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Drought conditions, fire danger return to area

Dry conditions, high winds, warmer weather all factors in increased danger

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland area is on the verge of severe fire conditions, starting with a windy day Wednesday when gusts could top out at 60 to 65 mph.

Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little said the area will be in danger before long, especially as winds kick up. A combination of dry conditions in the past three months-plus and the recent hard freeze are also factors, he said, especially as the National Weather Service is forecasting sustained winds at 35 to 45 mph and gusts reaching 65 mph.

This is not good news for an area that has received above-average rainfall the last three years before a weather phenomenon dried up the area. Little said "La Nina" has put a halt to the wetter-than-average conditions. The National Weather Service reports 0.92 of an inch of rain during the last three months-plus at Midland International (the average during that time is 3.16 inches).

For the first time in a while, the U.S. Drought Monitor is showing "abnormally dry" soil conditions in the area. The U.S. Season Drought Outlook also shows "drought development likely" for Midland and the surrounding area.

The Climate Prediction Center is showing a similar outlook with a 40 percent chance of below-average rainfall for the area in its 90-day and six-month forecast. The CPC also calls for a 50 percent chance of above-average temperatures during the same time frames.

"We will be in a danger before long, especially with the wind (Wednesday)," Little said. "The state has already put out

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COFFEE WITH A COP

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At left, Steve Henry, Midland chief of police, talks with community members Tuesday during Coffee With a Cop hosted by Whataburger.

City: Road bond financing brings savings to taxpayer

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council learned Tuesday that a lower-than-estimated interest rate on the first round of borrowing for the road bond will mean a break for the taxpayer.

The council learned it will pay a 3.45-percent interest rate on the first $25 million it is borrowing for the road bond, which promises to rebuild parts of 26 roads across Midland. The four projects this year are: Taylor Avenue (between Lamesa Road and Mineola Street), Hicks Avenue (between Lamesa Road and Terrell Street), Cuthbert Avenue (between

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EIA: Daily US oil output to hit 10M barrels in Q1

Houston Chronicle

The Energy Department believes U.S. crude production will climb above 10 million barrels a day in the first quarter of this year, nine months earlier than previously anticipated.

In an update to its monthly projections on Tuesday, the Energy Information Administration said it expects domestic output to reach 10.04 million barrels a day in the first quarter, up 1.6 percent from its previous forecast.

It had previously expected output that level in the fourth quarter. Now the EIA says it should come in at 10.51 million barrels a day by the fourth quarter, up 2.8 percent from the last projection; by the end of 2019, it could reach 11.04 million barrels a day.

On average, U.S. output could average 10.3 million barrels a day this year, the highest level ever.

U.S. oil prices rose $1.44 to $63.17 a barrel in New York on Tuesday, the highest level in three years, partly on expectations of further declines in the nation's oil stockpile. The EIA will report inventory levels on Wednesday.

The EIA said it expects U.S. oil prices to average $54.01 a barrel in the first quarter, up from its previous forecast of $51.79 a barrel. In the fourth quarter, it said, prices could average $57.31 a barrel — up from its last projection of $54.95 a barrel.

Sports complex fund grows to $31.2 million

From staff reports

The Midland City Council learned there will be another $1.2 million in the Sports Complex Operations Fund, bringing the total to $31.2 million.

City Finance Director Pam Simeska told the council about the increase on Tuesday. City officials hope the Sports Complex Operations Fund keeps maintenance and operations expenses from impacting the general fund. During last year's campaign to pass a new 4B tax, officials said that some years expenditures for M&O could be as much as $3 million. Parks Department projects for the dual-stadium facility must go through the council moving

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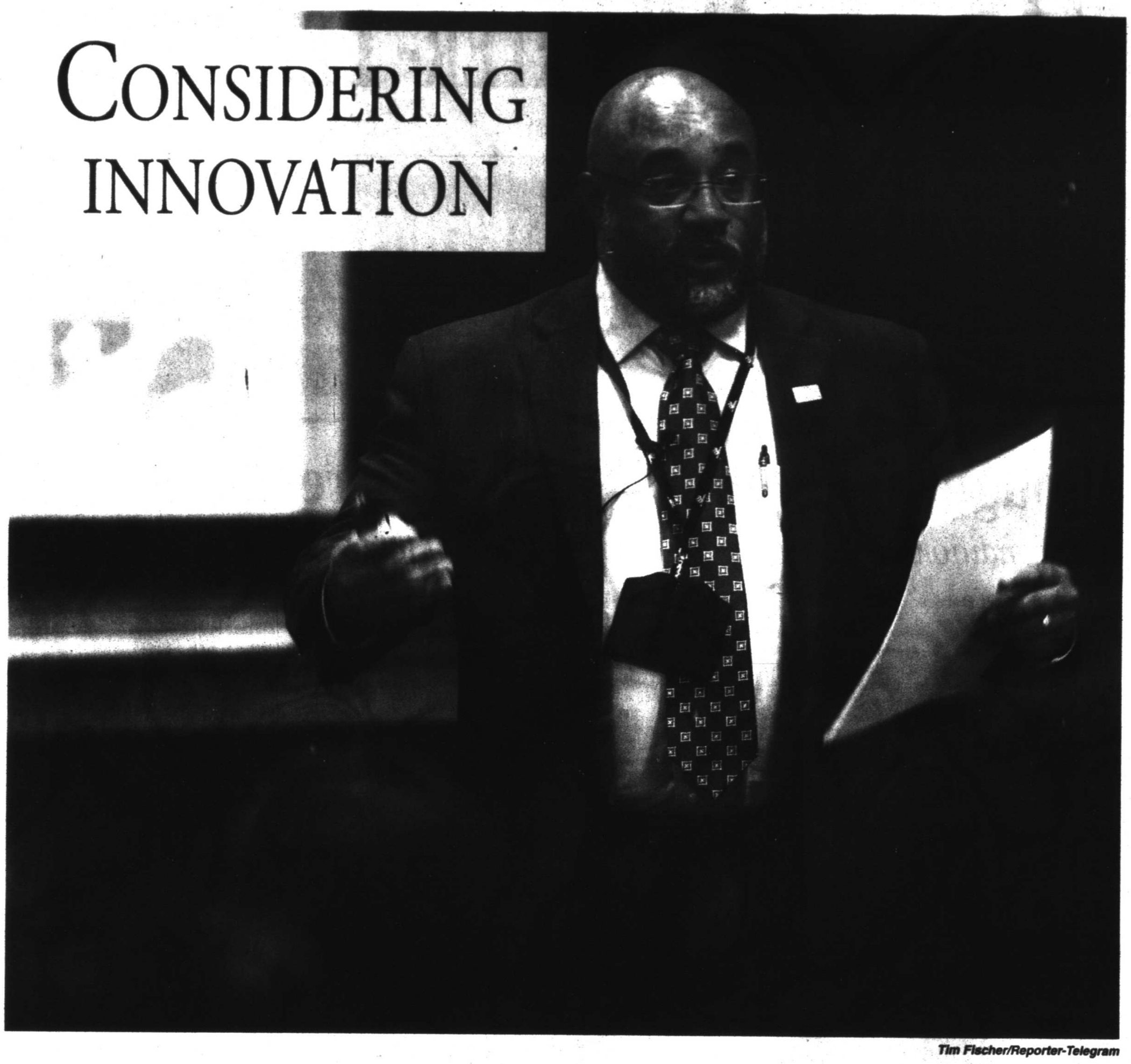

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Patrick Jones, MISD chief academic officer, speaks Tuesday at the public presentation on what ideas the committees have proposed as part of the District of Innovation.

Texas Education Agency awards planning grant to MISD

■ Grant will assist the district in developing a transformation plan

From staff reports

The Texas Education Agency awarded a $450,000 planning grant to Midland ISD to assist in designing a transformation zone to provide campuses with autonomy and innovation.

Midland ISD, according to a press release, is one of eight districts to receive the grant for the upcoming school year.

The TEA's division of system support and innovation created the program to assist districts with designing a transformation zone. Transformation zones provide campuses with autonomy and utilize a range of actions to transform campuses, according to the TEA. These actions may include partnering with an open-enrollment charter school or redesigning schools in partnership with a zone design partner.

"This is incredibly exciting for our school district, our students and our community," said Elise Kail, Midland ISD's executive director of accountability, in the release. "The transformation zone planning grant will allow our district to specifically focus on transformation efforts and allow the district to work with a zone design partner assigned by the TEA."

LOCAL&STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MIDLAND

Driver arrested on DWI charge after wreck

A driver was in custody Tuesday night on a charge of DWI with child passenger following a wreck near the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Thomas Avenue.

The driver was eastbound on Illinois and attempted to move from the outside lane to the inside lane at a high rate of speed, causing the vehicle to spin across the westbound travel lanes and hit a residence on the north side of Illinois, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman.

Neither the driver nor passenger were injured, according to the release. The wreck — which occurred at about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday — is under investigation.

GREENVILLE

Mom, 27, aunt charged over dead baby at gas station

Police have arrested the mother and aunt of a weeks-old baby after the infant's body was found at a North Texas gas station.

Hunt County jail records show 27-year-old Stephanie Leanne Flynn of Greenville was being held Tuesday on an evidence tampering charge in her daughter's death. Bond was $50,000.

Greenville police Sgt. Adam Phillips says autopsy results are pending on the baby born in November and discovered dead on Monday. Investigators say the baby may have died at the mother's home and the corpse was moved to the gas station.

The woman's 20-year-old sister, Shawn Elise Flynn of Greenville, also faces a tampering charge and was released Tuesday on $50,000 bond.

Phillips didn't immediately provide the baby's birth date.

Police had no information on attorneys representing the siblings.

SAN ANTONIO

Ex-CEO pleads guilty in case involving state senator

The former chief executive of a failed oil field services company has pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other charges in a federal case that includes a Texas state senator as a defendant.

Stan Bates, who was CEO of defunct FourWinds Logistics, entered his plea Monday in federal court in San Antonio. He's scheduled to be sentenced in April and faces decades in prison.

Bates, Democratic state Sen. Carlos Uresti and a third man were arrested in May on a variety of charges related to their work with FourWinds.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the three are accused of defrauding investors in FourWinds, which bought and sold sand used in fracking to extract oil and gas. Uresti has pleaded not guilty. His trial is scheduled to begin later this month.

DANGER

From 1A

weather watches for tomorrow."

Those watches show "20 foot winds" at 30-40 mph, relative humidity at 15 to 20 percent and temperatures 15 to 20 degrees above normal. In Midland, the NWS is calling for a high of 77 degrees, which would be a record for Jan. 10.

The National Weather Service is asking people to avoid activities that may produce outdoor flames and sparks. It also states that outdoor burning is not recommended.

While Little said that there are areas where vegetation growth is high — and therefore dangerous because of the chance of wildfires — conditions are not where they were in 2011 when West Texas was plagued with wildfires and the damage they created.

