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Ruidoso suffers through dry winter.

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Midland High boys and girls soccer teams beat Lee Tuesday.

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Education issues dominate state Senate forum

District 31 candidates address Teacher Retirement System, funding for public schools

By Trevor Hawes
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Midlanders got to learn a little bit more about the three District 31 state Senate candidates and where they stand on a variety of issues during a League of Women Voters event Monday, but education was on most people's minds.

Coming soon

League of Women Voters' guide to appear in Sunday's edition.

Attendees at Midland College's Carrasco Room were invited to write their questions on index cards. The moderator held a large pile and fanned them out in her hand, saying that all of them were about education.

Of particular interest was the state of the Teacher Retirement System. Incumbent Kel Seliger said TRS must be preserved and noted that the state infused a half-billion dollars into supporting retired teachers' pensions and insurance this past legislative session. "We might have to do something similar in the next biennium," he said, but he told the retired teachers in the audience to not worry because pensions aren't going away. "We're committed to it."

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UNDER LOCKDOWN

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High students look out classroom windows Tuesday during a lockdown situation on the Midland High campus that was prompted by the reported presence of a weapon at the school.

MISD: Weapon found on campus; charges will be filed

From staff reports

Midland ISD officials said a weapon was found on campus and a suspect was detained during a lockdown of Midland High School on Tuesday.

The school was placed on lockdown after a Crime Stoppers tip that a student had a firearm on campus, district officials said.

Students reported the concern to campus administration, and Midland High was immediately placed on lockdown, according to a press release. The MISD Police Department immediately responded and began searching the campus.

Through the campus search and after interviewing witnesses, a .40-caliber Taurus semi-automatic weapon was located on campus, and a suspect was detained. Criminal charges will be filed, according to district officials.

School board approves plan to relieve Goddard overcrowding

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD board on Monday approved a boundary plan that will help reduce the overcrowding at Goddard Junior High.

More inside

MISD celebrates achievement of its lone National Merit finalist.

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The plan will reduce the number of students at Goddard by about 180. Most of the students will transition to Alamo Junior High, which had the most unused capacity of any of the four junior highs and will still be nearly 50 students under full capacity, according to information from the district.

Goddard came into the boundary plan with a 2017-18 membership (enrollment) of 1,216. Reductions will drop that number to around 1,035 students for 2018-19. Building capacity is 975.

Abell reported a 2017-18 membership of 1,038. The plan calls for 25 "newcomer" students to be moved to Alamo, 10 students from the "South I-20" area to be moved to Alamo and for 48 students from high-growth areas in northwest Midland (Los Patios and Fasken) to be added to the Abell membership. Abell's proposed enrollment for 2018-19 will be more than 100 greater than its building capacity (950).

San Jacinto Junior High experienced little change. It came into the process with a 2017-18 membership of 698. The plan calls for the addition of 60 sixth-graders from Houston Elementary — part of the plan for the collegiate pre campus. Its proposed attendance for 2018-19 will be 758, nearly 100 below building capacity.

The boundary levelling plan is likely to be a first step in a longer-term process for the district. A major goal was taking pressure off Goddard, which will be the home of students in some of Midland's fastest-growing areas, especially in northeast and

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Lineups announced for Rock the Desert, Tall City Blues Fest

By Rich Lopez
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Music is big news this week. Organizers from both Rock the Desert and Tall City Blues Fest announced their 2018 lineups on Monday.

A post appeared on Rock the Desert's Facebook page with a digital flyer listing its lineup and also revealing the title of this year's event: "No Fear."

Headliners for RTD 2018 include Switchfoot, Matthew West, Tenth Avenue North and Family Force 5.

The festival is Aug. 2-4 at the grounds on Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Want more?

See more information on the lineups.

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Musicians for the eighth annual Tall City Blues Fest were announced on Monday evening during the streaming radio show, "Music on the Couch." TCBF founder Lisa Grissom, along with talent curator Ronn Reeger, discussed

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IEA: OPEC almost clears glut; shale risk looms

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC and its allies have almost achieved their goal of clearing an oil glut, but their efforts could be derailed by rising supplies from the U.S. and other rivals, the International Energy Agency said.

Oil stockpiles in developed nations fell the most in more than six years in December as supply cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Russia took effect. The surplus is also being cleared by higher consumption, with the agency boosting its forecast for global demand growth in 2018 by about 100,000 barrels a day to 1.4 million a day.

Yet OPEC's strategy could be backfiring, as the increase in prices to a three-year high stimulates more supply from America. U.S. output will soon surpass that of the cartel's biggest producer, Saudi Arabia, and may overtake Russia as global leader by the end of the year, according to the IEA.

"With the surplus having shrunk so dramatically, the success of the output agreement might be close to hand," said the Paris-based agency, which advises most of the world's major economies. Nevertheless, the "main message" remains that "fast-rising production in non-OPEC countries, led by the U.S., is likely to grow more than demand."

OPEC and Russia, once fierce market rivals, forged an alliance in late 2016 to offset the oil glut unleashed by the advent of the U.S. shale industry.

After a year of output cuts, stockpiles in industrialized nations have shrunk to the lowest since November 2014. They were about 52 million barrels above the five-year average in December, a drop of 80 percent from a year earlier, the IEA said.

Last month, OPEC's implementation of pledged cuts was its strongest since the deal came into force, with the group reducing output by 37 percent more than it promised, according to the IEA. Compliance was given a boost by Venezuela, whose oil industry has been crippled by years of under-investment and economic decline.

Shale Drilling

Global inventories may stop falling in the early part of this year with the onset of new supplies, the agency said. It raised estimates for growth in non-OPEC supply in 2018 by about 100,000 barrels a day to 1.8 million a day — approximately equal to the amount of production OPEC and its partners promised to cut.

Having cut costs during a three-year market slump, U.S. shale companies are able to deliver even more oil as recovering prices fund new drilling, it said. The nation's output could climb enough this year to satisfy the expected increase in global consumption, according to the IEA.

Oil futures traded near $59 a barrel in New York on Tuesday. Prices fell last week, continuing their retreat from the three-year high of $66.66 reached in late January.

Snow drought hitting Ruidoso's ski season hard

Associated Press

RUIDOSO, N.M. — A New Mexico mountain hamlet known of its ski resort is struggling amid little snow and drought this winter.

KVIA-TV in El Paso reports Ski Apache on Sierra Blanca Mountain in Ruidoso, New Mexico has only recorded 24 inches of snow.

Ski Apache director of operations Justin Rowland says the mountain resort saw more than 300 inches of snow during the 2010 season.

Alto Ski Shop owner Jodee Damron says business has been down about 75 percent.

Tom Dorgan, owner of Ruidoso's Winter Park, says this is the driest winter the region has had in 125 years.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reported last week that 80 percent of New Mexico is experience severe drought or worse conditions.

MISD

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west Midland.

Public meetings on the boundary lines are set for next month. One is scheduled for March 7 at Abell and the other is scheduled for March 8 at Alamo.

Trustees appeared happy that the changes made Monday will put more students in Midland ISD's junior highs that are closer to their respective homes.

Chief Facilities Officer James Riggen reminded trustees the district is basically at capacity — if not exceeding capacity — at its secondary schools.

Plans proposed would also impact the high schools. Lee High School would see an increase of 226 students. Its proposed membership for 2018-19 is 2,443. MHS membership is expected to drop from 2,383 to 2,157.

By the numbers

Junior high building capacities	
Goddard	975
Abell	950
Alamo	950
San Jacinto	850
Student membership 2017-18	
Goddard	1,216
Abell	1,038
Alamo	735
San Jacinto	698
Student membership for 2018-19	
Abell	1,051
Goddard	1,035
Alamo	903
San Jacinto	758

FESTIVALS

From 1A

the lineup with host Vinny Bond. The roster also was released Tuesday on the festival's website.

There will be nine showcases featuring 24 artists, including West Texas Invitational Act Tony Barker from Abilene. Among this year's performers will be Anni Piper, Davis Coen, the E-Flat Porch Band and Kenny Neal. This year will also feature a Youth Music Showcase with 9th Avenue Nose and Ally Venable performing.

The music festival is scheduled for July 6-8 in downtown and will be followed by the Tall City Gospel Brunch on July 9.

No announcement was made for either festival regarding when tickets will go on sale. The Horseshoe Amphitheater also posted a concert notice for Cody Johnson's return to the venue. Tickets go on sale Friday for the Texas country singer's appearance on April 28.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD: All safe after bus accident outside daycare

Midland ISD officials said four children were safe after a pickup truck ran into a school bus Tuesday outside a child care facility.

MISD reported a bus was involved in an accident in the parking lot of Peppermint Plantation, a child care facility located at "A" Street and Scharbauer Drive. A pickup accidentally ran into the driver's side of the bus on the east side of the parking lot.

The bus, according to the district, was transporting four children from Burnet Elementary, and Peppermint Plantation is a regularly scheduled stop on this route. EMS arrived on scene as a precaution, and all children were reported safe and unharmed.

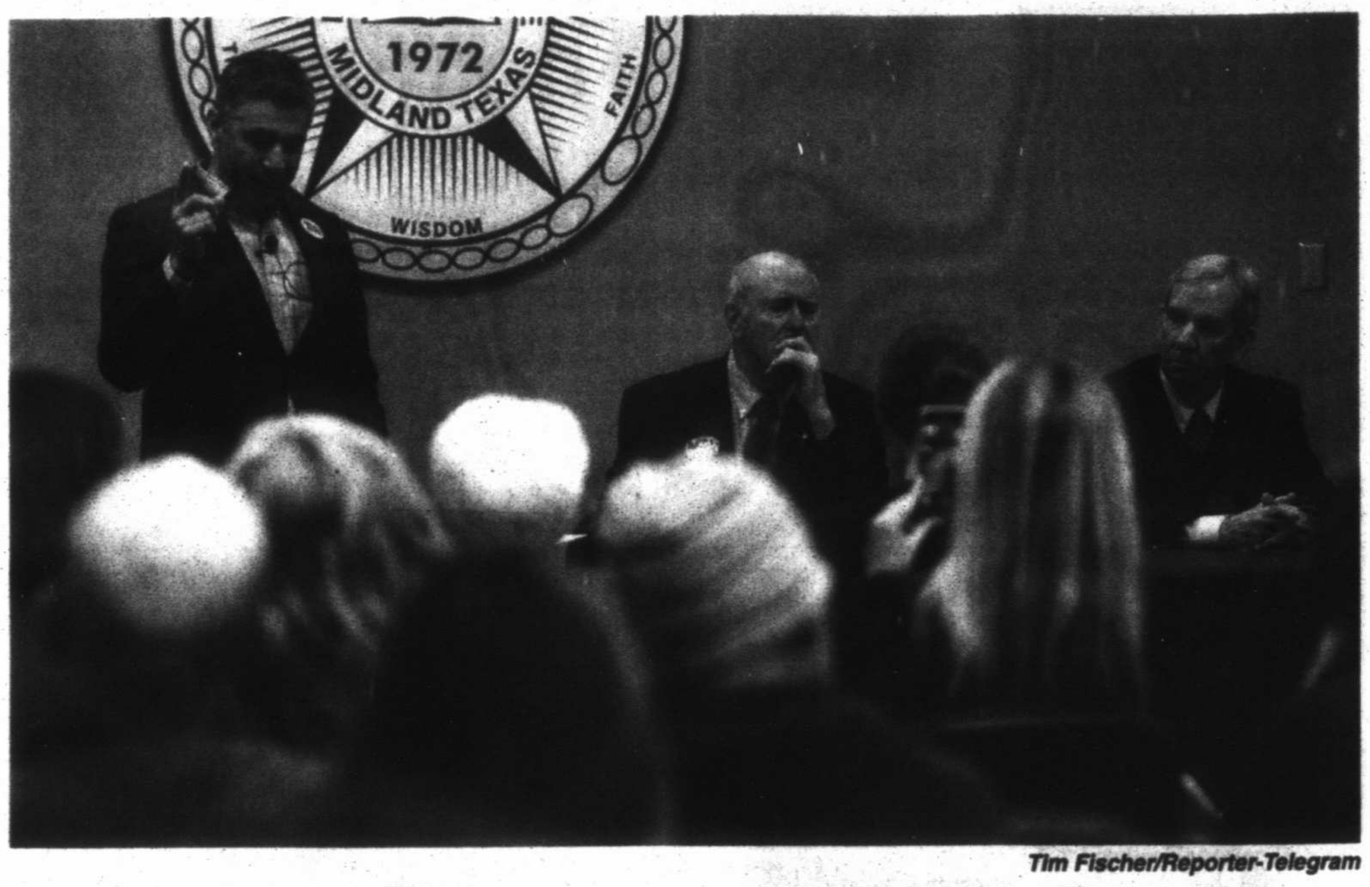
Driver of car cited in four-vehicle wreck that involved MISD bus

One of the drivers involved in the four-vehicle wreck on Monday evening was cited for failure to control speed, according to a press release from the Midland Police Department's spokeswoman.

The wreck — which occurred on Scharbauer Drive near the intersection with "A" Street at about 5 p.m. — involved a Midland ISD bus, Dodge Journey, Chevrolet Suburban and Honda Accord.

The Journey was in the eastbound right lane, followed by the Suburban and Accord. The bus was in the left lane. The Accord driver failed to control their speed, and in an effort to avoid hitting the Suburban, attempted to move into the left lane, according to the release. The Accord driver didn't realize the bus was there and hit the school bus, which in turn hit the Journey. After hitting the bus, the Accord "bounced off the bus and hit the back driver side of the Suburban," spokeswoman Rachel Walker said via email.

The drivers of the three passenger vehicles were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. None of the children on the bus were transported to the hospital, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The League of Women Voters host Texas Senate District 31 candidates Victor Leal, Sen. Kel Seliger and Mike Canon on Tuesday evening for a forum at Midland College.

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Former Midland Mayor Mike Canon, who faced Seliger in the 2014 Republican primary, echoed similar sentiments. "We made a deal; we need to stick to it and stand by it."

Former Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal said preserving retired teachers' pensions was a "moral obligation." He added that for retired teachers, he would like them get the same quality insurance Seliger and other members of government get, which he alluded to as being quite generous.

Another concern was adequately funding public education when state funds are limited and local taxing entities are limited in raising taxes.

"It's a complex issue," Canon said, adding that he hasn't heard any solutions from Seliger in the incumbent's 14 years in the Senate. He said Texas might need to start from scratch rather than try and repair an already-broken system.

Leal said he wants to see more funding at the state level by taking in more money from sales tax and taking the burden off property tax.

Seliger alluded to Canon's and Leal's associations with the groups Empower Texans and the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Both groups are highly conservative and push for the vouchers concept, in which state money would be given to parents so they can choose which school their children go to, whether public or private.

Seliger says Texas has a constitutional obligation to fund public education, not vouchers. Thus, the state should stay committed to its obligation. In overall state budgeting, Texas should take care of funding schools first, and then Medicaid. He also said education's share of the budget should be back above 50 percent; it is currently about 35 percent.

Other highlights

■ Illegal immigration: Seliger says protecting the border is under the federal government's purview; however, the state has put about $1 billion toward its own efforts to secure it, particularly through the hiring of more Department of Public Safety troopers. Speaking in general terms, Seliger said, "We have a right to know where immigrants go. … We have a right to control the border."

Added Canon: "We need to find the bad guys and get them out of here," either through deportation or incarceration. "We also need to recognize the fact that we have a symbiotic relationship between the U.S. and Mexico for labor. There needs to be a system that works for them to come here legally and leave legally."

"The only way you have a sovereign nation is to have a secure border," Leal said. "Let's build a wall and make sure we're secure here."

■ Interstate 27: All three candidates advocate for an extension of I-27 south from Lubbock. Seliger noted that he was on the first board of directors for Ports-to-Plains, a group that would see I-27 routed along U.S. Highway 87. The sitting senator said the project will be "tremendously expensive" and where money would come from isn't yet known. He added that the member cities of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, a regional transportation lobby group, should determine the route.

Leal supported the extension on grounds of it opening new avenues for commerce, adding that studies must happen to determine the best route.

Canon said the region's current roads should be improved before delving into I-27 considerations. "Take care of the roads we have," he said. "It will be the most cost-effective (solution)."

■ Water: All candidates said water will be of critical importance for this district and that it should stay a local issue. "A statewide water grid worries me," Seliger said, because that could potentially see water from West Texas sent to rapidly growing metropolises such as Dallas.

Leal said he would like to see water conservation efforts continue to improve. Canon said he would encourage desalination and filtration projects.

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Today is Ash Wednesday

Many Christian Americans mark Ash Wednesday as the first day of Lent. It follows Shrove Tuesday, which features Mardi Gras celebrations. Some Christians in the United States attend special Ash Wednesday church services. This includes students who attend Catholic and other church schools. Priests usually place blessed ashes in form of the cross on individuals' foreheads to remind them of mortality, sorrow for sins, change and forgiveness.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Today is Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on Feb. 14. It is a festival of romantic love, and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Valentine's Day events

■ The sixth annual Valentine's Day in Valentine, 4 p.m., Old Mercantile Building in Valentine. $20. bigbendbrewing.com. This annual concert hosted by Big Bend Brewing Co. will feature the Doug Moreland Band, The Doodlin' Hogwallops and Beebe & Carrasco.

■ Valentine's Day Dinner will feature a four-course menu, a bottle of champagne and live music, 5 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. $95 per couple. Call 683-6131 for reservations.

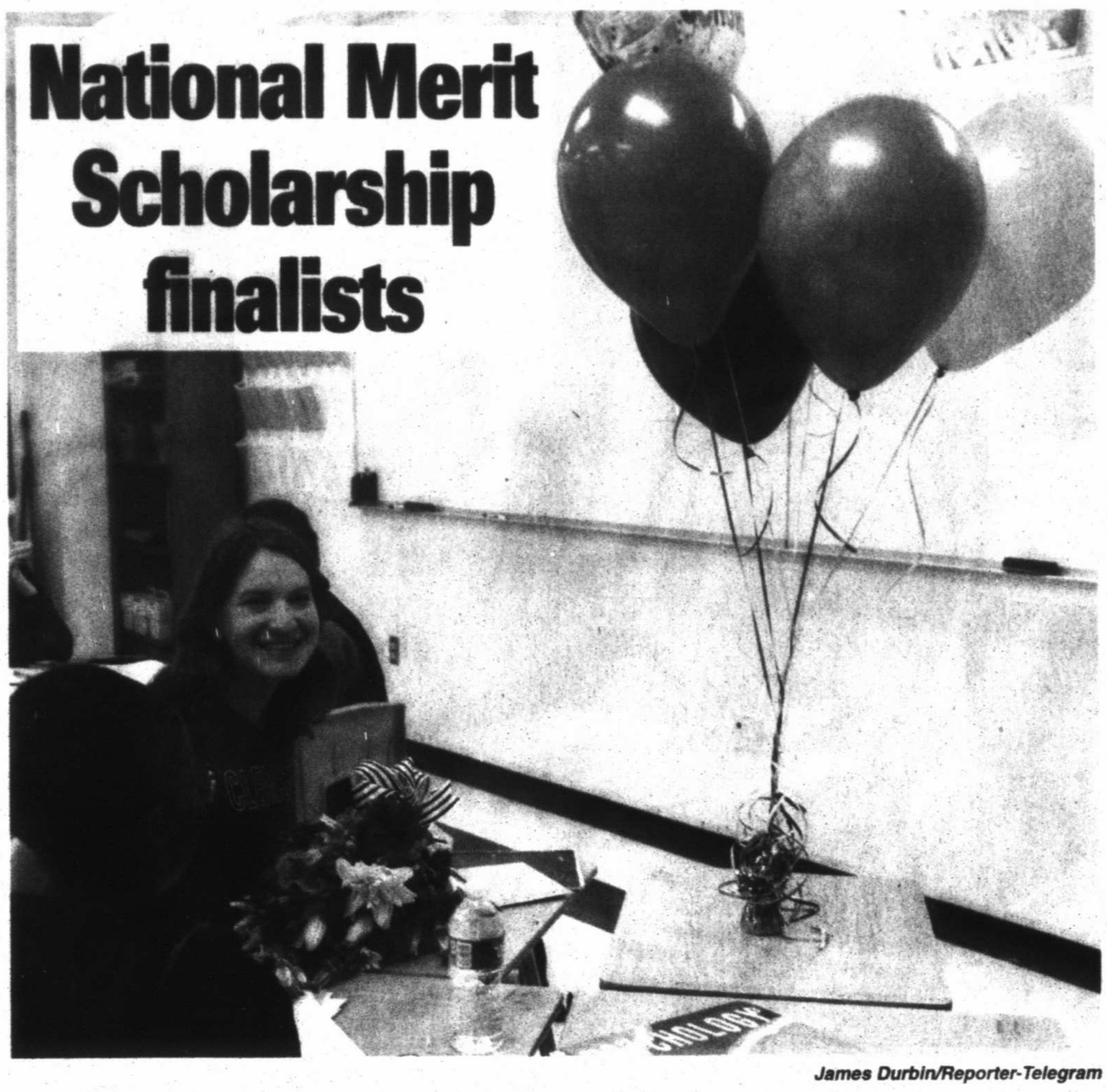
■ Valentine's Day Dinner will feature a four-course meal over two seatings, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. $120 per couple. To make a reservation, call 817-247-6115 or 432-682-3729 or email events@ranchlandhills.com. Champagne included.

■ The 2018 Valentine's Bash by Kids R Us Entertainment, 6-8 p.m., 815 N. Meadow Lane, Odessa. $5. Facebook: @kidsrusentertainment. The event features face painting, treats and appearances by Minion, Mrs. Minion, Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

■ Valentine's Day with Al Haney, 7 p.m., the Gage Hotel, 201 NW Highway 90, Marathon.

■ Valentine's Day special menu will feature an opening cocktail and a box of chocolates at Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. $250 per couple. opalstable.com.

National Merit Scholarship finalists



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Lee High School junior Courtney Calloway was presented with flowers and balloons Tuesday, along with the news that she is a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Trinity School junior Jordan Sanz also was named a finalist on Tuesday.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-4-0
Pick 3 day: 2-7-1
Pick 3 evening: 1-6-1
Pick 3 night: 8-2-0
Daily 4 morning: 2-0-5-0
Daily 4 day: 7-2-8-8
Daily 4 evening: 7-4-0-3
Daily 4 night: 4-1-7-2
Cash Five: 3-23-24-27-28
Triple Chance: 2-3-6-8-11-14-27-32-40-51

Mega Millions: 5-12-15-46-49
BB: 1 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 3-6-7-8-10-11-13-14-18-20-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-7-8-9-11-12-14-15-16-21
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-5-7-8-13-14-15-18-20-24
All or Nothing night: 3-8-10-13-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	66
Low	33
Normal high	62
Normal low	34

Feb. 13's records

Record high: 83 set in 1962
Record low: 14 set in 1963

Precipitation

Saturday	trace
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.88 in.

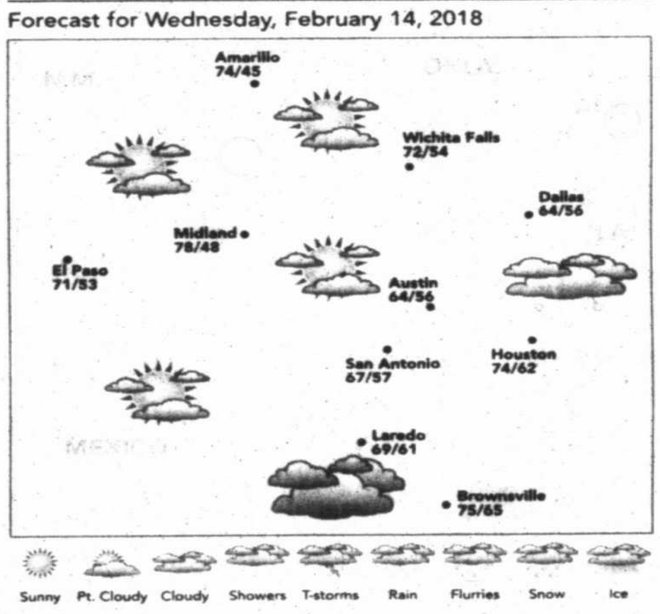
Winds

Average speed: 11 mph
Highest speed: 17 mph
Highest gust speed: 22 mph

Today's forecast

High: 76
Low: 50
Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:32 a.m.
Sunset.....6:34 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, February 14, 2018



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018:**

This year you often consider your options carefully. You have a sense that a lot could change — and quite suddenly at that. An element of the unexpected keeps your daily life busy. Communication could be volatile at times, so be on top of your game. If you are single, you discover how important it is to stay open to others. You will take your time getting to know a potential significant other. If you are attached, the two of you often take off together for a spontaneous day off. Try to understand each other more. AQUARIUS is a great sign for a friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ If you have ever wanted to head in a new direction or strive for a certain result, the time is now. Take the plunge, and you are likely to witness an immediate success. Revisit a project that has been on the back burner for a while. **Tonight:** Go where the crowds can be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ One-on-one relating could become a problem if you are not careful. Expect an opening to appear between you and a significant person in your life. Remember that others often look to you as a role model. Think before you speak or take action. **Tonight:** Burn the candle at both ends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might have the best intentions to keep the peace while having an important talk with a partner; however, the issue has to do with the other party's intentions, not yours. Do not make the situation into something it isn't. Choose to stay mellow. **Tonight:** How about a movie?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could be on the verge of a dynamic change. You will want to step up to the plate and fill in where there is a sudden upset or change. Be realistic about your options at the same time. Weigh the pros and cons of an important financial decision. **Tonight:** Let off some steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could feel as if you have to come up with a great idea or solution. If you encourage someone in your inner circle to brainstorm with you until a solution is found, the results will be much better. You also will avoid becoming stressed. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your friends are unusually responsive and want to become more involved in your life. A family member could display some jealousy over not being the one who resolves an ongoing issue. Be aware of this person's desire and need to help you. **Tonight:** Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have impact, no matter what you do or who else is involved. Others sense your intensity simply by listening to the questions you ask. You might feel overloaded and need a break. Ask an associate to pitch in; you can trust him or her. **Tonight:** Speak your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You will be able to make a difference by saying the right thing. A roommate or family member who feels somewhat boxed in suddenly might become rebellious, to the extent that you could be shocked. Consider how easygoing this person has been. **Tonight:** Make it your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ The Moon is in your sign, and it can have a profound effect on you emotionally, intellectually and/or physically. You might want to have an open discussion about a situation that ails you with someone who can help you work through the matter. **Tonight:** You are all smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be in a frustrating situation. Be aware of a tendency to avoid discussing your feelings. Express some of your emotions more often. As a result, you will find that you also become more in touch with others' feelings. **Tonight:** Take a much-needed personal night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You can be challenging when you feel the need to be, but in general you prefer to be easygoing. Remain sure of yourself as you attempt to resolve a problematic situation. A friend could be unusually angry and hostile as well. **Tonight:** Decide what your priorities are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Examine the possibilities, and figure out what seems to be holding you back. It might be quite clear that you need to get away from a certain person in order to make good decisions. In a sense, this person contaminates your mind with irrelevant gossip. **Tonight:** Out and about.

