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January was one of the warmest on record in Midland.

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Accidents inside city drop another 10 percent

Midland Drive/Wadley Avenue cited as most dangerous intersection

From staff reports

Fewer people were on the city's roads and fewer accidents took place in 2016, according to statistics released Wednesday.

The number of crashes decreased by 10 percent from 2015 to 2016, according to the city in its 2016 traffic crash report. It was the second straight year the city reported a 10-percent decrease — the number of crashes dropped from an all-time high of 4,013 in 2014 to 3,602 in 2015 to 3,233 last year.

The total number of crashes within the city was similar to other comparably sized cities in Texas, according to a press release from the city. There were approximately 24.3 crashes per year per 1,000 residents in Midland, according to the city. Other cities in the comparison were Carrollton (23.41), Waco (29.82), Denton (29.06) and Abilene (27.46).

Overall traffic volume counts taken in 2016 were down about 5.5 percent compared to 2015, according to the report.

The city did report an increase in fatalities inside the city from 10 in 2015 to 11 last year. There was in contrast to a decrease in the number of fatalities reported on roads inside Midland County which, according to Reporter-Telegram records, went from 30 in 2015 to 18 last year.

The most dangerous intersection in Midland, according to the report, was Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue. This was followed by Andrews Highway and the Loop 250 West service road. The third

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By the numbers, city by city

City	Population	Crashes	Fatalities	Crashes per 1,000 Pop.	Fatalities per 1,000 Pop.
Carrollton	133,168	3,117	4	23.41	0.0300
Midland	132,950	3,233	11	24.32	0.0827
Waco	132,356	3,947	12	29.82	0.0907
Denton	131,044	3,808	23	29.06	0.1755
Abilene	121,721	3,343	12	27.46	0.0986

HANGING ON A PRAYER

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A tractor-trailer truck ended up hanging between the overpasses off I-20 and Rankin Highway on Wednesday. The truck, heading east on I-20, drove into the median going up the overpass and stopped with the cab hanging down the embankment between the two bridges. No one was injured in the accident.

UTPB faces large budget cut; officials worried

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa American

Although the legislative session has just begun, University of Texas of the Permian Basin officials are a bit concerned about its budget outlook.

The Senate's proposed version at the moment includes a $21.8 million, or 52 percent cut to the general revenue portion of UTPB's state appropriations for the 2016-17 biennium, Vice President for Business Affairs Mark McGurk said. This is because the Senate zeroed out all of its special line items, McGurk said.

Tuition revenue and state general revenue are combined to make the UTPB budget, McGurk said.

"We use that $21.8 million to pay salaries," McGurk said. He said the Senate budget funds the funding formula and the tuition revenue bonds for a new engineering building at the CEED complex.

The net reduction in the Senate's proposed budget is $10.7 million, McGurk said.

An example of a special line item would be supplemental funds given to UTPB to help retain faculty and staff during the oil boom. McGurk said UTPB also was provided with line item funding to start the college of engineering and college of nursing.

"It's start-up money that you're given," he said. "Over time, you're supposed to generate enough revenue to start taking over all of those costs."

McGurk said there are reductions in special line items in the House bill, as well, but it offers a year over year increase of $9.5 million. The House's proposed budget funds the funding formula and UTPB's tuition revenue bond for its engineering building the next two years.

McGurk said there are about 800 total employees (including student workers), but closer to 400 are full-time equivalents. Roughly 320 positions were approved in the budget for the last biennium and the Senate's proposed budget would cut 105 of those spots.

UTPB President David Watts said the university has 6,600 students this semester.

McGurk said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Finance, has said this is just a starting point. The House and Senate have to pass budget bills and form a conference committee before the budget is ready for a vote.

"As a starting point, SB 1 prioritizes taxpayer resources toward educating the student and providing financial aid. Special items have grown exponentially, and we need a thorough review to ensure we are making the most efficient use of our higher education dollars," Nelson said in a statement.

McGurk said it will probably be April before a conference committee is formed, "so sometime in April or early May we might know what our final number is going to be."

"It's concerning, and I rely on the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee who said this is a starting point. That makes me hopeful," McGurk said.

"I'm very hopeful that the legislature will look at the good UTPB does and fund us. It's very early in the process," he added. "In the end, I'm sure going to end up with some cuts."

Watts said the cuts are of concern, but "we're trying to be calm and carry on."

"The Senate Finance Committee has established

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Price Check: Super Bowl party staples

By Trevor Hawes
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Super Bowl LI is just days away, and questions are swirling around the big event. Will New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady win his fifth championship ring? Will the Atlanta Falcons overcome the odds and take the title?

But, most importantly, can you afford to feed the guests at your Super Bowl party?

In this edition of Price Check, we went to several stores around Midland and recorded the costs of various Super Bowl party staples such as tortilla chips, avocados, ground beef and soft drinks. We went to the following stores on Wednesday: Market Street, the Wal-Mart location on North Midland Drive, the H-E-B location on Wadley Avenue, Super Mercado and Target.

We found H-E-B had the lowest price on all but two of the 10 items we checked. Market Street had the highest price on six items, while Super Mercado was the highest on five.

Here is a look at what we found:

■ **Tortilla chips:** It's not a party in West Texas without tortilla chips, and Tostitos restaurant-style chips in the 18-ounce "party size" bag were available everywhere.

The best bargain was at Target, which sold the chips for $3.50 per bag. Wal-Mart and H-E-B — as is often the case for numerous products — were priced the same at $3.98. Market Street and Super Mercado were the most expensive at $4.99.

■ **Avocados:** It's also not a party without guacamole in West Texas, so avocados are a must when planning a Super Bowl soiree. We priced small Hass avocados, which were available everywhere except Target.

H-E-B and Super Mercado had the best deal at three for $1, or about 33 cents apiece. Small avocados at Market Street and Wal-Mart were 50 cents apiece.

■ **Salsa:** Although there are many salsa brands to choose from, we checked out 16-ounce jars of Pace picante sauce because of its wide availability.

H-E-B was the only seller that priced the item below $2, and at $1.72, it was the best bargain in town. Wal-Mart, on the other hand, had the highest price. The tag read $2.68 per jar, compared to $2.39 at Market Street and $2.50 at Super Mercado and Target.

■ **Potato chips:** A Super Bowl party without potato chips might be considered a sin to some, so we recorded the prices of Lay's 10.25 oz. "family size" bags.

H-E-B priced their bags at $2.50 apiece, though Super Mercado was also $2.50 when considering its two-for-$5 sale. Lay's potato chips fetched $3.79 at Target, $3.98 at Wal-Mart and $4.29 at Market Street.

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Weather
Sunny
54/35
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$53.88	▲ $1.07
WTI Posted	$50.25	▲ $1.00
WTS Posted	$45.50	▲ $0.80
Natural Gas	$3.168	▲ $0.051
Gasoline	$2.118	▲ $0.009

Did you know?
Two Republican senators announced they **will not support Betsy DeVos.** Her confirmation is in jeopardy if one more Republican senator joins them. Page 7A

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

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Obituaries

Beatrice "Ethel" Pauline McGruder

Beatrice "Ethel" Pauline McGruder departed this life Sunday January 29, 2017.

She was born September 2, 1948 in Lamesa, Texas.

Visitation will be Friday, February 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel, 2508 N Big Spring St, Midland, TX 79705

Funeral service is set for Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Seven Cities Church, 5110 W. Illinois, Midland, TX 79703

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit the website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Luciana "Lucy" Pino

Lucy Pino, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on January 29, 2017.

She was born on May 8, 1942 in Alpine, Texas to Paula Rojo and Donaciano Rodriguez, who precede her in death. She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Lee Pino, and her brothers, Antonio Rodriguez and Jorge Rojo.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of 58 years, Joe M. Pino; her children, Norma Pino, Joe R. Pino (Angie), Nora Pino, Lorraine Barela (Gilbert), Joe A. Pino, and Nancy M. Moreno (Daniel); her grandchildren, Veronica, Joseph Donald, and Joseph Isaiah Pino, Jason, Julian, and James Barela, Joseph Daniel Pino, Joseph Matthew Pino, Jacinda and Nathan Moreno; her four great-grandchildren, Lola, Sofia, and Celia Shryock, and Jayden Barela; her sisters and brothers, Julie Hignojos (Luis), Velinda Carrillo, Dora Rodriguez, Elodia Rojo, Robert Rojo, and Mario Rojo; and by her loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.

Her pallbearers will be her two brothers and all of her grandsons.

Lucy was a devoted matriarch who loved her family deeply and enjoyed spending time surrounded by them. She will be missed by all who knew her and the loss of her warmth and light will be felt for years to come.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Larry Cook, a dear friend for over 25 years. The family would also like to thank the Lara Family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Valenzuela of Midland, and Father David and the many doctors, nurses, and staff of Midland Memorial Hospital for their caring support.

A rosary service will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe, and internment will be at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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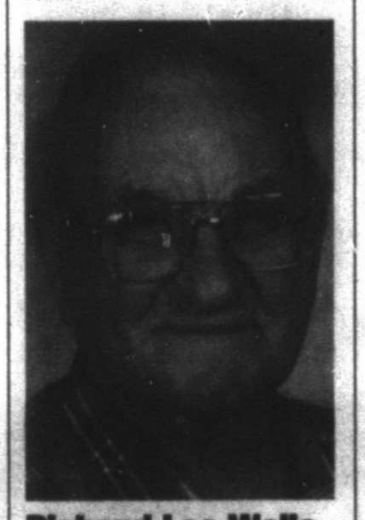
Patricia Evelyn Aycock

Patricia Evelyn Aycock passed away in Dallas, Texas on January 17, 2017 at the age of 93.

She was born November 8, 1923 in Buff Bay, Jamaica. Before moving to Dallas in 2000, she had been a long-time resident of Wichita Falls, Midland, and Tyler, Texas, and was an active member of the artistic communities in those cities.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church (GHUMC), 5835 Penrose, Dallas, Texas 75206.

Memorial gifts may be made to GHUMC or the ASPCA. Complete obituary may be viewed and condolences may be offered at *www.Restlandfuneralhome.com*.



Richard Lee Wells

Richard Lee Wells, 93, of Midland, Texas, passed away January 30, 2017.

The family will receive guests from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Temple Baptist Church with Pastor Dennis Davis, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Richard Wells was born in Bromide, Oklahoma on September 18, 1923 as the first child to Robert Lee Wells and Julia Pearl Wells. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Elgin, Oklahoma, where Richard spent his school years participating in sports which included both basketball and baseball.

Shortly after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in World War II, Dad proudly volunteered to serve his country at an early age of 18. He served in the Navy for two years in such locations as Oakland, Miami and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii primarily serving on a depth charge ship pursuing Japanese submarines in the Pacific. He often spoke of his experiences while serving his country.

Upon returning to the states and discharge from the Navy, Richard soon married his bride of 61 years, Marie Alice Redmon, in Wichita Falls, Texas. They soon moved from the farms in Oklahoma with the Redmon family to West Texas seeking work in the oilfields. There, Richard and Bruce Redmon, father-in-law, made their living for their families side by side for many years. Bruce died tragically while working alongside Richard on the same drilling rig north of Kermit, Texas. Richard proudly assumed without reservation the "father figure" role with his brother and daughters-in-law.

Richard and Marie started a family and soon had two sons, Jerry Lee Wells and Larry Len Wells. He loved participating in many sports with both sons, especially the sport of baseball which was his primary love. He coached both Little League and Pony League and was always present when his sons played both baseball as well as football.

Richard had three grandchildren, Jason (deceased), Christi Wells Piekos, and Russ Wells. In addition, his first great-grandchild, Leah Grace Piekos was born May 2015. His second great-grandchild will soon be born in May 2017. Richard loved his family as all Christian fathers do. But, he especially loved his grandchildren.

In addition, Richard cherished his daughter-in-law, Scherry Wells with all his heart. He often spoke of his fondness and of loving "the daughter he never had" in his family.

Richard continued his long career in the production side of the West Texas oil industry. He retired in Midland, Texas after nearly 45 years.

Richard was a very proud member of the Chickasaw Nation. He took great pride in his love for his Native American heritage and loved his birth state Oklahoma with all his heart.

Richard will be remembered as a hardworking, principal-oriented, dedicated Christian who loved his God, wife, and family always. He was kind, generous, and always forgiving of others regardless of the circumstances. Having lived through the Great Depression like so many others of his generation, Richard never felt "entitled." He was a man that could be counted on if there was a task to be done.

He is survived by sister, Ann Kelln Wells of Lawton, Oklahoma; sister, Beatrice Wells of Hope, Arkansas; sister, Judy Wells of Maude, Texas; sister, Dora Wells of Pennsylvania; brother, Jimmy Wells of Lawton; brother, Bobby Wells of Eugene, Oregon; son, Larry Wells and daughter-in-law Scherry Wells of Castell, Texas; granddaughter, Christi Wells Piekos of Dallas, Texas; grandson, Russ Wells of Austin, Texas; and great-granddaughter, Leah Piekos of Dallas.

He is preceded in death by wife, Marie A. Wells of Midland; son, Jerry L. Wells, of Midland; grandson, Jason Lee Wells of Midland; father, Robert Lee Wells of Elgin; mother, Julia Wells of Elgin; sister, Betty Jean Wells of Elgin; sister, Lola May Wells of Texas; and brother, Charlie Noel Wells of Fresno, California.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward the nurses and staff at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Big Spring, Texas, the nurses and Chaplain at Home Hospice, Big Spring, Texas, and the doctors and nurses at Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Hospice, 111 East 7th ST, Suite A, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

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

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

Death Notices

Dora Ruth Snodgrass - Caldwell

Dora Ruth Snodgrass-Caldwell, 54, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

A memorial service will be Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Level Path Ministries.

She is survived by her son, Robert John Sapp; and by one brother and one sister.

Gene E. McDaniel

Gene E. McDaniel, 93, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

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

Juanita Ramirez

Juanita Ramirez, 68, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Viewing will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel on Sunday, February 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a prayer service starting at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Lewallen - Garcia - Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel, and interment will be at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Jesus Ramirez; her children, Paco Ramirez, George Ramirez, Lee Villalobos, and Rosemary Vera; and by two sisters.

Melissa Martinez

Melissa Martinez, 50, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Javier Martinez; three sons, Tony Davis, Maurice Davis, and Gilbert Fernandez; two daughters, Karizma Martinez and Rachel Gomez; and by two brothers.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Cemetery/ Funeral Home /Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ABILENE

Police say man allegedly intoxicated dies in custody

Police say a West Texas man who allegedly was intoxicated and stopping highway traffic has died while in custody.

An Abilene police statement says 42-year-old Jeremy Johnston of Abilene died Wednesday at a hospital. Police spokesman Rick Tomlin says no cause of death was immediately determined. An autopsy was ordered.

Tomlin says officers before dawn Wednesday received multiple calls about a pedestrian blocking a roadway and stopping traffic. Tomlin says police found Johnston, who appeared intoxicated, on the hood of a stopped vehicle.

Tomlin says officers took custody of Johnston, put him into a patrol car and then he appeared to suffer medical distress. Medical personnel at the scene evaluated Johnston. He was transported by ambulance to a hospital, where he died.

Texas Rangers will help investigate Johnston's death.

AUSTIN

Texas House Speaker calls to scrap straight-ticket voting

House Speaker Joe Straus is calling to end Texas' system of straight-ticket voting, making him the only top Republican in the state to publicly endorse the idea.

Straus said Wednesday Texas should join 40 other states and do away with straight-ticket voting for all elections. Straight ticket voting allows voters to choose a party instead of individual candidates. Straus says ending straight-ticket voting would encourage voters to learn more about candidates.

Straus filed legislation to eliminate straight-ticket voting in 2009 prior to becoming speaker but the measure didn't pass.

Straus says that too often good officeholders are swept out of down-ballot races "due to the political winds at the moment."

PRICE

1 dead in crash after plane hits Texas cellphone tower wire

Investigators say a pilot has been killed when his small plane used to inspect pipelines clipped an East Texas cellphone tower guy wire and crashed into some trees.

Rusk County officials say the Cessna 177 crashed and burned Tuesday afternoon near Price, about 120 miles southeast of Dallas. The victim's name wasn't immediately released.

Emergency management spokesman Patrick Dooley said Wednesday that the pilot was alone in the single-engine aircraft when the plane hit the wire and part of a wing sheared off. The plane crashed in a residential area about 100 yards from the tower.

A Federal Aviation Administration statement says the aircraft was used for pipeline patrol. Dooley says officials believe the pilot planned to refuel at Rusk County Airport when the accident happened on a clear afternoon.

Review of pipeline could be beginning of end for opponents

By Blake Nicholson and Steve Karnowski
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Army's review of a proposal to finish the Dakota Access pipeline could be the beginning of the end for opponents who have been fighting the project for nearly a year.

But the American Indian tribe at the center of the debate, the Standing Rock Sioux, vows to keep battling the pipeline in court out of fear that an oil leak could contaminate its drinking water.

Here's a look at the legal steps that remain before the last section of pipe can be laid and the final options to stop it.

What are the latest developments?

On Tuesday, the acting secretary of the Army ordered a review of an earlier decision to block the last section of pipeline from being laid under a Missouri River reservoir. The move came just days after President Donald Trump issued a memo calling for reconsideration of the December decision by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Based on a discussion with the Army secretary, Robert Speer, Republican Sen. John Hoeven said Wednesday that there is no doubt in his mind that permission to finish the project will be granted.

A government assessment last summer determined that the final segment would not have a significant effect on the environment. However, then-Assistant Army Secretary for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy on Dec. 4 declined to give permission for construction to begin, saying a broader environmental study was needed.

The pipeline builder, Energy Transfer Partners, called Darcy's decision politically motivated and accused then-President Barack Obama's administration of delaying the matter until he left office. Two days before he left the White House, the Corps launched an environmental study that could take up to two years.

What is the tribe likely to do?

Army attorneys have said the environmental study could be withdrawn. Should that happen, the tribe will probably challenge the move on two fronts — that the study is necessary to preserve tribal treaty rights and that it's part of the legal process for obtaining final permission to finish the pipeline, as the Army has maintained, according to tribal attorney Jan Hasselman.

The Army cannot arbitrarily change its mind because of the change in White House administrations, said Monte Mills, co-director of the University of Montana's Indian law clinic.

Given that the Army said in December that an environmental study was necessary, Mills said, the Army would have to explain how its new decision was consistent with the legal standards it used in December and how there's a reasonable basis for change.

Otherwise the tribe could argue the reversal was "arbitrary and capricious," in violation of federal law, he said.

But Connie Rogers, a Denver attorney who specializes in federal permits, natural resources and Indian law, said the Army does have the discretion to change its mind. Since the original environmental assessment found nothing that would require an additional study, the Army was not required by law to order the fuller review and therefore can reverse course, she said.

What about treaty rights?

The tribe says under the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, the federal government is obliged to consider a tribe's welfare when making decisions affecting the tribe.

That would be one likely argument against the Corps withdrawing the environmental study that the tribe has repeatedly demanded, Hasselman said.

Tribes have effectively used old treaty rights in other high-profile court cases. For example, a landmark ruling in Washington state in 1974 affirmed tribal fishing rights in treaties stemming from the 1850s.

"Without question, treaties, especially during modern times, have proven to be very successful legal vehicles for tribes in defense of existential threats," said Gabriel Galanda, a Seattle lawyer who represents tribes throughout the West.

When the Corps published a notice last month in the Federal Register, the agency explained that it was looking for a better understanding of how the pipeline would affect treaty rights. If the government isn't going to look at those rights now, Mills said, it will have to explain why.

Protest camps grow slowly in West Texas

Activists are still trickling in to the camps set up in West Texas to protest oil and gas developments.

Last week, Lori Glover, one of the camp leaders, said the Two Rivers camp, near Big Bend Ranch State Park, had about 15 campers during the week and about 50 over the weekends, including four from North Dakota. The camp is focused on blocking construction of the Trans-Pecos Pipeline being built by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners.

Some of the camp gathered on Sunday at one of the pipeline work sites as 16-year old Destiny Wilcuts locked herself to a bulldozer, forcing crews to stop construction for an hour, activists said.

Wilcuts, a Sicangu Lakota from North Dakota, was ultimately arrested by Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez.

Wilcuts said she's fighting to protect water quality. Protesters worry a pipeline break or leak would contaminate waterways.

"This fight means that my kids and my nieces and my nephews will have drinking water for their kids when they get older," Wilcuts said in a statement. "It's kind of like me reclaiming my history and roots, I have to relearn everything I knew before but forgot."

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Abbott blocks funds to 'sanctuary city' Austin

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott blocked funding over so-called "sanctuary cities" for the first time Wednesday after Austin's sheriff said the city's jails would no longer honor most federal immigration detainers.

The move begins a crackdown Abbott wants in Texas over criminal suspects who are in the country illegally, which comes as he pushes to sign new laws that could go even further than President Donald Trump's new executive actions against sanctuary policies.

Travis County leaders condemned losing $1.5 million in grant money earmarked for crime victim services, courts and other programs. They stood by Sheriff Sally Hernandez, an elected Democrat in Texas' most liberal city, who announced after Trump's inauguration that her jails going forward would only honor immigration holds in murder, aggravated sexual assault and human trafficking cases.

Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt wrote in a letter to Abbott that she was confident the sheriff is within the law.

"I am certain you have come to the same conclusion; else you would not be seeking to change current State law to put all Texas Sheriffs in the service of the United States Department of Homeland Security," Eckhardt wrote.

The revoked funds came a day after Abbott used his State of the State address to declare a "sanctuary city" ban an urgent priority for lawmakers. A Senate committee is expected to vote on a bill today that would deny state grant funds to jurisdictions that discourage "inquiring into the immigration status of a person under lawful detention or arrest." Abbott has also called for the power to remove locally elected officials if they don't comply.

Trump signed an order last week to withdraw funding from sanctuary cities that decline to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. It didn't specify what kind of money could be pulled. In California, San Francisco officials sued over the order, saying it was unconstitutional and an invasion of the city's sovereignty.

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Gov. Greg Abbott, right, talks with Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly, left, before a briefing on border security Wednesday at the Texas Department of Public Safety regional headquarters in Weslaco. Abbott blocked funding over so-called "sanctuary cities" for the first time Wednesday after Austin's sheriff said the city's jails would no longer honor most federal immigration detainers.

Abbott: Securing border shouldn't harm trade

WESLACO — Gov. Greg Abbott is suggesting that Texas and the Trump administration need to secure the U.S.-Mexico border without slowing trade.

Abbott visited the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday with new U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly and said: "We want to achieve safety and security, but we also want to promote economic development."

Abbott previously applauded President Donald Trump's proposed border wall. But he noted with Kelly that Mexico is Texas' largest trading partner, saying officials must "ensure we are able to continue that very effective trade."

Kelly said that while Washington thinks it knows the border, the only opinions that count "are from the people that work this border," meaning federal and state security officials.

Associated Press

Long-running Texas evolution debate has big classroom impact

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Education on Wednesday voted preliminarily to ease — but not completely eliminate — state high school science curriculum requirements that experts argue cast doubt on the theory of evolution.

How evolution is taught in America's second-largest state has been a point of contention for years, and the issue isn't yet settled. The board will vote again Friday before a final decision in April and could further tweak curriculums either time. Here are answers to key questions on Texas's science curriculum:

Q: What are the current standards?

Primarily at issue are four parts of Texas' science curriculum. The most disputed asks biology teachers to have students scrutinize "all sides of scientific evidence" on evolution "so as to encourage critical thinking." Two others mandate lessons exploring the complexity of human cells and the origins of life. The fourth examines gaps in the fossil record that appear to indicate sudden bursts in the development of life, rather than the normally slow evolutionary process — something religious conservatives say shows God could have had a hand in creating life.

The standards were approved in 2009 as an alternative to decades-old curriculums requiring Texas science students to weigh the "strengths and weakness" of scientific theory. They were a compromise between the old standards, which were backed by religious conservatives, and academics who said Texas' curriculum was trying to water down lessons on evolution.

Q: Why are the standards being criticized?

Critics say they were adopted for ideological reasons rather than scientific ones, with the intent to cast enough doubt on the theory of evolution that some students will believe in creationism, or that God created life. In November, a 10-member panel of science teachers and academics recommended removing all four requirements, saying they were confusing and time-consuming for students and had little scientific value.

Defenders of the standards say much about the origin and evolution of life remains a mystery and that young Texans should learn critical thinking that challenges even accepted science.

Q: What is Texas doing to resolve this?

The Board of Education's 10 Republicans and five Democrats voted Wednesday to remove the "all sides" standard but keep curriculums on cell complexity and the origin of life. It also modified lessons on the fossil record, but kept language that highlights gaps. Academics argue that still leaves room for questioning evolution since discussion of those gaps — and some study of cell makeup and life origins — is built on creationist theories.

Q: Does this impact schools outside Texas?

Yes, though perhaps not as much as in the past. Texas, with its 5.3 million-plus public school students, is one of the country's largest purchasers of textbooks — meaning what's taught in the state can influence materials marketed elsewhere. However, school districts across Texas are no longer required to use board-approved books, and some have begun opting not to. Also, technological advances have made editing books easier and given states — and even individual school districts — more electronic choices to suit their individual curriculum needs.

Q: When will this be resolved?

On Friday, the board can vote to affirm the changes it approved in the preliminary vote, or to do something else entirely. A final vote will then be necessary during its next meeting in April before any changes take effect.

Q: Hasn't the Texas Board of Education had ideologicalfights before?

Yes. Academics raised questions about classroom materials exaggerating Christianity's influence on America's Founding Fathers and negatively portraying Muslims when the board last approved history textbooks in 2014. The previous year, board debate over science textbooks sparked controversy on how to teach climate change. In 2010, some Republican members crafted Texas history curriculum standards that emphasized conservative concepts, saying they countered inherent liberal biases in traditional classroom lessons.

Texas votes to change science lessons challenging evolution

AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Education has preliminarily voted to ease — but not completely eliminate — state high school science curriculum requirements that experts argued cast doubt on the theory of evolution.

The Republican-controlled board on Wednesday modified language that had asked biology students to consider "all sides" of scientific theory. Teachers and academics said that let religious ideology trump science on evolution, and might have left students believing God created life.

But the board opted to keep other lessons on the origin of life and scrutinizing fossil record gaps, which some conservatives say suggests the influence of a higher power.

The board votes again Friday and in April. It could further modify curriculums either time.

Associated Press

Texas Supreme Court chief wants more security for judges

By David Saleh Rauf
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht asked lawmakers Wednesday to pass legislation to improve security for judges, citing a state judge who was shot and wounded outside her Austin home in 2015.

In his biennial State of the Judiciary address before a joint session of the Legislature, Hecht highlighted the shooting of Judge Julie Kocurek, who was targeted by a gunman in November 2015, to call for passage of a Senate bill with security upgrades for judges and courthouses.

Kocurek has said publicly that she doesn't believe authorities appropriately handled a tip from an informant about a judge being targeted, and Travis County officials have approved a $500,000 payment to Kocurek to avoid a potential lawsuit claiming authorities didn't do enough to prevent the shooting. Kocurek suffered several shrapnel wounds and didn't return to the bench until February last year.

Hecht said he met with Kocurek and was impressed by her mettle to return to work.

"If she left the bench people would think you can threaten a judge and scare her off, maybe scare off other judges, intimidate them, show that justice cannot stand up to violence," he said. "She would prove that judges sworn to preserve, protect, and defend the constitution would not cower in the face of lawlessness."

Federal officials in September charged three men in the shooting. One of the men, Chimene Onyeri, had a hearing scheduled in Kocurek's court where it was anticipated his probation would be revoked and he faced imprisonment. Onyeri has denied any involvement in the shooting, though investigators have said that Onyeri's scheduled appearance in Kocurek's court is a possible motive.

Following the attack, a study by the state Office of Court Administration found that hundreds of Texas judges believe security measures currently in place to protect them and courthouse staff are lackluster. Hecht appointed a permanent committee to study security and to issue recommendations based on that study.

The results have been incorporated into the Senate bill that Hecht called on lawmakers to pass. It includes increasing funding for courthouse security, providing security training for judges, appointing a director to assist judges and county officials with security needs and removing the home addresses of judges from personal financial statements filed with the state.

"Every threat must be taken seriously," Hecht said, encouraging lawmakers to ceremonially name the measure after Kocurek.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day falls on Feb. 2 in the United States, coinciding with Candlemas. It is a part of popular culture among many Americans, and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to "predict" the weather.

Tradition has it that if the groundhog sees its shadow on Feb. 2 it will be frightened by it and will then return to its burrow, indicating that there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Today in Midland

On Feb. 2, 1985, the National weather Service recorded a low temperature of minus 11 degrees, tying the coldest minimum temperature ever in Midland (Feb. 8, 1933).

One warm January

- Average high: 60.6 degrees
- Average low: 35.0 degrees
- Average temperature: 47.8 degrees
- Typical average for January: 43.9 degrees
- Warmest high: 83 degrees on Jan. 11
- Coldest low: 11 degrees on Jan. 7
- Precipitation: 1.12 inches
- Average precipitation for January: 0.56 of an inch

Warmest Januarys in Midland

1. 1953 ..... 52.1 degrees
2. 1952 ..... 51.3 degrees
3. 1950 ..... 50.4 degrees
4. 2006 ..... 49.6 degrees
5. 1998 ..... 48.1 degrees
5. 1935 ..... 48.1 degrees
7. 2005 ..... 48.0 degrees
7. 1999 ..... 48.0 degrees
9. 2017 ..... 47.8 degrees
10. 1969 ..... 47.6 degrees
10. 1965 ..... 47.6 degrees
10. 2012 ..... 47.6 degrees

Source: National Weather Service

Weather forecast

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 50 percent chance of above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation in February.

The CPC is also calling for a 50 percent chance of above-average temperatures through April. Average precipitation is expected during that period.

Things to do

- Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. The class is for all levels. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.
- Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
- Yappy Hour is a pet-friendly happy event, 6 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W Hwy 80. midlandbeergarden.com.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.
- Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., The American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.
- #Hangovertodays, 7 p.m., Atrium Lounge, 3904 W.Wall St.
- Karaoke, 9 p.m., The Detour Bar. 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Note: Check out the Weekender entertainment section for a roundup of events happening this weekend.

Wall Street closure downtown expected to last two weeks

Wall Street will be closed to all traffic between Main Street and Loraine Street starting today for approximately two weeks.

The closure is necessary to install a new sewer line for the reconstruction of Midland Center.

Drivers can use Texas Avenue or Missouri Avenue as alternate routes and are asked to use caution in this area. All businesses will remain open, and access will stay open at all times on Loraine and Wall streets to the DoubleTree by Hilton.

This date in Texas

- **Ten years ago:** Gov. Rick Perry issued an order making Texas the first state to require that girls get vaccinated against HPV, a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.
- **One year ago:** Health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States.

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Daily 4 evening: 3-3-8-8
Daily 4 night: 5-0-9-4
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Lotto Texas: 12-19-26-29-37-54
Texas Triple Chance: 8-16-19-30-31-33-41-44-54-55
Powerball: 9-43-57-60-64 PB: 10 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 4-6-8-9-11-13-15-17-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-8-10-11-12-15-16-17-18-21
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-6-7-9-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-5-6-7-11-12-16-17-18-22-23-24

Price Check: Super Bowl staples

Compiled by Trevor Hawes/Reporter-Telegram

The following are the results of the Reporter-Telegram's price check of items available at several stores throughout Midland on Feb. 1, 2017.

	Market Street 4706 N. Midkiff Rd.	Wal-Mart 4517 N. Midland Dr.	H-E-B 3325 W. Wadley Ave.	Super Mercado 2206 N. Big Spring St.	Target 4001 N. Midland Dr.
Hass avocados *Small size; price per item*	$0.50 *Marked as 2 for $1*	$0.50	$0.33 *Marked as 3 for $1*	$0.33 *Marked as 3 for $1*	Not available
Pace picante sauce *16 oz. jar; multiple varieties*	$2.39	$2.68	$1.72	$2.50 *Marked as 2 for $5*	$2.50
Tostitos tortilla chips *18 oz. bag; party size; restaurant style*	$4.99	$3.98	$3.98	$4.99	$3.50
Lay's Classic potato chips *10.25 oz. bag; family size*	$4.29	$3.98	$2.50	$2.50 *Marked as 2 for $5*	$3.79
Triscuit snack crackers *8.5 oz. box; multiple varieties*	$2.19	$2.46	$2.56	$3.99	$2.50
Coca-Cola Classic soft drink *2 liter bottle*	$1.86 *Marked as 3 for $5*	$1.56	$0.75 *Marked as 3 for $4*	$1.79	$1.79
Ground beef *93 percent lean; price per pound*	$5.59	$4.37	$2.26	Not available	Not available
Beef brisket *Packer trim; price per pound*	$2.29	$2.26	$2.26	Not available	Not available
Hillshire Farm smoked sausage *14 oz. package*	$3.49	$2.98	$2.98	$4.29	Not available
Kraft American cheese singles *16 oz. package; 24 slices*	$4.39	$3.98	$2.50	$4.39	$3.79

STAPLES

From 1A

■ **Snack crackers:** Triscuit crackers are enjoyed as the edible holder for cheese and meats at parties, but with so many flavors available, many of the crackers are good on their own. No matter how you serve them, we priced 8.5-ounce boxes.

Even though it had the highest price for many of the products we checked, Market Street wasn't outdone when it came to Triscuit. Boxes were $2.19 apiece. Super Mercado, on the other hand, was by far the highest at $3.99.

■ **Brisket:** This is Texas, where an unofficial credo might as well be: "A smoker in every home, and brisket on every table." Three of our five stores carried packer-style beef brisket. Prices per pound didn't vary widely.

Market Street was the most expensive at $2.29 per pound. Wal-Mart and H-E-B priced theirs at $2.26. Super Mercado charged $2.46, Target wanted $2.50 and H-E-B asked $2.56.