He said the county is not looking at burn bans at this point, but that could change.

BOND

From 1A

Garfield Street and "A" Street) and Green Tree Boulevard (Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive).

Councilman J.Ross Lacy said at the meeting that 90 percent of the utility work on those year-one projects that require such work (Cuthbert and "A" Street don't) is completed.

"They should be paving in March," he said.

It was confirmation of Lacy's belief that the projects — which are part of the $100 million bond plan — will be executed "on time and on budget."

Still, the interest rate development was even more good news for city leaders. Officials had used a 4.5 percent interest rate during the campaign. City officials figured that percentage to be conservative. Based on that rate, they expected interest to be around $67 million. The interest on the first $25 million was around $16 million, according to a city report. City Finance Director Pam Simecka said afterward that doesn't mean interest rates connected with future debt won't climb. She also said the taxpayer will get a break on their tax bill — one-tenth of a cent (per hundred-dollar valuation).

During the campaign, it was stated that the owner of a property valued at $250,000 will see a $100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued.

The bond financing report during the meeting was part of a larger report, which included the refinancing of other city debt from 2007 that officials said brought $7.7 million in savings to the city. All totaled, $63.325 million in bonds were financed or refinanced in two different "series" called 2018A and 2018B.

The presentation on Tuesday also included that Fitch Ratings gave the city of Midland an "AAA" rating, while S&P Global give the city an "AA+" rating.

FUND

From 1A

forward because the board that oversaw operations at the complex was dissolved last year. The former 4B account was funded by a quarter-cent sales tax addition approved by the voters in 1999. That tax ended Sept. 1.

Simeska's announcement means there is more money in the account than city officials previously thought. City officials told the council in April there would be about $27.9 million in the fund. However, the city has posted higher-than-expected sales tax collections throughout 2017. In August, that amount was reported to have climbed to $30 million.

The $31.2 million basically gives the city the amount of money comparable to three years of what a quarter-cent sales tax would have raised. City leaders have said they will consider creating or increasing fees for those using the complex to allow the Sports Complex Operation Fund to last as long as possible. Possibilities for additional revenue include parking and ticket assessments and renegotiating contracts with entities that currently use the complex, city officials said previously.

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verb

1. to forecast or predict (something future) from present indications or signs; prophesy.

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State senate forum

The Midland County Republican Women's monthly luncheon is 11:15 a.m. today at Midland County Club.

MCRW is having a forum for the Texas Senate candidates for District 31 — Mike Canon, Victor Leal and Kel Seliger. Each candidate will have the opportunity to speak followed by a question-and-answer session.

Go to www.mcrw.us for more information.

Things to do

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

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

■ Sandhills Stock and Rodeo Show: Rodeo performance. 7:30 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $16-$20. sandhillsstockshow.com.

Sam Houston Elementary meeting

Midland ISD is hosting a parent and community meeting regarding Sam Houston Elementary's "Turnaround Plan" at 6 p.m. Thursday at the elementary school located at 2000 W. Louisiana Ave. During the meeting, MISD officials will provide an overview of efforts to use Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) programming as the district turns the campus into a collegiate preparatory elementary.

District officials also receive input from parents and members of the community.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

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■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
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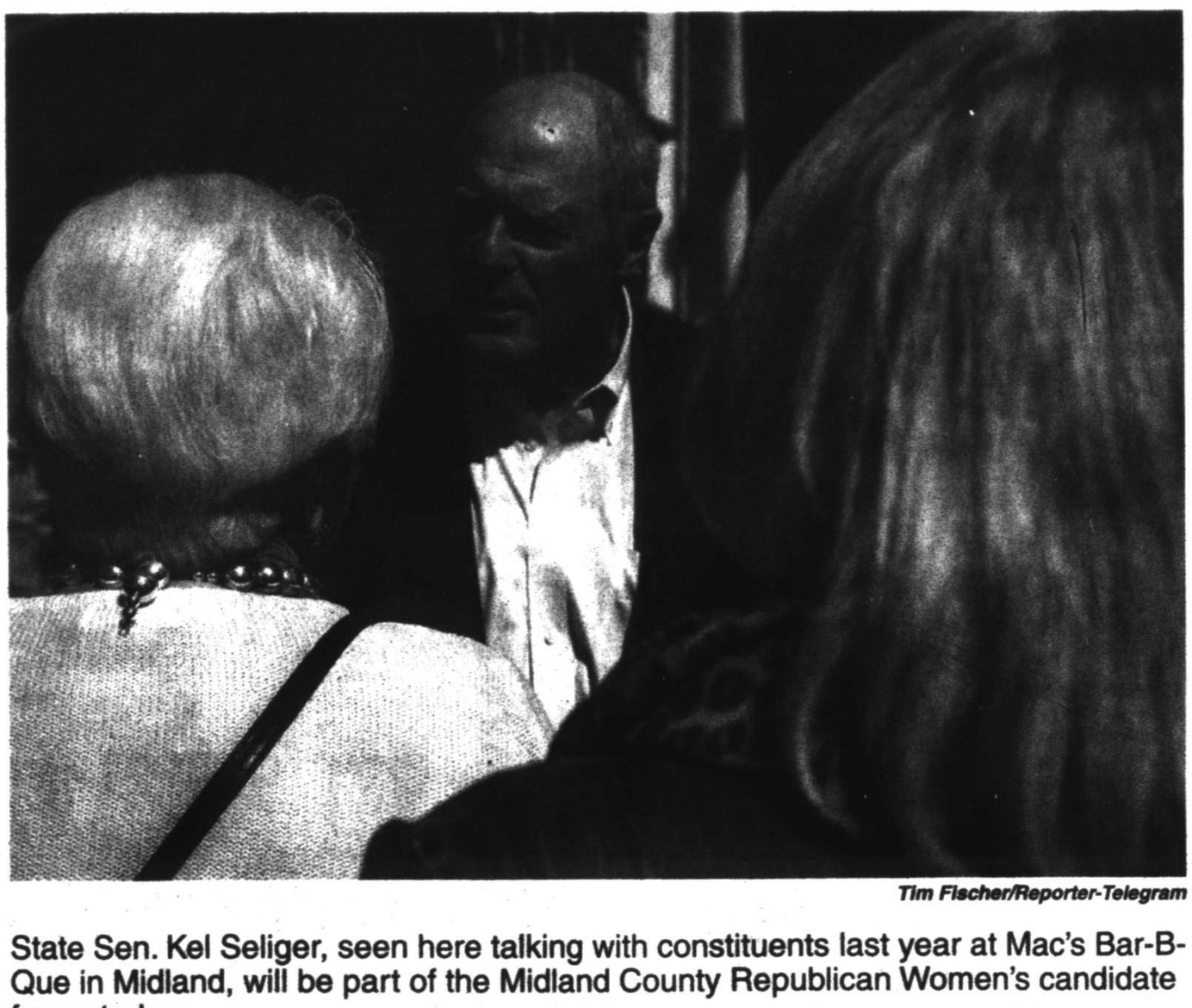
Republican Women's forum today



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State Sen. Kel Seliger, seen here talking with constituents last year at Mac's Bar-B-Que in Midland, will be part of the Midland County Republican Women's candidate forum today.

Today in History

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule.

On this date:

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1948, future country music star Loretta Lynn (nee Webb) married Oliver "Mooney" Lynn; she was 15 at the time, he was 21 (the marriage lasted until Oliver Lynn's death in 1996).

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-1-6
Pick 3 day: 2-1-0
Pick 3 evening: 5-2-7
Pick 3 night: 4-2-4
Daily 4 morning: 8-8-4-1
Daily 4 day: 6-2-7-9
Daily 4 evening: 1-3-1-5
Daily 4 night: 6-5-3-3
Cash Five: 11-13-24-29-34
Triple Chance: 3-8-20-22-28-31-36-49-50-52

Mega Millions: 16-29-31-65-67-BB: 23 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-10-11-12-14-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-5-7-8-10-12-13-16-20-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-13-14-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-5-6-7-8-9-11-13-14-16-19-22

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 77
Low 38
Normal high 57
Normal low 30

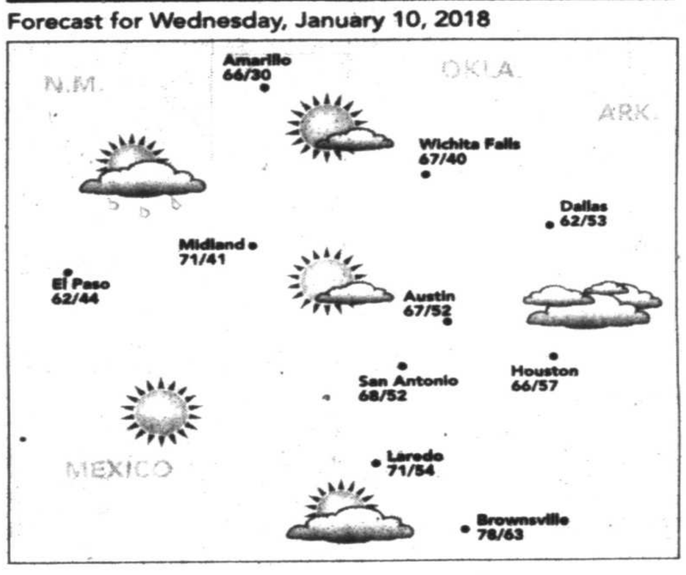
Jan. 9's records
Record high: 80, set in 2009, repeated in 2017
Record low: 7, set in 1967

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... trace
Year total ..... trace
Normal total (year to date) ..... 0.13 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 15 mph
Gust speed: 19 mph

Today's forecast
High: 76
Low: 44
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 10-20 mph becoming west 20-30, with gusts as high as 45 mph today/west 15-20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:03 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, January 10, 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 in Capricorn and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018:**