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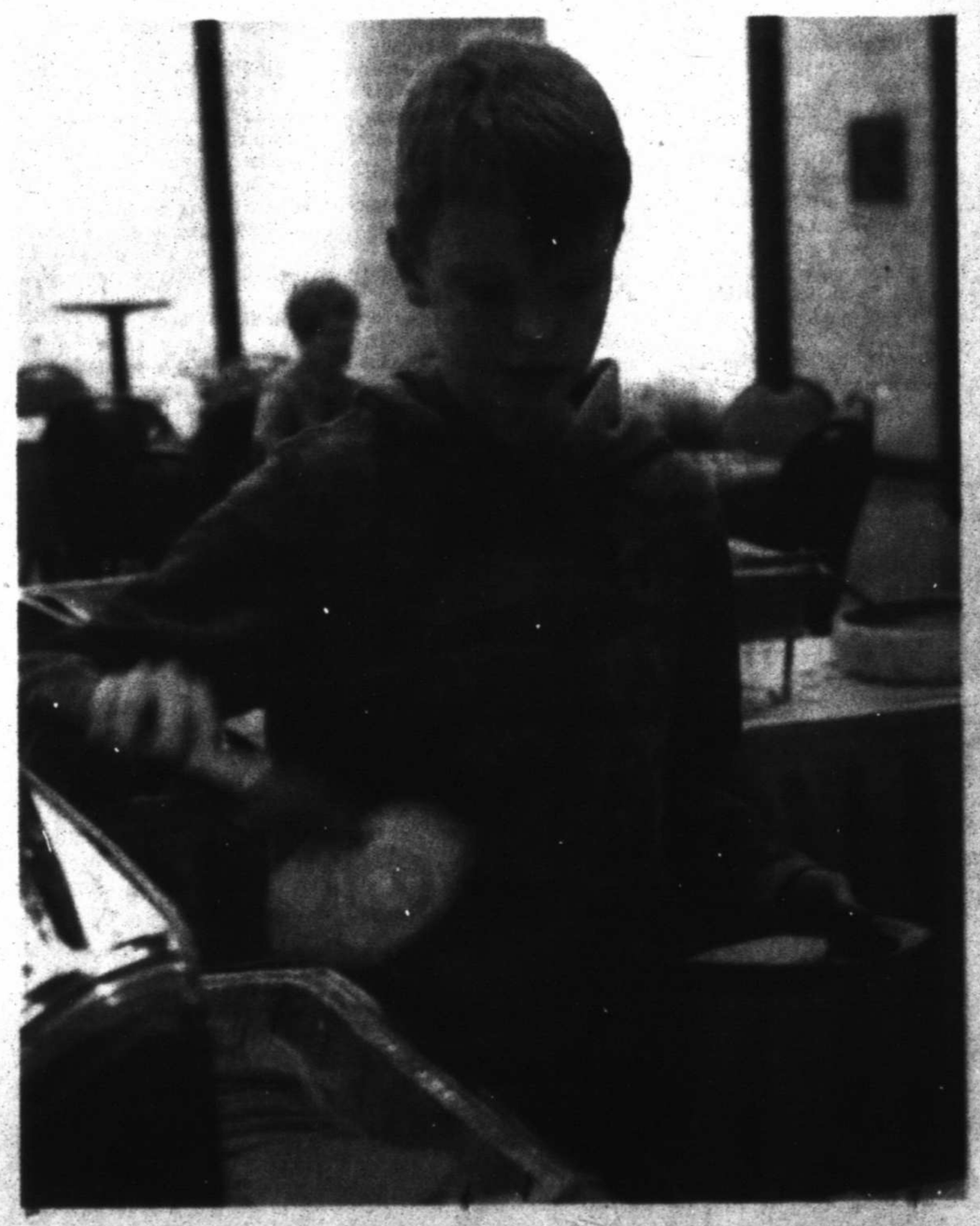
ABOVE: First United Methodist Church members, young and old, enjoy a pancake supper Tuesday evening as part of Shrove Tuesday. **RIGHT:** Kennedy Bishop, her sister McKinley, eat pancakes. **BELOW:** Richard Black makes a plate of pancakes.



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OPINION

#MeToo isn't going to chase Trump from office

■ The president is almost certainly operating on a version of the same implicit bargain from voters as Bill Clinton got in 1992: We know what kind of guy you are, but we are electing you anyway

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Kirsten Gillibrand, dubbed the #MeToo senator by "60 Minutes," wants President Donald Trump's scalp.

"I think he should resign," she told the TV program, "and if he's unwilling to do that, which is what I assume, then Congress should hold him accountable. We're obligated to have hearings."

Gillibrand has been clearing the decks for this moment over the past year. First, she dumped her patrons the Clintons and said, 20 years too late, that Bill should have left office during the Lewinsky scandal. Then she contributed to the defenestration of Al Franken by calling for his resignation after multiple allegations of groping.

The Franken resignation usefully established a standard that could be readily turned against Trump. Franken quit despite being duly elected, despite almost all of his alleged offenses taking place before his time in office and despite being accused of nothing nearly as monstrous as Harvey Weinstein or the other most notorious abusers.

Trump isn't going anywhere. Unlike Franken, he has the support of his own party. And there isn't a production company that can dump him, or a corporate board that can pressure him to leave.

Al Franken could slip away into political obscurity while a new cookie-cutter progressive was appointed in his place as Minnesota senator, without most of the country noticing. If a president of the United States resigns — it's happened once in our history — it is a major trauma to our political order.

The accusations against Trump were spectacularly aired before the election. They got extensive press coverage. They were a topic in the debates. Paired with the "Access Hollywood" tape, they were thought certain to doom his campaign. No one could claim to be unaware of them before November 2016.

None of the allegations were of particularly recent vintage. Most date back 10 years or more, and some all the way to the 1990s.

They involve three kinds of behavior: aggressive advances and inappropriate kisses; groping; and ogling beauty-pageant contestants and walking into their dressing rooms. Since Trump has talked himself of doing exactly these kinds of things, either in the Hollywood" tape or on "The Howard Stern Show," it's impossible to credit his categorical denials.

On the scale of sexual misconduct by recent presidents, Trump certainly falls short of Bill Clinton, who carried on with an intern and probably groped another woman in the Oval Office, and John F. Kennedy, who used the White House secretarial pool as his sexual playthings. But Trump's past conduct, based on his own boastful accounts alone, was gross and unworthy.

Trump is almost certainly operating on a version of the same implicit bargain from voters as Bill Clinton got in 1992: We know what kind of guy you are, but we are electing you anyway, assuming that you won't be stupid enough to continue to behave this way in the White House. Clinton exploded this arrangement by having a dalliance with Monica Lewinsky and lying about it under oath.

Absent a similar scandal, Trump's conduct with women won't truly become a live issue again. He clearly knows his own vulnerabilities, which is why he is so vested in the denials of other men accused of misconduct.

Last week, the White House staff secretary Rob Porter resigned amid allegations that he'd abused his two ex-wives. The website Axios reports that Trump privately believed the allegations against Porter (which are highly credible — one ex-wife would have had to lie to the police in real time and both lie to the FBI). But Trump couldn't bring himself to credit the accusers publicly, even though this would have served his own political interest.

The firestorm over Porter quickly became a firestorm over Trump's remarks, which represents the real threat to the president. His toxic image among women could contribute to a GOP midterm drubbing, in which case congressional hearings for his accusers might be the least of it.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump presidency hasn't annihilated norms of US society

You've heard the phrase over and over again: "This isn't normal." We've heard it about President Trump's rhetoric, and his Twitter usage. We've heard it about his attacks on the media, and we've heard it about his legislative ignorance. We've heard it about his running commentary on the Mueller investigation, and we've heard it about his bizarre stream-of-consciousness interviews.

There's some truth to all of this. Trump has said some incredibly awful things (e.g. his comments on Charlottesville, Virginia, and Haitians). He's not a predictable, stable genius.

All of this "non-normality," however, has resulted in ... a relatively normal situation. The economy's booming. We're on more solid foreign-policy ground than we were when President Obama was in office — by a long shot. The Constitution hasn't been torn asunder. The structures of government are still in place. Trump may be toxic rhetorically, but his presidency hasn't annihilated the norms that govern our society.

The same can't be said, however, of the media institutions that seem so consumed with saving the republic from the specter of Trump. Like self-appointed superheroes so intent on stopping an alien monster that they end up destroying the entire city, our media are so focused on stopping Trump that they end up undermining both their credibility and faith in American institutions.

Take, for example, the media's coverage of North Korea at the Winter Olympics. Suddenly, the worst regime on the planet has been transformed into a cute exhibit from "It's a Small World." Those women in red forced to smile and cheer on cue? Just an example of the brilliance of revolutionary North Korean "juche" ideology. Kim Jong Un's sister, a member of the inner cabinet of a regime that imprisons thousands of dissenters and shoots those who don't properly worship the Dear Respected? She's an example of Marxist humility and stellar diplomacy.

It's not just the media. This week, we learned that former FBI Director James Comey, former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, former national security adviser Susan Rice, former Vice President Joe Biden and former President Obama held a last-minute meeting at the White House to discuss the possibility of Trump-Russia collusion. At that meeting, Rice wrote in an email, Obama reportedly asked whether there was any reason "we cannot share information fully as it relates to Russia." That means that Obama asked his top staff, including the FBI, whether he could hide intelligence information from the incoming Trump team.

That amounts to a massive breach in the constitutional structure. The FBI is not an independent agency. It is part of the executive branch. The incoming Trump administration was duly elected by the American people and had every right to see all intelligence information coming from the FBI and the CIA. Yet it was the supposedly normal Obama White House exploring means of preventing that transparency.

Trump isn't a normal president. But the threat to our institutions doesn't reside only at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. — or even primarily there. It resides with those who are willing to side with any enemy and violate every rule in order to stop the supposed threat of Trump.

— Ben Shapiro, Creators Syndicate

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Trump releases his comic book budget

■ If the president is going to promise the stars and pay with peanuts, couldn't he at least make it more interesting?

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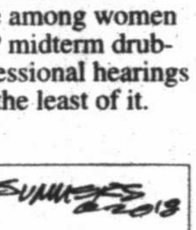

In a Republican presidential debate in the fall of 2015, moderator John Harwood of CNBC asked Donald Trump about some of his more outlandish claims, such as making another country pay for a border wall and enacting huge tax cuts that wouldn't increase the deficit.

"Let's be honest," Harwood memorably said. "Is this a comic-book version of a presidential campaign?"

Harwood got a lot of grief for that from Trump and his supporters, but — Great Caesar's ghost! — would you look at this? President Trump's comic book came out on Monday, in the form of his budget proposal. It is quite a marvel. In fact, we haven't seen a comic like this in D.C. in ages.

Remember Trump's boast that he would "get rid of the $19 trillion in debt … over a period of eight years"?

Odin's beard! He just hammered that promise to pieces. His budget would *add $7 trillion* to the debt over a decade — $2 trillion in the next two years alone — and even those numbers are based on the peculiar assumption that the economy will never again go into recession.

Remember Trump's promise that "I'm not going to cut Medicare or Medicaid" and his boast about being "the first and only potential GOP candidate to state there will be no cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid"?

That promise has gone up, up and away. Trump proposes to cut more than $500 billion together from Medicare — health care for old folks — and Medicaid, which provides health care to the poor.

Remember Trump's constant "Mexico will pay for the wall" vows?

Cowabunga! His budget made quick work of that promise, requesting 18 billion American dollars for that wall.

And remember just two months ago when the administration said the tax cut would pay for itself, and the Treasury Department said it would actually *increase* tax receipts by $300 billion over 10 years?

Shazam! Quick as a flash, the administration now says tax receipts will be $314 billion lower in 2018, $400 billion lower in 2019 and even $200 billion lower in 2027 when the plan was supposed to be paying for itself.

But the really comic part is the way Trump would offset the big tax cuts for the wealthy and the huge increase for the Pentagon. These range from the villainous — billions of dollars taken from food stamps, college tuition assistance for poor kids and clean-air and clean-water protection — to the absurd — selling off airports and roads and magically saving $139 billion by reducing "improper payments." Few if any of these will ever happen, so the actual increase in debt will be even greater.

It is, all in all, a super-heroic achievement, proving that the government can cut taxes and spend freely on whatever it wants, nobody will ever have to pay for it and nobody will suffer adverse consequences (except those unlucky fools who happen to be old, or poor, or consumers of, say, air and water).

This is a comic-book budget — but not a terribly good one. If the president is going to promise the stars and pay with peanuts, couldn't he at least make it more interesting? If wild promises and unrealistic offsets are the stuff of a good budget, he could do much better:

All Americans of driving age shall be given a Tesla, and all Americans shall be entitled to elite status in a frequent-flier program of their choosing. The cost of this shall be offset by grounding EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke for one month.

To improve access to affordable housing, HUD shall subsidize stays at Trump hotel properties at the rack rate. If funds remain unspent after Trump hotels reach capacity, the secretary shall subsidize rounds of golf. The cost of this program will be offset by the elimination of prosecutions at the Justice Department against all who, in the president's view, are not guilty.

All U.S. citizens shall be given 60-inch ultra-HD TVs. All Americans shall also be granted free subscriptions to Hulu, Netflix and HBO. The cost of this program shall be offset by the sales of organs harvested from those in the lowest quintile of wage earners.

All American families shall be provided with an armed Taepodong-2 intercontinental ballistic missile, as well as a launchpad, for the purpose of displaying them on homemade floats in military parades across the country. The cost of this program will be offset by eliminating the president's intelligence briefings.

In addition to their obvious merits, these proposals have another thing going for them: They have exactly as much chance of becoming law as the Trump budget.

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Conservatives lash out at GOP spending binge

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The GOP is the party of fiscal responsibility no more.

That's according to some conservatives who are grappling with a Republican-backed spending binge that threatens to generate trillion-dollar deficits for years to come while staining a cherished pillar of the modern-day Republican Party.

While Trump and most of his closest allies largely avoided the subject, fiscal conservatives lashed out against Monday's release of President Trump's $4 trillion-plus budget, which would create $7.2 trillion in red ink over the next decade if adopted by Congress. That follows congressional passage of last week's $400 billion spending pact, along with massive tax cuts, which some analysts predict will push deficits to levels not seen in generations.

Deficit hawks in Congress and conservative activists who railed against President Barack Obama's spending plans called the GOP debt explosion "dangerous," "immoral" and "a betrayal." Trump's own budget director, former South Carolina Rep. Mick Mulvaney, told lawmakers Tuesday that he probably would have voted against the spending plan if he were still in Congress.

American Conservative Union chairman Matt Schlapp warned the Republican-controlled Congress not to underestimate the political impact of its spending decisions.

"If the Republicans in Congress don't realize that spending control is one of the most important issues that our winning coalition cares about, if they are cavalier about spending decisions, I think we do risk our ability to go to the voters and say it matters to have us in the majority," Schlapp said. He added, "I would urge the White House to be willing to move congressional leaders to take tougher stands when it comes to spending."

The conservative backlash against government spending is hardly new.

Many still complain about the spending boom under Republican President George W. Bush that wiped out surpluses left by Democratic President Bill Clinton and helped produce big gains for Democrats in the 2008 election. The conservative tea party movement was borne in the subsequent years by the outrage over President Barack Obama's spending decisions.

But barely a year into his first term, Trump's GOP has shown inconsistent commitment at best to the three planks that have defined his party since the Reagan era: fiscal responsibility, traditional family values and a strong national defense. Beyond fiscal responsibility, the party's commitment to family values is also suffering as Trump and some high-profile allies struggle under the weight of repeated allegations of sexual misconduct and abuse.

Economic conservatism has long helped unify an otherwise divided GOP, but that no longer appears to be the case as Republicans brace for a difficult midterm election season.

Americans for Prosperity, the political arm of the network backed by the conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch, described the recent spending from Trump and Congress "a far cry from the so-called fiscal responsibility Americans heard on the campaign trail."

Voters may forgive Trump's spending habits because he's still learning the ways of Washington, but they will not be as kind to Republicans on the midterm ballots, said David McIntosh, president of the conservative Club for Growth, who lashed out at last week's Republican-backed spending plan as "of the swamp, by the swamp and for the swamp."

"They're not going to give a pass to the Republicans in Congress unless they start doing something to restrain the growth of government," he said.

"You can't let (Senate Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell and the spenders in the Senate set the agenda this year," McIntosh continued. "Because politically, if they set the agenda, then you're going to see big losses in the House and the Senate."

All told, Trump's budget plan sees accumulating deficits of $7.2 trillion over the coming decade. And that's assuming Trump's rosy economic predictions come true and Congress follows through — in an election year — with politically toxic cuts to social programs, farm subsidies and Medicare providers.

The budget includes $1.6 billion for the second stage of Trump's proposed border wall, a 65-mile segment in Rio Grande Valley. There's no mention of how Mexico would have to pay for it, as Trump repeatedly promised during the presidential campaign and after his victory.

The president's spending outline for the first time acknowledges that the Republican tax overhaul passed last year would add billions to the deficit and not "pay for itself" as Trump and his Republican allies asserted. If enacted as proposed — though no presidential budget ever is — the plan would establish an era of $1 trillion-plus yearly deficits.

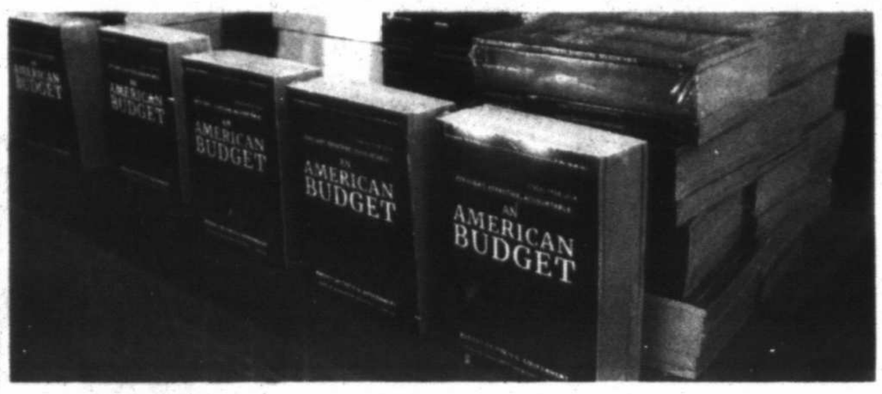
Trump's spending plan is like "throwing gasoline on a house that's already on fire," said David Biddulph, co-founder of a national organization fighting for a balanced budget amendment. "I think it's awful what we're doing to our grandkids."

A self-described fiscal conservative, he blamed the political system more than the Republican Party for the latest spending binge. Yet he encouraged Trump to do more to cut spending on Medicare and Social Security, which he left largely untouched in his budget.

If not, Biddulph said, "I don't know that we'll ever dig our way out of this hole."

Conservative writer Quin Hillyer, a frequent Trump critic, was more willing to condemn Trump's GOP.

"Their spending behavior is abominable and mind-bogglingly irresponsible," he said. "I have no idea what the Republican Party stands for anymore."



The President's FY19 Budget is on display Monday after arriving on Capitol Hill in Washington. *Susan Walsh/Associated Press*

Five things to know about Trump's $4.4 trillion budget

Associated Press

President Donald Trump has sent Congress a proposal to spend $4.4 trillion in the 2019 budget year, which begins in October. Five things to know about his budget proposal:

Budget deal impact

Many presidential budgets are labeled "dead on arrival" because Congress will end up rejecting the spending and tax proposals put forward by the administration. But this budget was in the unusual position of being more irrelevant than usual because Congress just last week passed a measure to boost the spending limits for defense and domestic programs that the administration had followed in writing this budget.

Unending deficits

The administration's new budget showed a dramatic increase in deficits over the 10-year budget window, mainly a reflection of the impact of the $1.5 trillion tax cut approved in December. While Trump's first budget, issued last May, projected that it could wipe out the annual red ink by 2027, the new 10-year budget shows unending deficits. And this total of red ink does not take into account the higher spending that will occur under last week's budget deal.

Medicare Changes

The budget calls for about $500 billion in cuts from projected Medicare spending over the next decade, primarily by trimming payments to hospitals and rehabilitation centers. These cuts were not in the budget Trump proposed last year, and Democrats immediately accused the president of breaking a campaign promise he made in 2016 not to touch Medicare or Social Security.

Infrastructure

The president wants to use $200 billion in federal money over the next decade to support $1.5 trillion in new spending to rebuild the nation's crumbling infrastructure. The administration released a 55-page "legislative outline" for lawmakers who will write the bills needed to implement the proposal. With the plan heavily dependent on state and local dollars, Democrats warned it would raise tolls on commuters, sell off government-owned infrastructure to Wall Street and eliminate critical environmental protections.

NASA plans

The budget proposes pulling NASA out of the International Space Station by 2025 with private businesses running the space station instead. The government would set aside $150 million to encourage commercial development. The plan immediately drew opposition. Sen. Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat who has flown in space, said "turning off the lights and walking away from our sole outpost in space" makes no sense.

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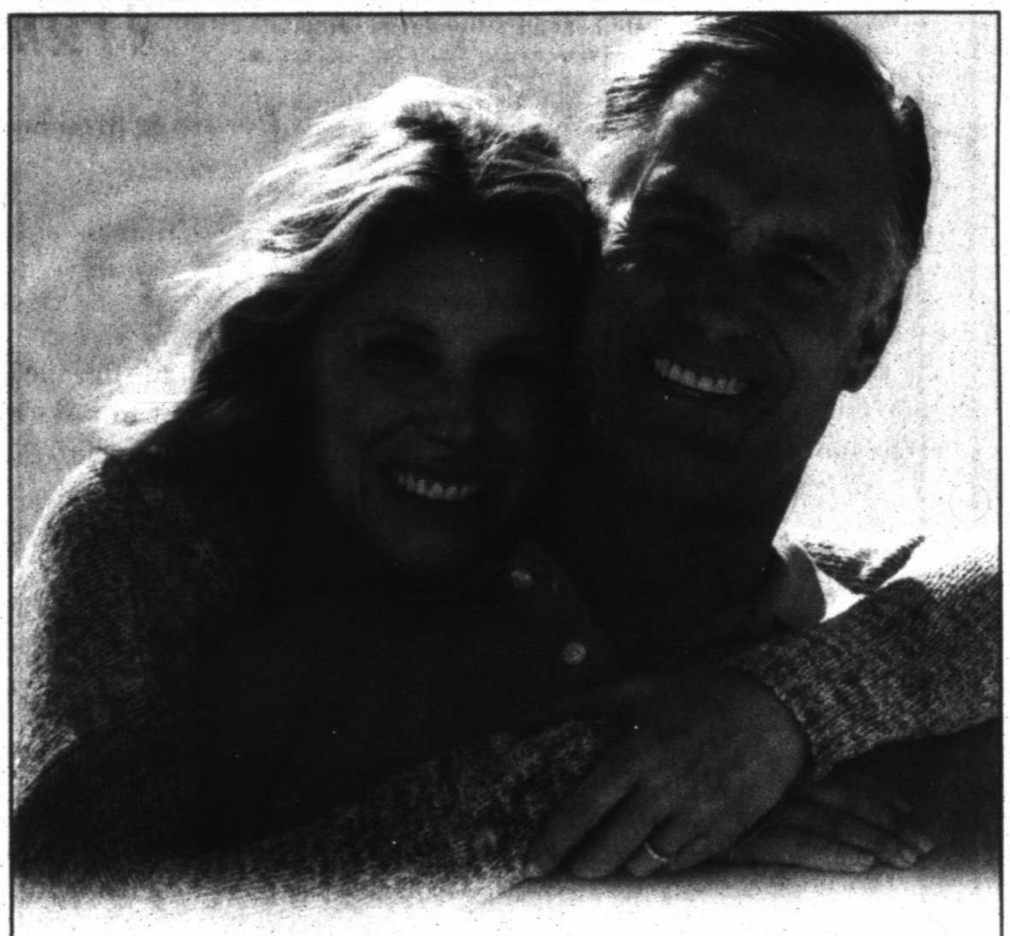

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8:45 AM - Sources & Infrastructure | 9:10 AM - Supply Challenges & Opportunities | 10:05AM - Wastewater: New Source of Supply | 10:30 AM - Break - Coffee & Pastries Provided

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Fort Worth woman dies after 2nd bout with flu

By Lindsey Bever
Washington Post

Angie Barwise had come down with the flu around the holidays.

Just days after Christmas, the 58-year-old Texas mother and grandmother was diagnosed with Type A Influenza, along with bronchitis and strep throat, her family told Fox affiliate KDFW.

Doctors gave her antibiotics and Tamiflu, an antiviral medication used to help treat the flu and, soon after, she started to bounce back. But almost exactly a month later, her family said, she was in the emergency room — this time with a different strain of the virus.

After beating the flu once, Barwise was battling it all over again.

Her husband, Greg Barwise, told KDFW that her fever was difficult to control. "Every 4 1/2 hours," he said, "we'd have to give her medicine to get the fever down."

He said he took her to an emergency room Jan. 31 near their home in Fort Worth. Doctors ran some tests and then sent them home. But the next day, he said, he was told to bring his wife back.

"They called me at 2:30 and said, 'Oh, you need to get her back up here,'" Greg Barwise told CBS DFW, adding that he was told there was something in his wife's bloodwork.

In fact, Barwise had a secondary infection of pneumonia and she was in septic shock, a life-threatening medical condition and complication of influenza, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On Saturday — a week after her second bout with the flu — Barwise died.