■ **Ground beef:** Prices for ground beef varied widely, as did the varieties. We chose 93 percent lean ground beef because it was available at three of the five stores we visited.

H-E-B was the clear winner at $2.26 per pound. Wal-Mart sold 93 percent lean for $4.37, while Market Street charged $5.59.

■ **Cheese:** What's a hamburger without cheese? Unpalatable to many, so we checked out Kraft American singles. The 16-ounce packs had 24 slices and had a suggested retail price of $4.39.

Market Street and Super Mercado each adhered to the suggested price, but H-E-B wanted much less: $2.50. Target priced their cheese at $3.79, while Wal-Mart wanted $3.98.

■ **Smoked sausage:** There is more than just burgers to be cooked on the grill. One choice is smoked sausage, and we priced 14-ounce packs of Hillshire Farm brand.

H-E-B and Wal-Mart each sought $2.98 for their packs, while Market Street wanted $3.49. Super Mercado was the highest at $4.29. Target did not carry this product.

■ **Soft drinks:** Coca-Cola Classic is a ubiquitous soft drink choice, and all stores we checked had 2-liter bottles available.

With its sale price, H-E-B was the cheapest at 75 cents per bottle when buying three for $4. Wal-Mart followed at $1.59. Market Street also had bottles on sale at $1.66 when buying three for $5. Super Mercado and Target each sold Coca-Cola Classic for $1.79.

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Speaker to inform parents about teen substance abuse

By Simone Jasper
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Local parents will have an opportunity to learn about youth drug and alcohol abuse at an event next week. Speaker Jermaine Galloway, a 6-foot-9 law enforcement officer, will present information at Tall Cop in the Tall City.

The free, adult-only session is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday at Stonegate Fellowship. The event aims to educate parents and others who interact with teenagers about signs that indicate drug and alcohol use, Galloway said.

Galloway

"I don't want minors to know something they don't already know," Galloway said. "If kids know about four drugs, and I teach them about five, that's the last thing I want. I want prevention and education."

The event is held in memory of Kirby Collier, a 2012 Midland High School graduate who died last year after struggling with substance abuse. Ashley Collier, her older sister, hopes people realize the magnitude of addiction locally.

"Whether parents realize it or not, Midland has a huge drug and underage alcohol problem," Collier said. "When I was in high school, I didn't really notice. But others in high school might notice. It's so important to have a speaker like Jermaine to really get through to parents and try to prevent drug and underage alcohol use."

Midland parents Jim and Mary Pat Nelson, friends of the Colliers, remember the hurt the family experienced after the loss. They wanted to host the nationally recognized speaker to honor their friends' daughter.

"We went to them about doing something different than a flat donation," Jim Nelson said. "We were really interested in something educational to reach out so other parents can learn."

The couple thought Galloway's approach was appealing. The law enforcement officer has visited more than 500 businesses and events to observe drug culture.

Though Galloway is unsure if he will complete the procedure — that he calls community scans — in Midland, he gained information from previous scans in the state.

"I've been to Texas several times for training," Galloway said. "Community scans help me know what is trending where. Drugs are at different levels in different places. It gives me a good pulse about what's happening in your state."

Mary Pat Nelson, a longtime Midlander, thinks the localized aspect of Galloway's session will allow parents to gain insight into teen substance abuse.

"It's an information (session) so parents are aware of all signs to look out for," she said. "I think people are going to be shocked how or where kids can get drugs."

The Colliers said they're grateful the Nelson family chose to bring the speaker to Midland. Kim Collier, Kirby's mother, thinks the session could help other community members.

"I don't want any other parent or family to go through losing a child," Kim Collier said. "I hope through the event and generosity of the Nelson family, we can prevent this from happening. If it can happen to us, it can happen to anybody. People need to be aware."

Want to go?

- Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Date: Monday
- Place: Stonegate Fellowship building F
- The event includes door prizes and refreshments. Registration is recommended at eventbrite.com or 432-571-4210.

"I don't want minors to know something they don't already know. If kids know about four drugs, and I teach them about five, that's the last thing I want. I want prevention and education."

Jermaine Galloway

CUTS

From 1A

a subcommittee to review line items and we're hopeful that our unique situation, being a small university disproportionately dependent on line items, will receive support in the end, but we'll just have to see," Watts said.

"A 52 percent reduction is a potentially staggering amount," Watts said. "We'll just have to see how it comes out. The House budget, on the other hand, probably has an increase for UTPB in operating funds based on formula funding. That budget will probably be reduced as it goes through the House. We hope the Senate budget will be increased and we'll see some support in the end."

Watts said Nelson has noted that this is just a starting point.

"It's unfortunate that our attention is focused on that number. That's not what will come out in the end. I'm confident that UTPB will have an adequate operating budget by the time the legislature goes home," Watts said.

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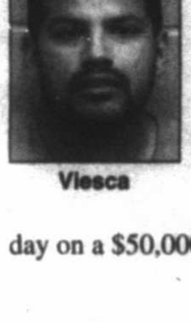
Man arrested for alleged indecency with child

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Monday after he allegedly touched a girl inappropriately, according to court documents.


Viesca

Brian Anthony Viesca, 26, was being held Wednesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

A Midland police detective received information about the alleged indecency at about 11 a.m. Monday.

The Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center later interviewed a girl about an incident involving Viesca, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

MISD investigating reports of 'unacceptable behavior'

From staff reports

Two Goddard Junior High coaches are on administrative leave following a bus incident where students exhibited "unacceptable behavior ... during an athletic competition trip last week," according to the district.

Midland ISD is currently investigating the incident to determine what additional action is needed to address the situation.

Any necessary discipline involving MISD students will be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, according to the release.

In reference to the alleged incident, interim Superintendent Rod Schroder, "We want to send a strong signal that the safety of our students is our No. 1 priority, and the allegations made are not acceptable and threaten student safety."

CRASHES

From 1A

most dangerous intersection was Midkiff Road and Wall Street.

These same intersections are also the three intersections with the highest traffic crash rates when volume is taken into account, according to the city.

Note: Traffic volumes provided in the annual crash report usually represent data from one day out of the entire year. The variations in daily traffic patterns make it difficult to determine trends at any one location based on these figures.

The city of Midland's traffic crash reports can be found at www.midlandtexas.gov/crashreports.

By the numbers

Crashes in Midland

2014	4,013
2015	3,602
2016	3,233

Fatalities in Midland

2014	24
2015	10
2016	11

Fatalities on roads inside Midland County

2013	42
2014	44
2015	30
2016	18

Most crashes by intersection

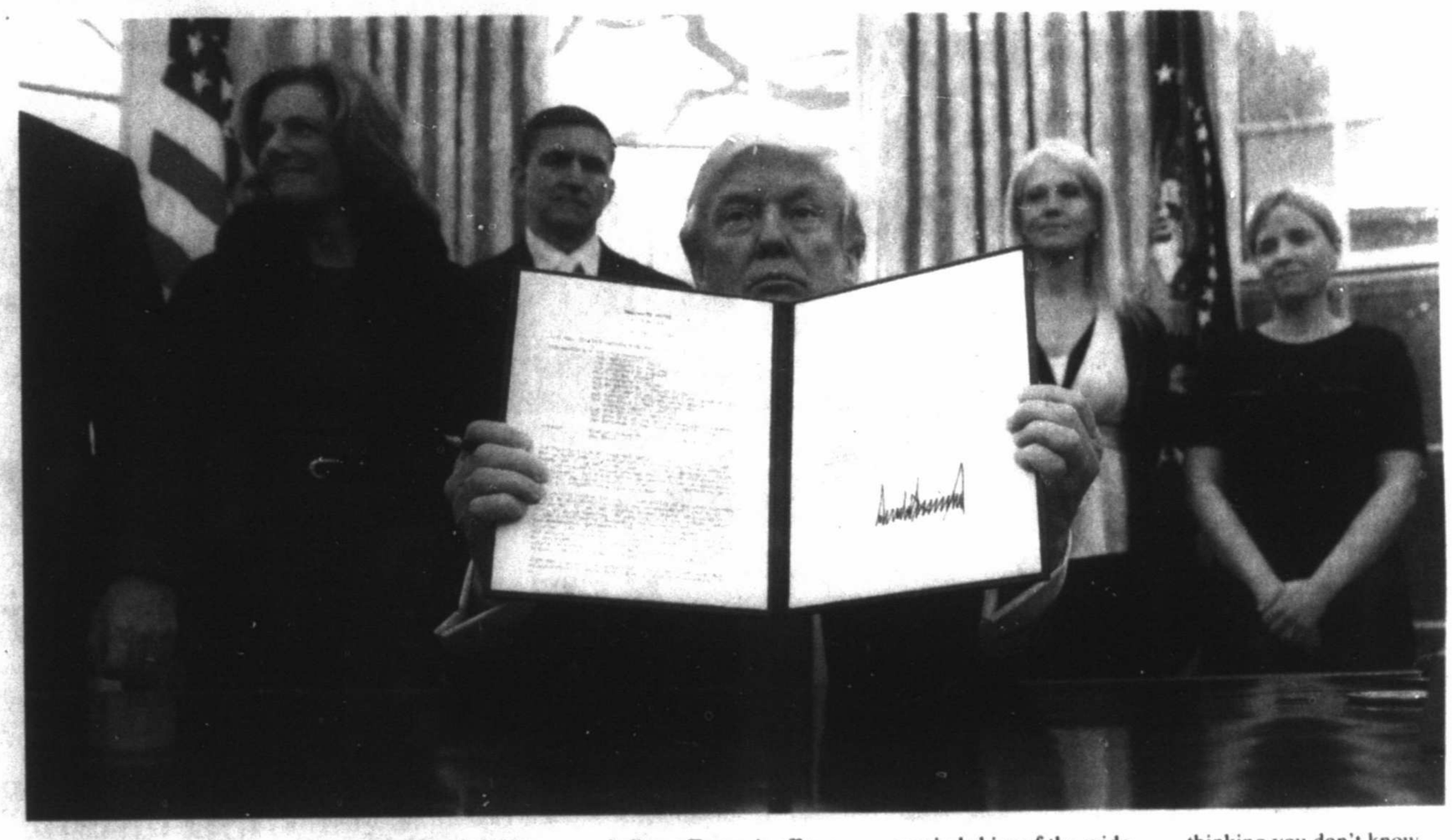
Midland Drive/Wadley Avenue	38
Andrews Highway/Loop 250 WSR	31
Midkiff Road/Wall Street	28
Midkiff Road/Wadley Avenue	27
Andrews Highway/Midland Drive	24
Big Spring Street/Loop 250 SSR	24
Big Spring Street/Scharbauer Drive	24
Big Spring Street/Wadley Avenue	20
Midkiff Road/Loop 250 SSR	20

Elaine Thompson/Associated Press

A protester waves a U.S. flag as another holds a sign that reads "Let Them In" on Sunday during a march and rally to oppose President Donald Trump's executive order barring people from certain Muslim nations from entering the United States in downtown Seattle. **BELOW:** President Donald Trump holds up a signed Presidential Memorandum on Saturday in the Oval Office in Washington.

Amid Trump's shake-up, many wondering 'what's coming next'

By Adam Geller and Matt Sedensky
Associated Press



Days into an administration that promised to govern by upheaval, Donald Trump's White House has been the target of massive protests, defied reporters who questioned fact-challenged statements and issued a blur of lightning-rod executive actions. The speed and depth of it all have left many Americans apprehensive: Even some who longed for a shake-up are unsettled by a sense of chaos it has unleashed.

"We're in a very fragile state right now," said Margaret Johnson of Germantown, Maryland, who runs a small translation business. "We don't know what's coming next. The country's divided. There's a lot of fear. And I think we're kind of at that point where things can go any kind of way, and it's really hard to say which way they're going to go."

That uncertainty finds an echo in Pastor Mike Bergman's church in Adrian, Missouri, 40 miles south of Kansas City, where many congregants count themselves as conservatives and embrace the new administration's order cutting off funding to international groups that provide abortions. But as church members consider another order — restricting refugees and pausing entry to the U.S. from several Muslim-majority countries — worries about security are tempered by concern about the needs of refugees and whether Trump's rhetoric is widening the gulf between Americans, Bergman said.

"There is worry about how deep the divide is going to run. There is worry about some of the political rhetoric ... about how all that is going to cause the divide in the community to deepen and more bitterness to spring up between the people of our country. I wouldn't say we're really optimistic right now," he said.

Trump is hardly the first president to take office promising wholesale change in the face of substantial skepticism. But Kevin Boyle, a professor of American history at Northwestern University, said the new administration has put itself at the center of an extraordinary political moment.

Boyle hears echoes of the Ronald Reagan era in Trump's attempts to alter the role of government; this administration's willingness to play on division rather than serve as a calming influence is reminiscent of Richard Nixon. The mass protests since inauguration day are reminiscent of some of the upheaval of the 1960s. Still, Boyle said, the tensions swirling around Trump's administration are unique.

"I cannot in my adult life think of a moment that compares to this," he said. "The level of tension between these two competing visions of the country needs to be resolved in some way or another."

Trump's actions have unsettled Suzanne Kawamleh, 24, a graduate student born in Chicago to parents who emigrated from Syria. On Saturday night, Kawamleh said, she joined protesters outside the terminal at O'Hare International Airport to protest the executive order stopping Syrian refugees from entering the country. The next day, she told a crowd gathered at the county courthouse in Bloomington, Indiana, about how her relatives had fled Syria by boat and ended up in a refugee camp before finding refuge in Germany.

Last year, Kawamleh said, she and her father were taken off a flight for questioning when they returned from Lebanon to do relief work in a refugee camp. But that scrutiny, she said, pales with Trump's executive order, which forced a family friend from Syria who had flown to the U.S. to visit a sick relative to return to the Middle East on Saturday.

"Immediately after the order, everything changed. There wasn't a chance to plead your case," she said. "It seems like everything is very in flux. People don't know what's going on."

Over the last week, teacher Dee Burek has led discussions with the seventh- and eighth-graders in her debate and journalism classes about Trump's first days as president. Students were dismayed when they read about false statements by White House press secretary Sean Spicer and by an interview with Trump adviser Steve Bannon in which he compared himself to Darth Vader.

When one girl compared Trump to Dolores Umbridge — a character from the Harry Potter series who provokes a student revolt after issuing a series of harsh decrees — classmates nodded in agreement, Burek said.

"As a teacher, I'm trying to present both sides, as I always have to, and when I deal with the children and I'm reading articles to them (about the Trump administration), their faces are in shock," said Burek, who teaches in Allentown, New Jersey. "They just keep coming back to, 'We're America. How could this happen?' And I say I just don't have the answers."

Many Americans say that Trump's moves since taking office are exactly what the country needs. Nonetheless, they are taking note of the pushback.

Juan Villamizar, a 52-year-old flooring business owner in West Hartford, Connecticut, said he supports Trump's executive order restricting refugees and immigration from seven countries as a way to protect Americans from terrorism. But while he believes the country is headed in the right direction, he is disheartened to see a negative response to Trump's actions.

"I just think that the people of this country, the citizens of this country, need to take a really deep breath and read the Constitution," he said.

During the presidential campaign, Brenda Horvath strapped a giant "Hillary for Prison" sign to her Logan, West Virginia, front porch, and another that read "Make America Great Again" beside it. She isn't opposed to Trump's plans, but thinks the new president could do a better job at presenting his plans with compassion, in a way that doesn't alienate and offend so many. She believes Trump is off to a rocky start, but believes he deserves more time to get on track.

"You can listen to the wrong people and do the job wrong. I'm hoping and praying that he'll start listening to the right people," she said.

Yatziri Tovar, a 24-year-old college student in New York who emigrated from Mexico as a toddler, saw the response to Trump in a different light. Though troubled by the initial days of the new administration, she was encouraged to see the activism it has spurred and the people of many backgrounds who have spoken in protest. She felt a duty to speak, too, addressing a weekend rally that she helped organize as a member of an immigrant advocacy group, Make the Road New York, which drew an estimated 30,000 people.

"It's a moment that has a lot of confusion, it has some scary times, but at the same time it has become a time of unity," said Tovar, a part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which President Barack Obama instituted to allow young people brought into the country illegally as children to stay and obtain work permits.

Others hold the protesters, not Trump, responsible for the discord.

John Fusaro, an immigration officer in Dallas who voted for Trump, said the media and protesters should ease up.

"They're trying to sow seeds of doubt and keep stirring the pot," he said. "They're just not giving him a chance."

Fusaro said the upheaval represents a "new normal" of constant protests. While he's dubious of the protesters' message, the presence of a niece in their ranks reminds him of the wide gulf in Americans' political views.

"She's standing against Trump, out there yelling and stuff, and I'm honestly thinking you don't know the whole picture. I sent her a message: Give it time. It'll sort itself out."

So far, he said, she hasn't responded.

OPINION

The Bannon Way will end in disaster for Trump

■ The president should learn that what worked on the campaign trail doesn't always translate into good governance

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The Trump White House is engulfed in a firestorm of its own ignition. The Democrats and the media were only too happy to pour on more gasoline.

I am increasingly confident that I'll be able to begin a lot of columns that way over the next four years. That's because the one clear takeaway from the first days of this presidency is that the Trump we saw during the campaign is the Trump we got. He may move to the center on this policy or that — indeed, I expect he will — but there was never going to be a lasting "pivot."

Trump spent his first weekend burning through political capital arguing about crowd sizes. It was foolish but relatively harmless. Trump's actions his second weekend were more worrisome. It's not just the substance of Trump's "Muslim ban" executive order that bothers me — I'm using scare quotes because it's not really a ban on Muslims — but his process, or lack thereof.

If Trump had given agency professionals 30 days to review his order on refugees, he could have avoided the confusion at airports, not to mention the media hysteria and the protests. And if his communications team had been given time, they could have pre-empted some of the wild claims made by Democratic detractors.

They went another way: The Bannon Way.

According to CNN, when lawyers at the Department of Homeland Security concluded that the executive order banning travelers from seven countries did not include legal permanent residents — aka green card holders — senior strategist Steven Bannon led the charge to countermand the ruling. Hence the airport mess.

Over the weekend, Bannon also succeeded in getting himself put on the National Security Council's principals committee. This would not be unlike a President Hillary Clinton putting David Brock on the NSC.

This is not to say Bannon is to blame for all this. The buck stops with the president. But Bannon leads the "let Trump be Trump" wing of the White House, which relishes sowing chaos and demonizing the press.

Actually, "wing" might be the wrong word, given that evidence of a countervailing faction is in short supply. (On "Fox News Sunday," Kellyanne Conway, widely seen as a voice of reason in Trump's inner circle, argued that journalists who didn't show sufficient respect to the president should be fired.)

Bannon has said he's a "Leninist" but he's really more of a Trotskyist because he fancies himself the leader of an international populist-nationalist right-wing movement, exporting anti-"globalist" revolution. In that role, his status as an enabler of Trump's instinct to shoot — or tweet — from the hip seems especially ominous.

Presumably at Bannon's insistence, Trump didn't even consult his secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security, on the grounds that this was a need-to-know operation requiring secrecy, lest the "bad dudes" — Trump's term — find out and rush into the U.S. In other words, two decorated retired generals couldn't be trusted with the information.

The Bannon Way might work on the campaign trail, but it doesn't translate into good governance. It's possible — and one must hope — that Trump can learn this fact on the job.

But what if he doesn't? He could put the country in serious peril.

Consider Russia. In a normal time, the signals being sent by the Trump team would be interpreted as an invitation to Russian aggression. The president waves off concerns about Russia's annexation of Crimea, talks of NATO's obsolescence and hails Vladimir Putin's heroic leadership. During the campaign, Trump surrogate Newt Gingrich belittled Estonia — a NATO ally — as being "in the suburbs of St. Petersburg." (At its closest point, it's 85 miles away, the same distance as Finland.)

Putin might well decide to act on Trump's hints. But I don't think Trump would actually welcome an attack on Estonia or another NATO ally. Indeed, I suspect he would feel betrayed by such a move.

Then what? Who backs down? Do we abandon Estonia, or do we go to war?

In normal times, the essence of statecraft is to avoid getting into such predicaments in the first place — by working carefully and deliberately and consulting with such institutions as the National Security Council.

Which is where Trump will find Bannon.

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OUR VIEW

President Trump sticks to his plan with Supreme Court pick

During the presidential primary and general election campaign, there were reasons to doubt Donald Trump's conservatism.

He silenced those doubters on Tuesday. We were pleasantly surprised when the president offered Judge Neil Gorsuch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit as his selection to fill the seat on the Supreme Court held by the late Antonin Scalia.

Trump made a pick that has been widely praised in conservative circles. Gorsuch has been described using terms such as originalist, textualist and intellectual giant. He appears to be the type of jurist Americans expect to have serving on the high court.

Trump deserves kudos for not wandering from the mainstream and for staying true to his promise of selecting a judge from the list of judges he presented last year. His selection process was unprecedented in its transparency.

There will be those who pull out the dog whistles. Protesters are already unloading opposition research on Gorsuch. It was expected, and so far, their efforts to denounce Gorsuch have been weak.

We also have seen the usual suspects come forward in their opposition to a Supreme Court nomination of a Republican president. For example, the National Organization for Women, Emily's List and the former National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) have said that Gorsuch is an illegitimate candidate for the court and that he should never be allowed to wear a justice's robe. It's the typical smearing that those on the right expected.

The fact is, there will be those on the far left who carry a grudge that Republicans made the Supreme Court an issue during the election and prevailed. Men and women in states such as Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio and North Carolina considered the court among all the issues when deciding to change their vote from reliably Democrat to surprisingly Republican.

We expect Gorsuch will be as legitimate as he will be thoughtful, deliberate and impactful. Our expectation is that when Gorsuch goes through the hearings process, Americans will see he has the type of mind they want on the court. We expect he will be confirmed, and the court will again be full and ideologically balanced.

One last thing that the Gorsuch nomination brings to mind. Trump is doing everything he promised when he spoke to sold-out arenas and centers across the country. He is making some missteps in implementation and message delivery, but so far, he is the president he said he was going to be. The Gorsuch nomination was another example.

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Unforced error hurts president

■ Muslims were not banned, but White House fumbles should be

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A big hope when Donald Trump was campaigning to be president was that, if he somehow made it to the White House, wise advisors would control him, and they recently more or less did but failed to be wise.

According to The New York Times, it was some inner-circle types who composed the executive order on refugees and immigrants that now has so many screeching to the point of endangered lungs.

The advisors, it's reported, did not want to risk politically inspired leaks that could have resulted from consulting the federal bureaucracy. So, aside from some invited experts, they decided to forego the assistance of the State Department, the Department of Defense, the National Security Counsel, the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and others that know what they're doing and would have roles in carrying out the policy.

If they had been involved, we could just maybe have had a public roundly informed before the order going into effect and well-prepared operatives avoiding klutzy confusion and individual misfortunes. We might have had some rethinking, additional, intelligent explication and less of what ensued: outrage within government, angry crowds causing traveler troubles at airports, diplomatic damage and ideologically inspired commentary that put fantastically imagined evil over reality.

Advisors or no advisors, of course, Trump was part of this and wanted it and had not himself stopped to consider that maybe he is not the entire government, that maybe those agencies are there for a reason. The cost to him was an exclamation mark behind a belittled first week in office and the conclusion of not a few that he was helplessly bigoted, stupid and un-American. The conclusion of too many was that here was his once-threatened Muslim ban.

It was not a Muslim ban. It was timeout on admitting refugees, immigrants and travelers from the terrorist-ridden countries of Iran, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The idea was for Homeland Security to work with others in making sure we were not taking unneeded risks that could result in another 9/11 and other sad consequences for our nation. After some months, with one exception, everything would get going again, presumably with less to worry about.

The exception is Syria, where the Islamic State connivers are especially active and the timeout would be indefinite. Bringing in Syrian refugees would seem like the compassionate thing to do, but, at best, you are talking about a relatively few of the multimillions left in torment arguably aggravated by Obama fumbles as president. The real issue for anyone who is serious is to find what can be done in the Middle East for the vast numbers who will not be going elsewhere.

Because the countries selected happen to be Muslim-majority states, it is maintained that this is all about beating up on Muslims. Sorry, but there is a definite, undeniable connection between terrorists and Muslims, and, when you try to spot large groupings of terrorists now violently trying to change the face of the earth, you are going to bump into Middle East Muslims. To say this is a religious hunt is akin to saying Obama's recent ban on Cuban refugees without visas was a Hispanic hunt.

That would obviously be ridiculous because, for one thing, there are lots of countries with Hispanics who face no such ban just as there are 42 Muslim-majority countries that are not facing re-examination of who heads for America.

There are any number of other issues here, such as Trump and advisors rationally enough wanting to limit the annual number of refugees to what it has often been in the recent past. For a while, it appeared the Trump move would hinder travel by legal U.S. residents, but that went away, as have some other legitimate concerns, if not all of them.

Let's hope Trump and his advisors learn some lessons from all of this, but let's also hope that some of the delusional critics retreat to reason.

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Trump to Senate: Scrap rules if needed to confirm Gorsuch

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Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn meets with Supreme Court Justice nominee Neil Gorsuch in his office on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. *Luis Magana/Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump urged the Senate's Republican leader on Wednesday to resort to the "nuclear option" of scrapping longstanding chamber rules if needed to confirm Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, an aggressive opening to what's shaping up as a ferocious clash over the future of the high court.

At the White House a day after nominating Gorsuch, Trump endorsed a scenario that would involve majority Republicans unilaterally changing Senate rules over the objections of the Democratic minority.

It could come into play if Democrats try to block Gorsuch's confirmation with a filibuster, as the liberal base is demanding, and would allow the GOP to confirm Gorsuch with a simple majority instead of the 60 votes now needed.

Addressing GOP Senate leader Mitch McConnell from the White House, Trump said, "If we end up with that gridlock I would say, 'If you can, Mitch, go nuclear.'" He said of Gorsuch that it "would be a absolute shame if a man of this quality was caught up in the web."

Trump made his comments as Gorsuch traversed Capitol Hill, escorted by Vice President Mike Pence and winning extravagant praise from Republican senators.

Democratic divisions were on display. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer faced intense opposition from base voters to Trump's nominee, while political risks confronted a half-dozen Democratic senators representing red states who are up for re-election next year and may feel pressure to support Gorsuch.

"The president made an outstanding appointment; we're all thrilled and looking forward to getting the confirmation process started," McConnell said as he stood with a smiling Gorsuch in the senator's ceremonial office in the Capitol.

McConnell has not said whether he might invoke the nuclear option if minority Democrats block Gorsuch's confirmation, but the Senate leader has said repeatedly that, one way or another, Gorsuch will be confirmed.

Democrats are still smarting over the treatment of Judge Merrick Garland, former President Barack Obama's nominee to the court after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia a year ago. McConnell never allowed even a hearing on Garland over 10 months, asserting that the decision was up to the next president.

Now some on the left are demanding payback.

"This is a stolen seat being filled by an illegitimate and extreme nominee, and I will do everything in my power to stand up against this assault on the court," said Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon.

Schumer reiterated Wednesday that Democrats would insist on a 60-vote threshold for Garland in the 100-member Senate, "not because they did it to us or we did it to them, but because 60 votes produces a mainstream candidate." But as Schumer and other Democrats made clear, for many the fight was less about the mild-mannered 49-year-old appeals court judge than about Trump himself.

Schumer said that "this Supreme Court will be tried in ways that few courts have been tested since the earliest days of the Republic."

The rules change for Supreme Court nominees would be a momentous departure for the Senate, which traditionally operates day-to-day via deliberation and bipartisan consent.

There is concern by some that it could begin to unravel Senate traditions at a hyperpartisan moment in politics and perhaps end up in the complete elimination of the filibuster — resulting in an entirely different Senate from the one that's existed for decades.

Gorsuch is a Denver-based judge on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Ivy League-educated son of a former Reagan administration official. His conservative legal philosophy is seen as similar to that of Scalia. Gorsuch would restore the court to the conservative tilt it held with Scalia on the bench, but Trump's choice "makes it very difficult for Democrats to

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Senate confirms Tillerson to be Trump's secretary of state

By Richard Lardner
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WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday confirmed Rex Tillerson to be secretary of State, a crucial member of President Donald Trump's national security team.

Senators voted 56-43 to approve the former Exxon Mobil CEO after Democrats mounted a vocal yet unsuccessful campaign to derail the bid. They said they feared his four-decade career at the energy giant meant he'd view the world only through the lens of a corporate executive and questioned whether he would confront Trump when he believes the president is wrong.

But Republicans rejected the complaints and declared Tillerson highly qualified for the job. He'll have his hands full as soon as he's sworn in, grappling with many of the same geopolitical dilemmas his predecessors did. As senators cast their ballots, the Trump White House put Tehran "on notice" after the Iranian military tested a ballistic missile and allied rebels in Yemen attacked a Saudi naval vessel in the Red Sea.

Tillerson also will have to deal with any fallout stemming from Trump's executive order on immigration and travel that halts entry for 90 days to citizens from seven majority-Muslim nations.

"I am confident Rex Tillerson has the ability to be the effective leader the State Department needs," said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Corker cast Tillerson's experience at Exxon Mobil as a plus, saying he led a global enterprise with 75,000 employees and forged "deep relationships" with world leaders.

One of those, with Russian President Vladimir Putin, alarmed his opponents on Capitol Hill who believed he was too cozy with the Russian leader and wouldn't push back aggressively enough when Moscow acted against U.S. interests. Tillerson received an honorific — the Order of Friendship — from Putin's government in 2013.

Wednesday's vote to confirm Tillerson came exactly three weeks after a rocky confirmation hearing before the Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., clashed with Tillerson, bridling at his refusal to label Putin a "war criminal" and his failure to condemn human rights violations in Saudi Arabia and the Philippines in strong enough terms. He chided Tillerson over the need for "moral clarity."

But in the end, Rubio fell in line again and backed the nomination.

Rubio had unsuccessfully opposed Trump for the GOP nomination last year before coming around to support him.

Democrats pressed their case against Tillerson right up until the vote. Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said Tillerson is unlikely to steer Trump away from pursuing an "unstable, reckless foreign policy."

Cardin said Tillerson's "timid equivocation on American values" throughout his confirmation process led him to predict Tillerson will be a "yes man" to Trump, unable to prevent "the risky, chaotic whims of a demagogue president who is leading us on a march of folly."

Sen. Schumer battered by both the right and left in new role

By Steve Peoples
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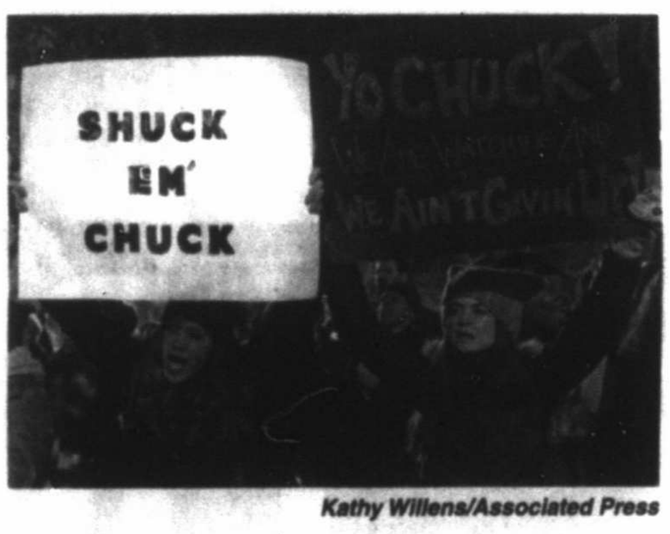

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Women demonstrate across the street from the New York city residence of Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer during the second in a series of "Resist Trump Tuesdays," on Tuesday in New York. Liberals are vowing to put pressure on Schumer to mount a vigorous opposition to the agenda of President Donald Trump.

NEW YORK — Thousands of angry liberals packed the icy sidewalk outside Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer's Brooklyn apartment. They mocked him with signs like "Grow a spine, Chuck!" and "Chuck's a chicken." And they chanted, "Filibuster everything!"

Such is the bind Schumer finds himself in as he emerges as the leader of the anti-Trump resistance on Capitol Hill.

The Senate minority leader is not only ridiculed and insulted by President Donald Trump but is also under fire from many of his own constituents, who complain that he is not fighting hard enough against the president.

"He has to champion the resistance or he has to get out of the way!" shouted 39-year-old Hae-Lin Choi, one of the leaders of the protest Tuesday night.

The fourth-term senator has irked many New Yorkers by supporting three of the president's early Cabinet selections. Schumer has since vowed to oppose at least eight of Trump's Cabinet picks, including would-be Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

"Our values are what matters to us. These Cabinet nominees almost to a person, many of them, certainly the big eight, are against our values," Schumer told reporters this week.

While the demonstrators who crowded into Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza acknowledged that the senator's stand against Trump's ban on travelers from seven majority-Muslim countries, and his opposition to the president's Supreme Court pick, are a step in the right direction, they said they are still not satisfied.

"He needs to make it impossible for them to get anything done," said Ali Adler, a 28-year-old Brooklyn woman.

Trump first mocked the 66-year-old senator as the Democrats' "head clown" during the fight over Obamacare. This week, the president branded him "Fake Tears Chuck Schumer" after the senator got choked up while denouncing the president's immigration order.

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DeVos' confirmation in jeopardy with one Republican vote at stake

By Aaron Blake
The Washington Post

DeVos

Two Republican senators announced Wednesday that they will not support Betsy DeVos' nomination to become education secretary, in an unusual display of resistance from members of the president's own party to his chosen Cabinet pick.

And if a third Republican senator joins them, it may not only be unusual; it could be historic.

Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, both announced they won't back DeVos, who featured in a rough confirmation hearing two weeks ago, because of her views on the public education system. That leaves 50 Republican senators who could support her. If every member of the Democratic caucus joined Collins and Murkowski in voting no, Vice President Mike Pence would be forced into a rare tie-breaking vote as president of the Senate.

