because they don't do what that Word tells them to do."

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Obituaries



Decker Dawson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

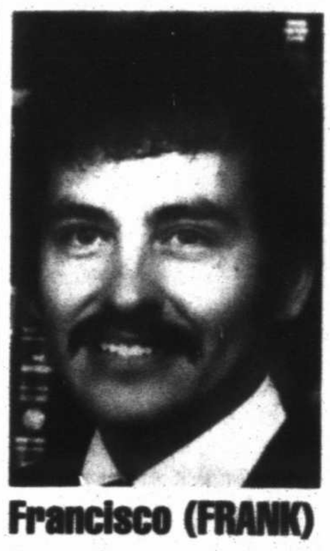
Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 10 at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating, with a reception to follow.

Arrangements are under the care of Ellis Funeral Home.

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

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

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Francisco (FRANK) Paredes

Francisco (FRANK) Paredes. After battling with cancer Francisco (FRANK) Paredes passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2018. He was born in Pecos, TX. on November 18, 1959 to Margarito (CRUZ) Paredes and Cruz Salas Paredes.

After graduating High School, he moved to Midland, TX. where he began his long career in the Bowling Industry. In 1984, he met his wife Donna M. Callahan Paredes, they had one daughter Lindsay Reneé Paredes.

Frank is survived by his wife, Donna Paredes, daughter Lindsay Paredes, stepson Bryan Leigh, stepdaughter Daphnie Leigh, sisters Leticia Almanza, (Chris), Judy Schmidt (Steve). Mary Muñoz(Fred), Sylvia Paredes, Margie Galvan (Johnny), Eva Mendez (Miguel) and his brothers Joe Salas (Rosanne), Jamie Paredes (Kimberly), 19 nieces and nephews, 29 great nieces and nephews, and 2 grandchildren Shanti and Vashti Johnson.

Services will be held at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church in Midland, TX. Rosary Friday, February 9 at 6:00 PM and Mass Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 AM with Father Patrick Akpawobong.

The Family of Francisco (FRANK) Paredes wishes to thank the Hospice nursing staff for their loving care and support during his illness.

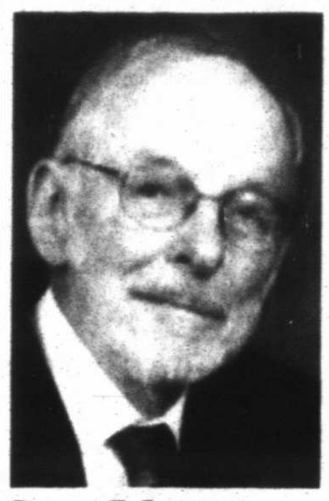
Arrangements are in the care of Distinctive Funeral Choices of Odessa, TX.



James "Tommy" O'Neal

James "Tommy" O'Neal, died Sunday February 4, 2018, in Midland following a lengthy illness. He was born May 11, 1961 to James Thomas Johnson and Pearl Moorer, in Midland.

Funeral services are Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Rose Baptist Church, 211 N. Tyler, Midland, Texas, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas 79701, 432-683-8229.



Russell August Blumentritt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Death Notices

Natalie Denise Paul "NeNe"

Natalie Denise Paul "NeNe", 50, of Midland, passed away on January 61, 2018. There will be a memorial service in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Ramon Bustamante

Ramon Bustamante, 30, of Midland passed away on Friday, February 2, 2018. There will be a rosary at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church.

Raymond Harold Hutchinson

Raymond Harold Hutchinson, 70, of Midland, passed away February 5, 2018. Survivors include his ex-wife, Leanna Collins; son, Raymente Hutchinson; daughters, Ratarsha Hutchinson, Kashunta Thurman.

Memorial services will be held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 11:00. Services are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home in Midland.

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

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

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

CODA Group: 12-step program for relationships. 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 599-4490.

SATURDAY

Sweetheart Family Pancake Breakfast benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. 8-10 a.m. at On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina, 4306 W. Loop 250 N. $10, $5 children. midlandchildrens.org.

The fifth annual Heart and Sole includes a 1K, 5K and 10K run and walk. Proceeds benefit the YMCA's annual campaign. 8:45 a.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. runsignup.com.

Nature Club: Wind and the Invisible World. 10-11:30 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 for members, $8 for non-members. sibleynaturecenter.com.

Run2Love2Run 2018 benefiting CASA of West Texas. 10 a.m. at Big Spring State park, 1 Scenic Drive, Big Spring. casawtx.org.

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

Little Sweethearts Family Dance will offer light refreshments, dancing, picture and games for father/daughter, mother/son and guardian/child couples. 7-9 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $25. $5 per additional child.

Sweethearts Dinner and Dance hosted by Texas Pecos Trail Region. Music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. The event benefits the TPTR which promotes preservation and tourism in West Texas. 7 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $75.texaspecostrail.com.

SUNDAY

All-You-Can-Eat Crawfish Boil will feature a live DJ, tent party, face painting, children's activities and character appearances. The event benefits Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center. 2-8 p.m. at The Lost Cajun, 4501 W. Wadley Ave. $35 advance, $45 door. prbrehab.org.

MOSC: West Texas Winds and Friends, 3 p.m. at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

MONDAY

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

TUESDAY

The 56th annual Chancel Choir Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 5-7 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. $8. $5 children. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12 Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

WEDNESDAY

Before You Say "I Do" is geared toward dating, engaged or newly married couples. Fee child care provided. 6:30 p.m. Through Feb. 28 at Kelview Heights, 402 W. Scharbauer Drive. Free. kelview.com.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

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

La Hacienda Alumni: Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at jrlopez@mrt.com

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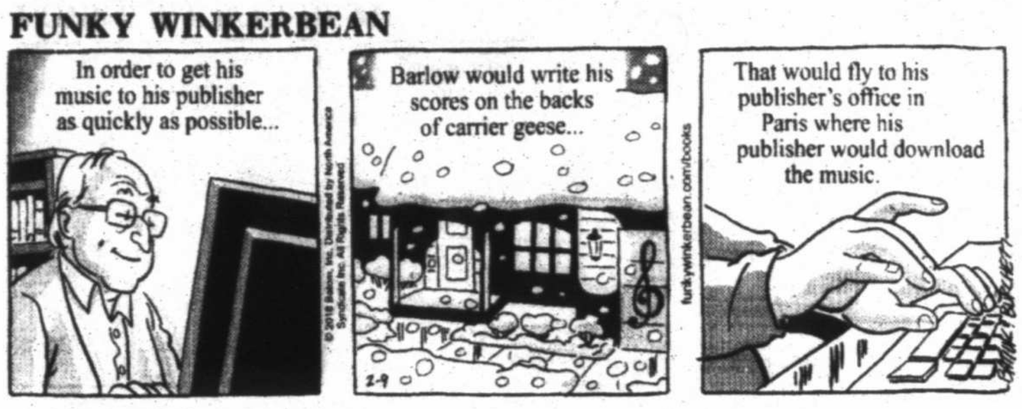
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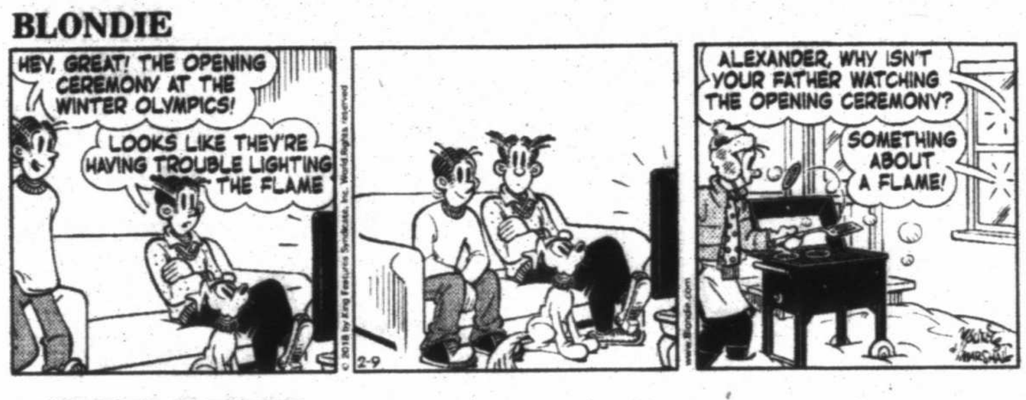
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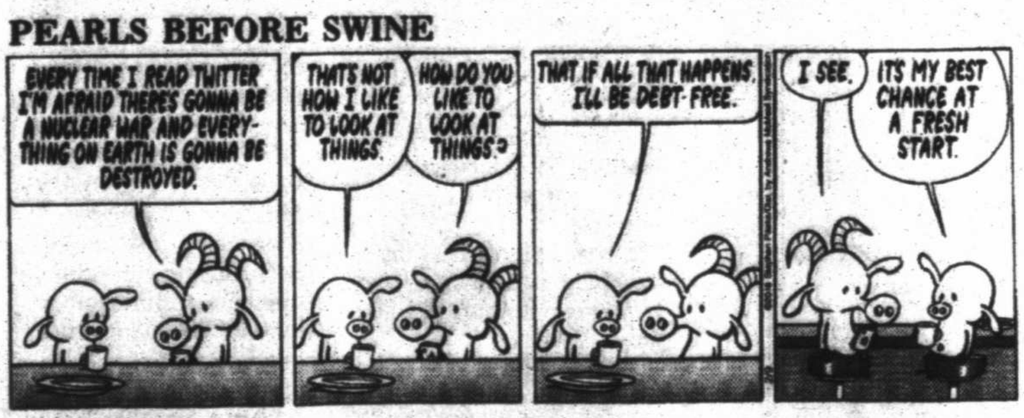
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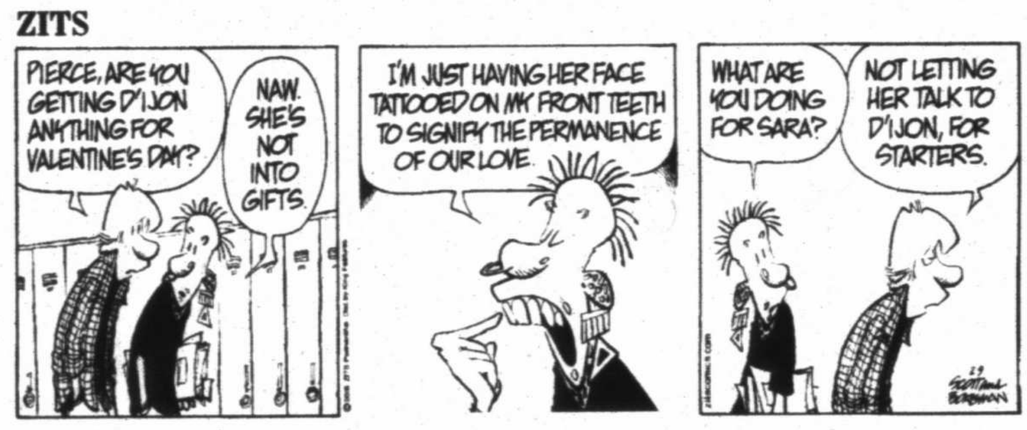
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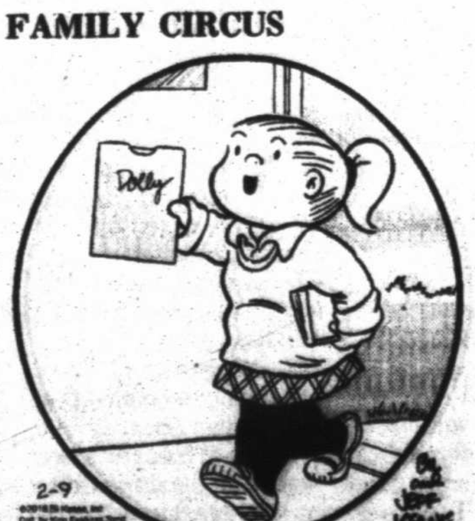
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, I have something happy to show you!"

Native church's lawsuit spurs training for airport screeners

By Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A wooden box carried an eagle feather and bone whistle, a gourd rattle and a feather fan — items that carry spiritual energy and are used in Native American religious ceremonies.

The man holding the box asked security agents at the San Antonio International Airport to allow him to display the items so their energy wouldn't be polluted. The agents declined, roughly handling the items and shoving them back in the box, according to Sandor Iron Rope, former president of the Native American Church of North America.

His lawsuit against the Transportation Security Administration was settled last month, with neither side acknowledging fault and the agency agreeing to better educate its employees about Native American religious items at more than a dozen airports nationwide.

"There was a policy in place designed to provide some protection for us, but they don't have training," Iron Rope said Wednesday. "Not everybody is familiar with the policies."

The TSA did not respond to messages seeking comment this week.

The Native American Church has multiple chapters around the country and an estimated 250,000 members. The church that formed in 1918 blends Native American beliefs and Christianity but doesn't have formal buildings. Instead, its members meet in teepees for lengthy ceremonies and use peyote as a sacrament.

Its most visible legal battles have been over peyote, a hallucinogenic that only grows naturally in the United States in southern Texas. States had varied laws on Native Americans' use of the cactus until the early 1990s, when a federal law allowed Native Americans who are part of the church to possess peyote.

For anyone else, it's illegal, in the same category as heroin and cocaine. Membership cards cite the federal law and another that allows Native Americans to possess migratory birds.



Joyce Marshall/Star-Telegram via AP, File

Members of the Native American Church prepare for a prayer meeting Feb. 17, 1996 in Mirando City. The Native American Church of North America has settled a lawsuit in late January, against the Transportation Security Administration, leading to more training for agents on how to screen religious items. The training will happen at airports that church members typically use to travel.

One of Iron Rope's attorneys, Forrest Tahdooahnippah, said church members have had enough bad experiences to discourage them from air travel. He said Iron Rope had no indication agents believed his ceremonial items were dangerous.

"That's part of the reason we felt there should have been a lawsuit in the first place," he said. "Screening of items should be reserved for things TSA has a legitimate suspicion are going to be a danger to traveler safety."

Passengers can do their part by alerting the TSA at least 72 hours in advance to carry-on items that need additional screening and by clearly communicating beliefs, said Richard Bloom, director of terrorism, intelligence and security studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona.

Security agents cannot be trained in all religions, but he said they can improve on dealing with the unknown.

"A little bit of sensitivity and respect and really being open to the unique needs of a religious individual can go a long way toward negotiating something that works for the individual and for the TSA," Bloom said.

Not all religious items would be allowed on planes with passengers, however.

The TSA prohibits religious knives like the kirpan. Sikhs who carry them do not view them as weapons or accessories but as extensions of their being and their belief that they are protectors of the weak.

The Sikh Coalition, a civil rights organization, has issued travel guidelines alerting the community that kirpans can be in checked baggage only, and the faithful generally adhere. But the coalition has represented at least one Sikh man who was charged for carry kirpans through airport security. The case eventually was dropped.

As part of the settlement with the Native American Church of North America, the TSA and the plaintiffs will collaborate on a webinar that will be available to agents who work with passengers well ahead of their flights to move items through security.

Those webinars will be shown to TSA employees in Albuquerque and Farmington, New Mexico; Durango, Colorado; Great Falls, Montana; Minot, North Dakota; Rapid City and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and San Antonio, Laredo and McAllen.

Certain TSA employees in Saint Paul, Minnesota; Omaha, Nebraska; Oklahoma City; Phoenix; and Denver will have to review guidelines for screening Native American religious items.

A fact sheet for travelers with Native American religious items will be published in the next three months, and the church will be able to advise and make recommendations to the TSA.

"We're hopeful we'll have a place at the table now so that any future concerns will be addressed quicker and more efficiently than through a lawsuit," Tahdooahnippah said.



Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Donald Trump smiles during the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday in Washington.

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WASHINGTON

Trump at prayer breakfast: faith 'central' to American life

President Donald Trump told a prayer breakfast Thursday that faith is "central to American life and liberty."

In remarks to the annual gathering of lawmakers, religious leaders and dignitaries, Trump noted that America's founders invoked "our creator" in the Declaration of Independence, U.S. currency declares "In God We Trust" and "we place our hands on our hearts as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance and proclaim we are one nation under God."

Trump said the rights that all Americans enjoy "are not given to us by man" but that "our rights come from our creator."

"No matter what, no earthly force can take those rights away," he said at the 66th National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton hotel.

The president also spoke about seeing the "power of God's love" in Americans, particularly during the response to recent hurricanes and mass shootings.

"We can all be heroes to everybody," said Trump, who spoke in a subdued tone for about 15 minutes.

House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., who was gravely wounded last summer when a gunman opened fire on Republican members of Congress, was among those seated on the dais with Trump and was scheduled to deliver a keynote address, along with Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La., chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Jeannette Kagame (keh-GAH'-may), the first lady of Rwanda, delivered the opening prayer.

Trump enjoys strong support from evangelical Christians, who helped power him to the White House.

Christians have cheered Trump during his first year in office as he appointed conservative judges, sought to weaken rules governing political activity by certain religious groups that receive tax exemptions and declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

MIAMI

Drake visits Miami homeless shelter for women, kids

Drake made a surprise stop at a Florida homeless shelter for women and children, bringing a $50,000 check and toys and games for the kids.

A news release from Miami's Lotus Village said Drake visited on Tuesday to support families who moved into the nonprofit's new shelter one week ago. Drake passed out $150 Target gift cards for the female residents.

The singer was in town shooting a music video. He made a pit stop at a local high school on Monday, performing for students and leaving them a $25,000 check for school uniforms.

The homeless shelter is trying to raise $25 million to expand its reach and become a national model for curbing homelessness among women and children. Its services include a community clinic, children's wellness center, yoga and a Zen garden.

Preacher gives congregant new life with kidney donation

By Emily West
The Tennessean

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Richard Terry can't take his eyes off a photo on his phone.

It shows him in his white hospital gown after receiving a new kidney three months ago. To the right sits his donor, Mitch Davis. Both had their hands raised with thumbs up.

"This is what love looks like," Terry said, his blue eyes watering behind his wire-rimmed glasses.

Davis is the preacher at Terry's church, Franklin Church of Christ.

This week, Terry reached the three-month mark with his new kidney and what he considered a new chance at life.

His health hasn't been this good in nearly three years.

"It's very emotional because I will carry a part of Mitch with me the rest of my life," Terry said. "To have someone you've only known six or seven years who is a part of your church do this for you is the most selfless thing."

WAITING GAME

Two years ago, Terry, now 68, was diagnosed with stage four chronic kidney disease.

"Those last two years are foggy," Terry said. "Your cognitive function is affected, and you sleep a lot. I slept off and on, because it's hard to stay awake. There's only five stages of kidney disease if that tells you how bad off I was."

Every month, Terry would visit his doctor and ask the same question: Was it time for dialysis? In February 2017, his doctor told him he would need that treatment.

But his doctor asked a question of his own.