"I left for just a few minutes — I thought everything was going to be OK," Greg Barwise told CBS DFW. That's when, he said, "I got phone call that she had just passed."

He told KDFW that the family is "devastated."

"She's a wonderful wife, a wonderful mother and wonderful daughter," he said.

Her death comes as the worst flu season in years is sweeping across the United States.

Since the start of the season in October, more than 14,600 people have been hospitalized — the highest number of those were adults older than 50 and children younger than 4, according to the most recent data from the CDC.

The CDC said that during the week ending Jan. 27, the agency received reports of 16 children who recently died of influenza and related complications. In total, the agency said, 53 children have died during the current flu season.

As The Post's Lena H. Sun reported, what makes this season's infection so unusual is its unrelenting pace. Sun reported that "high levels of flu activity are widespread across the country, and over the past week, the rate of patients seeking care for flulike symptoms again rose sharply — nearing rates seen during the swine-flu pandemic in 2009, according to the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

"As of this week, overall hospitalizations are now the highest we've seen" in nearly a decade, Anne Schuchat, CDC's acting director, said last week in a news conference.

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HEART AND SOLE RUN

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The fifth annual Heart and Sole Run — 1K, 5K and 10K — was Saturday at the Midland YMCA. The event benefited the organization's annual campaign to raise funds for its programs.

Electronic devices may be emitting skin-damaging light

■ To counter high energy visible light, use sunscreen with SPF higher than 50, doctor says

By Nicole Villalpando
Austin American-Statesman

Could that smartphone, that tablet, that laptop be damaging your skin? That was a question dermatologists began talking about in Europe in 2016 at the Facial Aesthetics Conference and Exhibition.

A study looked at what high energy visible light (such as that emitted by certain devices) was doing to skin and found that it was similar to ultraviolet A rays in that it damages the skin, causing premature aging, wrinkles and fine lines. It doesn't cause the skin cancer and sunburn associated with UVB rays, but there is some evidence that HEV could damage our skin's DNA as well.

What does all this mean to us?

"It means that you have to protect yourself every day," said Dr. Ted Lain, an Austin dermatologist.

That means wearing sunscreen, whether you're going outside or staying inside.

In this case, the SPF number isn't what you're going to look for in a sunscreen, Lain says. Instead, you're looking for a tinted sunscreen with strong antioxidants like iron oxide. "It's like an internal sunscreen for the cells," he said. "It protects our cells at the DNA level."

You can find these sunscreens both at your grocery store and your dermatologist's office. You should apply it once a day if you're inside and not sweating it off.

You still need a sunscreen with SPF (sun protection factor) for the sun's UVB rays that cause sunburn and skin cancer. In fact, Lain said, new research reversed an old theory about how high an SPF you need. The FDA used to say that the difference between SPF 50 and SPF 100 was not noticeable. Now, researchers found it does actually make a difference whether you have SPF 50 or SPF 100. In a lab, the difference wasn't noticeable, but in real-life application of sunscreen it did matter because we never put a thick enough layer on ourselves.

You should use about an ounce (think shot glass-full) of sunscreen in a thick layer that you rub in. Don't forget areas such as the ears, neck and cheeks. If you're outside and sweating, reapply it every 80 minutes, Lain said.

Especially in Austin, where we are exposed to the sun so often, making sure we have a high enough SPF in our sunscreen is important. "Anything below SPF 30 is a waste of time," Lain said.

If you thought you were getting enough protection in your makeup with SPF 15, you need to add in a sunscreen on top of that.

More technology is on the horizon in skin care, Lain said. Soon there will be mirrors and phone apps that will tell us how healthy our skin is and where we need more moisture.

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Emergency medical students get firsthand training

■ Amarillo College partners with Amarillo Medical Services

By Jeff Farris
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Calling 911 can be scary. Strangers respond over the phone. Lights flash and transmissions crackle.

While emergency personnel have everyone's best interests at heart, the experience can be jolting, chaotic, unnerving.

That's where Amarillo College professors and Amarillo Medical Services professionals hope to help.

"The overarching goal is to help the public and give the best care we can possibly provide," said Wade Olsen, the director of the college's Emergency Medical Services Professions program.

The school and AMS have been teaming up for a while to train the city's next batch of paramedics and EMTs, but this year's approach is different. Students enrolled in the college's EMSP program are finishing their education with a final semester of firsthand, one-on-one training with the same paramedic mentor all semester.

In the past, a student would be matched with one mentor one day and a second mentor another day, and it would take time to adjust to the new supervisor.

Tell Stewart, a 2011 graduate of Happy High School, said he likes the new philosophy.

Although the semester is less than a month old, he and his mentor, Chelsea Ducheneaux — a 2012 graduate of Canyon High School — have made a smooth transition.

"I know how she runs calls," he said.

"There's a sense of stability," she said.

There are 15 students in the program who will graduate in May. Olsen said there are 17 more enrolled this semester.

The idea of AC students pairing with AMS paramedics appears to be a win-win situation.

"The benefits are tremendous," Olsen said. "By the time they graduate, they will actually have hands-on experience."

A classroom setting with dummies — even today's sophisticated models — can only provide so

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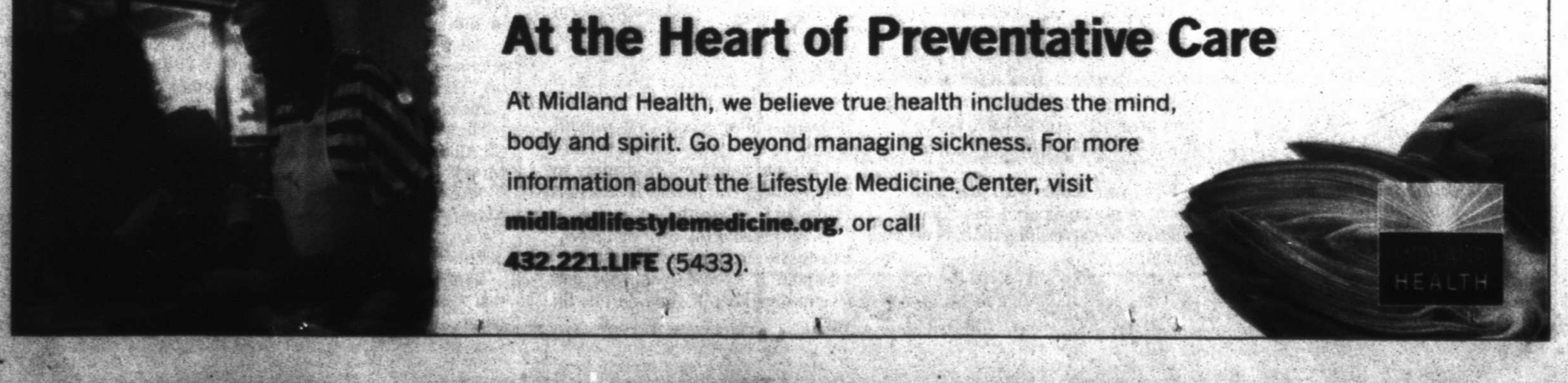

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland soon will have second community garden

Midland soon will have a second community garden. The YMCA is planning a 32-plot garden that will open this summer. For more information or to donate funds for the Midland YMCA garden, visit facebook.com/midlandymcacommunitygarden, or email Elizabeth Harris at eharris@midlandymca.org.

The Midland Health Community Garden at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus is accepting applications for spring and summer. Plots are available for $16 per season. To download an application, visit www.midlandhealth.org/garden or email midlandhealthgarden@gmail.com.

Lifestyle classes scheduled

The Lifestyle Medicine Center's next class is on conflict resolution. It's set for 6 p.m. Feb. 22. Classes are open to the public and patients of the Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Each class is $5. To register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events. For more information, call 221-5433.

Upcoming classes are:

March 1 - Meal Planning and Cooking Demonstration

March 8 - Benefits of Physical Activity

March 22 - Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes

March 29 - Meditation and Finding Balance

Conference on aging is planned

Midland College is partnering with various nonprofit agencies to offer the annual West Texas Conference on Aging. The conference is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 6 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road.

Early registration fee of $50 is available until Feb. 23; after that date, registration is $75. Seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available to health care professionals.

Registration is available online at www.midland.edu/agingconference or by phone, 681-6354. For more information, contact Kimberly Daw at 681-6338 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Midland Health events

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church. 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C. noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

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

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room . . . or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number

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Obituaries

Doris Willis Cervenka

Doris Willis Cervenka left to be with her loving husband on February 11, 2018.

She was born November 9, 1926 in Graham, Texas to the late Claudius and Jewel Willis.

After graduating, she moved to San Antonio where she met Leonard Cervenka. They married October 24, 1946. Leonard and Doris made their home in many places following his job in the oilfield, finally settling down in Port Lavaca, Texas. Doris moved to Midland, Texas in 2008 to be near her sister, Vera Jones.

She is survived by sisters, Vera Jones, Billie Lasater and Pat Maples, and by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard C. Cervenka; daughters, Linda Ann and Claudia Jean; stepmother Grace Willis; and brother, Kenneth Willis.

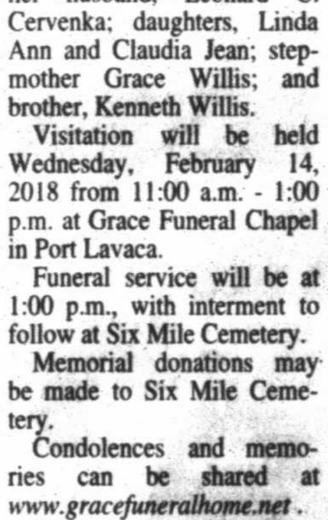
Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Grace Funeral Chapel in Port Lavaca.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m., with interment to follow at Six Mile Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Six Mile Cemetery.

Condolences and memories can be shared at *www.gracefuneralhome.net* .

Services are under the direction and personal care of Grace Funeral Home.



Robert Munoz Marquez

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Robert Munoz Marquez, 65 of Amarillo passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018 surrounded by is family.

Services were held in Amarilla, Texas.

Robert Marquez was born in San Angelo to Phillip and Belia Marquez. He owned Marquez Dental Lab for over thirty eight years and he loved that his job was able to make people smile. Robert loved driving his cars and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Pepe.

He is survived by his wife of forty five years, Regina; his daughter Melanie and his son Robert Matthew; four sisters, Gloria Mendiola, Margie Gutierrez, Susie Barela and Missy Marquez.

Death Notices

Caroline Lena Wilson

Caroline Lena Wilson, 33, of Midland, passed away February 7, 2018.

She is survived by her husband, Aristes Wilson; her daughter, Hannah Wilson; her father, Thomas Fred McFadden; and by two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February, 15, 2018 at First Baptist Church, 709 N. Lee Avenue, Odessa, Texas.

Doss N. Roberts

Doss N. Roberts, 79, of Midland, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Garden City Cemetery.

Floral arrangements can be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Please dress in casual attire.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Roberts, and two children.

Jeweline Phillips

Jeweline Phillips, 75, of Midland, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at Lee Street Church of Christ on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Mary "Peggy" Leeton

Mary "Peggy" Leeton, 99, of Midland passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Graveside service will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

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

Jeff Farris/Amarillo Globe-News via AP

Amarillo College student Tell Stewart, left, and Amarillo Medical Services' Chelsea Ducheneaux prepare an ambulance Feb. 1 for use in Amarillo, Texas. The school and AMS have been teaming up for a while to train the city's next batch of paramedics and EMTs, but this year's approach is different. Students are finishing their education with a final semester of firsthand, one-on-one training with the same paramedic mentor all semester.

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much learning, Olsen said.

But after graduation "they will know the requirements of the job physically, mentally and spiritually," he said.

Amarillo College's EMSP program is the only one in the Texas Panhandle to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Texas requires paramedics to have graduated from a CAAHEP-accredited program and pass a pre-employment national registry exam.

Will Hendon, the emergency medical services chief for Amarillo Medical Services, said there are no limitations for the students.

"Practice makes permanence," he said. "It gives them the confidence that they can step into the field."

AMS is the exclusive 911 responder for the city of Amarillo and Potter County, as well as parts of Randall County. It has a fleet of 22 ambulances with about 12 operating per day. Hendon said his agency responded to 35,823 calls last year.

Stewart agreed that only so much can be learned in a traditional school setting.

"There's good call volume with lots of trauma," he said. "With this program, you see it all."

Ducheneaux said it gives students like Stewart a chance to put into practice what they learn.

"This is real life," Ducheneaux said. "We teach them what they need to know to save a life."

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The CDC lists ways to help avoid the flu — including getting the vaccine.

If you are healthy, avoid contact with those who are sick. And if you are sick, limit contact with those who are healthy.

When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, use your upper sleeve.

Wash your hands with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when washing them is not an option.

Barwise had not received the vaccine this year, according to her family.

Barwise, who is survived by her husband, children and 13 grandchildren, was "a loving mother, grandmother and daughter," according to her obituary. Her memorial service is Friday in Fort Worth.

"I've outlived my own daughter," Eileen Smith, Barwise's mother, told KDFW. "I'm 83 years old, and I've outlived her. It shouldn't be that way."

Comedian Marty Allen dies at 95

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Marty Allen, the baby-faced, bug-eyed comedian with wild black hair who was a staple of TV variety shows, game shows and talk shows for decades, died Monday night. He was 95.

Allen

Allen died in Las Vegas of complications from pneumonia with his wife and performing partner of the last three decades Karon Kate Blackwell by his side, Allen's spokeswoman Candi Cazau told The Associated press.

Allen, known for his greeting and catchphrase "hello dere," was a living link late in life to a generation of long-dead superstars with whom he shared a stage, including Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and Elvis Presley

He first found fame as half of the duo Allen & Rossi with partner Steve Rossi, who died in 2014. Allen & Rossi appeared 44 times on "The Ed Sullivan Show," including the episodes where The Beatles performed and most of America watched.

"Everyone remembers those shows with The Beatles, and they were great, but we appeared on all the shows," Allen said in 2014. "There wasn't a talk show on TV that didn't want Allen & Rossi."

The duo appeared regularly on "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson" and "The Merv Griffin Show." They also toured comedy clubs nationwide, headlined shows at major Las Vegas casinos and released a series of hit albums until their amicable breakup in 1968.

Allen then took on a series of serious roles on daytime television and made-for-TV movies, and was a regular on "The Hollywood Squares" and other celebrity-themed game shows.

He was a regular entertainer on the Las Vegas Strip for much of his life, and tributes from there poured in Monday night.

"We have lost another iconic Las Vegas entertainer, Marty Allen," Las Vegas magician Lance Burton tweeted. "What a funny man who brought joy to millions of people for 95 years."

Ventriloquist and Strip luminary Terry Fator tweeted that "Las Vegas and show business lost a legend tonight.... and I lost a friend."

Scientists target joint injuries that can trigger arthritis

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Arthritis isn't always from the wear and tear of getting older — younger adults too often get it after suffering knee or ankle injuries. Now researchers are hunting a way to stave off the damage, by targeting the little energy factories that power cartilage cells.

University of Iowa scientists used pigs to mimic the cascade of cartilage damage that can begin with a broken ankle. Wednesday's study found using some old medications in a new way — rapidly injecting them into the animals' joints — interrupted that cycle of cell dysfunction to protect against arthritis.

The researchers are seeking funds for human studies, part of a growing effort to understand why an aggressive form of arthritis can develop after some common orthopedic injuries — a torn knee ligament, for example, or a broken bone in a joint — seem to have healed.

"It's very promising," said regenerative medicine specialist Farshid Guilak of Washington University in St. Louis, who wasn't involved in the new study. "There are no therapies right now, for any form of osteoarthritis, that have been shown to modify the disease."

Osteoarthritis, the most common kind, usually occurs when joint-cushioning cartilage gradually wears away over decades of use. But about 5.6 million people in the U.S. get a subtype that strikes faster — post-traumatic osteoarthritis that's sparked by injuries to weight-bearing joints.

People who've experienced knee injuries, for example, are three to six times more likely to develop arthritis in that joint, and to get it a decade or so earlier, than people who've never been injured, according to a report last year in the Journal of Athletic Training.

And ankle fractures that crack into the cartilage can trigger post-traumatic osteoarthritis even faster, making it ideal to study in the joints of 200-pound pigs that react a lot like human ankles.

With funding from the Defense Department and National Institutes of Health, the Iowa team took a closer look. Only some cartilage cells die immediately upon impact. But over the next 48 hours, additional ones die and others become increasingly dysfunctional.

Inside cells are tiny power plants, often introduced in middle-school biology as "the mighty mitochondria." Somehow, the joint injury triggered the mitochondria inside cartilage cells to become wildly overactive and generate substances called oxidants in a damaging cycle.

Mike Yoder/Lawrence Journal-World via AP

In this September 2008 file photo, a physician discusses an ankle injury with a patient in Lawrence, Kan. Arthritis isn't always from the wear-and-tear of getting older — too often, younger people get it after suffering knee or ankle injuries.

"What's compelling," said University of Iowa lead researcher Mitchell Coleman, "is if you can interrupt that early process, whatever is going on with those mitochondria in the first day, you can have a significant benefit to the tissue itself."

That's just what his team did, using two old drugs — the sedative amobarbital, known to inhibit cellular energy generation, and an antioxidant named N-acetylcysteine — to aim at different parts of that cycle.

To act inside the joint without body-wide side effects, the researchers created, and patented, gel formulas of the drugs that are liquid while being injected but solidify at body temperature. They injected one or the other drug into the pigs' joint fractures, following the injury and a week later.

"It will sit there where you injected it," Coleman explained. A typical liquid drug "will squish right back out."

Each drug separately helped preserve cartilage, the team reported Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine. A year later, the cartilage in the treated animals showed significantly less deterioration than pigs given sham treatment, and the treated animals displayed no signs of pain.

It will take lots of additional research to tell if the approach works in people.

For now, people who've had risky joint injuries should guard against further damage by getting proper treatment for the injury and keeping up appropriate exercise, said Dr. Lisa Cannada, a trauma specialist speaking for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

"Maintain strong muscles to minimize the wear and tear on your joints," she advised.

Seeking professional help is not a sign of weakness

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As a therapist, my first encounters with individuals are usually when they are in distress and are in dire need of help. Most individuals wait until they are at their breaking point before reaching out and asking for professional help. Why do we do this to ourselves? Why is it so hard for us to admit that we cannot handle all of our problems on our own? I have found that many individuals feel like asking for help indicates weakness or failure. Some even feel as if their problems may not be significant enough to involve someone from the outside.

Family-of-origin experiences play a role in our thought process and our ability to ask for help, according to Lisa Ferentz, a mental health expert in Maryland. While growing up, what kind of messages did you receive about asking for help? Did your family place more value on "doing it yourself" or "letting others in?" When you did ask for help as a child, how did the individuals in your life respond? Through actions and responses, your family members modeled whether or not asking for help was acceptable. In your past experiences with family, teachers and peers, was the idea reinforced that help was available, consistent and safe, or did you feel that your needs were not important and would go unheard.

"You are never strong enough that you don't need help."

Cesar Chavez

When asking for professional help, it is normal to feel uncertain and scared. You may worry that you will be judged or criticized. Reaching out for help and admitting that you need help is a sign of courage rather than weakness. Opening up and disclosing intimate thoughts, feelings and experiences to a stranger takes tremendous strength. Asking for help does not reflect negatively on you or your ability to handle a particular situation. It means you care about yourself and your family and are willing to do whatever it takes to make the situation better.

Remember, you are important and your feelings and emotions are

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Meat-free diet is not just for Lent

Today marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period before Easter, when some Christians abstain from animal foods in remembrance of Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness.

The call to abstain from eating animals is as current as the teaching of evangelical leader Franklin Graham, yet as traditional as the Bible (Genesis 1:29). Methodist founder John Wesley, Salvation Army pioneers William and Catherine Booth and Seventh-day Adventist Church founder Ellen G. White all followed this higher call.

A meat-free diet is not just about Christian devotion. Dozens of medical studies have linked consumption of animal products with elevated risk of heart failure, stroke, cancer and other killer diseases. A United Nations report named meat production as the largest source of greenhouse gases and water pollution. Undercover investigations have documented farm animals routinely caged, crowded, mutilated and beaten.

Today's supermarkets are well in tune with the call to abstain from eating animals. They offer a rich array of plant-based meats, milks, cheeses, and ice creams, as well as the more traditional vegetables, fruits, and grains. Entering "vegetarian" or "vegan" in your favorite search engine provides lots of meat replacement products, recipes, and transition tips.

Matt Rooks

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residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

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Data: Marijuana's 4/20 holiday tied to rise in fatal auto crashes

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Marijuana users' self-proclaimed holiday is linked with a slight increase in fatal U.S. car crashes, an analysis of 25 years of data found.

The study lacks evidence on whether pot was involved in any of the April 20 crashes, but marijuana can impair driving ability. Previous studies have shown that many pot-using motorists drive after partaking and think it's safe to do so.

The researchers analyzed U.S. government data on fatal traffic accidents from 1992 — shortly after 4/20 was popularized as a pot holiday in High Times magazine — through 2016. They compared driver deaths on that date with deaths on a day the week before and the week after during the study period.

Deaths increased slightly in most but not all states, amounting to an overall increased risk of 12 percent — or an extra 142 driver deaths linked with the holiday, said lead author Dr. John Staples at the University of British Columbia.

Other studies have found a similarly elevated risk linked with alcohol and driving on Super Bowl Sunday and New Year's Eve.

Most accidents had no police data on drug testing so there's no way to confirm that marijuana was involved, but researchers think the drug was responsible for some crashes.

The study was published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine.

"It's a really relevant question to be thinking about now since legalization seems to be progressing across the United States and in Canada," Staples said.

Marijuana is legal for medical use in most U.S. states and in Canada; recreational use has been legalized in nine states plus Washington, D.C. and is expected to become legal in Canada in July.

Marijuana can impair driving ability, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. However, the U.S. agency also notes that directly linking marijuana with car crashes can be difficult because it's often used while drinking alcohol.

An earlier survey of college freshmen found that driving after marijuana use and riding with someone using pot was common, especially among young men, and more common than alcohol-linked driving. And a 2014 study in six states found that marijuana was increasingly detected in drivers killed in car crashes during a 10-year period.

It's a recognized risk in Colorado, where voters approved legalizing it in 2012. Last year the state's transportation department partnered with Lyft and a pot industry group to offer discounted rides for pot users partaking in 4/20 festivities. The program runs through April this year. Data show that 15 percent of DUI arrests in Colorado last year involved marijuana, and a 2016 survey found about half of users in the state think driving under the influence of pot is safe.

Dr. Andrew Monte, an emergency medicine physician and toxicology expert at the University of Colorado, said his hospital typically sees a slight increase in marijuana-using patients on April 20, but that vomiting and intoxication are more common reasons than car crash injuries.

Still, he said the study offers an important message.

"We think about cannabis as being ubiquitous in our society," he said. "However, we need to realize that people should not be using this and driving."

Montana county buys least healthy groceries, data show

■ Region's food culture could make difference in preferences, researcher says

By Caitlin Dewey
Washington Post

The 4,500 people of Musselshell County, Montana, collectively buy the least healthy groceries of any county in the United States. Their baskets are loaded with fat and sugar, Nielsen data show. They aren't big on fiber or protein.

There's a debate among economists and public health advocates over why communities like Musselshell tend to eat so poorly. For years, advocates have argued that it's largely a problem of access: Consumers eat junk because they can't afford healthy foods or find them in their communities. Now, an emerging body of research suggests that some groups of consumers may simply be less interested in buying healthy groceries than others.

According to a new working paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research, those groups include consumers who make less money, have less education, possess lower levels of nutrition knowledge and live in certain geographic areas — such as south central Montana.

"Economists have a problem with the word 'culture,'" said Hunt Allcott, an economist at New York University and the paper's lead author. But an area's food culture, he acknowledged, "could make a big difference in the formation of food preferences."

Allcott and his colleagues didn't necessarily set out to study food culture. (Or to call out Musselshell, which their data indicates is the country's least healthy county, according to grocery purchases.)

Their paper, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, analyzed 12 years of Nielsen grocery purchase data from 100,000 households across the United States, looking for patterns that explain why low-income and high-income families buy such different foods.

Economists and public health advocates have long known that high-income households tend to buy more fruits, vegetables and proteins, and that a large dietary discrepancy exists between the rich and poor. The exact mechanisms of this gap are less clear, however. They can't be entirely explained by the cost or availability of food.

For this paper, Allcott and his colleagues analyzed what happened to a household's food purchases when a new, full-service grocery store opened in the neighborhood, or when the household moved from "food deserts" to areas with more abundant grocery options. But even major changes in a household's immediate food environment, the paper found, had a limited impact on the foods that people purchased.

Instead, the economists write, there appears to be a great deal of variation in demand for healthy foods. And those big demand gaps tend to correlate with other, fairly predictable characteristics, such as income, education, nutrition knowledge — and geographic region.

Among the healthiest counties: New York County, New York, Pitkin County, Colorado, and Iroquois County, Illinois. Among the least healthy: Menominee County, Wisconsin, Turner County, Georgia, McNairy County, Tennessee, and of course, Musselshell.

"This suggests a separate role for culture and tastes that vary across regions," the paper says.

Allcott acknowledged that the role of region was something of a surprise to him. He hypothesizes that a region's dominant cuisine, be that barbecue or avocado toast, informs the meals that people eat as children. That, in turn, has a large effect on their lifelong food preferences. An upcoming paper from his team, looking at the same set of Nielsen data, will evaluate this thesis by tracking how healthy-eating habits differ according to where people lived at different life stages.

"We know that your early life experiences play a large role in how you eat," he said. "That suggests there's a possible intergenerational transmission of [regional food] preferences."

Geography can't explain it all, of course. Allcott is emphatic that the link between region and healthy eating is not causative and more research will be needed to tease out its nuances. There are also other factors, which his model did not consider, that could explain lower demand for healthy groceries among certain groups: among them, time available to plan and cook meals, exposure to food marketing and stress levels.

Still, the idea that place could shape demand makes sense to many advocates. Candace Young, the associate director of research and evaluation at the national food-access nonprofit the Food Trust, agrees that nutrition interventions will need to address the healthy food demand gap. (Unlike Allcott, however, Young says that food deserts are a major part of the problem.)