But if another Republican senator bolts — and some aren't committing one way or another right now — DeVos would be headed for defeat. And history shows it's very rare for presidents with a Senate majority to see their nominees defeated. Very.

The last two Cabinet nominees to be officially defeated were defense secretary nominee John Tower in 1989 and commerce secretary nominee Lewis Strauss in 1959. Both faced a Senate majority from the other party. Tower, a nominee of Republican President George H.W. Bush, lost the vote of one liberal Republican but otherwise had the complete support of his party. Strauss, an Eisenhower appointee, was defeated by a Senate that was dominated by Democrats who didn't need a bipartisan front.

The last Cabinet nominee to be defeated thanks to losing senators from the president's own party was way back in 1925, when Calvin Coolidge's selection of Charles Warren for attorney general was rejected by both Democrats and some liberal Republicans.

The vote took place in the aftermath of the Teapot Dome scandal, and Warren was thought to be too closely allied with the sugar industry and its unfair practices. In the end, 31 Democrats and one third-party senator joined nine Republicans to narrowly defeat Warren's nomination, 41-39. All 39 "yea" votes for Warren come from Republicans.

Of course, it's much more common for Cabinet nominees facing rejection to be withdrawn than actually face a vote they will lose. But even then, it's been rare that this was the result of bipartisan opposition; more often it's been the result of an emerging scandal or the opposition party having a Senate majority.

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Steve Bannon's power play in Trump's Oval Office

By Nancy Benac and Jill Colvin
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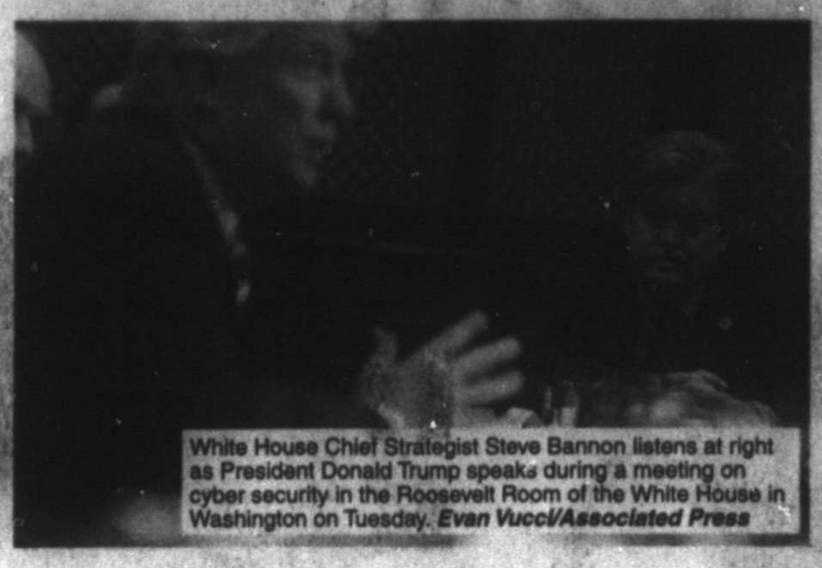

White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon listens at right as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting on cyber security in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington on Tuesday. *Evan Vucci/Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — People are beginning to pay more attention to the man behind the curtain.

It is a mark of Steve Bannon's extraordinary sway in the Trump White House that a man who has spoken so little in public over the past two weeks is getting so much credit — and blame — for what's going on.

The conservative media executive's fingerprints are on virtually every significant move taken by President Donald Trump, from Trump's sweeping order to suspend the country's refugee program and block visitors from seven Muslim-majority countries to the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

Trump raised eyebrows and hackles when he gave Bannon a seat on a powerful National Security Council. Bannon, a shaggy-haired agitator-turned-insider eager to make a lasting mark on Washington, was a strong advocate for Gorsuch, according to a person who spoke with him recently. That person spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss a private conversation.

Bannon's early moves to consolidate power haven't come without pushback.

In a phone call Monday, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly and Acting Secretary of State Tom Shannon asked the White House to take a back seat in cleaning up confusion caused by the chaotic rollout of the immigration order, according to two U.S. officials who spoke on anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about internal government discussions.

Still, the extent of Bannon's influence was underscored by Trump's striking decision over the weekend to add his name to the roster of the National Security Council, not typically the province of political advisers.

"Steve's the main ideological mover of the administration. He's the chief ideological officer and he has a strong point of view," said Christopher Ruddy, the CEO of Newsmax and a friend of the president. "I think the bond is their world view."

The 64-year-old Bannon shares Trump's business and media experience, as well as his dramatic flair. He's a fellow disruptor who helped Trump capitalize on the populist anger and frustration that propelled them both to the White House.

Rarely seen or heard during Trump's campaign, Bannon is now a fixture.

If Trump is moving quickly to overthrow the established order, Bannon is the one fomenting rebellion.

If White House chief of staff Reince Priebus is there to maintain order and focus, Bannon is there to wage war.

"He wants to be the intellectual, strategist bomb-thrower," says former House Speaker and informal Trump adviser Newt Gingrich, who sees Bannon as the perfect ally to the president in disrupting the status quo. "He does not want to be the guy who makes the trains run on time."

Bannon has cultivated a near-diabolical image in his rare, headline-making interviews.

He recently told The New York Times he sees the media as "the opposition party," and advised the press to "keep its mouth shut" after it underestimated Trump.

"Darkness is good," he told The Hollywood Reporter shortly after Trump's win. "Dick Cheney. Darth Vader. Satan. That's power."

As Trump's chief strategist and senior counselor, Bannon had a hand in crafting the president's inaugural address and in selecting his Cabinet. He's bringing in aides from the conservative Breitbart media empire where he ruled before Trump tapped him to direct his campaign.

Trump's move to add Bannon to the National Security Council has drawn howls from Democrats and even some Republicans. Bernie Sanders called it "dangerous and unprecedented." Republican Sen. John McCain called it a "radical departure" from recent history. Former Clinton adviser Robert Reich called Bannon "nuts and malicious."

Former deputy campaign manager David Bossie, who introduced Trump to Bannon in 2011, says the two got to know each other as Trump appeared multiple times on Bannon's Breitbart radio show over the ensuing years.

"They believe in each other's agendas, which is why they have grown so close," says Bossie.

Still the two are an unusual match. While Trump is not an avid reader, Bossie describes Bannon as "a carnivore of books" who's always reading and talking history — ancient Greece, the Civil War, World War II and more.

Bannon took over Breitbart News after the sudden death of its founder in 2012 left people wondering what would become of the website. By then, the former U.S. Navy officer and Harvard MBA had left behind Goldman Sachs and investment banking, capitalized on an entertainment deal that left him with a share of "Seinfeld" royalties, founded an institute to ferret out government corruption and created a number of his own films, including paeans to Sarah Palin, the tea party movement and Ronald Reagan.

Under Bannon's guidance, Breitbart grew into one the right's most powerful voices as it took on establishment Republicans like House Speaker Paul Ryan. Critics, however, accused Bannon of allowing the website to become a platform for the white nationalist sentiments of the alt-right — a charge Bannon has denied.

His politics appear to skew closer to European, right-wing views than the typical American conservative agenda. He's described himself as an "economic nationalist" and has long advocated for closing off the nation's borders. We're in the midst of an "outright war," he's said, "between "jihadist Islamic fascism" and the "Judeo-Christian West."

Critics see more self-interest than devotion to conservatism in Bannon's history.

"He's really good at ingratiating himself to prominent people," says Ben Shapiro, a former Breitbart editor who's now a Bannon critic. Shapiro lists Palin, former Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and website founder Andrew Breitbart as past subjects of Bannon's attention. After Breitbart died, adds Shapiro, Bannon began using the website to promote Trump — "and then he was able to use that to enter into the halls of power."

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"I'm going to ask him who was his acting coach," Trump said.

Asked about Trump's insult, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Wednesday: "Chuck Schumer is not innocent in this. There's a lot of comments he's made. At some point, Chuck Schumer needs to be held accountable for his actions and his words."

At the same time, some of the protesters outside Schumer's apartment in Park Slope said his close ties to the political establishment make it difficult for them to trust him.

Choi called Schumer "as corporate a Democrat as they come" — "bought and paid for by Goldman Sachs."

Another protest organizer, Elizabeth Zeldin, said she was "horrified" by Schumer's early support for Trump's Cabinet.

"I'm very concerned that he is saying the right thing now and is once again going to go back into deal-making mode with the Trump administration," she said. "This is going to be a really tough, long fight ahead, and he can't regress."

The protests at Schumer's doorstep show little sign of slowing down.

"We're not going to sit idly by when our Democracy is crumbling beneath us," said Celia Caro, a 50-year-old Brooklyn art teacher who said the recent women's march was her first protest as an adult.

"I'm in for the long haul," she said.

RULES

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contest this nomination because he is so qualified," said Melissa Murray, interim dean of the University of California at Berkeley law school.

Republicans were quick to highlight the political risks to Democrats in conservative-leaning states. There are 23 Senate Democrats up for election next year, 10 in states Trump won.

"The minority needs to decide whether or not they want to go to states like North Dakota and Montana and Missouri and Indiana and West Virginia where Mr. Trump won by 17 points or more and talk to the real people there and say 'we're going to stop what was clearly your will,'" said GOP Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina.

One of those senators, Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia, was meeting with Gorsuch late Wednesday. "I'm anxious to hear his views. I'm anxious to read more about him. I will make a decision," Manchin told The Associated Press ahead of the meeting.

For Democrats, there was debate about whether Gorsuch's nomination to replace the like-minded Scalia was the right time to launch an all-out fight over the court. Or, would Democrats be better off waiting to wage that battle for another possible high court opening during Trump's presidency, one that could shift the court markedly to the right.

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

MIDDAY MUSIC
at The Cassatt String Quartet will be closing its residency this weekend. They perform a free concert at the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Noon.

SIPS AND PUPS
Grab Fido and head on over to Midland Beer Garden's Yappy Hour event. Dog lovers and owners can bond over beers while all the puppies can make new friends. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

MODERN FLAIR
See works by Cipriano Bueno at Kamiposi's First Friday art opening reception. 6 p.m.

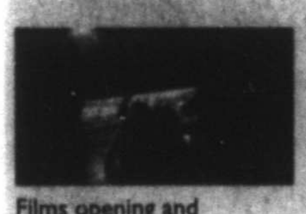
SATURDAY

HIGH SALUTE
The Midland Army Air Field Museum Gala will salute veterans with live entertainment and guest host Tumbleweed Smith. Tickets are available at highskywing.org. 6 p.m.

JUKEBOX HEROES
Classic rock legends Foreigner will bring a slew of signature hits to the Wagner Noel stage, as well as one local school choir. 8 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Comedian," "Rings," "The Space Between Us."
Closing: "Patriots Day," "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone," "XXX: The Return of Xander Cage."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Rings," "The Space Between Us."
Closing: "The Bye Bye Man," "Hacksaw Ridge."

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

COMING SOON

Fluffy is back. Comedian Gabriel Iglesias heads back to the Wagner Noel for a two-night engagement Feb. 9 and 10.

Courtesy photo

Vicky Gonzales, left, is playing Esmerelda in Midland Community Theatre's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which opens Friday. The musical is based on the 1996 animated Disney film. As the virtuous gypsy dancer, Gonzales found her character exploration go deeper.

'ROMANTICS AT HEART'

'Hunchback of Notre Dame' actress finds deeper meaning in her role

By Rich Lopez
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If Vicky Gonzales has a signature, it is undoubtedly her joyous smile. Her genuine grin has been to great effect in many of her previous happy-go-lucky roles such as in "Nunsense" and "La Cage Aux Folles." Her next performance, however, will be quite the departure.

She is playing Esmerelda in Midland Community Theatre's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which opens Friday. The musical is based on the 1996 animated Disney film. As the virtuous gypsy dancer, Gonzales found her character exploration go deeper.

"When any Disney show is brought to the stage, darker elements are brought to life to make it more interesting for adult audiences," she said. "So there is more depth to the characters."

In the famous tale of the outsider Quasimodo in 15th century Paris, Gonzales has touched on many emotions in bringing her character to life.

"She's definitely tough on the exterior but with a lot of vulnerability underneath," she said. "She has to be strong and fight for herself and her people."

Interestingly, her role somewhat echoes today's current events.

"Yeah, there are lot of unfortunate parallels in our society, as well as with her and the show that touches on what people deem 'undesirable,'" she said. "Esmerelda is very much willing to stand up and fight for someone who can't do it for themselves."

But her role isn't always so heavy. Gonzales said that her likeness to the character leans toward the sweeter side.

"Well, we're both romantics at heart," she said.

Gonzales shares her lead roles with Albert Hall as Phoebus and Matthew Nicholson as the title character.

"It's been great with those two," she said. "Albert is laid-back fun and always open to suggestions. And I really admire Matthew's work ethic. He digs for authenticity and you can see him become Quasimodo."

Theater isn't just a part-time interest for Gonzales. By day, she teaches drama and music at Midland Montessori School. Her stage work sometimes comes in handy.

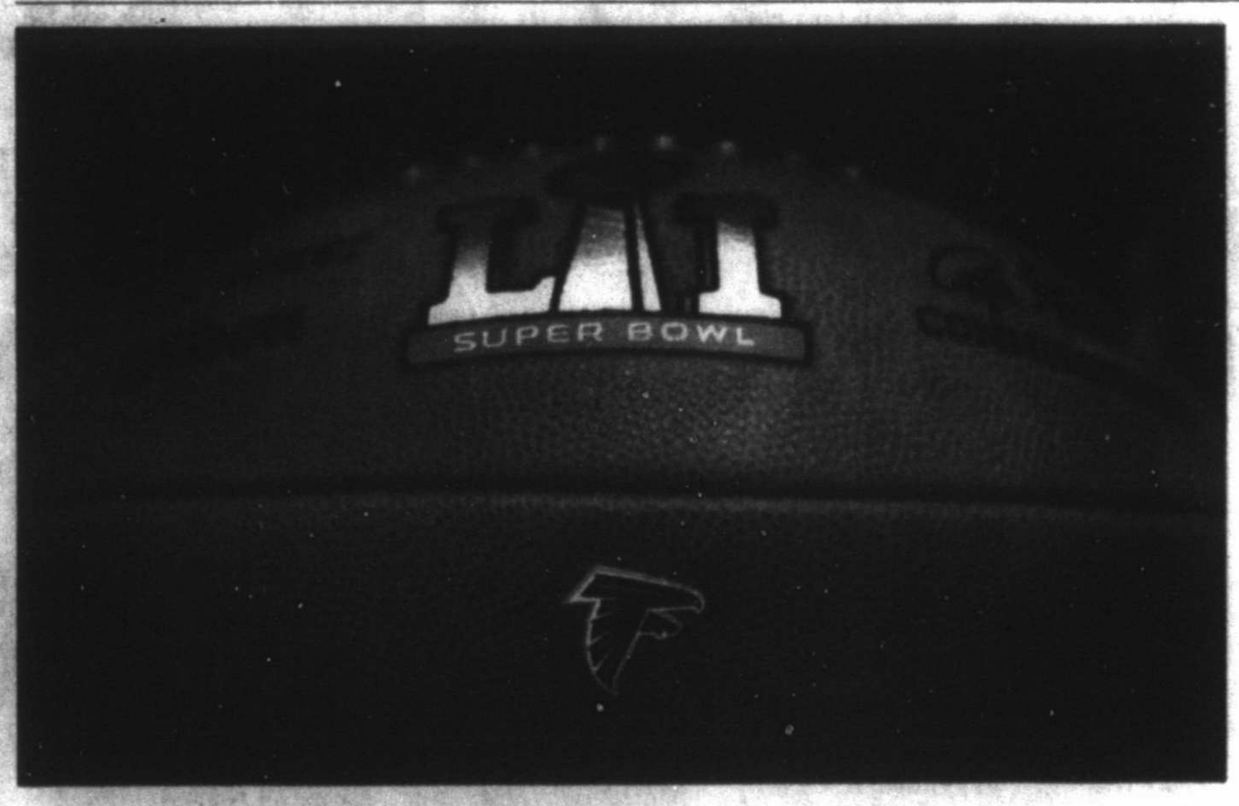
"I teach to fourth- through sixth-graders and every now and then, I give them examples of my own experience when it works. I don't try to self-promote too much but they can identify with me when it comes to their own work or rehearsal."

Her takeaway for her students who plan to see the show and the rest of the audience is simple.

"I'd really like for them to see the human side of every character. Just because people are a particular way, that doesn't mean they don't have feelings or emotions," she said. "If there's a message to 'Hunchback,' I'd say it would be that."

IF YOU GO

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Opens Friday and runs through Feb. 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.



HEAT INDEX: Cheer on your Super Bowl 51 team at these events, venues

By Rich Lopez
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If you'd rather enjoy Super Bowl Sunday festivities without the fuss, not to worry. There are a multitude of screens around Midland on which to watch as the Atlanta Falcons and the New England Patriots for Super Bowl 51 in Houston. Whether it's just on the big screen or made into a football experience, you're more than covered to root for your favorite team with fellow fans.

Super Bowl 51 airs at 5:30 p.m. CST Sunday on Fox. Lady Gaga headlines the halftime show. nfl.com/super-bowl.

EVENTS

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY AT DETOUR BAR

You can get an early start with doors opening at noon. Detour will begin serving Bloody Marys and mimosas on special with food service beginning at 3 p.m. The bar offers three screens to watch the game.

1708 Rankin Highway. 21 and older.

SUPER BOWL PARTY AT CLUB REMY

The club will offer complimentary snacks and $1 beers. Doors open at 2 p.m.

200 N. Lee St. 21 and older.

HARMONY HOME'S 38TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

This nonprofit takes Super Bowl parties to a higher level by putting on the biggest football

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KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

De Niro cuts loose in 'The Comedian'

Is Robert De Niro back? Can it be true? It seemed for a long while there that we had lost the beloved tough guy actor forever to demeaning projects like "Dirty Grandpa" and blink-and-you'll-miss-it boxing movies, but Taylor Hackford's "The Comedian" shows promise for De Niro fans. It's a truly lived-in, committed and sincere performance, playing an aging comic, Jackie Burke, who can't manage to outpace his past starring as Eddie in the '80s sitcom "Eddie's Home."

But Jackie just wants to be Jackie, not Eddie anymore. When a heckler taunts him into a confrontation at a gig, a video of the scuffle goes viral, and Jackie is sent to the clink for 30 days and tasked with community service. Somehow, that manages to be the turn upward for his career — and his life. Part of being Jackie — not Eddie — is freedom from the family-friendly sitcom leash, and he takes every opportunity to test those boundaries, plunging instantly into aggressive crowd work and ribald blue humor, whether he's at a gig or not.

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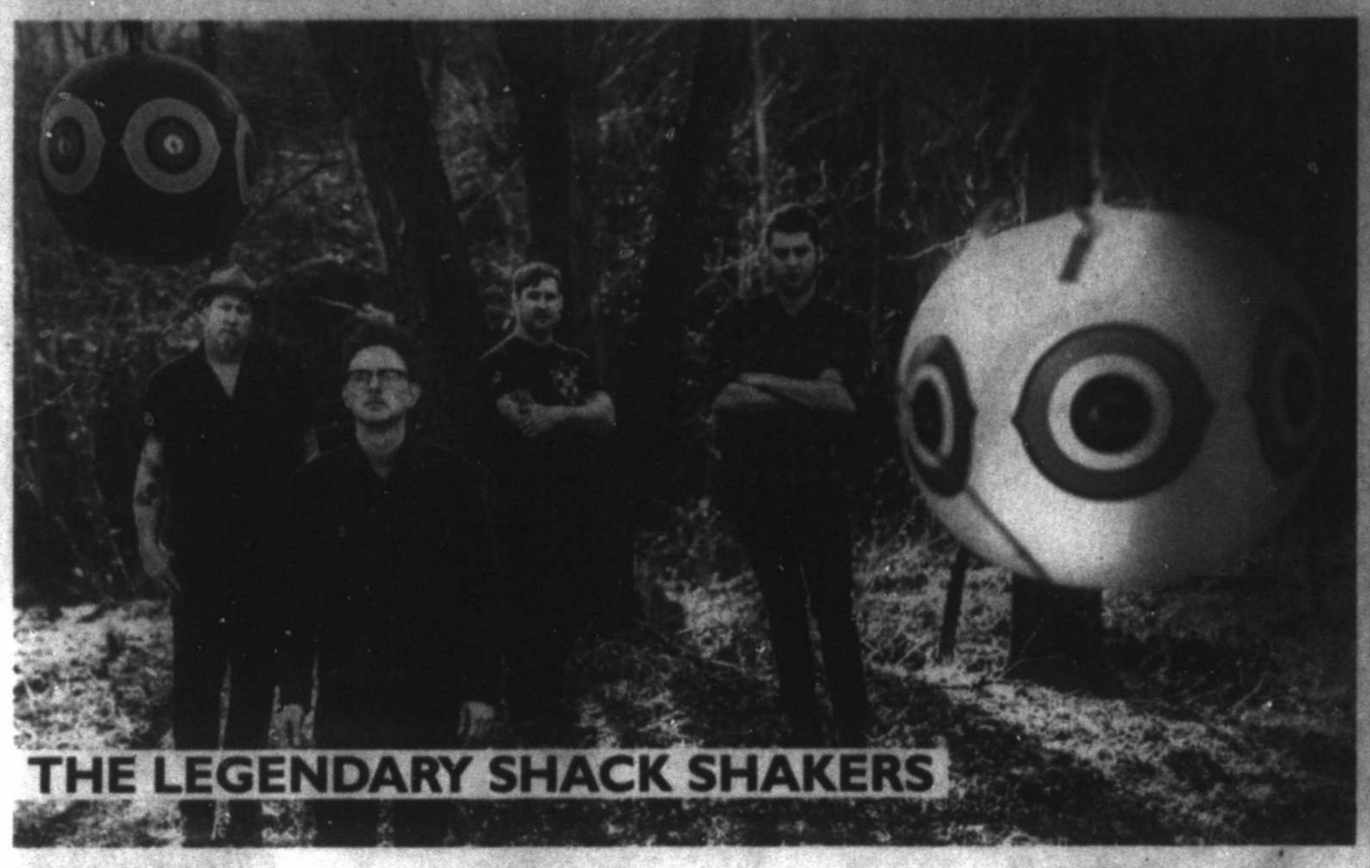
CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



ART & DANCE

Adult Paint and Sip: Love, 6:30 p.m. today at Carino's Italian, 4711 W. Loop 250 N. $35 per person. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

First Friday with works by Cipriano Bueno, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Child and Family Painting Event: "Rainbow Unicorn," 3 p.m. Sunday at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $25 children, $20 adult. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Wine and Paint hosted by Midland Arts Association and instructed by Mary Lambeth. 6 p.m. Wednesday at Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. Free for MAA members, $35 non-members. Maatx.org.

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

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

EVENTS

Little Sweethearts Dance for daddy/daughter, mother/son, guardian/child. The event will feature refreshments, dances, photos and games. 6 p.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $20 per couple, $5 additional child. Tickets sold at member service desk through Friday. Midlandymca.org.

Midland Army Air Field Museum Gala: A Salute to Veterans with entertainment by the Victory Belles and hosted by Tumbleweed Smith. Tickets include appetizers, entertainment, beverages and live and silent auctions. 6 p.m. Saturday at CAF High Sky Wing Main Hangar. $50. 703-3142. Highskywing.org.

Super Bowl Party with 15 big screen tvs and full menu available. 4 p.m. Sunday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave. Table reservations available by calling 432-685-1757.

FAMILY FUN

Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Funlab enables children to engage in engineering and robotic creative design through different themes. 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. $20 members, $25 non. Pbpetro.org.

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

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

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

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

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

FOOD & DRINK

Yappy Hour is a pet-friendly happy every first Thursday of the month. 6 p.m. Feb. 2 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80. midlandbeergarden.com.

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

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

$2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

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

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

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

Midland Archaeological Society Meeting, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Sibley Camera Club meeting, 9 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Jared Putnam, Elle Carpenter, 7 p.m. Saturday at The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. $5. thegaragetx.com.

CLASSICAL/VOCAL

Cassatt String Quartet, noon, today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4090 E. University Blvd. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

Cassatt String Quartet, noon, Friday at Bonham Jr. High Auditorium, 2201 E. 21 St., Odessa. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

COUNTRY

Drake Hayes, 10 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Hybrid Child, 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

DJ/DANCE

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

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

HIP-HOP

K. McKinney, 8 p.m. Feb. Saturday at Club Remy, 200 Lee St. $5.

KARAOKE

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

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

LATIN

Los Tigres del Norte, La Maquinaria Norteña, 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $55. Haciendamidland.com.

ROCK

A.J. Gaither, 9 p.m. Friday at Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.

Foreigner, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$75. wagnernoel.com.

Rockabilly Riot featuring The Legendary Shack Shakers, The Brains and The Delta Bombers. 9 p.m. Sunday at Some Place Else Club, 7409 W. Industrial Blvd.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

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

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

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," Friday through Feb. 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

Gabriel Iglesias: Fluffymania Tour, 8 p.m. Feb. 9 and 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $33-$148. Wagnernoel.com.

Love Rekindled is a marriage retreat focused on strengthening relationships. The weekend retreat is open to all married couples. Feb. 10-12 at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 W. $250. eventbrite.com.

Camila, 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50-$75. Haciendamidland.com.

Daddy and Daughter Valentine's Barn Dance, 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road.

Date Night with dinner, drinks and dessert, 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Pottery, 3001 W. Loop 250 N. $40. Pottermidland.com.

Annual Valentine's and Anniversary Party. KC's Nutty Roller celebrates 31 years with this annual event. The night will feature door prizes, blackout skates, games and more for both festive and romantic types. 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at 1004 Andrews Hwy. $9. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Sweetheart Family Pancake Breakfast benefiting the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Feb. 11 at On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina, 4306 W. Loop 250 N. $8 for ages 11 to adult, $4 for ages 3-10.

The Great Tomato Roundup is a workshop on growing tomatoes in West Texas. Guests will learn about varieties to grow, space, pests and more. Brown bag lunch is encouraged. Drinks provided. Hosted by Midland County Extension Office and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 11 at MCEO, 2445 E. Hwy 80. $25. Eventbrite.com.

Nature Club: Gem and Mineral Collections is part two of the Natural Hobbies series. The program is geared for K-4 students and registration is required. 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 nonmembers. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Heart and Sole 5/10 K kicks off American heart Month with proceeds benefiting the YMCA's annual campaign. 11 a.m. Feb. 11 at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. webscorer.com.

Tracing Your African-American Roots hosted by the MCPL genealogy department. 11 a.m., Feb. 11 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N.

Valentine's Dinner will feature four courses and two seating options. 6 and 8 p.m., Feb. 11 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. Reservations can be made by calling 432-682-3729. Ranchlandhills.com.

Date and Paint: "Sweet Valentine," 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Carino's Italian, 4711 W. Loop 250 N. $60 per couple. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

Country Music Night with Justin Dominguez and Mary Martin. 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Lincoln Tower, 311 W. 4th St., Odessa. Westtexastalent.com.

Battle Roast Night of Champions. The meanest night of comedy will pit previous Battle Roast champions against each other. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $10.

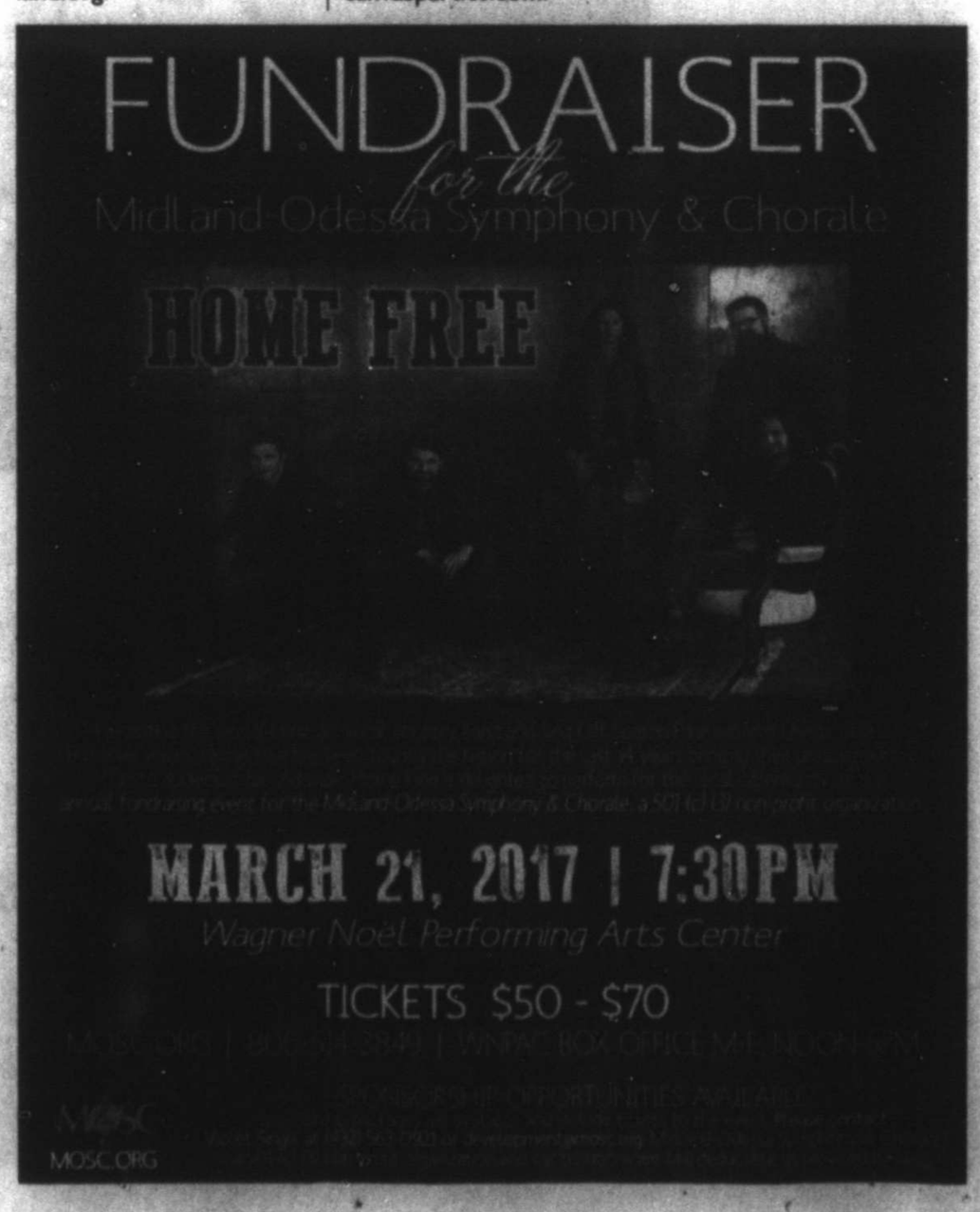
Styx, 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $45-$246. Wagnernoel.com.

Eric Johnson, 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49.50. Wagnernoel.com.

Wang Dang Doodle with Victor Wainwright and the Wild Roots, 8:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Doubletree Hotel, 117 W. Wall St. $10-$25. ticketfly.com.

MOSC West Texas Winds: Spring — Our Favorites, Vol. 1, 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $11.90-$14. MOSC.org.

Child and Family Painting Event: "Lego Batman," 4 p.m. Feb. 12 at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $25 children, $20 adults. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.



ON SCREEN & EVENTS

Alison Cohen Rosa/Sony Pictures Classics

Robert De Niro and Leslie Mann in "The Comedian."

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De Niro sells both the stand up, and the well-rounded performance of a man who's always on, but searching for a deeper connection, whether he'd admit that or not. His relationships range from the strained (with his brother and sister-in-law, played by Danny DeVito and Patti LuPone), to the combative (with his manager Miller, played by Edie Falco) to the casual, friendly ribbing with the comics at the Comedy Cellar. So meeting Harmony (Leslie Mann) at the homeless shelter, where they're both working off their court-mandated community service hours, offers the opportunity for something else.

The world of "The Comedian" feels authentic, with De Niro surrounded by real comedians and old compatriots alike. One can't deny the thrill of watching De Niro and Harvey Keitel — who plays Harmony's reformed gangster father Mac — face off one more time. Scenes in the Friars' Club are a treat, especially some testy back-and-forth with Charles Grodin, and a roast featuring Cloris Leachman is the pinnacle of the film's humor.

"The Comedian" builds a lilting rhythm around each time Jackie gets called to perform — at a small birthday dinner, at a wedding, heckled from the stage, visiting a retirement home, signing autographs, apologizing in court. Jackie always complies when asked — but he can't resist his own worst instincts, compulsively descending into the crudest, most offensive material possible. But somehow, he manages to yank everyone back up, with a self-deprecating show of his own vulnerability, a reminder that we're all in this together, and that sometimes poopie is funny.

Harmony shares a sensibility with Jackie, and Mann is compelling in her delicately-wrought, if familiarly frantic performance. She's the character in whom Jackie finds something to care about. But the arc of her character shows that the filmmakers didn't know what to do with a complex woman like Harmony, despite her potential. She's wacky, funny, angry, and just as off-kilter as he is, but she's quickly set aside for Jackie's journey to continue, and their combustible chemistry is squandered for stale and cliché plot developments that drag the whole thing down. The world of the "The Comedian" is rich, the themes often thought-provoking. But it eschews all that for a cutesy happy ending, one that Jackie definitely wouldn't approve of.

"The Comedian"
2.5 out of 4 stars
Cast: Robert De Niro, Leslie Mann, Danny DeVito, Patti LuPone, Edie Falco, Charles Grodin, Harvey Keitel, Cloris Leachman
Directed by Taylor Hackford
Running time: 1 hour, 59 minutes
Rated R for crude sexual references and language throughout.