This year you seem to be able to flawlessly bind your intellect to your feelings, creating results that please you and others to no end. You could become impulsive at times, but you'll learn to trust your judgment. If you are single, you will make excellent choices when dating. If you want a major relationship, the time has come to make it so. If you are attached, confirm that you and your sweetie are on the same page when making important decisions. Together, you can create inspiring results. SCORPIO can be an earnest yet blunt friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will make a point of having one-on-one talks with those who are key to your well-being. You easily could feel inspired by a mere suggestion. Problems might arise later in the afternoon, as there seems to be confusion surrounding an agreement. **Tonight:** Confirm plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You instinctively know what to do. Ask a loved one to help you with a cause that's close to your heart. You are able to see the impossible as possible. You will follow through on what is important. A friend inspires you to continue on your chosen path. **Tonight:** Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are on top of your game right now. You might feel the need for a checkup, as you sense that something is off. Understand your limits. An older friend seems to have a better sense of what will work, so listen carefully to what he or she has to say. **Tonight:** Pace yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Keep heading down your chosen path. Make sure that others understand your goals. Your sunny side emerges when dealing with a loved one. This person might be disruptive. Let your mind wander as only it can, and you'll come up with an unusual solution. **Tonight:** Go for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You sense an unusual problem brewing, or at least one you would prefer not to deal with. You might need to have a conversation with an irate friend who seems ready to erupt. You will want to think through a problem carefully before taking any action. **Tonight:** Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Investigate what is happening, and try not to sit on any anger. You'll want to distance yourself from someone who is being a bit hot-headed. You might not like what this person has to say, but know that there is some truth behind his or her words. **Tonight:** Meet a friend halfway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be too hard on yourself. Relax and listen to what someone is sharing, especially if it has to do with finances. You can and will bypass a budgeting problem. Your creativity points to a vague yet wonderful idea that could affect your life. **Tonight:** Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You can't smile enough, as you see your energy creating the results you desire. You work hard and are diligent. Express your unique ingenuity; it often paves the path to an effective solution. Do not be too strict about mixing business and pleasure. **Tonight:** Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to be quiet and removed, but someone will try to draw you out of your shell. You'll want to handle a problem directly, so you will need to rethink how to use your energy most effectively. Express your emotions. **Tonight:** Dinner at a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a matter more carefully. You could be challenging to others, and are likely to cause yourself a problem as you seek the right path or solution. Consider reaching out to a friend who wants to give you some feedback. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Confusion arises when dealing with a loved one. You could sense a sudden rigidity that causes you to stop and think. Get down to basics and zero in on your priorities before initiating a conversation. Tap into your creativity, and you'll know what to do. **Tonight:** Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You enjoy yourself no matter where you are and no matter what you are doing. You are in the process of gaining more insight into what motivates others. With that understanding, success in various realms of your life becomes even more possible. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

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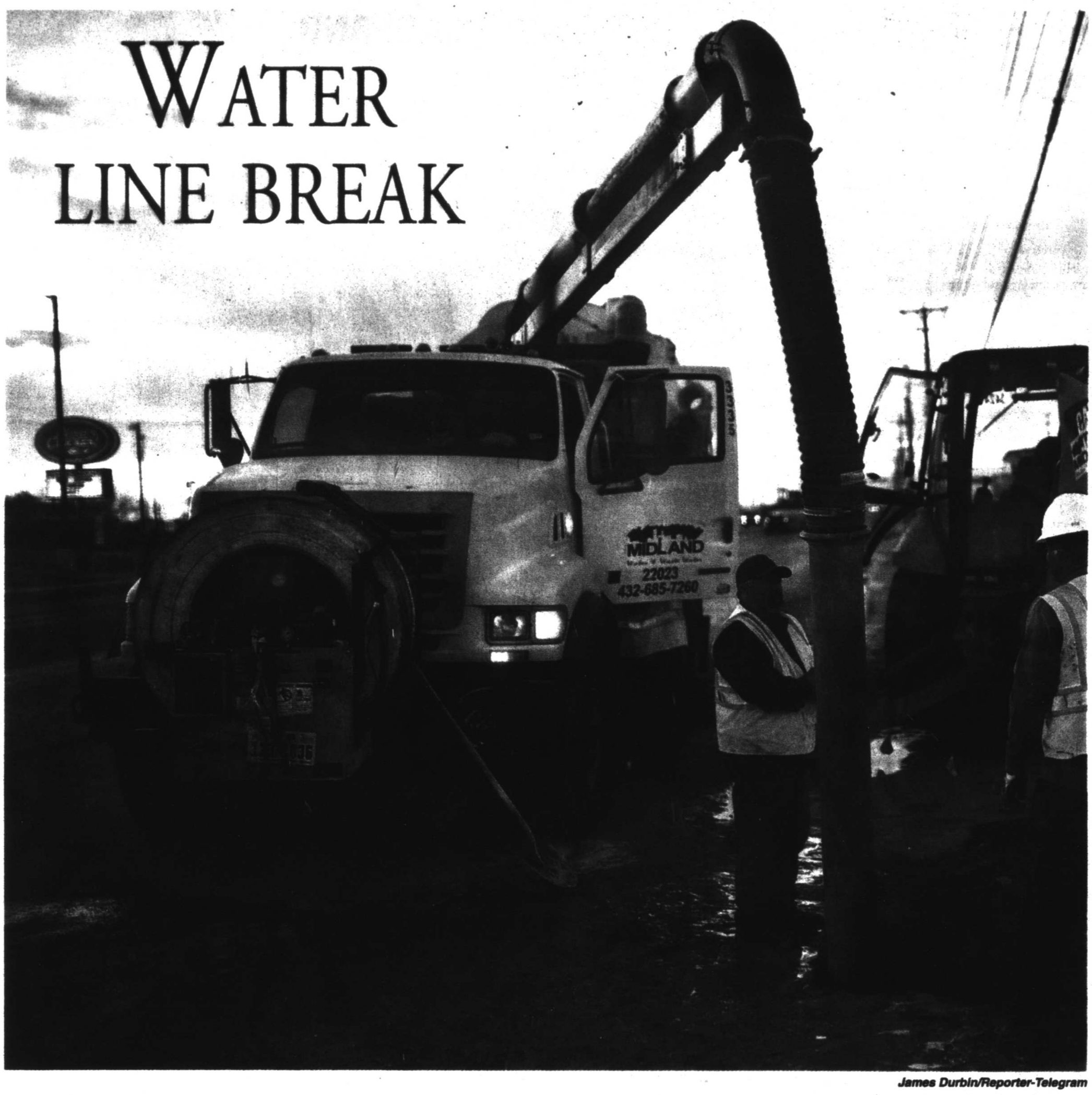

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

City personnel are working to repair a broken 4-inch water line near the intersection of South Fairgrounds Road and State Highway 158. Repairs are expected to be completed by early today. The break is believed to be caused by Earth movement because of thawing, according to a press release from the city.

Lupe Valdez, Andrew White meet in Democratic candidate forum

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

SAN ANGELO — The truth was spoken in the pre-event mic check: "Hello everybody. Welcome to the first Democratic debate-ish."

Upstairs, the candidates mingled prior to the event that was the first face-to-face meeting between Andrew White, Houston businessman and son of late Gov. Mark White, and former Dallas County sheriff Lupe Valdez. They're the top Dem contenders in a field of ten, all of whom showed up Monday night.

Debate-ish was right. To be fair, this was a forum, not a debate.

"I just want to remind you we are all on the same team here," moderator Travis Taylor, vice chair of the Tom Green County Democratic Party, said in getting the festivities going.

And that was the theme for the 90-minute event, with White and Valdez doing little to differentiate themselves from each other, their prime task by the time early voting for the March 6 primary begins on Feb. 20.

The truth is many Texas Democrats know little about either of them. And many never have heard either of their voices. Hence, evenings like Monday in San Angelo, where about 100 people showed up, are important.

The background is pretty simple: Valdez, 70, is the anointed candidate of much of the Texas Democratic Party leadership. White, 45, is the surprise interloper who has never run for anything. His goal is to establish himself as an extreme moderate who would have a better chance of beating GOP Gov. Greg Abbott, who's expected to coast to renomination against two little-to-unknown challengers.

"I'm Andrew White and I'm running for governor to bring sanity and reason back and to give Texans hope for the future," White said, adding, "Our state needs an outsider with a fresh perspective to fix this mess."

He drew applause by saying he'd be a governor "who will stand up and fight Donald Trump."

"We live in Trump's prison now," White said. "And I'm trying to break Texas out. It's time for a change. We have to fight Donald Trump and the lies he stands for every day. We have got to fight Greg Abbott and (Lt. Gov.) Dan Patrick and we must never ever, even for a second, think that today's political world is normal. Because, by God, it's not. This is not normal. We are not living in a normal time."

Valdez, the last of the candidates to give opening remarks, began by noting the challenge of coming up with something that hadn't already been said. She recounted her bio, including her military and law enforcement careers and her childhood in a family of migrant workers. She didn't mention Trump, the president Texas Democrats are counting on to bring folks of their ilk to the polls this year..

Valdez highlighted her service as the elected head of the 2,800-employee Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

"So I've dealt with issues day and night," she said. "We talk about how we deal with solutions. Let me tell you. I had nine chiefs. Sometimes we couldn't agree on where we're going for lunch. But we had to sit down and start learning how to work as a team and work together."

"You have to learn how to serve and you have to serve in a way that does not harm the people. ... So we have to stop the foolishness and the hate and the bickering," she said. "We've got to start learning how to work together."

In the Q&A, White was asked about addressing climate change without disrupting the Texas energy sector. White kept his focus on Abbott, rapping him as someone who "does not believe in climate change."

"Fracking is important to our state and it can be done safely," White said, calling for "regulators who care about the environment."

Valdez was asked about wealth inequality.

"Some people ... their bonus was bigger than my whole salary the whole year," she said, praising companies that minimize the gap between their highest and lowest paychecks.

"We know there are levels (of income)," Valdez said, but "There should be levels that we can all feel comfortable with. I know that a doctor's going to make more than me. But a doctor should not make more than me in two days."

The solution, she said, is to "sit down together" and work it out. To date, Valdez has talked mostly about the problems, not proposed solutions. To his credit, White has offered some proposals, including a $5,000 teacher pay raise he says can be funded by closing what he calls a "$5 billion commercial property tax loophole." So far, Valdez has been short on specifics.

The other eight candidates have little chance of winning the nomination, but they could help send White and Valdez into a runoff. About the last thing Texas Dems need is a runoff that would force them to spend more money on intramurals. The other eight are Grady Yarbrough, Demetria Smith, Adrian Ocegueda, Cedric Davis Sr., James Jolly Clark, Jeffrey Payne, Joe Mumbach and Tom Wakely. Look 'em up.

As noted above, there's not much time until voting begins. We need to hear more on the issues, especially from Valdez. We might find out there's not much difference. And if that's the case — and it often is in primaries — it could become an identity politics campaign in which Dems pick a candidate based on demographic factors and a best guess as to which candidate can do a better job of getting Dem voters to the polls in November.

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Plane believed to be thousands of feet below Gulf surface

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A small plane piloted by an Oklahoma doctor who disappeared while flying to collect a disabled dog in Texas is believed to have settled thousands of feet below the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Coast Guard said a day after announcing it had ended its search.

Authorities lost sight of Dr. Bill Kinsinger Jan. 3 as his plane moved toward the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. Coast Guard air and seacraft and two Mexican naval ships searched for the 55-year-old pilot for five days, covering about 23,000 square miles, the Coast Guard said in a statement late Monday.

"Ending a search is a difficult decision that we put the upmost thought and consideration into," Guard Capt. David Cooper said.

It's believed the plane went down in an area of the Gulf where the depth is about 3,900 feet, Guard Petty Officer Brandon Giles said Tuesday.