The Food Trust offers free nutrition classes to both children and adults and has been a vocal supporter of programs like SNAP-Ed. When it comes to cultivating demand for healthy food, "there are a lot of barriers," Young said.

"If you grew up in a community where you never saw an apple, but saw lots of fast food," she added, "it could take a lifetime to shift those preferences."

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significant. Professional help such as therapy can provide a source of support and help. Therapy can also help establish better emotional wellness in your daily life. Working with a therapist allows you to get feedback on your feelings and offer insight on how these emotions are affecting your everyday life. You don't have to go through a huge life event or be in a crisis to benefit from therapy. It is best not to wait until you are in distress or in dire need of help.

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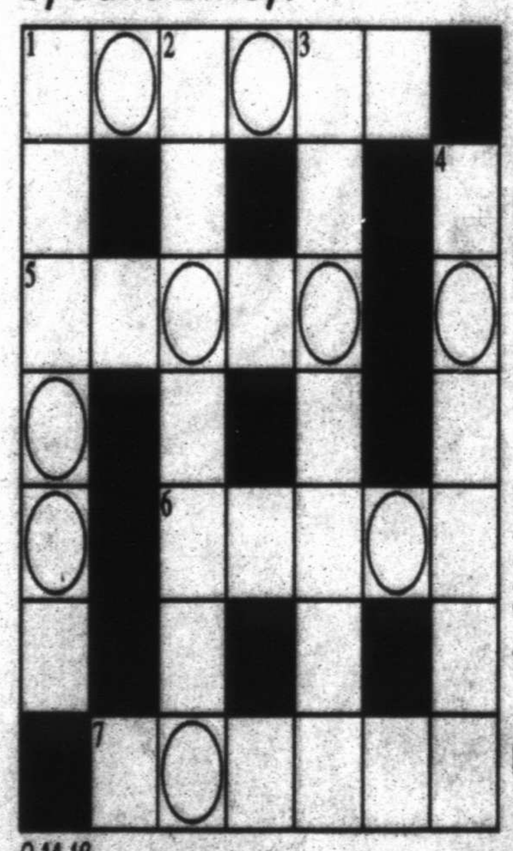
by David L. Hoyt



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16 South Pacific region
17 Good thing to break gently
18 Bought time
19 Has no chance of working
21 "__ Lisa"
22 Golf's "Big Easy"
23 "This is a sure bet"
28 "Halt and Catch Fire" network
31 Writers Patchett and Brashares
32 Korea setting
34 Rhodes of Rhodesia fame
36 "__-Man": superhero film
37 Longtime SeaWorld star
38 Four-legged collar wearer
40 Indigo plant
41 Rubble-making stuff
42 "Hold on a sec"
46 Storybook crone
47 Close at hand
48 2000s sitcom starring Jason Lee
53 "God willing!"
55 "We've heard enough"
57 Accumulates
58 Cautious bettors
59 Mailer's need
60 Many promos
61 Spot for family game night

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5 Attached, as a button
6 Give the go-ahead
7 Something struck by a model?
8 One in a cast
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11 The Beach Boys' "God __ Knows"
12 Quaint "For shame!"
13 Fidget spinners, apparently
15 Kate McKinnon is in its ensemble, briefly
20 End of a question begun by part of 19-, 23-, 42- and 48-Across
23 Regatta entry
24 Diamond situation after a leadoff double
25 Full-length, as a film
26 Several CBS dramas
27 Bread grain
28 Yoga pose
29 Make like
30 Sink sealant
33 Captain described as a "grand, ungodly, god-like man"
35 Beirut natives
36 Bubbly prefix
39 Winged steed of myth
43 Performer with many fans?
44 Secured, as a gate
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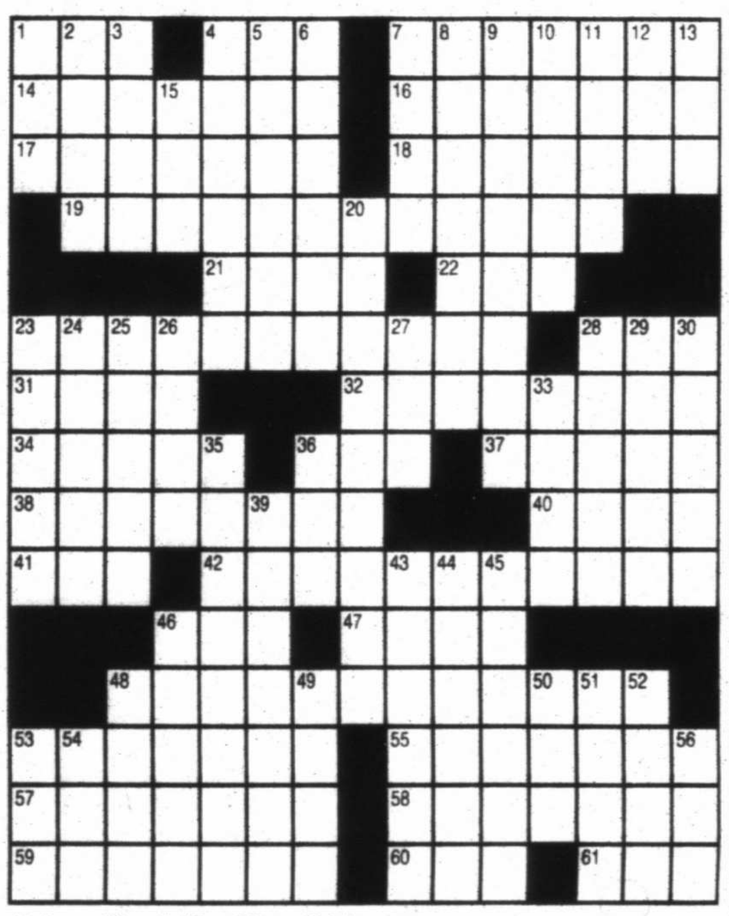

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Lady Rebels defeats El Paso Franklin 51-45

From staff reports

ROSWELL, N.M. – The Lee girls basketball team hit its stride at the end of district play and it's now carrying the momentum into the playoffs.

The Lady Rebels, the No. 4 seed out of District 2-6A, pulled off a stunning 51-45 victory over District 1-6A champion El Paso Franklin in Tuesday's Class 6A bi-district playoff game at Roswell High School.

Lee (18-15) advanced to the area round and will meet Keller, a 42-32 winner over Arlington Martin, at 6 p.m. Friday at Cooper High School in Abilene.

The Lady Rebels won their fourth straight contest behind a game-defining 19-12 run in the fourth quarter.

Green

Lee head coach Alfred Acosta said his team got big defensive stops and hit free throws in the final four minutes to prevail.

In the final minute, senior Mackenzie Ross scored a wide open layup in transition following a defensive stop, pushing the Lady Rebels to a two score lead over Franklin (27-6).

"Fortunately in our district, we had been in some tough games," Acosta said. "We were prepped and ready for it. It was a matter of getting stops and finishing plays and that's what it came down to."

Strambler

Lee got a balanced scoring effort, as senior Quinci Strambler led the team with 12 points, followed by 10 points from senior point guard Alaysha Green. Ross contributed with nine points, while Lady Rebels shooting guard Braydyn Hill added eight points.

"That's really how it's been all year," Acosta said. "Everybody contributes throughout the season. It was very unselfish basketball. We got some good looks and knocked down some big shots for us."

Katia Gallegos, the Lady Cougars' point guard that played for the Mexico under 16 national team, led all scorers with 25 points.

"We felt she was going to have a big game," Acosta said. "We threw a bunch of girls at her throughout the game."

Lee was buoyed by a hot start, as it took a 10-5 advantage after one quarter.

"At the end of the day, in the playoffs, it's one of those things, you have to show and play," Acosta said. "We did. We got a good

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Heart-stopping victory

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Raul Jaramillo (11) celebrates with teammates Chadler Reese (8) and Jake Moylett (2) after Jaramillo scored a goal against Lee Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Midland High edges rival Lee on penalty kicks

By Will Korn
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As Midland High senior forward Raul Jaramillo stepped up to take the final penalty shot of Tuesday night's match, he needed to block out everything except the ball and the Lee goalkeeper in front of him.

"(It's just) emptiness," Jaramillo said when asked his feelings in that situation. "I've just got to clear my mind and make that goal, that's it."

Jaramillo calmly delivered for MHS, scoring the winning goal in the Bulldogs' 5-4 victory in PKs over archrival Lee at Grande Communications Stadium. The match was tied 2-2 after regulation.

Just before Jaramillo's match winner, MHS goalkeeper Noah Venegas made a critical save in the lower left corner against Lee's powerful shooter, Esau Soto.

MHS (5-5-2 overall, 0-0-1-1, 3 points in District 2-6A) earned two points and bounced back from a 5-4 PK home loss to Odessa Permian last Friday in its district opener. Lee, which got a pair of goals from senior midfielder Johnny Thang, settled for a lone point and fell to 9-5-1 overall, 1-0-0-1, 4 points in district play.

Bulldogs head coach J.D. Bales said his players stepped up their game Tuesday, especially in the absence of star forward Brian Natividad, who was sitting out with a red card taken in the team's previous match.

"It's the next man up concept," Bales said. "We had a bunch of guys step in today, really raise their level of play and they performed really well overall. We got up, kind of got flat, got down and the guys never quit battling and pulled out a win. Two points is big."

Jaramillo said he and his teammates were prepared to earn a positive result Tuesday night. He said their demeanor was evident as soon as they took the field pre-match.

"We went into this game and we had our heads locked in from the very

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Houston lifts MHS to shutout of Lee

By Oscar LeRoy
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In a game in which the Midland High girls soccer team seemed a bit out of sorts early against rival Lee, Raquel Houston knew she had to step up.

The junior midfielder scored two goals for the Lady Bulldogs and the MHS defense did the rest in a 2-0 victory over the Lady Rebels in District 2-6A action on Tuesday night at Grande Communications Stadium.

"I just wanted to be composed, just be aggressive, not nervous and just be hungry and go out there and score for my team," said Houston, who now has three goals in two district games.

MHS coach Cooper Barham thought his team came out kind of flat to begin the contest.

"We seemed like a little too comfortable," Barham said. "That's one of the things that I've been trying to get in (the Lady Rebels') heads. You can't come out too comfortable against any team in this district or they'll make you pay for it. I give a lot of credit to (Lee coach Mark Hinshaw). They were keeping everything in front of them. With that style of play, it took us a while to figure it out."

Added Houston: "At first it was a little hectic and maybe we were thinking about it too much. But in the end, we got the goals, we possessed, we talked. It worked out."

MHS (9-1-3, 2-0-0-0, 6 points) got on the board with 15:57 left in the first half when Houston scored off a free kick by Sam Hernandez.

MHS had other opportunities to score in the first half but couldn't convert.

Lee (8-4-1, 0-1-1-0, 2 points) didn't have many scoring chances in the first half or in the second half as the Lady Bulldogs' defense posted its second shutout in as many district games.

"We're still growing as a team," Lee coach Mark Hinshaw said. "We met some of the specific objectives we set out to accomplish tonight. However, as it was discussed, at this level when you make mistakes you get punished for them.

"Emotions for this type of game are always up. The fans are into it, the kids are into it. From that standpoint, to come out and compete against a team as solid as they are was good. Midland High is a very talented team, they have a classy coach, they're a strong program."

Hinshaw said an objective in this game was to keep MHS senior and Lady Bulldogs' leading scorer Kylie VonHolle out of the goal.

VonHolle didn't add to her 22-goal total, but she got the assist in the second-half goal when she fed Houston, who broke away from her defender to score with 28:01 left in the contest.

"We've got to clean some things up and that's part of being a young, learning program," Hinshaw said. "All in all, I'm very pleased with the effort the

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Midland High's Raquel Houston (26) brings the ball down against Lee on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Evans, No. 7 Texas Tech top 23rd-ranked OU, Young

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Keenan Evans and the rolling Texas Tech Red Raiders had their defensive focus on Oklahoma freshman scoring sensation Trae Young.

So did the hostile home crowd, for a slightly different reason.

Evans scored 26 points and No. 7 Texas Tech beat the 23rd-ranked Sooners 88-78 on Tuesday night in Young's first college game in the city where the Division I scoring leader was born.

Young, the son of former Texas Tech player Rayford Young, missed all nine 3-pointers while finishing with 19 points while getting booed just about every time he touched the ball in the fourth straight loss for the Sooners (16-9, 6-7 Big 12).

"I get that everywhere I go," said Young, who finished 10 points below his average. "Just because I'm back here in Lubbock, I didn't feel like I was going to get a welcome home type of feel. It's crazy everywhere I go, so I wasn't expecting anything different tonight."

The Red Raiders (22-4, 10-3) won their seventh

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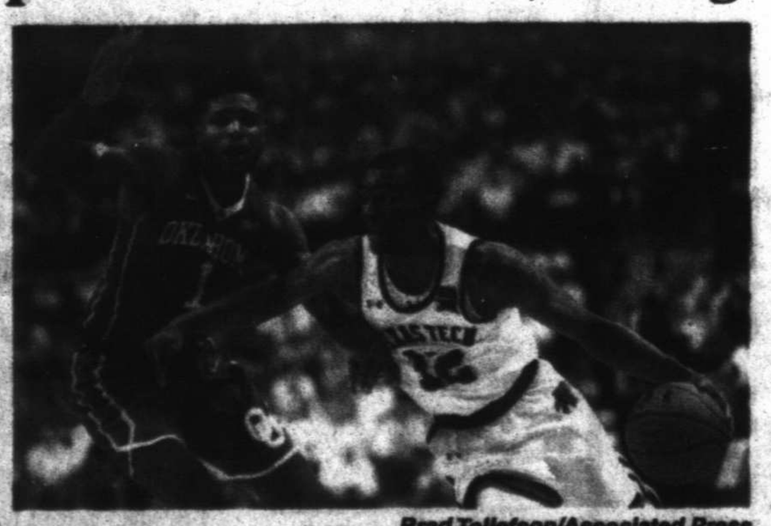

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Texas Tech's Keenan Evans (12) dribbles the ball around Oklahoma's Christian James (1) on Tuesday in Lubbock.

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Georgia Tech at Wake Forest, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Air Force at UNLV, 9 p.m., ATTSW+

Nevada at Boise State, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Wyoming at San Diego State, 10 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer

UEFA Champions, Rd of 16 Leg 1: Real Madrid vs. Paris Saint-Germain FC,1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: Rd of 16, Leg 1: FC Porto vs. Liverpool FC, 1:30 p.m., FS2

National Basketball Association

LA Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN

Golden State at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

National Hockey League

Columbus at Toronto, 6 p.m., NHL

Tennis

WTA: Qatar Total Open, 4:30 a.m., beIN

ATP: Rotterdam, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Winter Olympics

Men's Hockey: Slovakia vs. Olympic Athletes from Russia, 6:10 a.m., USA

Skeleton: Women's, Training Runs; Luge: Men's Doubles, Training Runs,

8:30 a.m., NBCSN

Biathlon: Women's 15km Individual, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN

Women's Curling: Denmark vs. Sweden, 12:15 p.m., NBCSN

Luge: Men's Doubles; Nordic Combined: Individual Normal Hill, 2 p.m., NBC

Women's Curling: USA vs. Japan, 4 p.m., CNBC

Skeleton: Men's Run 1; Speed Skating: Women's 1000m; Alpine Skiing:

Men's Super G; Figure Skating: Pairs' Free Skate, 7 p.m., NBC Figure Skating: Pairs' Free Skate, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

Men's Hockey: Finland vs. Germany, 9 p.m., CNBC Women's Hockey. USA vs. Canada, 9:10 p.m., NBCSN

Snowboarding: Snowboard Cross; Skeleton: Men's Run 2, 11 p.m., NBC Women's Curling: USA vs. Great Britain, 11:30 p.m., NBCSN Women's Hockey: Olympic Athletes from Russia vs. Finland, 1:30 a.m., USA Men's Hockey: Norway vs. Sweden, 1:40 a.m., NBCSN Cross Country: Women's 10km Freestyle, 4 a.m., NBCSN Men's Curling: Canada vs. Norway, 4 a.m., USA Medal Ceremonies, 4 a.m., OLYHD

Women's College Basketball

Iowa State at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

Texas Tech at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

RADIO

Women's College Basketball

Texas Tech at Texas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Baseball

Odessa College at Midland College, 3 p.m.

MC BASKETBALL

MC'S THEODORE GETS WEEKLY HONOR

Theodore

Midland College women's basketball player Bethany Theodore has been named as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Feb. 4-10.

Theodore, a 5-foot-4 freshman guard from Sunbury, Australia, finished the week with 29 points, 10 assists, 11 rebounds and a steal in two games played.

MC (14-10, 7-4 in WJCAC) is riding a three-game winning streak and will next be in action at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 22 at home against Western Texas College.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Announced the resignation of director of communications Greg Bouris.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Gausman on a one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Sergio Romo on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a minor league contract.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP Yu Darvish on a six-year contract and OF Peter Bourjos on a minor league contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with OF Quintin Berry on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Traded 3B Matt Reynolds to Washington for cash.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed LHP Jose Torres on the restricted list.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Brady Dragmire, David Goforth, Edwin Jackson, Jaron Long, Roman Mendez, Chris Smith and Cesar Vargas, LHPs Tim Collins, Ismael Guillon, Bryan Harper and Tommy Milone, Cs Miguel Montero and Jonathan Solano, INFs Reid Brignac and Chris Dominguez, and OFs Ryan Raburn and Moises Sierra.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Matt Edwards assistant special teams coach, Scott Booker and Ryan Crow defensive assistants and Matt Pees quality control coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled D Marcus Pettersson from San Diego (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned D Andrei Mironov to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled D Duncan Siemens from San Antonio.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Loaned D Andre Benoit to Bridgeport (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled F Dylan Sadowy from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Placed F Trevor Lewis on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 9.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Oskar Sundqvist from San Antonio (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Traded the rights to M Yamil Asad to Atlanta for general and targeted allocation money.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed M Alex Roldan and D Jordan McCrary.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Traded a 2018 international roster spot to Colorado for general allocation money.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	16	.714	—
Boston	40	18	.690	1
Philadelphia	29	25	.537	10
New York	23	35	.397	18
Brooklyn	19	39	.328	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	32	24	.571	—
Miami	30	27	.526	2½
Charlotte	23	33	.411	9
Orlando	18	38	.321	14
Atlanta	18	40	.310	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Milwaukee	32	24	.571	2
Indiana	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	27	29	.482	7
Chicago	20	36	.357	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	13	.768	—
San Antonio	35	23	.603	9
New Orleans	30	28	.536	13
Memphis	18	37	.327	24½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	25	.583	—
Oklahoma City	32	26	.552	2
Portland	31	26	.544	2½
Denver	30	26	.536	3
Utah	29	28	.509	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	13	.772	—
L.A. Clippers	29	26	.527	14
L.A. Lakers	23	32	.418	20
Sacramento	18	38	.321	25½
Phoenix	18	40	.310	26½

Tuesday's Scores

Toronto 115, Miami 112

Cleveland 120, Oklahoma City 112

Houston 126, Minnesota 108

Milwaukee 97, Atlanta 92

Sacramento 114, Dallas 109

San Antonio at Denver, late

Today's Games

Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Indiana at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	57	36	16	3	75	204	154
Boston	55	35	12	8	78	185	133
Toronto	58	34	19	5	73	182	162
Detroit	55	23	23	9	55	149	169
Florida	53	24	23	6	54	154	172
Montreal	55	22	26	7	51	144	172
Ottawa	55	19	27	9	47	147	194
Buffalo	57	17	30	10	44	137	188

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	32	17	7	71	178	165
Pittsburgh	58	32	22	4	68	182	174
Philadelphia	57	29	19	10	68	169	167
New Jersey	56	28	20	8	64	166	174
Carolina	57	27	21	9	63	158	169
Columbus	56	29	23	4	62	151	155
N.Y. Islanders	58	27	25	6	60	194	214
N.Y. Rangers	57	27	25	5	59	166	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	55	34	12	9	77	173	143
Winnipeg	57	33	15	9	75	183	154
St. Louis	59	34	21	4	72	170	151
Dallas	57	33	20	4	70	175	151
Minnesota	56	31	19	6	68	168	158
Colorado	55	30	21	4	64	174	169
Chicago	56	24	24	8	56	158	181

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	55	36	15	4	76	187	152
San Jose	56	30	18	8	68	165	156
Calgary	57	29	20	8	66	161	164
Los Angeles	56	30	21	5	65	182	140
Anaheim	58	27	20	11	65	181	169
Edmonton	55	28	24	3	59	157	184
Vancouver	56	22	26	8	50	147	180
Arizona	56	14	32	10	38	135	194

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

Tuesday's Scores

Carolina 7, Los Angeles 3

Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 1

Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 3

Buffalo 5, Tampa Bay 3

Boston 5, Calgary 2

New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 4, SO

Detroit 2, Anaheim 1

Nashville 4, St. Louis 3, OT

Winnipeg 4, Washington 3, OT

Minnesota 5, N.Y. Rangers 2

Chicago at Vegas, late

Arizona at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Columbus at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

Florida at Vaughan, 9 p.m.

HS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

MIDLAND HIGH 3 GREENWOOD 1

Midland High scored two go-ahead runs in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie against Greenwood in both teams' season opener Tuesday at Greenwood High.

The Lady Bulldogs (1-0) took a 2-1 lead when Deanna Machuca plated Yakelin Vidana with a double, and then Shea Keithley followed with an RBI single to bring home Machuca.

The Rangerettes (0-1) took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth when Karina Galindo singled home Lilly Adair.

Greenwood starting pitcher Kyndall Dove limited MHS to six hits and one walk over seven innings, while striking out one.

MIDLAND HIGH 3, GREENWOOD 1

Midland	000	001	2	–3	6 2
Greenwood	000	100	0	–1	0 3

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Alli Monarrez and Yakelin Vidana. Kyndall Dove and Paysiee Sims. W - Monarrez. L - Dove. 2B—MHS: Deanna Machaca.

Records: MHS 1-0, Greenwood 0-1

Next: Snyder at Greenwood, 5:30 p.m. Friday; MHS at Bryan Tournament, Thursday

LEE 13 LUB. MONTEREY 6

LUBBOCK -- Sophomore Gisselle Dominguez was 2-for-4 with a double, four RBI and a run scored to lead Lee's 13-hit attack against Lubbock Monterey in Tuesday's season opener.

Jasmine Gonzales also had a big game for the Lady Rebels (1-0), going 2-for-4 with a home run and three runs scored.

Lee junior Tana Gonzales ripped two doubles and scored three times.

LEE 13, LUBBOCK MONTEREY 6

Lee	041	111	0	–13	1
Monterey	104	001	0	–6	6

W – Zymra Carrasco. L – Camacho. 2B – Lee: Gisselle Dominguez, Tana Gonzales 2, Abby Jordan, Shay Maddy, Lainey Marquez; Monterey: Cottrell, Camacho. HR – Lee: Jasmine Gonzales. Monterey: Camacho.

Records: Lee 1-0, Monterey 0-1

Next: Lee at Lubbock Tourney, Thursday

TEXAS/BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Associated Press

NO. 21 TEXAS A&M 62 MISSOURI 58

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Kassius Robertson scored 16 points, Jordan Barnett added 15 and Missouri defeated No. 21 Texas A&M 62-58 to push its winning streak to five games Tuesday night.

The Tigers (18-8, 8-5 Southeastern Conference) played solid defense and clean offense, but struggled in the last five minutes, against struggling with the press.

Up two points with 14 seconds left, Missouri turned the ball over on an inbound. Texas A&M's Robert Williams missed a layup with a chance to tie, and the Tigers closed it out at the free-throw line.

T.J. Starks and Admon Gilder led the Aggies (17-9, 6-7) with 14 points each. Robert Williams had nine rebounds for Texas A&M. The Tigers held Texas A&M to just 32 percent from the field in the first half, including 1 of 13 from 3-point range.

The Tigers also turned the Aggies over 16 times and scored 12 points off the turnovers.

Texas A&M came in ranked fourth nationally averaging 41.76 rebounds per game. The Aggies won the rebounding battle 46-30, but forward Tyler Davis picked up his second foul with 11:07 remaining in the first half and played limited minutes after.

Davis' absence allowed Missouri's Jeremiah Tilmon to flourish, scoring a season-high 14 points.

NO. 13 KANSAS 83 IOWA STATE 77

AMES, Iowa — Udoka Azubuike scored 19 points, Malik Newman had 17 and 13th-ranked Kansas bounced back from a brutal loss at Baylor by beating Iowa State 83-77 on Tuesday.

Lagerald Vick scored 16 points for the Jayhawks (20-6, 9-4 Big 12), who shot 48.4 percent from the floor and committed just seven turnovers.

Kansas took a five-point lead into the break after Nick Weiler-Babb's long 3 to end the half was waved off, and it quickly jumped ahead by 11 early in the second half.

The Cyclones chipped away at that deficit at times, even getting as close as three, but the Jayhawks pushed their lead to 76-63 with 4:46 left on back-to-back alley-oop dunks by Azubuike.

That capped a run of six straight makes for the Jayhawks — who also held Iowa State without a field goal for over four minutes down the stretch.

Freshman Cameron Lard scored 19 points with 11 rebounds for Iowa State (13-12, 4-9). But freshman Lindell Wigginton, who burned the Jayhawks for 27 points in their first meeting, was held to 12 points on 3 of 12 shooting.

TEXAS NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

ROCKETS 126 WOLVES 108

MINNEAPOLIS — James Harden had 34 points, 12 assists and six rebounds, and the Houston Rockets beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 126-108 on Tuesday night for their ninth straight victory.

Ryan Anderson scored 21 points off the bench as the Rockets (43-13) snapped Minnesota's 13-game home winning streak and pulled within a half-game of the Golden State Warriors for the best record in the NBA. Houston has won for the 16 of its last 18 games.

The Rockets made 10 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, when they scored 42 points.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 35 points and 12 rebounds in Minnesota's first home loss since Dec. 16 against Phoenix. Jeff Teague added 25 points and eight assists, and Jamal Crawford came off the bench to score 11 points after starting 0 for 6 from the floor.

Minnesota led by as many as 13 in the first quarter before Houston went on a run to take a four-point halftime lead. Trailing by 11, the Rockets used a 15-3 run to take their first lead at 35-34.