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'Space Between Us' took a long time to land in theaters

By Joseph V. Amodio
Newsday

For a guy who plays a new kind of alien — an Earthling raised on Mars — in a movie all about space travel, you'd think Asa Butterfield would be more adventurous.

Sure, he races rovers across the Martian desertscape, and hurtles toward Earth in the new film "The Space Between Us." But when it comes to something as simple as going up in a hot-air balloon, the 19-year-old British actor and "Hugo" star gets quiet.

"Actually, I don't think I'd do that," he says, chuckling. "I'm a bit scared of going up in a balloon. It's one thing if you go up with a massive engine, but a balloon filled with gas seems ridiculous."

"Space," directed by Peter Chelsom, hits theaters Friday. It follows teenager Gardner Elliot (Butterfield), born to an unexpectedly pregnant female astronaut on Mars, on an arduous journey back to Earth to meet his pen pal (um, make that interplanetary Skype pal) Tulsa (Britt Robertson). The film was shot in and around Albuquerque during its famed Hot Air Balloon Festival, and the balloons make a brief cameo, floating by in the background of one scene. It's a form of travel that seems archaic now, eclipsed by cars, bullet trains, jets and … maybe soon … rocket ships — if we're to believe this film.

And, as it turns out, there are plenty of reasons why you should.

When producer Richard Barton Lewis first began developing this story in 2006, the idea of travel to Mars was "plausible, but a pipe dream," he says. "Now it's going to happen," he notes, citing

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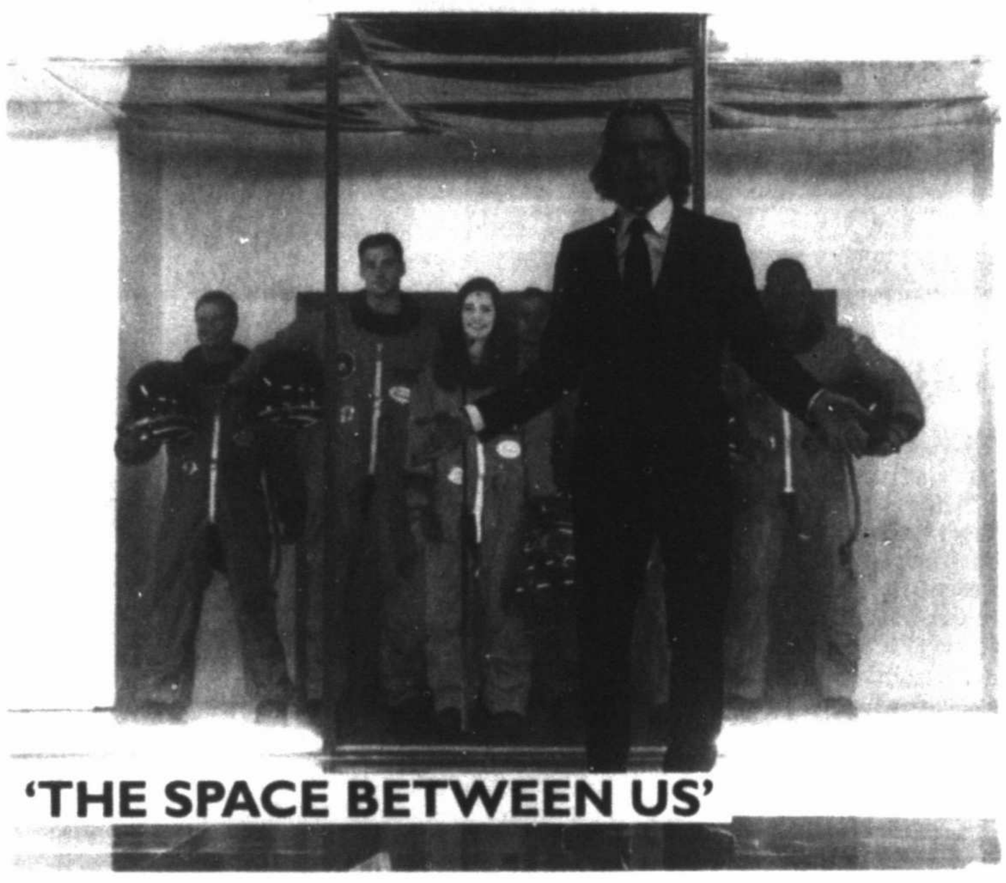

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watching event in West Texas. Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center will host its Tailgate for a Cause with proceeds benefiting the organization's client services and programming. Tickets begin at $50 and go up to sponsorship levels beginning at $500. For more information, visit ohhcac.org.

MCM Grande Hotel FunDome, 6201 W. Highway 80 East in Odessa.

SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE BAR

With more than 15 screens, there will be plenty of space to enjoy the game. The full menu will be available as well. The Bar will give out prizes and host a silent auction benefiting Midland Police Department officer Jake Churchwell who was injured in a crash last November. Doors will open at 4 p.m. Table reservations can be made by calling 685-1757.

606 W. Missouri Ave.

FOOTBALL SUNDAY WATCH PARTY AT LA ROCA THE ROCK

This event will feature a tailgate party competition and grill-your-own-steak station. There will be a halftime contest for the whole family to participate in as well. The watch party begins at 4:30 p.m.

1100 Hickory Ave.

VENUES AIRING THE GAME

Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave.

Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.

Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery, 1119 Tradewinds Blvd. With more than 60 screens, the restaurant will show the game as well as offer drink specials.

Torino's Pizza Bar, 3303 N Midkiff Road.

Triple Threat, 12 Meta Drive. The game will be available for viewing along with a menu of drink specials.

Twist Restaurant and Bar, 5518 Starboard Drive (inside Four Points Sheraton). An all-you-can-eat buffet with wings and pizza will be available for $26.

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A woman sued the distributors of the movie "Drive"(2011) and the theater in which she watched the movie,claiming that "it had very little driving".
The original version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" included the line "It may be your last."

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
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Psalm 33:17-19
A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness, To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine.

ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"The Comedian" (R) A former comedy star struggles to reinvent himself but finds inspiration in a woman he meets while doing community service after a confrontation with an audience member. With Robert De Niro, Leslie Mann, Cloris Leachman, Danny DeVito, Harvey Keitel, Edie Falco. Written by Art Linson, Jeff Ross, Richard Lagravenese, Lewis Friedman, story by Linson. Directed by Taylor Hackford.

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

"Gold" (R) Matthew McConaughey plays a prospector who teams with a geologist to hunt for treasure in the untamed jungles of Indonesia. With Bryce Dallas Howard. Written by Patrick Massett & John Zinman. Directed by Stephen Gaghan.

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

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

"Manchester by the Sea" (R) Powerful, emotional filmmaking that leaves a scar, Kenneth Lonergan's drama starring Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams is both heartbreaking and heartening, a film that just wallops you with its honesty, its authenticity, and its access to despair.

"Monster Trucks" (PG) Determined to escape the town where he grew up, a high school senior builds a vehicle from salvaged parts and encounters an unusual subterranean creature, who quickly becomes an ally. With Lucas Till, Jane Levy, Barry Pepper. Written by Derek Cornolly. Story by Matthew Robinson and Jonathan Aibel & Glenn Berger. Directed by Chris Wedge.

"Resident Evil: The Final Chapter" (R) The sixth and allegedly culminating episode in the action-horror franchise finds Milla Jovovich as Alice, returning to the Hive, where it all began. With Ali Larter, Shawn Roberts, Ruby Rose, Eoin Macken, Rola Lee Joon-Gi, William Levy, Iain Glen. Written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson.

"Rings" (PG-13) The deadly videotape returns and a young woman discovers an even darker level to its evil in this reboot of "The Ring." With Matilda Lutz, Alex Roe, Johnny Galecki, Aimee Teegarden, Bonnie Morgan, Vincent D'Onofrio. Written by David Loucka and Jacob Estes and Akiva Goldsman, story by Loucka and Estes. Directed By F. Javier Gutierrez.

"Silence" (R) Martin Scorsese's wrenching adaptation of Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel, about 17th century Portuguese priests experiencing a crisis of faith in feudal Japan, ponders the dogmas and mysteries of Christian faith with astonishing rigor and seriousness.

"Sing" (PG) Animated musical about a theatrical mogul koala who stages a singing competition to save his stage. Voices by Matthew McConaughey, Seth MacFarlane, Tori Kelly, Reese Witherspoon, Taron Egerton, Scarlett Johansson. Written and directed by Garth Jennings.

"The Space Between Us" (PG-13) The first human born on Mars returns to Earth and sets out to find his father. Written by Allan Loeb and Peter Chelsom & Tinker Lindsay, story by Stewart Schill and Richard B. Lewis & Loeb. Directed by Chelsom.

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

"xXx: The Return of Xander Cage" (PG-13) Vin Diesel returns for his third outing as a former extreme sports star turned government agent this time embroiled in a global conspiracy. With Donnie Yen, Deepika Padukone, Kris Wu, Ruby Rose, Tony Jaa, Nina Dobrev, Rory McCann, Toni Collette, Samuel L. Jackson. Written by F. Scott Frazier, based on characters created by Rich Wilkes. Directed by D.J. Caruso.

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'THE SPACE BETWEEN US'

'SPACE'

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space-travel enterprises like Elon Musk's SpaceX and Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic. "My joke has been that I just want to get this movie into theaters before we actually land on Mars."

Easier said than done. It took 11 years to bring the story to life. Then came the task of picking a release date. "Space," originally slated to open last summer, was bumped to December, then to February after its distributor, STX Entertainment, realized that going up against December juggernaut "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" was probably not a good idea.

The film is an intriguing amalgam of teen adventure, corporate intrigue (Gary Oldman plays an inscrutable CEO and space-travel pioneer along the lines of Musk or Branson) and Popular Science article.

To research the finer points of how we'll get to Mars and "terraform" the planet (creating an atmosphere amenable to humans), Lewis consulted with astronauts, scientists and visionaries, including Musk, and Scott Hubbard, the former "Mars czar" who once led NASA's plans to reach the Red Planet. The film's opening scene was even shot at Virgin Galactic's spaceport, Branson's New Mexico facility and blastoff point for his much-ballyhooed commercial trips to space.

"We're the only movie to ever shoot there," Lewis says proudly.

Inspired by gripping (but scientifically credible) films like Robert Wise's 1971 "The Andromeda Strain" and Steven Spielberg's 1977 "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," Lewis says his goal is to make movies that entertain, and educate.

Butterfield did his part, studying up on gravity, though he had a head-start, thanks to his role in the 2013 sci-fi film "Ender's Game."

"We worked with lots of harnesses there to simulate zero-gravity," he says.

In "Space," the big challenge was "capturing the physicality of the character," he says. For someone who's only lived on Mars, where gravity is about one-third of that on Earth, "to then return to Earth and do the simplest things would be incredibly difficult," he says. "It would affect the way you move, walk, everything."

Here's a little Martian Biology 101, for those who may be rusty. A woman on Mars who weighs, say, 120 pounds would come to Earth and — blam! — suddenly weigh about 320. A 185-pound guy on Mars leaps to nearly 500 pounds here. Each body is the same size. It's just the force from gravity that's different. Imagine how strange your body would feel, how much harder to move.

And that's just for starters. Gravity affects anatomy, from heart size to bone strength. (Bones won't need to be as strong on Mars, given its weaker gravitational pressure, so your skeleton would store less calcium. Not a big deal, unless you pop back to Earth, where your bones will seem like wet noodles.)

These are just some of the issues real-life space-travel entrepreneurs are sorting out. Butterfield's character undergoes surgery to encase his bones in a hard skeletal covering, like scaffolding, so he'll be able to walk on Earth. It's all part of his struggle to get the girl — or at least meet her.

In other sci-fi films, heroes leap from planet to planet, swinging light sabers, no problem.

"Look, it's an adventure, a feel-good movie," Lewis says, "but we worked hard to make sure the science is as valid as possible."

Given all he knows about space travel, would Lewis go?

He's not keen on the idea. But his son — now studying astrophysics at Stanford — is committed to it. "He's dragged me hang-gliding, paragliding, and I went up with him when he flew a Cessna at 13," Lewis says. "If he said, 'Hey, Dad, ya gotta come along,' then, yeah, I'm going."

Butterfield is more circumspect.

"I'd like to go to space, but Mars is quite far," he says. "I don't know if I'm up for that or not. Maybe. I'll wait for a few people to do it first — make sure it's safe. It's a long trip."

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'CLOSET MONSTER'

Touching story follows teen's sexual identity crises

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Closet Monster" (unrated) There are amazing performances, particularly by its young leading man, Conner Jessup, who is magnificent as the teenage boy grappling with his sexuality. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage" (R) There is perhaps no other true World War II story that deserves a great movie made about it than the tragedy of the USS Indianapolis. The vessel and its crew delivered the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. On the way home, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese sub. The survivors were stranded in waters infested with sharks. This film, although probably sincere in its mission to convey the story thoughtfully, failed miserably with its gratuitous violence manifested by animatronic sharks. If you do see it, watch for Midland native Brian Presley, who plays Waxman. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Breakdown" (unrated) Uneven action fare would be decent viewing for fans of the stars. Unfortunately, there's no one in it you've ever heard of. **C**

"Death Race 2050" (R) Not to be confused with the more recent Jason Statham series, this is a remake of the glorious 1975 cult classic "Death Race 2000." There are appreciated differences in this update, but only time will tell if it measures up to its predecessor. I suspect it will not, though it's a respectable effort. **B**

"Guernica" (R) Nowadays, the only thing the title might conjure up is the famous mural painted by Pablo Picasso. Well, this film attempts to tell the story behind the mural and its significance to modern-day warfare. Though it gets off to a slow start, the final two-thirds of the film are spellbinding. **B**

"Inferno" (PG-13) The third film in the series of Dan Brown adaptations about professor and historical puzzle-solver Robert Langdon also ranks third on the list. There is a great deal of enjoyable action and intellectual discourse as Langdon, played by Tom Hanks, goes though the motions. Unfortunately, that's exactly how it feels — just going through the motions. **C+**

"Kill Command" (unrated) Much like the recent "Robot World," the story takes place in a land where the machines rule. Unlike that film, this one lacks any redeeming qualities. **D'**

"Long Way North" (PG) The film, set in 1882, follows a Russian girl as she attempts to clear her family name after her grandfather goes missing at sea. Despite a lack of attention to some details, it is stunning. **B+**

"The Silent Storm" (unrated) Damian Lewis is mesmerizing as a minister whose directives he believes are straight from God oppress his home, sending his wife into the arms of another. **B**

"Surf's Up 2: WaveMania" (PG) The relentless recruitment of youngsters by the WWE continues in this in-name-only sequel to the 2007 animated feature. Vince McMahon, the Undertaker, Jon Cena and several other wrestling stars provide a bit of fun, but the story is lame. **C+**

TOP REDBOX RENTALS

The Top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of Jan. 16:

1. Deepwater Horizon — Lionsgate
2. The Secret Life of Pets — Universal
3. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children — Fox
4. The Whole Truth — Lionsgate
5. Jason Bourne — Universal
6. Storks — Warner
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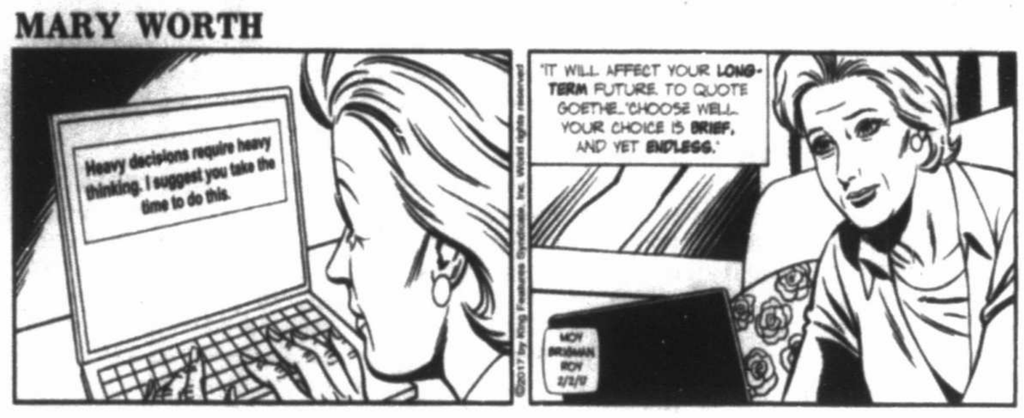

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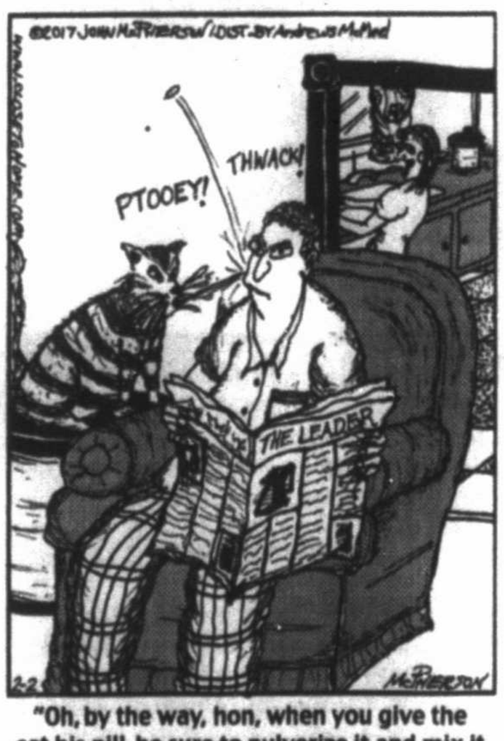

"Oh, by the way, hon, when you give the cat his pill, be sure to pulverize it and mix it with his food or he'll just spit it out."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HAVE A FAVORITE CHAIR TOO, BUT MINE IS USUALLY FACING THE CORNER."

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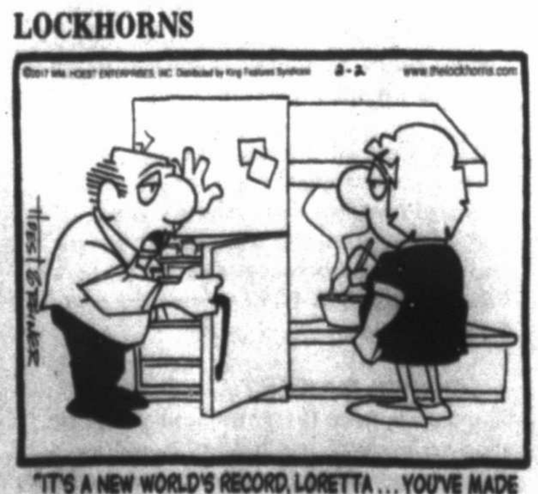

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DINING

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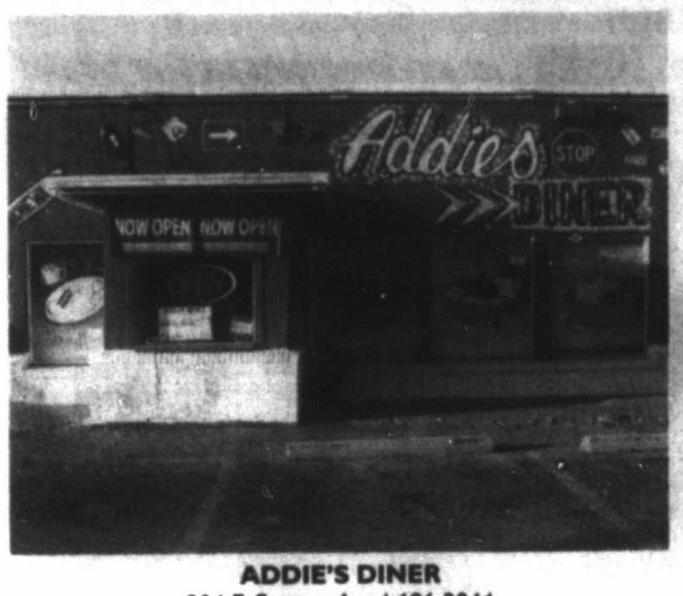

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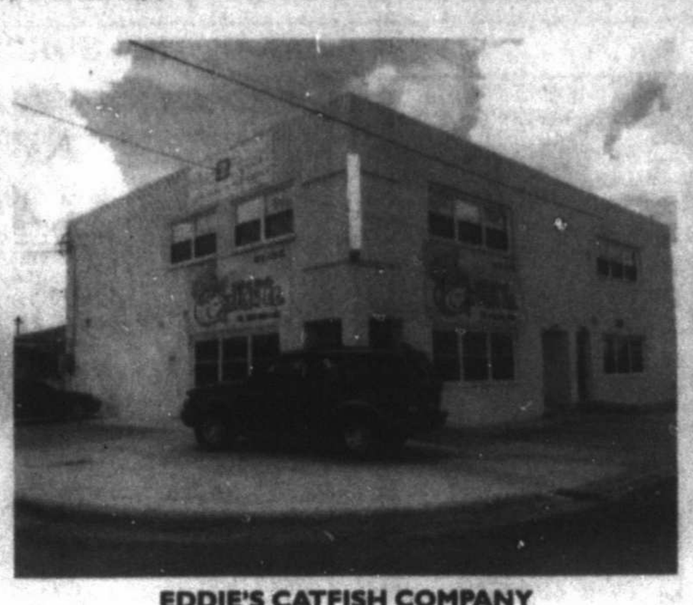

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY
301 N. LEE ST. | 684-4422

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFÉ
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AMERICAN & GRILL

ADDIE'S DINER Great burgers and salads with a '50s diner vibe. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. 304 E. Florida Ave. 686-2044. | $ | 4 spoons

BUFFALO WILD WINGS Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 www.bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 www.crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday night. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 www.alldredgegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

CHILI'S Featuring comfort food and a full-service bar, the chain is famous for its baby-back, baby-back, baby-back ribs. The broccoli cheese soup is some of the best around, as are the Southwestern eggrolls. 2100 Loop 250 Frontage Road, 687-3744 | $$ | 3 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons.

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else? Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons.

FURR'S CAFETERIA One of Midland's oldest eateries, the restaurant has served the Tall City since the 1960s. The all-you-can-eat buffet lets you choose from an assortment of salads, entress, vegetables, breads and desserts, which include the chain's world-famous pies. 1116 N. Midkiff Road 520-9629 | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. Two locations 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756, 4906 Briarwood Ave. 684-4479 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons.

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building, 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons.

MAIN STREET DINER Breakfast and lunch eatery feature fresh comfort foos such as chicken and dumplings. One Yelp review said "If you are traveling through and really want to experience a local place with the spirit of Midland, Main Street is it." 611 S. Main St, 682-5970 | $ | 4 spoons

MULBERRY CAFE The third restaurant under the Morales family banner, which also includes Gerardo's Casita and Gerardo's Bistro, is an ideal place for a relaxing Saturday or Sunday breakfast or a quick weekday lunch. The lunch and dinner menu features soups (the broccoli cheese soup is a filling meal), salads, wraps, sandwiches and burgers. The wraps, sandwiches and burgers come with homemade chips. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. | $$ | 4 spoons

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons.

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about a half-hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, St., Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

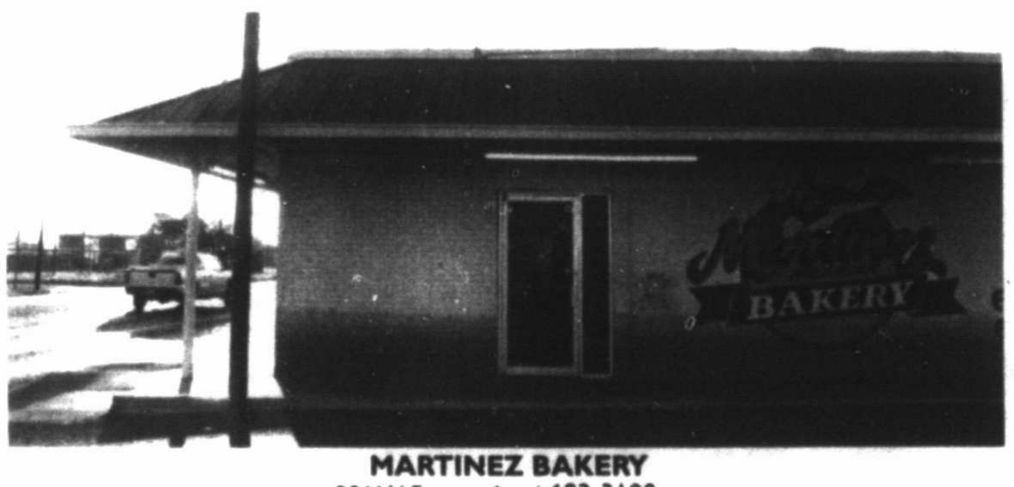
TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S. Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

THE TURN SPORTS BAR & GRILL The former Sedona is all new, featuring a sports-themed look and an American classics menu, including a chicken fries staek that ranks among the best in town. 2101 W. Wadley Ave.. 695-6240 |$ | 4 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons



MARTINEZ BAKERY
206 W. FLORIDA AVE. | 683-3100

DESSERT, BAKERY & SPECIALTIES

BASKIN ROBBINS The national chain has two locations in Midland with its patented 32 flavors and a whole lot more, including some of the best ice cream cakes ever, whuch you can order online. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. 682-7131 and 5400 Briarwood Ave. 679-0789 www.baskinrobbins.com | $ |
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BREW STREET BAKERY Customer service is lagging, according to one online review but the baked goods at the end of the line are worth the wait. Menu also boasts premium coffee, craft beer and wine. 4610 N Garfield St. 218-7334 | $ | 4 spoons

CABIN CREEK COFFEE & TEA The former Tea2Go has changed its name but is still under the same ownership, offering most of the same loose leaf tea drinks and adding specialty coffee drinks using beans from the Big Bend Roasting Company and a variety of fruit smoothies. 2900 W. Loop
250 N., Ste 60 | 689-5451| $ |
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MARTINEZ BAKERY Walls lined with self-serve bakery cases filled with cookies. Also serves "super tortas" (Mexican sandwiches) with chicken, brisket or ham. 206 E. Florida Ave. 683-3100; 683-2278 | $ | 4 spoons

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES Choose from 10 flavors and 40 unique cake designs while you browse thier unique gifts, charming cards and inspired decorator items. 3211 W. Wadley Ave., #22 A. 689-0060. | $$$ | 5 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Try the sourdough cheeseburger for a meal and an outrageous sundae such as the hot fudge banana split for dessert. If you're too full for dessert, get a pint to go. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TCBY One of the nation's biggest frozen yogurt chains has long been a Midland favorite. Everything's good, but we recommend the peanut butter cup and bananas foster flavors. 5115 W. Wadley Ave. 520-8597 www.tcby.com/ | $ | 4 spoons

TONY'S BAKERY Order petit fours or a cake for your next party or stop to browse the bakery items for a quick snack. Also try the sandwiches for breakfast or lunch. 1108 N. Big Spring St. 570-4166 | $ | 4 spoons

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MHS' Mannix makes Nevada as college choice

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Midland High senior wide receiver McLane Mannix had an agonizing choice to make Wednesday.

After months of recruitment by four FBS schools and two Ivy League programs, Mannix had to narrow it down to one during National Signing Day.

Mannix signed a letter-of-intent to play college football for Nevada during a signing ceremony held for him and five MHS teammates — Paxton Heiting (Colorado School of Mines), Joseph Barron (West Texas A&M), Noah Marquez (Northwest Oklahoma State), Dillon Springer (Trinity Valley Community College) and Willie Echols (Cisco College) — at Midland High's gymnasium.

Mannix's decision to play for Nevada centered around his comfort level with their newly hired coaching staff under Jay Norvell and their Air Raid offense.

Norvell, a former NFL and University of Texas assistant who was just hired on Dec. 9, has a staff that includes offensive coordinator Matt Mumme, the son of Air Raid offense inventor Hal Mumme.

Norvell, Mumme and slot receivers coach Timmy Chang sold Mannix on a prominent slot receiver role during a home visit last week and on an official visit to the Reno, Nevada, university last weekend.

"(I'm going to be) catching a lot of balls, that's what they said," Mannix said. "They said 'hopefully we'll the break the NCAA receiving record' and I will be playing some kick returner and punt returner too."

Mannix announced his intentions of signing with Nevada on Twitter Wednesday morning just two days after backing out of a verbal pledge to Vanderbilt.

Mannix had verbally committed to Vanderbilt, an SEC program with a high academic reputation, last June.

"It was pretty hard," Mannix said of decommitting to Vanderbilt. "I had a pretty good bond with (Vanderbilt special teams coach Jeff Genyk and head coach Derek Mason), but ultimately it comes down making the right decision for me with my family and finding the right fit. I want to

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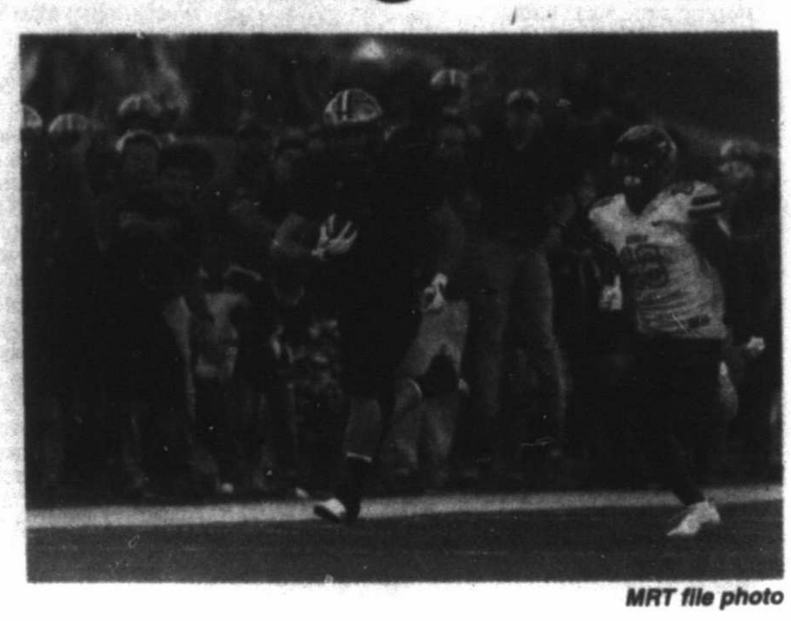

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Midland's McLane Mannix (1) runs the ball in for a touchdown after making a reception in front of DeSoto's Jamal Brown (18) on Sept. 9, 2016, at Grande Communications Stadium.

Pudge comes to town

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds game announcer Bob Hards sits for an interview with Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez on Wednesday evening at the West Texas Sports Banquet.

Rangers' HOF electee Rodriguez values roots

By Will Korn
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On a summer evening in the mid 1970s, eight year-old Ivan Rodriguez gazed in awe at the television in his family's home in rural Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

The "Great 8" of Cincinnati's vaunted "Big Red Machine" was on prime time. And the young Rodriguez, one year into his life in baseball, was particularly interested in the play of Reds' talented catcher, Johnny Bench.

Bench's arm, the power, the plate coverage and defense, the iron leadership — it all captivated Rodriguez, who had discovered his favorite player. Still, when his father Jose made him convert to a catcher from a pitcher/third baseman thanks to his own impressive arm strength, he broke down and cried.

"(Jose told me) 'You can cry as much as you want,'" Rodriguez said in The Players' Tribune's 'The Story of My Life.' "'But you're gonna catch from now on.'" Little did Rodriguez know of the lasting impact that transformation would have 31 years later.

On Jan. 18, Rodriguez became the 52nd player and the second catcher ever to be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on a first ballot. The other: His idol, Bench. At 45, Rodriguez is the youngest living member and fourth Puerto Rican player in Cooperstown.

"It's an honor," said Rodriguez, who was a guest speaker at the 25th annual West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction, Wednesday at Midland Country Club. "It's a great achievement to be with all of those Hall of Famers in the same room. It was a lot of work through the years to get there and I'm glad I'm part of the Hall of Fame."

The Puerto Rican game

The backbone of Rodriguez' career was his deep Puerto Rican roots. It's an unbridled passion for the game, relentless determination and a desire to be a complete player that is common among Puerto Rican players.

The original beacons were legendary outfielders, Roberto Clemente and Orlando Cepeda, who blazed a trail for Puerto Ricans during the heated segregation of the 1950s and 60s. Many others followed in their footsteps - Rodriguez, Roberto Alomar, Carlos Delgado, Jorge Posada and Bernie Williams a few of them.

Clemente and Cepeda hold a special place in Rodriguez' heart.

"What Clemente and Cepeda did for us, it opened the door for us to be in the big leagues," Rodriguez said. "Roberto Clemente is our hero because of what he did, what he went through in baseball. (Like him) We play the game hard, we love the game and play the game 100 percent all the time. But there are so many (of us). Us four won't be the only (Puerto Ricans) to be in the Hall of Fame."

The common denominator for nearly all of those players was and is sterling

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Deep diving field kicks off Region I-6A meet in Lubbock

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The Region I-6A Swimming and Diving Championships commences today with the 1-meter diving events and the girls' competition has the feel of a state championship.

The girls' diving field is so deep that all three medalists from the 2016 UIL state meet will be performing today at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock.

Campbell

Lee senior Charlye Campbell, a bronze medalist at the 2016 state meet, will be shooting for her fourth straight berth to state.

However, it won't be easy as Campbell faces a tough group of competitors, which includes 2016 state gold medalist Taylor Ohlhauser and 2016 silver medalist Emily Grund, both of Keller.

In addition to that pair, the regional entries include Keller's freshman sensation Maysi Richards and Midland High junior Logan Hillman, who finished seventh at the 2016 state meet.