Kinsinger, of Edmond, Oklahoma, had been flying his Cirrus SR22T to Georgetown, Texas, to collect the disabled Husky that was destined for a foster home in Oklahoma. But he never landed at the suburban Austin airport and overshot his destination by hundreds of miles. Authorities believe he may have lost consciousness due to hypoxia, a lack of adequate oxygen.

Jacob Kinsinger said Tuesday that his father "went out a hero."

"My dad was the greatest guy I've ever met and he died doing exactly what he loved, saving dogs and flying his airplane," said Kinsinger, 22.

North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, dispatched fighter jets to try to steer Bill Kinsinger back on course, but to no avail. Two F-16 fighters flew in front of the five-seater plane, dropped flares and performed other military maneuvers, but Kinsinger, who was the only person on board, appeared to be unresponsive, NORAD spokesman Michael Kucharek said at the time.

When the F-16s became low on fuel, they were replaced by two F-15 fighters that stayed with Kinsinger for a while but eventually had to return to base because of darkness and their proximity to Mexican air space.

Kucharek said NORAD coordinated with the Coast Guard to take over monitoring the plane. The Guard, which was relying on the FlightAware website, lost track of the plane when it stopped transmitting a signal, a Guard spokesman said earlier. Guard officials generally use a variety of resources when participating in search-and-rescue operations, such as air-traffic controllers and the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Giles explained Tuesday.

Kinsinger, an anesthesiologist, had been flying a rescue mission for the nonprofit Pilots N Paws. Organizers said he generally flew two volunteer missions a week, and that he had been considering buying a larger plane so he could fly longer routes and transport more dogs.

Intel CEO: Fixes on the way for serious chip security flaws

By Matt O'brien
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Intel has big plans to steer toward new business in self-driving cars, virtual reality and other cutting-edge technologies. But first it has to pull out of a skid caused by a serious security flaw in its processor chips, which undergird many of the world's smartphones and personal computers.

Intel CEO Brian Krzanich opened his keynote talk Monday night at the annual CES gadget show in Las Vegas by addressing the hard-to-fix flaws disclosed by security researchers last week. At an event known for its technological optimism, it was an unusually sober and high-profile reminder of the information security and privacy dangers lurking beneath many of the tech industry's gee-whiz wonders.

Some researchers have argued that the flaws reflect a fundamental hardware defect that can't be fixed short of a recall. But Intel has pushed back against that idea, arguing that the problems can be "mitigated" by software or firmware upgrades. Companies from Microsoft to Apple have announced efforts to patch the vulnerabilities.

And Krzanich promised fixes in the coming week to 90 percent of the processors Intel has made in the past five years, consistent with an earlier statement from the company . He added that updates for the remainder of those recent processors should follow by the end of January. Krzanich did not address the company's plans for older chips.

To date, he said, Intel has seen no sign that anyone has stolen data by exploiting the two vulnerabilities, known as Meltdown and Spectre. The problems were disclosed last week by Google's Project Zero security team and other researchers. Krzanich commended the "remarkable" collaboration among tech companies to address what he called an "industry-wide" problem.

While Meltdown is believed to primarily affect processors built by Intel, Spectre also affects many of the company's rivals. Flaws affecting the processor chips also endanger the PCs, internet browsers, cloud computing services and other technology that rely on them. Both bugs could be exploited through what's known as a side-channel attack that could extract passwords and other sensitive data from the chip's memory.

Krzanich himself has been in the spotlight over the security issue after it was revealed that he had sold about $39 million in his own Intel stocks and options in late November, before the vulnerability was publicly known. Intel says it was notified about the bugs in June.

The company didn't respond to inquiries about the timing of Krzanich's divestments, but a spokeswoman said it was unrelated to the security flaws.

During his presentation Monday, Krzanich also launched into a flashy and wide-ranging celebration of the way Intel and its partners are harnessing data for futuristic innovations, from 3D entertainment partnerships with Paramount Pictures to virtual-reality collaborations with the 2018 Winter Olympics and a new breakthrough in so-called quantum computing.

A self-driving Ford Fusion rolled onto the stage of the casino theater where Krzanich gave his talk. It's the first of a 100-vehicle test fleet run by Mobileeye, the Israel-based software company that Intel bought for $15 billion last year. Mobileeye processes the information cars "see" from cameras and sensors.

Microsoft stops fixing security flaw on PCs with AMD chips

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft has temporarily stopped fixing a serious security flaw on personal computers powered by certain chips from Advanced Micro Devices because the repair is crippling the affected machines.

The announcement will delay efforts to protect the AMD machines from potential intrusions caused by security bugs known as "Spectre" and "Meltdown." The problem primarily threatens devices running on processors from AMD's larger rival, Intel, but also could cause trouble on devices running on other chips.

Microsoft began offering updates to its Windows operating system to address the flaw last week, but is withholding the repair from some AMD-powered machines that have been rendered inoperable by its fix. The company said in a notice Tuesday on its website that it's working with AMD to resolve the problem so people can resume installing the recommended repairs.

After the bugs were announced last week, AMD declared there is "near zero risk" to its own processors, partly because of Microsoft's security patches.

In other developments, Microsoft also warned that some computers powered by older processors probably won't work as well as they once did after the antidotes to Spectre and Meltdown are installed.

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LAS VEGAS

Government reps join private businesses at CES tech show

The annual CES gadget show in Las Vegas is no longer just about private businesses showing off their latest technological wizardry.

The public sector is also chiming in, including U.S. state governors, foreign envoys, a member of President Donald Trump's Cabinet and at least one royal.

Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands is leading a delegation to promote more than 50 Dutch startups. Delegations are also representing Mexico and two different regions of France.

Along with boosting their economy, governments are also hoping to keep up with the growing possibilities of smartening cities with new technology.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai is skipping the show, though. Reports say it's because of death threats following a controversial vote to roll back rules that guaranteed equal access to the internet.

NEW YORK

Slack down? You might get some work done!

Twitter jokers had a field day Tuesday with a widespread outage suffered by the work-focused messaging service Slack.

Used by cubicle-dwellers and remote workers around the world to chat with co-workers, Slack was briefly out for many users.

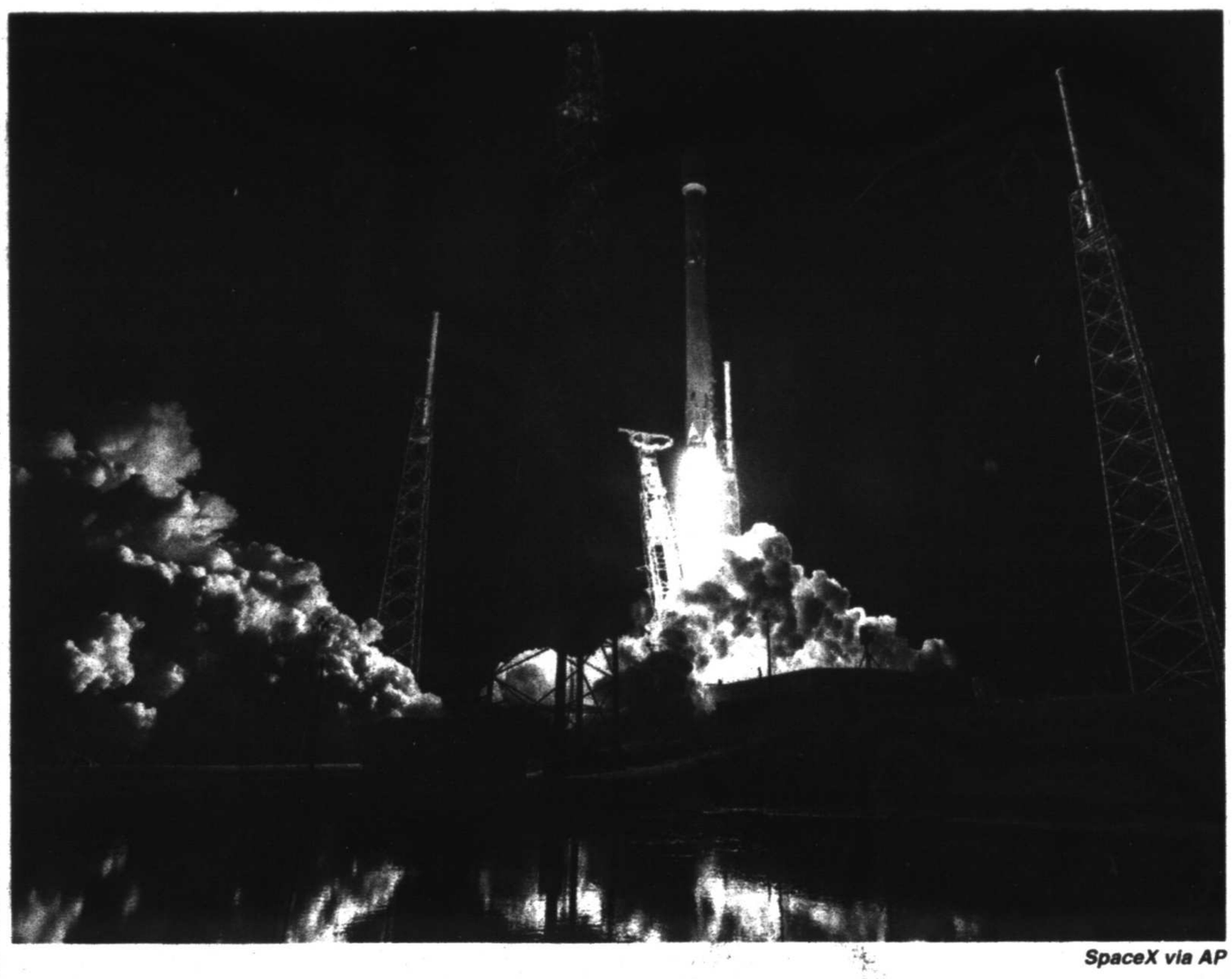
Might we have to ... gasp ... speak out loud? Tristan Cooper, an editor at Dorkly.com, tweeted "how am i going to communicate with someone five feet from me without making eye contact."

But the outage may have actually increased productivity. When you don't have 20 coworkers messaging you, you might actually get some work done.

That, or go home.

Barring that, reporter Will Ganss tweeted , "it's time to resurrect AOL Instant Messenger. You can reach fifth grade me at PopularStar5."

Slack said it had "connectivity issues" but gave no further details.



SpaceX via AP

The Falcon 9 rocket was launched Sunday for the Zuma U.S. satellite mission in Cape Canaveral, Fla.. Responding to media reports that the satellite was lost, SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell says the rocket "did everything correctly" and suggestions otherwise are "categorically false."

SpaceX says rocket performance OK in secret satellite launch

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX defended its rocket performance during the weekend launch of a secret U.S. satellite, responding Tuesday to media reports that the satellite codenamed Zuma was lost.