Houston used 3-pointers to keep Minnesota at bay throughout the game and then to pull away late. Anderson scored 12 in the fourth quarter.

KINGS 114 MAVERICKS 109

DALLAS — Zach Randolph scored 22 points, and the Sacramento Kings used a big first half to beat the Dallas Mavericks 114-109 on Tuesday night.

Bogdan Bogdanovich added 19 points for the Kings, who have won four of five in Dallas after losing 22 in a row here from 2003 to 2016. Seven Kings scored in double figures.

J.J. Barea led the Mavericks with 19 points, and Harrison Barnes and Dwight Powell each scored 18.

Randolph scored 18 in the first half, helping Sacramento to a 65-44 lead at the break.

The Kings dominated the paint in the first two quarters, scoring 40 points, while the Mavericks shot just 35 percent.

The Kings extended the lead to 26 with the first five points of the second half before Dallas put together a 17-3 run fueled by four 3-pointers.

But Sacramento had an 88-71 advantage after three, and then opened the final quarter with a 9-0 run to match its largest lead. The Mavericks kept chipping away for the entire quarter and closed with a 30-11 run to make the final score close. Eight minutes into the game, Randolph had outscored the cold-shooting Mavericks all by himself, 11-8.

TECH

From 1C

straight game, including a six-game Big 12 run that's the best in the conference this season. They tied the Sooners for the most Top 25 wins nationally this season at six.

Texas Tech also maintained a one-game lead over No. 13 Kansas, which has won 13 straight regular-season titles. The constant the players see during the streak is defense, which was on display against Young.

"We're locking people down," said center Norense Odiase, who had 14 points. "We're really harping on defense, much as we have all year. But we're tightening it up together in these last six, seven games. We've been playing well on that end."

Evans went 4 of 7 from 3-point range, including a fadeaway shot from the left corner that put Texas Tech ahead 79-71 with less than 2 minutes to go.

The senior guard added his second dunk of the second half moments later between a pair of Oklahoma 3s as the Sooners tried to stay close in a game that lacked late drama despite 17 ties and 11 lead changes.

Evans easily outscored Young in a matchup of the Big 12's top two scorers.

"Trae doesn't have many shooting nights like that," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "But I think you've got to give our guys some credit because we contested shots. We made it tough on him at times in the game."

The crowd was ready for what will be Young's only appearance in Lubbock if the freshman declares for the NBA draft this summer, as expected. One fan greeted him with a sign picturing Young as a child wearing a Texas Tech T-shirt and showing the school's "guns up" sign.

Besides going without a 3 for the first time this season, Young gave the crowd a final moment to jeer when he dribbled the ball off his foot for his sixth turnover with the Sooners trailing by six with 41 seconds remaining. He was 4 of 16 from the field but made all 11 free throws.

Young, who went to high school not far from the OU campus in Norman, and his dad are the first father-son pair in the 22-year history of Big 12 basketball.

OU junior Christian James had a career high for the second straight game with 23 points in the third game that someone other than Young led the Sooners in scoring.

Kameron McGusty made all three of his 3-pointers and all four free throws for 13 points, and Jamuni McNeace had 11 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech 88, Oklahoma 78

SOUTH

Arkansas 75, Mississippi 64

James Madison 62, UNC-Wilmington 61

MIDWEST

Ball St. 90, Akron 77

Bowling Green 83, W. Michigan 81

Cent. Michigan 80, N. Illinois 72

Creighton 94, Bemidji State 46

E. Michigan 58, Miami (Ohio) 57

Georgetown 87, Butler 83

Kansas 83, Iowa St. 77

Missouri 62, Texas A&M 58

N. Dakota St. 87, Mayville State 53

N. Iowa 47, Evansville 41

Nebraska 70, Maryland 66

Toledo 82, Ohio 74

EAST

Boston College 81, Pittsburgh 58

Buffalo 84, Kent St. 72

Monmouth (NJ) 73, St. Peter's 57

Rhode Island 85, Richmond 67

St. Bonaventure 79, La Salle 68

Top 25 Fared

1. Virginia (24-2) beat Miami 59-50. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday, Feb. 21.
2. Michigan State (25-3) beat Minnesota 87-57. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
3. Villanova (23-2) did not play. Next: at Providence, Wednesday.
4. Xavier (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
5. Cincinnati (23-2) did not play. Next: at Houston, Thursday.
6. Purdue (23-4) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
7. Texas Tech (22-4) beat No. 23 Oklahoma 88-78. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
8. Ohio State (22-5) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
9. Gonzaga (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
10. Auburn (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Wednesday.
11. Clemson (20-4) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Wednesday.
12. Duke (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
13. Kansas (20-6) beat Iowa State 83-77. Next: vs. No. 20 West Virginia, Saturday.
14. North Carolina (20-7) did not play. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
15. Saint Mary's (24-3) did not play. Next: at San Francisco, Thursday.
16. Rhode Island (21-3) beat Richmond 85-67. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Friday.
17. Arizona (20-6) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Arizona State, Thursday.
18. Tennessee (19-9) beat South Carolina 70-67. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
19. Wichita State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Thursday.
20. West Virginia (19-7) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Kansas, Saturday.
21. Texas A&M (17-8) lost to Missouri 62-58. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
22. Michigan (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Wednesday.
23. Oklahoma (16-9) lost to No. 7 Texas Tech 88-78. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
24. Nevada (21-5) did not play. Next: at Boise State, Wednesday.
25. Arizona State (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Arizona, Thursday.

Women

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 87, Oklahoma St. 45

SOUTH

Campbell 53, Presbyterian 40

Gardner-Webb 52, Longwood 41

High Point 77, Winthrop 40

Radford 52, Liberty 45

UNC-Asheville 71, Charleston Southern 69

MIDWEST

Ohio St. 88, Illinois 69

EAST

Fordham 66, La Salle 45

Princeton 60, Penn 40

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (25-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
2. Mississippi State (26-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
3. Baylor (24-1) beat No. 21 Oklahoma State 87-45. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
4. Louisville (25-2) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (23-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
6. Texas (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
7. UCLA (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Oregon State, Friday.
8. South Carolina (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Georgia, Thursday.
9. Oregon (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
10. Maryland (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
12. Florida State (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.
13. Missouri (20-5) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
14. Stanford (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
15. Oregon State (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 UCLA, Friday.
16. Ohio State (21-6) beat Illinois 88-69. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
17. Duke (20-6) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Thursday.
17. Texas A&M (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Thursday.
19. Green Bay (22-2) did not play. Next: at Cleveland State, Thursday.
20. Georgia (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 South Carolina, Thursday.
21. Oklahoma State (18-7) lost to No. 3 Baylor 87-45. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Saturday.
22. South Florida (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Wednesday.
23. Michigan (20-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.
24. Belmont (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Thursday.
25. N.C. State (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.

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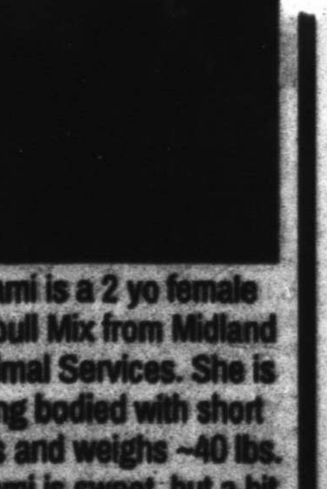

Cami is a 2 yo female Pitbull Mix from Midland Animal Services. She is long bodied with short legs and weighs ~40 lbs. Cami is sweet, but a bit shy and takes time to adapt to new situations. Cami does better with male dogs that are her size or smaller.

White Gold: Final run propels Shaun White to Olympic history

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The pressure was real. So were the tears — of joy, relief, redemption.

This is why Shaun White keeps going. This is why the snowboarding superstar returns to the Olympics again and again, a journey that's seen him evolve from teenage phenom to global brand to icon. One with a perpetual target on his back and impossible expectations to meet.

Standing atop the halfpipe on a gray Wednesday morning at slushy Phoenix Snow Park with his hopes for a third gold down to one final shot. White never wavered.

"I honestly knew I had it," White said. "I knew I had to put it down."

The stakes left him little choice. Rising star and heir apparent Ayumu Hirano had snatched the lead out of White's hand during the men's halfpipe final, throwing a spectacular epic second run to vault into the lead and put a portion of White's Olympic legacy at risk.

Not that it mattered.

One deep breath, a half-dozen near flawless tricks — including back-to-back 1440s, a trick he never landed in competition before these finals — and one seemingly interminable wait later White's return to the top of his sport was complete.

When his score of 97.75 flashed, more than two points clear of Hirano and almost six clear of Australian bronze medalist Scotty James, it all seemed worth it. The long road back from disappointment in Sochi four years ago. The painful recovery from a crash in New Zealand last fall that required emergency surgery. The notion the man who for so long served as a pioneer had been surpassed by the next generation.

Not quite yet.

"He wears the weight of the country and the world on his shoulders for this," said J.J. Thomas, White's longtime coach. "This is our Super Bowl. But bigger because it's only once every four years and he stresses out."

Hardly looked like it. White's stomped third run made him the first American male to win gold at three separate Winter Olympics. Speedskater Bonnie Blair earned gold in the 1988, 1992 and 1994 Games.

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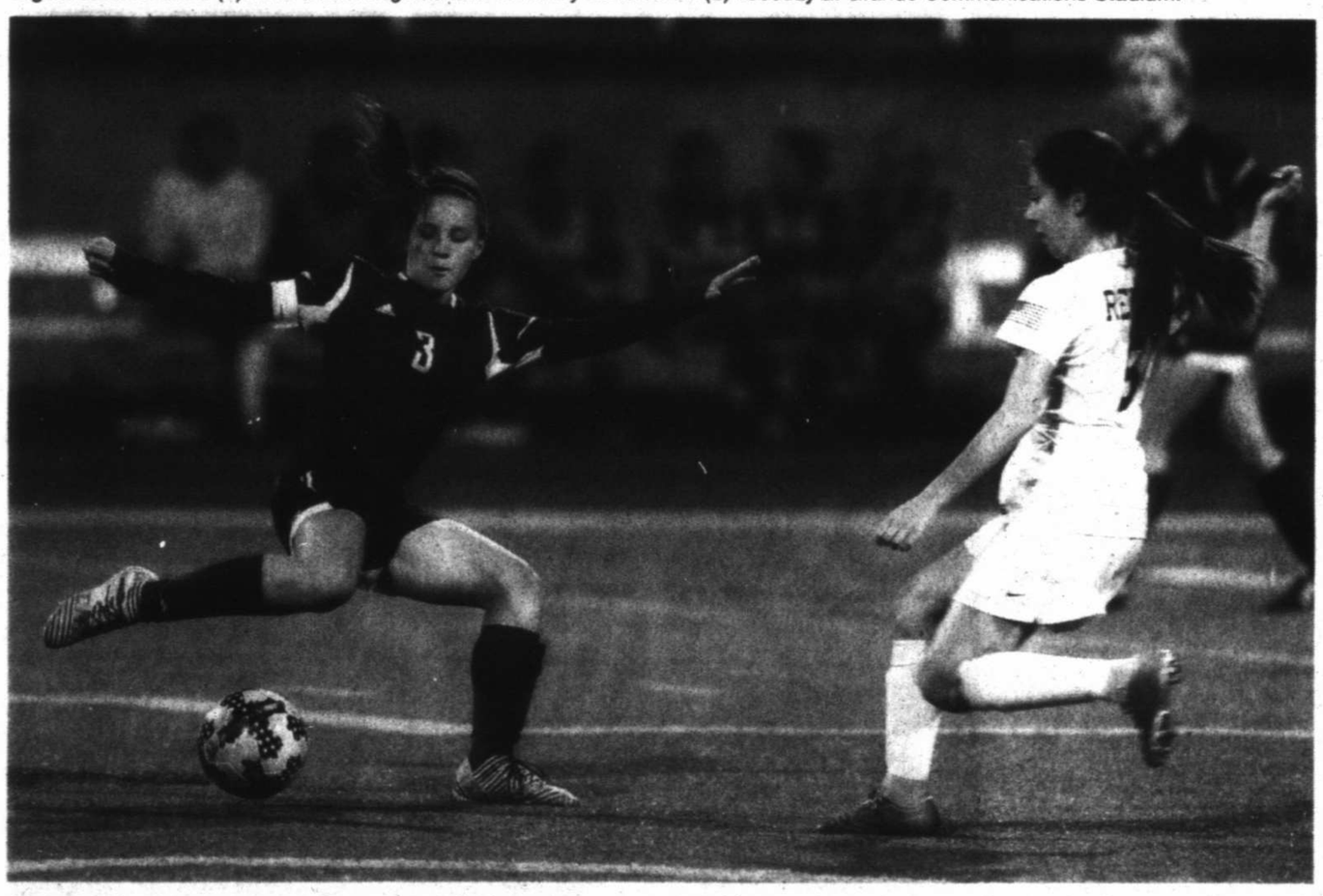
ABOVE: Midland High's Raul Jaramillo (11) kicks a goal against Lee Tuesday, at Grande Communications Stadium. **Below:** Midland High's Alexis Ramos (3) kicks the ball against Lee's Audrey Sokolowski (5) Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.



Boys

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beginning," Jaramillo said. "We started our warm-ups very well and we kept our composure throughout the game and I was very proud of it."

Jaramillo opened the evening's scoring in the 24th minute, giving MHS a 1-0 lead on a breakaway. The two sides endured a number of close calls around the other's net, but the Bulldogs nursed their one-goal advantage into halftime.

Thang provided the equalizer in the 46th minute on an assist from Lee captain Luis Aranda. Twelve minutes later, Thang struck again on a hustle play. He darted to a bouncing loose ball inside the MHS goalie box and tapped it in to hand the Rebels a 2-1 advantage.

District 2-6A Boys Soccer Standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
Odessa High (10-6-1)	2	0	0	0	6
Lee (9-5-1)	1	0	0	1	4
Midland High (5-5-2)	0	1	0	1	3
Frenship (15-1-0)	1	0	1	0	3
Permian (7-7-1)	0	1	0	1	2
Tascosa (1-12-1)	0	0	2	0	00

W – 3 points; PW – 2 points; PL – 1 point

Tuesday's scores
Midland High 2, Lee 2 (MHS wins 5-4 on penalty kicks); Wolfforth Frenship 3, Odessa Permian 0; Odessa High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Friday's matches
Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa Permian vs. Odessa High. All matches begin at 7:30 p.m.

The two teams quickened the pace over the next 10 minutes and exchanged shots on goal before MHS' Alan Rodriguez was fouled and earned a free kick in the 68th minute.

Rodriguez lined up and from 23 yards out, fired a rocket to the right of outstretched Lee goalkeeper Pablo Muniz, knotting the match at 2-2.

Lee head coach Scott Hicks said it was a well-played match overall by both teams and he was happy to pick up a point after falling behind by a goal at halftime.

"This was a great game and it's always a great game in most years," Hicks said. "They're going to play hard and we're going to play hard and it was back and forth all game. When it comes down to the PKs, it is what it is on that. Every point counts, but if you can come out of a game with a point, two points or three points virtually every time you play, you're going to be in good shape. You've just got keep things in perspective.

"Our guys played well and their guys played well and that's what you expect when we get together."

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HS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district
Arlington Bowie (29-8, W4) 76, Abilene High 41
El Paso Pebble Hills (28-6, R1) 48, Midland High 42
Keller Timber Creek (29-4, W3) 48, Arlington Lamar 45
Amarillo Tascosa (22-11, R2) 54; El Paso Eastwood 51
Irving Macarthur (25-11, F7) 65, Killeen Ellison 50
Allen (28-6, T0) 55, Lewisville 51
Duncanville (26-1, W6) 68 vs. San Angelo Central 16
McKinney (26-1, R6) 72, Trophy Club Nelson 51
Wolfforth Frenship (27-9, W2) 51, El Paso El Dorado 42
North Crowley (26-9, T4) 60, Weatherford 40
Lake (18-14, P2) 61, El Paso Franklin 45
Keller (19-14, T3) 42, Marcus 32
Plano (29-4, W6) 71, LD Bell 64
Dallas (26-8, R7) 63, Cypress Cove 50
Plano Vista (25-6, W5) 61, Plano East 49
Cedar Hill (28-10, T7) 70, Waco Midway 50
Class 4A
Bi-district
Greenwood (28-14, W4) 67, Clint Mountain View 15
Lubbock Estacado (16-18, T2) 71, Perryton 58
San Elizario (15-12, W3) 48, Fort Stockton 39
Denver City (26-6, R2) 61, Pampa 51
Glen Rose (32-1, W9) 84, Fort Worth Castleberry 23
Brownwood (29-5, R5) 42, Wichita Falls Hirschi 35
Kennedale (20-10, W7) 58, Godley 53
Snyder (14-17, T5) 57, Graham 55
Levelland (30-2, W2) 65, Dalhart 32
Clint (12-14, R0) 57, Monahans 51
Seminole (20-13, F2) 45, Bushland 34
Fabens (4-24, T3) 67, Pecos 59
Burkburnett (17-11, W6) 58, Sweetwater 47
Bagwell (19-13, T6) 63, Mineral Wells 32
Abilene Wylie (25-6, W5) 65, Iowa Park 37
Middlethan Harlingen (28-8, R8) 57, Bonham 42
Class 3A
Bi-district
Wall (26-5, W4) 63, Kermit 19
Shallowater (28-5, T2) 49, River Road 39
Tornillo (27-2, W3) 45, San Angelo TLC Academy 25
Lubbock Roosevelt (19-9, R2) 44, Spearman 35
Bowie (21-13, W8) 46, Eastland 25
Jim Ned (25-7, R5) 59, Bangs 17
Brock (28-6, W7) 61, Pangburn 49
Merkel (23-11, T5) 55, Brady 34
Idalou (28-6, W2) 71, Tulia 46
Alpine (R3) 35, Reagan County 26
Canadian (27-4, W1) 45, Slaton 34
Ballinger (24-10, R4) 59, Presidio 19
Comanche (W9) 44, Stanton 31
Pleaster (30-5, R7) 51, Hooona 40
Colorado City (26-6, W3) 55, Early 18
Jacksboro (28-6, R6), 54 Cisco 49
Class 2A
Bi-district
Abernathy (W4) 62, Bovina 30
Vega (31-3, R1) 40, Wellington 34
Farwell (24-9, W3) 73, Floydada 24
Claude (27-5, R2) def. Grover
Haskell (32-1, W6)77 Quanah 27
Morton (R5) 65, Van Horn 35
Paducah (29-5, W7) 45, Anson 24
Graham (T3) 58, Hale Ctr.
Panhandle (29-3, W2) 57, Sanford-Fritch 25
Sudan (24-4, R3) 47, New Deal 29
Stratford (24-4, W1) 69, Memphis 27
Post (R4) 52, Lockney 30
Tahoka (F8) 45, Iraan 35
Christoval (24-11, R7) 34, Hawley 26
Sundown (W5) 48, McCamey 23
Winters (21-13, T7) 51, Hamlin 39
Region II
Class 1A
Bi-district
Hermleigh (W12), bye
Buena Vista (T10) 55, Balmorhea (R9) 22
Rankin (30-5, W 10), bye
Ira (T12) 73, O'Donnell (R11) 59
Eden (W16), bye
Blackwell (T14) 64, Aspermont (R13) 45
Garden City (31-1, W14), bye
Eula (R15) 72, Brookesmith 31
Klondike (W11), bye
Grandfalls-Royalty (R10) 47, Sierra Blanca 16
Marfa (W9), bye
Westbrook (R12) 45, Sands 33
May (W13), bye
Robert Lee (R14) 62, Rotan (T13) 22
Roby (W15), bye
Baird (T15) 33, Richland Springs (R16) 15

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

GREENWOOD 67
MOUNTAIN VIEW 15

ALPINE – Seniors Cassi Mebane and Natalee Karcher each scored a game-high 19 points to propel Greenwood to a rout of Clint Mountain View in Tuesday's Class 4A bi-district playoff game at Pete P. Gallego Center.

"Cassi did a great job in the paint and Natalee did a great job of driving," Rangerettes head coach Ginger Hartman said.

The Rangerettes (20-14) won their ninth straight game and advanced to face the Perryton-Lubbock Estacado in the area round at a date, time and location to be determined. Greenwood has advanced to the area round in 10 consecutive seasons.

The Rangerettes pounced on the Lady Lobos (8-22) from the onset, leading 20-4 after one quarter and 44-9 at halftime.

"We did a great job of pressing them and adding pressure to the ball," Hartman said.

Bradi Good added 11 points for Greenwood.

GREENWOOD 67, CLINT MOUNTAIN VIEW 15
Greenwood (20-14) – Taylor Payton 2, Natalee Karcher 19, Kaitlan Keel 2, Kensleigh Ellis 6, Cassi Mebane 19, Bradi Good 11, Teresa Rodriguez 2
Mountain View (8-22) – Claudia Garcia 4, Brianna Alvarado 6, Raquel Perez 3, Astrid Floy 2

Greenwood	20	22	18	7 –67
Mountain View	4	5	4	2 –15

Free throws – Greenwood 18-24, Mountain View 5-8. 3-point goals – Greenwood 1 (Ellis) Total fouls – Greenwood 14, Mountain View 16. Fouled out – None.

Next: Greenwood vs. Perryton-Lubbock Estacado winner, area round, TBA

FORSAN 43
ANSON 24

SNYDER – District 7-2A champion Forsan rolled to a 19-point win over Anson in Tuesday's Class 2A bi-district playoff played at The Coliseum.

Forsan held Anson scoreless in the third quarter.

The Lady Buffaloes (23-5), who have won 23 of their last 25, advanced to play Seagraves in the area round.

No other information was available at press time.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

PERMIAN 69
MIDLAND HIGH 35

ODESSA – The Odessa Permian boys basketball team completed an undefeated District 2-6A season with a blowout win over Midland High at the Permian Fieldhouse.

Brother Miller led three Panthers in double figures with 14 points, Ozzy Terrazas had 13 and Nakavieon White added 10.

MHS (11-20, 2-8) had no players in double figures but Nat Rodriguez had nine to lead the Bulldogs.

Permian (28-3, 10-0) had a 34-12 advantage at the half after holding MHS to two points in the second quarter.

ODESSA PERMIAN 69, MIDLAND HIGH 35
Midland High (11-20, 2-8) – Demorn Williams 3, Daniel Elliott 2, Duce Warren 8, Xadrian Van Buren 2, Adrian Lozano 4, Nat Rodriguez 9, Kamden Taylor 7.
Permian (28-3, 10-0) – Brother Miller 14, Elijah White 6, Nakavieon White 10, Derrick Wright 6, Ozzy Terrazas 13, Jonathan Arana 8, Fabian Flores 2, Tyderick Henderson 2, Zach McGee 6, Kevon Fox 2

Midland High	10	2	17	6	— 35
Permian	24	10	13	22	— 69

Free throws – Midland High 1-4, Permian 2-4. 3-Point goals — Midland High 4 (Williams 1, D.Warren 2, Taylor 1), Permian 3 (Miller 1, N.White 2) Total fouls — Midland High 13, Permian 12. Fouled out — none.

Next: MHS season is complete. Permian vs. TBA, Class 6A bi-district playoffs

District 2-6A Boys Basketball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Permian	10	0	28	3
x-Odessa High	6	4	22	9
x-Amarillo Tascosa	6	4	20	11
x-Frenship	5	5	16	16
MHS	2	8	11	20
Lee	1	9	8	24

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched a share of district title

Tuesday's Scores
Amarillo Tascosa 68, Lee 32; Odessa Permian 69, MHS 35; Wolfforth Frenship 51, Odessa High 42
End of regular season

TASCOSA 66
LEE 32

Amarillo Tascosa went on a 38-12 run in the second half en route to a 34-point win over Lee in Tuesday's District 2-6A finale at Chaparral Center.

Lee (8-24, 1-9 in District 2-6A) finished the season in sixth place, while playoff bound Tascosa (22-9, 6-4) ended the season in a second-place tie with Odessa High.

Lee played competitively in the first half, trailing Tascosa by a 28-20 margin at halftime. Tascosa took control of the affair with a 16-5 run in the third quarter.

Cevonte Eaden led Lee with 11 points. Tascosa had three players score in double figures, as Cameron Brown led with 17 points, B.J. Anderson followed with 14, and Jake Pennington added 12.

AMARILLO TASCOSA 68, LEE 32
Tascosa (20-11, 6-4 in District 2-6A) – Tsiago 6, Pennington 12, Miller 6, Askew 2, Brown 17, Anderson 14, Johnson 2, Davidson 2, Dickerson 5
Lee (8-24, 1-9) – Mykai Pertile 2, Zhuric Phelps 7, Cevonte Eaden 11, Jaythan Jones 3, Patrick Okimi 7, Loik Fouonji 2

Tascosa	12	16	16	22 –66
Lee	6	14	5	7 –32

Free throws – Tascosa 5-11, Lee 13-18. 3-point goals – Tascosa 3 (Miller, Brown, Dickerson), Lee 1 (Eaden) Total fouls – Tascosa 20, Lee 11. Fouled out – Askew.

Next: Lee's season is complete. Tascosa vs. TBA, Class 6A bi-district playoffs

GARDEN CITY 56
VERIBEST 30

Garden City— The Garden City boys basketball team closed District 14-1A play with a win against Veribest Tuesday.

Scott Miller scored a game high 21, while Cesar Chavez added 10 for the Bearkats (18-8, 10-2).

GARDEN CITY 56, VERIBEST 30
Veribest— Herrera 6, Warren 6, Bolin 6, Schaefer 5, Briley 5, Compton 2
Garden City (18-8, 10-2)— Scott Miller 21, Cesar Chavez 10, Parker Koenning 6, Dakota Roberts 6, Amando Algena 4, Hunter McMillian 4, John Michael Algeria 3, Rodrigo Andrade 2.

Veribest	7	3	7	13 –30
Garden City	10	14	5	27 –56

Free throws – Veribest 8-16, Garden City 13-23. 3-point goals- Veribest 4 (Herrera 2, Warren, Briley), Garden City5 (Miller 3, Chavez, Koenning) Total fouls- Veribest 17, Garden City 11. Fouled out- Veribest (Bolin, Briley).