"He asked me if I wanted to wait on the transplant list, and I thought, 'Why not?'"

FINDING A DONOR

A nurse for 40 years, Terry knew he could face a long wait.

It can take five to 10 years to receive a new organ, according to data from the Living Kidney Donor Network.

To speed the process, Terry posted on Facebook asking friends and family to be tested to see if they could be a donor match. Of the three people who matched, Davis was the right fit.

"I was very quick on my decision," Davis, 49, said. "I tested, and then the rest unfolded. In my mind, I am thinking, 'I am healthy,' and I was like, 'Let's make it work.'"

FUNNELING THROUGH THE PROCESS

Davis has preached at Franklin Church of Christ for seven years. Originally from Hawaii, Davis came to Williamson County after preaching in Georgia, Missouri and Alabama.

After transitioning from teaching special education, preaching became his full-time job.

Loving members of his congregation like they were family was nothing new to him.

"If it had been a complete stranger, I would have said yes," Davis said. "That's the way my mind works."

In order to give his kidney to Terry, Davis had to undergo a psychiatric evaluation and extensive blood work.

By August, Davis knew he was the right match.

"It's hard to say if it's a 'God thing,'" Davis said. "I want to say yes. From the standpoint that I am a believer, I see God's hand in so many things. But God's not saying, 'Hey Mitch, I brought you guys together.' I am not sure of the answer. Feeling it is one thing. I do see how God's hand is involved through the process."

KNOWING THE ODDS

As the surgery at St. Thomas West in Nashville approached on Oct. 19, Terry believed the operation was his last chance at a healthy life.

"I have always accepted the fact if it had to be dialysis, that's the way," Terry said. "I knew this would be the most serious surgery I had to go through. I wasn't scared. As a nurse, I recognized the risks having been in the medical field. I wasn't blissful. I acknowledged this was what it was and said a prayer."

Twenty families from Franklin Church of Christ waited and prayed in the waiting room for Davis and Terry during the surgery.

"The morning after the surgery, I woke up, I know what it means now when someone says they feel like a new man," Terry said. "I can't tell you the difference I felt."

Terry was home four days after the surgery. For Davis, it took him extra time to recover, being out of work for two months. During that time, the Franklin Church of Christ body pulled together, taking care of everything until Davis was ready to return. They took care of putting together the church bulletin, preaching on Sundays and maintaining the church grounds.

Both now have returned to their regular schedules. Terry has become an ambassador for Donate Life, a national nonprofit dedicated to increasing the number of donated organs.

"Every year 4,000 people are added to the waiting list to receive kidney," Terry said. "It's a simple thing to do. It's one of the few things you can give while you're still alive. Every time we go to church, I see the man who loved me enough to put his life in jeopardy to help me."

TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR

In order to donate an organ in Tennessee, you can register at donatelifetn.org. Tennessee residents can also register while getting their driver's license. Donors can select which organs and tissues they wish to donate.

Lee, MHS looking to make their mark in tough District 2-6A

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Bales


Hicks

The Lee and Midland High boys soccer teams enjoyed banner runs through District 2-6A last season, as the Rebels captured their first district title since 2008 by one point over the Bulldogs.

This year, the competition expects to be just as fierce through the respective teams' 10-match district slate. And there is expected to be little margin of error for both clubs against an all-around improved district that includes undefeated Wolfforth Frenship (14-0-0).

Defending champion Lee (8-4-1) begins its district schedule by traveling to Amarillo Tascosa (1-10-1) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium. MHS (4-4-2) host Odessa Permian (6-6-1) at 7:30 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium.

In similar fashion to last season, the Rebels have rolled through their first 13 non-district matches with an offense chalk full of skilled forwards and midfielders. Lee has lit up its opposition for a total of 55 goals in those 13 matches and figures to field one of the district's most potent attacks once again.

Senior captain Luis Aranda and fellow forwards Jose Gutierrez, Isael Ramirez, Esau Soto, John Thompson and Johnny Thang represent one of the district's deepest arsenals.

Lee head coach Scott Hicks said his back four, though less experienced, have been improving and have held their own when needed, while a rotation of Pablo Muniz, Hayden Hicks and Chris Mora-Brandt has been steady in goal.

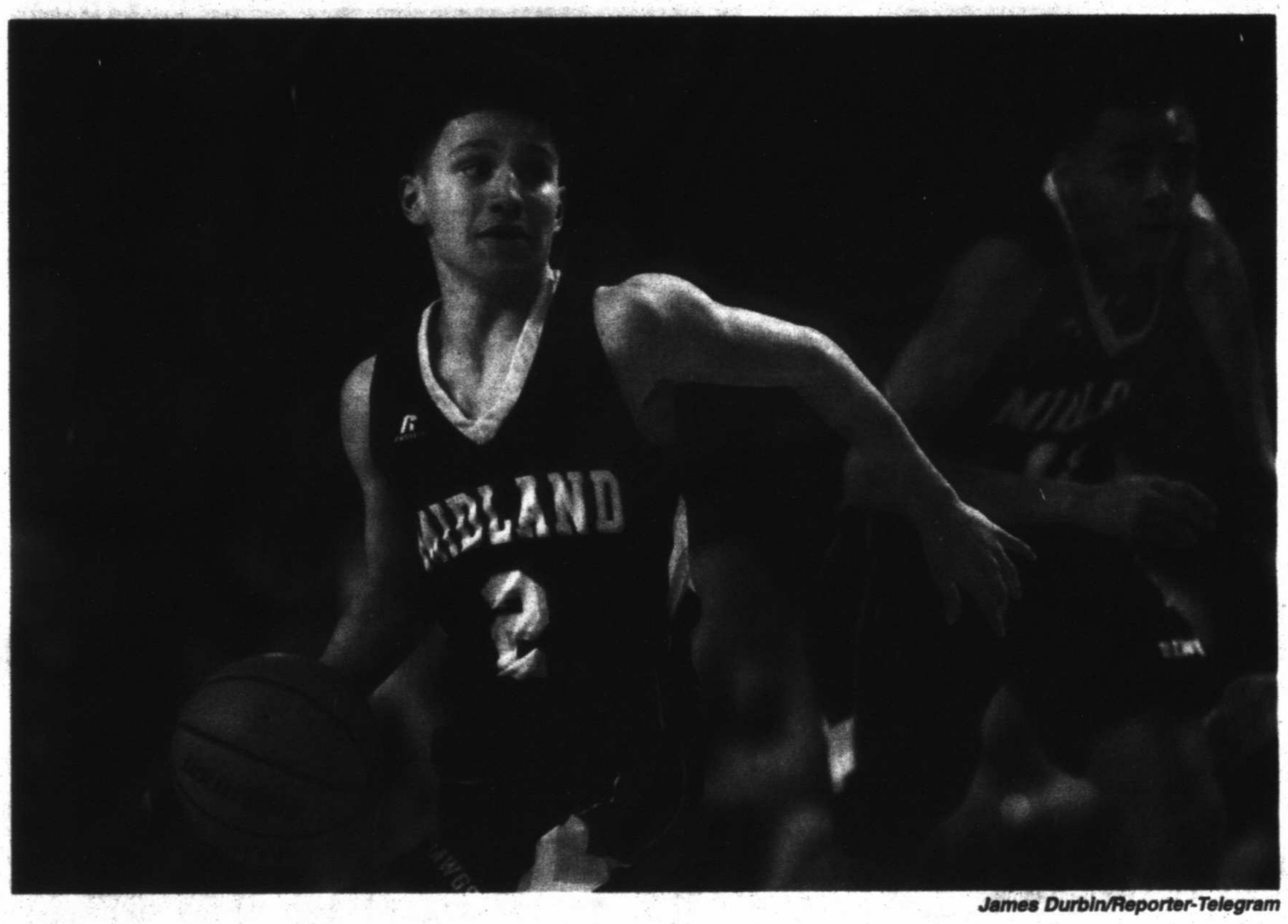
Lee is coming off an 11-0 victory at Class 4A Lubbock Estacado last Friday and prior to that, a 7-0 home whipping of Class 4A Brownwood on Jan. 30.

Hicks said he has been pleased with his team's performance thus far. But he expects things to get much tougher against five other quality clubs in District 2-6A, beginning with Tascosa, which Hicks said is better than its one-win record.

"We have some confidence that we can score, those guys are all finishing and

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It's now or never


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Adrian Lozano (2) dribbles against Lee Jan. 16 at Chaparral Center.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

MHS hosts Frenship with playoffs' fate on the line

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With two District 2-6A games left on the schedule, the Midland High boys basketball team has its back against the wall.

In light of Wolfforth Frenship's two-game winning streak, the Tigers (15-16, 3-5 in District 2-6A) have jumped into fourth place in the district standings. Fifth-place MHS, on a four-game losing streak, will host Frenship at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center in a contest that will decide both teams' playoff fates.

A victory would pull the Bulldogs (11-18, 2-6) into a tie for fourth with Frenship, but a loss will eliminate them from playoff contention.

MHS head coach Shan Hooker said his team has been through much adversity this season, especially through their first eight district contests. The Bulldogs have dealt with injuries to guards Kellen Parker and Nicholas Terrazas, a number of suspensions, as well as some losses in games that saw MHS compete for most of the 32 minutes.

"The effort, the resolve of this team facing adversity through injury and other things that have taken place lately, is outstanding," Hooker said. "We've moved up two freshman (forward Brett Canis and guard Kamden Taylor) and they've really done a good job for us, fit in well and they produce. The other guys who have been with us all year are having to pick up more minutes, more slack and have done an outstanding job."

Hooker and his players understand today's do-or-die situation and he's confident they'll face the challenge head on. The return of a slew of key contributors – Nat Rodriguez, Gage Warren, Rahkiem Petterson and Xadrian Van Buren – to the lineup figures to help the effort.

"We'll come out and we'll have a unified effort and lots of energy," Hooker said. "We've got some guys back who have been missing and we've got a good mix. I think we're looking for them to rise to the occasion. This team has the potential to do things. It's just a matter of applying (themselves), staying focused and making good decisions."

Added freshman forward Rayshad Chambers: "We got some people back that have been out, so we've got more energy coming. We'll be focused and ready to go Friday."

MCS must sit and wait

After a frustrating 45-41 home loss to Fort Worth All Saints Tuesday, all Midland Christian can do now is sit and wait.

The Mustangs (23-12, 6-2 in TAPPS 1-5A) were riding a six-game winning streak and had an opportunity to clinch the district title for the second consecutive season with a win. But they faltered late, as All Saints used a clinching 20-7 run in the fourth quarter to steal the win.

MCS has clinched a share of the TAPPS 1-5A title, but must await the results of All Saints' (13-15, 5-2) game against Fort Worth Christian Friday night. A FWC win would mean the Mustangs are outright champs, but an All Saints

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Texas Tech at K-State highlights Big 12 action

Associated Press

A look at the upcoming weekend around the Big 12:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND: Texas Tech at Kansas State: The Red Raiders are making a serious push at perennial league champion Kansas, but Manhattan is never an easy place to play. The Wildcats are hoping to secure a somewhat surprising trip to the NCAA Tournament, and a win over the seventh-ranked Red Raiders would be huge for their resume.

LOOKING AHEAD: Oklahoma State travels to No. 19 West Virginia. The Mountaineers are one game behind 10th-ranked Kansas in the standings after the Jayhawks held off TCU at home on Tuesday. The Horned Frogs host Texas, while Kansas travels to Baylor. Trae Young makes what could be his only visit to Ames when the 17th-ranked Sooners face Iowa State.

PLAYER TO WATCH: G Kendall Smith, Oklahoma State. He scored 24 points with five rebounds and five assists in the Cowboys' stunning upset of Kansas in Lawrence last weekend, scoring the game's final six points. Smith, a graduate transfer, scored 14 points in Tuesday's 67-56 loss to Baylor in Waco and is now averaging 11.6 points a game. Smith is also shooting a career-best .377 percent on 3s and has scored in double figures in the last five games he has played.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Texas Tech leads the league in both scoring defense and field goal percentage defense. ...West Virginia is first in the Big 12 at the free throw line, shooting .758 percent. ...TCU and Kansas are the only teams in the league shooting over 40 percent on 3s. The Horned Frogs are at .411, while the Jayhawks are at .405. ...Iowa State entered Wednesday night's game at Tech having scored 1,621 points while allowing 1,619. ... Devonte' Graham (Kansas), Keenan Evans (Texas Tech) and Jevon Carter (West Virginia) and Young are among the 10 finalists nationally for the Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Award.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE: Baylor is 12-0 in the conference, but the Lady Bears had to hold off Oklahoma 74-65 at home on Monday. Texas is 10-2 after beating West Virginia 73-55 on the road Monday. ...Baylor is ranked third while the Longhorns are sixth. Oklahoma State is 22nd, TCU is 24th and the Mountaineers fell out of the rankings on Monday.

MHS, Lee excited to continue growing in 2-6A play

By Oscar LeRoy
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Both the Midland High and Lee girls soccer teams started the year with rosters peppered with young players.

But despite that, both respective coaches, Cooper Barham and Mark Hinshaw, were confident that they had great potential.

As the Midland ISD teams are set to begin District 2-6A play this weekend, both teams feel they've done a lot of growing up over the last month.

Midland High (7-1-3) will open up against a preseason district favorite in Odessa Permian (11-1-1) at 5:30 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium, while Lee (7-3-1) travel to face Amarillo Tascosa (3-4-4) at noon Saturday.


Barham

Barham said he's really excited to see what his team can do over the next few weeks.

"The team is working really hard," he said. "Every day I feel like we're getting better and better. Now's the time where we need to make sure all the pieces are put in place and we're staying focused. We're taking it one game at a time. We're not worrying about anybody else except Permian."


Granado

Hinshaw said his team's focus is also on its first district opponent, but added that he's been pleased from what he's seen after the Lady Rebels went 4-11-3 in his first season at the helm in 2017.

"The result on the field this year is something we're pleased with as we rebuild the program, so to speak," he said. "We feel like we're more competitive this year and the results have been showing it. Certainly we're aware that we play in one of the most competitive districts in the state and we've been off for the past week and a half to get over some aches and pains. We're confident that if we can play our game and keep the mental side of it where it needs to be, we'll be competitive."

MHS will certainly like to keep its playoff streak extended to nine straight seasons and the Lady Bulldogs feel confident that they have the team to not only a challenge for a playoff spot but maybe for the top spot in 2-6A.

The Lady Bulldogs are led by senior forward Kylie VonHolle, who has scored 20 goals so far this season. Sophomore forward Alexis Ramos has contributed with four goals, while junior midfielder Reagan Rivas and senior midfielder Amaris Portillo have three goals each.

"The key is to keep fighting," said VonHolle, when asked about her scoring surge. "Never give up, don't get discouraged. You've got to get out there and play every game like it's your last. You can't take anything for granted. Even if you're tired, you just have to do anything you can for the team."

The Lady Bulldogs will have a tough test going up against a strong Permian team but Barham expects a competitive game as usual.

"Every time we play them, it's always a battle. It normally comes down to one goal," he said. "Being a part of those games are fun to watch and fun to be a part of. I think our girls are excited to get going. In our district, it's hard to count anybody out as competitive as it is. It seems like everybody we play is always a battle. There is

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Women's Football League
Fremantle vs. Collingwood, 5 a.m., FSP

College Gymnastics
Alabama at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC
LSU at Missouri, 7:30 p.m., SEC

College Hockey
Ohio State at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
St. Cloud State at Miami-OH, 7 p.m., CBSSN
Minnesota at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

College Softball
Incarnate Word at Texas, 4:30 p.m., LHN
Northwestern State at Baylor, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Wisconsin at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Golf
Champions: Boca Raton Championship, 1st Round, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA: AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2nd Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: ISPS Handa World Super 6 Perth, 3rd Round, 10 p.m., GOLF

Men's College Basketball
Toledo at Miami-OH, 5 p.m., CBSSN
Davidson at Rhode Island, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Princeton at Harvard, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Minnesota at Indiana, 6:30 p.m., FS1
Detroit at Oakland, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Kent State at Ball State, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer
Liga NOS: Pacos Ferreira vs. Tondela, 2:30 p.m., GolTV
Venezuela: Monagas vs. Zamora, 5 p.m., GolTV
Ascenso MX: Potros vs. Cimarrones, 7 p.m., GolTV

National Basketball Association
LA Clippers at Detroit, 6 p.m., ESPN
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA G League
Agua Caliente at Memphis, 7 p.m., ELVN

National Hockey League
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

Rugby
Super League: Wakefield vs. Salford, 1:30 p.m., NHL
Super League: Wigan vs. Hull, 2:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis
ATP: Montpellier, Quarterfinals, 7 a.m., TENNIS
Georgia at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Winter Olympics
Opening Ceremonies, 7 p.m., NBC
Cross Country: Women's Skiathlon, 1 a.m., NBCSN
Mixed Doubles Curling: USA vs. China, 2 a.m., NBCSN
Short Track: Men's 1500m, Women's 500m Qualifying, Women's 3000m Qualifying, 4 a.m., NBCSN

Women's College Basketball
Marquette at Xavier, 7 p.m., FS2

RADIO

NAHL Hockey
Odessa at Shreveport, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
Wolfforth Frenship at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Pecos at Greenwood, 8 p.m.
Big Spring at Snyder, 6:15 p.m.
Colorado City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Clyde, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Water Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Loop at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

HS Girls Basketball
Garden City vs. Rocksprings Angoras, 6 p.m., Mertzon

HS Boys Soccer
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

HS Girls Soccer
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 5:30 p.m.

HS Golf
Lee at Big Spring Tournament

HS Tennis
Midland High at Hub City Classic, Lubbock

JC Baseball
Midland College at Grayson County (DH), noon

JC Softball
Midland College Classic, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Area playoff pairings
Bi-district round
Class 6A
Midland High (22-13, T2) vs. El Paso Pebble Hills (25-6, T1), 6 p.m., CST Monday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Lee (17-15, F2) vs. El Paso Franklin (W1), 6 p.m. CST Tuesday, Roswell HS, Roswell, N.M.
Class 4A
Greenwood (19-14, W4) vs. Clint Mountain View (F3), 4 p.m. CST Tuesday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Class 3A
Stanton (19-11, F5) vs. Comanche (W6), 6:30 p.m. Monday, McMurry University, Abilene
Class 2A
Forsan (22-3, W7) vs. Albany-Anson winner (F8), 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesday, Western Texas College, Snyder
Class 1A
Garden City (30-1, W14), bye
Ranklin (30-5, W10), bye
Grady, TBD, will play a tie-breaker tournament with Sands and O'Donnell for the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in District 11-1A

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended free agent minor league RHP Landon Hughes 68 games and Boston C Jacob Romanski (Pawtucket-IL) 100 games, both without pay, for their violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Adam Esselman coordinator of baseball information.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Dave Duncan pitching consultant. Agreed to terms with LHP Xavier Cedeno, INF Jake Elmore and RHPs Jeanmar Gomez and Bruce Rondon on minor league contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Stephen Fife on a minor league contract.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tyler Lloyd, Jumbo Diaz, Jerry Guerra, Drew Rucinski, Jacob Turner, and Alex Wimmers; LHP Mike Kickham; C Bryan Holaday; INFs Cristhian Adames, Johnny Giavotella, Nathan Rivera, and Jonathan Rodriguez; and OFs Rafael Ortega, JB Shuck, and Scott Van Slyke on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK METS — Renewed their player development contract with Columbia (SAL) through the 2020 season.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP Andrew Barbosa.