Only the top three 1-meter performers earn spots to the UIL Class 6A State Swimming and Diving Championships, Feb. 17-18 in Austin. Unlike the swimming events, there are no wild card berths to Austin.

"On the girls' side, it's going to be a dogfight," Midland ISD diving coach Jennifer Mangum said. "It's going to be the most competitive regional meet I have ever seen in my life and it's going to be a knockdown, drag out dog fight. It's probably going to come down to the last round to determine who the top three are.

"It's very nerve-racking as a coach. I don't know if I am going to sleep that well until this is over. That's the hand that we were dealt. We have to run with the hand that we were dealt this year. We don't have a choice."

Campbell, a Texas A&M signee, enters the meet with the fourth-best score from district meets.

"We know that she can be right there with them," Mangum said of Campbell. "She had a chance to beat Taylor at the TISCA meet in November and just went long on one dive or else she would have won that meet. We know the possibility is there. But she's going to have to have a really solid day. You can't give points away. You have to be really sharp. I think

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Cowboys great Walls preaches patience, importance of earning respect

By Oscar LeRoy
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Dallas Cowboys great Everson Walls thought at one point he was going to be a basketball player. That was his favorite sport growing up.

Walls

He thought it was too hot outside to play football and the practices were hard and "crazy."

But life has a way of throwing you curveballs and it certainly did for Walls, who ended up walking on to Grambling State, played nine years for his hometown Cowboys and won Super Bowl XXV with the New York Giants in 1991 after the during a 13-year NFL career.

"All of a sudden, one turn happens, then another turn happens, and the next thing you know, I'm at Grambling State University playing for the great Eddie Robinson. (I was) a guy who didn't like football," said Walls, who was a guest speaker during Wednesday night's West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction. "Those twists and turns are all part of the process. That's what kids don't understand."

These days the 57-year-old is involved in a charity mentoring program, Ethos Education Group, which offers mentoring and character-building ideals for kids in Dallas area school districts.

Walls said one of the things he tells kids is to have patience and that everything that they do in life is about a process.

"Everybody wants something right now," he said. "When it comes down to it, those who have the most success in life, they're the ones who understand how much patience is involved in success.

"When they see a finished product, they don't realize all the work that went into getting to that point. Everything is a process and that process takes time. That's what kids have to understand, that it doesn't happen right away. Sometimes you're going to take a step back and sometimes you might take three or four steps back. It's your patience and tenacity, your stubborness even, that allows you to get past that."

Walls is living proof of that philosophy as he enjoyed a lengthy career and played with some of the best coaches and players despite not being a sought-after prospect coming out of Richardson Berkner and despite not being drafted out of college. He even got to play with his all-time favorite team from 1981-89 and is considered one of the best cornerbacks in franchise history

"It was a dream come true," said Walls about his time as a Cowboy. "It was a blessing, to go from being a troubled kid to playing for my hometown team and playing with all my heroes — Drew Pearson, Tony Dorsett, "Too Tall" Jones, Harvey Martin, all those guys I idolized. For

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BASEBALL

Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, 4 p.m., ESPNDEP

Mexico vs. Dominican Republic, 8 p.m., ESPNDEP

BOXING

Sammy Vasquez Jr. vs. Luis Collazo, 7 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

GOLF

PGA: Waste Management Phoenix Open, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Omega Dubai Deseret Classic, 2nd Round, 1:30 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

Missouri at Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Bryant at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Memphis at USF, 6 p.m., ESPNews

Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m., beIN

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

Belmont at Murray State, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UAB at UTEP, 9 p.m., CBSSN

Santa Clara at Portland, 9 p.m., ROOT

Gonzaga at BYU, 10 p.m., ESPN2

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

Arizona State at Oregon, 10 p.m., FS1

MEN'S SOCCER

Africa Cup of Nations, Semifinal: Cameroon vs. Ghana, 12:50 p.m., beIN

Copa del Rey Semifinal, Leg 1: Celta vs. Alaves, 1:50 p.m., beIN2

NBA

Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m., TNT

Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

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

NHL

NY Rangers at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Winnipeg at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

WTA: St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy, Curatos de Final Day 4, 9:30 a.m., beIN

Davis Cup: Australia vs. Czech Republic, 6 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

South Carolina at Kentucky, 6 p.m., SEC

Maryland at Purdue, 7 p.m., BTN

Mississippi State at Auburn, 8 p.m., SEC

Idaho State at Northern Arizona, 8:30 p.m., FCSP

Old Dominion at FIU, 9 p.m., beIN

ON RADIO

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Howard at Clarendon, 5:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Howard at Clarendon, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with 1B/OF Brandon Moss on a two-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Miguel Romero and OF Enny Participa on minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned HP Jonathan Aro and C Jesus Sucre outright to Tacoma (PCL).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned OF Adam Walker outright to Gwinnett (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS — Traded RHP James Farris and international bonus money slot number 28 to Colorado for RHP Eddie Butler and international bonus money slot number 74. Designated RHP Dylan Floro for assignment.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Claimed SS Chris Adriaticus off waivers from San Francisco.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Vance Worley on a minor league contract.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Christian Montgomery.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed C Luis Alen.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed OF Reggie Abercrombie.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Chris Carmain.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Danny Mateo.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

ATLANTA DREAM — Re-signed G Layshia Clarendon to a multi-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Retained tight ends coach Ron Middleton, defensive assistant Mike Rutenberg and offensive assistant John Donovan. Reassigned special teams coordinator Mike Mallory to assistant special teams coordinator. Named Jason Rebrovich assistant defensive line coach, Joe Danna assistant defensive backs coach, Tony Sparano Jr. assistant offensive line coach and Eric Price offense research specialist.

NEW YORK JETS — Named Stump Mitchell running backs coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled G Marek Langhamer from Rapid City (ECHL) to Tucson (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Traded F Brendan Ranford and Branden Troock to Arizona for G Justin Peters and D Justin Hache.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Assigned G Sam Brittain to Manchester (ECHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Fired coach Ken Hitchcock. Promoted assistant coach Mike Yeo to head coach.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Christian Djoos to Hershey (AHL).

ECHL

ALASKA ACES — Released G Lukas Hafner.

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Signed F Joseph Manno.

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Traded D Alex Kudjak to Quad City for D Jake Baker. Agreed to terms with F Louis Belisle.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Loaned D Justin Agosta to Hershey (AHL).

NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Added G Kevin Whitbeck as emergency backup.

QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Loaned F Alex Petan to Iowa (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Signed D Jelle Van Damme to a contract extension.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed M Alexander Ring.

COLLEGE

HARVARD — Named Mickey Fein pass game coordinator and wide receivers coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	51	30	14	7	67	155	127
Ottawa	48	26	14	8	58	132	129
Boston	54	26	22	6	58	138	143
Toronto	48	23	16	9	55	148	139
Florida	51	22	19	10	54	122	142
Tampa Bay	51	22	23	6	50	139	150
Buffalo	49	20	20	9	49	120	141
Detroit	50	20	21	9	49	126	148

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	51	34	11	6	74	167	112
Columbus	49	33	12	4	70	166	118
Pittsburgh	49	31	13	5	67	176	143
N.Y Rangers	50	31	18	1	63	171	135
Philadelphia	51	25	20	6	56	141	160
N.Y Islanders	48	22	17	9	53	139	138
Carolina	49	22	20	7	51	131	141
New Jersey	51	21	21	9	51	117	147

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	49	33	11	5	71	165	111
Chicago	52	30	17	5	65	143	135
Nashville	50	24	18	8	56	140	134
St. Louis	50	24	21	5	53	141	157
Dallas	51	21	20	10	52	141	160
Winnipeg	53	24	25	4	52	155	164
Colorado	47	13	32	2	28	94	161

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	51	32	17	2	66	138	117
Anaheim	52	28	15	9	65	138	130
Edmonton	52	28	16	8	64	154	137
Los Angeles	50	25	21	4	54	126	123
Calgary	52	25	24	3	53	134	149
Vancouver	50	23	21	6	52	119	140
Arizona	49	16	27	6	38	110	155

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Washington 5, Boston 3

Minnesota at Calgary, late

Colorado at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

N.Y Rangers at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.

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

Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Toronto at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	18	.633	—
Toronto	30	20	.600	1½
New York	22	29	.431	10
Philadelphia	18	30	.375	12½
Brooklyn	9	40	.184	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	28	20	.583	—
Atlanta	28	21	.571	½
Charlotte	23	26	.469	5½
Miami	20	30	.400	9
Orlando	19	32	.373	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	33	15	.688	—
Indiana	26	22	.542	7
Chicago	24	25	.490	9½
Detroit	22	27	.449	11½
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	37	11	.771	—
Houston	36	16	.692	3
Memphis	29	21	.580	9
Dallas	19	30	.388	18½
New Orleans	19	31	.380	19

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	30	19	.612	—
Oklahoma City	28	21	.571	2
Denver	21	26	.447	8
Portland	22	28	.440	8½
Minnesota	19	30	.388	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	41	7	.854	—
L.A. Clippers	30	18	.625	11
Sacramento	19	30	.388	22½
L.A. Lakers	17	34	.333	25½
Phoenix	15	33	.313	26

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores

Cleveland 125, Minnesota 97

Indiana 98, Orlando 88

Boston 109, Toronto 104

Detroit 118, New Orleans 98

Miami 116, Atlanta 93

New York 95, Brooklyn 90

Dallas 113, Philadelphia 95

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late

Memphis at Denver, late

Milwaukee at Utah, late

Chicago at Oklahoma City, late

Charlotte at Golden State, late

Today's Games

L.A. Lakers at Washington, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 7

Houston 27, Oakland 14

Seattle 26, Detroit 6

Sunday, Jan. 8

Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12

Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 13

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 14

Atlanta 36, Seattle 20

New England 34, Houston 16

Sunday, Jan. 15

Green Bay 34, Dallas 31

Pittsburgh 18, Kansas City 16

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 22

NFC

Atlanta 44, Green Bay 21

AFC

New England 36, Pittsburgh 17

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 29

At Orlando, Fla.

AFC 20, NFC 13

Super Bowl

Sunday

At Houston

Atlanta vs. New England, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

MCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

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Women

NO. 19 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 8 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 12-7, 3-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 20-3, 5-2

Last WJCAC game: Odessa College 50, Midland College 49 (Jan. 26); ; South Plains College 46, Western Texas College 41

Notes: Midland College looks to snap a two-game losing streak tonight as it visits an SPC team that defeated the Lady Chaparrals 69-61 to start WJCAC play on Nov. 30. ... Beginning the second round of WJCAC action, MC coach Ron Jones wants to see if his team can continue to improve. He said that it's going to be important tonight that his team take better care of the basketball and not give up easy baskets on the defensive end. ... In the frustrating loss to No. 1 ranked Odessa College, MC shot just 28.8 percent but turned the ball over 22 times, including nine times in the fourth quarter. ... This is the third straight opponent MC will face that is ranked in the top 10. ... Jones said sophomore guard Tae'lor Hodge will miss her second straight game with a knee injury.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Women's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	7	0	19	0
New Mexico JC	5	1	17	3
South Plains	5	2	20	3
Howard College	3	4	7	14
Midland College	3	4	12	7
Frank Phillips	2	5	13	6
Western Texas	2	5	9	9
Clarendon College	0	6	11	12

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 75, Frank Phillips College 53; New Mexico JC 72, Howard College 65; South Plains College 46, Western Texas College 41; Midland College and Clarendon College were open

Today's Games

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

Men's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	6	1	20	0
Odessa College	7	0	18	3
New Mexico JC	5	3	17	5
Western Texas	5	3	13	8
Howard College	4	3	14	8
Midland College	3	5	12	10
New Mexico Military	3	5	8	14
Clarendon College	2	6	11	11
Frank Phillips	0	8	11	17

Monday's Scores

New Mexico Military Institute 53, Midland College 49; Odessa College 81, Frank Phillips College 51; New Mexico JC 71, Howard College 66; South Plains College 103, Western Texas College 97; OT; Clarendon College was open

Today's Games

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

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 1 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 12-10, 3-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 20-0, 8-0

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico Military Institute 53, Midland College 49; South Plains College 103, Western Texas College 97, OT

Notes: Midland College looks to snap a three-game losing streak, but it won't be easy as the Chaparrals have to travel to face No. 1 South Plains College. ... SPC defeated the Chaps 81-65 to open league play on Nov. 30. ... The Chaps are coming off a disappointing loss to NMMI as they shot just 26 percent from the floor, including just 11 percent from 3-point range. Juan Cardenas led MC with 12 points and Jordan Jackson added 11 in the loss. ... MC will be without sophomore F Anthony Pratt, who broke his hand during practice over the weekend and likely done for the year, according to head coach Jordan Dreiling. ... MC will have to find a way to slow down the Texans, who are averaging 93 ppg, Jordan Brangers, a sophomore guard and Texas Tech signee, who is averaging 21.5 ppg.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS 62
TEXAS TECH 58

AUSTIN — Eric Davis Jr. scored 15 points, including a 3-pointer from the right corner with 28.8 seconds remaining and Texas beat Texas Tech 62-58 on Wednesday night.

Texas (9-13, 3-6 Big 12) has not lost to Tech in Austin since 1996, a span of 21 victories.

Jarrett Allen led Texas with 19 points and eight rebounds. Andrew Jones added 11, including a free throw with six seconds left that secured the victory, and seven assists.

Keenan Evans led the Red Raiders with 15 points. Anthony Livingston scored 14, Niem Stevenson added 12 and Zach Smith grabbed 13 rebounds. Tech (15-7, 3-6) fell to 0-5 in Big 12 road games.

Livingston made one of two free throws to tie the game at 58 with 53.7 seconds after Davis gave Texas the lead with a driving layup.

NO. 3 KANSAS 73
NO. 2 BAYLOR 68

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Josh Jackson had 23 points and 10 rebounds, then helped third-ranked Kansas prevent No. 2 Baylor from getting off a potential tying shot in the closing seconds of the Jayhawks' 73-68 victory Wednesday night.

Frank Mason III added 19 points, including two free throws to seal the win, and Devonte Graham scored 13 as the Jayhawks (20-2, 8-1) pulled a game ahead of the Bears (20-2, 7-2) in the Big 12 race.

It was nip-and-tuck almost the entire way.

The game was tied 64-all with 2:23 left when Jackson went baseline for a dunk. After Mason made a couple of foul shots moments later, the teams began trading baskets down the stretch.

TCU 86
KANSAS STATE 80, OT

MANHATTAN, Kan. — JD Miller scored 18 points, Vladimir Brodzianskyi had 17 and Kenrich Williams hit two 3-pointers in overtime as TCU defeated Kansas State 86-80 on Wednesday night.

Williams opened the overtime scoring with a 3-pointer and his big shot with 1:48 to play after a trey by KSU's Xavier Sneed made it 83-77 with 1:48 to play.

The Wildcats closed it to 3 with 25 seconds to go after Wesley Iwundu had a dunk and made 1 of 2 free throws on the next possession but Alex Robinson made two free throws at 15 seconds and after a KSU missed, Jaylen Fisher made a free throw with six seconds left.

Robinson and Fisher had 12 points each for the Horned Frogs (15-7, 4-5 Big 12) and Williams had 11 and 10 rebounds.

Kamau Stokes had 21 points and Sneed 19 for the Wildcats (15-7, 4-5).

Brodzianskyi's jumper with 25 seconds left in regulation tied the game at 73 and then he blocked a shot but Stokes, who got the ball back but couldn't get a last shot to fall.

Women

NO. 2 BAYLOR 83
IOWA STATE 52

AMES, Iowa — Alexis Prince scored 22 points and second-ranked Baylor beat Iowa State 83-52 Wednesday night for its 20th straight win.

It was the second time in three games that Prince topped 20 points for the Lady Bears (22-1, 11-0 Big 12), who overcame a shaky start with a 13-0 run that put the game out of reach.

Iowa State (12-10, 3-8) started strong at home, pulling to 34-31 late in the first half. But Baylor opened the second half with nine straight points and pushed its lead to 57-36 midway through the third quarter.

The Lady Bears outscored Iowa State 45-21 in the second half. Nina Davis scored 13 points and Alexis Jones had 12 for Baylor.

Jadda Buckley scored all 13 of her points in the first half for the Cyclones, who had won two of their previous three games following a terrible start to Big 12 play.

But Iowa State scored just six points in the third quarter on 2 of 14 shooting.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Men

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 70, New Orleans 69, OT

Arkansas 87, Alabama 69

Cincinnati 57, Tulsa 55

Houston 62, UCF 64

Texas 62, Texas Tech 58

Texas A&M-CC 90, Houston Baptist 79

SOUTH

Austin Peay 63, E. Kentucky 81, OT

Clemson 74, Georgia Tech 62

Emory & Henry 84, Lynchburg 77

Florida St. 75, Miami 57

Gardner-Webb 80, Campbell 66

Georgia College 60, Clayton St. 51

Hampden-Sydney 63, Randolph-Macon 56

Hampton 66, Md.-Eastern Shore 65

Hanover 70, Transylvania 69

High Point 92, Longwood 68

Jacksonville St. 74, SE Missouri 62

King (Tenn.) 88, Emmanuel (Ga.) 76

Lander 76, Augusta 65

Pfeiffer 109, Barton 90

Pikeville 88, Maine-Fort Kent 69

SE Louisiana 72, Nicholls 44

Stetson 76, Bethune-Cookman 67

Syracuse 100, NC State 93

Tusculum 72, Anderson (SC) 68

UNC Asheville 91, Charleston Southern 73

UT Martin 75, Tennessee Tech 46

VCU 81, Richmond 74

Virginia 71, Virginia Tech 48

Virginia Union 71, Johnson C. Smith 59

Westminster (Mo.) 80, Spalding 60

Xavier (NO) at William Carey, ccd.

MIDWEST

Albion 69, Calvin 62

Alma 74, Adrian 70

Aquinas 89, Indiana Tech 76

Carleton 69, Bethel (Minn.) 51

Concordia (Moor.) 81, Augsburg 68

Cornerstone 90, Lourdes 60

Davenport 91, Concordia (Mich.) 76

Hope 93, Olivet 88

IUPUI 86, N. Dakota St. 81, OT

Indiana 110, Penn St. 102, 3OT

Indiana St. 85, Evansville 84, OT

Marygrove 93, Madonna 81

Michigan-Dearborn 86, Lawrence Tech 72

Omaha 91, South Dakota 83

Purdue 80, Northwestern 59

S. Dakota St. 98, W. Illinois 65

S. Illinois 85, Bradley 65

Saint Louis 76, George Mason 74, 2OT

St. John's (Minn.) 78, St. Olaf 71

St. Mary's (Minn.) 75, Hamline 70

St. Thomas (Minn.) 59, Gustavus 57

TCU 86, Kansas St. 80, OT

Wichita St. 77, Drake 69

Wis.-Eau Claire 84, Wis.-Stout 80

Wis.-River Falls 73, Wis.-La Crosse 59

Wis.-Stevens Pt. 69, Wis.-Oshkosh 68

Wis.-Whitewater 68, Wis.-Platteville 64

EAST

Albany (NY) 90, Mass.-Lowell 77

Army 80, Lafayette 74

Bridgewater (Va.) 74, Shenandoah 66

Bucknell 80, American U. 60

Dominican (NY) 82, Caldwell 66

Haverford 83, Washington (Md.) 73

Holy Cross 56, Colgate 50

La Salle 88, UMass 78

Loyola (Md.) 62, Lehigh 60

St. Bonaventure 71, Duquesne 64

St. John's 85, Marquette 72

Stockton 73, Rutgers-Camden 49

Stony Brook 64, New Hampshire 61

UMBC 82, Binghamton 74

Vermont 74, Maine 53

Villanova 66, Providence 57

Top 25 fared Wednesday

1. Gonzaga (22-0) did not play. Next: at BYU, Thursday.

2. Baylor (20-2) lost to No. 3 Kansas 73-68. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.

3. Kansas (20-2) beat No. 2 Baylor 73-68. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.

4. Villanova (21-2) beat Providence 66-57. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.

5. Arizona (20-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.

6. Louisville (18-4) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.

7. West Virginia (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.

8. Kentucky (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Florida, Saturday.

9. Virginia (17-4) beat Virginia Tech 71-48. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.

10. Wisconsin (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Sunday.

11. UCLA (20-3) beat Washington State 95-79. Next: at Washington, Saturday.

12. North Carolina (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Notre Dame, Saturday.

13. Oregon (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.

14. Cincinnati (19-2) at Tulsa. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.

15. Florida State (19-4) beat Miami 75-57. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.

16. Butler (18-5) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Tuesday.

17. Maryland (20-2) did not play.Next: vs. No. 23 Purdue, Saturday.

18. Saint Mary's (19-2) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.

19. South Carolina (18-4) beat LSU 88-63. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.

20. Notre Dame (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 12 North Carolina, Saturday.

21. Duke (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.

22. Creighton (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Saturday.

23. Purdue (18-5) beat No. 25 Northwestern 80-59. Next: at No. 17 Maryland, Saturday.

24. Florida (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.

25. Northwestern (18-5) lost to No. 23 Purdue 80-59. Next: vs. Illinois, Tuesday.

Women

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 72, Texas A&M-CC 59

Kansas St. 65, Texas Tech 53

Oklahoma 89, Kansas 52

Texas 85, Oklahoma St. 71

W. Illinois 76, Oral Roberts 62

SOUTH

Barton 81, Pfeiffer 74

Belmont 94, SIU-Edwardsville 67

Carson-Newman 68, Mars Hill 61

Clayton St. 65, Georgia College 51

Dayton 68, Davidson 52

E. Kentucky 80, Austin Peay 71

Emory & Henry 83, Roanoke 84

King (Tenn.) 65, Emmanuel (Ga.) 48

Lander 68, Augusta 72

Md.-Eastern Shore 68, Hampton 65

Morehead St. 73, Murray St. 59

Nicholls 76, SE Louisiana 60

Reinhardt 80, St. Andrews 67

SE Missouri 65, Jacksonville St. 58

South Florida 72, Cincinnati 52

Spalding 67, Westminster (Mo.) 53

Tennessee St. 69, E. Illinois 58

Tennessee Tech 81, UT Martin 71

Tusculum 65, Anderson (SC) 51

UNC-Greensboro 67, Wofford 61

Xavier (NO) at William Carey, ccd.

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 60, Boise St. 53

Fresno St. 72, Air Force 56

South Dakota 53, Denver 44

UNLV 61, New Mexico 52

Wyoming 80, San Diego St. 67

MIDWEST

Albion 108, Olivet 48

Alma 85, Kalamazoo 78

Augsburg 65, Concordia (Moor.) 54

Ball St. 90, Akron 63

Baylor 83, Iowa St. 52

Bethel (Minn.) 98, Carleton 61

Carthage 70, Wheaton (Ill.) 44

Cent. Michigan 64, Ohio 59

Concordia (Wis.) 55, Lakeland 52

Cornerstone 80, Lourdes 50

Davenport 71, Concordia (Mich.) 63

Doane 65, Mary (Neb.) 56

Hope 63, Calvin 55

Indiana Tech 68, Aquinas 58

Kent St. 84, Miami (Ohio) 66

Lawrence Tech 62, Michigan-Dearborn 50

Madonna 95, Marygrove 65

Michigan 86, Illinois 70

Milwaukee Engineering 51, Edgewood 31

North Park 74, Carroll (Wis.) 33

Northwestern 63, Wisconsin 43

Ohio St. 87, Penn St. 72

Saint Catherine 82, Macalester 48

Spring Arbor 73, Mount Vernon Nazarene 60

St. Benedict 72, St. Olaf 60

St. Mary's (Minn.) 64, Hamline 49

St. Thomas (Minn.) 75, Gustavus 69

Toledo 85, Buffalo 63

Wis. Lutheran 90, Marian (Wis.) 45

Wis.-Eau Claire 83, Wis.-Stout 67

Wis.-LaCrosse 62, Wis.-River Falls 43

Wis.-Oshkosh 80, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 55

Wis.-Whitewater 76, Wis.-Platteville 59

EAST

Albany (NY) 79, Mass.-Lowell 60

American U. 59, Bucknell 47

Army 63, Lafayette 55

Caldwell 68, Dominican (NY) 45

Chestnut Hill 98, Washington Adventist 84

Colgate 70, Holy Cross 52

George Washington 63, Fordham 46

Haverford 84, Washington (Md.) 41

La Salle 58, Rhode Island 49

Lehigh 86, Loyola (Md.) 69

Maine 59, Vermont 43

Marist 70, Siena 59

Moravian 87, Scranton 83

NC A&T 68, Delaware St. 60

New Hampshire 58, Stony Brook 45

Saint Joseph's 65, Duquesne 58

Saint Louis 81, UMass 60

Stockton 80, Rutgers-Camden 59

UConn 97, Temple 69

UMBC 53, Binghamton 45

Wilmington (Del.) 89, Georgian Court 62

Top 25 fared Wednesday

1. UConn (20-0) at Temple. Next: vs. Tulsa, Sunday.

2. Baylor (21-1) at Iowa State. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.

3. Maryland (21-1) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Thursday.

4. South Carolina (18-2) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Kentucky, Thursday.

5. Mississippi State (21-1) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.

6. Florida State (20-2) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.

7. Notre Dame (20-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.

8. Stanford (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.

9. Louisville (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 N.C. State, Thursday.

10. Washington (20-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.

11. Oregon State (20-2) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Arizona State, Friday.

12. Texas (16-4) at Oklahoma State. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.

13. UCLA (17-4) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.

14. Ohio State (19-5) vs. Penn State. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.

15. Duke (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.

16. Miami (16-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.

17. DePaul (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Friday.

18. Oklahoma (17-6) beat Kansas 89-52. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.

19. N.C. State (16-6) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Louisville, Thursday.

20. South Florida (17-3) vs. Cincinnati. Next: at Memphis, Sunday.

21. Green Bay (19-2) did not play. Next: at Oakland, Thursday.

22. West Virginia (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.

23. Arizona State (14-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Oregon State, Friday.

24. Syracuse (15-7) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Thursday.

25. Kentucky (15-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 South Carolina, Thursday.

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Lee

DUSTIN HUNT

School: Hardin-Simmons University (NCAA Division III, Abilene)
Sport: Football
Position: Linebacker
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 200
Why he chose Hardin-Simmons University: "Once I got on campus, you could honestly feel the family feeling. Once I got on campus and saw the facilities, I knew that's where I wanted to be."

Hunt

Notes: Hunt, one of Lee's four captains, was named to the 2016 All District 2-6A second team defense. ... After playing safety during his junior season with the Rebels, Hunt switched to linebacker as a senior in head coach Clint Hartman's first year with the program. Though a concussion limited him to eight games, he was a physical force in the Rebels' run and pass defense, recording 48 tackles (27 solo) along with two forced fumbles and three interceptions. ... Hunt said he and HSU had been in contact for a while and he took his official visit to campus two weeks ago. ... Hunt is expected to play outside linebacker at HSU, where Hartman played and spent part of his coaching career ... He would like to either study business finance or go into coaching.

MICHAEL PARADA

School: Hardin-Simmons University
Sport: Football
Position: Safety
Height: 6-2
Weight: 185
Why he chose Hardin-Simmons University: "I really didn't think I was going to be able to play again. Hardin-Simmons came out and offered me and after lots of thinking, I chose Hardin-Simmons."

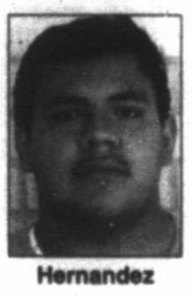
Parada

Notes: After a breakout junior season in which he led the Rebels in pass breakups, Parada was named a team captain during the 2016 offseason. He played in Lee's 42-12 season opening win against El Paso Coronado on Aug. 26, but he was sidelined for the next five games by a torn left ACL. ... Parada finished his senior year with four total tackles and was a major pillar in a defense that sorely missed him while he was out. ... He is expected to take a versatile role as defensive back, safety and outside linebacker with the Cowboys. ... He added that since he and Hunt are best friends, the transition to playing the collegiate game, as well as moving away from home, will be made easier. ... Parada also received an offer from Southwestern in Georgetown and plans to study business.

Hartman on Hunt and Parada: "Having two of them go to the school I went to is special. I know the man that's coaching them, I coached with him and he's a good man. He's going to show them how to be better husbands and fathers, there's no doubt. The leadership that they learned here will help them through the pitfalls of being a freshman."

GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ

School: Midwestern State University (NCAA Division II, Wichita Falls)
Sport: Football
Position: Offensive line
Height: 6-3
Weight: 300
Why he chose Midwestern State University: " I visited the campus and I got to meet the players and they took me in as one of their family. That's a family I want to be a part of."


Hernandez

Hartman on Hernandez: "Sometimes everybody gets into the (importance) of height and weight and all that. Midwestern really liked him; they're a perennial power and so it's good for him. His dad stopped me at a gas station one time and said 'I want my son to go to college. Whatever we can do (we'll do),' and then it comes to fruition. That's pretty neat."

Notes: Hernandez was an All-District 2-6A second-team selection at tackle in 2016 and helped pave the way for a potent Rebel rushing attack that averaged a shade over 260 yards per game. ... During his junior season, Hernandez also played defensive line sparingly. ... Hernandez took his visit to MSU two weeks ago and is told he might have an opportunity to start as a freshman. ... He said he would like to study criminal justice. ... Last season the Mustangs finished 8-3 overall and second in the Lone Star Conference with a 7-2 mark.

Midland Christian

KENZIE PULLEN

College: Abilene Christian University (NCAA Division I, Abilene)
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Defensive specialist
Pullen on why she chose ACU: "It feels a lot like here, it kind has kind of the same vibe. It feels more like home. It's more comfortable I guess. It's a small school and not as many kids."

Pullen

MCS volleyball coach Alicia Filyukova on Pullen: "It's such a big deal for Kenzie. Since freshman year, she's been such a standout for us. She has natural athleticism. To watch her grow and mold into the player she has become her senior year, it's been such a pleasure to get to coach her. I know that there are bright things in the future, so we're excited to see where Abilene Christian takes her.

Notes: Pullen has aspirations of being a veterinarian so she will major in animal science. ... Pullen mulled a track offer from Southwestern University and considered a few offers from schools in Florida. ... In 2016, Pullen was a TAPPS 5A second-team all-state selection, a first-team TAPPS 1-5A honoree and made the all-state all-academic team. Pullen had 288 kills, 350 digs, 30 blocks and 23 aces for MCS. ... "It's kind of nerve-racking at the same time, but it's also like cool to know that I worked hard enough to get myself to go to the D1 level," Pullen said of getting an opportunity to play Division I. "It's exciting."

BLAKE RAY

College: Southwestern Unversity (NCAA Division III, Georgetown)
Sport: Football
Position: Wide receiver
Ray on chose Southwestern: "I went on a visit there and I just fell in love with it from the start. They have great coaches and great facilities. It was kind of love at first sight. It's a great college."

Ray

MCS head coach Greg McClendon on Ray: "He's been an outstanding receiver the previous two years and then this year we had to call on him to really step up to play both ways. He answered the bell with a punt return for a touchdown, a kickoff return for a touchdown and interceptions for touchdowns. He's making plays everywhere and I think Southwestern will be a really good fit for him. Again, he's a hard working, dedicated kid and they're going to get one heck of a player, but a culture guy. A guy that help build the right culture."

Notes: Ray also received an offer from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. ... Ray anticipates he will play slot receiver for the Pirates. ... Ray intends to study business management. ... Ray was a first-team, All-TAPPS Division II, District 1 selection at receiver in 2016. Ray led MCS with 681 receiving yards and eight receiving TDs. ... The senior also filled in at quarterback when MCS lost both its starter and backup at the position.

BRYCE WATERS

College: Odessa College (NJCAA)
Sport: Men's golf
Waters on why he chose OC: "The program they have there, they have been so successful for so long. They always show up to the national championship tournaments and just to be able to go compete for one of those is just really special, so I'm going to further my game."

Waters

MCS boys golf coach Chris Ryburn on Waters: "He's given a lot to our school in a lot of different sports. He's just a really dedicated athlete in whatever he's doing. It's just really exciting to see him get this honor of playing college athletics. We just think he's going to do amazing things in golf. As a golfer, it's just cool for me to get to see him play because of how talented he is, and just how good of a player he is. You just kind of watch him and marvel."

Notes: Waters also considered the University of Wyoming, Midland College, Abilene Christian and Wayland Baptist. Waters said Wyoming's distance was a drawback to him, he wanted to stay closer to home. ... Waters plans to study either business management or kinesiology. ... The 6-foot-3 Waters plays guard for the MCS basketball team. ... Waters' favorite club is the 7-iron and his favorite golf course is The Rawls Course at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

CODY WOLFE

College: Tarleton State, (NCAA Division II, Stephenville)
Sport: Football
Position: Outside linebacker
Wolfe on why he chose Tarleton State: "It just felt like a fit for me, I liked the town, liked the small town atmosphere. That's what I am used to. It was no question whenever I visited was that was where I wanted to go."

Wolfe

MCS head coach Greg McClendon on Wolfe: "I'm so happy for him because he worked so hard to get here and he's put in all the extra work and overcome stuff. He won our Mustang Man Award, which is the biggest award we give for character, hard work, how he treats his teammates and everything else like faith. I can tell you one thing, Tarleton is going to get one heck of a football player and one heck of a kid."

Notes: Wolfe plans to study business. ... Wolfe picked Tarleton State over Abilene Christian and New Mexico Highlands. ... Wolfe overcame a knee surgery that cost him the entire 2015 season during his junior year. "I've been through adversity all my life, so I am used to it, I guess," Wolfe said. "College football is going to be hard, so I am going to have to put myself through more adversity. I'm just ready for the challenge." ... Wolfe was a second-team TAPPS Division II all-state selection and a first-team All-District TAPPS Division II, District 1 honoree on defense this past season. Wolfe finished second on MCS with six pass deflections.