Next: Garden City playoff game opponent and site TBD

DENVER CITY 75
LAMESA 74

Denver City— The Denver City boys basketball team picked up its first District 2-4A win of the season against Lamesa in the final seconds Tuesday.

Lamesa (18-13, 2-8) led 74-72 with 10 seconds remaining before fouling a Denver City player, who was attempting a 3-point shot. The Mustangs made all three of his free throws to lead Denver City to the win.

Buddy Williams scored 23 points to lead Lamesa, while Jordan Derrington added 21.

DENVER CITY 75, LAMESA 74
Lamesa (18-13, 2-8) — Ryan Aguilar 6, Buddy Williams 23, Jordan Derrington 21, Kaleb Contreras 5, Jackson Napper 19
Denver City— Gutierrez 9, Boyd 2, Pacheco 3, Della Rosa 17, Mendoza 33, Zubia 5, Crews 1, Mills 5

Lamesa	20	14	22	18 –75
Denver City	17	20	15	23 –74

Free throws— Lamesa 6-11, Denver City 11-20. 3-point goals – Lamesa 8 (Williams 4, Derrington 3, Contreras), Denver City 4 (Gutierrez, Pacheco, Della Rosa, Mendoza). Total fouls – Lamesa 15, Denver City 12. Fouled out- None.

CRANE 55
TORNILLO 40

TORNILLO – Ivan Esparza scored a game-high 21 points to help Crane win by 15 points over Tornillo and finish in a first-place tie with Alpine at 7-1.

Crane (21-4, 7-1) and Alpine will meet in a game for the district's No. 1 seed at 8 p.m. Friday in Fort Stockton.

CRANE 55, TORNILLO 40
Crane (21-4, 7-1 in District 3-3A) – Brandon Cerna 5, Kolton Sena 4, Ivan Esparza 21, Carlos Carrasco 10, Carlos Montes 15
Tornillo (3-5 in District 3-3A) – Hector Martinez 8, Julian Flores 2, Adolfo Sanchez 14, Angel Bosquez 10, Gilbert Miramontes 2, Cesar Quinones 4

Crane	13	14	16	12 –55
Tornillo	16	5	7	12 –40

Free throws – Crane 6-10, Tornillo 3-9. 3-point goals – Crane 3 (Carrasco 2, Cerna), Tornillo 5 (Martinez 2, Sanchez 2, Bosquez)

Girls

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girls showed tonight. I'm especially happy with the composure and the class with which they comported themselves on the field."

Obviously Barham was also pleased with the way his team performed and knows that getting two wins to begin the district season is huge.

"We still have a long district season ahead of us," he said.

"Every game, we've got to come out ready and prepared to get as many points as we can in this competitive district."

District 2-6A Girls Soccer Standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
Midland High (9-1-3)	2	0	0	0	6
Frenship (11-2-1)	2	0	0	0	6
Odessa High (10-6-0)	1	0	1	0	3
Lee (8-4-1)	0	1	1	0	3
Tascosa (3-8-4)	0	0	1	1	1
Permian (11-3-1)	0	0	2	0	0

W – 3 points; PW – 2 points; PL – 1 point

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 2, Lee 0; Wolfforth Frenship 3, Odessa Permian 0; Odessa High 2, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Friday's matches
Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa Permian vs. Odessa High. All matches begin at 5:30 p.m.

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Lee

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jump on them. Everybody bought in defensively."

The Lady Cougars found rhythm in the second quarter, out-scoring the Lady Rebels, 16-11, to even the score at 21-all at halftime.

Franklin held a 33-32 advantage through three quarters before the Lady Rebels stormed ahead in the fourth.

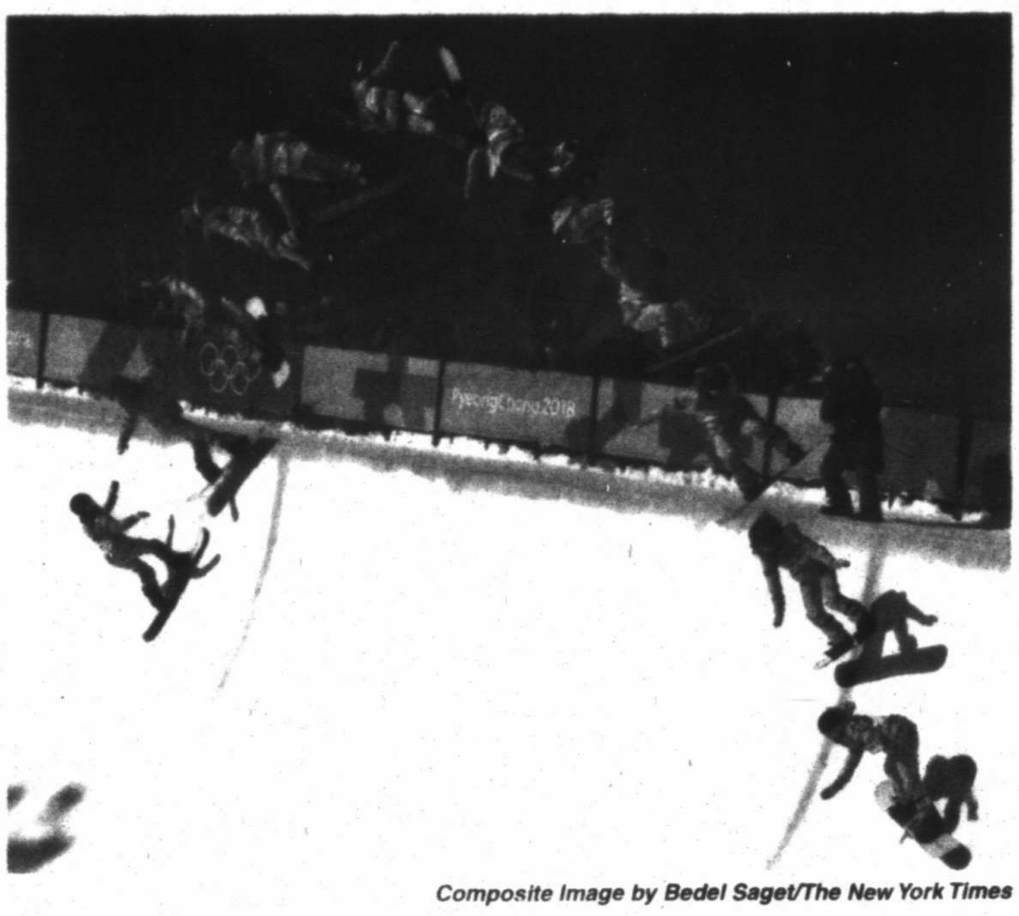
Lee has now reached the area round in three out of the last four seasons.

LEE 51, EL PASO FRANKLIN 45
Lee (18-15) – Kierjan Edwards 3, Aleysha Greer 10, Brayden Hill 8, Destiny Sanford 5, Quinci Strambler 12, Mackenzie Ross 9, Paige Lee 4
Franklin (27-6) – Katia Gallegos 25, Mia Cooney 4, Kiara Marcantel 5, Blanca Anchondo 6, Maria Ishia 5

Lee	10	11	11	19 –51
Franklin	5	16	12	12 –45

Free throws – Lee 12-21, Franklin 9-14. 3-point goals – Lee 6 (Edwards, Green 2, Sanford, Ross 2), Franklin 3 (Gallegos, Anchondo 2). Total fouls – Lee 16, Franklin 16. Fouled out – Anchondo.

Next: Lee vs. Keller, area playoff, 8 p.m. Friday, Abilene Cooper HS



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A composite image showing U.S. snowboarder Chloe Kim executing one of her back-to-back 1080s on her way to winning the gold medal in the women's halfpipe final of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Tuesday. It is a feat no other woman has landed in competition.

Olympic ski champ Hirscher no longer must hear The Question

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

JEONGSEON, South Korea — Eventually, The Question began to bother Marcel Hirscher.

It wasn't so much the actual content, which was always some variation of: "Do you need an Olympic gold medal to validate your otherwise-perfect skiing career?" He was certain he knew the answer: "No." It was more the incessant echo of it, over and over.

How often did Hirscher hear The Question? "Ev-e-ry day," he said. This was offered with a smile Tuesday, because that line of inquiry will never again arise. As of the Alpine combined event at the Pyeongchang Games, Hirscher is, at long last, an Olympic champion.

The 28-year-old Austrian used a sublime slalom run on an icy course to rise from 12th after the opening downhill in the two-run competition and added that Winter Games triumph to a substantial collection of accolades. He already owned a record six consecutive overall World Cup titles and four individual world championship golds.

"I'm super happy, because now this stupid question has gone away," Hirscher said, before adding with gusto, "Now The Question is Zzzzzzzzt. Deleted."

Hirscher finished in 2 minutes, 6.52 seconds, which made him 0.23 seconds faster than silver medalist Alexis Pinturault of France. Another Frenchman, Victor Muffat-Jeandet, was third, more than a full second behind Hirscher.

France hadn't had a had a top-three finish in a men's Olympic combined race in 70 years, let alone a pair of medals on the same afternoon. Might never happen again, either: There is a movement afoot to drop the combined from the Olympic schedule because International Ski Federation, race organizers and broadcasters instead want more short, TV-friendly parallel racing events where skiers go down the piste two at a time, head-to-head.

"I'm disappointed to see it go away," said Sasha Rearick, head coach of the U.S. men's Alpine team, expressing an opinion voiced by several others. "It's been a good event for us for many reasons. It's the one thing that brings the tech and the speed together."

Fitting, then, that a race considered the greatest test of versatility in a sport of increasing specialization was how Hirscher finally got his gold.

As recently as two weeks ago, he said, he wasn't even sure whether it was worth entering the combined, in part because it would steal training time away from his better events and also because he hadn't been on downhill skis in a year.

So Hirscher went into the downhill merely hoping to be within 3 seconds of the lead going into the slalom; he wound up less than 1½ seconds behind, the beneficiary of catching a lull in swirling winds. The same gusts that had led to the postponement of the first two races on the Alpine schedule. Others found themselves dealing with headwinds or blasts of air that hit them from the side.

"He got lucky this morning with the wind," Rearick said. "But his second run, in the slalom, I mean, he had the adversity there. The wind was blowing hard. You couldn't see the snow. In slalom, when you can't see your feet, it's really tough."

But Hirscher can handle that sort of thing better than anyone. Temperatures around zero and winds approaching 50 mph (75 kph) left the snow hard and dry, more like what's found in Colorado than Austria. But because he packs a lot of strength into his 5-foot-8 (1.73-meter) frame, he can change direction quickly to recover from mistakes.

Two-time Olympic champion Ted Ligety of the U.S., fifth Tuesday, lauded another Hirscher trait.

"His mental ability is second to none in this sport. You often see so many guys who are fast in training and can't figure it out in a race. He's the exact opposite," Ligety said. "You can train with him and beat him and you're all super-confident. Then the next day, he goes and wins a race by a lot."

Hirscher has dominated the week-in, week-out World Cup circuit, accumulating 55 race wins, second among men only to Ingemar Stenmark's 86.

OLYMPICS ROUNDUP

Associated Press

KIM DOMINATES FOR 1ST OLYMPIC GOLD, HIRSCHER BREAKS THROUGH

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was a day for all ages at the Winter Olympics.

A few hours after 17-year-old Chloe Kim dominated the women's halfpipe snowboarding final on Tuesday, 28-year-old Marcel Hirscher, a six-time overall World Cup champion, won the men's combined at the Pyeongchang Games.

Four years after being too young to make the Olympic team in Sochi despite having the talent and scores to do so, Kim performed like a seasoned veteran in South Korea.

Kim put up a score of 93.75 on the first of her three finals runs and then topped that with a near-perfect 98.75 on her last run — having already wrapped up her first Olympic gold.

"I knew that I did put down a really good first run," Kim said, "but I was also like, 'I can do better than that. I can one up myself.'"

Kim's parents both migrated to the United States from South Korea, where their daughter made her Olympic debut in a cause for celebration in both countries.

Liu Jiayu finished second with 89.75 to become the first Chinese snowboarder to medal at the Olympics. Kim's teammate, Arielle Gold, overcame a dislocated shoulder during training to earn a bronze.

In a first for the Olympics, Canadian curlers Kaitlyn Lawes and John Morris won gold in the debut of mixed doubles with a 10-3 victory over the Swiss pair of Jenny Perret and Martin Rios.

In a rush of right-time finishes, Kjeld Nuis led a Dutch double in the men's 1,500-meter speedskating final. Natalie Geisenberger successfully defended her women's luge title in a 1-2 finish for Germany, the cross-country classic sprint titles went to Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo of Norway and Stina Nilsson of Sweden, and Italian short-track speedskater Arianna Fontana won the women's 500 meters.

In Jeongseon, Hirscher's combined two-run time was 0.23 seconds faster than silver medalist Alexis Pinturault of France. The Austrian is a three-time Olympian who had previously won only a silver medal despite never finishing below fifth in any race.

"I'm super happy because now this stupid question has gone away, if I'm thinking that my career is perfect without a gold medal," Hirscher said. "Now the question is zzzzzzit — deleted."

Hirscher isn't done, either. He'll be the favorite in his top two events of slalom and giant slalom, which will be raced in nearby Yongpyong.

IN THE MIX

Lawes and Morris were too good in the mixed doubles curling final, with Switzerland conceding in the sixth end of the match after missing an opportunity for a takeout with its last shot of the end. That gave Canada another two points. Seeing no way to come back from the deficit, the Swiss ended the game.

The team from Russia picked up bronze with Anastasia Bryzgalova tumbling onto the ice but bouncing back with teammate — and husband — Aleksandr Krushelnitckii for an 8-4 victory over Norway. Bryzgalova was shuffling backward in the third end when she stumbled over a stone and had her legs fly out from under her and she crashed hard onto her backside. The spill drew gasps from the stunned crowd and left a stunned Bryzgalova embarrassed for a moment.

DUTCH DOUBLE

Kjeld Nuis led teammate Patrick Roest in a 1-2 finish in the 1,500 meters to give Netherlands four wins from four finals in speedskating at the Olympic Oval.

The Dutch have now won eight of 12 medals at the Pyeongchang Games, keeping them on the stunning medal pace set at the 2014 Sochi Games when they finished with 23 out of 36.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Klaebo won gold in the men's cross-country sprint, with Frederico Pellegrino of Italy getting the better of a photo finish to take silver ahead of Russian competitor Alexander Bolshunov.

Stina Nilsson of Sweden won the women's cross-country sprint. Maiken Caspersen of Norway was second and Russian skier Yulia Belorukova took bronze.

Yet again, there was no medal for the United States. Jessica Diggins placed sixth, failing in her quest to become the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in cross-country skiing.

GEISENBERGER'S GOLD

Geisenberger is the third woman to win consecutive Olympic luge golds, joining fellow German greats Steffi Martin Walter and Sylke Otto.

She beat German teammate Dajana Eitberger and Alex Gough, who took bronze to give Canada its first Olympic luge medal.

Erin Hamlin of the United States was sixth and Emily Sweeney crashed out midway through her final run.

HOT WATER

Japanese short-track speedskater Kei Saito tested positive for the banned diuretic Acetalozamide in the first doping case of the Pyeongchang Games.

Saito, a reserve on the 5,000-meter relay team, said in a statement that he was "extremely shocked" by the results and has "never used anabolic steroids." He did not race in any event before the test result from a pre-competition sample was confirmed.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said Saito "accepted on a voluntary basis to be provisionally suspended and to leave the Olympic Village." Yasuo Saito, vice president of the Japanese Olympic Committee, said the JOC would work to help the 21-year-old skater clear his name after the Olympics.

WHITE HOT

Shaun White was best in halfpipe qualifying, scoring a 98.5 to edge Australian rival Scotty James for the prime spot in Wednesday's three-run final.

The two-time gold medalist will be in a 12-man final that includes Sochi silver medalist Ayumu Hirano of Japan, who finished third, and American teammates Ben Ferguson, Jake Pates and Chase Josey.

OLYMPICS MEDALS TABLE

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At Pyeongchang, South Korea
Through Feb. 13
(26 medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Norway	3	5	3	11
Netherlands	4	4	2	10
Canada	3	4	3	10
Germany	5	2	2	9
U.S.A	3	1	2	6
France	2	1	2	5
Oly. Russia	0	1	4	5
Sweden	2	1	0	3
Italy	1	1	1	3
Japan	0	1	2	3
Austria	2	0	0	2
S. Korea	1	0	1	2
C. Republic	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
Australia	0	1	0	1
China	0	1	0	1
Slovakia	0	1	0	1
Switzerland	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

Notre Dame president rips NCAA's denial of Notre Dame appeal

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Notre Dame's president ripped the NCAA's decision to deny the school's appeal to restore 21 vacated football victories from an academic misconduct violation, saying the association "perverted" the notion that universities determine how they police academics.

The NCAA denied Notre Dame's appeal Tuesday, wiping off the books all 12 wins from the Fighting Irish's 2012 national championship game run under coach Brian Kelly.

In a letter to Notre Dame alumni , University President Fr. John Jenkins says the penalty was unprecedented considering who was involved in the misconduct, and the school was being punished for rigorously enforcing its honor code. He called the ruling unfair, referencing the recent North Carolina case in which the NCAA did not punish the school after an investigation of athletes taking irregular courses.

The appeals committee was not swayed and upheld the penalty passed down in November 2016 by the committee on infractions.

Notre Dame agreed to accept certain NCAA findings and acknowledged cheating involving several football players and a student athletic trainer, but appealed only the penalty that vacated victories.

The NCAA also fined the school $5,000 and placed it on one years' probation after finding academic misconduct orchestrated by the trainer.

The NCAA said the trainer was employed by the athletic department from the fall of 2009 through the spring of 2013 and "partially or wholly completed numerous academic assignments for football student-athletes in numerous courses" from 2011 into 2013.

It said she did substantial coursework for two players and gave impermissible help to six others in 18 courses over two academic years.

In all, the NCAA said, three athletes ended up playing while ineligible, one during the 2012 season, which ended with a lopsided loss to Alabama in the BCS championship game, and the other two the following season, when the Irish went 9-4.

In his letter, Jenkins said the players were retroactively declared ineligible after Notre Dame investigated the misconduct in 2014 and recalculated the students' grades.

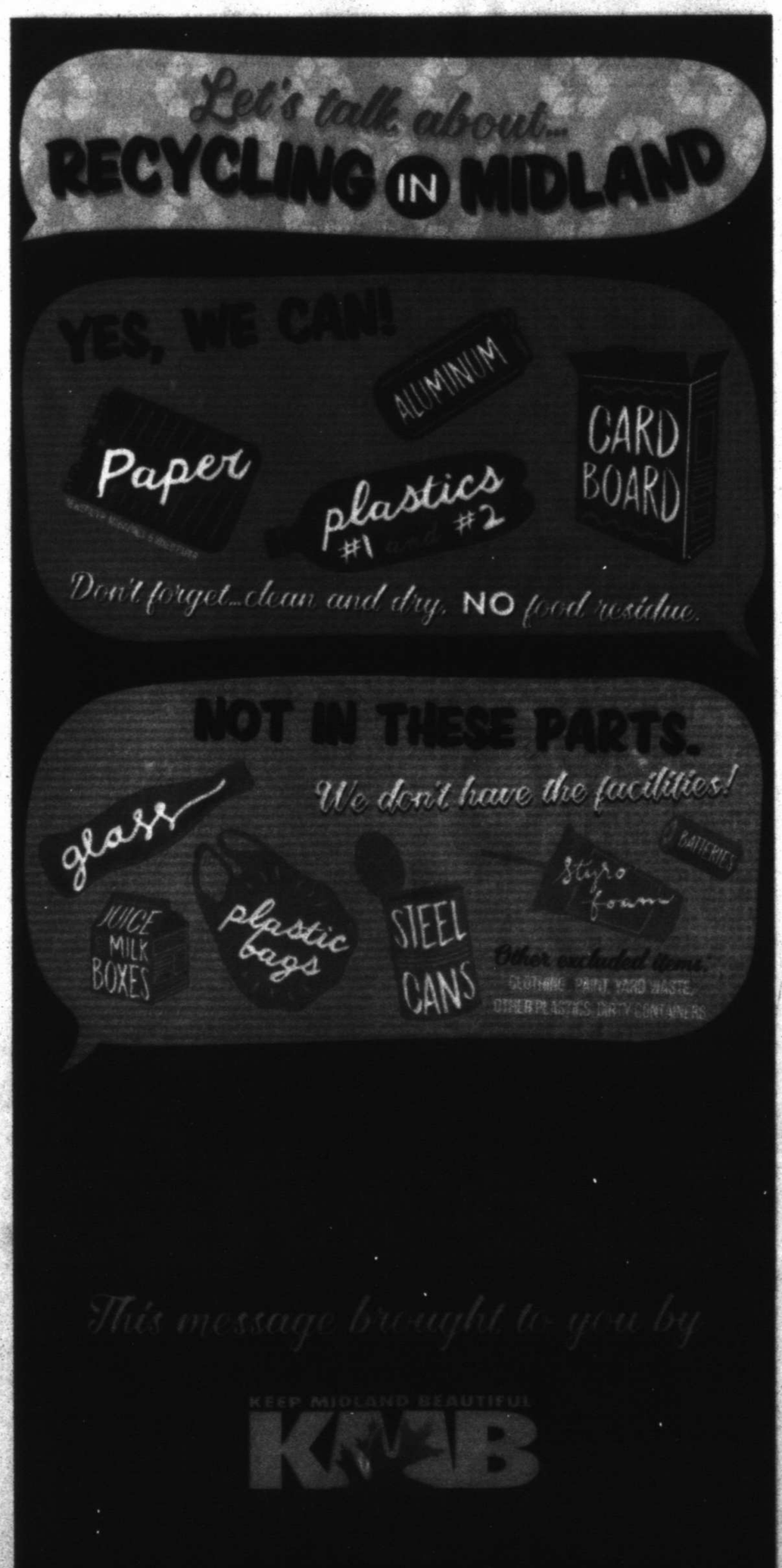
Jenkins said had Notre Dame merely expelled the students instead of recalculating grades, had a statute of limitations for past offenses or chose not to punish the students, an NCAA penalty would not have been imposed.

"The NCAA has not chosen to ignore academic autonomy; it has instead perverted it by divorcing it from its logical and necessary connection to the underlying educational purpose," Jenkins wrote.

The vacation of victories was a discretionary penalty. Notre Dame objected to the penalty, noting all previous NCAA academic misconduct cases that resulted in victories being vacated involved an administrator, coach, or person who served in an academic role. "This is more disturbing given that, in 2016, the member institutions of the NCAA amended the academic misconduct rules to make clear that students who serve in roles identical to the student in our case would not be considered institutional representatives," Jenkins wrote.

The appeals committee said in its report that the committee on infractions did not abuse its discretion when it determined the student trainer was an institutional employee.

"When reviewing infractions cases, the Committee on Infractions uses the bylaws and interpretations contemporaneous to the conduct being reviewed," the appeals committee wrote.



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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Goldberg "Girl Talk"	Speechless	Modern Family	Am.Housewife	Match Game (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)		The Amazing Race around the globe. (N)		Two-person teams race		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Tuttle"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Mystified Miner"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "My Struggle III"		9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever"		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		The Essentials
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	Olympic Zone	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating Pairs Free Final, Alpine Skiing (M) Super G Final, Skeleton (M), Speed Skating (W) 1000m Final (L)							(:35) News (N)	(:05) PyeongChang 2018	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Animals With Cameras" (N)		Nova "Great Escape at Dunkirk" (N)		Impossible B "Europe in the Desert" (N)		Amanpour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) What About...		★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack.				★★ Kingpin ('96, Com) Woody Harrelson.			★★ The Cookout		
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Unforgettable			(:45) Here and Now		Crashing	HighMain	(:45) Atomic Homefront		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) Fifty Shade...		Divorce	Divorce	Divorce	Divorce	Divorce	★★★ Sex and the City Sarah Jessica Parker.				
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★ The 9th Life of Louis Drax				John Wick: Chapter 2 Keanu Reeves.				(:05) ★★★ Deepwater Horizon			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) Miss Peregr...		★★ Corpse Bride		(:20) Table 19 Anna Kendrick.		(:50) ★★ Yes Man ('08, Com) Jim Carrey.					Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:05) The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon...				★★ The Bodyguard Whitney Houston.				(:10) ★★★ Watchmen Malin Akerman.			
PLEX			96			(5:30) Love Wrecked		★★ Down to You			(:35) The Jane Austen Book ...			(:20) ★★ Desperately Seeking Susan			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) While You Were Sleepi...			(:25) 8and Aid Zoe Lister-Jones.			Zack and Miri Make a Porno		(:45) ★ Bad Moms Mila Kunis.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:55) ★ Gigli		Certain Women ('16, Dra) Laura Dern.				★★★ Citizen Ruth ('96, Com) Laura Dern.			A Woman, a Part		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Rooster & Butch "To the Outer Realm" (N)		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.						★★★ Titanic ('97, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.					
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) NewEditionSt		The New Edition Story 3/3				The Single Mom's Club ('14, Com/Dra) Amy Smart.					
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Relative Success (N)		Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Success
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(4:00) 2018Olympics		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		2018Olympics Ice Hockey (M) Finland vs. Germany (L)					Billion
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	OutlawsMemphis		To Be Announced		OutlawsMemphis (N)		Garage Rehab (N)		FastLoud / Memphis		(:10) Street Outlaws	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Descendants 2 ('17, Fant) Dove Cameron.				AndiM.	Raven's.	Gravity	Gravity	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics (L)				NBA Basketball Golden State vs Portland (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Virginia Tech at Duke (L)				NCAA Basketball Kentucky at Auburn (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News ⊕ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game		Guy's Game (N)		Guy's Game		Guy's Game		Guy's Game	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) Valentine's...		Grown (N)	Alone (N)	★★★★ The Lion King				The 700 Club		★★ Big Daddy	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Frogs Nation	NCAA Basketball Iowa State vs. TCU -- Fort Worth, Texas (L)				RDOHouCow	RodeoHoustonPrev	The Beat Tex A&M	H.S. Football Classics '17 UIL State Championship			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation ('15, Act) Tom Cruise.						Versace "Don't Ask Don't Tell" (N)			Gianni Versace		Versace
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) Very, Very,...		My Secret Valentine Andrew Walker.				Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	★★★ Apollo 13 ('95, DocDra) Bill Paxton, Tom Hanks.						(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Apollo 13	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy "Give Peace a Chance"		The Holiday Cameron Diaz. Two women with romance issues swap homes and fall for men in their new neighbourhoods.						LW Atlanta "Another Bad Romance"		The Holiday	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Figure Skating Pairs Final (L)						(:10) Olympics Ice Hockey (W) United States vs. Canada (L)					Olympics
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Hunter	Sponge	★★★★ The LEGO Movie Chris Pratt.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) ★★★ Forrest Gump Tom Hanks.				Waco		Waco (N)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 Ray Wise.				The Magicians (N)		Channel Zero (N)		★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 Ray Wise.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Patton Oswalt, Andy Serkis		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Wuthering...		★★★ Gigi ('58, Mus) Leslie Caron.				(:15) ★★★★ Little Women Katharine Hepburn.					Movie
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(:05) My 600-lb Life "Karina's Story" 2/2		My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story" James spent his early life trying to prove himself. (N)				(:05) By the Ton "The Big Reveal" (SF) (N)		(:10) My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story" James spent his early life trying to prove himself.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Widow's Son in the Windshield"		★★★★ Transformers ('07, Act) Shia LaBeouf. Two alien robot tribes battling for supremacy come to Earth seeking an energy source.						★★★ Transformers (2007, Action) Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confession"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Wildlife"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Zebras"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "P.C."		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ace"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Chat Room"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bellevue		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Couple celebrates 50 years together with Abby's blessing

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: When I was 16 and wanted to get married, my father suggested I write to Dear Abby (your mom was writing the column back then) and ask her opinion. He said he would agree with what she said. I did, and Abby wrote me back. We did get married, and I decided that on our 25th anniversary, I would let you know how we were doing. You printed my letter.