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Skyler Janisse.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Jensen Kirch and RHP Billy Roth.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP Adam Cornwell and OF Donald Glover, Jr.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS — Acquired F Okaro White from Miami for F Luke Babbitt and then waived White.

BOSTON CELTICS — Signed C Greg Monroe.

BROOKLYN NETS — Acquired F Dante Cunningham from New Orleans for G Rashad Vaughn.

CHICAGO BULLS — Acquired C Willie Reed and the right to swap 2022 second-round draft picks from Detroit for G Jameer Nelson and then waived Reed. Acquired F Noah Vonleh and cash considerations from Portland for the draft rights to C Milovan Raković.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Acquired G Jordan Clarkson and F Larry Nance Jr. from the Los Angeles Lakers for G Isaiah Thomas, F Channing Frye and a 2018 protected first-round draft pick.

MIAMI HEAT — Acquired G Dwyane Wade from Cleveland for a protected 2024 second-round draft pick. Waived C AJ Hammons.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Traded G-F Sheldon Mac and cash considerations to Atlanta for a protected 2019 second round draft pick.

Women's National Basketball Association

ATLANTA DREAM — Signed F Angel McCoughtry to a multiyear contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Placed Fs Marcus Kruger and Josh Jooris on waivers.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled F Jimmy Hayes from his conditioning loan to Binghamton (AHL). Acquired Fs Christoph Bertschy and Mario Lucia from Minnesota for D Viktor Loov.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D Neal Pionk from Hartford (AHL). Waived D Brendan Smith.

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled F Matt Gaudreau from Worcester (ECHL).

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned D Kevin Tansey to Toledo (ECHL).

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed D Desmond Bergin to a PTO agreement.

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Announced Fs Alex Krushelnyski and Steven Swavely have been recalled to Lehigh Valley (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Traded G Andrew Dykstra to Colorado for a 2020 second-round draft pick

North American Soccer League

JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC — Loaned MF Jack Blake to Tampa Bay (USL). Signed F Conor Doyle and MF Javier Monsalvez.

United Soccer League

USL — Named Brad Baker vice president of broadcasting, effective Feb. 13.

OTTAWA FURY FC — Signed MF Cristian Portilla and D Kyle Porter.

COLLEGE

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE_Named Joe Ruggiero director of new media/video.

ALBANY (NY) — Signed football coach Greg Gattuso to a five-year contract extension through the 2022 season.

EASTERN MICHIGAN — Named Ben Needham assistant football coach.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	16	.714	—
Toronto	38	16	.704	1
Philadelphia	26	25	.510	11½
New York	23	33	.411	17
Brooklyn	19	37	.339	21

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	31	24	.564	—
Miami	29	26	.527	2
Charlotte	23	30	.434	7
Orlando	18	36	.333	12½
Atlanta	17	38	.309	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	31	22	.585	—
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	1
Indiana	30	25	.545	2
Detroit	27	26	.509	4
Chicago	16	35	.314	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	40	13	.755	—
San Antonio	35	21	.625	6½
New Orleans	28	25	.528	12
Memphis	19	36	.covered	22½
Dallas	17	37	.315	23½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	34	23	.596	—
Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	2
Denver	29	25	.537	3½
Portland	29	25	.537	3½
Utah	26	28	.481	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	41	13	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	27	25	.519	13
L.A. Lakers	22	31	.415	18½
Sacramento	17	36	.321	23½
Phoenix	18	38	.321	24

Thursday's Scores

Orlando 100, Atlanta 98
Toronto 113, New York 88
Boston 110, Washington 104, OT
Charlotte at Portland, late
Dallas at Golden State, late
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.

Seminole leads area selections to TSWA Class 4A all-state team

From staff reports

A few area high school football players have been honored on the 67th Annual Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A all-state football team released on Thursday night.

Leading the way was Seminole, which had four players honored on the third team – senior offensive tackle Reese Moore, senior offensive guard Juan Valdez, senior linebacker Cade Barnard and senior defensive back Jonathan Knelsen.

Andrews' Britin Garcia was honored as a third team utility player, while Monahans senior running back Tylan



Garcia

McAlister is a third team running back. Greenwood senior offensive lineman and UTPB signee Matthew Groeschel was an honorable mention selection, as well as Andrews' junior center Reece Azam, Andrews senior wide receiver Noah Lujan and Seminole's senior defensive back Ransom Edwards.

TSWA ALL-STATE TEAMS

TSWA Class 4A all state team
FIRST TEAM
Offense

Tackles — Jack Freeman, Midlothian Heritage, 6-3, 273, sr.; Nick Gavriel, Pleasant Grove, 6-2, 302, sr.

Guards — Devin White, Lubbock Estacado, 6-3, 290, sr. (tie) Garrison Stovall, Graham, sr.; Andrew Flanagan, Kennedale, 6-0, 190, sr.

Center — (tie) Nate Brittenham, Carthage, 6-0, 230, sr.; Caden Jander, Cuero, 6-3, 260, jr.

Wide receivers — Jordan Whittington, Cuero, 6-1, 185, jr.; Kobe Clark, Sweetwater, 5-11, 170, sr.

Tight end — Tyrick James, China Spring, 6-2, 237, sr.

Quarterback — Gunner Capps, Carthage, 6-1, 190, jr.

Running backs — Daimarqua Foster, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 5-10, 195, jr.; Keaontay Ingram, Carthage, 6-0, 195, sr.; Jaden Knowles, Kennedale, 5-8, 175, sr.

Fullback — TJ Cole, Pleasant Grove, 6-0, 188, sr.

Place-kicker — Saul Garcia, Raymondville, 5-5, 135, soph.

Offensive player of the year — Ingram, Carthage

All-purpose — Krece Nowak, Stephenville, 5-8, 145, jr.

Defense

Linemen — Chase Petter, Argyle, 5-9, 185, jr.; Paul Ivory, West Orange-Stark, 6-1, 230, sr.; Jarel Cherry, Dallas Carter, 6-3, 224, sr., (tie) Kaghan Roach, Celina, 6-4, 220, jr.; Cole Lamenteer, Bushland, 6-2, 190, sr.

Linebackers — Caleb Porchia, Pleasant Grove, 5-11, 195, sr.; Mykel Gates, Carthage, 6-0, 225, sr.; Matt Mitchell, Wimberley, 6-2, 210, sr.; (tie) Isaiah White, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 5-9, 190, sr.; Jared Rogers, La Vega, 5-11, 212, jr.

Secondary — Larry Brooks, Kennedale, 6-1, 190, sr.; Colby Cox, Gonzales, 5-10, 182, sr.; JJ Walton, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 180, sr.; Melvin Colbert, Carthage, 5-10, 185, sr.

Defensive player of the year — Porchia, Pleasant Grove

Punter — Efren Barcenas, Longview Spring Hill, 5-9, 155, jr.

Kick returner — Jaterious Evans, Center, 6-2, 180, sr.

Utility — Justin Eckhardt, Sealy, 6-2, 195, sr.

Coach of the year — Josh Gibson, Pleasant Grove

SECOND TEAM
Offense

Tackles — Jesse Wayne Pierce, Carthage, 6-4, 235, sr.; Ian Burnette, Wimberley, 6-4, 295, sr.

Guards — Ty Rhyner, Rio Hondo, 6-2, 265, sr.; Jacob Foster, Canyon Lake, 6-2, 280, sr.

Center — (tie) Caelan Keenan, Boerne, 6-1, 260, sr., Shawn Cunningham, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-1, 280, sr.

Wide receivers — Dee Bowens, Carthage, 5-7, 165, sr.; Gage Climer, Bushland, 6-0, 180, sr.

Tight end — Xavier Benson, Pleasant Grove, 6-3, 193, sr.

Quarterback — Colton Moore, Bushland, 5-10, 190, sr.

Running backs — Ameer King, Brazosport, 5-8, 175, sr.; Kyle Harrison, Liberty Hill, 5-8, 170, jr.; DJ Kirven, Kennedale, 5-8, 170, sr.

Fullback — Trey Sheppard, Salado, 5-8, 175, sr.

All-purpose — Callon Baker, Gainesville, 5-9, 160, sr.

Place-kicker — Brenden Baker, Pampa, 6-2, 185, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Austin Toler, Pleasant Grove, 6-1, 302, sr.; Brayton Watkins, La Vega, 6-1, 240, sr.; Diego Munoz, Bellville, 6-2, 255, sr.; Juan Licea, Gonzales, 6-0, 285, sr.

Linebackers — Brayden Mathis, China Spring, 6-2, 220, sr.; John Rodriguez, Cuero, 5-9, 200, sr.; Blu Caylor, Stephenville, 6-1, 215, jr.; Gage Campbell, Argyle, 6-0, 185, sr.

Secondary — Skyler Bohall, Celina, 6-0, 175, sr.; Tyrek Blanton, Henderson, 6-2, 205, sr.; Donta Stuart, La Vega, 5-10, 160, jr.; Cameron Wells, Pleasant Grove, 5-11, 165, sr.

Punter — Tyler James, Wills Point, 6-2, 195, sr.

Kick returner — Kalon Barnes, Silsbee, 6-2, 172, sr.

Utility — Will Eveld, Navarro, 6-3, 190, sr.

THIRD TEAM
Offense

Tackles — **Reese Moore, Seminole, 6-6, 280, sr.; (tie)** Kris Dike, Van, 6-5, 255, sr.; Grant Smith, Celina, 6-6, 245, sr.; Kylar Cooke, Liberty-Eylau, 6-5, 265, sr.

Guards — **Juan Valdez, Seminole, 6-0, 220, sr.;** Austin Adams, Kilgore, 5-11, 175, sr.

Center — Garrett Dietert, Navarro, 5-11, 270, sr.

Wide receivers — Kenton Fields, Midlothian Heritage, 5-10, 158, sr.; (tie) Taylor Grimes, Godley, 5-10, 180, sr.; Erik Pizarro, Rio Hondo, 5-9, 165, sr.; Cade Stoever, Wimberley, 5-10, 180, sr.

Tight end — (tie) Darnell Fields, Pampa, 6-4, 225, sr.; Blake Taylor, Cuero, 6-7, 221, sr.

Quarterback — Tucker Horn, Graham, 6-1, 185, sr.

Running backs — Nery Enriquez, El Campo, 5-10, 185, sr.; **Tylan McCallister, Monahans, 5-10, 195, sr.;** (tie) Cornelius Merchant, Madisonville, 5-9, 190, sr.; Cameron Rickett Springtown, 5-8, 182, soph.

Fullback — Blu Caylor, Stephenville, 6-1, 215, jr.; Kenneth Woods, Brownsboro, 6-2, 208, sr.

All-purpose — Tyrique Carter, Groesbeck, 5-9, 160, soph.

Place-kicker — (tie) Michael Shipley, Liberty Hill, 5-8, 165, sr.; Dillon Williams, Pleasant Grove, 5-6, 136, jr.

Defense

Linemen — De'Braylon Garrett, Henderson, 5-11, 180, sr.; Ezekiel Holmes, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-5, 210, sr.; Landon Jackson, Pleasant Grove, 6-5, 212, fr.; (tie) Pierre Robles, Clint Mountain View, 5-11, 165, sr.; Chris Scott, Madisonville, 6-0, 235, sr.

Linebackers — **Cade Barnard, Seminole, 6-2, 220, sr.;** Ector Rivera, Kennedale, 5-8, 185, sr.; (tie) Leshun Burns, Snyder, 5-11, 200, sr.; Cole Daggett, Fort Stockton, 6-0, 227, jr.; Dierken Teate, West Orange-Stark, 6-0, 185, sr.

Secondary — Gage Graham, Stephenville, 5-10, 175, sr.; **Jonathan Knelsen, Seminole, 5-10, 165, sr.;** Noah Parker, Midlothian Heritage, 5-11, 172, jr.; (tie) Wes Martin, Graham, 5-10, 160, sr.; Austin Sanchez, Crystal City, 6-2, 210, sr.

Punter — Travis Coalton, North Lamar, 5-10, 175, sr.

Kick returner — Derrick Bayer, Gatesville, 5-11, 185, sr.

Utility — **Britin Garcia, Andrews, 5-8, 155, sr.**

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Offense

Tackles — Silas Robinson, Yoakum, 6-5, 315, sr.; Caiden Walker, Newton, 6-4, 276, jr.

Guards — Tyler Richardson, Canadian, 6-2, 265, sr.; Marcus Williams, Teague, 6-0, 243, sr.

Center — Adrian Martinez, Gunter, 5-10, 210, sr.

Wide receivers — Matthew Lynch, Canadian, 6-0, 170, sr.; T.J. Rogers, New Diana, 6-2, 185, sr.

Tight end — Tyler Lehmkuhl, Rockdale, 6-2, 200, sr.

Running backs — Ja'Kobe Cooper, Lexington, 5-8, 170, jr.; Darwin Barlow, Newton, 5-11, 200, sr.; Vernon Jackson, Boling, 6-3, 245, sr.

Fullback — Casey Braden, Wall, 6-2, 215, sr.

All-purpose — Earnest Crownover, Grandview, 6-2, 195, sr.

Offensive player of the year — Locklin, Rockdale

Place-kicker — Carlos Campos, Bedville, soph.

Defense

Linemen — Skylar Collier, Brock, 5-9, 175, sr.; Tanner Beyard, Holliday, 6-1 200, jr.; Eric Gipson, Jefferson, 6-2, 196, jr.; (tie) Damian Dominguez, Grandview, 6-0, 215, sr.; Cayden McBride, Rockdale, 6-0, 240, jr.

Linebackers — Aaron Alert, Lexington, 5-11, 185, soph.; Wyatt Bishop, Canadian, 5-9, 160, sr.; Corbin Foster, Newton, 6-0, 220, sr.; JR Harris, Rockdale, 6-0, 180, sr.

Secondary — Jordan Moore, Yoakum, 6-1, 190, sr.; Demarvion Overshown, Arp, 6-4, 205, sr.; Stephon Harris, Childress, 5-11, 175, jr.; Jared Pedraza, Franklin, 5-11, 200, jr.

Punter — Kaden Cordell, Sonora, 6-0, 175, sr.

Kick returner — Demarvion Overshown, Arp, 6-4, 205, sr.

Utility — Jaquailyn Crawford, Rockdale, 5-10, 165, sr.

Defensive player of the year — Foster, Newton

Coach of the year — Jeff Miller, Rockdale

SECOND TEAM
Offense

Tackles — Cole Harroff, Grandview, 6-4, 280, sr.; John Brunner, Brock, 6-5, 310, jr.

Guards — Conner Henson, Big Sandy Harmony, 6-3, 260, sr.; (tie) Jake Bone, Grandview, 6-5, 285, jr. Chris Banks, Goliad, 6-3, 245, jr.

Center — David Ornelas, Colorado City, 5-9, 250, jr.

Wide receivers — Joe Dan Gambol, Childress, 6-0, 165, sr.; Cody Payton, New Diana, 5-9, 160, sr.

Tight end — Baylor Cupp, Brock, 6-6, 245, jr.

Quarterback — (tie) Jackson Sampson, New Diana, 5-10, 165, sr.; Luke Latimer, Childress, 6-0, 185, jr.

Running backs — Jaquan Jackson, DeKalb, 6-1, 175, sr.; Jeff Williams, Tidehaven, 5-9, 215, sr.; (tie) Tanner Patino, Brock, 5-10, 175, sr.; Colton Roberts, Comanche, 5-10, 180, sr.

Fullback — Tradarian Carver, Hughes Springs, 6-1, 195, sr.

All-purpose — Tamauzia Brown, Newton, 6-2, 177, jr.

Place-kicker — Anthony Avila, Troy, 5-8, 180, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Brenden Wyatt, Canadian, 5-11, 185, jr.; Elijah Trest, White Oak, 6-2, 205, sr.; Chase Thompson, Buffalo, 6-1, 190, jr.; Trevor Scott, West, 6-2, 205, sr.

Linebackers — Dylan David, Rockdale, 6-2, 210, sr.; Will Fannin, Franklin, 5-10, 185, jr.; Levi Long, Canadian, 5-8, 165, sr.; Zakk Young, Brock, 5-10, 195, jr.

Secondary — Caleb Meyer, Lexington, 5-8, 155, jr.; Abel Casas, San Diego, 5-10, 165, sr.; Peyton Lowe, Gunter, 5-10, 160, soph.; Hunter Bunch, Sonora, 6-3, 175, jr. Punter — Cody Payton, New Diana, 5-10, 150, sr.

Kick returner — Alik Brooks, Marlin, 5-9, 170, sr.

Utility — Alik Brooks, Marlin, 5-9, 170, sr.

THIRD TEAM
Offense

Tackles — Jacob Maggard, Teague, 6-1, 255, sr.; Tanner Mills, Childress, 6-0, 210, jr.

Guards — Garrett Nichols, Wall, 6-0, 220, sr.; Michael Pullen, Cisco, 6-0, 220, sr.

Center — KC Peter, Jacksboro, 5-11, 285, jr.

Wide receivers — Sam Perry, Lexington, 6-2, 150, sr.; herson Westbrook, Cameron Yoe, 5-8, 170, sr.

Tight end — Byron Bolin, Leonard, 6-3, 235, sr. Quarterback — (tie) Walker Hess, Lexington, 5-10, 180, sr.; Kaden Cordell, Sonora, 6-0, 175, sr.; Casen Cavalier, Canadian, 5-11, 185, jr.

Running backs — Tayvis Coleman, Teague, 5-11, 172, sr.; Kenny Haynes, Edna, 6-2, 190, jr.; (tie) Barrett Hill, Big Sandy Harmony, 5-9, 185, jr.; Marc Gutierrez, Clifton, 5-10, 195, sr.; Justin Jones, Holliday, 5-9, 175, sr.

Fullback — Clayton Rosprim, Franklin, 6-0, 205, jr.

All-purpose — Jarrett Jackson, Sonora, 5-9, 170, sr.

Place-kicker — Austin Williamson, Sunnyvale, 6-0, 170, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Jesus Garcia, Buffalo, 6-5, 290, jr.; Colton Schmitz, Gunter, 6-2, 207, sr.; Jadrian McGraw, Newton, 6-0, 255, jr.; (tie) Daniel Arnold, Mt. Vernon, 5-10, 170, jr.; Logan Bland, Goliad, 6-0, 230, jr.