Andrews

TRISTON WILLIAMS

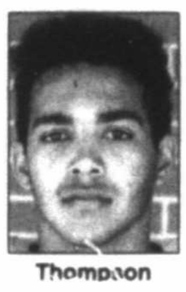
Signing school: Midwestern State University (NCAA Division II, Wichita Falls)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-3, 195 pounds
Position: Quarterback

Williams

Notes: Williams has been one of the most prolific quarterbacks in the Permian Basin over the last two years. This past season, Williams was named the District 2-4A Division I MVP after completing 64 percent of his passes for 3,898 yards, 52 touchdowns and just six interceptions, as he led the Mustangs to an 11-2 record, a district title a trip to the third round of the playoffs. ... Over the two years as a starter, he threw for 7,873 yards, 108 TDs and just 11 picks.

KEEGAN THOMPSON

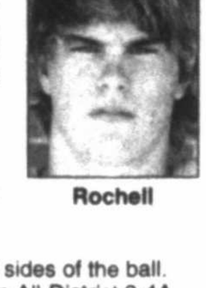
Signing school: Southern Nazarene University (NCAA Division II, Bethany, Okla.)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 5-foot-10, 173 pounds
Position: Wide receiver


Thompson

Notes: Thompson was Williams' top target this past season with 37 catches for 854 yards and 13 touchdowns. Thompson was also a valuable kick returner for the Mustangs with 385 return yards. ... He was All-District 2-4A Division I selection.

HAYDEN ROCHELL

Signing school: Southern Nazarene University (NCAA Division II, Bethany, Okla.)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-2, 220 pounds
Position: Defensive lineman


Rochell

Notes: Rochell was a valuable player for the Mustangs on both sides of the ball. Not only was he an All-District 2-4A Division I wide receiver after catching 39 passes for 590 yards and 11 TDs, but he was named as the district's Defensive MVP. Rochell was a force at defensive end with 68 total tackles, three sacks and a team-high 19 tackles for loss.

TOREY KELLY

Signing school: Dordt College (NAIA, Sioux Center, Iowa)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 5-foot-9, 175 pounds
Position: Running back

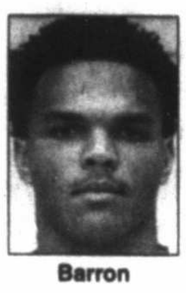
Kelly

Notes: After an injury-plagued junior year, Kelly returned healthy and made a big impact for the Mustangs in 2016. ... He was an All-District 2-4A Division I first-team running back after rushing for 1,181 yards and 15 touchdowns on 133 carries. He also caught 36 passes for 654 yards and nine TDs.

Midland High

JOSEPH BARRON

School: West Texas A&M (NCAA Division II, Canyon)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-feet, 225 pounds
Position: Inside linebacker
Barron on why he chose West Texas A&M: "They're just a home. When I first got there, they just brought you in and the first thing they were trying to do is just show you what they had to offer. I loved it. They have a new coaching staff and all those guys there have a winning mentality in talking with them. They just make you feel like you're a better athlete than you really are."


Barron

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer on Barron: "He's another guy that has had to overcome some tough injuries. ... I am excited for him. We got a lot of West Texas A&M coaches on our staff, Coach (Jim) Conger coached there, Coach (Tim) Anuszkiewicz played there, Coach (Jeff) Streun went to school there. We're excited to see him play there. I'm glad he got that opportunity. We appreciate the (West Texas A&M) coaching staff."

Notes: Barron picked West Texas A&M over Hardin-Simmons and Southwestern Assemblies of God. ... Barron is deciding between civil engineering or mechanical engineering as a major. "When I was making the final decision, my mom and me were talking about 'I'm going to the school for academics first,'" said Barron, who carries a 3.0 GPA. ... In 2016, Barron had 107 total tackles, four sacks, nine tackles for loss and three passes defensed to earn All-District 2-6A second-team honors.

WILLIE ECHOLS

School: Cisco College (NJCAA, Cisco)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-1, 235 pounds
Position: Outside linebacker

Echols

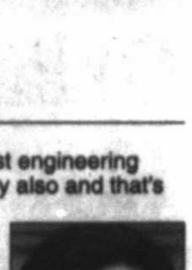
Echols on why he chose Cisco: "I chose Cisco because it's a good college, it has great coaches and it's closer to home. I can't move too far away from my mom, that's why I chose Cisco."

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer on Echols: "He's a developmental guy. I'm glad he's getting that opportunity because developmentally, his potential is sky high. He had some injuries this year that kind of tapered him down a little bit. ... So it was really nice to see him get picked up by a junior college and give him one more shot to see what he can do."

Notes: Echols also considered Tyler Junior College and Trinity Valley Community College. ... Echols wants to major in sports marketing. ... "Definitely Division I is clearly my goal," Echols said. "That's why I chose this JUCO because it will help me get to the D1 that I want to be at." ... Echols had 49 tackles, two sacks and three tackles for loss at defensive end during an injury-plagued senior year. Echols was an honorable mention all-district defense selection in both 2015 and 2016.

PAXTON HEITING

School: Colorado School of Mines (Division II, Golden, Colo.)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-3, 290 pounds
Position: Offensive line
Heiting on why he chose Mines: "The community there is really great and I like all the people there and the coaches. It's the best engineering school in the country also and that's what I want to do."

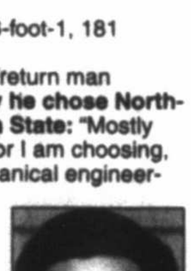

Heiting

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer on Heiting: "It's a great opportunity for him not only on the football field, but also graduation wise, some of the salaries those (Mines graduates) are making are spectacular. I know his mom and dad are really excited about that opportunity. How can you get any better?"

Notes: Heiting plans to major in geological engineering and minor in explosives engineering. Heiting holds a 3.9 grade point average and a 4.35 GPA on a five-point scale. ... Heiting also considered Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, Jacksonville University, Stetson University and Butler. ... In 2016, Heiting was an All-District 2-6A first-team honoree at offensive tackle and garnered an honorable mention selection on the APSE Class 6A all-state team.

NOAH MARQUEZ

School: Northwestern Oklahoma State (Division II, Alva, Okla.)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-1, 181 pounds
Position: Safety/return man
Marquez on why he chose Northwestern Oklahoma State: "Mostly because of the major I am choosing, I'm going into mechanical engineering and business management. They have the best of both, so I will be able to study both. The coaching staff there makes you feel welcome. I am always confident when I am there. It's a good place to be. I think the best place for me."

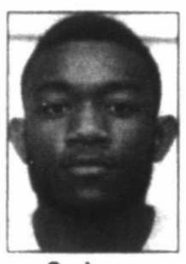

Marquez

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer on Marquez: "The great story about Noah Marquez, for the team he was willing to make that (position) switch (from running back) and go ahead and play corner even though that was something he hadn't played until sophomore year. Of course, bang, he's the starter his sophomore year. ... His willingness to do whatever for the team is kind of a neat deal with him. That's kind of neat to see this pay off for him."

Notes: Marquez said Baylor offered him a preferred walk-on opportunity. ... "(Coach Yenzer) helped a lot," Marquez said. "He got my name out to a lot of coaches and showed my film to them. He put in good words." ... Marquez is a three-year starter that earned All-District 2-6A second-team honors as a cornerback in 2016. He registered 35 total tackles and four passes defensed as a senior.

DILLON SPRINGER

School: Trinity Valley CC (WJCAC, Athens)
Sport: Football
Height/weight: 6-foot-1, 240 pounds
Position: Defensive end
Springer on why he chose Trinity Valley: "First of all, it's a winning program. For the past four years, they've been winning their conference. I feel like it's the best fit for me. When I went up there, I'm not even going to lie, I was kind of like 'I don't think JUCO is the route I want to go.' But when I actually started my official visit and I started talking to the guys and getting comfortable with them, it felt like home. It felt like the place to be. I think it's going to be the best place to get me in, get me playing and get me more recruiting and move me on from there."


Springer

MHS head coach Craig Yenzer on Springer: "When it comes to Dillon Springer, I have no doubt it's the right move for him and the right decision. He has such character. He is just that guy that you root for."

Notes: Springer also considered Cisco College, Tyler Junior College and two preferred walk-on offers from Texas Tech and Arkansas State. "With me going JUCO, I can turn those preferred walk-ons into actual scholarships. I want to go where they are going to give me money and pay for my school." ... Springer plans to major in business management and minor in psychology. ... Springer was an All-District 2-6A first-team honoree and APSE Class 6A honorable mention selection in 2016 after recording 64 total tackles, 15 tackles for loss and three sacks.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY LISTS

Texas Tech

Quincy Addison, db, 6-1, 185, Angleton HS, Angleton, Texas
Dakota Allen, lb, 6-1, 235, East Miss. CC
Jack Anderson, c, 6-5, 300, Frisco HS, Frisco, Texas
McLane Carter, db, 6-3, 220, Tyler JC, Texas
John Davis, db, 6-1, 180, Trinity HS, Euless, Texas
Dawson Deaton, c, 6-5, 297, Frisco HS, Frisco, Texas
Vaughnie Dorsey, db, 5-11, 200, Gulf Coast CC
Will Farrar, ot, 6-5, 290, Travis HS, Richmond, Texas
Adrian Frye, db, 6-1, 175, Eisenhower HS, Richmond, Texas
Jacob Hines, ot, 6-5, 325, Cabrillo HS, Long Beach, Calif.
Rho Jeffers, lb, 6-2, 235, Sachse HS, Sachse, Texas
Tony Jones, lb, 6-2, 220, Lyman HS, Casselberry, Fla.
Javon Lane, db, 6-2, 180, Nacogdoches HS, Nacogdoches, Texas
Jaylon Lane, db, 6-3, 190, Independence CC
Xavier Martin, qb, 6-0, 180, Steele HS, Cibolo, Texas
Nelson Mbanasor, de, 6-3, 270, Hendrickson HS, Pflugerville, Texas
Octavious Morgan, db, 6-0, 200, Greenwood HS, Greenwood, S.C.
Desmond Nisby, db, 6-1, 235, Anderson Valley HS, San Francisco, Calif.
Dominic Panazzolo, p, 6-5, 205, Plano East HS, Plano, Texas
Casey Verhulst, ot, 6-6, 315, Plano East Sr HS, Plano, Texas

Texas

Marquis Strange, lb, 6-2, 230, Brenham HS, Brenham, Texas
Robe Boyce, cb, 6-0, 163, Lake Dallas HS, Lake Dallas, Texas
Cade Brewer, le, 6-3, 210, Lake Travis HS, Austin, Texas
Tonel Carter Jr., rb, 5-11, 197, Langham Creek HS, Houston, Texas
Jamari Chisholm, dl, 6-4, 299, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M/Valdosta, Ok
Samuel Cosmi, ot, 6-6, 279, Langham Creek, TX
Max Cummins, db, 6-6, 245, All Saints' Episcopal School, Fort Worth, Texas
Sam Ehringer, qb, 6-1, 215, Westlake HS, Austin, Texas
Montrell Estell, db, 6-2, 180, Hocks HS, Hooks, Texas
Taquon Graham, de, 6-3, 256, Temple HS, Temple, Texas
Gary Johnson, lb, 6-0, 211, Dodge City CC/ Douglas, Ala.
Derek Kerstetter, ot, 6-5, 299, Reagan HS, San Antonio, Texas
Reese Leitao, te, 6-4, 234, Jenks HS, Jenks, Okla.
Damion Miller, wr, 6-0, 189, John Tyler HS, Tyler, Texas
Jordan Pouncey, wr, 6-1, 187, Winter Park HS, Winter Park, Fla.
Joshua Rowland, kip, 5-11, 202, Mississippi Gulf Coast CC/Madison Central, Miss.
Josh Thompson, db, 5-11, 178, Nacogdoches HS, Nacogdoches, Texas
Daniel Young, rb, 6-0, 210, Westfield HS, Houston, Texas

Baylor

Eleasah Anderson, og, 6-4, 280, Taylor HS, Houston, Texas
Demarco Artis, de, 6-3, 220, Seminole HS, Sanford, Fla.
Terral Bernard, cb, 6-1, 200, La Porte HS, La Porte, Texas
Charles Brewer, qb, 6-1, 192, Lake Travis HS, Austin, Texas
Timarcus Davis, cb, 5-11, 160, College Station HS, College Station, Texas
Trestan Ebner, slb, 6-0, 188, Henderson HS, Henderson, Texas
Harrison Hand, cb, 5-11, 183, Cherry Hill High-West HS, Cherry Hill, N.J.
Justin Harris, de, 6-6, 250, East Ascension HS, Gonzales, La.
Tyler Henderson, lb, 6-4, 225, Lehman HS, Kyle, Texas
Gavin Holmes, wr, 5-11, 178, Northwest HS, Justin, Texas
Bryson Jackson, olb, 6-2, 195, Lake Ridge, Mansfield, Texas
Khalil Keith, ot, 6-5, 293, Winterboro HS, Alpine, Ala.
Henry Klinge III, og, 6-5, 295, Carroll HS, Southlake, Texas
Trevon Lewis, s, 6-0, 173, Lamar HS, Houston, Texas
Ashton Logan, s, 6-0, 203, Temple HS, Temple, Texas
Jon Lovett, slb, 6-1, 190, Cherokee HS, Marion, N.J.
James Lynch, dl, 6-4, 273, Round Rock HS, Round Rock, Texas
Cole Maxwell, de, 6-5, 225, Allen HS, Allen, Texas
Ryan Miller, c, 6-2, 270, Carroll HS, Southlake, Texas
Jason Moore, ot, 6-4, 275, Independence HS, Frisco, Texas
Xavier Newman, c, 6-3, 272, De Soto HS, Desoto, Texas
Chidi Ogbonnaya, de, 6-5, 245, Langham Creek HS, Houston, Texas
Jalen Pitre, s, 5-11, 195, Stafford HS, Stafford, Texas
Abram Smith, rb, 6-0, 196, Abilene HS, Abilene, Texas
R.J. Sneed, wr, 6-2, 178, Cypress Ranch HS, Cypress, Texas
B.J.Thompson, de, 6-6, 210, England HS, England, Ark.

Texas A&M

Jhamon Ausbon, wr, 6-2, 220, IMG Academy, Bradenton, Fla.
Connor Blumrick, qb, 6-5, 200, Pearland HS, Pearland, Texas
Cameron Buckley, wr, 6-2, 185, Cedar Hill HS, Cedar Hill, Texas
Kelotrick Carper, ath, 6-2, 175, Plain Dealing HS, Plain Dealing, La.
Carson Green, ot, 6-6, 272, Carroll HS, Southlake, Texas
Anthony Hines, lb, 6-3, 220, Plano East Sr HS, Plano, Texas
Jared Hocker, ol, 6-6, 301, Birdville HS, North Richland Hills, Texas
Cameron Harry, te, 6-5, 261, James Taylor HS, Katy, Texas
Devodrick Johnson, lb, 6-2, 211, Justin F Kimball HS, Dallas, Texas
Hezekiah Jones, wr, 5-11, 168, Stafford HS, Stafford, Texas
Myles Jones, cb, 6-4, 175, Magnolia West HS, Magnolia, Texas
Jacob Kiboti, rb, 6-2, 198, Christian Life Academy, Baton Rouge, La.
Santino Marchiol, lb, 6-3, 191, IMG Academy, Bradenton, Fla.
Keynel McZeal, te, 6-2, 220, Port Neches-Groves HS, Port Neches, Texas
Kellen Mond, qb, 6-2, 170, IMG Academy, Bradenton, Fla.
Dan Moore Jr., ol, 6-5, 315, West Brook Sr HS, Beaumont, Texas
Devin Morris, cb, 6-1, 180, Caldwell HS, Caldwell, Texas
Roshaud Paul, wr, 6-0, 170, Bremond HS, Bremond, Texas
Jayden Peevy, dl, 6-6, 279, Bellaire HS, Bellaire, Texas
Grayson Reed, ot, 6-5, 305, Cypress Creek HS, Cypress, Texas
Debione Renfro, cb, 6-2, 183, Pearland HS, Pearland, Texas
Ondario Robinson, de, 6-3, 236, Hutto HS, Hutto, Texas
Derrick Tucker, s, 6-1, 189, Manvel HS, Manvel, Texas
Adrian Wolford, olb, 6-4, 323, Meeker HS, Meeker, Okla.

TCU

Corey Bethley, dt, 6-1, 260, Katy HS, Katy, Texas
Alex Bush, lb, 6-2, 230, Cerritos College
Dennis Collins, de, 6-2, 250, West Monroe HS, West Monroe, La.
Terrell Cooper, de, 6-2, 240, Lindale HS, Lindale, Texas
Noah Daniels, cb, 6-0, 180, Clear Creek HS, League City, Texas
Al'Donte Davis, wr, 6-0, 200, Lutcher HS, Lutcher, La.
George Ellis III, dt, 6-2, 290, American Heritage School, Plantation, Fla.
Wes Harris, og, 6-4, 295, Aledo HS, Aledo, Texas
Kerry Johnson, db, 6-1, 180, Houston, Texas/ Westfield HS
Omar Manning, wr, 6-3, 203, Lancaster HS, Lancaster, Texas
Coy McMillon, ath, 6-4, 260, Abilene HS, Abilene, Texas
Ni'Jeel Meeking, lb, 6-3, 205, Farmerville, La./ Union Parish HS
Michael Onyemaobi, ath, 6-1, 185, Chaparral HS, Temecula, Calif.
Jalen Reagor, wr, 6-0, 182, Waxahachie HS, Waxahachie, Texas
Shawn Robinson, qb, 6-2, 205, De Soto HS, Desoto, Texas
Kenedy Snell, rb, 5-8, 167, Waxahachie HS, Waxahachie, Texas
Ezra Ta'ua, dl, 6-2, 315, Anchorage, Alaska/ Harbor College
Le'Kendrick Van Zandt, db, 6-1, 200, Henderson, Texas/Henderson HS
Garret Wallow, s, 6-2, 200, John Curtis Christian, River Ridge, La.
Quazzel White, og, 6-4, 300, Lincoln HS, Tacoma, Wash.
Christian Williams, te, 6-4, 230, Orange, Calif./ Fullerton College

Houston

David Anenih, olb, 6-2, 220, Mansfield Timberview HS, Arlington, Texas
Dennis Bardwell, og, 6-5, 276, Hargrave HS, Huffman, Texas
Tre'Von Bradley, ath, 5-11, 180, Cleburne HS, Cleburne, Texas
Dwodric Bynum, wr, 5-11, 171, Lincoln HS, Dallas, Texas
Alexander Duke, de, 6-3, 230, Bellaire HS, Bellaire, Texas
Parker Eichenberger, te, 6-4, 230, Katy HS, Katy, Texas
Davion Ford, rb, 5-11, 170, New Orleans, La./ Brother Martin
Elijah Gooden, rb, 6-0, 190, Boling HS, Boling, Texas
Elijah Gooden, lb, 6-1, 215, Boling, Texas/ Boling HS
Bryan Jones, de, 6-5, 260, Madison Preparatory Academy, Baton Rouge, La.
Noah Jones, de, 6-3, 260, Lancaster HS, Lancaster, Texas
Derek Parish, ilb, 6-1, 235, Pearland HS, Pearland, Texas
Bryson Powers, s, 6-1, 175, Klein Collins HS, Klein, Texas
Dane Roy, pk, 6-7, 230, Bunyip, Australia/ St. Paul's ASG
Jeremy Singleton, wr, 5-11, 162, Brother Martin HS, New Orleans, La.
D.J. Small, db, 5-9, 160, Dickinson, Texas/ Dickinson
Grant Stuard, olb, 6-0, 195, Oak Ridge HS, Conroe, Texas
Payton Turner, dl, 6-5, 217, Houston, Texas/ Westside HS
Arnaud Willis-Dalton, olb, 6-0, 195, Cypress Ranch HS, Cypress, Texas
Dalton Wilhansjon, kip, 5-9, 160, Moore, Okla./Northeastern Oklahoma A&M

Oklahoma keeps winning Big 12 titles on field, in recruiting

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Oklahoma has won the Big 12 football championship a record 10 times under coach Bob Stoops.

So it makes sense that the Sooners, who clinched their latest trophy on the field only two months ago, are often the conference champs in recruiting. And they now have another spring title.

The Sooners wrapped up a 27-player signing class Wednesday, including 18 four-star recruits. That gave them a top-10 national class and by far the best in the Big 12.

According to composite rankings of recruiting services compiled by 247Sports , the rest of the Big 12 teams combined to have only 14 recruits that rated as four stars. No Big 12 team other than Oklahoma or Texas has been able to claim the league's top signing class since the late 1990s.

Texas had the league's top class each of the past two years, but is coming off its third consecutive losing season. The Longhorns and new coach Tom Herman still had the second-best Big 12 class ahead of TCU, which was also coming off a losing record.

Stoops often reminds reporters that incoming recruits haven't played yet or even been in a college weight room But even he held nothing back in describing his latest class that includes two of the nation's top 15 running backs — Trey Sermon of Marietta, Georgia, and Kennedy Brooks of Mansfield, Texas.

"On paper, this might be one of the top two or three classes we've had since I've been here," said Stoops, the Sooners coach since 1999. "It's a really hungry group, and a deep class that covers all of our positions in a really positive way."

The Sooners needed runners since Samaje Perine and Joe Mixon both chose to leave school early, and also added a junior college running back.

Other things to know:

HERMAN'S HORNS: Herman had been tamping down expectations of this "transitional" class and he signed a class far below the lofty national rankings Texas fans have come to expect. The Longhorns signed four-star Austin quarterback Sam Ehlinger but were spurned by Austin OT Stephan Zable (UCLA) and Houston DT K'Lavon Chaisson (LSU). While 247Sports ranked Texas as the league's second-best class, it was still outside the top 25 nationally.

NOT A HIGH FIVE: None of the Big 12's 10 teams, not even Oklahoma, had a five-star signee.

LATE PUSH: When Matt Rhule became Baylor's coach two months ago, there was only one recruit committed to the Bears. Despite the lingering cloud from a sexual assault scandal, Rhule and the completely new Baylor staff were able to sign 27 players (14 on defense and 13 on defense). Most of the players were from Texas, but there were also three signees from New Jersey — the area Rhule recruited heavily in his previous job at Temple.

HANDING THE REINS: West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen has been his own play-caller on offense. He is handing those duties over to offensive coordinator Jake Spavital, who returned to WVU last month. The Mountaineers also have to find someone else to run the offense on the field after the graduation of Skyler Howard. They didn't sign any quarterbacks Wednesday, but Holgorsen said it's possible another could be added in the coming months.

MANNIX

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thank Coach Mason and Coach Genyk for giving me that opportunity, but I feel like Nevada is a better opportunity for me as a player and as a student."

Mannix said Nevada, an FBS program in the Mountain West Conference, began to show interest in him after Norvell's hiring.

Even Midland High retiring head coach Craig Yenzer said he received a phone call from Matt Mumme around Christmas when the offensive coordinator asked him about Mannix.

"Nevada actually offered on Christmas Day," Mannix said. "That was a pretty good Christmas. They had been recruiting me pretty hard after that and they just wanted to get me down there for an official visit. I loved it when I went down there."

"I had a good time this weekend with them," Mannix added. "We kind of bonded. I just had a great time and I just knew it was the right fit."

Mannix said he also received offers from Army, Air Force, Brown, Columbia and Stephen F. Austin.

The scholar, with a 3.7 grade point average, intends to major in kinesiology and physical therapy in college, following in his father Kevin's footsteps as a career.

Following three standout seasons at Midland Christian, Mannix transferred to Midland High for his senior season where set school single-season records with 941 receiving yards and 12 receiving touchdowns in 2016.

Mannix was an unanimous selection to the All-District 2-6A first team.

The 5-foot-10, 178-pound Mannix is known for his blazing speed and his versatility, which included playing running back, cornerback, kicker, punter and return man during his high school career.

Yenzer said Mannix, despite his transfer status, earned the trust of his new teammates with his work ethic in spring football.

"He's got a chance to be a great player," Yenzer said. "Obviously you can't coach speed. He has that. He has shown that. I think he's an intelligent player. He learned our system and worked really hard to learn it. The terminology was different, so that was pretty impressive too."

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RODRIGUEZ

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defense. It came in many different forms. But for Rodriguez, the crown jewel was a God-gifted throwing arm that struck fear in minds of opponents.

"Defense wins games," Rodriguez said. "If you have a good defense, you're always going to end up having close games. That was the main part of my game, just blocking the plate, the throwing, the receiving, making sure the report I give to the pitcher is the best report I can give to them. That was my priority."

And true to the Puerto Rican style, Rodriguez was as aggressive and balanced a player as baseball ever had.

In perhaps no other year was Pudge's roots on display than during his 1999 American League MVP season with Texas. He hit .332 with 35 home runs, 113 runs batted in to go along with 25 stolen bases. That year, all base stealers combined to swipe just 34 bags, as Pudge nailed 55 percent of attempts.

The arm

It was that tantalizing right arm that first caught the eyes of Texas Rangers scouts Sandy Johnson and Omar Minaya at a San Juan showcase in the summer of 1988. One bullet throw down to second, apart from his signature, was all the 16-year-old Rodriguez needed to sign his first pro contract with the Texas Rangers that afternoon on the trunk of a car in the field's parking lot.

"After my first throw down to second base, as soon as it got to the bag, Sandy turned to Omar and said: 'Stop him. I don't need to see another throw. I want this kid,'" Rodriguez said in the Players Tribune.

Less than three years later, he was called up from Double-A Tulsa after 50 games to make his Major League debut with the Rangers. En route to The Show, Rodriguez had earned the iconic nickname "Pudge" in 1989 from Rangers coach Chino Cadahia, who viewed him as a short and stalky prospect.

Defense put Pudge on the fast track to the Arlington and it's a skill that never left him. In 21 years in the majors, Pudge tossed out a remarkable 46 percent of all base stealers, the highest percentage ever. He led his league in caught stealing percentage nine times.

Some perspective: Rickey Henderson, often considered the greatest base stealer of all time, was thrown out in nine of his 15 career attempts against Rodriguez.

Pudge's legacy

After 13 seasons as the face of the Rangers' franchise, Pudge was signed as a free agent by the Florida Marlins in the 2002-03 offseason. In his first year with Florida he won his only World Series championship, an achievement that had eluded him in his late 90s prime.

While playing for the Washington Nationals, he retired during the 2011 season with 311 home runs, 1,332 RBI, 14 all-star selections and a record 13 Gold Gloves. He posted a .296 career batting average and the most hits among catchers (2,844) by a wide margin.

But Rodriguez' legacy is just as resounding from another angle. It was during his rise with the Rangers in the late 90s that also saw the explosion of fellow Puerto Rican Carlos Beltran onto the baseball scene.

A supremely talented five-tool outfielder, Beltran made immediate waves with a 108-RBI year in his age 22 season with the Kansas City Royals.

Like most Puerto Ricans, Beltran undoubtedly grew up hearing the heroic tales of Clemente. But as he matured into a professional player, he has said his inspiration was none other than countryman Rodriguez. Beltran could very well join Pudge in Cooperstown in the coming years.

"That means a lot," Rodriguez said. "That's what (Puerto Ricans) do. That's what I did. I play the game hard, I respect the game. You have to respect the game, the uniform and I respect the fans. I best that I could every day and that's why you hear those comments from Beltran."

Rodriguez' memories in the game live on to this day, embodied in defensive minded catchers such as Yadier Molina and Salvador Perez. Young Puerto Rican middle infield stars Carlos Correa, Francisco Lindor and Javier Baez also reflect the defensive, yet well-rounded values likened to Pudge.

"There are great young, talented players coming into the game right now that are doing a great job," Rodriguez said. "Puerto Rico is a baseball (territory) and we're going to continue to do more."

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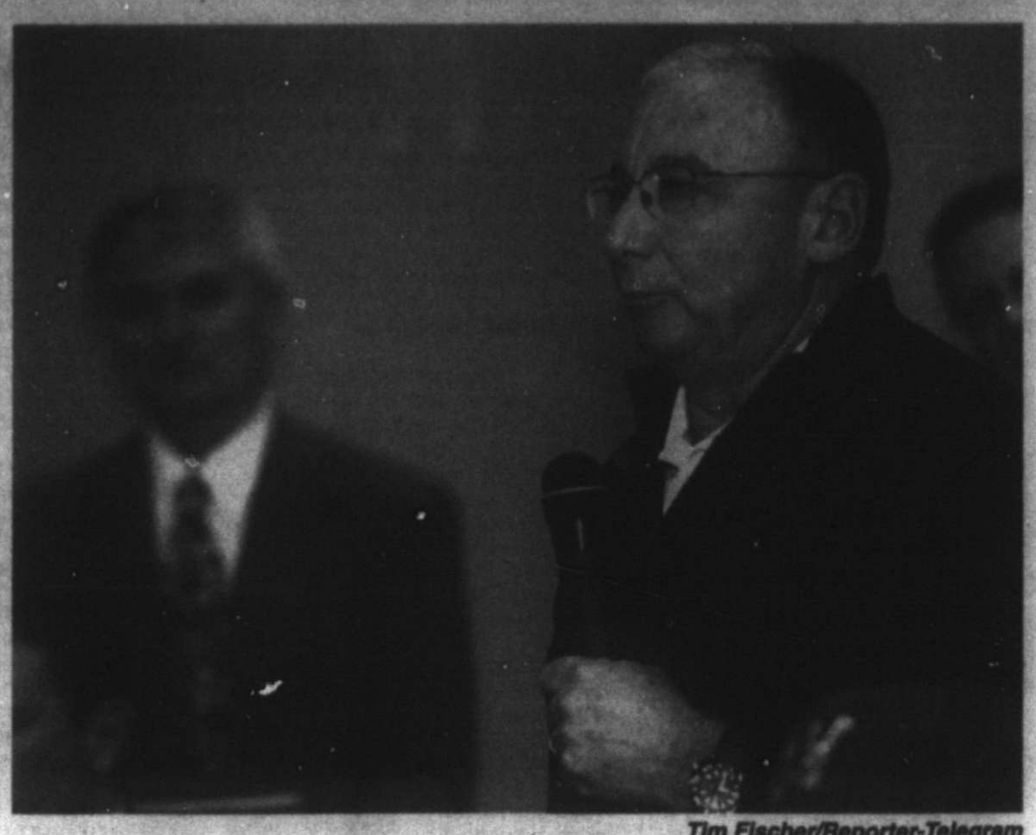

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Stevens is honored Wednesday for his work at the Chaparral Center and with youth over the years with the Scott Seator Award at the West Texas Sports Banquet.

WALLS

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them to look at me like I'm looking at them (was a dream). To this day, I still feel like a little kid because most of them are older than I am. But the respect I was able to garner from those guys and the love we all had for each other was something that no one could have predicted in my life when I was 15, 16 years old."

Not only did he play with some of the most respected players in NFL history but also some of the greatest coaches in Robinson, Tom Landry with the Cowboys, Bill Parcells with the New York Giants and Bill Belichick when Belichick was the Giants defensive coordinator and then when he was the head coach of the Cleveland Browns.

"It was all about getting respect," he said. "To me, I couldn't get caught up in too much. You just think about how you're going to survive and think about how you're going to impress. It didn't matter who it was, you just wanted to make sure they noticed you and you were going to get respect. I was trying to make it, I was just trying the best I could."

It's safe to say, he did all right for himself.

Stevens presented with Scott Seator Award

Longtime Chaparral Center director Mike Stevens was presented with the Scott Seator Community Achievement Award.

For more than 35 years, the Fort Worth native has been director of Chaparral Center and has helped to bring many sporting and entertainment events to the facility.

He is a member of the of the International Association of Assembly Managers and the National Board of the Texas Tech University Alumni Association. He has also coached youth sports, has served as a volunteer assistant coach for the MC golf team, and has also worked as an official. He has also given his time to the Lee High School football, basketball and baseball booster clubs.

For the award, MC athletic director Forrest Allen wrote, "From the time of his arrival in Midland, Mike has been strong presence in the local sports scene. As a coach, referee, consultant, tournament director, facilities manager, confidante and supporter, you would be hard pressed to find a person who has meant as much to as many sport-related organizations than Mike Stevens."

Said Stevens: "There are so many here tonight that have helped me along the way. I would just like to thank you very much helping me guide the youth of the community because that's been the one thing behind everything we try to do. I know a lot of you have come and enjoyed your visit at the Chap Center, but the kids that have come through and the kids we've been able to have is the reason our town will be a better town one day."