Company President Gwynne Shotwell said the Falcon 9 rocket "did everything correctly" Sunday night and suggestions otherwise are "categorically false."

Northrop Grumman — which provided the satellite for an undisclosed U.S. government entity — said it cannot comment on classified missions. The company chose SpaceX as the launch provider, noting late last year that it took "great care to ensure the most affordable and lowest risk scenario for Zuma." The name refers to a Malibu beach in Southern California.

This was SpaceX' s third classified mission for the U.S. government, a lucrative customer. It was so shrouded in secrecy that the sponsoring government agency was not even identified, as is usually the case.

The Falcon's first stage completed its job, lifting the rocket off the pad and toward space, then separated and landed back at Cape Canaveral. But second-stage information was kept to a minimum because of all the secrecy surrounding the flight. The rocket's second stage propels the satellite into orbit.

The Wall Street Journal quotes unidentified congressional officials who were briefed on the mission as saying the satellite apparently did not separate from the second stage, and plunged through the atmosphere and burned up.

Originally scheduled for a November launch, Zuma was delayed by potential concern about another mission's payload fairing, the shell on top that protects a satellite during launch. The company later said it had cleared the issue.

Harvard astronomer Jonathan McDowell, who catalogues launches worldwide, said an object the size of a second stage re-entered Earth's atmosphere over Sudan some two hours after the launch. That would have been about 1 1/2 orbits and normal for a second stage. He said a number designation was assigned by federal space trackers, but that doesn't mean there is anything still in orbit.

SpaceX's Shotwell said in a statement that since no rocket changes are warranted for upcoming flights, the company's launch schedule remains on track. If additional reviews uncover any problems, she said, "we will report it immediately."

Last year was a banner year for the private space company with 18 launches. It's shooting for even more flights in 2018.

SpaceX's new, powerful rocket, the Falcon Heavy, was at its launch pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, awaiting an engine test-firing sometime this week. The California-based company aims to launch the Heavy by month's end, making its debut with chief executive Elon Musk's own personal Tesla Roadster on board. Another Falcon 9, meanwhile, is scheduled to fly in three weeks with a communication satellite for Luxembourg.

Four challenges posed by today's long-distance relationships

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When people ask how my husband and I get through months spent on different continents, the conversation always turns to technology.

Just a generation ago, long-distance calls were rare and expensive. Today, a video call costs nothing, and it takes only seconds to connect. We can pop in on each other throughout the day, and supplement those calls with ongoing messaging conversations to share everything from little jokes to big feelings at a moment's notice.

It's almost as if we're in the same room much of the time.

Only we're not. And that's the challenge: Digital communication brings us a lot of connection, and it's probably the reason so many couples are attempting long-distance relationships these days. But the illusion of intimacy and physical presence isn't the same as actually being together. A shared virtual existence comes with speed bumps that couples may not always see coming.

CHALLENGE: LACK OF CUES

To communicate well, we need to see how others react to what we're saying, says George Loewenstein, a professor of economics and psychology at Carnegie Mellon University. "This kind of synchronicity of communication," he says, is very important and something romantic partners expect.

When communication with your partner happens over typed messaging, phone conversations and grainy video calls, and that vital information is lost, a partner can easily seem inattentive or out of sync.

And even on a particularly clear video call, which seems to offer us a chance to look directly into the room where someone is, there's a crucial piece missing: If you look at the other person's face while you're speaking, they see you looking slightly away from them. If you look into the camera to give them the sense that you're looking directly at them, then you're not really seeing their facial expression and picking up on small, nonverbal clues.

What to do: Understand that you're missing this information, and discuss it.

CHALLENGE: INVISIBLE CHANGES

It's our instinct to assume that other people are a whole lot like us and to find ways that we're similar, says Cait Lamberton, an associate professor of marketing at the University of Pittsburgh, who studies online behavior and decision-making. "In relationships, it would actually be awkward to seek out ways you're different," she says. "When you talk, you seek out ways you're the same."

But when we share daily life with a partner in person, a fuller picture emerges: We notice differences because they pop up in front of us. And in long-term relationships, we notice our partner growing and being impacted by new experiences.

"In the online world, you have a much more impoverished set of clues," Lamberton says. "You're going to assume this person is going to remain the same as they've always been."

What to do: Keep asking questions about daily experiences, Lamberton says, and check in about changes. And if you'll be making occasional visits to see each other in person, don't just stay in weekend vacation mode, says Galena Rhoades, associate professor of psychology at the University of Denver. Make sure you see your partner in various settings, like at work and with new friends, to know more about their daily life.

CHALLENGE: PROCESS INTRUDES ON FUN

Long-term couples, especially those raising a family and running a household together, have many different kinds of conversations on a given day. In the real world, we usually keep them reasonably separate: We don't talk about which groceries we need from the store while we're on a romantic Friday night date.

Even in close-proximity relationships, there are times when "those different kinds of talk get kind of mixed up together," Rhoades says. But the problem is more common when you're communications are limited by miles and time zones.

What to do: Be sensitive. Make room for all the different kinds of conversation, and notice when it's clear which kind your partner is looking to have. And if your partner makes a misstep, be patient.

CHALLENGE: TOO MUCH ACCESS OR TOO LITTLE

"Technology is only as good as the internet connection, which is often not so great," Loewenstein says. "It's so difficult not to, on some unconscious level, blame the other people. To direct the frustration to the person you're communicating with."

Long-distance phone calls, especially over WiFi, can also include a slight delay. So it's easy to talk over each other without realizing your partner has more to say.

If a lot of calls are marked by this frustration, couples can start associating partner interaction with annoyance and stress.

On days when the tech connection is perfect, couples may have the opposite problem: Instant and free access across the miles can make us feel obligated to be in constant touch. We may feel pressure to share all details instantly, which can be exhausting. And that also leaves no time for processing thoughts.

What to do: Be patient, and remind yourself that this amazing technology remains highly imperfect. The beauty of writing letters, says Rhoades, was that people took time to synthesize and summarize their experiences, and found carefully chosen words. Long-distance couples who grant themselves that same time may find that they say more, with more meaning, than they do in a contant stream of dashed-off commentary.

OPINION

Don't be too quick to dismiss 'Beltway insiders'

■ 'Fire and Fury' author's account is like a caricature, but caricatures work only when they exaggerate certain truths

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"Fishermen, sharpen your hooks, bring out the cheese balls and grease your bicycles. Soon there's going to be trout fishing inside the Beltway."

That's the first time the phrase "inside the Beltway" — meaning, in this instance, the physical realm within the I-495 ring road that surrounds Washington, D.C. — appeared in the Washington Post, the official Beltway paper. It showed up in a 1977 story about stocking the Anacostia River with trout.

It wasn't until 1983 that the term became reliably figurative, signifying, according to William Safire, "of interest to tea-leaf readers of Washington goings-on but strictly a yawner to the World Out There."

Since then, the term has grown more sinister, suggestive of elitism and even — shudder! — globalism. In a "60 Minutes" interview with Charlie Rose (since memory-holed for his sexual transgressions), then-White House strategist Steve Bannon repeated a common populist talking point: "Let's talk about the swamp. The swamp is a business model. ... It's a donor-consultant K Street lobbyist-politician — seven of the nine ... wealthiest counties in America ring Washington, D.C."

That's a bit misleading. There are far richer enclaves than the suburbs around D.C. Indeed, the idea that, say, Virginia's Loudoun County has more fat cats than, say, Greenwich, Connecticut, or Silicon Valley is silly. But that caricature does help advance the claim that D.C. is out of touch with "real America."

And there's some truth to that. But the flip side to D.C. "elites" — Beltway insiders — being out of touch with real America is that they're more in touch with the real Washington. They keep up with the gossip that pervades their swampy surroundings. Shouldn't we all be happy that at least some people know what's going on?

"Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd recently said that he wasn't surprised by the quotes in Michael Wolff's new book, "Fire and Fury"; he was surprised they were on the record. The point being that while some of the actual quotes and anecdotes in Wolff's book may not be reliable according to a high journalistic standard (or, in a few instances, any standard), Beltway denizens have heard similar things in conversations with administration and Hill staffers and reporters — or seen them with their own eyes — for a very long time.

Wolff's account is like a caricature, but caricatures work only when they exaggerate certain truths.

There's a rough analogy between Hollywood and D.C. (or, really, any "elite" institution and D.C.). The behavior of Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey, et al., was well-known among Hollywood bigwigs long before the New York Times spilled the beans. The change came when everyone else found out and celebrities started acting like French collaborators, suddenly desperate to claim they had really been members of the resistance all along.

Similarly, insiders knew what Wolff had to tell before he told the world. The difference is that in Trump's D.C., unlike in Weinstein's Hollywood, few want to keep the "open secrets" secret. Beltway insiders have been doing everything they can to reveal the underlying reality, admittedly sometimes cutting corners and waxing a bit overzealous in the process.

One cause of the zealotry is the Trump administration's insistence that the president is a "stable genius" with a savant-like grasp on policy detail. Worse, the president's need for flattery and his base's intense defensiveness combine to make public sycophancy the only reliable proof of loyalty. This dynamic encourages Republicans — and some conservative commentators — to be especially fawning in public yet brutally honest when speaking off the record.

The public doesn't hear congressmen, senators or talk-show hosts venting their frustrations, but inside the Beltway, the disconnect between the talking points and the talkers is well known. And, little by little, the reality of the disconnect makes its way to the broader public.

After la guerre, we'll see how many passengers on the Trump train stick to their talking points and how many claim to have been members of la resistance all along, leaking their insider gossip for the sake of the greater good.

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OPINION EXTRA

The virtue-signaling anti-virtue crowd isn't being brave

Imagine it's late 2011. The world just found out about Jerry Sandusky, former assistant Penn State football coach who would be convicted in 2012 of repeatedly raping children. Penn State higher-ups, in an attempt to turn the focus of the scandal away from the school, decide to turn an annual banquet into a celebration of those fighting child rape. They call up head coach Joe Paterno. They call up President Graham Spanier. They call up athletic director Tim Curley. All of them give long, brave speeches about the evils of sexual exploitation of children resulting in rousing applause from all the Penn State boosters. All the attendees wear pins showing their solidarity with molestation victims. The event is nationally televised.

You'd be disgusted, wouldn't you? You'd think to yourself, "Perhaps it isn't a good idea for a school that just became nationally renowned for one of the worst sex scandals in modern American history to preach about its commitment to the kiddies."

Now fast-forward to 2018. It's been only a few months since we found out that Hollywood megaproducer Harvey Weinstein allegedly raped multiple women, sexually abused other women and sexually harassed still more women. Each day, more and more prominent men are caught up in the net of #MeToo, the national movement to listen to the stories of abused women: Matt Lauer, Kevin Spacey, Charlie Rose, Russell Simmons, Jeffrey Tambor, Andrew Kreisberg, Louis C.K., Ed Westwick, Brett Ratner, Dustin Hoffman, Jeremy Piven, Danny Masterson and James Toback.