As we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary year, I want you to know our marriage has only strengthened. A very young couple who began life together with no idea what path we would take has experienced the best that life could offer. We have two beautiful daughters, wonderful grandchildren and a great- grandchild. We've had success in our careers, traveled the world, visited every state in our great country and can confidently relate that life has been good.

Commitment through the good and bad times is the key to a lasting marriage. It isn't always easy, but the rewards far outweigh the problems. — TOOK THE ADVICE IN MONTANA

DEAR TOOK THE ADVICE: I'm pleased to know you are so happy on your 50th anniversary as you were on your 25th. It's interesting you would say that the key to a lasting marriage is commitment. I would offer that it is also mutual respect. (My mother once said that the key to a lasting marriage is a husband who lasts!)

My warmest congratulations to you both, and a very happy Valentine's Day to you, your husband and to all my readers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to a beautiful woman, "Suzonne." We are bodybuilders and into fitness, so we are both quite muscular.

Recently, my wife cut her hair short. It's a great look for her, and we both love the style. Unfortunately, some people have begun calling her "sir" at work and when she's out and about. Suzonne waits tables a couple of nights a week for extra income. Some of the customers have gone so far as to keep calling her "sir" after she has told them that she's female.

This infuriates me because it's so disrespectful. I know it hurts my wife's feelings, although she has been super strong about it. It's plain when you look at Suzonne that she is a beautiful woman.

How can she nip this in the bud before it starts to make her feel bad? I feel a strong need to defend her, and I don't want to get into a physical altercation with anyone over it. — HURT FEELINGS IN FLORIDA

DEAR HURT FEELINGS: Because your wife has a muscular build and a short haircut, it's possible some of the individuals who call her "sir" are making an honest mistake. However, for someone to persist after being informed that she is a woman is extremely rude. (It makes me wonder if the offender has a warped sense of humor or is threatened by her muscular appearance.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The gift

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 5 4 2
♡ 8 7 2
◊ 3 2
♣ 9 3

WEST
♠ 7 6 3
♡ Void
◊ 10 7 6 5
♣ Q J 10 6 5 4

EAST
♠ K J 9
♡ 10 6 5 4 3
◊ 8 4
♣ A 8 7

SOUTH
♠ 8
♡ A K Q J 9
◊ A K Q J 9
♣ K 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2◊	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3◊	Pass	3♡	Pass
4◊	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
6♡	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

The auction was a bit labored, but North-South reached a reasonable slam.

With normal splits in the red suits, the contract would have needed no more than the ace of clubs onside, or a club lead. An opening spade or diamond lead would have defeated the contract, as South would surely have used his one dummy entry to lead a club toward his king of clubs. That would have worked, but the terrible split in trumps would have wrecked him.

West cannot be faulted for his club lead, but that lead gave declarer a very good chance to make his slam. What will East play after winning his ace of clubs at trick one?

A club or a diamond allows South to win and cash the ace of hearts. He will see West show out, cross to dummy with the ace of spades, and lead a heart back to his nine, making his slam.

East had been listening carefully to the auction and knew South had five diamonds, therefore at most one spade. East could see the danger and found the brilliant shift to the nine of spades! South had to use his dummy entry before he knew about the bad trump split. South did smell a rat, but who among us would have the nerve to play a heart to the nine? This South didn't and he finished down one. Great play by East!

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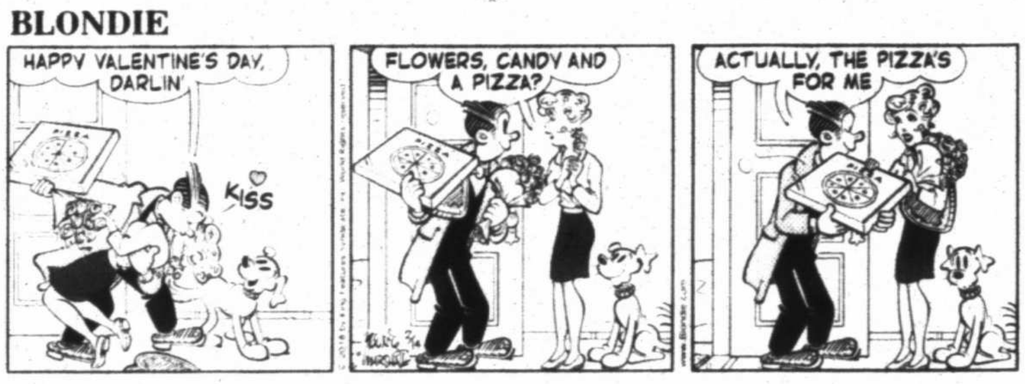

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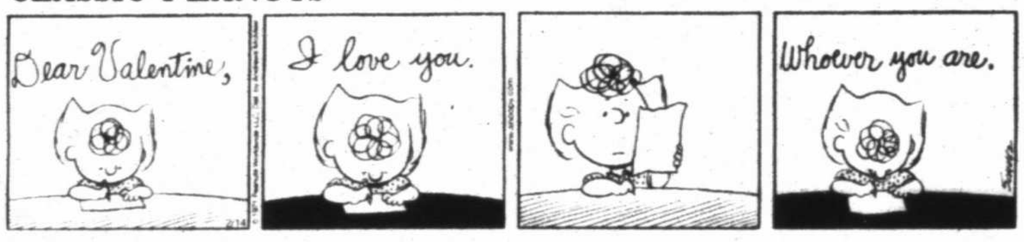

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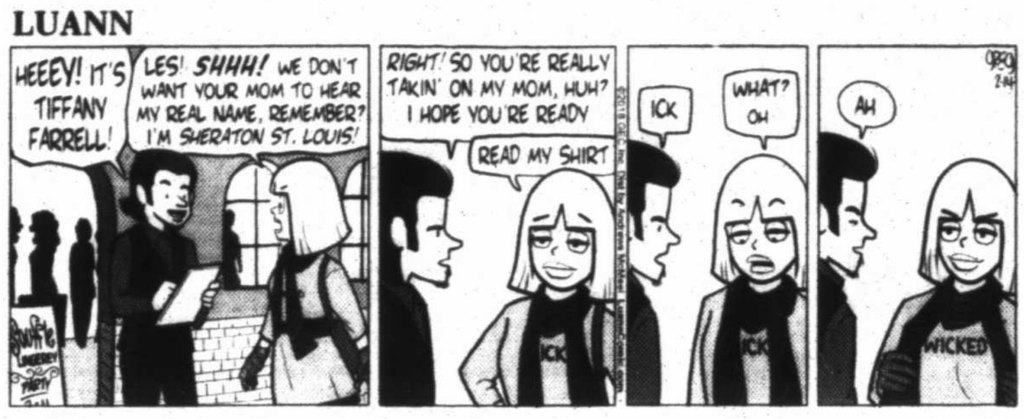

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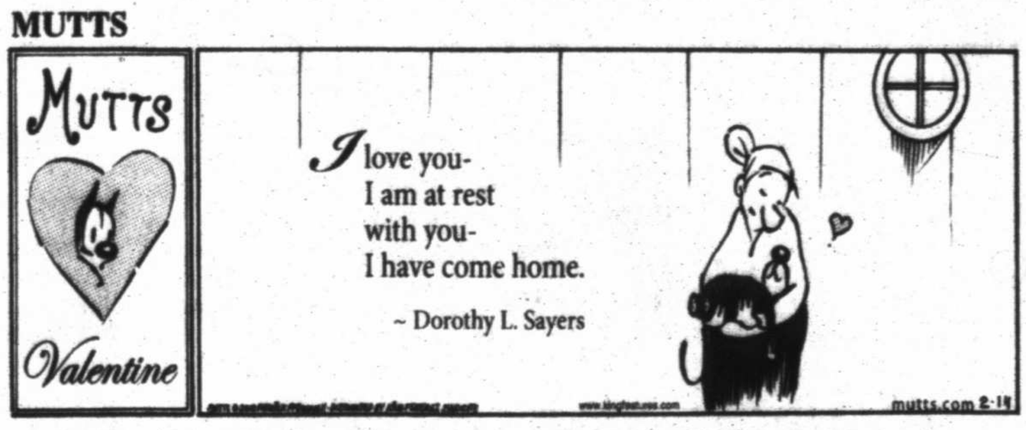

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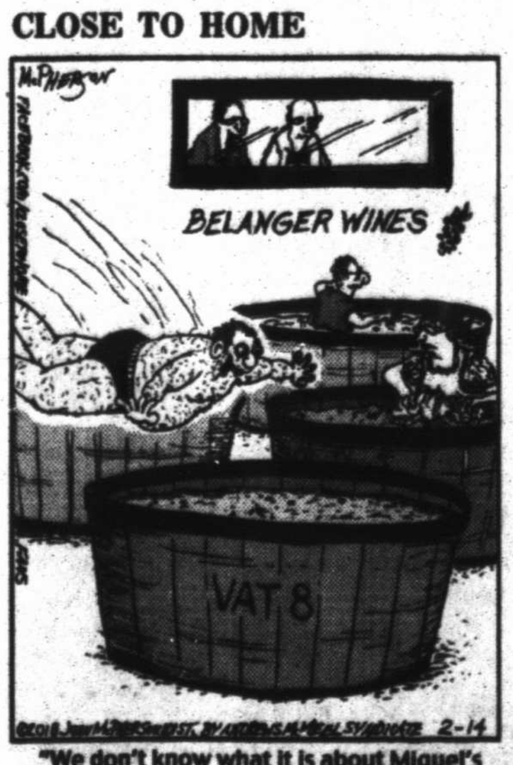

"We don't know what it is about Miguel's technique, but the wine from his vat outsells all the others 3-to-1."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"ALL SHE WANTED WAS A VALENTINE... SHE DIDN'T SAY IT HAD TO BE FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE!"

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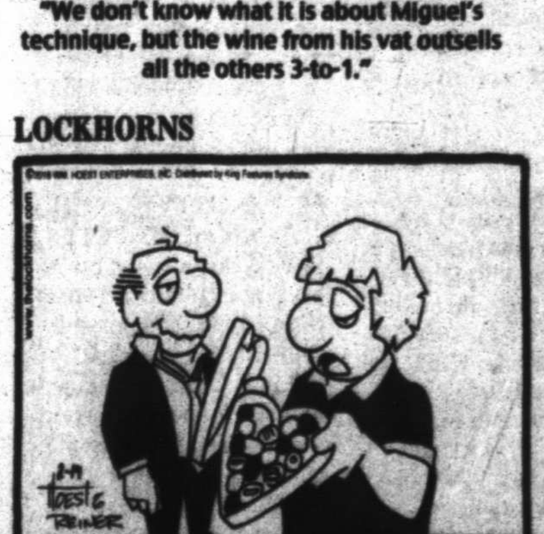

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"Yours is lovely too, PJ! It says, 'To Mommy — Be My Valentine'..."

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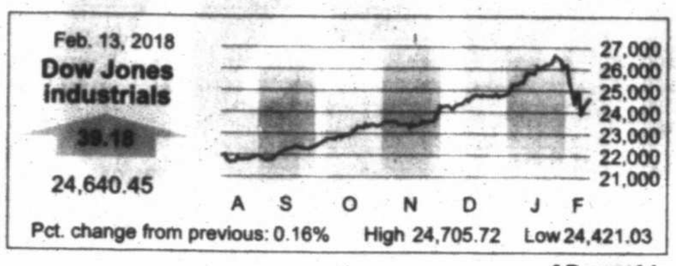

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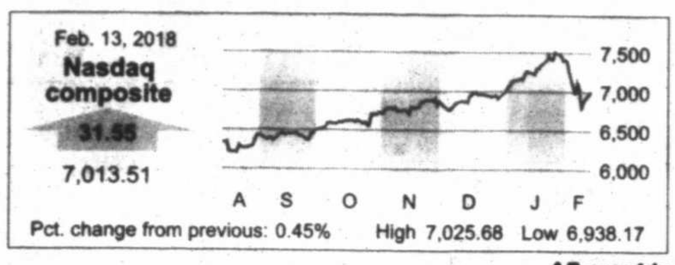

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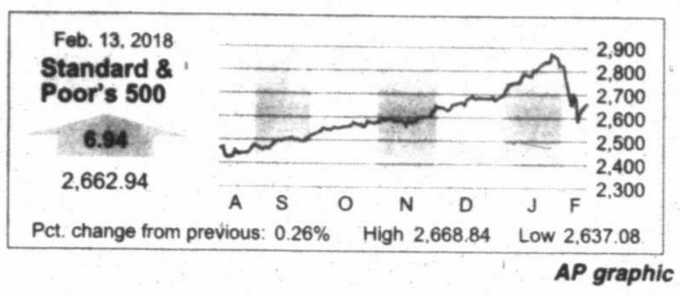

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Tuesday: $55.75
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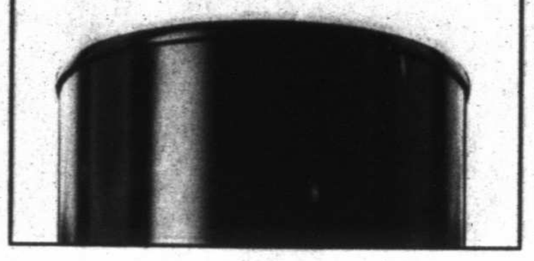
WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $53.60
Previous: $53.35

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.594
Previous: $2.552



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	794820	268.05	+.73
BkofAm	766134	31.18	+.06
GenElec	736356	14.67	-.15
Twitter	570342	33.44	+2.49
iShEMkts	557378	47.51	+.36

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GNC	4.95	+.76	+18.1
UndrArm s	16.70	+2.47	+17.4
Chegg	19.15	+2.79	+17.1
UnivC wi	15.29	+2.11	+16.0
AllOne rs	21.80	+2.45	+12.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Kadmon n	3.81	-1.05	-21.3
CGG rs	4.77	-.63	-11.7
NL Inds	8.20	-.80	-8.9
HertzGl	18.60	-1.57	-7.8
WashPr pfI	20.01	-1.69	-7.8

Diary

Advanced	1,651
Declined	1,251
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,004
New Highs	20
New Lows	52
Volume	3,445,227,694

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	29819	2.89	-.02
AmpioPharm	29137	3.26	+.19
iShIndia bt	28641	35.54	+.01
NwGold g	26827	2.84	-.01
CheniereEn	21694	57.40	+.79

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnteRx rs	3.95	+.35	+9.7
AdmRec	44.25	+3.78	+9.3
HMG	15.25	+1.25	+8.9
TalmstEr	2.60	+.20	+8.3
AbdnChile	9.09	+.60	+7.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ellomay	8.41	-.72	-7.9
Zedge n	3.17	-.22	-6.5
PacGE pfH	20.00	-1.35	-6.3
Contango	3.03	-.20	-6.2
OrchidePP	12.07	-.68	-5.3

Diary

Advanced	164
Declined	147
Unchanged	24
Total issues	335
New Highs	2
New Lows	12
Volume	79,191,970

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	384825	164.34	+1.63
CSVivSh rs	322897	10.38	-.03
PwShs QQQ	317383	159.69	+.82
MicronT	302514	42.63	+.44
Cisco	293882	41.23	+.63

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZionO&G	4.30	+2.00	+87.0
AquaMetal h	3.00	+.80	+36.4
Shineco n	2.05	+.50	+32.3
OpiantPh n	24.79	+4.77	+23.8
DragVic n	4.68	+.80	+20.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HellMAn h	5.43	-2.56	-32.0
Aving rs	2.68	-.75	-21.9
AffimedNV	2.05	-.40	-16.3
BlackBox	2.05	-.30	-12.8
US Gld rs	2.06	-.30	-12.7

Diary

Advanced	1,668
Declined	1,119
Unchanged	244
Total issues	3,031
New Highs	28
New Lows	55
Volume	1,798,556,716

Chipotle taps Taco Bell CEO as new head in big culture shift

Bloomberg

Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. tapped the head of Taco Bell as its next chief executive officer, turning to a fast-food veteran who drove growth with brash, indulgent dishes such as Doritos Locos Tacos.

Brian Niccol, 43, who had served as CEO of Yum! Brands Inc.'s Taco Bell division, will replace Chipotle founder Steve Ells — a dramatic changing of the guard that threatens to reshape the burrito chain's culture. Ells, who will remain chairman, began Chipotle in 1993 as an alternative to fast-food restaurants and the company has derided the kind of fare that Taco Bell sells.

Investors applauded the move, sending Chipotle shares as much as 13 percent higher in late trading.

Niccol, who's led Taco Bell since 2015, has been credited with helping to turn around sales and speeding the introduction of technology at the chain. Now, he'll be asked to do the same for a struggling company that's been rocked by a string of foodborne illnesses spanning several years, along with a recent data breach.

Niccol, who said he has "tremendous respect for the Chipotle brand and its powerful purpose," will now be in charge of a chain obsessed with promoting the quality of its ingredients — a big change from his past role.

"His expertise in digital technologies, restaurant operations and branding make him a perfect fit for Chipotle as we seek to enhance our customer experience, drive sales growth and make our brand more relevant," Ells, 52, said.

Niccol will start at Chipotle on March 5, and is also joining a board of directors that's been criticized in the past for being too insular.

Niccol started at Taco Bell in 2011 and was also credited with introducing breakfast items at the chain, which now has about 7,000 restaurants globally. He's also held leadership jobs at Pizza Hut and began his career at Procter & Gamble Co.

Niccol earned an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Taco Bell president Julia Felss Masino and Liz Williams, head of the brand's international business, will take on Niccol's role, Yum said.

Amazon's entry into health care starts with gloves, dental bonding agents and syringes

The Washington Post

Amazon has been growing its medical supply business — selling gloves, syringes and other health-care sundries to dentists, doctors and hospitals — in an early sign of its efforts to enter the health care industry.

Unlike Amazon's secretive plans to shake up the prescription drug industry, or its initiative to develop technology tools to rein in health costs for its own employees, Amazon hasn't hid this effort. In an earnings call in October, an executive mentioned hospitals first on a laundry list of institutions that it was targeting with its Amazon Business offering, along with schools, labs and government agencies.

On Tuesday, the stocks for companies that distribute medical supplies tumbled after the Wall Street Journal reported that Amazon has been holding meetings with hospital executives to learn more about the needs of the industry.

Brian Tanquilut, an equity analyst at the investment firm Jefferies, said Amazon's play to sell commodity medical supplies, such as medical gowns and masks, has been going on for some time. It is seen as a good entry point to health care because it doesn't involve complex regulatory approvals; many states don't require a license at all. Amazon has been particularly aggressive, he said, in courting dentists, setting up booths at dental conferences.

"They see health care as a very big market; it's one of the growth markets in the economy that they do not have a toehold in. They look at areas where it's relatively easy to get into without high-level government level scrutiny, and this is kind of the low-hanging fruit, in health care entry," Tanquilut said.

An Amazon spokeswoman did not answer questions about how much of its business marketplace sales include medical products, but there are 1 million users of Amazon Business across many industries and 85,000 sellers. (Jeff Bezos, the founder and chief executive of Amazon, is owner of The Washington Post.)

Phyllis McCready, chief procurement officer at Northwell Health, a large New York-based health system with 23 hospitals and more than 650 outpatient facilities, said Amazon has reached out to hospitals like hers, which isn't unusual when companies enter a new market.

McCready oversees an 850,000 square-foot medical supply distribution center for a health system that purchases $650 million in medical and surgical supplies each year. She said Northwell contracts directly with manufacturers and, to a lesser extent, distributors. Northwell does not use Amazon Business to buy medical supplies.

The big advantage of directly negotiating with manufacturers is the full visibility McCready gets into where a product was made and where it has been — essential information for tools involved in patient care.

"The chain of custody — the pedigree of where it starts, where it ends up. Quality is number one. To have quality products, we have to make sure they're coming from the right places," McCready said.

That issue may be far less important in Amazon's consumer business, where people may be satisfied with products based largely on their prices, and may not question where a product was made or how it arrived.

Stocks edge higher as a 3-day win streak restores some calm

NEW YORK— U.S. stocks rose for the third day in a row Tuesday, led by banks, retailers and technology companies. The rebound over the last few days follows a harrowing drop of more than 10 percent over the previous two weeks.

After a wobbly start, stocks started climbing in the early afternoon and wound up with their most placid day in the last few weeks.

Amazon climbed once again, and athletic apparel companies rose following solid fourth-quarter results from Under Armour.

Apple continued to recoup some of its recent losses. Energy companies slipped again, and companies that distribute prescription drugs and medical supplies slumped.

Hackett said he feels stocks have fallen to more reasonable prices, partly because of the market slump and partly because corporate earnings grew at a strong clip in the fourth quarter. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.94 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,662.94. The Dow added 39.18 points, or 0.2 percent, to 24,640.45. The Nasdaq composite gained 31.55 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,013.51. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks finished up 3.97 points, or 0.3 percent, at 1,494.95.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $141.66 Down 1.82

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.85 Down 0.23

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $115.03 Down 0.98

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.29 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.43 Down 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.90 Up 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $15.39 Down 0.51