He also thanked his wife Lisa and the folks at Midland College for their support over the years.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Jukebox Hero" (N)	Scandal "Hardball" (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N)	Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Donuts "Pilot" (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	TrainDay "Apocalypse Now" (P) (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "On a Wing and a Prayer"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Counterfeit Crank"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen "Leaving it on the Line" (SF) (N)	My Kitchen Rules (N)	Fox 24 News	TMZ		Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"	Faith for Families	Dollars & Sense	Hidden In Sight	Biblical Israel
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Two for the Road	DayTrip-pper	Mercy Street "The House Guest"		Masterp. "Victoria: The Clockwork Prince"	Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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CABLE																
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"		The First 48 "Deadly Lies/ Stay Down"		The First 48 "The Other Wife" (N)	Night. "The End Is Just the Beginning" (N)		(:05) The First 48		(:05) First 48 "Deadly Lies/ Stay Down"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★ Groundhog Day ('93, Com) Bill Murray.				★★ Groundhog Day ('93, Com) Bill Murray.					★ Groundhog Day	
BET	58	-		40		Being "Getting Naked"		Being Mary Jane		The Quad			Martin	Martin	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		To Be Announced		Top Chef (N)	Top Chef		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Blue	Blue Collar	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	Rich (N)	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360	CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		The Wheel		The Wheel	The Wheel		Naked "Primal Fear"		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Mich. St./Neb. (L)				30 for 30 "This Was the XFL" (N)		Chris Berman (N)		SportsC.	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Missouri at Florida (L)				NCAA Basketball Arizona vs. Oregon State (L)			NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at BYU (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped "Fig Out"		Chopped		Chopped	BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Days of Thunder				★★ Dear John ('10, Dra) Channing Tatum.			The 700 Club		★★★ 50/ 50	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Winnipeg Jets at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Stars Live (L)	SportsD-ay OnAir	Bear Bryant Award Show	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★★ Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.					Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	★ A Million Ways to Die in th...		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	★ Love Locks ('17, Rom) Rebecca Romijn.			Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Alone		Alone (N)		(:05) Detroit Steel	(:05) Alone		(:05) Alone	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway "Light Up the Runway"		Project "Firefighting Clients" (N)		Runway "High End Italian Fashion" (N)	★ Love By the 10th Date (2017, Drama) Kelly Rowland, Keri Hilson, Meagan Good.				Porject Runway Jr "Firefighting Clients"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Buffalo Sabres (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)	NFL Timeline (N)		NFL Timeline (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Ride	GShakers	★★ Cheaper by the Dozen Steve Martin.			Nashville		Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★ Jurassic Park III ('01, Sci-Fi) Sam Neill.				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Karaoke	Awkward	★★ Van Helsing	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Underworld Kate Beckinsale.				★★ Underworld: Evolution			★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Package"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Bad & t...		★ The Band Wagon ('53, Com) Fred Astaire.			★★★ The Barefoot Contessa			(:15) Barry Lyndon		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña	El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Thular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Feretha's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (N)			Extreme Weight Loss "Melissa"		(:05) My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Doug's Story"			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Houston Rockets Site: Toyota Center -- Houston, Texas (L)				NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Raymond "Liars"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spousal Privilege"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Undercover Mother"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Forty-One Witnesses"		Colony "Panopticon" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hunting Ground"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Careless"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders "Shadowside"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Liar Liar #4"

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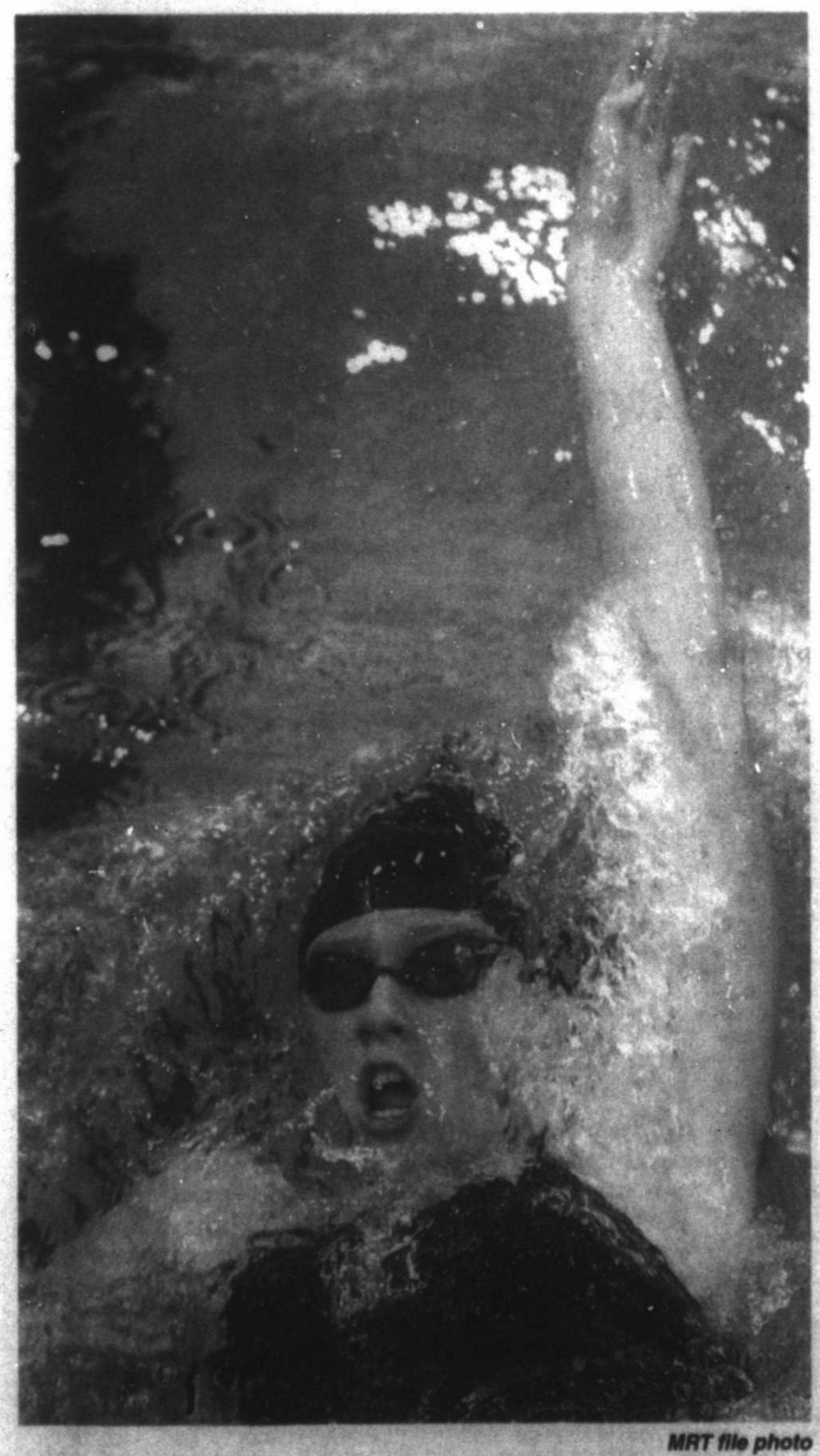

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Midland High's Kile Carriger competes in the women's 200 yard IM event during the District 3-6A swimming and diving meet on Jan. 3, 2016, at the Mabee Aquatic Center.

MEET

From 1C

it's going to come down to who makes the fewest mistakes."

On the boys' side, Midland High senior Garrett Martin, a two-time state qualifier, is the favorite to win the 1-meter after becoming the first-ever MISD diver to eclipse the 500-point barrier at the District 2-6A meet.

Regionals is tougher on swimming side too

The Midland ISD swimming teams are expecting stiffer competition at the Region I-6A meet, Friday and Saturday at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, following the additions of Keller and Mansfield to the region this season.

This season the rules have been changed where the top two performers at all eight region sites garner automatic bids to the Feb. 17-18 state meet in Austin, compared to only one last season.

"It doesn't make it easier at all," MHS swimming coach Sarah Esquivel said. "I think it's going to be just as difficult as it's been in the past. But it is nice to know they're going to take two instead of just one."

Lee swimming coach Eliot Fruge believes the new format gives swimmers more hope in events where there is a dominant performer that stands above the rest of the field.

"That's going to make it a lot more competitive," Fruge said. "Now it's just not a clear front runner for every event. We are still fighting for first and second place to make it to state. It's another thing to think about."

In addition, the UIL State Swimming Championships will also extend bids to eight wild cards, which will be the top eight times at the eight regionals that don't secure automatic berths.

In 2016, Midland High's Mollie Wright, now a junior, received a post-regional invitation to state for having a top eight non-automatic time in the girls 100-yard breaststroke.

Midland High junior Braden Vines is a strong contender to reach the state meet for the third consecutive year.

Entering Friday and Saturday's region swim meet, Vines holds the top district meet time in the boys 100-yard breaststroke (58.35 seconds) and the second-best time in the 200-yard IM (1 minute, 58.66 seconds).

Midland High senior Kile Carriger brings the top seeded time (1:07.35) into the girls 100 breaststroke at regionals. The Florida State signee is a three-time state meet qualifier.

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REGION I SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, Lubbock
Thursday-Saturday
Top 2 swimmers and top 3 divers advance to the UIL state meet
Class 6A
MISD qualifiers
Boys

200-boys medley relay — Midland High (Nathan Dumas, Jr.; Braden Vines, Jr.; Nathan Keller, So.; Martin Knorr, Fr.); Lee (Brady Cawthon, Fr.; Collin Ruff, Fr.; Marcos Dominguez Morales, So.; Kevin Aranda, Fr.)

200 freestyle — Austin Gibson, Sr., Lee

200 IM — Braden Vines, Jr., MHS; Brady Cawthon, Fr., Lee; Martin Knorr, Fr. MHS

1-meter diving — Garrett Martin, Sr., MHS; Grayson Jones, So., MHS

100 butterfly — Brady Cawthon, Fr. Lee; Nathan Keller, So., MHS

500 freestyle — Nathan Keller, So., MHS; Collin Ruff, Fr., Lee; Jesus Navarrete, Fr., Lee

200 freestyle relay — MHS (Braden Vines, Jr.; Nathan Keller, So.; Martin Knorr, Fr.; Nathan Dumas, Jr.); Lee (Austin Gibson, So.; Antwain Malone, Jr.; Jack Shaffer, Fr.; Jesus Navarrete, Fr.)

100 backstroke — Nathan Dumas, Jr., MHS

100 breaststroke — Braden Vines, Jr., MHS; Marcos Dominguez Morales, So., Lee; Collin Ruff, Fr., Lee

400 freestyle relay — Lee (Brady Cawthon, Fr.; Jesus Navarrete, Fr.; Collin Ruff, Fr.; Marcos Dominguez Morales, So.); MHS (Alejandro Lumpkin, So.; Jeffrey Herrera, Fr.; Antonio Jimenez, So.; Nathan Dumas, Jr.)

Girls

200-yard medley relay — Midland High (Dailey Parker, Jr.; Kile Carriger, Sr.; Mollie Wright, Jr.; Maya Anderson, Jr.; Lee (Shelbie Rose, Sr. Samantha Hutchins, So. Alex Dobson, Sr. Madison Bose, Fr.)

200 freestyle — Mollie Wright, Jr. MHS

200 IM — Kile Carriger, Sr. MHS

500 freestyle — Dailey Parker, Jr. MHS

1-meter diving — Charlye Campbell, Sr. Lee; Kristen Hepfer, Fr. MHS; Logan Hillman, Jr. MHS; Brittany Madison, Jr. Lee; Jade McBride, Fr. MHS; Addison Allison, Sr. Lee

100 butterfly — Alex Dobson, Sr. Lee

500 freestyle — Mollie Wright, Jr. MHS; Elizabeth Bole, Fr. MHS

200 freestyle relay — MHS (Elizabeth Bole, Fr. Hannah Couch, Fr. Lesley Hernandez, Jr. Kenzie Summers, Fr.)

100 breaststroke — Kile Carriger, Sr. MHS; Maya Anderson, Jr. MHS

400 freestyle relay — Lee (Madison Bose, Fr. Shelbie Rose, Sr. Alex Dobson, Sr. Samantha Hutchins, So.)

Class 5A
Area qualifiers
Boys

200 medley relay — Andrews (Christian Bittner, So. Bradley Morales, Fr. Adam Rodriguez, Jr. Reece Azam, So.); Big Spring (Daniel Jimenez, Sr. Christopher Graham, So. Evan Aldesperger, Fr. Luke Snider, Jr.)

200 freestyle — Brennan Bennett, Fr. Andrews. Dustin Book, Fr. Andrews

200 IM — Christian Bittner, So. Andrews

50 freestyle — Brycen White, Jr. Andrews. Matthew Greiner, Jr. Andrews

100 butterfly — Reece Azam, So. Andrews

100 freestyle — Matthew Greiner, Jr. Andrews. Isaiah Torres, Jr. Andrews

500 freestyle — Brycen White, Jr. Andrews. Dustin Book, Fr. Andrews

200 freestyle relay — Andrews (Brycen White, Jr. Matthew Greiner, Jr. Isaiah Torres, Jr. Brennan Bennett, Fr.)

100 backstroke — Brennan Bennett, Fr. Andrews. Daniel Jimenez, Sr. Big Spring

400 freestyle relay — Andrews (Brycen White, Jr. Donovan Loya, So. Diego Flores, Jr. Zachariah Hung, Fr.)

Girls

200 medley relay — Andrews (Hannah Hackett, So. Calie Woods, Fr. Avery Joiner, Fr. Mackenzie Ortiz, Fr.); Big Spring (Bianca Villalobos, Fr. Michelle Webb, So. Nancy Pope, Fr. Paige Starr, Fr.)

200 freestyle — Grace Driver, Jr. Andrews; Maranda Farmer, So., Andrews; Jayleighs Wilson, Jr., Andrews

200 IM — Hannah Hackett, So. Andrews

50 freestyle — Avery Joiner, Fr. Andrews; Mackenzie Ortiz, Fr. Andrews; Sirai Olivas, Fr. Andrews; Preslee Woods, Fr. Andrews

100 butterfly — Sirai Olivas, Fr. Andrews; Bonnie Shryock, Fr. Andrews

100 freestyle — Avery Joiner, Fr. Andrews; Mackenzie Ortiz, Fr. Andrews

500 freestyle — Grace Driver, Jr. Andrews; Arianna Webb, Jr., Andrews; Jayleighs Wilson, Jr. Andrews. Preslee Woods, Fr. Andrews

200 freestyle relay — Andrews (Preslee Woods, Fr. Sirai Olivas, Fr.; Maranda Farmer, So.; Jayleighs Wilson, Jr.)

100 backstroke — Hannah Hackett, So., Andrews; Maranda Farmer, So., Andrews

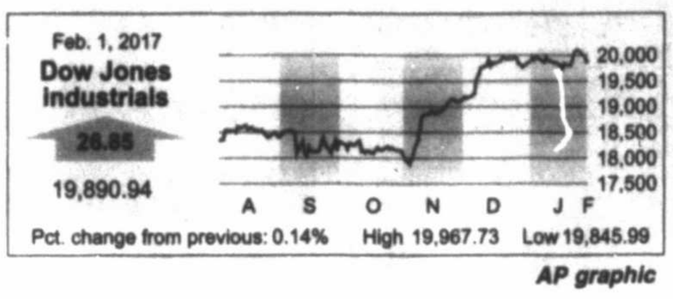
100 breaststroke — Calie Woods, Fr. Andrews; Bonnie Shryock, Fr. Andrews

400 freestyle relay — Andrews (Avery Joiner, Fr.; Sirai Olivas, Fr.; Mackenzie Ortiz, Fr.; Hannah Hackett, So.)

Schedule of Events
Today
11 a.m. — Class 6A diving meet
4:30 p.m. — Class 5A diving meet
Friday
9:30 a.m. — Class 6A swimming prelims
4 p.m. — Class 5A swimming prelims
Saturday
9:30 a.m. — Class 5A swimming finals
4 p.m. — Class 5A swimming finals

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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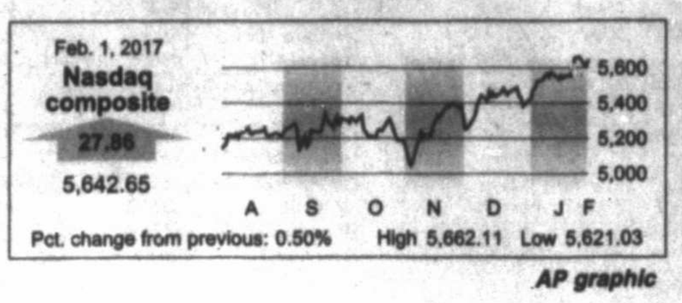

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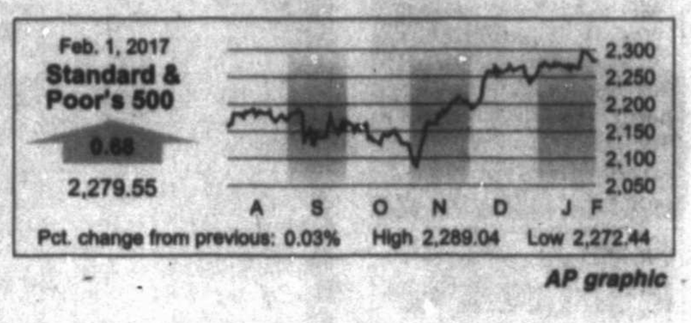

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $53.88
Previous: $52.81

POSTED

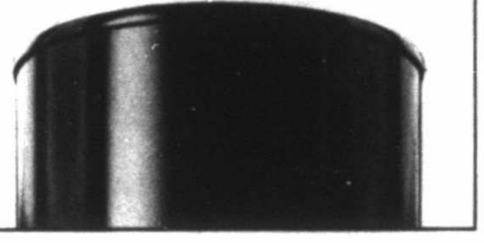
Wednesday: $50.25
Previous: $49.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $45.60
Previous: $44.80

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.168
Previous: $3.117



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioStAm	1018664	22.88	+.25
SPDR Fncl	711070	23.34	+.03
S&P500ETF	689567	227.62	+.09
VanEGold	513401	23.85	-.08
RiteAid	508916	5.27	-.35

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Meaab	16.80	+3.10	+22.6
OneokPtrs	51.70	+8.56	+19.8
Wabash	20.20	+2.55	+14.4
Olin	29.33	+3.12	+11.9
Arconic	25.28	+2.55	+11.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PtnyBw	13.14	-2.78	-17.5
Seaspan	8.22	-1.38	-14.4
Carneco g	11.27	-1.48	-11.6
Navistr pfD	10.22	-1.06	-9.4
Avianca	7.74	-.76	-8.9

Diary

Advanced	1,424
Declined	1,517
Unchanged	125
Total issues	3,066
New Highs	153
New Lows	13
Volume	3,811,122,746

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	215438	1.50	-.08
NwGold g	117468	2.85	+.18
NDynMn g	77570	3.04	+.14
iShIndia bt	68236	28.65	+.31
B2gold g	55855	3.17	+.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NwGold g	2.85	+.18	+6.7
CentrusEn	5.70	+.35	+6.5
LGL Grp	4.93	+.27	+5.8
Diaxor	8.50	+.43	+5.3
NDynMn g	3.04	+.14	+4.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BoviesMed	2.98	-.80	-21.2
Sifco	7.35	-1.00	-12.0
YumaEn rs	2.47	-.28	-10.2
AstenasBio	4.00	-.25	-5.9
Ellomay	8.30	-.52	-5.9

Diary

Advanced	162
Declined	170
Unchanged	33
Total issues	365
New Highs	9
New Lows	2
Volume	129,417,776

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	1047087	128.75	+7.40
Microsoft	383420	63.58	-1.07
Facebook	368406	133.23	+2.91
Pulmatrix	294299	3.73	+1.58
MicronT	283924	24.75	+.64

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pulmatrix	3.73	+1.58	+73.5
EnteroM rs	8.38	+2.09	+33.2
Moleculin n	2.33	+.55	+30.9
xG Tech rs	2.11	+.40	+23.4
InfinityPh	2.51	+.44	+21.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trovag un	7.30	-5.45	-42.7
RealGSol rs	2.93	-.94	-24.3
BlackBox	11.15	-2.20	-16.5
BncpBnk lf	5.00	-.99	-16.5
SyngyPh	6.04	-1.03	-14.6

Diary

Advanced	1,411
Declined	1,413
Unchanged	215
Total issues	3,039
New Highs	139
New Lows	30
Volume	2,122,910,576

US auto sales start 2017 on down note; improvement expected

Associated Press

DETROIT — U.S. auto sales lagged in January as buyers recovered from holiday spending sprees, but the slowdown won't last long.

January is typically the weakest month of the year for U.S. auto sales, and last month appeared to live up to that reputation. Sales fell 2 percent to 1.1 million, according to Autodata Corp. General Motors, Toyota and Ford all reported declines.

But there are lots of factors that should juice demand in the coming months. Consumer confidence is strong, gas prices are low and there are good deals on new vehicles with cool technology. Tax refunds will also spur demand. While sales aren't expected to top last year's record of 17.55 million, they're still forecast to come in at historically high levels.

One X-factor is President Donald Trump. Promised tax cuts and infrastructure spending could increase demand for new vehicles. But his threatened taxes on vehicles imported from Mexico could make some new cars more expensive. Mexico exported nearly 2 million vehicles to the U.S. last year.

"If prices go up, there has to be some sort of impact," said Alec Gutierrez, an analyst with Kelley Blue Book. "This is a price-sensitive industry."

Sales at General Motors fell 3.8 percent from last January, while Ford's sales were down 1 percent. Toyota and Fiat Chrysler both saw 11-percent declines.

Honda and Nissan both saw 6-percent sales gains thanks to strong truck and SUV sales. Hyundai's sales were up 3 percent. Volkswagen's sales jumped 17 percent as the sting from its diesel cheating scandal began to fade.

Winter weather and holiday debts typically keep buyers away from car dealerships in January. This year, the hangover was even more acute. Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for the LMC Automotive consulting firm, said automakers also offered hefty deals in November and December, pulling January sales forward.

"Most of this is payback from a really strong close to 2016," said Schuster, who expects sales to rebound the rest of the year.

The deals spilled into January. As demand slows after seven straight years of sales increases, automakers are increasingly desperate to make a sale. Incentive spending averaged an estimated $3,635 per vehicle in January, up 21.6 percent from a year ago, said ALG, an automotive forecasting firm. Car shopping site Edmunds.com said 10 percent of all new car loans in January had zero-percent financing.

Automakers said:

■ General Motors Co.'s sales fell 3.8 percent to 195,909. GMC brand sales were up slightly but Buick, Cadillac and Chevrolet all saw declines. GM sold 1,162 Chevrolet Bolts in January, one of the first months the new all-electric car was on sale. Sales of its best-seller, the Chevrolet Silverado pickup, dropped 6 percent.

■ Ford Motor Co.'s sales dropped 1 percent to 172,612. Ford brand sales were off 2 percent but Lincoln luxury brand sales jumped 22 percent on strong sales of small SUVs. Sales of Ford's best-seller, the F-Series pickup rose 12.5 percent as new heavy-duty trucks hit the market.

■ Fiat Chrysler's sales fell 11 percent to 152,218. The company's Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge and Fiat brands all saw declines. Alfa Romeo sales were up thanks to the new Giulia sedan while Ram sales rose 5 percent on demand for trucks and commercial vans. SUV sales were a continuing strength; sales of the Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV were up 24 percent for the month.

■ Toyota Motor Corp.'s sales dropped 11 percent to 143,048. Sales of the Camry sedan, the company's perennial best-seller, plummeted 24 percent after Toyota showed off a new version that will go on sale later this year. Sales of the hybrid Prius were down 16 percent, hurt by low gas prices.

■ Nissan Motor Co.'s sales rose 6 percent to 112,319. Nissan brand sales were up 3 percent while luxury Infiniti sales jumped 36 percent thanks in part to the new Q60 coupe. Nissan car sales dropped 9 percent but truck and SUV sales were up 24 percent, further evidence of consumers' growing preference for bigger vehicles.

■ Honda Motor Co.'s sales rose 6 percent to 106,380. Sales at Honda's luxury Acura brand dropped 10 percent but Honda brand sales were up 8 percent. The company's best-seller, the CR-V small SUV, saw a whopping 52.5 percent sales increase as a redesigned version hit showrooms.

■ Hyundai Motor Co. said its sales rose 3 percent to 46,507, a January record for the company. Climbing sales for the company's new Genesis luxury brand helped, as did SUVs. Sales of the Hyundai Santa Fe SUV jumped 53.5 percent.

■ Volkswagen brand sales rose 17 percent to 23,510. Volkswagen likely got a bump from diesel owners who sold their cars back to VW as part of a nationwide settlement. As of Jan. 14, VW had processed 96,000 buyback and lease termination offers. At least some of those buyers likely opted for a new, non-diesel Volkswagen, Gutierrez said.

"If prices go up, there has to be some sort of impact. This is a price-sensitive industry."

Alec Gutierrez, analyst with Kelley Blue Book

Apple surges on iPhone sales

Investors didn't react much to a strong hiring survey or the Federal Reserve's decision to leave interest rates unchanged Wednesday, and U.S. stock indexes finished pretty much where they started. Apple soared after it said iPhone sales improved in its latest quarter.

Stocks jumped in morning trading after payroll provider ADP said hiring by private employers grew stronger in January. Bond prices climbed. But the market's gains thinned, partly because investors sold shares of companies that pay big dividends as bond yields rose.

Stocks briefly turned higher after the Fed's announcement, but that also faded. The only constant was the big gain for Apple, which pushed technology companies higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 26.85 points, or 0.1 percent, to 19,890.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 inched up 0.68 points to 2,279.55. The Nasdaq composite, which has a high concentration of technology companies, gained 27.86 points, or 0.5 percent, to 5,642.65. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks dipped 0.60 points to 1,361.23.

Metal prices slip

The price of gold slipped $3.10 to $1,208.30 an ounce. Silver lost 9 cents to $17.45 an ounce. Copper fell 2 cents to $2.71 1 pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Closing Price $144.61 Down 0.84

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Closing Price $139.82 Up 0.38

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.79 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $105.76 Up 0.59

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.35 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.11 Down 0.17

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.60 Down 0.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.64 Up 0.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.32 Up 0.12

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.95 Up 0.46

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		27	7.79	-.29	-23.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	42.06	-.10	-1.1
Abraxas	...	...	**2.48**	**+.01**	**-3.5**
AdvDrsEq	**.92e**	...	**13.17**	**+.04**	**+3.6**
AirU			12.06	+1.69	+6.3
AlonUSA	.60		10.95	-.31	-3.8
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**159.67**	**+2.99**	**+9.2**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**68.36**	**-1.17**	**-2.0**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**57.73**	**-2.04**	**-9.0**
Apple Inc	2.28	15	128.75	+7.40	+11.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**21**	**35.03**	**+.78**	**+8.6**
ArcelorMit		28	7.90	+.11	+8.2
Archrock	.48		14.75	+.15	+11.7
Arconic	.15p		25.28	+2.55	+36.4
ATMOS	**1.68**	**22**	**74.56**	**-1.62**	**+.6**
AutoData	2.28	26	95.25	-5.74	-7.3
BP PLC	**2.40e**	...	**35.99**	**+.01**	**-3.7**
BakrHu	.68		62.58	-.50	-3.7
BcoBrad s	.43e		10.35	+.02	+19.0
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.89	+.25	+3.6
B iPVxST rs			19.10	-.32	-25.1
BaringsCp s	1.20		14.79	+.03	-4.5
BarrickG	.08	42	18.48	+.04	+15.6
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		**162455**	**430.00**	**-550.35**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**22**	**61.38**	**-1.17**	**+.1**
BostonSci		51	23.95	-.10	+10.8
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**29**	**49.29**	**+.13**	**-15.7**
BrownFA s	...	**29**	**46.37**	**-.41**	**+.3**
BrownFB s	...	...	**45.01**	**-.59**	**+.2**
CVS Health	1.70f	14	77.97	-.84	-1.2
Caterpillar	3.08	29	95.11	-.55	+2.6
Celestic g	...	10	13.63	-.25	+15.0
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.51	-.35	+7.3
ChesEng		...	6.40	-.05	-8.8
Chevron	**4.32f**	...	**111.00**	**-.35**	**-5.7**
Chicos	.32	29	13.49		-6.3
Cimarex	.32	...	133.50	-1.71	-1.8
Cisco	1.04	15	30.50	-.22	+.9
Citigroup	.64	12	56.05	+.22	-5.7
ClayEng	...	...	**144.61**	**-.84**	**+21.3**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.26**	**-.31**	**-.5**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**23**	**64.72**	**+.14**	**-1.1**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**38.94**	**-.15**	**-1.5**
ConchoRes	...	...	**139.82**	**+.38**	**+5.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	...	**48.50**	**-.26**	**-3.3**
CrackerB	4.60	21	156.86	-1.20	-6.1
CSVInvNG			4.25	.10	+40.3
CSVelVST			61.93	+1.18	+32.5
CSVxSn rs			5.24	.20	-45.0
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**13**	**17.61**	**-.19**	**-2.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	40.20	+1.33	+4.7
DTE	2.92	22	97.93	-.71	-.6
Dataram rs			1.47	+.04	-33.2
DevonE	**.24**	...	**45.54**	...	**-.3**
DxGlMBr rs			17.85	-.43	-49.1
DxGMBll s			9.16	+.23	+64.2
DxGBull s			11.00	-.08	+44.0
Disney	**1.56f**	**19**	**111.30**	**+.65**	**+6.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**60.30**	**+.67**	**+5.4**
DryShp rs		1	4.62	-.43	-84.3
EOG Resc	**.67**	...	**101.00**	**-.58**	**-.1**
Energen	.08		54.20	+.31	-6.0
EngyTsfr	4.22		38.99	+.84	+8.9
EnPro	**.84**	**51**	**67.43**	**-.48**	**+.1**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	28.13	-.20	+4.0
Ericsson	.46e		5.86	.03	+.5
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**37**	**82.94**	**-.95**	**-8.1**
Facebook		37	133.23	+2.91	+15.8
FordM	.60a	7	12.32	-.04	+1.6
FrptMcM			16.84	+.19	+27.7
FrontierCm	.42		3.41	-.08	+.9
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**58.52**	**+.70**	**-5.0**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**7.75**	**+.02**	**+7.0**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**32.43**	**+.25**	**+4.0**
GenElec	**.96f**	**24**	**29.69**	**-.01**	**-6.0**
GenMotors	1.52	6	36.14	-.47	+3.7
Genworth	...	...	3.50	+.14	-8.1
Globalstar	...	14	1.50	-.08	-5.1
GtPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**27.00**	**-.55**	**-1.3**
HallibrTn	**.72**	...	**56.23**	**-.34**	**+4.0**
ICICI Bk	**.16e**	...	**8.29**	**+.54**	**+10.7**
iShEMkts	**.84e**	...	**37.36**	**+.02**	**+6.7**
iS Eafe	**1.70e**	...	**59.87**	**+.24**	**+3.7**
iShR2K	**1.77e**	...	**135.15**	**-.08**	**+.2**
Infosys	**.62e**	**10**	**13.59**	**-.18**	**-8.4**
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**36.82**	**-.30**	**+.7**
InterDig	1.20	16	93.50	+.10	+2.4
InvenSense			11.59	-1.07	-9.4
InvitRlm n			20.00		
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	84.95	+.32	-1.6
JohnJn	**3.20**	**17**	**113.23**	**-.02**	**-1.7**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**20**	**121.01**	**-.12**	**+6.0**
Kinross g			3.88	-.02	+24.8
LegacyRes	.60m		2.35	...	+10.8
Lubys	...	...	**3.64**	**-.03**	**-15.0**
McDnlds	3.76	23	122.42	-.15	+.6
Merck	1.88f	16	62.10	+.11	+5.5
MeritMed	...	**34**	**25.85**	**+.45**	**-2.5**
MexcoEn			5.11	-.17	+2.2
MicronT			24.75	+.64	+12.9
Microsoft	1.56f	28	63.58	-1.07	+2.3
Nabors	.24		16.27	+.02	-.8
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**58.03**	**-.44**	**-.5**
NOilVarco	.20	21	38.55	+.74	+3.0
NewResid	1.84	9	15.51	+.36	-1.3
NSTFI3	**.55e**	...	**14.31**	**-.06**	**+1.0**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.01**	**+.11**	**+2.1**
Nvidia	.56f	69	113.95	+4.77	+6.8
OcciPet	**3.04f**	...	**67.61**	**-.16**	**-5.1**
ONEOK	3.16	40	54.00	-1.11	-5.9
OneokPtrs	3.16	39	51.70	+8.56	+20.2
ParTech	...	**20**	**6.45**	**-.06**	**+15.6**
ParkDrl	...	...	**2.80**	**-.05**	**-3.8**
PattUTI	**.08**	**8**	**28.44**	**+.40**	**+5.8**
PennaRE	**.84**	**74**	**17.74**	**-.17**	**-6.4**
Prmian	.44e	25	8.85	-.06	+14.8
Petrobras	...	...	10.23	-.03	+1.2
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**13**	**31.67**	**+.26**	**-2.5**
PioNtrl	.08	...	180.66	+.43	+.3
PtnyBw	.75	8	13.14	-2.78	-13.5
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**31.78**	**+.39**	**-1.6**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	125.43	+.86	+5.9
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**117.96**	**-.49**	**+.6**
PrmEgy	...	...	**66.80**	...	**+4.6**
PUVixST rs	...	...	24.14	-.78	...
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Pulmatrix	...	...	3.73	+1.58	+532.2
Qualcom	2.12	15	53.15	-.28	-18.5
RangeRs	.08	...	31.81	-.53	-7.4
RegionsFn	.28f	17	14.46	+.05	+.7
RiteAid	...	48	5.27	-.35	-36.0
Rowan	.40	6	18.00	+.08	-4.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	54.27	-.12	-.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	198.63	+.27	+.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	227.62	+.09	+1.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	39.78	-.30	-4.0
SabrR	1.86e	18	39.10	-.70	+11.2
SanchezEn	...	...	12.63	-.63	+39.9
SanderFm	**.96**	**11**	**92.40**	**+1.40**	**-2.0**
Schlmbrg	2.00	72	83.17	-.54	-.9
SirIusXM	.01p	40	4.77	+.05	+7.2
Smucker	3.00f	17	135.50	-.35	+5.8
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.88	-.13	-17.9
SpiritRtC	.72f	16	10.35	-.17	-4.7
Sprint	...	...	9.01	-.22	+7.0
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	71.13	+.61	+3.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	52.18	-.41	+.9
SP Engy	2.04e	...	72.36	-.54	-3.9
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.34	+.03	+.4
SP Inds	1.12e	...	63.27	-.11	+1.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.33	-.85	-.5
Starbucks s	1.00	27	53.90	-1.32	-2.9
SunocoLog	2.08f	56	26.14	+.62	+8.8
SyngyPh	...	...	6.04	-1.03	-.8
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**9.53**	**-.11**	**+3.6**
Tesoro	2.20	10	80.98	+.13	-7.4
TexasPhrm	1.36e	12	34.69	+1.26	-4.3
3M Co	4.44	21	175.17	+.35	-1.9
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**73.54**	...	**-.3**
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**22.54**	**+.02**	**+2.2**
Twitter	...		17.24	-.38	+5.8
TylerTech	...	**52**	**146.32**	**+.30**	**+2.5**
UndrArm s	...	37	21.44	-.05	-26.2
UnAr C wi	...	...	18.80	-.42	-25.3
UBSI	**1.32**	**22**	**43.85**	**-.95**	**-5.2**
UPS B	3.12	18	105.35	-3.78	-8.1
US OilFd	...	...	11.48	+.16	-2.0
USSteel	.20	...	31.33	-1.38	-5.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.48	+.30	+37.5
ValeroE	2.80f	18	65.37	-.39	-4.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.85	-.08	+14.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	38.07	+.29	+20.7
VerizonCm	2.31f	12	48.39	-.62	-9.3
VulcanM	**.80**	**44**	**128.32**	**-.01**	**+2.5**
WEC Engy	2.08	20	57.22	-1.83	-2.4
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.04	-.90	-2.1
WeathInt	...	...	5.18	-.03	+3.8
WellsFargo	1.52	14	55.91	-.04	+1.5
WstnRefin	1.52	24	35.01	...	-7.5
WhitingPet	...	...	11.00	-.09	-8.5
WmsCos	.80	66	28.33	-.51	-9.0
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.63**	**-.59**	**-.2**
Xerox	**.31**	**10**	**7.07**	**+.14**	**+23.0**

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
20,125.58	15,503.01	Dow Jones Industrials	19,890.94	+26.85	+.14	+.65	+21.76
9,502.50	6,655.86	Dow Jones Transportation	9,171.39	-20.59	-.22	+1.41	+34.19
720.83	608.14	Dow Jones Utilities	658.08	-12.79	-1.91	-.54	+4.70
11,688.45	8,944.05	NYSE Composite	11,207.24	-15.71	-.14	+1.36	+18.03
5,869.61	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,642.65	+27.86	+.50	+4.82	+25.27
2,300.94	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,279.55	+.68	+.03	+1.82	+19.19
1,714.59	1,229.10	S&P Midcap	1,683.50	-3.69	-.22	+1.38	+29.74
24,105.50	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,949.43	+2.22	+.01	+1.81	+21.64
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,361.23	-.59	-.04	+.30	+34.74

TODAY: Sunny High: 54 Low: 35

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 62 Low: 44

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 45

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 72 Low: 49

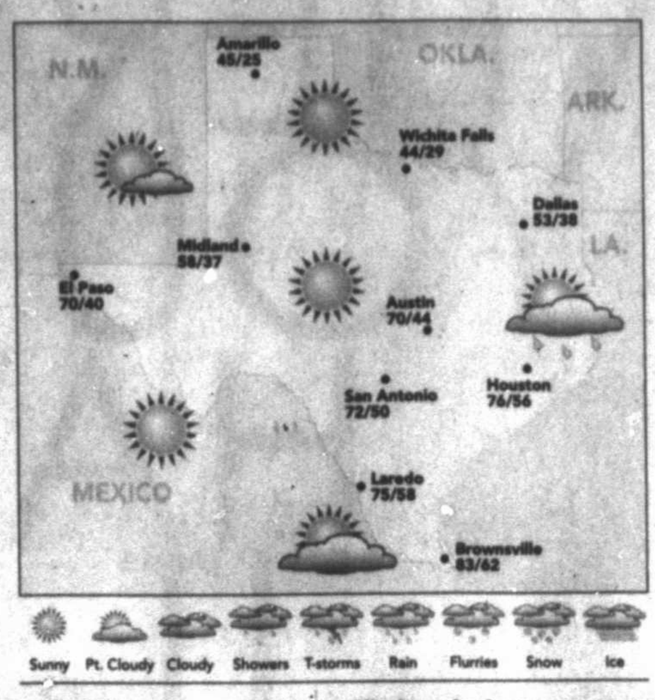
MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 77 Low: 48

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 47

Local forecast

After a cooler day today, above-average high and low temperatures return to the forecast, according to the National Weather Service. High temperatures will be in the 70s next week, even more than 15 degrees above normal for this time of year on Monday and Tuesday. The NWS does expect "patchy drizzle" on Friday night, the only day where precipitation is in the forecast.