Yet on Sunday, Hollywood held itself a festival of virtue-signaling at the Golden Globes. All the women dressed in black in homage to the victims of a sexual harassment epidemic that has plagued Hollywood since the inception of the casting couch. The men wore "Time's Up" buttons to show solidarity. Oprah Winfrey, who was once quite close with Weinstein, gave an emotional speech in which she likened modern-day victims of sexual abuse to a black woman raped by six white men in 1944 Alabama. The cameras cut away to Meryl Streep, who once praised Weinstein as a "god" and gave a standing ovation to accused child rapist Roman Polanski. The entire crowd cheered its goodwill approximately six years after the Hollywood Foreign Press Association gave a lifetime achievement award to Woody Allen, who was credibly accused of molesting his own stepdaughter when she was 7 years old.

All of this was supposed to make us feel that Hollywood is somehow leading the charge against sexual aggression. But that's simply not true. Hollywood isn't doing anything to materially change its culture; it's simply operating out of fear of public scrutiny. When the spotlight moves on, people in Hollywood will go right back to doing what they've been doing for years: exploiting people less powerful than them. Winfrey had nothing to say about sexual misconduct in Hollywood for 30 years, even though she was the Queen of All Media; treating her as some sort of beacon of light now is simply ridiculous.

America knows posturing when it sees it. And what we're seeing now isn't bravery.

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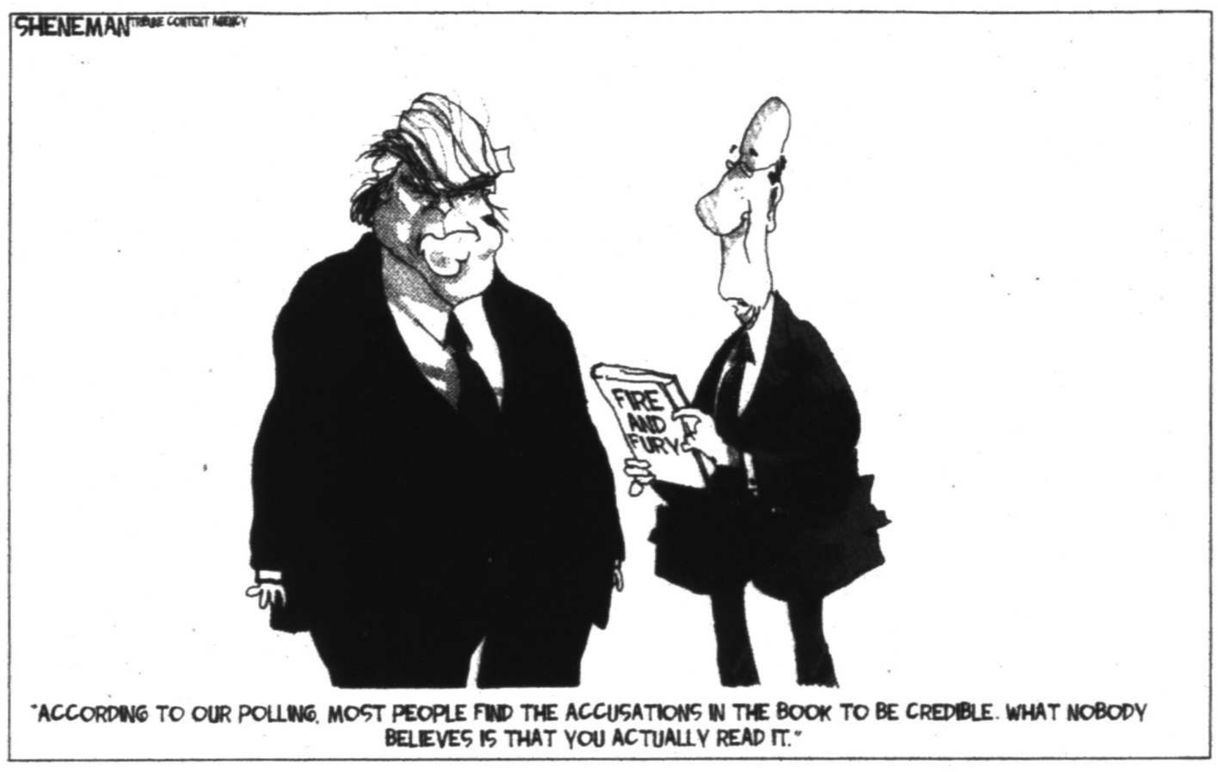

Yes, take Oprah 2020 seriously

■ She might not run for president in 2020, but not because it's a bad idea

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If Hillary Clinton could deliver a political speech half as effectively as Oprah Winfrey, she might be president today.

The actress, media mogul and erstwhile queen of daytime TV gave what, if she ever becomes president, will be known to history as the Golden Globes Address. The first de facto convention speech ever delivered at an awards show, it brought down the house and predictably stoked talk of Oprah 2020, with people close to her fueling the speculation.

In the era Before Trump, this would have been risible. Once upon a time, military service, political experience, a policy portfolio and national-security chops were mandatory to plausibly run for president. That time feels like a long time ago. Now, when Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who has mused about running himself, stood and applauded Oprah's speech, you could see the early pecking order of a potential Democratic nomination battle establishing itself ("The Rock" would be a second-tier candidate).

What Donald Trump proved is that a celebrity with charisma, performative ability and gobs of free media can, in the right circumstances, stomp conventional politicians who lack all three. People who were merely governors and senators, who had never really performed on a big stage or truly mastered the media (they were just politicians, after all), stood at a distinct disadvantage.

It's very easy to see Oprah Winfrey doing to the likes of New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand what Donald Trump did to the likes of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

A common cold-water argument against Oprah running is that Democrats will want the opposite of Trump in 2020, an experienced, boring politico who's well-versed in the issues and a reliably competent executive. This line works on paper. Republicans said the same thing about Barack Obama, who before 2008 had come as close to genuine celebrityhood as a working politician can get. Yet Donald Trump succeeded where the worthy, earnest, managerial Mitt Romney failed.

On the current trajectory, what Democrats will most need in 2020 is someone with a big enough personality that Trump can't diminish and negatively brand him or her. This is what he did with the rest of the Republican field and Hillary Clinton in 2016, and he easily could do the same against "Pocahontas," aka Elizabeth Warren, and "Crazy Bernie" Sanders.

Oprah, used to commanding a massive microphone and managing a matchless brand, might be relatively immune to this treatment. She could try Obama's tack of running to the left substantively and to the center stylistically. She'd be the empathetic healer, the advocate of abused women, running to make history in the shadow of the civil-rights movement.

If, that is, she's truly interested. Even the best campaigns have down cycles and bring humiliations of the sort celebrities usually avoid. Why would Oprah, who at the moment never has to encounter anyone who isn't in awe of her, want to sign up for that?

Half the country would, by definition, begin to dislike her. She would have to fight with that part of the Democratic base committed to Bernie Sanders and suspicious of her as a Hollywood billionaire. She'd experience something that she's never truly had to encounter: negative press.

For the first time, she wouldn't be completely in control of her own image. She'd have to answer for her promotion of kooky products and theories over the years, and open up more about a private life that has been almost entirely shielded from public view.

If you believe Michael Wolff, Trump conceived of a presidential run as a way, if all else failed, to enhance his brand. Oprah's brand needs no such enhancing. If she ran and lost, she'd become a failed presidential candidate and could presumably never quite return to being Oprah Winfrey again.

In short, there are compelling reasons for her not to make the plunge. The inherent absurdity of the idea is not one of them.

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Oprah in 2020? Allies send mixed messages on her future

By Thomas Beaumont and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — As Democrats nationwide encourage Oprah Winfrey to seek the presidency in 2020, those closest to the media mogul are sending mixed messages about her political intentions.

Her best friend, CBS News host Gayle King, said Tuesday that Winfrey is "intrigued" by the idea of a White House bid.

"She loves this country and would like to be of service in some way, but I don't think she's actively considering it at this time," King said, noting that she spoke to Winfrey at length the night before. "I also know that after years of watching the Oprah show, you always have the right to change your mind."

On Monday, Winfrey's longtime partner, Stedman Graham, told the Los Angeles Times that "it's up to the people" whether she will be president, adding, "She would absolutely do it."

The presidential buzz follows Winfrey's impassioned call for "a brighter morning even in our darkest nights" at the Golden Globes on Sunday night in a speech that left some viewers contemplating the idea of the Democratic Party embracing a celebrity candidate of its own to challenge President Donald Trump in 2020. Trump, of course, was little more than a businessman-turned-reality-television-star before his extraordinary political rise.

Trump, who has lauded Winfrey as worthy of the vice presidency, dismissed her Tuesday as a threat, albeit cordially.

"I'll beat Oprah. Oprah would be a lot of fun. I know her very well," Trump said at the White House as he met with lawmakers to discuss immigration. "I like Oprah. I don't think she's going to run."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., noted that Winfrey, like Trump, lacks any kind of governing experience.

"I think one of the arguments for Oprah is 45," Pelosi said, referring to Trump in shorthand for the 45th president. "I think one of the arguments against Oprah is 45."

Even so, for Democrats in early voting states, and perhaps for a public that largely disapproves of Trump's job performance, the notion of a popular media figure as a presidential candidate is not as strange as it once seemed.

"Look, it's ridiculous — and I get that," said Brad Anderson, Barack Obama's 2012 Iowa campaign director, who supports the idea of Winfrey running. "At the same time, politics is ridiculous right now."

Winfrey's speech as she accepted the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award touched on her humble upbringing and childhood wonder in civil rights heroes.

But it was her exhortation of the legions of women who have called out sexual harassers — and her dream of a day "when nobody has to say 'me too' again" — that got some influential political operatives thinking Winfrey might be just what the Democrats need. Her appeal extended well beyond her celebrity, some said, citing her compassion, kindness and devotion to helping others as a badly needed change after Trump.

"People need to have hope," said Ray Buckley, chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, who encouraged the idea of an Oprah run. "If it means looking at one of these celebrities that have a moral core, that are compassion and intelligent, I think that people should look to where they can during these very, very difficult times."

Even Trump's daughter Ivanka endorsed Oprah's message, if not a political future, in a tweet Monday. "Just saw @Oprah's empowering and inspiring speech at last night's #GoldenGlobes. Let's all come together, women & men, & say #TIMESUP! #UNITED."

Trump's job approval rating sat at just 32 percent in December, according to an Associated Press-NORC poll. And though polls show his approval up slightly since, Trump is the least popular first-year president on record. He has also been accused by multiple women of sexual misconduct, though he has vehemently denied the allegations.

Winfrey, in September and October, publicly dismissed the notion of seeking the nation's highest office, though she noted that Trump's victory made her rethink the requirements of the office.