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.22 Down 0.73

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.24 Up 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.18 Down 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	4.84	+.08	-14.5
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	38.60	+.23	-5.9
Abraxas	...	53	2.13	-.04	-13.4
AdvDiveSq	1.52e	...	14.96	+.69	-.5
AMD	...	...	11.78	+.10	+14.6
Alibaba	...	51	179.25	+1.81	+4.0
Ambev	.05e	6	6.67	-.01	+3.3
Amgen	6.20e	16	176.94	+1.67	+1.2
Anadarko	1.00f	65	57.18	-.84	+6.6
Apache	1.00	...	37.70	-.41	-10.7
Apple Inc	2.52	19	164.34	+1.63	-2.9
ApolMed	.40	16	49.55	+.05	-3.1
AquaMetal h	...	...	3.00	+.80	+40.8
Archrock	.40	...	9.35	+.35	-11.0
ATWOS	1.68f	15	69.42	+.63	-6.4
AutoData	2.52	30	111.82	+.17	-4.6
BP PLC	2.38	21	39.89	-.18	-5.6
BkofAm	.40	20	31.18	+.06	+5.6
B iPVxST rs	...	...	47.98	...	+71.8
BeringCp e	1.20	...	15.02	-.03	-1.6
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	2429750.00	-1440.00	...
BMWMotCp	1.78	15	52.30	-.87	-13.0
BlueApron n	...	7	3.35	...	-16.9
BrdlySq	1.60f	63	63.87	+.71	+4.2
BrownFA s	.76	39	68.59	-.22	-2.5
BrownFB s	.76	...	66.66	+.04	-2.6
CSRA n	.40	19	40.58	+.19	+35.6
CVS Health	2.00	12	70.11	+.24	-3.3
CallonPet	...	33	10.49	-.31	-14.4
Catabasis n	...	...	1.56	+.31	+4.7
Caterpillar	3.12	27	153.97	+1.68	-2.3
Celestic g	...	8	10.46	-.07	-.2
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.21	+.45	+3.2
ChesEng	...	5	2.74	-.11	-30.6
Chevron	4.48f	50	113.29	-.69	-6.5
Chicos	.33	14	9.71	+.15	+10.1
Citigroup	.32	26	69.79	-1.12	-18.2
Cisco	1.16	21	41.23	+.63	+7.7
Citigroup	1.28	14	75.19	+.42	+1.0
ClevCliffs	...	5	7.09	+.15	-1.7
CocaCola	1.68	27	44.19	+.22	-5.7
CodgPetro	1.80	24	70.30	+.11	-6.6
Comcast s	.76f	19	38.98	+.42	-2.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.85	19	35.47	-.23	-5.6
ConchoRes	...	...	141.66	-1.82	-5.7
ConocoPhil	1.14f	49	53.32	-.69	-2.9
CrackerB	4.60	20	167.68	-2.25	+5.5
CSVivSh rs	...	...	10.38	-.03	+67.4
CrosTim	.52e	14	14.39	+.09	-2.1
DCP Mid	3.12	55	39.11	+.11	+7.7
DTE	3.53f	20	102.21	+.96	-5.6
DevonE	.24	49	34.57	-1.21	-16.5
DrGMBll rs	...	...	13.87	+.34	-21.9
Disney	1.68f	15	104.12	+.73	-3.2
eBay s	...	21	42.15	-.17	+11.7
EOG Resce	.67	...	102.47	-.67	-5.6
EldorGld g	.02e	23	1.13	+.03	-21.0
Energen	.06	...	50.45	-.57	-12.4
EnPro	.56	47	85.28	-.39	-10.9
ENSCO	.04	...	5.09	-.07	-19.9
EntProPt	1.70f	21	27.18	+.37	+2.5
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.55	-.02	-1.9
Evertec	.40	11	15.50	-.40	+13.6
ExxonMbl	3.08	16	76.39	-.12	-6.5
Facebook	...	32	173.15	-3.26	-1.9
FstData n	...	7	15.50	-.82	-7.2
FirstEngy	1.44	12	32.10	+.60	+4.5
FordM	.60s	5	10.59	-.11	-15.2
FrptMcM	...	14	17.80	+.23	-6.1
GATX	1.76f	14	67.30	+.72	+6.3
GNC	.60	4	4.95	+.76	+94.1
GabelVtT	.94e	...	8.13	-.07	-.9
Gallery	1.15e	...	33.44	+.09	-2.5
GasBtes	.48	...	14.67	-.15	-16.1
GlPlainEn	1.10	17	29.07	-.39	-7.0
Groupon	...	...	5.20	+.06	+2.0
HP Inc	.53	12	20.58	+.17	-2.0
Hallibrtn	.72	...	47.39	-.53	-3.0
HellMAn h	...	...	5.43	-2.56	-13.9
HSchein s	...	19	67.39	-4.79	-3.6
HP Ent n	.56f	39	15.47	-.29	+7.7
iShBraZil	.67e	...	44.00	+.22	+6.8
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	48.69	...	+1.1
iShEMkts	.92e	...	47.51	+.36	+.8
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.43	-.21	-1.3
iShBarHYB	5.09	...	85.25	-.27	-2.3
iShRDX	1.77e	...	148.44	+.28	-2.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Intel	1.20f	17	44.46	-.37	-3.7
InterDig	1.40	11	76.50	-1.05	+.5
iShJapan rs	...	...	59.48	-.74	-.8
iShCorEMI	.95e	...	57.39	+.43	+.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	18	112.43	+.69	+5.1
JohnJn	3.36	18	129.96	-.31	-7.0
KimbClk	4.00f	18	112.66	-1.01	-6.9
LegacyRes	...	...	2.29	+.01	+42.2
LloydBkg	.47a	...	3.80	+.04	+1.3
Lulys	...	...	2.94	+.04	+11.4
MarvelTch	.24	70	22.35	+.43	+4.1
McDnld's	4.04	28	162.40	-1.50	-5.6
Merck	1.92	20	54.90	-.53	-2.4
MerMfled	...	50	43.75	-.50	-1.0
MexcoEn	...	...	3.43	-.12	-12.7
MicronT	...	9	42.63	+.44	+3.7
Microsoft	1.68	65	89.83	+.70	+5.0
Nabors	.24	...	6.59	-.02	-3.5
NOVarco	.20	...	33.66	-.05	-6.6
Noble Cp	.17e	...	5.51	...	+19.2
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.26	+.01	-6.0
NTXOI	.65	...	13.46	+.01	-6.0
Nvidia	.60	58	232.63	+4.60	+20.2
OcelPet	3.08	...	69.72	-.15	-5.3
Oracle	.76	21	48.49	+.34	+2.6
PDC Engy	...	...	48.35	-.20	-6.2
PerTech	...	21	8.62	-.13	-7.8
PetroFrl	...	...	1.04	+.03	+4.0
PattUTI	.08	...	17.80	-.35	-22.8
PennaRE	.84	11	9.99	-.21	-16.0
Pmian	.63e	26	9.27	+.09	+4.5
Petrobras	...	...	12.47	+.01	+21.2
Pfizer	1.28	14	34.94	+.39	-3.5
PlnthrI	.32f	...	172.17	+1.14	-.4
PlainsAAP	2.20	29	22.30	+.33	+8.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	159.69	+.82	+2.5
Proshr	3.30f	35	153.83	+.08	-.5
PrmsEgy	...	...	49.00	-2.00	-4.9
PUVixST rs	...	...	21.36	+.05	+109.2
ProShVix s	...	...	11.29	-.05	-91.2
ProShSem	2.76	22	81.69	+.17	-11.3
PSHOOG rs	...	...	19.32	-.26	-10.2
PUSHSPX	...	...	11.23	-.09	-1.2
RingdFls	.08	14	12.73	-.32	-25.4
RegionsFn	.36	19	18.85	+.39	+9.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Rowan	.40	7	12.27	-.54	-21.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	98	64.42	+.19	-3.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	246.57	+.54	-.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	266.05	+.73	-.3
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.82	-.10	-2.5
SpdrOilEx	.73e	...	32.78	-.43	-11.8
SabrR	2.29e	21	44.55	-.55	-.1
SandstrFin	1.28	10	127.69	+.43	-8.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	45	65.92	-.92	-2.2
SiriusXM	.04	33	5.98	+.11	+11.2
Smucker	3.12	16	119.69	+.29	-3.7
SnapInc A n	...	...	18.58	-.05	+27.2
SwstnEngy	...	25	3.55	-.10	-36.4
Square n	...	...	42.11	+2.19	+21.5
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	54.51	+.25	-4.2
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.50	-.30	-6.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.19	+.12	+1.0
SP Inds	1.12e	...	75.17	+.17	-.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.15	+.22	-6.7
Starbucks s	1.20	28	55.67	+.28	-3.1
TetraTec	1.20e	...	9.27	-.08	-4.2
TevaPhrm	.73e	6	18.52	-.75	-2.3
3M Co	5.44f	29	231.36	+2.17	-1.7
Torchmark	.60	7	84.04	+.51	-7.4
Transocn	...	9	9.22	-.29	-13.7
TriContl	1.00e	...	28.78	+.15	-.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter	...	...	33.44	+2.49	+39.3
TylerTech	...	61	193.64	+1.67	+9.4
UndrArm s	...	29	16.70	+2.47	+15.7
UnAr C wi	...	...	15.29	+2.11	+14.8
UBSI	1.36f	23	35.45	+.30	+2.0
US OilFd	...	...	11.87	-.02	-1.2
USSteel	.20	21	36.80	+.58	+4.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.27	+.20	+8.5
ValeroE	3.20f	24	89.48	+.64	-2.6
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.01	+.04	-5.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	46.63	+.36	+1.6
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	44.07	-.17	-1.8
VerizonCm	2.36	7	50.08	-.03	-5.4
Vipshop	...	36	17.49	+1.10	+49.2
VulcanM	1.12f	40	129.37	+2.21	+.8
WEC Engy	2.21f	19	61.11	+.38	-6.0
WMIH	...	...	1.23	+.43	+44.9
WalgBoots	1.80	14	68.29	-.17	-6.0
WealthInt	...	...	2.76	-.10	-33.8
WellsFargo	1.56	14	58.00	+1.50	-4.4
WmsCos	1.20	51	29.77	+.35	-2.4
XcelEngy	1.44	19	43.96	+.20	-6.6
Xerox rs	1.00	36	29.17	-.78	+.1
ZionO&G	...	...	4.30	+2.00	+99.1
Zynga	...	86	3.44	+.02	-14.0

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk %Chg
26,616.71	20,922.95	Dow Jones Industrials	24,640.45	+39.18	+.16	-.32	+20.17
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,380.71	+79.43	+.77	-2.18	+9.92
778.80	647.91	Dow Jones Utilities	670.09	+3.10	+.46	-7.37	+.41
13,557.02	11,204.50	NYSE Composite	12,574.37	+14.25	+.11	-1.83	+9.64
7,505.77	5,740.76	Nasdaq Composite	7,013.51	+31.55	+.45	+1.60	+21.29
2,872.87	2,321.42	S&P 500	2,662.94	+6.94	+.26	-.40	+13.32
2,001.46	1,673.30	S&P Midcap	1,843.73	+4.58	+.25	-2.99	+6.60
29,760.60	24,131.40	Wilshire 5000	27,807.76	+81.15	+.29	-.67	+12.87
1,815.52	1,335.03	Russell 2000	1,494.95	+3.97	+.27	-2.64	+7.04

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Attn: Lisa S. 281-213-6919

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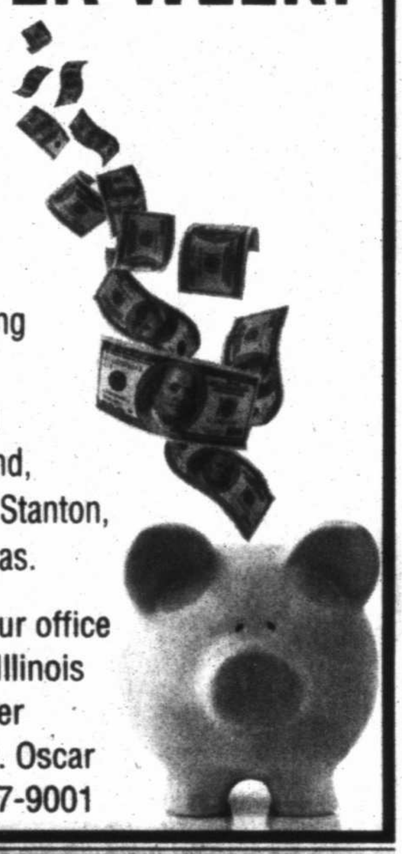

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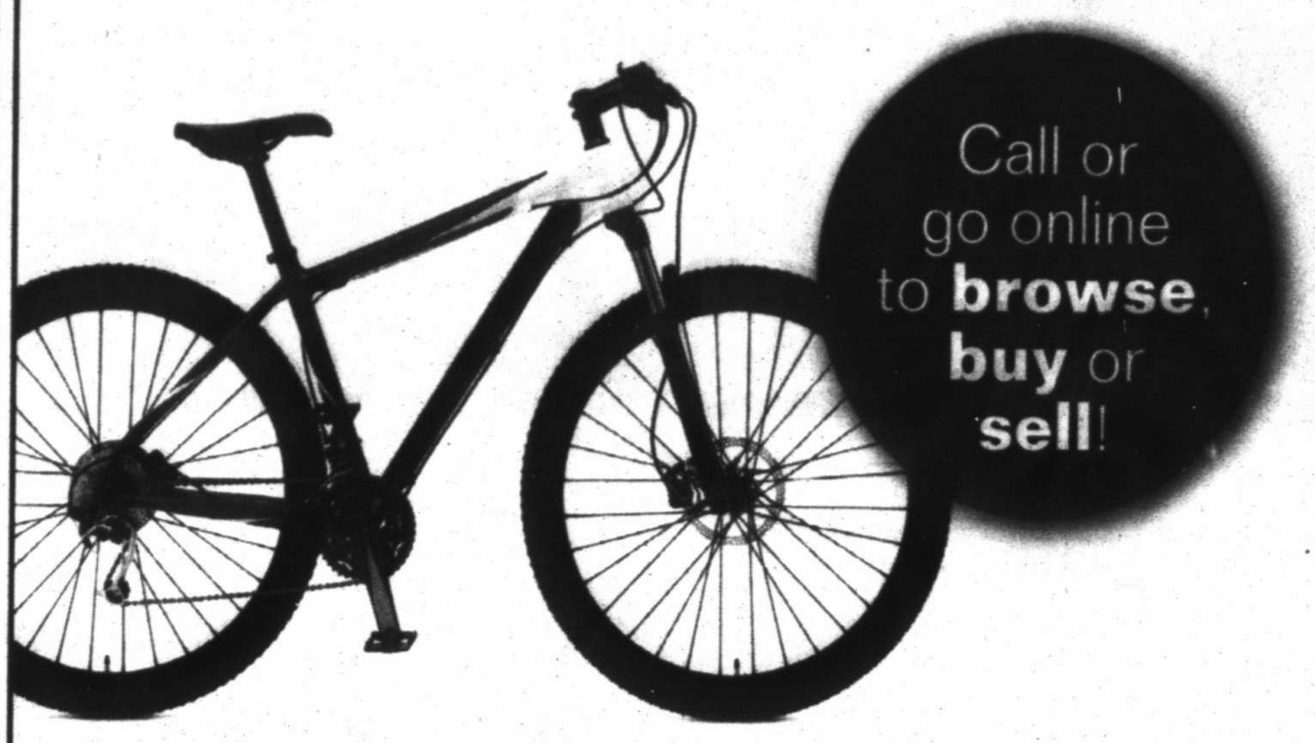

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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0308863
Status/Permit No. 824369

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). 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. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, Bk. 39 T1S, T&P RR CO / EDWARDS, W Survey, A-719, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, 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 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 5, 2018 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	:	WHITEFISH UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	812 MS
Lease/Unit Acres	:	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	36.0
Lease Lines	:	985.0 F W (offlease) L, 306.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines	:	985.0 F W (offlease) L, 306.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s)	:	Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 985.0 F W (OFFLEASE) L
306.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 17 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 37
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 330.0 F W L
50.0 F S L
Survey Lines: 330.0 F W L
2594.0 F N 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 9370 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jerry Russell, at (512)4690064.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Double C Solutions, LLC, PO Box 3371, Big Spring, TX 79721 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation, Axis SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located ±11 Miles West-Northwest of Big Spring, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,250 to 13,000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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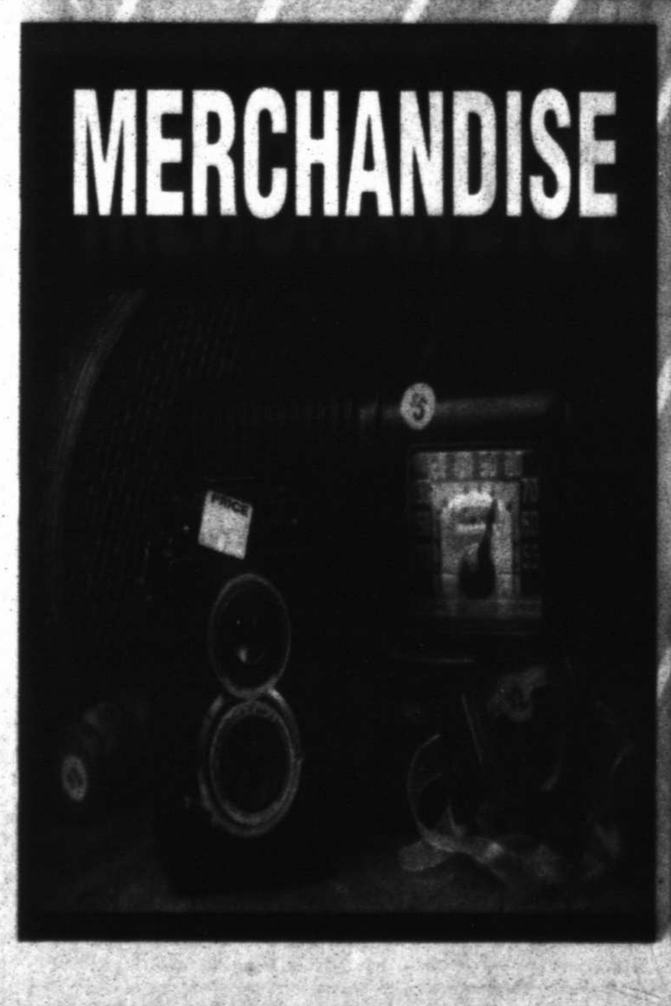

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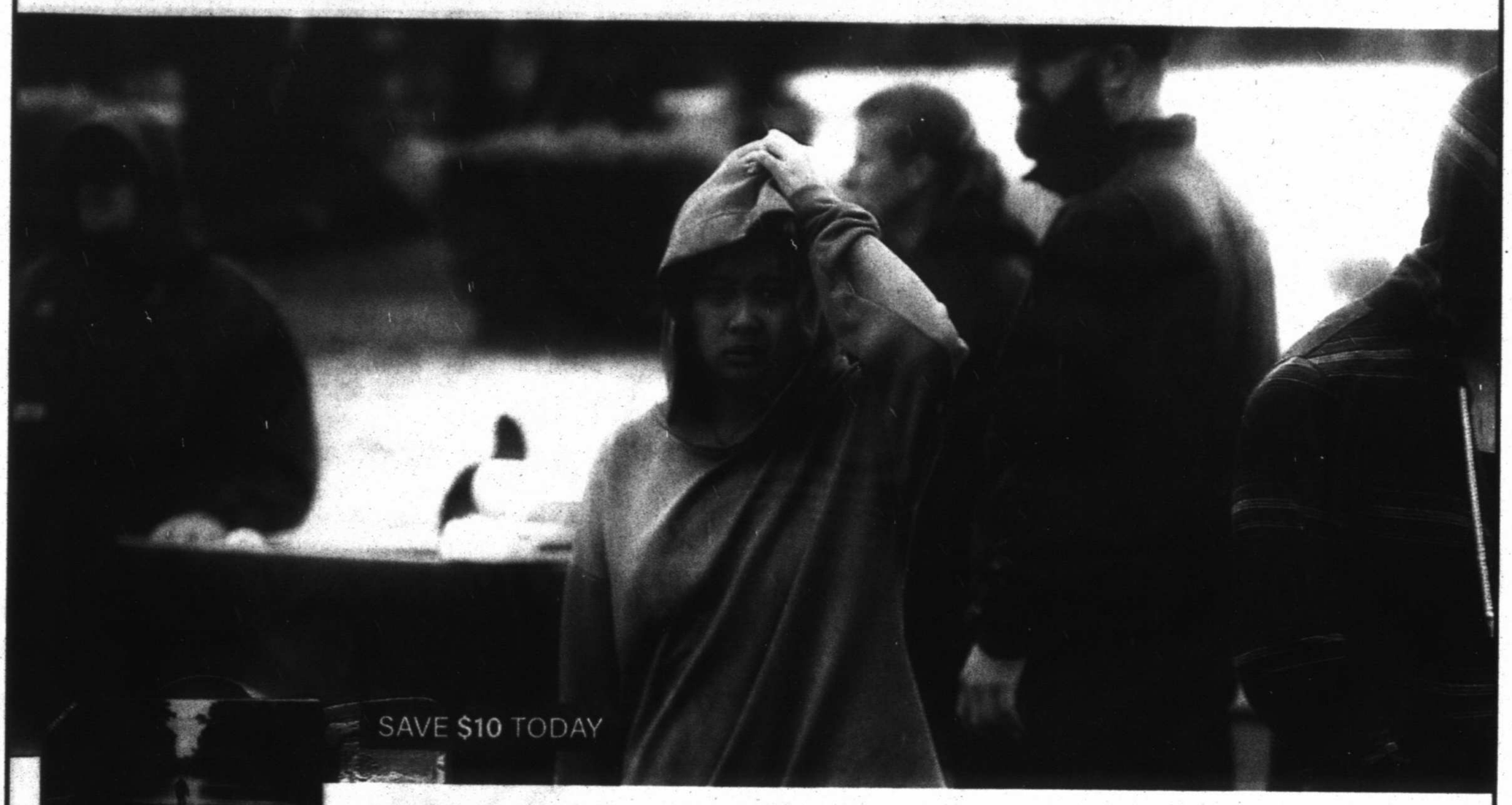

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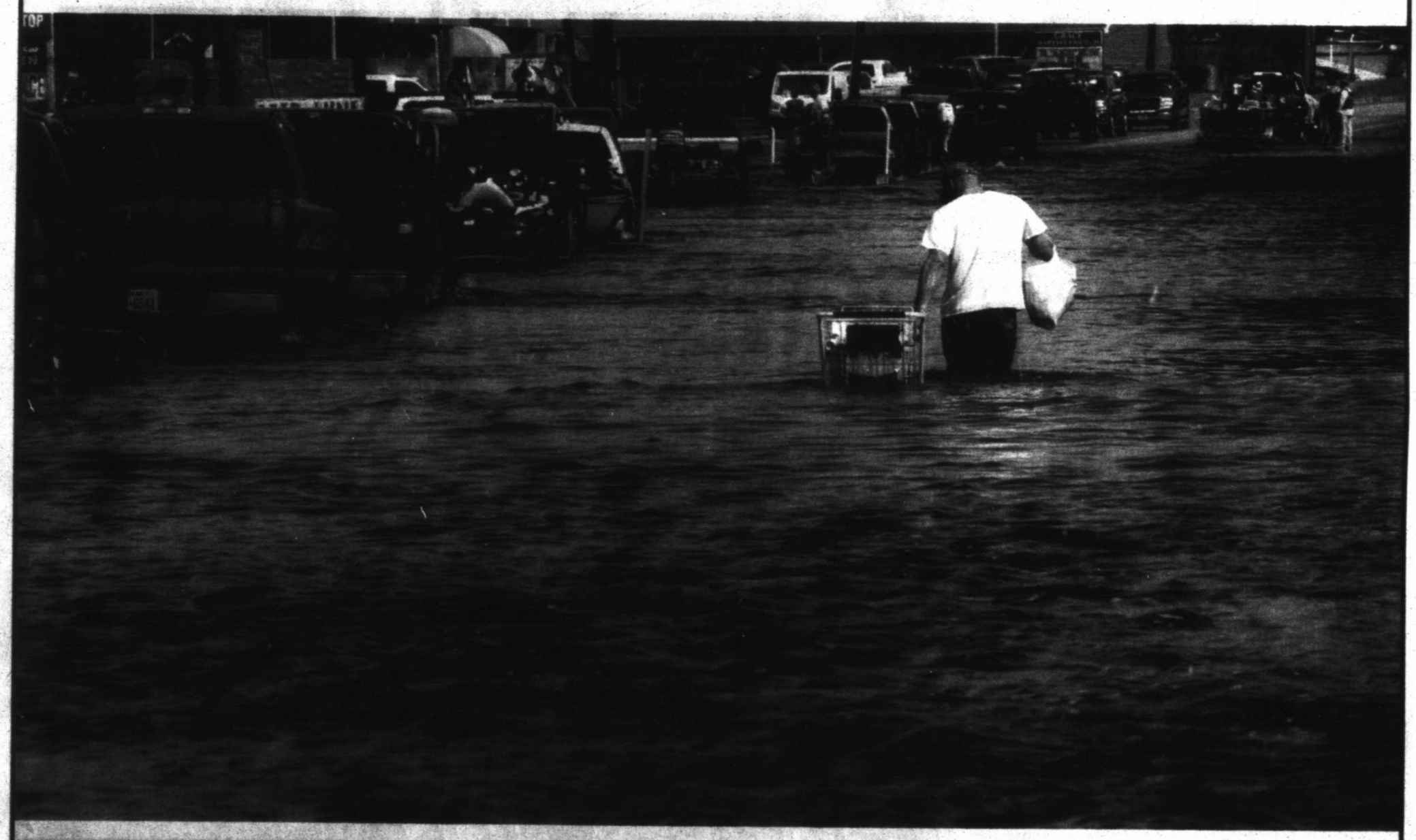

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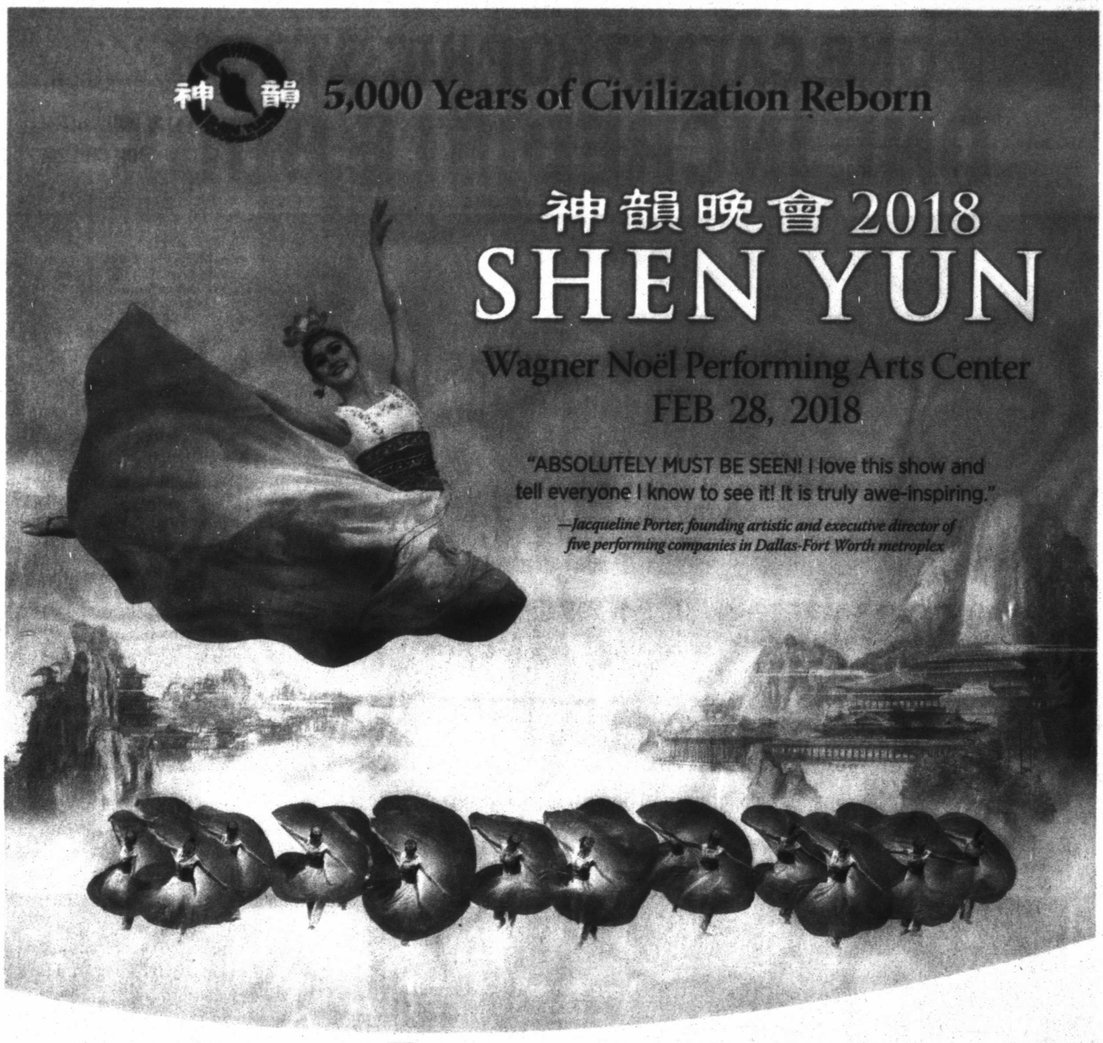

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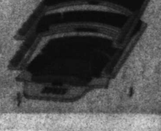

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