Linebackers — Isaiah Dantzler, Childress, 6-3, 190, jr.; Tyree Wilson, West Rusk, 6-5, 225, sr.; Kobe Renfro, Sabine, 5-9, 195, jr.; Austin Black, Edna, 5-9, 165, jr.

Secondary — Dylan Jantz, Gunter, 5-9, 175, jr.; Jaylin Marks, Wichita Falls City View, 6-1, 160, soph.; Ruben McCray, Grandview, 6-3, 185, sr.; Konrad Eichelman, Big Sandy Harmony, 6-0, 190, sr.

Punter — Thomas Long, Edna, 6-2, 190, sr.

Kick returner — Ryan Cass, San Diego, 5-10, 185, jr.

Utility — (tie) Kye Beaulieux, Tuloa, 5-10, 150, jr.; Jonah White, Merkel, 6-1, 195, jr.

MCS' Keck takes bronze at TAPPS state meet

From staff reports

MANSFIELD – Midland Christian junior swimmer Claire Keck took home a pair of bronze medals on Thursday at the TAPPS Division II State Swimming Meet.

Keck placed third in both the women's 50-yard freestyle (24.82) and the women's 100-yard freestyle (54.38), as she notched a state medal for the third consecutive year.

MCS sophomore Xen Gonzalez placed sixth in the women's 200 IM (2:32.48) and finished fifth in the women's 100 backstroke with a time of 1:08.17. MCS sophomore Brent Martin placed 16th in the men's 50 freestyle with a time of 26.76 and came in 10th in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:06.90.

Lady Chaps roll to sweep of Trinidad State JC

From staff reports

The Midland College softball team swept Trinidad State Junior College in the Lady Chaparrals' home-opening doubleheader on Thursday afternoon.

The Lady Chaps defeated Trinidad State 9-1 in the first game and then followed that up with a 6-0 win in the second game to improve to 8-4 on the season.

MC had 12 hits in the first game as Bianca Cerda was 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBI and two runs scored. Ryla Jacobs-Kea was 3-for-3 with a double and three runs scored, and Shaycelynn Ho'ohuli added two hits and an RBI.

Crystine Kistner got the win the circle after she struck out 10 and allowed five hits over four innings.

Taylor Laing struck out 11 and scattered three hits for MC in the second game.

The Lady Chaps' offense was led by Shaye Simms, who went 3-for-4 with a double and run scored. Yvonne Hernandez was 2-for- 2 with a double, two RBI and a run scored.

MC hosts Classic

The Midland College softball team is once again hosting the Midland College Spring Classic today and Saturday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

MC will host fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams Howard College, Odessa College, Luna Community College and Clarendon College along with Trinidad State, Snow College, Coastal Bend College, Lamar Community College, Northern Colorado College, Northeastern Junior College and Seward County College.

The Lady Chaps are scheduled to play two games each day on Field 7.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, TRINIDAD STATE JC 1
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Kerry Bohn, Megan Nunez (3), Avellaka Arvizo (4) and Gabby Gonzalez; Crystine Kistner, Rayla Jacobs-Kea (6) and Mackenzie Hoots. W – Kistner. L – Bohn. 2B – TSJC: Alexis Kapanui; MC: Shaye Simms, Jacobs-Kea, Cerda.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, TRINIDAD STATE JC 0

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Teddi Garcia and Gabby Gonzalez; Taylor Laing, Crystine Kistner (7) and Mackenzie Hoots. W – Laing. L – Garcia. 2B – MC: Simms, Yvonne Hernandez.

3B – TSJC: Kapanui; MC: Ho'ohuli.
Record: Midland College 8-4

Midland College Spring Classic
At Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Today's Games

9 a.m. – Howard College vs. Trinidad State JC, Field 3; Luna CC vs. Northern Colorado, Field 4; Clarendon College vs. Otero JC, Field 5; Coastal Bend College vs. Lamar College, Field 6; Odessa College vs. Snow College, Field 7

11:30 a.m. – Howard College vs. Lamar College, Field 3; Luna CC vs. Otero JC, Field 4; Clarendon College vs. Coastal Bend College, Field 5; Seward County CC vs. Northeastern JC, Field 6; Midland College vs. Snow College, Field 7

2 p.m. – Trinidad State JC vs. Seward County, Field 3; Northern Colorado vs. Coastal Bend College, Field 4; Snow College vs. Otero JC, Field 5; Northeastern JC vs. Odessa College, Field 6; Luna CC vs. Lamar College, Field 7

4:30 p.m. – Howard College vs. Northeastern JC, Field 3; Clarendon College vs. Northern Colorado, Field 5; Trinidad State JC vs. Odessa College, Field 6; Midland College vs. Seward County, Field 7

Saturday's Games

9 a.m. – Howard College vs. Otero JC, Field 3; Luna CC vs. Northeastern JC, Field 4; Clarendon College vs. Lamar College, Northern Colorado vs. Seward County, Field 6; Trinidad State JC vs. Coastal Bend College, Field 7

11:30 a.m. – Howard College vs. Northern Colorado, Field 3; Snow College vs. Coastal Bend College, Field 4; Clarendon College vs. Trinidad State JC, Field 5; Odessa College vs. Lamar College, Field 6; Midland College vs. Otero JC, Field 7

2 p.m. – Snow College vs. Luna CC, Field 5; Midland College vs. Northeastern JC, Field 7

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	54	37	14	3	77	194	142
Boston	52	33	11	8	74	173	124
Toronto	56	32	19	5	69	182	156
Florida	51	23	22	6	52	146	164
Detroit	52	21	23	8	50	136	154
Montreal	54	22	26	6	50	142	169
Ottawa	53	19	25	9	47	141	182
Buffalo	54	15	29	10	40	124	178

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	53	31	17	5	67	165	154
Pittsburgh	55	30	22	3	63	169	166
New Jersey	53	27	18	8	62	159	159
Philadelphia	54	26	19	9	61	157	158
Columbus	53	27	22	4	58	136	150
N.Y. Islanders	55	26	23	6	58	164	201
Carolina	54	24	21	9	57	144	164
N.Y. Rangers	54	25	24	5	55	157	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	53	32	12	9	73	166	138
Winnipeg	54	32	13	9	73	178	143
St. Louis	56	33	20	3	69	161	141
Dallas	55	32	19	4	68	171	142
Minnesota	54	29	19	6	64	162	156
Colorado	53	29	20	4	62	168	156
Chicago	54	24	22	8	56	157	152

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	53	35	14	4	74	191	145
San Jose	53	28	17	8	64	153	145
Calgary	54	28	18	8	64	153	153
Los Angeles	53	29	19	5	63	153	128
Anaheim	55	26	19	10	62	155	159
Edmonton	52	23	25	4	50	146	168
Vancouver	54	21	27	6	48	140	176
Arizona	54	13	32	9	35	126	189

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.

Thursday's Scores

Buffalo 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Calgary 3, New Jersey 2
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 3
Ottawa 4, Nashville 3, OT
Tampa Bay 5, Vancouver 2
Arizona 4, Minnesota 3, OT
St. Louis 6, Colorado 1
Dallas 4, Chicago 2
Vegas at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Columbus at Washington, 6 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

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Cleveland Cavaliers' Isaiah Thomas drives against the Houston Rockets in the first half on Feb. 3 in Cleveland.

Turnover: Cavs overhaul roster with stunning trades

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With their NBA title hopes fading fast, the Cavaliers got aggressive at the trading deadline.

They swapped teams.

Cleveland completely changed its look — and perhaps its chances of winning a championship this season — on Thursday with a stunning sequence of deals. General manager Koby Altman traded six players, including Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose, and two future draft picks in moves designed to not only help them in the short term but could potentially help keep LeBron James beyond this season.

Just like that, the Cavs traded nearly half their roster, got substantially younger and more athletic and wedged themselves back into contention to make a fourth straight Finals appearance against Golden State.

Following a long day that left him "numb," Altman said his main objective in making the deals was to alter the chemistry of a team that was no longer playing with joy.

"We were really worried that what was going on the floor and sort of our culture in the building that we were marching a slow death and we didn't want to be a part of that," he said on a conference call. "So with the window we have with LeBron and with this team, we figured it was time to do something to re-energize the group but also to have sustainability going into the future."

Watching from the West Coast, the defending champions took notice.

"It's interesting, really interesting," Warriors forward Draymond Green said of Cleveland's drastic midseason renovation. "It's probably obviously something that they felt was needed. I feel like they made some good moves, I don't know, we'll see. A lot of action. That's a completely different team now than the team we faced the last three years.

"They've still got LeBron James. I think everything else at that point is irrelevant."

The Cavs began their shocking overhaul by sending the disappointing Thomas along with forward Channing Frye and one of their two first-round picks to the Los Angeles Lakers for point guard Jordan Clarkson and forward Larry Nance Jr.

Thomas, who came over in last summer's blockbuster trade with Boston for Kyrie Irving, played in just 15 games and wasn't fitting in with Cleveland on or off the floor after he returned from a hip injury.

As the Thomas swap was being digested around the league, the Cavs completed a three-team deal with Utah and Sacramento. The Cavs sent Rose, who has also been slowed by injury, and forward Jae Crowder to the Jazz for forward Rodney Hood, a 25-year-old averaging a career-high 16.8 points.

Cleveland is also getting steady veteran guard George Hill from the Kings in exchange for guard Iman Shumpert.

And if all that wasn't enough, the Cavs then dealt Wade to Miami for a protected 2024 second-round pick. It's a homecoming for the 36-year-old Wade, who played 13 seasons in Miami, winning three NBA titles — two with James. Wade has said he wanted to end his career with the Heat, and he'll get his chance.

James went on Instagram to endorse the move for one of his best friends , posting "truly happy for my brother @dwyanewade!! It's how it's suppose to be. Love you my guy!! #WadeCountyBack."

Although he enjoyed being reunited in Cleveland with James, Wade was coming off the bench and his role was going to be further diminished by the other new additions. Altman said he approached Wade out of respect to see if he wanted to be moved and the Cavs were able to get a deal done with the Heat.

"I think he and his representation were very, very appreciative of that," Altman said.

The massive makeover is intended to help the Cavs make another title run in 2018 with James, who can opt out of his $35.6 million contract this summer and become a free agent. The 33-year-old James has said he would like to finish his career in Cleveland and Altman, who has only been in charge of the roster since July, gave James a team he can lead back to the Finals.

In Jordan and Nance, whose father played for Cleveland, the Cavs are adding a pair of young players with upside.

"We added some talent, some athleticism and the overwhelming thing for us was to create a culture here that I think everyone wants to be a part of," Altman said. "This trade really puts some wind in our sails."

The Cavs also protected themselves if they lose James by hanging onto the first-round pick they acquired last summer from Boston for Thomas, Crowder and center Ante Zizic.

Thomas seemed to sense his strange stay in Cleveland was over.

After James hit a buzzer-beating jumper to beat Minnesota in overtime on Wednesday night, Thomas stood at his locker and wondered if he would be on the move again.

"I'm tired of being traded," he said. "That's not a good thing. But I just want to be where I'm wanted. I like it here. It hasn't been as planned, but I definitely want to be here."

The Cavaliers, though, had other plans and needed to do something rash while in a prolonged slump and with All-Star forward Kevin Love out with a broken left hand.

Thomas, who turned 29 on Wednesday, wasn't working out. He missed Cleveland's first 36 games while coming back from a torn right labrum that knocked him out of last year's playoffs. The Cavs tried to incorporate him into their offense, but it was forced and bogging them down.

Cleveland is just 7-13 since Christmas Day, and the club's slide has coincided with Thomas' comeback. He played better on Wednesday night, scoring 13 points with seven assists in 31 minutes. But he's a defensive liability on a defensively challenged team and the Cavs felt it was best to move him.

"It's not something I wanted to do," Altman said. "Certainly when you bring a player the caliber of IT back in a trade this summer, selfishly you really wanted to see it work."

While Thomas struggled on the floor, he didn't help himself with some peculiar off-the-court comments.

Following Tuesday's embarrassing loss to the 17-win Orlando Magic — the Cavs blew a 21-point lead and scored nine points in the fourth quarter — Thomas questioned whether the team makes enough in-game adjustments.

Those remarks were dismissed by coach Tyronn Lue, who said, "That's not true."

Lue tweaked his rotations against the Timberwolves, giving more minutes to rookie Cedi Osman, who provided an infusion of needed energy. Late in the game, Thomas was pulled off the floor by Lue and the guard stood near Cleveland's bench and shook his head in disappointment.

Moments later, James dropped his game-winner over Jimmy Butler to edge the Timberwolves and was mobbed teammates.

It turned to be a going-away celebration.

MC BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

LADY CHAPS EDGE FRANK PHILLIPS

BORGER – Ella Tofaeono made all eight of her shots and scored a team-high 21 points to lead Midland College to a 64-59 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win over No. 18-ranked Frank Phillips College Thursday.

Midland High grad Alexandrea Washington added 12 points and Bethany Theodore had 11 for the Lady Chaps (13-10, 6-4 in WJCAC), who were tied at 28-all at halftime after shooting just 31.2 percent from the floor.

MC out-rebounded FPC (17-4, 7-3), 43-28, and got 11 rebounds each from Bianca Thacker and Matangiroa Flavell. Thacker also supplied eight of the Lady Chaps' 22 assists in the win.

Kiara Shoals paced FPC with a game-high 24 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, while Marlene Aniambossou added 13 points.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 64, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 59

Midland (13-10, 6-4) – Bethany Theodore 4-2-2 11, Bianca Thacker 2 0-0 5, Alexandrea Washington 5 0-0 12, Ogechi Nwodo 2 0-0 4, Matangiroa Flavell 4 1-1 10, Ella Tofaeono 8 5-8 21. Totals 25 9-13 64

Frank Phillips (17-4, 7-3) – Marlene Aniambossou 6 1-2 13, Kiara Shoals 10 4-8 24, Kinsley Choate 2 1-2 6, Perrine Manoury 4 1-2 12, Hannah Leavitt 0 1-2 1, Emeisha Fields 1 1-2 3. Totals 23 9-18 59

Midland	19	9	15	21	–64
Frank Phillips	14	14	12	19	–59

3-point goals – Midland 5 (Washington 2, Theodore, Thacker, Flavell), Frank Phillips 4 (Manoury 3, Choate) Rebounds – Midland 43 (Thacker 11, Flavell 11), Frank Phillips 28 (Shoals 7). Assists – Midland 22 (Thacker 8), Frank Phillips 16 (Shoals 7). Turnovers – Midland 14, Frank Phillips 16. Total fouls – Midland 10, Frank Phillips 16. Fouled out – Aniambossou.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College 5:45 Monday

MC MEN GET KEY ROAD WIN

BORGER – Kevin Kangu scored a game-high 26 points and the Midland College men's basketball team held off a late charge by Frank Phillips College for a 60-53 victory at the Borger Community Activity Center on Monday night.

Marquell Fraser came close to a triple-double for MC with 18 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

The Chaparrals (8-17, 4-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) had a 31-19 lead at the half before the Plainsmen (11-4, 3-8) made a run in the second half and cut it to 53-51 with 1:28 left in the game.

However, MC responded with a 7-2 run down the stretch and overcame five missed free throws in the final minute to get the key win. The Chaps are three games back of Howard College and Clarendon College, who are tied for third place in the standings.

MC next hosts rival and No. 5-ranked Odessa College at 7:45 p.m. Monday.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 60, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 53

Midland College (8-17, 4-7) – Marquell Fraser 5-10 8-12 18, Amari Hale 0-2 1-2 1, Kevin Kangu 9-17 5-7 26, Jardin van der Korput 1-3 1-5 3, Kayci Goncalves 2-3 0-0 4, Ivan Palacio 0-1 2-2 2, Erkam Kiris 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 20-42 17-28 60

Frank Phillips (11-14, 3-8) – Jaquez Lyons 1-5 2-3 4, Marquise Kindel 2-7 0-0 4, Knowledge Darby 5-10 6-6 17, Armarni Allen 5-11 5-6 15, Kwame McBean 2-3 0-0 4, Demetrius Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Kent Thomas 3-8 1-1 9, Justin Milstead 0-3 0-0 0, Joe Nobles 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-48 14-17

Halftime – MC 31, Frank Phillips 19. 3-point goals – MC 3-16 (Kangu 3-8, Fraser 0-2, Hale 0-2 van der Korput 0-1, Goncalves 0-1, Palacio 0-1, Kiris 0-1), FPC 3-16 (Thomas 2-7, Darby 1-3, Kindel 0-2, Allen 0-2, Clark 0-1, Milstead 0-1). Total fouls – MC 19, FPC 24. Fouled out – Thomas, Milstead. Rebounds – MC 33 (Fraser 9), FPC 22 (Kindel 4, Thomas 4) Assists – MC 16 (Fraser 8), FPC 17 (Darby 5) Turnovers – MC 21, FPC 15

2017-18 WJCAC Women's basketball standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	7	1	23	1
Frank Phillips	7	3	17	4
Midland College	**6**	**4**	**13**	**10**
Odessa College	4	4	16	7
Clarendon College	4	5	20	5
Western Texas	3	6	11	11
Howard College	4	6	14	12
South Plains	2	8	15	11

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 64, Frank Phillips College 59; Clarendon College 78, Western Texas College 62; Howard College 83, South Plains College 56; Odessa College and New Mexico JC were open

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

2017-18 WJCAC Men's basketball standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Odessa College	10	0	21	2
South Plains	8	3	16	7
Clarendon College	7	4	17	8
Howard College	7	4	19	6
New Mexico Military	5	5	15	10
Midland College	**4**	**7**	**8**	**17**
Frank Phillips	3	8	11	14
Western Texas	2	8	13	10
New Mexico JC	2	8	13	11

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 60, Frank Phillips College 53; Odessa College 64, New Mexico Military Institute 58; Clarendon College 83, Western Texas College 71; Howard College 80, South Plains College 60; New Mexico JC was open

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

Stars edge fading Blackhawks 4-2 for 4th straight win

By Matt Carlson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tyler Seguin scored twice, Ben Bishop made 37 saves and the Dallas Stars beat the fading Chicago Blackhawks 4-2 on Thursday night for their fourth straight win.

Tyler Pitlick connected with 4.5 seconds left in second period and Stephen Johns also scored for the Stars, who strengthened their hold on the top wild card in the Western Conference and remained one point behind third-place St. Louis in the Central Division.

Jonathan Toews and Artem Anisimov scored for Chicago, which lost its fourth straight overall and sixth straight at home. Anton Forsberg blocked 26 shots.

Seguin ran his team-high total to 28 goals by scoring for the fourth straight game. The Stars have outscored their opponents 16-5 during their winning streak.

Toews' 15th goal at 9:07 was the lone score in the first period. After taking Brent Seabrook's bank pass of the boards, Toews gained a step on defenseman Dan Hamhuis and snapped off a shot from the left circle that ticked off Bishop's right pad.