The 64-year-old media mogul has become a cultural phenomenon over the past 30-plus years, born into a poor home in Mississippi but breaking through as a television news and talk show personality in the 1980s. Over 30 years, she became the face of television talk shows, starred and produced feature films, and began her own network.

Trump himself has lavished praise on Winfrey over the years, including in 2015, when he said that he would consider her as a running mate on his Republican ticket. "I'd love to have Oprah. I think we'd win easily, actually," Trump told ABC News at the time.

Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Donald Trump speaks Tuesday during a meeting with lawmakers on immigration policy in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington.

Trump suggests two-phase immigration deal for 'Dreamers'

By Ken Thomas and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Searching for a bipartisan deal to avoid a government shutdown, President Donald Trump suggested Tuesday that an immigration agreement could be reached in two phases — first by addressing young immigrants and border security with what he called a "bill of love," then by making comprehensive changes that have long eluded Congress.

Trump presided over a lengthy meeting with Republican and Democratic lawmakers seeking a solution for hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the U.S. as children and living here illegally. Trump last year ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which shielded more than 700,000 people from deportation and gave them the right to work legally. He gave Congress until March to find a fix.

The president, congressional Republicans and Democrats expressed optimism for a deal just 10 days before a government shutdown deadline. Trump said he was willing to be flexible in finding an agreement as Democrats warned that the lives of hundreds of thousands of immigrants hung in the balance.

"I think my positions are going to be what the people in this room come up with," Trump said during a Cabinet Room meeting with a bipartisan group of nearly two dozen lawmakers, adding, "I am very much reliant upon the people in this room." A group of journalists observed the meandering meeting for an extraordinary length of time — about 55 minutes — that involved Trump seeking input from Democrats and Republicans alike in a freewheeling exchange on the contentious issue.

"My head is spinning from all the things that were said by the president and others in that room in the course of an hour and a half," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "But the sense of urgency, the commitment to DACA, the fact that the president said to me privately as well as publicly, 'I want to get this done,' I'm going to take him as his word."

The White House said after the meeting that lawmakers had agreed to narrow the scope of the negotiations to four areas: border security, family-based "chain migration," the visa lottery and the DACA policy. Democrats and Republicans are set to resume negotiations Wednesday.

But the exchange raised questions about how far Trump would push for his high-profile border wall.

In describing the need for a wall, the president said it didn't need to be a "2,000-mile wall. We don't need a wall where you have rivers and mountains and everything else protecting it. But we do need a wall for a fairly good portion."

Trump has long made that case, saying even during his campaign that his border wall didn't need to be continuous, thanks to natural barriers in the landscape. And he has said he would be open to using fencing for some portions as well.

The unusually public meeting laid bare a back-and-forth between the parties more typically confined to closed-door negotiations. At one point, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, asked Trump if he would support a "clean" DACA bill now with a commitment to pursue a comprehensive immigration overhaul later.

Trump responded, "I would like it. ... I think a lot of people would like to see that but I think we have to do DACA first." House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., interjected, saying, "Mr. President, you need to be clear though," that legislation involving the so-called Dreamers would need to include border security.

The president said he would insist on construction of a border security wall as part of an agreement involving young immigrants, but he said Congress could then pursue a comprehensive immigration overhaul in a second phase of talks.

House Republicans said they planned to soon introduce legislation to address border security and the young immigrants. Trump said, "it should be a bill of love."

Trump's embrace of a "bill of love" brought to mind his past criticism of former GOP presidential rival Jeb Bush, who said many people come to the U.S. illegally as an "act of love." Trump's campaign posted a video at the time with a tagline that read, "Forget love, it's time to get tough!"

Conservatives quickly sounded alarms about a process that would lead to a comprehensive agreement on immigration, a path that has long been anathema to many rank-and-file Republicans.

"Nothing Michael Wolff could say about @realDonaldTrump has hurt him as much as the DACA lovefest right now," tweeted conservative commentator Ann Coulter, referencing Trump's recent portrayal in the book, "Fire and Fury."

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leader of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, said in a text message after the White House meeting he was "generally" opposed to a two-step process "because history would indicate the second step never happens." But he later said that if the first steps included the four areas outlined by the White House, "then I could support a two-step process realizing that step one is the only thing that is guaranteed."

The president appeared to acknowledge the potential political pitfalls of pursuing a more permanent deal, telling the lawmakers, "I'll take all the heat you want. But you are not that far away from comprehensive immigration reform."

After the meeting, lawmakers from both parties appeared divided over the basic definition of Trump's bottom-line demand for a border wall.

Democratic House Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland said his party was opposed to GOP calls for $18 billion in funding to build the wall. "It was clear in the meeting that wall did not mean some structure," he said of Trump's remarks, noting the president also mentioned fencing, cameras, and other security measures for the border.

Republicans were adamant that Trump's call "means the wall," but noted Trump acknowledged it doesn't need to cover the entire length of the border because of geographic barriers.

The immigration talks pit a president who made the construction of a border wall a central piece of his 2016 campaign against congressional Democrats who have sought to preserve the Obama-era protections for the young immigrants.

The discussions are taking place in the aftermath of Trump's public blow-up with former campaign and White House adviser Steve Bannon, one of the architects of Trump's calls for the border wall.

Bannon's break with Trump has raised concerns among some conservative Republicans that the president might reach an agreement with Democrats on the Dreamers without getting enough in return.

Trump as recently as last weekend said he wouldn't sign legislation addressing DACA unless Congress agreed to an overhaul of the legal immigration system, saying any deal must include an overhaul of the family-based immigration system as well as an end to the diversity visa lottery, which draws immigrants from under-represented parts of a world.

That would be in addition to Trump winning funding for his promised southern border wall and added border security. But in the meeting he indicated a willingness to compromise with Democrats, whose votes are needed in the narrowly divided Senate.

"The president exhibited, I thought, quite a bit of flexibility when the cameras weren't there in terms of what we do in this phase and the next phase — and an acknowledgment that a lot of things we want to do are going to be part of a comprehensive bill but not now," said Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., one of the attendees.

Joe Arpaio announces bid for Senate

By Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Joe Arpaio, the former Arizona sheriff who was spared a possible jail sentence when President Donald Trump pardoned him for disobeying a judge, announced Tuesday that he would run for the Senate seat being vacated by fellow Republican Jeff Flake.

The 85-year-old longtime lawman said the lack of support for Trump's agenda in Washington inspired him to make the bid. He also cited supporters who urged him to seek public office again after a crushing 2016 re-election defeat following six terms as sheriff of metro Phoenix. Then Trump offered the pardon last summer.

"If I go to my grave, I don't think I'd be happy if I didn't take the shot to run," Arpaio said, adding that Trump had got asked him to run.

Arpaio's plan could set up a race in which one of the president's most prominent supporters attempts to take over for one of his fiercest critics.

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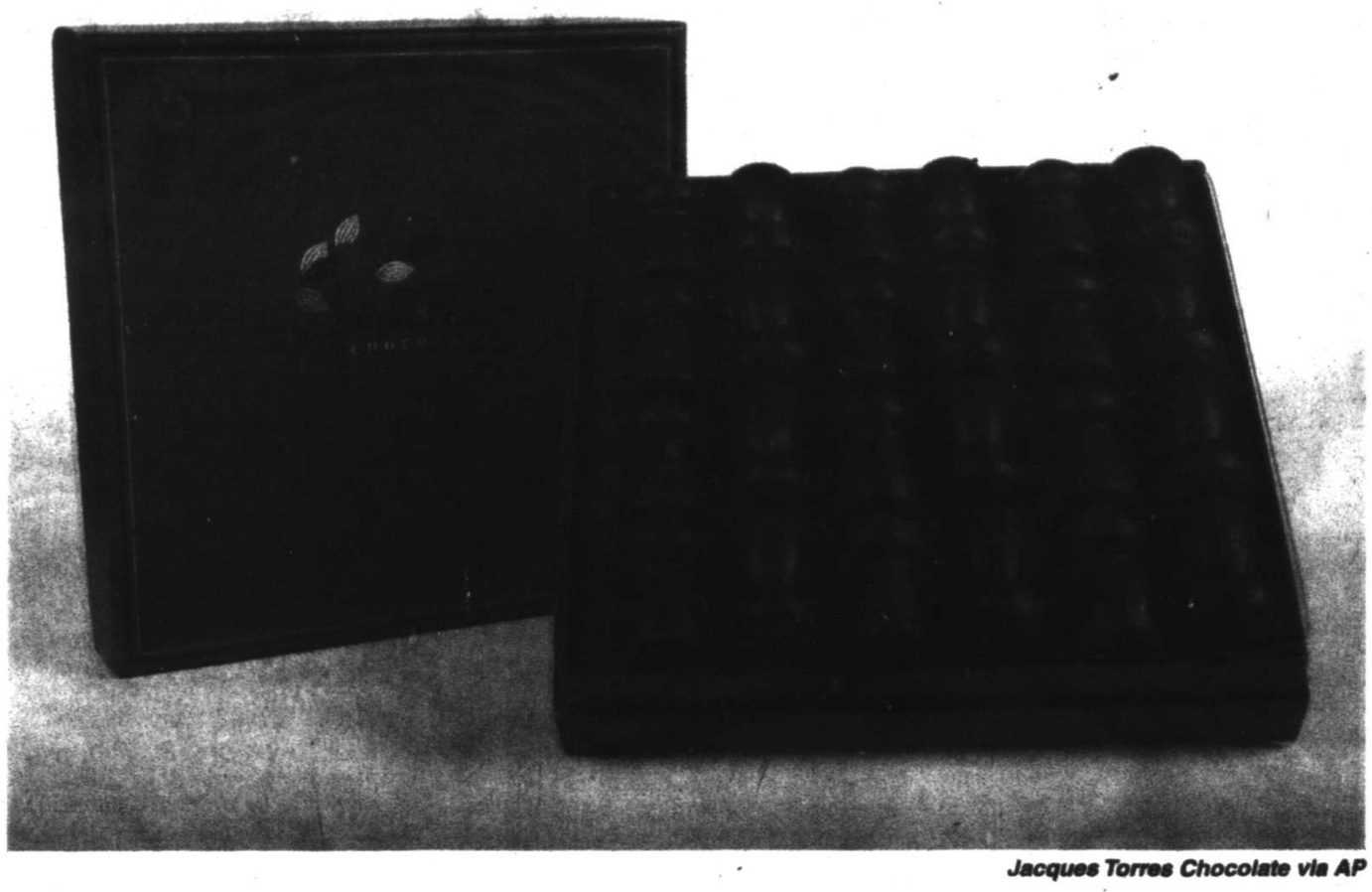

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This undated photo provided by Jacques Torres Chocolate shows a box of the companies gourmet chocolates.

Mark the season of romance with some special chocolates

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Got a chocolate lover? Why not mark the season of romance with something special just for them.