The record high for Feb. 1 is 80 set in 1963. The record low is -8, set in 1985. On Feb. 1 of last year, the high was 78 and the low was 34.



Weather brief

NEW MEXICO

Rain, snow bolster snowpack

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's drought has eased after an abundance of rain and snow that built up the state's snowpack, but dry weather lies ahead.

Many parts of New Mexico received up to four times the normal precipitation rate for January. Snowpacks at or above average also top most mountains in the region.

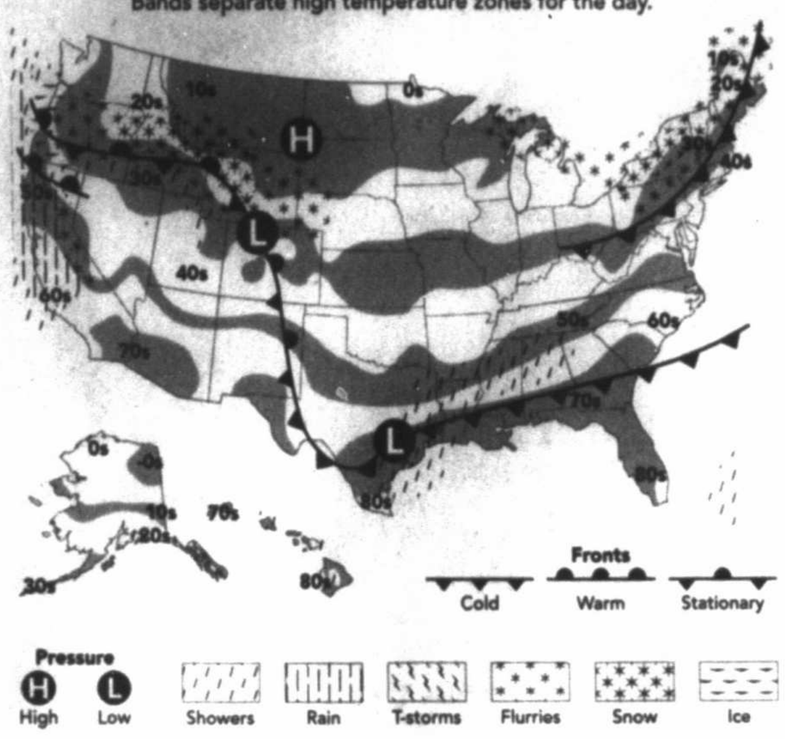
Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.59 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	76
Low	38
Normal high	59
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:41 a.m.
Sunset	6:24 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Thursday, February 2, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Wife is surprised her soul mate is looking for sex with men

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 35 years. Our sex life was never very active, but we have been each other's soul mates and best friends. We had a rough few years early on, but managed to come back together, and our relationship is great.

Recently, while I was setting up new email addresses, I saw some messages he had sent in response to requests from married men looking for sex with other men. I just can't reconcile this with the man I know; however, I'm sure it's true. I'm not sure if I should tell him I know, or if I should try to forget it. After all, I may be the reason he's looking for sexual satisfaction elsewhere. More than anything, I'm surprised he's not looking for a woman. I'm sure confused. What should I do? — SOUL MATES IN TEXAS

DEAR SOUL MATES: I seriously doubt that this is your fault. Your husband doesn't look for women to satisfy his sex drive because his orientation may be homosexual (or bisexual) rather than heterosexual.

You say you are soul mates and best friends. Soul mates and best friends communicate honestly with each other. I do think you should level with him about what you discovered. Is his having sex outside of your marriage all right with you? If you have had sexual relations with him over the last few years, make an appointment with your doctor to be checked for STDs.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 30-year-old woman who has been with my boyfriend for a year and a half. He's a great guy who treats me wonderfully. I know he sees marriage in our future, and that's where my problem lies.

I've heard the saying that one should only marry someone (or even be with them) if one can't imagine life without that person. Well, if I picture my life without him, I see myself being perfectly fine. Yes, I'd miss him, but I still think I could be happy without him. I don't imagine ever feeling devastated like other people feel when they break up with someone. Is this a sign that something is missing from the relationship? — STILL ALL RIGHT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR STILL ALL RIGHT: I don't think so. The only thing that's "missing" is the fact that you are not so emotionally dependent on your boyfriend that you couldn't function if something were to happen to him. And in my opinion, that's actually healthy, because relationships and marriages don't last forever, even when we wish them to.

DEAR ABBY: Why is it that when adults are trying to get to know my children, the first thing they want to know is who they have a crush on? Not only is that an extremely personal question, it's also the least significant part of their lives and not something I want them to dwell on.

Ask instead what their favorite subject is, if they read a book recently they enjoyed, what kinds of activities they participate in or clubs they belong to. Please stop telling them that "surely some cute little kid" must have caught their eye. — WISE ONE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR WISE ONE: I agree. Young children may "like" someone but may find it embarrassing to talk about. Another question, in addition to the ones you have suggested, might be, "Who are your friends, and what do you like doing with them?"

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Protect your trick

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ 10 6 5 2
♡ A 9 8 2
◇ Q 3 2
♣ A 3

WEST
♠ 4 3
♡ J 7 4 3
◇ Void
♣ K 10 9 7 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A K Q J 7
♡ K Q 6
◇ J 10 5 4
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ 9 8
♡ 10 5
◇ A K 9 8 7 6
♣ J 8 6

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
1NT	2◇	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	3◇	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♣

South did well to compete to three diamonds, despite East having bid the suit. East would have had no trouble taking eight tricks in his spade contract. It would be even better if South could find a way to take nine tricks in his diamond contract.

East started with three rounds of spades. South ruffed low on the third round, knowing that West didn't have any trumps. Declarer led a club to the board's ace and led a diamond to his seven when East didn't split his honors. It would not have helped East to split. South exited with a club to West, who continued with another club. This was ruffed with dummy's queen of diamonds.

Declarer led dummy's last trump and played his king when East split his honors this time. South had timed the hand beautifully, and he continued by leading a heart to dummy's ace, ruffing another spade, and exiting with his last heart. East won this with the king, but he had to lead a diamond from his jack-seven. South had the ace-nine of trumps left and took the last two tricks to bring home his contract.

This was well done by South, but East could have done better. East should have shifted to the king of hearts at trick three, rather than help South reduce his trump length. This would deprive dummy of a key entry before South was ready to use it, and the contract would have drifted one off.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017:

This year you might be more stubborn than you realize. You are also prone toward impulsiveness. Make it a point to slow down and take in the big picture. Detach as much as possible, and you will feel better. If you are single, you could meet someone quite exotic and different from you. Whether or not this is a long-term bond, you will change because of relating to this person. If you are attached, getting 100 percent involved in whatever you are doing will result in a stronger bond between you and your sweetie. You will enjoy all the one-on-one time you can get. TAURUS knows how to get you fired up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Put your best foot forward. The unexpected could elicit an element of confusion. Several close loved ones will come forward and prove to be helpful. Take an overview of the present situation. Detach, and you will feel better and more secure. Tonight: Think "weekend."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might want to pull back and think before you take action. Use the morning and part of the afternoon to re-evaluate a decision. You could be flipping back and forth between two approaches. This process helps you to see more clearly. Tonight: You feel up to snuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Use the daylight hours to zero in on what you want. You could find that others are acting unpredictably, each embodying his or her unique style. Nevertheless, a wonderful opportunity emerges. What is stopping you? Tonight: You are going to need all the rest you can get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might have had enough of someone else's nagging. Your cold shoulder is likely to let this person know that you have had enough! Listen to news with a big smile. Toward the end of the day, you will feel like celebrating. Tonight: Opt for an early weekend. Start now!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone you crave about, as he or she always puts an interesting slant on an issue. Be willing to explore new ideas. Detach from a person who seems interesting but is closed down. Avoid negativity, if possible. Tonight: A friend could play a strong role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to make a decision, but you recognize that you need to depend on a key person. A discussion could be difficult at best. Honor a fast change, knowing full well what is about to happen. Trust that you will see the big picture. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to a partner who feels secure. This person has quite a few ideas that you might want to listen to. Be willing to let go and trust your gut. Later in the day, several intense talks are likely to fill your agenda. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Opt for something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Reach out to an associate who makes all the difference when you work with him or her. You both are competent, but you produce a better product when you work together. Don't feel challenged by this person's energy. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Let a creative person give you strong feedback. You might be put off by one of his or her requests and will try to pull away. Once you give someone a reaction, try to mellow out some. Deal with what needs to be handled. Tonight: Grab an opportunity for a little R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll discover how different your opinion is from someone else's. A domestic matter or real estate issue weaves right through your day. Know what you want and go for it, but know that you could change your mind about your objective later. Tonight: Add some mischief.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You will state your case and also support yourself in heading in a certain direction. You could find it nearly impossible to continue down your chosen path. You might opt to be more spontaneous and impulsive. Count on there being ramifications. Tonight: Settle in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Continue your disciplined approach in order to get more of what you want. You could feel frustrated by not being able to do everything you had set out to do. An unexpected windfall or expense could throw your present comfortable status in the air. Tonight: Mellow out.

BORN TODAY

Author James Joyce (1882), model Christie Brinkley (1954), actress Farrah Fawcett (1947)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Brewski
5 Scrubland succulent
10 Skate park protection
14 "__ something I said?"
15 Bounded
16 Settled on the tarmac
17 Headline during an African wildfire season?
19 "¿Qué __?"
20 Peach or orange
21 Snitch
22 Rental duration
24 Former NASCAR Cup sponsor
26 Pass along
27 Go over again
29 Kind of key
33 Bro
36 Tolkien villain
37 "This feels familiar" feeling
38 Corner office fig.
39 Casual parting ... and a hint to this puzzle's four longest answers
41 Had too much
42 Satisfies, as thirst
44 Reduction
45 Attending
46 Fable teller
47 "Challenge accepted!"
49 West Coast pro
51 Possible reason for an empty seat
55 Picture of health?
58 Profession, casually
59 Hosp. area
60 __ clarinet
61 Collector of some Spanish art?
64 Tactic
65 Barn-raising sect
66 Latin I word
67 County bordering Sonoma
68 Core belief
69 Out of shape

DOWN

1 Punjabi monotheists
2 Burn through
3 Eatery often named for its owner
4 Foul spot
5 Seemingly eternal burden
6 Joint ailment
7 Abbr. in car ads
8 Unloaded a burden
9 Old lemon
10 Artist Jasper during his tropical period?
11 Cumming of "The Good Wife"
12 CD part
13 Sit tight
18 "Rule, Britannia" composer
23 License info
25 Farmer's possible reply to "What beans are you planting this year?"?
26 Pit visitor
28 Before, poetically
30 Green gem
31 Wrapped up
32 Deserving a slap, maybe
33 Badlands landform
34 Shaft with bushings
35 Genteel gatherings
37 Couple's break from the kids
40 "Delish!"
43 Amazing, in dudespeak
47 Biological map subject
48 Slime
50 Pester
52 Card table request
53 Where some large schools may be found
54 Rathskeller fare
55 Aye-catcher?
56 Trattoria's "in the style of"
57 Firebird roof option
58 Military center
62 Half a cosmic whole
63 Check

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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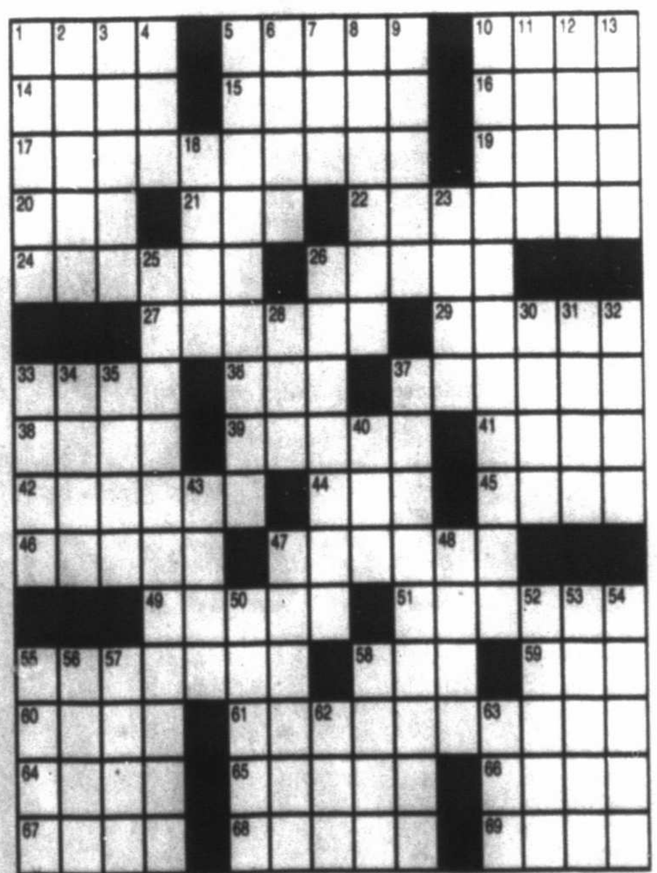

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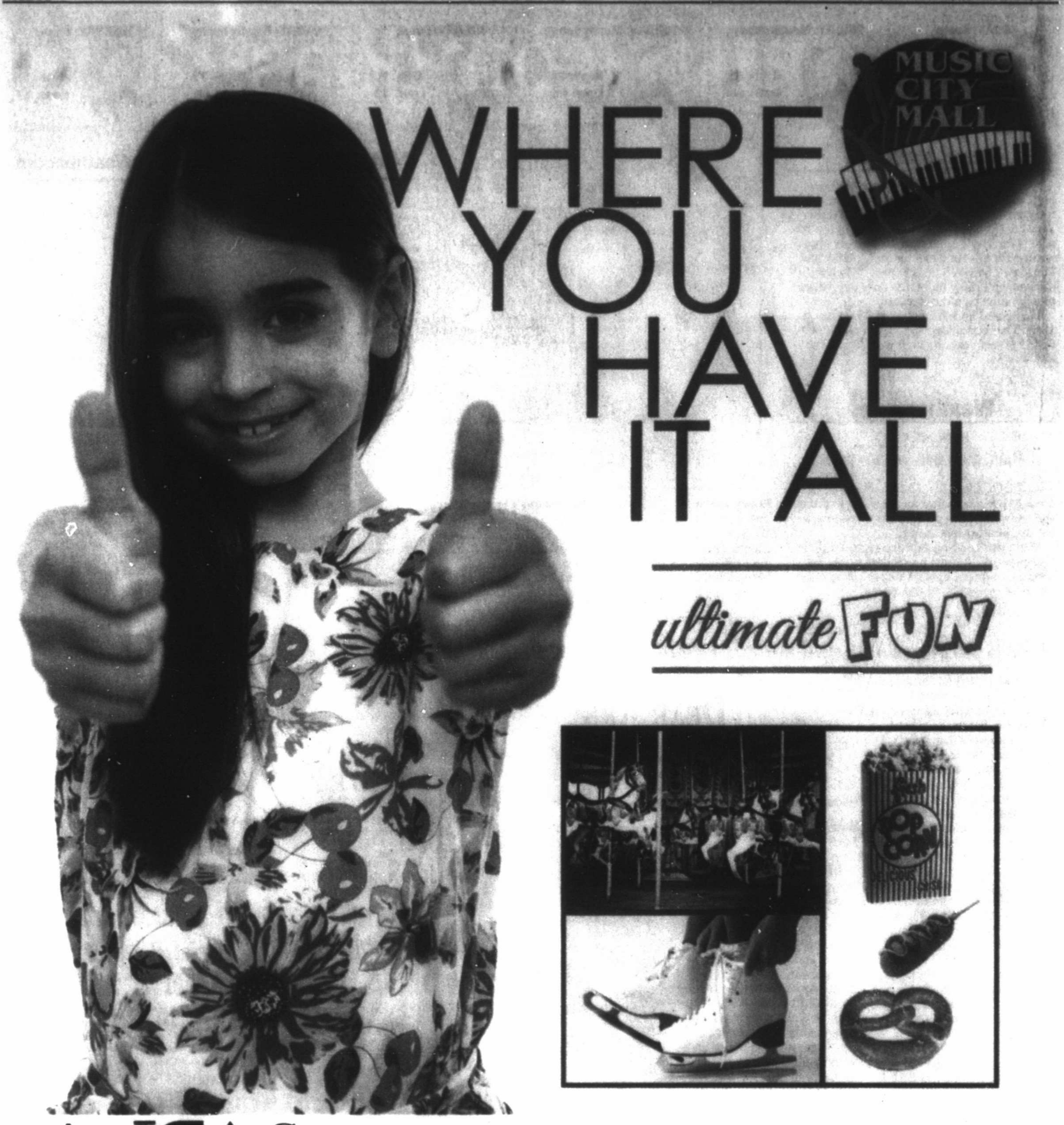

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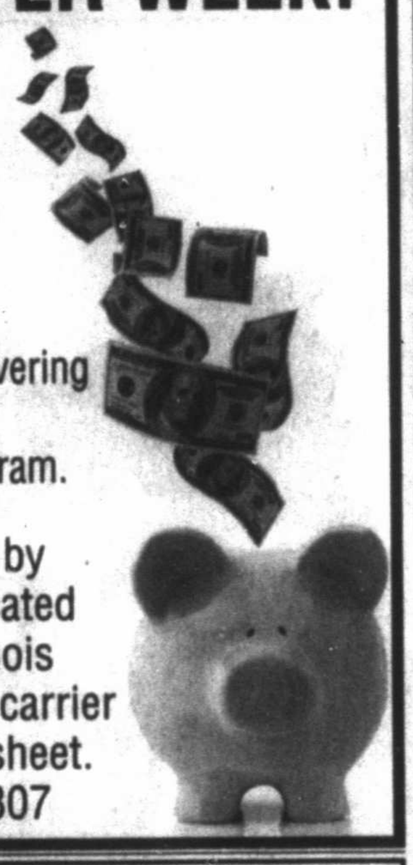

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Experience preferred but will train. Must have valid driver's license and pass a drug test. Apply in person at **Rusty's Oilfield Service Company**, 3327 Interstate 20, Stanton. Bring driver's license, NO PHONE CALLS.

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Local service company is looking for an experienced electronic billing specialist for a fast paced office has an opening for experienced electronic billing specialist. Must be organized, have accurate data entry skills and an attention to detail. Must have the ability to multi-task with distractions while still meeting strict goals. This candidate will have the skills listed above while being self-motivated and a team player. We offer an excellent work environment with good salary and benefits package for the right person. Send your resume to P-111 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

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Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Cactus Tools is Now Hiring Professional Drivers
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Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

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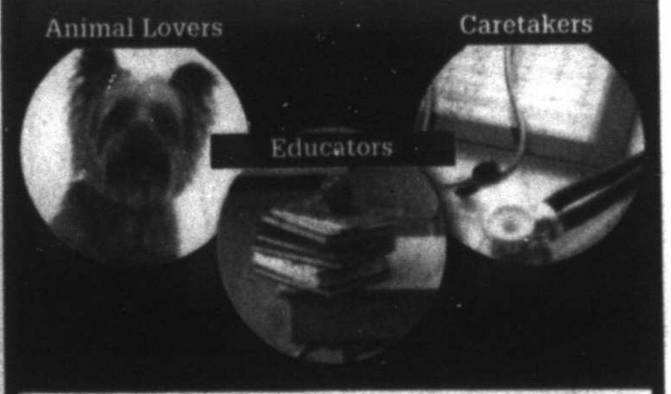

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0303291
DATE ISSUANCE: Jan 25, 2017 — Status/Permit No. 821918
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 1, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit,
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 191554] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 21, Blk. 34 T1N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-391, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 8.48 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	GIANT SACATON 1612
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	2HA
Lease/Unit Acres	:	160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Lease Lines	:	1957.0 F E (offlease) L, 970.0 F N (offlease) L
Survey Lines	:	1957.0 F E (offlease) L, 970.0 F N (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
199.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 16 Block: A Abstract: 565
Survey: BAUER & COCKRELL
Lease Lines: 125.0 F NORTH L
188.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 2540.0 F SOUTH L
1946.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ann Ritchie, at (432)6846381.

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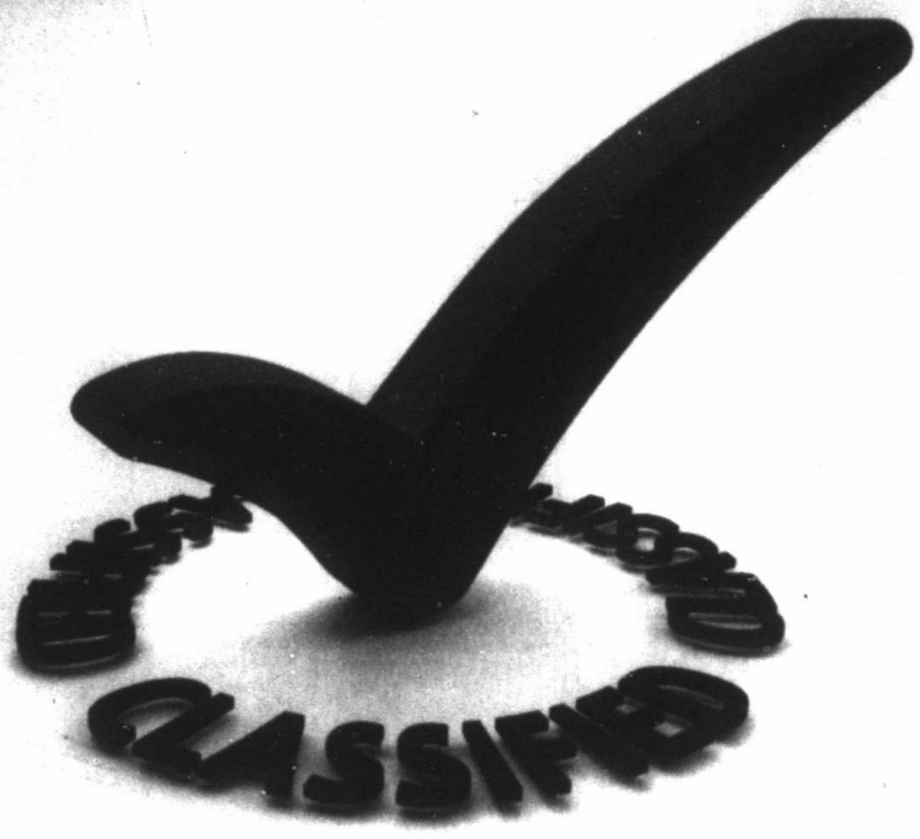

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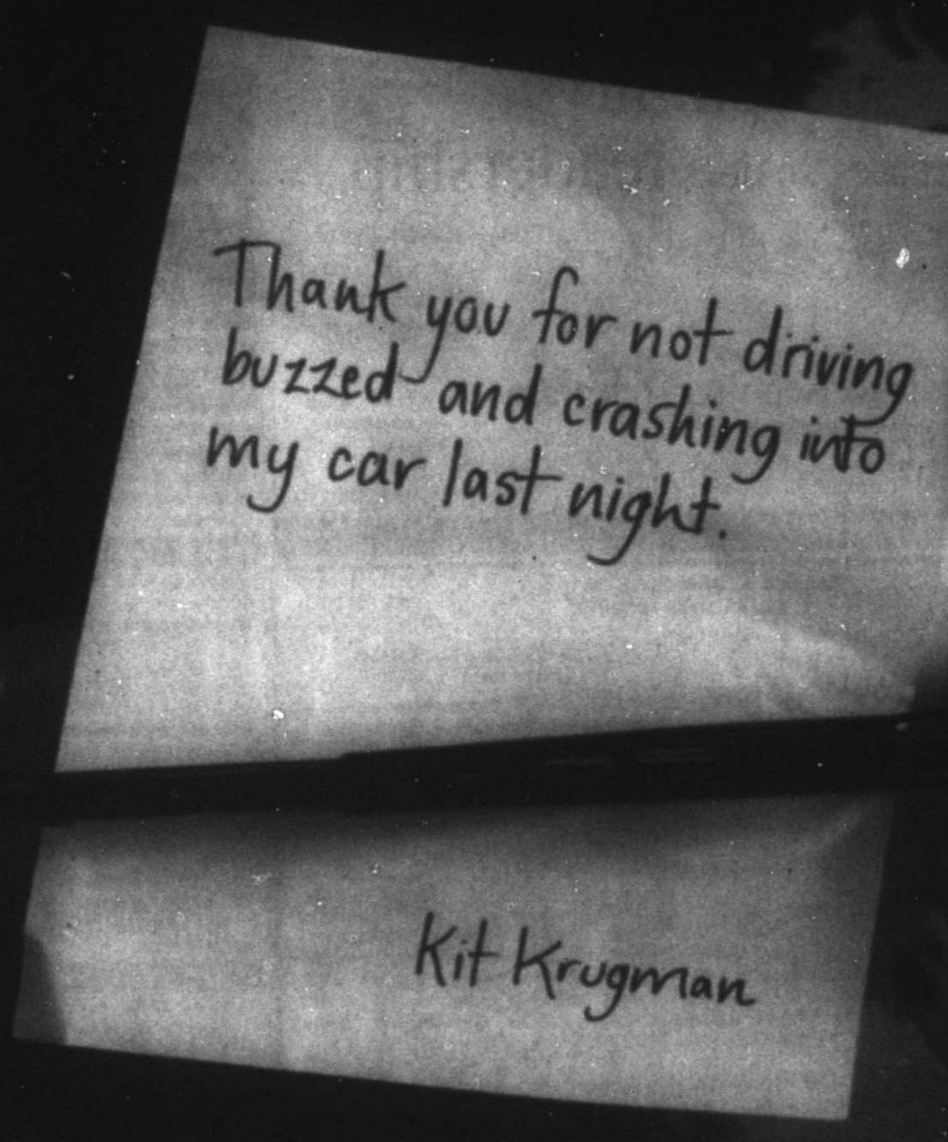

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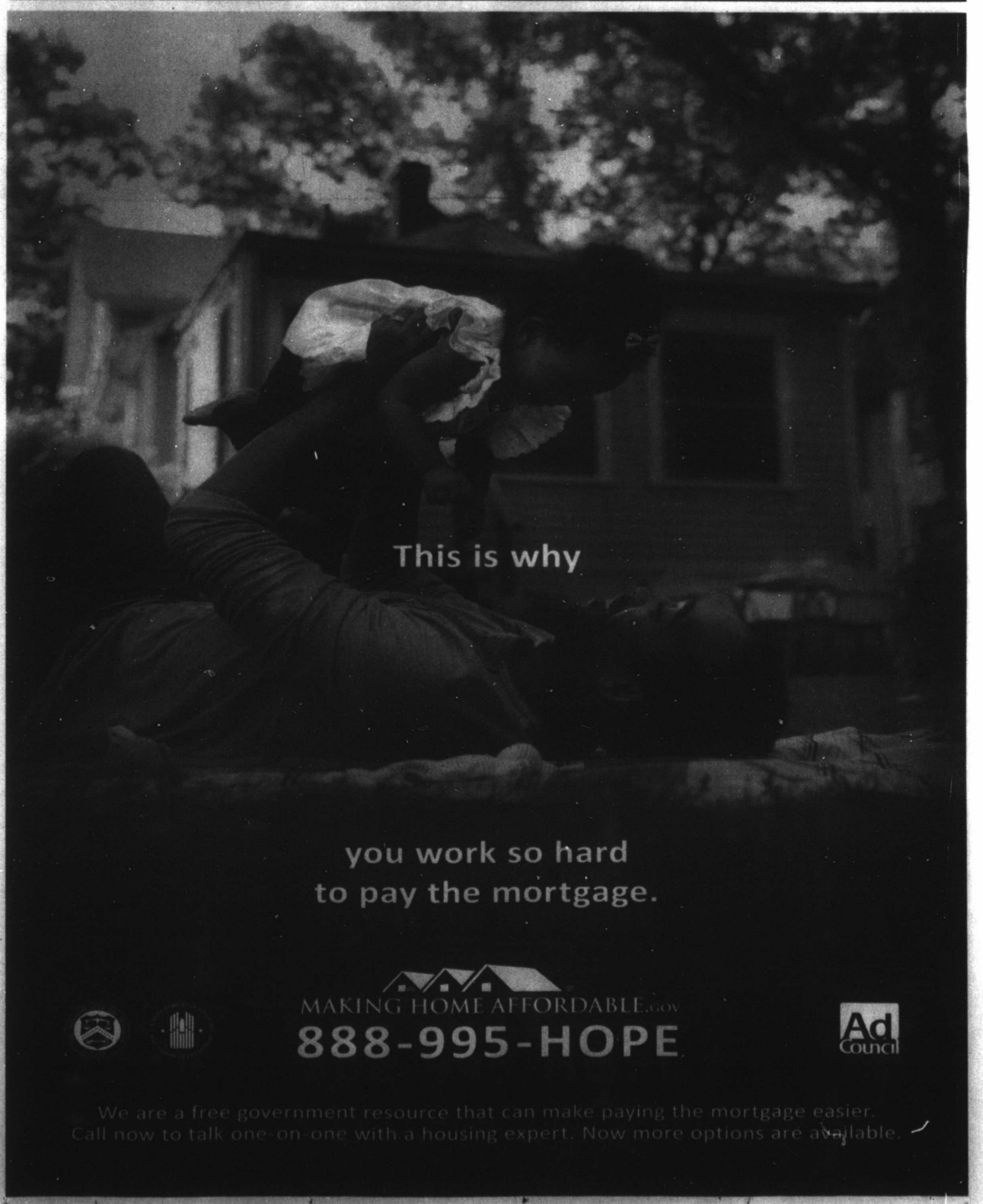

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