The captain snapped an 11-game drought with his first goal since he scored twice at Ottawa on Jan. 9. During the span, the veteran center had just three assists.

Seguin and Johns scored on consecutive shots 59 seconds apart early in the second to put Dallas ahead 2-1.

Capping a quick transition, Seguin streaked down the slot ahead of defenseman Connor Murphy and tipped in Alexander Radulov's nifty backhand pass at 5:44. After Chicago turned over the puck behind its net, Johns' screened shot from the left point appeared to hit traffic and sailed past Forsberg.

Anisimov's power-play goal at 12:48 tied it at 2. He batted in the puck from the left side of the net after Seabrook's shot from the top of the slot went wide and bounded off the back boards.

Pitlick put Dallas back ahead in the final seconds of the period. His shot from the right circle beat Forsberg over the right shoulder and landed in the upper-left corner of the net.

Tommy Wingels' point-blank shot for Chicago hit the post 6:12 into the third. Bishop made a handful of close-in saves in the third before Seguin scored into an empty net with 58 seconds left.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 67, N. Dakota St. 66, OT
Tulsa 91, Tulane 69, OT

SOUTH
Chattanooga 85, The Citadel 82
Clemson 72, Pittsburgh 48
Coll. of Charleston 82, William & Mary 77
Georgia St. 108, Louisiana-Lafayette 92
Hampton 85, Howard 81
Hofstra 67, Elon 48
Kennesaw St. 89, North Florida 81
Lipscomb 82, Jacksonville 59
Louisiana Tech 83, Charlotte 65
Louisiana-Monroe 66, Georgia Southern 64, OT
Louisville 77, Georgia Tech 54
Marshall 76, FIU 66
Middle Tennessee 84, Rice 75
Murray St. 84, Austin Peay 63
N. Kentucky 64, Milwaukee 52
North Carolina 82, Duke 76
North Texas 67, UAB 60
Old Dominion 69, Southern Miss. 63
SC-Upstate 85, Gardner-Webb 79
SE Missouri 78, Morehead St. 62
South Alabama 73, ULM 59
Stephen F. Austin 99, McNeese St. 95
Tennessee St. 64, Belmont 58
Troy 86, Arkansas St. 83, OT
UT Martin 70, E. Kentucky 69
W. Carolina 72, VMI 60
W. Kentucky 75, FAU 63

FAR WEST
Montana St. 92, Sacramento St. 76
UC Riverside 64, Hawaii 60
Utah 75, Stanford 60
Weber St. 84, North Dakota 76

MIDWEST
E. Illinois 78, SIU-Edwardsville 74
IUPUI 78, Cleveland St. 73
N. Illinois 100, Youngstown St. 75
Nebraska-Omaha 71, W. Illinois 68
Rio Grande 83, Grand Canyon 81
South Dakota 86, Fort Wayne 69
UMKC 74, Seattle 67
Utah Valley 87, Chicago St. 57

EAST
Canisius 88, Siena 65
Fairleigh Dickinson 77, Sacred Heart 67
Florida Gulf Coast 75, NJIT 70
LIU Brooklyn 83, St. Francis (Pa.) 67
Monmouth (NJ) 72, Iona 59
Mount St. Mary's 71, CCSU 57
New Hampshire 71, Maine 58
Niagara 68, Quinnipiac 76
Northeastern 70, Delaware 67
Rider 77, Manhattan 73
St. Francis Brooklyn 77, Robert Morris 65
St. Peter's 70, Marist 66
Stony Brook 81, Mass.-Lowell 68
Towson 94, Drexel 92, OT
UMBC 78, Binghamton 68
Vermont 72, Albany (NY) 67
Wagner 96, Bryant 76
Wright St. 68, Green Bay 64

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Saturday.
2. Virginia (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
3. Purdue (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Michigan State, Saturday.
4. Michigan State (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Purdue, Saturday.
5. Xavier (22-3) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
6. Cincinnati (22-2) did not play. Next: at SMU, Sunday.
7. Texas Tech (20-4) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
8. Auburn (21-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
9. Duke (19-5) lost to No. 21 North Carolina 82-76. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
10. Kansas (19-5) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
11. Saint Mary's (23-2) at Loyola Marymount. Next: vs. No. 12 Gonzaga, Saturday.
12. Gonzaga (21-4) at Pacific. Next: at No. 11 Saint Mary's, Saturday.
13. Arizona (19-5) vs. UCLA. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Saturday.
14. Ohio State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Saturday.
15. Tennessee (18-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
16. Clemson (20-4) beat Pittsburgh 72-48. Next: at Florida State, Wednesday.
17. Oklahoma (16-7) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
18. Rhode Island (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.
19. West Virginia (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
20. Michigan (19-7) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
21. North Carolina (16-7) beat No. 9 Duke 82-76. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
22. Wichita State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.
23. Nevada (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
24. Kentucky (17-7) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
25. Miami (18-5) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Tennessee 90, Arkansas 85
Texas A&M 83, Mississippi 54

SOUTH
Auburn 70, LSU 62
Belmont 67, Tennessee St. 70
Florida St. 77, Virginia 62
Furman 55, UNC-Greensboro 54
Georgia 67, Vanderbilt 55
Georgia Southern 75, Louisiana-Monroe 45
Georgia Tech 67, Boston College 43
Howard 68, Hampton 63
Louisiana-Lafayette 75, Georgia St. 60
Miami 52, NC State 46
Middle Tennessee 69, FAU 65
Mississippi St. 88, Florida 50
Morehead St. 60, SE Missouri 58
Murray St. 91, Austin Peay 65
N. Kentucky 66, Oakland 59
North Texas 92, FIU 46
South Carolina 79, Alabama 66
Tennessee Tech 80, Jacksonville St. 58
Troy 95, Arkansas St. 78
UALR 47, South Alabama 35
UT Martin 72, E. Kentucky 54
UTSA 72, Memphis 59
W. Carolina 68, Wofford 62
W. Kentucky 62, Old Dominion 46

FAR WEST
Chicago St. 84, Utah Valley 74
Gonzaga 90, Pacific 66
Grand Canyon 59, Rio Grande 58
N. Colorado 75, Idaho St. 52
San Diego 79, Pepperdine 53
Seattle 66, UMKC 62

MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 64, IL-Chicago 42
Indiana 70, Illinois 54
Iowa 80, Penn St. 76
Maryland 75, Michigan St. 68
Michigan 84, Northwestern 63
Minnesota 76, Purdue 74
North Dakota 80, Weber St. 67
Ohio St. 90, Rutgers 68
Oral Roberts 64, N. Dakota St. 57
S. Dakota St. 65, Denver 59
Wright St. 85, Det.-Mr 58
Youngstown St. 70, IUPUI 67

EAST
Binghamton 68, UMBC 53
Fairfield 76, Iona 69
Maine 77, New Hampshire 60
Manhattan 82, Niagara 64
Marist 85, Monmouth (NJ) 57
Stony Brook 63, Mass.-Lowell 60
Vermont 62, Albany (NY) 57

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (23-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Saturday.
2. Mississippi State (25-0) beat Florida 98-50. Next: vs. Kentucky, Sunday.
3. Baylor (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 TCU, Saturday.
4. Louisville (25-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Monday.
5. Notre Dame (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
6. Texas (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
7. South Carolina (19-5) beat Alabama 79-66. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.
8. UCLA (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
9. Oregon (21-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
10. Maryland (21-3) beat Michigan State 76-68. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
11. Tennessee (20-4) beat Arkansas 90-85. Next: vs. No. 18 Georgia, Sunday.
12. Florida State (20-4) beat Virginia 77-62. Next: at Miami, Sunday.
13. Ohio State (20-5) beat Rutgers 90-68. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
14. Texas A&M (19-6) beat Mississippi 83-54. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
15. Missouri (19-5) beat Kentucky 83-78. Next: at Arkansas, Sunday.
16. Oregon State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
17. Stanford (16-8) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
18. Georgia (21-3) beat Vanderbilt 67-55. Next: at No. 11 Tennessee, Sunday.
19. Duke (19-6) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
20. Green Bay (21-2) did not play. Next: at Milwaukee, Saturday.
21. Michigan (20-6) beat Northwestern 84-63. Next: at Michigan State, Sunday.
22. Oklahoma State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
23. N.C. State (19-6) lost to Miami 52-48. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
24. TCU (18-7) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Baylor, Saturday.
25. Arizona State (17-7) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.

NBA ROUNDUP

CELTICS 110 WIZARDS 104 OT

WASHINGTON — Kyrie Irving scored 12 of Boston's last 17 points and finished with 28 to help the Celtics remain in sole possession of the Eastern Conference lead with a 110-104 overtime victory over the Washington Wizards on Thursday night.

Jaylen Brown added five of his 18 points in overtime for Boston. The Celtics have won five of six, and remained a game ahead of Toronto in the race for the East's top playoff seed after the Raptors win over New York earlier Thursday.

Otto Porter had 27 points and 11 rebounds for Washington, and Bradley Beal had 18 points and matched his career high with nine assists.

But as John Wall remains sidelined following knee surgery, the Wizards committed 22 turnovers and shot just 2 for 12 in the overtime period, dropping their second straight game after winning five straight.

RAPTORS 113 KNICKS 88

TORONTO — Jonas Valanciunas had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Pascal Siakam added 14 points and a career-high six assists and Toronto beat New York 113-88.

New York played its first game since losing All-Star forward Kristaps Porzingis to a torn left ACL in Tuesday's loss to Milwaukee.

Serge Ibaka and Jakob Poeltl scored 13 points, Delon Wright and C.J. Miles each had 11, and Fred VanVleet 10 as the Raptors won their fifth straight home meeting with the Knicks.

Michael Beasley scored 21 points for New York.

Team competition to open Olympic figure skating program

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — The only thing missing from Canadian figure skater Patrick Chan's resume is an Olympic gold medal.

He's won three world championships. Two grand prix finals. Twice he's stood on the second step of an Olympic podium, an infuriating few inches from what would be the pinnacle of his career. So even though the 27-year-old Chan is focused on the men's competition at the Pyeongchang Games, he is also aware of the tremendous opportunity presented by the team event. It begins Friday with Canada favored to win gold after finishing second in its debut four years ago at the Sochi Games.

"The medal is what you make of it," Chan said, when asked whether a team gold medal would in some way be lesser than an individual gold. "It may not be the same for every skater or another teammate, but for me at this point in my career, anything at this point is a bonus."

Indeed, the way skaters are approaching the team competition varies widely.

There are those from Canada, the U.S. and the Olympic Athletes from Russia that are eying gold, or at least a spot on the podium. It's an opportunity to start the Olympics on a high, and potentially build up momentum they can carry into the rest of the games.

Then there are those from France and Italy, countries that have medal hopefuls in individual events but not enough depth across the four disciplines to realistically compete for a team medal.

For them, it's a chance to work out the kinks in a competitive environment, fine-tuning their own programs for what really matters in the coming days.

"We're really focused on our personal event," said Guillaume Cizeron, who with Gabrielle Papadakis are two-time ice dance world champions and among the favorites in that competition.

"I feel like the team event is a great opportunity for team spirit and what the games represent," Cizeron said, "but our main focus is obviously the individual event."

The powerhouse nations certainly seem to be putting more emphasis on the team event.

They've been closely guarding their lineups all week, a unique bit of gamesmanship for an otherwise individual sport, and have waited until the last possible moment to announce who will skate each event.

There is strategy in putting together the lineup — some individuals are better in short programs and others excel in the free skate. Plus, the pairs teams that are medal contenders must be cognizant of the fact that their individual event begins two days after the team event finishes.

"We know that our country isn't in the favorites to medal, so it makes things different," Papadakis said. "Our main goal is the individual event. It may be different if we were going for a medal."

Ten nations have qualified for the team competition, and each will send out skaters in each of the four disciplines in the short program. They receive points based on their finish — so margin of victory doesn't matter — with the top five teams advancing to the free skate. Medals will be awarded Monday after the final discipline, the ladies' free skate. "It was so much fun to be able to be part of the team event in Sochi, to compete as a team and not just as an individual athlete," said Canada's Kaetlyn Osmond, a medal contender in the individual event.

"I'm focusing on my own programs," she said, "but to have the team atmosphere in the kiss-and-cry, and the podium, it's so incredible. And to be able to compete more times at the Olympics, I'm definitely not going to argue against it. I just love the team aspect of it."

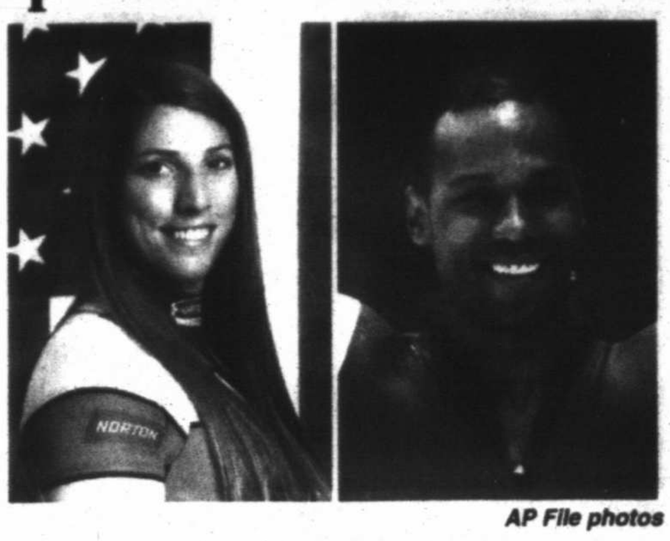
Her teammate, Gabrielle Daleman, was part of the Canadian team that won silver in Sochi.

"It was a completely new event for all of us," Daleman said. "One night we were standing on the podium and the next night we were competing again. We had just won a medal, we just competed. It was weird. But I think we'll be more ready, ready to compete as much as necessary."

That appears to be the prevailing sentiment to the team competition.

Tweet from speedskater's account rips coin toss

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press



AP File photos

This combination of images shows United States' athletes Erin Hamlin, left, and Shani Davis. A tweet posted to the account of Davis is blasting the selection of luge athlete Hamlin as the U.S. flagbearer for the opening ceremony at the Pyeongchang Games. The tweet says the selection was made "dishonorably," and included a reference to Black History Month in a hashtag. Hamlin and Davis each got four votes in the final balloting of the athlete-led process.

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was a feel-good story for a few hours: Luge veteran Erin Hamlin gets the chance to enter her last Olympics carrying the U.S. flag into the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Games, winning that distinction after a vote by some of her fellow athletes.

And then Shani Davis tweeted.

With that, the entire process was called into controversy. The tweet posted to Davis' account said the process by which Hamlin won was executed "dishonorably," and included a reference to Black History Month — raising the question of whether the speedskater was suggesting that race played a role in the decision.

Davis is black, Hamlin is white.

"We feel strongly toward Shani and they felt strongly for Erin," U.S. speedskater Joey Mantia said. "That's just that."

Hamlin and Davis were among eight nominees for the flagbearer role, and athletes from each of the eight winter sports federations — bobsled and skeleton, ski and snowboarding, figure skating, curling, biathlon, hockey, speedskating and luge — represented those nominees in a balloting that took place Wednesday night.

Eventually, the final vote was deadlocked at 4-4. Hamlin won a coin toss, the predetermined method of picking a winner if all else failed in the athlete-led process. The U.S. Olympic Committee confirmed the tie, and that voters knew if the tie couldn't be broken by them the coin toss would have to occur.

USA Luge declined comment on the tweet. Calls placed to Davis' phone rang unanswered, and his agent Ian Baranski did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Hours before the tweet was posted, Hamlin was beaming about the opportunity. The four-time Olympian told the story about how her parents, Ron and Eileen Hamlin, always wrestle with the decision about whether to spend the money for high-priced tickets to the opening ceremony — and in the end, always go to see their daughter march into the stadium with her U.S. teammates.

"I think they're going to be really glad that they made that decision," Hamlin said. "They're really pumped. I'm sure my brothers will be. We've grown up watching the Olympics and we're always like, 'Who's going to be carrying the flag?' And to actually be that person is insane."

Hamlin's teammates were thrilled by the news, both because of what it will mean for her and what it means for the niche sport of luge.

"I was so happy for her," U.S. doubles Olympian Jayson Terdiman said. "It's one of the coolest things. I tell you what, I can't wait. I couldn't wait before, but now I can't wait even more. Not just does Erin get to hold that flag, but USA Luge gets to hold that flag. It's so cool. It's a great honor for our small sport."

Davis was certainly a worthy candidate. He's now a five-time Olympian, with two gold medals and two silver medals in his collection. It could not be determined if Davis posted the tweet himself, or if anyone else with access to his account may have.

Davis' mother, Cherie Davis, said she was unaware of the tweet until an AP reporter spoke to her by phone.

"I know something about a coin toss, he told me last night," she said Thursday. "I don't know anything else. Is that all?"

Hamlin is a four-time Olympian , a winner of a bronze medal at the 2014 Sochi Games, a two-time world champion and a winner of 23 World Cup medals. Despite that resume, Hamlin — who is retiring after the Olympics — never thought she would be the pick.

In December, when asked in an interview with The Associated Press if she thought it would be possible, Hamlin giggled.

"To me, that always seems to be a really, really big-name person," Hamlin said at the time.

Hamlin learned of the voting result Wednesday night. She got a text from Alan Ashley, the chef de mission for Team USA, requesting her to call back as soon as she could. Hamlin braced herself for some sort of bad news as she dialed his number.

GOLF SCORES

PGA-Pebble Beach Scores
Thursday
At p-Pebble Beach GL, Yardage: 6,816; Par: 72
At s-Spyglass Hill, Yardage: 6,953; Par: 72
At m-Monterey Peninsula, Yardage: 6,958; Par: 71
Pebble Beach, Calif.
Purse: $7.4 million
First Round

Kevin Streelman	33-32—65s
Beau Hossler	34-31—65p
Matt Kuchar	32-34—66s
Aaron Wise	31-34—65m
Julian Suri	34-32—66p
Cameron Percy	33-33—66m
Chez Reavie	33-34—67p
Patrick Cantlay	34-32—66p
Troy Merritt	36-31—67p
Will Zalatoris	34-33—67s
Rob Oppenheim	34-33—67p
Paul Casey	33-34—67p
Dustin Johnson	33-34—67s
Keith Mitchell	34-33—67s
Zecheng Dou	33-34—67p
Shane Lowry	31-36—67m
Rory McIlroy	34-34—68s
Jon Rahm	31-36—67m
Charley Hoffman	33-34—67m
Chris Stroud	33-35—68s
Talor Gooch	32-35—67m
Stephan Jaeger	34-34—68p
Chris Kirk	32-35—67m
Tyrone Van Aswegen	31-36—67m
Jimmy Walker	35-33—68s
Brandan Grace	32-36—68p
Ted Potter, Jr.	34-34—68p
Peter Malnati	32-35—67m
Jonas Blixt	32-35—67m
Ben Crane	34-34—68p
Xinjun Zhang	31-37—68p
Chesson Hadley	34-34—68m
Ryan Blaum	33-35—68m
Alex Cejka	34-35—69s
Gary Woodland	35-34—69s
Pat Perez	33-35—68m
Phil Mickelson	38-31—69s
Martin Piller	32-36—68m
Nicholas Lindheim	33-35—68m
Jonathan Randolph	34-35—69s
Zac Blair	36-33—69s
Derek Fathauer	36-33—69p
Russell Henley	33-35—68m
Brendon de Jonge	33-36—69p
Ben Martin	36-32—68m
Brandon Harkins	34-34—68m
Rory Sabbatini	33-35—68m
Bubba Watson	32-36—68m
Jason Day	34-35—69s
Brian Gay	37-32—69s
Steve Stricker	34-35—69s
Corey Conners	34-34—68m
George McNeill	36-34—70p
Rafa Cabrera Bello	36-33—69m
Derek Ernst	33-36—69m
D.A. Points	35-35—70s
Sean O'Hair	33-36—69m
Cameron Tringale	34-36—70p
Dominic Bozzelli	34-35—69m
Daniel Summerhays	34-36—70s
Jason Kokrak	34-36—70s
Ricky Barnes	34-36—70p
Rod Pampling	34-35—68m
K.J. Choi	35-34—69m
Nick Watney	35-35—70s
Ryan Armour	36-34—70p
Kevin Na	36-34—70s
Eric Axley	35-34—69m
Robert Garrigus	33-37—70p
Patrick Rodgers	36-34—70s
Vaughn Taylor	36-34—70m
Brandt Snedeker	36-35—71s
Kevin Kisner	37-34—71s
David Hearn	33-38—71p
Hunter Mahan	34-37—71s
Joel Dahmen	33-38—71p
Andrew Putnam	33-37—70m
Nate Lashley	34-36—70m
Paul Dunne	35-36—71s
J.T. Poston	35-36—71p
Matt Every	35-35—70m
Russell Knox	33-38—71s
Mac Hughes	36-35—71s
Scott Piercy	32-39—71p
J.B. Holmes	39-32—71p
Brice Garnett	34-37—71p
Robert Streb	31-40—71p
J.J. Henry	36-35—71p
Aaron Baddeley	35-35—70m
Greg Chalmers	35-35—70m
Graeme McDowell	34-37—71p
Sangmoon Bae	34-37—71p
Bryson DeChambeau	33-37—70m
Jim Herman	34-36—70m
Billy Horschel	36-35—71s
Bronson Burgoon	36-34—70m
Ben Silverman	33-37—70m
Tyler Duncan	36-36—72p
Austin Cook	38-34—72p
Scott Stallings	36-36—72p
Trey Mullinax	38-36—72s
Denny McCarthy	36-36—72p
Shawn Stefani	35-37—72s
Fabián Gómez	35-37—72p
Jason Bohn	35-36—71m
Adam Schenk	32-39—71m
Kyle Thompson	34-38—72s
Steve Wheatcroft	36-35—71m
Jerry Kelly	35-37—72s
Jordan Spieth	36-36—72s
Sam Saunders	36-36—72s
Tom Lovelady	35-37—72s
Brett Stegmaier	36-36—72p
Charlie Beljan	34-38—72m
Stewart Cink	34-39—73p
Kevin Chappell	38-35—73s
Jonathan Byrd	39-34—73p
Johnson Wagner	37-36—73p
Brian Stuard	35-37—72m
Stuart Appleby	36-37—73s
Matt Atkins	34-38—72m
Kelly Kraft	36-37—73s
Scott Brown	36-37—73p
William McGirt	35-38—73s
Cameron Davis	35-38—73p
Seamus Power	33-39—72m
Sam Ryder	37-36—73p
James Hahn	38-36—74s
Matt Jones	35-39—74p
Grayson Murray	37-37—74p
Billy Hurley III	38-36—74p
Maverick McNealy	38-36—74p
Nick Lamb	38-36—74p
Richy Werenski	35-38—73m
Nick Taylor	35-40—75p
Tim Herron	35-40—75p
Luke Donald	38-37—75s
Conrad Shindler	35-40—75p
David Solomon	37-37—74m
Cody Gribble	37-38—75s
Vijay Singh	35-40—75p
Tom Hoge	35-40—75p
Patrick Reed	35-40—75p
Andrew Yun	38-37—75s
Colt Knost	42-34—76s
Roberto Diaz	38-37—75m
Lanto Griffin	39-37—76p
Padraig Harrington	41-34—75m
Adam Scott	40-37—77s
Ethan Tracy	38-38—76m
Ernie Els	38-39—77s
Mike Weir	38-39—77s
Peter Jacobsen	36-40—76p
Angel Cabrera	41-37—78p
Ken Duke	40-39—79s
David Duval	38-41—79m

MHS

From 1C

win means the teams are co-champs.

MCS head coach Chris Ryburn said the loss was actually a positive for his team, which hadn't lost since Jan. 9.

"In all honesty, I think it's good for us," Ryburn said. "I think it's a healthy thing. Sometimes, unfortunately, you learn more from a loss than you learn in a win. We needed to be reminded that if you turn the ball over, you're not going to get rewarded with wins."

Rangers can clinch with win

Greenwood has a chance to punch its postseason ticket with a home win against visiting Pecos at 8 p.m. today.

Missing a few key players to injury and sickness, the Rangers (16-15, 2-4) have dropped three straight District 4-4A contests and are currently in fourth place with two games to play. The last-place Eagles (0-6 in District 4-4A) will try to play the role of spoiler.

Rangers head coach Nate Bridges said he'll need his players to step up in a big way to send the team to the playoffs today.

"(We're) just trying to keep the game simple, keep the scenario simple and control our own destiny," Bridges said. "We want to work toward being a better team (Friday)."

Knights to play tiebreaker

Midland Classical remained in contention for the TAPPS 1-3A title with a 55-49 home win over Abilene Christian Monday night.

The Knights (15-15, 3-1 in TAPPS 1-3A) will square off against Abilene Christian (22-8, 3-1) in a tiebreaker game for the district's No. 1 playoff seed Monday night at Lubbock's All Saints High School. The game time has not yet been determined.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

G Brett Leach, So., Andrews – Leach poured in a game-high 25 points to lead Andrews to a 55-49 District 4-4A win at Greenwood Tuesday.

HONOR ROLL

G Kobe Richardson, Jr., Forsan – He netted 22 points in No. 24 Forsan's 83-25 rout of El Dorado that won the Buffaloes the District 7-2A title for the second straight year.

F Marshall Cox, Jr., Grady – Cox scored a game-high 18 points in the Wildcats' 44-28 home win over Sands Tuesday.

G Aaron Giffin, Jr., MCA – Giffin's team-high 17 points carried the Knights to a critical 55-48 home win over Abilene Christian Tuesday.

G Jaythan Jones, So., Lee – Jones provided a spark and 17 points in the Rebels' 56-49 victory over archrival Midland High last Friday.

District 2-6A Boys Basketball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Odessa Permian	8	0	26	3
x-Odessa High	6	2	22	7
Amarillo Tascosa	4	4	18	11
Wolforth Frenship	3	5	15	16
MHS	2	6	11	18
Lee	1	7	6	22

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Tuesday's scores
Wolforth Frenship 82, Lee 48; Odessa High 76, MHS 59; Odessa Permian 62, Amarillo Tascosa 52

Today's games
Lee at Odessa Permian; Wolforth Frenship at MHS; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa. All games at 7:30 p.m.

Boys

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putting some points up," Hicks said. "We feel pretty good, but the unknown is 'How good have our opponents been?' I know this district is good and we have to show up every game. It's going to be a dogfight till the end. It's going to be interesting and I'm excited to get it started."

Hicks added that for the Rebels to continue their at times overpowering offensive groove, they must play with unity in all phases of the game and emphasize quality possession time.

"If we can stay together, transition for offense to defense, not leave gaps and keep games close, we have a slew of guys who can finish," Hicks said. "We have to be able to defend as a team, then attack. Soccer is a game of possession and we have to live possession to possession."

Meanwhile the Bulldogs are now a well-rested group after grinding through nine matches over the first three weeks of the season.

MHS is coming off a 7-0 win over San Angelo Lake View on Jan. 31 and a 1-0 victory at Amarillo High on Jan. 16. In typical fashion, the Bulldogs have stifled the opposition defensively and have surrendered just 10 goals in their 10 matches. The opposition has scored more than two goals just once.

Senior center back and reigning District 2-6A Defensive MVP Donte Ferguson has been a calming presence for the club, while forwards Brian Natividad, captain Roman Ramirez, Daniel Olivas, Fernando Quintero and Raul Jaramillo provide punch up front.

The Bulldogs will be looking to make more of a mark offensively in district play, as they have scored just 13 goals this season.

In his first year as head coach, J.D. Bales said the extra rest time has been beneficial to his team and they are performing with plenty of energy in practice ahead of its district opener.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with the way we've been practicing," Bales said. "With the way we set up our schedule, it has been in our best interest with the amount of illness going around. The quality of practice has gone up, the intensity has gone up. Every team has a clean slate, this district is tough and you've got to be the best team in the stadium every night.

Added Bales: "We are going to prepare for every team like they are the best team in the state. I have a bunch of respect for the teams in this district and we're all fighting for the same goal."

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District 2-6A Boys Soccer Standings

Team	WP	W	L	PL	Pts
Frenship (14-0-0)	0	0	0	0	00
Lee (9-4-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Odessa High (8-5-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Odessa Permian (8-5-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Midland High (4-4-2)	0	0	0	0	00
Amarillo Tascosa (1-10-1)	0	0	0	0	00

Today's matches
Odessa Permian at Midland High; Wolforth Frenship at Odessa High. All matches at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10 matches
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 2 p.m.

Girls

From 1C

really no bad team. To open against a team like Permian is awesome. If we're able to come out and get a result that we like, it will kind of put a statement out to the district that hey, we're here to play and we're ready to go."

VonHolle likes her team's chances in district as well.

"I'm pumped. Permian is going to be a good game," she said. "I trust my team to do what we need to do and I'm really positive looking forward into district."

The Lady Rebels are excited as well and senior captain Gabby Granado said the way they're playing as compared to last year is like night and day.

"We've started a lot stronger than we did last year, so that's really good going into district," she said. "The team seems to connect a lot better. We've learned not to get mad at each other and pick each other up more. We have way more confidence than last year, especially with the new players. The freshmen that we have are bringing a lot to the team."

Hinshaw said that Granado has been a big part of their early success, not only bringing leadership but a willingness to play as many as three different positions.

Hinshaw added that senior midfielder and fellow captain Bella Wake is probably the most improved player, while sophomore forwards Hattie Renfro and Kallie Watters have been key at the top with six goals apiece. Meanwhile, sophomore goalkeeper Jenna McEnaney has been solid with 47 saves.

"I feel our team this year is real solid," Wake said "We're really pushing what we didn't do last year, even though we lost our seniors. We're playing as a team, we're actually working together, we're communicating."

Opening with Tascosa will have its share of challenges. Not only is there the almost four-hour bus ride but the weather could be a factor with a cold front expected on Saturday. But unlike last year, Hinshaw said the Lady Rebels are finding ways to win games they would have lost in 2017.

"Going into district, we're in a far better place than where we were last year," Hinshaw said. "Everybody is committed to building the program back the right way."

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2018 District 2-6A girls soccer standings

Team	WP	W	L	PL	Pts
Permian (11-1-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Odessa High (9-4-0)	0	0	0	0	00
Frenship (9-2-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Midland High (7-1-3)	0	0	0	0	00
Lee (7-3-1)	0	0	0	0	00
Tascosa (3-4-4)	0	0	0	0	00

Today's Games
Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 5:30 p.m.; Grande Communications Stadium; Wolforth Fren-

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BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Charlie Brown	C. Brown Valentine	Child Support (SF) (N)		20/20		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition Follow a group of people living together. (N)				Blue Bloods "Ghosts of the Past"		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 "Cowboy"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Who Shot Biggie and Tupac? Looks at the murders of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls.				Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
	KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Think Red Ink	Creation Magazine	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Creation Magazine	Shepherd's Heart	
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	PyeongChang 2018 "Opening Ceremony" Coverage of the official Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang County.						NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:40) Olympics
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	InnerV-iews	The American Epic Sessions Witness an historic recording session.				Aman-pour (N)	World News	News (N)	Stories
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
PREMIUM	FLIX		340	575		165		(5:25) American O...		★★★ The Boondock Saints				★★★ Gangs of New York ('02, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.					
	HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	★★ Fifty Shades Darker Dakota Johnson.				Bill Maher (N)		HighMain	2 Dope Queens (N)		Bill Maher
	HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:15) Get Out		2 Dope Queens		HighMain		Mechanic: Resurrection		(:10)	Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.		
	HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:10) ★★★ Deepwater Horizon						The Zookeeper's Wife Jessica Chastain.		(:15)	Snatched Amy Schumer.		Movie
	MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:45) ★★ The Hunted			(:25)	Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.		Strike Back (N)		StrikeBk	(:50)	Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.	
	MAX2		382	558	18	122		★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.				StrikeBk		(:50)	★★★★ Raging Bull ('80, Bio) Robert De Niro.			★ Murder by Num...	
	PLEX				96			(5:10) Explorers		★★★ Jumanji Robin Williams.				(:40)	★★ Zathura: A Space Adventure			★ The Adventures of Rocky ...	
	SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) Nutty Prof...		The Chi		The Trade (N)		Eddie Griffin (N)		(:15) The Trade		(:15) Office Chris...	
	TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Undertow		Some Kind of Wonderful				(:35) ★★ Sign O' the Times				★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack.	
CABLE	A&E		27	58	28	35	47	(4:00) Live PD		Live PD "Rewind"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol.				Live PD			
	AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Day Af...		★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl						★★ Green Lantern Ryan Reynolds.			
	BET		58	-		40		(:05) ★ Only for One Night ('16, Thril) Kamuche Tran, Brian White.						The Quad		Black	Mancave	Rundown	Martin
	BRAVO		65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Medic. "Island Fever"		★★ There's Something About Mary Ben Stiller.				Movie	
	CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Job Inter	Job Inter	Job Inter	Job Inter
	CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN Special Report	
	DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Rush "Broken Men"		Gold Rush		Parker v Beets (N)		(:10) White Water		(:10) Parker v Beets		(:10) Gold Rush	
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	ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Davidson at Rhode Island (L)				NCAA Basketball Detroit Mercy at Oakland (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five	
	FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Grill Dads	Diners	Diners	Diners
	FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	★★★★ Lilo & Stitch Daveigh Chase.				★★★★ Pocahontas Irene Bedard.				The 700 Club		Grown	Grown
	FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Ford High School Player of the Year (N)		Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL	Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Post-game (L)	Stars Insider	UEFA Mag. (N)	Europa Mag. (N)
	FX		31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr...								★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Robert Downey Jr...			
	HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Perfect Match		★ All Things Valentine Sarah Rafferty.				Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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	LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ Brown Sugar Taye Diggs.		★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor Jurnee Smollett.				Rap Game "Sweet 16 Showdown" (N)		(:10) Da Brat (N) /(:15) To Be Announced		★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confe...	
	MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	43				Access	NCAA Hockey Ohio State at Notre Dame (L)					American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.	
	NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	★ To Be Announced				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.						★★★ Bad Boys Will Smith.	
	SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ The Fifth E...		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
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	TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:00) ★ Tess		★★★ What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?				★★★★ A Room With a View				Movie	
	TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
	TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Untold Stories of the ER "Never Say Die"		Untold Stories of the ER "Shocking!"		Untold: Extra Dose "Dr. Robot"		Untold Stories of the ER "Heeled!"		Untold: Extra Dose "Dr. Robot"		Untold Stories of the ER "Heeled!"	
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	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	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN		19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Mother and grandmother clash over girl's living arrangements

DEAR ABBY



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DEAR ABBY: How old does a child have to be before she is able to choose a relative to live with? I'm the one my granddaughter wants to stay with. Her home life is in turmoil because of her parents' nasty divorce.

Ever since her mother (my daughter) found out my granddaughter wants to live with me, she has forbidden her to talk to me, and me to contact her. Her mother is depressed and angry, but won't seek counseling. She doesn't talk to me unless it's to say ugly things. My granddaughter said her mother never smiles anymore. We are very close and this hurts my heart. She's a good girl and should be able to be happy. We live several hours away, and are more than willing to have her. She already has a room here, and our home is never happier than when she's visiting. We haven't spoken to her in months, and we really miss her. Her younger sibling gets most of the positive attention, while she receives mostly negative attention. I have seen this happen many times. She tries so hard to please her mom. I don't know what to do to help her. — HEARTBROKEN IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: It would have been helpful if you had mentioned why your daughter is angry with you and is preventing your grandchild from contacting you and vice versa. If she's in such bad shape that it is negatively affecting your granddaughter, your questions should be addressed to a lawyer. If your granddaughter is in her teens, she might be considered mature enough to ask to live with a relative other than her mother. If not, and her mother's hostility is affecting her schoolwork, a trusted teacher or counselor at school might be able to see she gets the emotional support she needs.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very outgoing. He loves chatting on the phone for hours, and talks with all the neighbors up and down the street. He's retired, so it's fine — up to a point.

We have a set time for dinner, which is 6:30, and he knows it. Invariably he'll be on the phone or up the street when it's close to dinner. I always remind him 10 to 15 minutes ahead, which gives him time to be here to eat, but he'll keep chatting until he's anywhere from 15 minutes to half an hour late to dinner. I feel it's incredibly rude for him to be late. When I tell him that, he laughs like it's a big joke. Short of treating him like a 2-year-old and throwing his food away if he doesn't show up on time, I'm not sure what to do. Can you help? — FED UP IN NAPA, CALIF.

DEAR FED UP: I can't force your husband to the dinner table and neither can you. To toss his dinner into the garbage would be too overtly hostile and a waste of food. Try this: Tell him dinner time is 6:30, but prepare the food as if it's for 6:45 or 7.

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Power of the hidden hand

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ J 5 3
♡ Q 10 8 3
◇ Q 6 4
♣ K 9 3

WEST
♠ 4
♡ A 7 6 2
◇ J 3 2
♣ J 10 8 7 2

EAST
♠ 7 6
♡ K J 5 4
◇ A K 10 9 7
♣ Q 6

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9 8 2
♡ 9
◇ 8 5
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1◇	4♠	All pass	

Opening lead: Two of ◇

East-West were playing "third and fifth" leads, where the lowest card is led from any holding with an odd number of cards — three, five, or seven. This lead is made without regard to the strength of the suit and no honor card is promised. This approach can be helpful when the key to the defense is working out declarer's distribution.

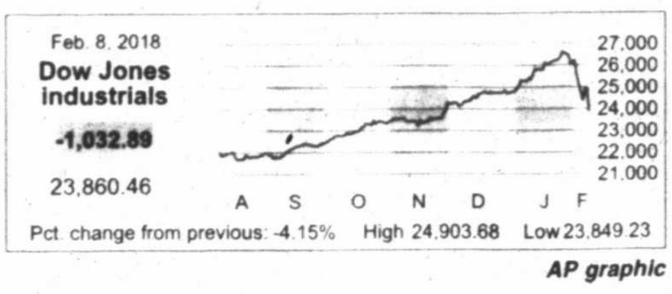
There are other hands, however, where knowing that partner has an honor in the suit when he leads a low card can be more important.

Declarer in today's deal was Barbara Travis, a leading Australian player. She played low from dummy on the opening diamond lead, losing to East's king. Travis won the spade shift with her ace and took a moment to think about the hand. The contract has little apparent play, seeming to have four inescapable losers. Declarer can scramble just enough entries to make the hand if East started with exactly three hearts to the ace, king, jack, but that was an unlikely lie of the cards.

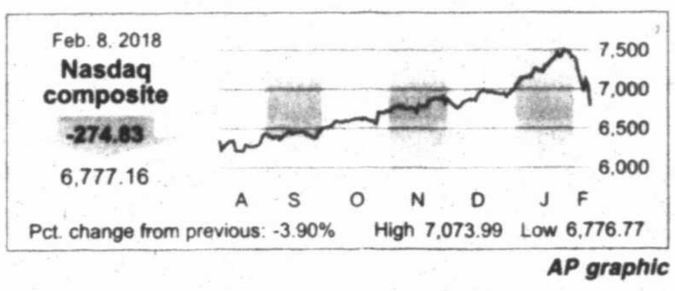
Travis decided to try for a swindle, taking advantage of the fact that her hand was hidden from the defenders. She crossed to dummy with the jack of spades, drawing the last trump, and led a low diamond away from dummy's queen. East, not knowing who held the jack, rose with the ace and Travis had pulled it off. She was able to discard her club loser on the queen of diamonds to make her contract.

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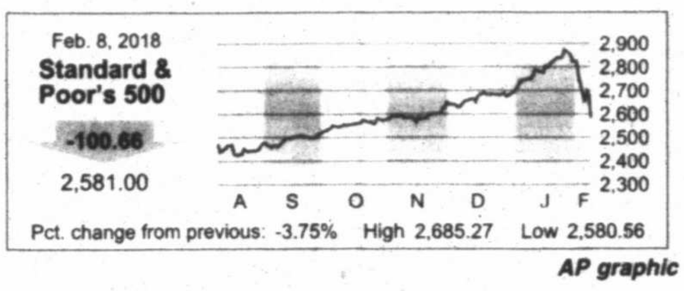
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Previous: $61.79

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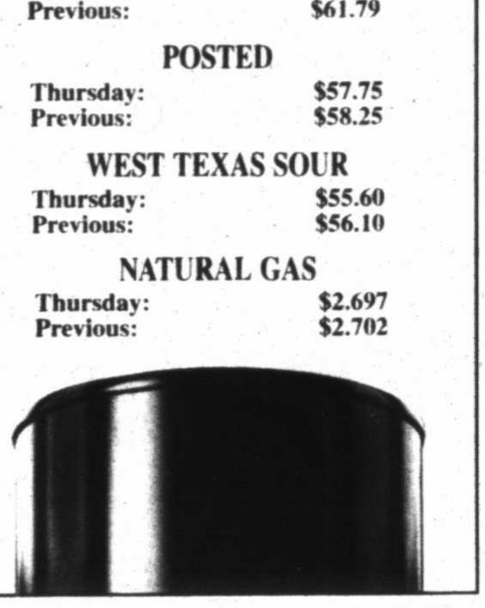
Thursday: $57.75
Previous: $58.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: $55.60
Previous: $56.10

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: $2.697
Previous: $2.702



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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	243341	257.77	-9.90
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SPDR Fncl	1352539	27.16	-1.27
GenElec	1340868	14.45	-.80

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GrubHub	89.04	+19.13	+27.4
BlueApron n	3.70	+.50	+15.6
IDN Geo rs	23.05	+3.05	+15.3
Coty	19.96	+2.48	+14.2
JustEngy g	4.58	+.54	+13.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CGG rs	3.31	-2.77	-45.6
QntmDSS rs	3.90	-1.67	-30.0
VelDfyIn n	28.35	-8.21	-22.5
ProShtVx s	9.58	-2.72	-22.1
NustarEn	25.30	-5.95	-19.0

DIARY

Advanced	325
Declined	2,623
Unchanged	64
Total issues	3,012
New Highs	16
New Lows	205
Volume	5,280,329,466

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShIndia bt	70292	34.29	-.68
B2gold g	68001	2.86	+.07
NDynMin g	56498	1.10	-.08
NwGold g	56184	2.77	+.01
SRC Eng	23020	8.52	-.29

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVitmxWk	29.82	+8.19	+38.2
FTE Net n	18.00	+2.00	+12.5
InfoBrdc rs	2.61	+.22	+9.2
AvalonHld	2.17	+.17	+8.5
Sifco	7.05	+.55	+8.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVitmxInF	2.50	-1.52	-37.8
LifeEn n	3.34	-.34	-9.2
Contango	3.26	-.25	-7.1
Libbey	5.93	-.40	-6.3
OncoCyte n	3.40	-.20	-5.6

DIARY

Advanced	85
Declined	233
Unchanged	16
Total issues	334
New Highs	1
New Lows	11
Volume	106,038,830

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	1117743	13.50	+4.41
PwShs QQQ	935177	153.45	-6.76
Microsoft	552423	85.01	-4.60
Apple Inc	541174	155.15	-4.39
MicronT	535673	40.00	-2.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVixSh rs	13.50	+4.41	+48.5
VirtusFin n	26.50	+6.45	+32.2
Infinera	8.96	+2.06	+29.9
Nxt-ID rs	2.55	+.55	+27.5
CSVixST rs	23.35	+4.50	+23.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ClickUnv	17.17	-9.37	-35.3
iRobot	59.80	-28.24	-32.1
Gemphire n	6.24	-2.39	-27.7
EvrspnTc n	6.96	-1.72	-19.8
Inpixon rs	3.05	-.75	-19.7

DIARY

Advanced	428
Declined	2,452
Unchanged	156
Total issues	3,036
New Highs	28
New Lows	143
Volume	2,682,574,212

Dow industrials drop another 1,000 points as selling spreads

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged again Thursday, and for the second time in four days the Dow Jones industrial average sank more than 1,000 points.

The two best-known stock market indexes, the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500, have dropped 10 percent from their all-time highs, set Jan. 26. That means they are in what is known on Wall Street as a "correction," their first in almost two years.

Stocks fell further and further as the day wore on and suffered their fifth loss in the last six days. Many of the companies that led the market's gains over the last year have struggled badly in the last week. Those included technology companies, banks, and retailers and travel companies and homebuilders.

After huge gains in the first weeks of this year, stocks started to tumble last Friday after the Labor Department said workers' wages grew at a fast rate in January. That's good for the economy, but investors worried it will hurt corporate profits and that rising wages are a sign of faster inflation. It could prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates at a faster pace, which would act as a brake on the economy.

"Far and away the most important things are the fear that the Fed is going to make a mistake, and higher wages are going to cut into margins," said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist for Wells Fargo Investment Institute. The worry, he said, is that the Fed will raise interest rates too quickly.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 1,032.89 points, or 4.1 percent, to 23,860.46. Boeing, Goldman Sachs and Home Depot took some of the worst losses.

The S&P 500, the benchmark for many index funds, shed 100.66 points, or 3.8 percent, to 2,581. It hasn't been that low since mid-November. The Nasdaq composite fell 274.82 points, or 3.9 percent, to 6,777.16.

Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Globalt Investments, said he didn't see anything specific moving the market lower today, just a continuation of a shift in investor mindset from fear of missing out in a rising market to worry of clocking big losses in a market that's turned.

"This is going to take longer to work out than people expect," he said. "In January we talked about fear of missing out. What we have now is what I call fear of getting caught."

The losses were broad. Eight stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange and 490 of the companies in the S&P 500 took a loss.

The market didn't get much help Thursday from company earnings reports, several of which disappointed investors. While U.S. companies mostly did well at the end of 2017, a number of them had a weak finish to the year.

Hanesbrands, which makes underwear, T-shirts and socks, reported a smaller profit than investors expected, and its forecast for the current year didn't live up to analysts' estimates either. The company also said it will pay $400 million to buy Australian retailer Bras N Things. The stock dropped $2.39, or 10.9 percent, to $19.57.

IRobot, which makes Roomba vacuums, plummeted 32 percent after projected a smaller annual profit than Wall Street was expecting. The stock dropped $28.24 to $59.80.

Twitter had a banner day, soaring 12 percent after turning in a profit for the first time. Its fourth-quarter revenue was also better than expected. The stock rose $3.27 to $30.18.

Online delivery company GrubHub soared after it announced a partnership with Yum Brands, the parent of Taco Bell and KFC. GrubHub will provide the delivery people and technology to let people order food from those restaurants. GrubHub jumped $19.13, or 27.4 percent, to $89.04.

After a sharp loss Wednesday, benchmark U.S. crude lost 64 cents, or 1 percent, to $61.15 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard for oil prices, gave up 70 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $64.81 per barrel in London.

Stocks in Europe declined and bond yields increased after the Bank of England said could raise interest rates in coming months because of the strong global economy. That also sent the pound higher. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 1.5 percent and the French CAC 40 lost 2 percent. Germany's DAX declined 2.6 percent.

Bond prices wobbled and turned higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.83 percent from 2.84 percent. Rising yields have made bonds more appealing to some investors compared to stocks. The yield on the 10-year note was as low as 2.04 percent as recently as September.

In other commodities trading, wholesale gasoline remained at $1.77 a gallon. Heating oil lost 1 cent to $1.92 a gallon. Natural gas gave up 1 cent to $2.70 per 1,000 cubic feet.

San Francisco sues over ride-hailing licenses

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California law allowing Uber and Lyft drivers to have a single business license to drive anywhere in the state is depriving San Francisco of fees that could offset maintenance and traffic costs created by ride-hailing services, San Francisco officials said in a lawsuit filed Thursday against the state.

The law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown last year prevents San Francisco from requiring drivers who live outside the city to pay for and obtain a local business license when driving in the city, City Attorney Dennis Herrera said. Herrera said nearly every other business owner who operates in San Francisco is required to obtain a local license.

"Uber and Lyft need to play by the same rules as every other business in San Francisco," Herrera said in a statement. "Out-of-town drivers are choking our streets as their corporate overseers design ways to stiff city taxpayers when it comes to congestion, road repair and traffic safety costs."

Twitter makes money for first time ever, but problems remain

NEW YORK — Twitter made money for the first time in its nearly 12-year history, a milestone that satisfied investors in the short term but might not resolve the company's broader problems any time soon.

The company is still struggling to get people to sign up, despite the attention President Donald Trump's no-holds barred tweets have drawn to the service. One problem: Anyone can read tweets without signing up. As a result, Twitter's user base pales compared with Facebook and the Facebook-owned Instagram.

And that means fewer advertising opportunities.

Beyond that, Twitter has been dealing with policing hate speech and abusive comments, fake accounts and attempts by Russian agents to spread misinformation. Every time Twitter tries to respond to a problem, it's either not good enough, or some other problem emerges.

"They are playing whack-a-mole with these problems," said Michael Connor, whose Open Mic group helps investors push tech companies to address privacy, abuse and other issues. "They say they have the problem under control, but they don't know what the problem is exactly."

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $140.09 Down 8.01

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.97 Down 0.24

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $111.33 Down 7.17

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.21 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.41 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.60 Unchanged

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $15.41 Down 1.08

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.44 Down 2.46

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.86 Down 0.27

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $22.86 Down 0.28

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	4.56	-.04	-19.4
AT&T Inc	2.00f	13	35.57	-1.36	-8.5
Abraxas	...	53	2.12	-.11	-13.8
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	14.61	-.51	-2.8
AMD	...	...	11.22	-.38	+9.1
AkensBios	...	...	.44	+.03	+229.9
Alibaba	...	49	173.70	-6.60	+.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.54	-.60	-2.3
Ambev	.05e	6	6.46	-.08	...
Amgen	5.28e	16	173.12	-4.35	-.4
Anadarko	1.00f	65	56.20	-2.52	+4.8
Apache	1.00	...	37.73	-1.82	-10.6
Apple Inc	2.52	18	155.15	-4.39	-8.3
ApldMatl	.40	14	45.75	-2.94	-10.5
Archrock	.48	...	9.10	-.30	-13.3
ATMOS	1.88f	15	78.96	+.47	-8.1
AutoData	2.52	29	108.25	-5.31	-7.6
BP PLC	2.38	21	38.55	-.46	-5.9
BkofAm	.48	19	29.74	-1.51	+.7
B iPVxST rs	...	...	55.15	+10.58	+97.5
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	14.95	+.01	-2.0
BarrickG	.12	20	13.23	-.16	-8.6
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	23280000.00	-13000.00		-3.2
BlkHillsCp	1.78	15	50.72	-1.06	-15.6
BrilfySq	1.60f	62	62.69	+.06	+2.3
BrownFA s	.76	37	62.69	-1.10	-8.8
BrownFB s	.76	...	63.33	-1.75	-7.8
CVS Health	2.00	12	70.55	-3.80	-2.7
Cactus n	...	...	20.25	...	...
CallonPet	...	32	10.22	-.57	-15.9
Caterpillar	3.12	25	145.99	-8.35	-7.4
Celestic g	...	8	10.24	-.15	-2.3
Cemex	.29t	...	7.36	-.44	-1.9
CntryLink	2.16	8	16.20	-.86	-2.9
ChesEng	...	5	2.82	-.07	-28.8
Chevron	4.48f	50	112.30	-2.98	-10.3
Chicos	.33	14	9.64	-.31	+9.3
Cimarex	.32	26	100.19	-5.72	-17.9
Cisco	1.16	20	38.77	-1.57	+1.2
Citigroup	1.28	14	71.57	-3.12	-3.4
ClevCliffs	...	5	6.63	-.17	-8.0
CocaCola	1.48	28	43.10	-1.46	-8.1
ColgPalm	1.80	24	68.86	-1.22	-8.6
Comcast s	.76f	18	38.19	-1.96	-4.3
ConAgra	.85	19	35.49	-.40	-5.8
ConchoRes	...	...	140.09	-8.01	-8.7
ConocoPhil	1.14f	43	53.34	-2.39	-3.0
Coty	.50	...	19.96	+2.48	+.4
CrackerB	4.80	29	165.41	-4.83	+4.1
CSVixSh rs	...	...	13.50	+4.41	+143.7
CrosTim	.93e	14	14.86	-.18	-.2
DCP Mid	3.12	54	38.40	-1.46	+5.7
DTE	3.53f	19	98.49	-.78	-10.0
DevonE	.24	50	34.94	-1.82	-15.6
DxSCBear rs	...	...	13.89	+1.11	+13.2
DxBioBear	...	...	3.96	+.52	-14.1
Disney	1.68f	14	101.35	-3.41	-5.7
EOG Resrcs	.57	...	101.04	-4.74	-6.4
Energen	.08	...	49.29	-2.54	-14.4
EnPro	.88	46	81.39	-2.96	-13.0
ENSCO	.04	...	4.92	-.25	-16.8
EntProdPt	1.70f	20	26.00	-.66	-1.9
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.24	-.18	-6.6
ExxonMbl	3.08	16	76.07	-.87	-9.1
Facebook	...	32	171.58	-8.60	-2.8
FordM	.60a	5	10.43	-.33	-16.5
FrptMcM	...	14	17.16	-.70	-9.5
GATX	1.76f	14	65.19	-1.30	+4.9
GablMutT	.94e	...	9.14	-.18	-.7
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.97	-.82	-6.2
GenElec	.48	...	14.45	-.80	-17.3
GenMotors	1.52	...	40.75	-1.64	-.6
GtPlainEn	1.10	17	29.28	-.07	-9.2
HP Inc	.53	12	19.92	-1.29	-5.2
Hallibrtn	.72	...	47.41	-2.28	-3.0
Hanesbds s	.60	10	19.57	-2.39	-6.4
HuntBncsh	.44	18	15.10	-.54	+3.7
iShBrazil	.67e	...	42.29	-1.44	+4.5
iShChinaLC	.57e	...	46.05	-2.02	-.3
iShEMkts	.59e	...	45.88	-1.64	-3.1
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	118.69	-.13	-6.4
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	68.30	-1.83	-2.9
iShBdHYB	5.09	...	85.19	-.75	-2.4
iShR2K	1.77e	...	145.56	-4.28	-4.5
iShREst	2.76e	...	71.79	-2.20	-11.4
Intel	1.20f	16	42.75	-2.46	-7.4
InterDig	1.40	10	75.90	-1.90	-3
iShJapan rs	...	...	58.48	-1.79	-2.4
iShCorEM	.95e	...	55.19	-1.91	-3.0
JD.com	...	25	42.25	-2.14	+2.0
JPMorgCh	2.24f	17	107.88	-4.99	+.9
JohnJn	3.36	18	126.36	-5.06	-9.6
KimbClk	4.00f	17	111.89	-.67	-7.4
KindMorg	.50	25	16.80	-.49	-7.0
LegacyRes	...	...	2.21	-.08	+37.3
Lubys	...	...	2.87	-.09	+8.7
MarathnO	.20	...	15.68	-.65	-7.4
McDnlds	4.04	27	158.97	-6.74	-7.6
Merck	1.92	20	54.73	-1.15	-2.7
MeritMed	...	49	42.10	-1.25	-2.5
MexcoEn	...	...	3.41	-.20	-13.2
MicronT	...	8	40.00	-2.01	-2.7
Microsoft	1.68	62	85.01	-4.60	-.6
Nabors	.24	...	6.77	-.54	-.9
NOilVarco	.20	...	32.64	-1.41	-9.4
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.36	-.15	+15.0
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.30	-.13	-5.9
NTXQI	.65	...	13.51	-.11	-5.8
Nvidia	.60f	53	217.52	-11.28	+12.4
OcciPet	3.00	...	68.47	-1.40	-7.0
Oracle	.76	20	46.84	-2.03	-.9
PDC Engy	...	...	40.32	-2.81	-10.1
PerTech	...	22	6.83	+.11	-5.6
PerlDrl	...	...	.96	-.03	-4.5
PetIUTI	.08	...	18.71	-3.12	-18.7
PennaRE	.84	11	9.73	-.51	-18.2
Prmian	.63e	25	9.16	+.02	+3.3
Petrobras	...	...	12.21	-.55	+18.7
Pfizer	1.28	13	33.63	-1.36	-7.2
PioNtrl	.32f	...	169.16	-7.04	-2.1
PlainsAAP	2.20	27	20.93	-.42	+1.4
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	153.45	-6.76	-1.5
Praxair	3.36f	33	144.07	-6.94	-6.9
PrmEngy	...	...	58.70	...	+8.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	27.94	+9.35	+173.7
ProShtVx s	...	...	9.58	-2.72	-92.5
ProctGam	2.76	22	89.22	-1.62	-12.7
PShtQQQ rs	...	...	21.77	+2.43	+1.2
PUShtSPX	...	...	12.36	+1.24	+8.7
RangeRs	.06	14	12.82	-.30	-24.9
RegionsFn	.36	18	17.90	-1.06	+3.6
Rowan	.40	8	12.79	-.49	-18.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	96	63.23	-1.43	-5.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	238.67	-10.09	-3.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	257.77	-9.90	-3.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.63	-.26	-2.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.34	-1.35	-13.0
SabrR	2.29m	21	44.80	-.20	+.4
SanderFm	1.28	10	121.59	-3.66	-12.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	46	67.40	-2.35	...
SiriusXM	.04	33	5.85	-.15	+9.1
Smucker	3.12	15	118.37	-.68	-4.7
SnapInc A n	...	...	19.39	-1.36	+32.7
SwstnEngy	...	26	3.64	+.04	-34.8
Sprint	...	3	5.37	-.14	-8.8
Square n	...	...	39.50	-2.17	+13.9
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	80.95	-2.95	-2.1
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	53.60	-1.18	-5.8
SP Consum	1.12e	...	100.16	-4.16	+1.5
SP Engy	2.04e	...	66.72	-2.08	-7.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	27.16	-1.27	-2.7
SP Inds	1.12e	...	73.02	-2.93	-3.5
SP Tech	.78e	...	62.01	-2.68	-3.0
SP Util	1.55e	...	47.56	-.54	-9.7
Starbucks s	1.20	25	53.77	-.69	-8.4
TelefEsp	1.29e	...	9.23	-.32	-6.6
TevaPhrm	.73e	6	18.64	-2.21	-1.6
3M Co	5.44f	28	222.89	-10.30	-5.3
Torchmark	.60	17	80.52	-2.76	-11.2
Transocn	...	9	9.18	-.46	-14.0
TriContl	1.00e	...	26.11	-.77	-3.1
Twitter	...	...	30.18	+3.27	+25.7
TylerTech	...	59	187.41	-3.12	+5.9
UBSI	1.36f	22	33.65	-1.15	-3.2
US OilFd	...	...	12.09	-.28	+.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	12.36	-.35	+1.1
ValeroE	3.20f	23	86.77	-3.07	-5.6
VanEGold	.06e	...	21.67	-.13	-8.8
VnEkRus	.01e	...	21.55	-.60	+1.6
VnEkSemi	.58e	...	95.25	-3.98	-2.6
VEdxOilSvc	.47e	...	24.20	-1.19	-7.1
VangEmg	1.10e	...	44.96	-1.56	-2.1
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	43.36	-1.11	-3.3
VerizonCm	2.36	7	49.04	-1.97	-7.3
Vulcanmll	1.00	38	121.47	-6.77	-5.4
WEC Engy	2.21f	19	59.50	-.36	-10.4
WalgBoots	1.60	14	68.22	-3.31	-6.1
WeathfIntl	...	...	2.87	-.06	-31.2
WellsFargo	1.56	13	55.40	-2.14	-8.7
WmsCos	1.20	49	28.56	-1.44	-6.3
XcelEngy	1.44	18	42.44	-.02	-11.8
Xerox rs	1.00	37	29.80	-1.38	+2.2
Zynga	...	...	3.49	-.20	-12.8

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,002.81	Dow Jones Industrials	23,860.46	-1032.89	-4.15	-3.47	+18.28
11,429.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,159.60	-400.99	-3.80	-4.27	+8.68
776.80	648.76	Dow Jones Utilities	647.90	-9.86	-1.50	-10.43	-2.53
13,637.02	11,196.93	NYSE Composite	12,270.85	-416.53	-3.28	-4.20	+8.32
7,505.77	5,649.39	Nasdaq Composite	6,777.16	-274.83	-3.90	-1.83	+18.58
2,872.87	2,285.38	S&P 500	2,581.00	-100.66	-3.75	-3.46	+11.83
2,001.46	1,673.30	S&P Midcap	1,801.29	-61.25	-3.29	-5.22	+5.25
29,760.80	23,879.84	Wilshire 5000	26,822.11	-1082.75	-3.60	-3.93	+11.04
1,615.52	1,385.09	Russell 2000	1,483.79	-44.18	-2.93	-4.67	+6.19

SUDOKU

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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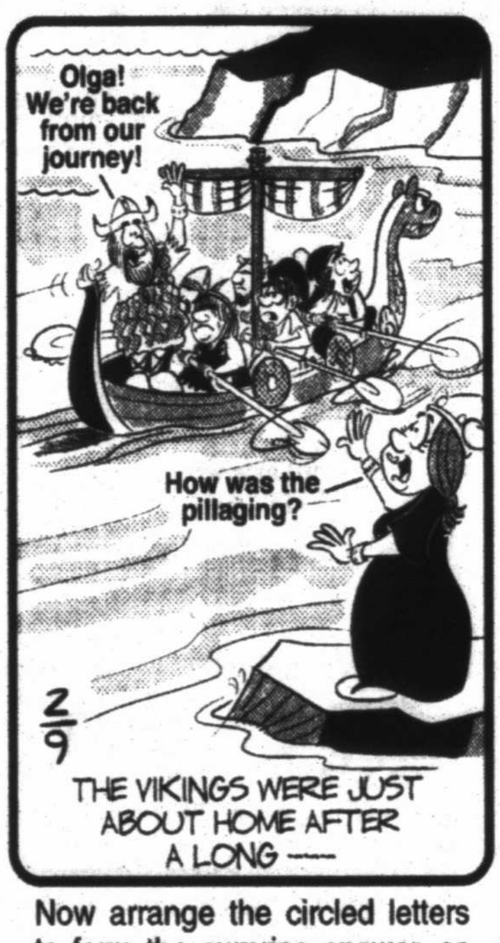
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

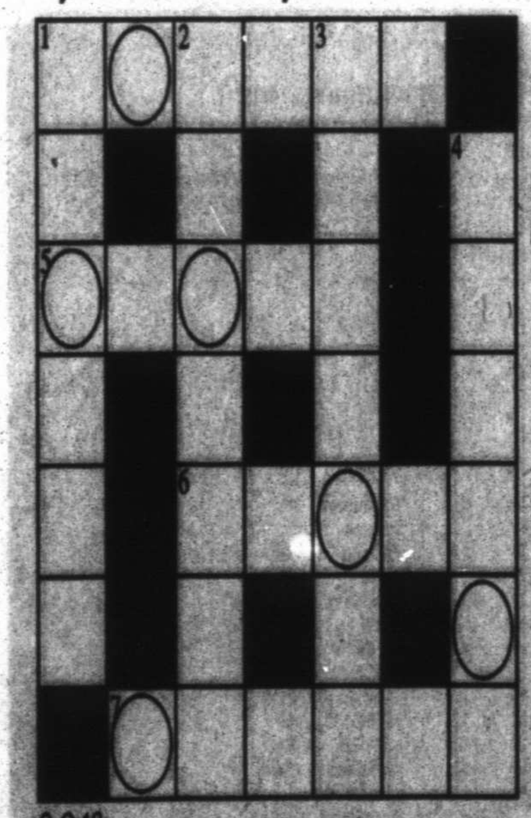
Answer here: " " ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOWN ADAPT DEFECT WETTER
Answer: The high-tech sculpture of Alaska was — STATE OF THE ART

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Chicken liver, e.g.	BTEGLI
5. Golden ___	AEELG
6. Dissolve, cancel	UNANL
7. Roar	EBOLWL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Elbow ___	ESAGRE
2. Traveler's burden	GABGAEG
3. Never-ending	NETRLAE
4. Trail, pursue	OLFWLO

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.

2-9-18 **CLUE:** This company was incorporated on July 15, 1916, as "Pacific Aero Products Co."

BONUS ( )

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ANSWERS: 1A-Glove 6A-Annul 7A-Below 1D-Grease 2D-Baggage 3D-Eternal 4D-Follow B-Boxing

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 #1
7 #2
14 Crone
15 Sarajevo citizen
16 Gets to
17 Settled down
18 Merry, in Metz
19 Prog. formally reinstated at Harvard in 2011
21 Hotel experience
22 Sturdy trees
24 #3
26 #4
29 Future D.A.'s hurdles
31 Future salmon
32 Troubles
33 Belg. locale
35 Travel guide listing
37 #5
38 It's a bit more than it sounds, and hints at this puzzle's theme
41 #6
43 MS-__
44 Party bowlful
45 Goddess usually depicted holding an ankh
46 "M*A*S*H" rank: Abbr.
48 Some archaeological sites
52 #7
53 #8
55 Pique-nique setting
56 Karate training site
59 Lose steam
61 __ Speedwagon
62 Becomes more complex
65 High-tech med. procedure
67 Police actions
68 Speak well in public
69 #9
70 #10

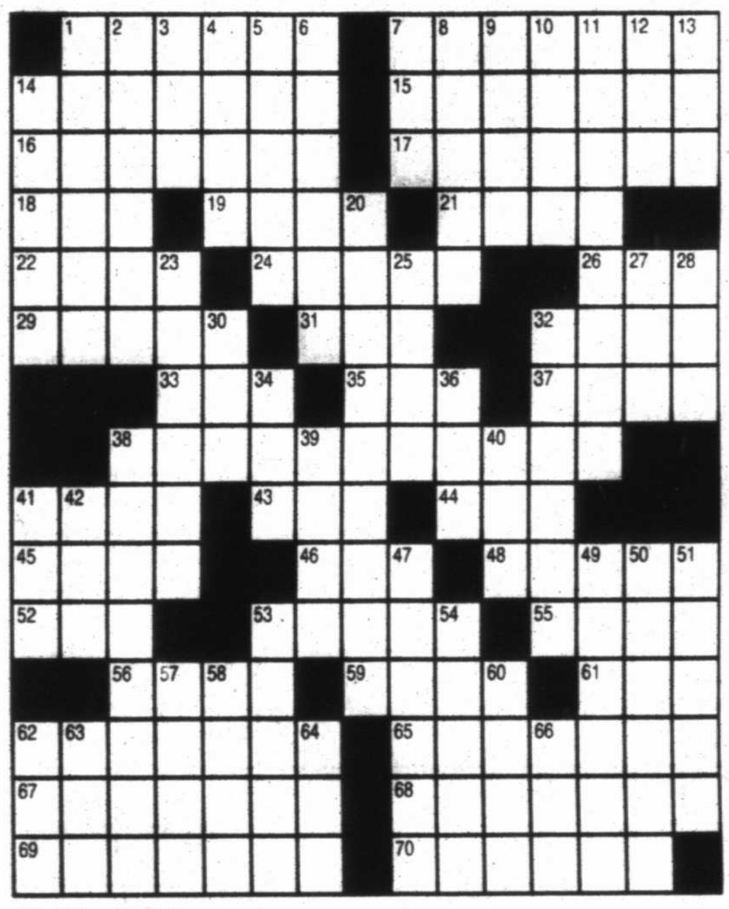
DOWN

1 Most of the periodic table
2 __ Thule: distant place in medieval geography
3 HHS agency
4 Sunny
5 "You are!" retort
6 Argonaut known for wise counsel
7 Cookout fare, briefly
8 Awaken
9 "Ya think?"
10 Fit-for-service designation
11 Urban design
12 "Some __ meat and canna eat": start of the Selkirk Grace
13 Conclusion
14 #11
20 #12
23 Lifts
25 Have an inclination
27 Variety
28 Language suffix
30 Czech composer Josef, son-in-law of Dvořák
32 Frozen treat
34 Like half of Poland's flag
36 Silent assent
38 Horse racing accessories
39 Ex-quarterback Tony
40 Clearasil target
41 Cookout morsel
42 Brutus Buckeye is its mascot: Abbr.
47 Really pumped
49 __ Aurelius, second-century Roman emperor
50 What a sprinter might run out of
51 #13
53 "__ know you?"
54 Musical nonsense syllables
57 Intl. energy group
58 Bach's "__, Joy of Man's Desiring"
60 Hugh Laurie's alma mater
62 Unit of hot mustard, for most
63 NW Penn. airport
64 Aircraft in the Smithsonian Inst. collection
66 Chem.; for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

D	Y	E	S	■	S	O	F	A	R	■	M	A	M	A
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Print Your Answers Here:

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2. ( )

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2. Scattered showers

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed to amend existing P-17 permit #7169 with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following amended P-17 application is for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (45392) LHS Ranch 27 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (45772) Elona Brown 35 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (45856) Pat Anderson 26 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (46018) Frank Midkiff 35 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47254) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3301 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47366) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3302 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47269) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3303 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47279) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3304 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3305 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3306 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3307 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3308 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47380) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3311 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47276) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3312 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47458) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3313 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47379) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3314 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(New Lease ID) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3315 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) LHS Ranch 27-33 Allocation 3317 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47810) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2205 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47394) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2206 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47849) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2207 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; ; (47935) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2208 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field;(47816) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2215 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47957) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2217 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47559) LHS Ranch 27-22 Allocation 2218 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47831) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2603 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47850) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2602 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47861) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2604 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (48018) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2612 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (47866) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2614 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (48330) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2611 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (48501) Elona Brown 35 Allocation 2613 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (48711) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 3808 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 3816 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (48620) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 2618 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 2605 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 2616 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 2617 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 3805 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; (New Lease ID) Frank Midkiff 35 Allocation 3807 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC field; in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to the P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margaret Gilbert Berger, Deceased, were issued on February 2, 2018, in Cause No. P-19313, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Byron Gilbert Berger, Co-Independent Executor, whose address is 3000 N. Garfield Street, Suite 175, Midland, Texas 79705 and Walter R. Berger, III, Co-Independent Executor, whose address is 9697 Cherryvale Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80126.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 5th day of February, 2018.

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By: Cory R. McDowell
State Bar No. 24051888
Whitney S. Ellis
State Bar No.

ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Glenn Miller to vacate the following described utility easement. The 0.021-acre portion of the utility easement located out of Lot 41, Block 8, Mockingbird Heights, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located, on the south side of Greenville Circle, approximately 315-feet east of North Midland Drive. - Council District 1

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Proposals for Kitchen Equipment Repair

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP # 18-04 Kitchen Equipment Repair** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **10:00 A.M. Friday, March 2, 2018.** Award will be based on the following criteria **Per Texas Education Code Sec. 44.031 (b), the District shall consider the following criteria.**

1. The purchase price; (50 points)
2. The reputation of the vendor and the vendor's goods or services; (10 points)
3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services; (10 points)
4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs; (5 points)
5. The vendor's past relationship with the district; (5 points)
6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses; (0 points)
7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services; (0 points)
8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for proposals. (10 points)

Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.net/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

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Legal and Public Notices

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage License/ Permit by Los Jaliciense Primos Inc. dba El Jimador Bar & Grill to be located at 911 S. Big Spring, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Juan Hernandez, President, Sergio Arias, Vice President, Francisco Hernandez, Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOIS BLUEMN GOOCH, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on January 30, 2018, Letters Testamentary were issued to Gina Ragan as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Lois Bluemn Gooch, Deceased," being No. P19308 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Gina Ragan, 2512 Culpeper, Midland, TX 79705, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED: February 5, 2018.

Gina Ragan,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of
Lois Bluemn Gooch, Deceased

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of public sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien per Chapter 59 Texas Property Code Sale

10 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018

A3 Storage
4610 N Holiday Hill Rd.
Midland, TX 79707
432-697-2222

Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup will be temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to accept/refuse any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in space of tenant listed below.

Unit	Customer	Contents
E3	Roman Anzures	furniture, mattress, etc.
F42	Braden Brownlee	misc. items
D8	Caleb Chavez	truck frame, toys, grill, etc.
A4	Eric Cortez	TV, Keurig, household items, etc.
E38	Joann Elizondo	household items, toys, tools, etc.
F4	Sally Lawler	household and misc. items
E22	Fabian Weatherholt	appliances, furniture, misc. items
P34	Evelyn Torres	'86 Chevy Silverado

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James T. Sneed, Deceased, were issued on February 6,2018, in Cause No. P19316; pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Billy J. Sneed, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2003 Seaboard, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 6th day of February, 2018.

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ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Benton Duke for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, Section 11-1-6, - Zoning district classification; use and development regulations for approval to allow the use of a manufactured home in a AE, Agriculture Estate District on the following described property:

A 30.36-acre tract of land out of the southwest ¼ of Section 10, Block X, H. P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northside of Mockingbird Land, approximately 1,308 - feet of N Garfield Street. (Council District 1)

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CITY OF MIDLAND
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City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by True Star Capital LLC for a Zone Change from 1F-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to 1F-2, One-Family Dwelling District on the following described property:

A 30.75-acre tract of land out of Section 9, Block X, H. P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located west of North Garfield Street, approximately 617-feet north of Mockingbird Lane. (Council District 1)

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Public Notice
Proposal #2018-009

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for a student tour company. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORMA N. HEMBREE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on February 6, 2018, Letters Testamentary were issued to Joe F. Hembree as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Norma N. Hembree, Deceased," being No. P19320 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Joe F. Hembree, 240 1 South County Road 1110, Midland, TX 79705, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED: February 6, 2018.

Joe F. Hembree,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Norma N. Hembree, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Kirwan, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2018, in Cause No. P-19303, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to John M. Kirwan, Independent Executor, whose address is 2303 Nicholson Street, Houston, Texas 77008.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 5th day of February, 2018.

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By: Cory R. McDowell
State Bar No.: 24051888
Whitney S. Ellis
State Bar No.:

ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Betenbough Homes, LLC for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code, Section 11-1-7,-Area, yard, structure, parking, and miscellaneous lot and use regulations concerning the front yard setback on: a 306.65-acre tract of land out of Section 7, Block 38, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County Midland, Texas.

Generally located at the northeast intersection of Arapahoe Road and Fairgrounds Road. (Council District 1)

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A 306.65-acre tract of land out of Section 7, Block 38, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County Midland, Texas.

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Generally located on the south side of West Golf Course Road, approximately 270-feet west of North Midkiff Road. (Council District 3)

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Generally located northeast of the intersection of Briarwood Avenue and Avalon Drive. (Council District 4)

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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday February 20, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Parkhill Smith & Cooper for approval of a Residential Replat on Lots 39, and 40, Block 18, Heritage Oaks, Section 6, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located north of Turtle Creek Road, and 165-feet west of Pedernales Drive. (Council District 4)

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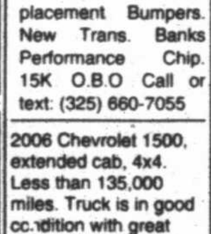
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