With an ancient love connection — the Aztecs believed chocolate was an aphrodisiac — and built-in marketing opportunities that include Valentine's Day, the purveyors of chocolate offer their wares in a variety of price ranges, flavor combinations and just plain fun factor.

Some suggestions:

The bubbly

The folks over at Jacques Torres offer 10- and 20-piece boxes of truffles ($20 and $48 respectively) that contain milk chocolate, fresh cream and Taittinger Brut La Francaise Champagne. Yes, the real deal! Uncommongoods offers a Champagne bottle crafted out of dark chocolate that is filled with silver-wrapped truffles that contain a bit of the bubbly, all handmade, for $62.

With Champagne and chocolate forever intertwined in the romance department, gift basket pairings are everywhere. Make sure to check out websites and read reviews.

The playful

Sometimes, one needs a gift of Peeps to make all the sugar worthwhile, so take advantage of the little packets of red and pink hearts and other specialty items on offer this season from the makers of the marshmallow mainstay. Peeps are especially nice if your holiday is more Galentine's Day than Valentine's Day. They just make certain people smile. Packs of mini hearts are available for $3.75. A two-pack of larger pink hearts goes for $9.91. Look for the company's four-pack of vanilla-flavored chicks on a stick in Valentine's hues of white, pink and red.

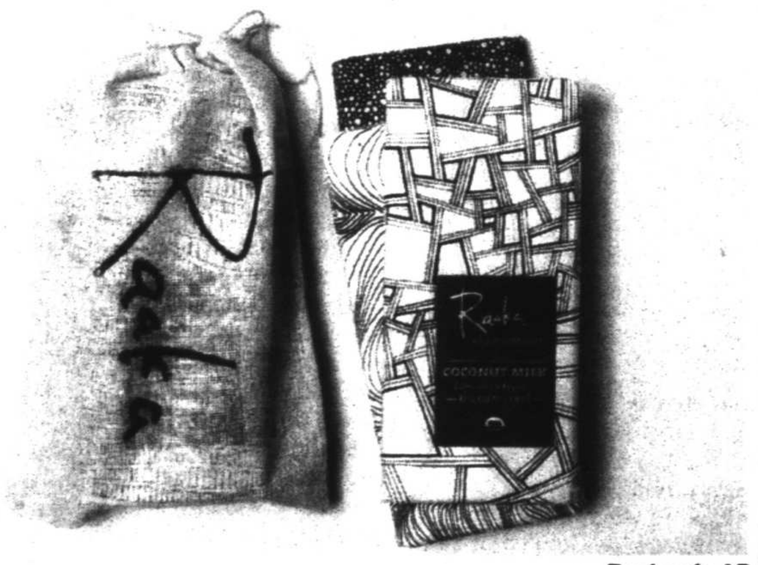
Got a Candy Corn fanatic? Give the gift of Cupid Corn in a 2-pound bag, $12.95. It's red, pink and white.

The fruity

Yes, we're talking chocolate-dipped strawberries, either DIY or ordered ahead. A box of 12 dipped in semi-sweet chocolate from Edible Arrangements costs $19. A dozen in a milk and dark chocolate mix from Godiva runs $80. Look around to go even fancier with added embellishments, full coverage rather than just the tips and other flavors, including Belgian white chocolate.

Fruity bouquets are also available. So are other fruits with a kiss of chocolate. Bissingers offers 12 Valencia orange slices dipped in dark chocolate using glaceeing techniques for $43.

If you feel like going DIY, buy a chocolate fountain , slice up your loved one's favorite fruit and have at it.



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This undated photo provided by Raaka shows some of the companies chocolates in a three bar gift pack.

The sentimental

Partial to See's Candies? Check the website after Jan. 18 for Valentine's Day specials. A heart-shaped box in a tuxedo theme and stuffed with the company's best chocolates has been available in the past. How about personalizing some M&Ms for your beloved?

Hershey offers its chocolate Kisses by occasion, including pink ones. Lots of other name brands like Kit Kat will be offering up special-issue goodies for Valentine's Day, if you're looking to not break the bank. Little grab-and-go's like these are a great complement to a larger gift.

Miscellaneous yumminess

Lots of handcrafted boxes of chocolates are available online and off with fancy and colorful decorations that may not be all about love but are special nonetheless. If you're lucky, you'll have a high-end chocolate maker nearby to shop offline, but if not, search around online for just the right box and flavor profiles. MarieBelle sells a 25-piece caramel collection with flavors ranging from banana flambe to matcha green tea for $52. They're beautifully decorated, handmade and preservative-free.

In luxury, La Maison du Chocolat offers a vast range of packaging and combinations year round. One, a robin's-egg blue hatbox, sells for $210 and is filled with a 3.2-pound mix of truffles , bars and other delights in both dark and milk chocolate.

Loads of local artisanal chocolate exists, including some breakout Brooklyn brands. New York maker Raaka sells bars and gift packs online, including a box of 100 8-gram, pink, sea-salt minis that are 71 percent dark chocolate with a blend of cacao form Zorzal Cacao in the Dominican Republic and Alto Beni Cacao Company in Bolivia. They're fruity, nutty, and also vegan, gluten-free and soy-free. The box turns into a cute tabletop dispenser.

Raaka will also put together a gift of three bars in whatever flavors you choose. They make limited-batch Ginger Snap at 70 percent cacao, Bourbon Cask Aged at 82 percent and Cabernet Sauvignon at 68 percent, for $19.95.

Target leveraged stores to raise its online game

By Anne D'innocenzio and Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Target leveraged its stores as delivery centers, helping to boost sales during the critical holiday period.

The Minneapolis-based retailer said Tuesday that sales at stores open at least a year jumped 3.4 percent in November and December, with heavy traffic on the company's website and in stores.

Target stores played a part in 70 percent of online volume during the last two months of the year, accounting for about 80 percent of the company's same-store sales growth. The stores were used to either ship online orders or as a pickup point for customers who ordered online.

Chairman and CEO Brian Cornell said Target's stores are at the center of the company's strategy to make shopping more effortless for customers, and Target was pleased with its holiday season performance.

The company, also citing recently enacted federal tax changes, raised its quarterly and 2017 profit expectations, sending shares up nearly 3 percent to $69.03 on Tuesday.

Kohl's, Macy's and J.C. Penney have all reported strong holiday sales as consumers have spent more freely than in past years following the recession.

The Federal Reserve said this week that consumer borrowing jumped 8.8 percent in November, the largest spike in more than two years, with confidence in the U.S. economy growing steadily. The category of debt coming mostly from credit cards jumped $11.2 billion, the most in a year, to $1.02 trillion. That is the highest level on record, without adjusting for inflation.

Like other retailers, Target has attempted to reform itself as shoppers increasingly go online, and want other stores to match the convenience and delivery of Amazon. Target expects online sales to increase more than 25 percent in 2017.

The company pledged last year to invest more than $7 billion to modernize its business. It's now shipping online orders from 1,400 of its 1,800 stores for faster delivery. The company recently acquired startup Shipt, which will bring same-day delivery services to customers from about half of its stores in the early part of the year.

Target Corp. now expects fourth-quarter adjusted earnings of $1.30 to $1.40 per share, up from $1.05 to $1.25 per share. For 2017, Target projected earnings of $4.64 to $4.74 per share, topping previous estimates of between $4.40 and $4.60 per share.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected $1.22 per share for the quarter and $4.56 per share for the full year.

The company expects 2018 adjusted earnings of between $5.15 and $5.45 per share.

Bezos' net worth tops $105 billion as Amazon climbs in New Year

By Tom Metcalf
Bloomberg

Jeff Bezos' net worth reached $105.1 billion Monday on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index as Amazon.com shares added to a 12-month surge that's lifted the online shopping giant's market value by almost 57 percent.

Amazon shares have risen 6.6 percent this year, with a report showing the Seattle-based company captured 89 percent of online spending among dominant holiday retailers in the five-week period beginning the day after Thanksgiving in the U.S.

The latest jump has pushed Bezos' fortune definitively above the high reached by Microsoft's Bill Gates in 1999. The Amazon founder passed Gates in October with a net worth of $93.8 billion and his fortune crossed $100 billion for the first time a month later when the holiday shopping season kicked off on Black Friday.

Gates, 62, would have a net worth of more than $150 billion if he'd held onto assets that he's given away, largely to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He has given away almost 700 million Microsoft shares and $2.9 billion of cash and other assets since 1996, according to an analysis of his publicly disclosed giving.

Bezos also controls closely held space exploration business Blue Origin and The Washington Post.

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Health care providers notice increase in flu cases

Number of local cases 'peaking now,' infection preventionist says

By Simone Jasper
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Local medical professionals have observed a recent spike in the number of patients with flu-like symptoms. Some health care providers are taking steps to help stop the spread of the virus, and they encourage Midlanders to use prevention measures as well.

At Briarwood Clinic, 70 percent or more of walk-in patients have tested positive for the flu. Jerry Lyon, family nurse practitioner, said about half of patients with confirmed cases had received flu shots this season.

"One thing it tells me is that more and more, the scientists that are looking at what strains to protect you from, they're coming up with more strains they didn't expect," he said.

Lyon said health entities are taking flu cases seriously this season. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue and vomiting or diarrhea, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Statewide, influenza activity is increasing, according to a Texas

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More on flu

- Health experts: It's not too late to get flu shot
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MMH emergency department numbers

Week reported	Confirmed flu cases (A and B)	Influenza-like illnesses
Nov. 27	6	148
Dec. 4	9	141
Dec. 11	14	146
Dec. 18	37	167
Dec. 26	93	228
Jan. 1	150	199
Jan. 8	125	226

YOUNG AT HEART

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Members of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association make their way along county road south of Midland in June. A two-year study shows that beginning an exercise routine before age 65 can reduce chance of heart failure.

Exercising can reduce effects of aging heart

■ To get the most benefit, workouts should begin before age 65, study shows

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

If you're under 65 and have never exercised, start now. It could reverse damage to an aging or sedentary heart, plus set the stage for a reduced chance of heart failure in the future.

Such are the findings of a two-year study conducted by the Dallas-based Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between UT Southwestern Medical Center and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. Study results were published Monday in Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

There are two caveats: To get the most benefit, people need to start before age 65. They must also work out four to five times a week, varying intensity and duration.

Dr. Benjamin Levine, senior author of the study and institute director, said the study shows that if you want to remain vigorously active as you age, "exercise needs to be part of your personal hygiene.

"It's not something that gets added onto the end of the day: You brush your teeth, you change your clothes, you eat your food," he said. "You do these things for personal hygiene. Exercise is as important as these. You need to find ways to incorporate it."

Three years after being part of the study, Mae Onsry hasn't stopped exercising. "If I haven't done it, I'm like, 'Oh, my gosh, I didn't do it today! I have an hour before the sun sets. I can do it!'" said Onsry, an now-avid walker who is 66 and lives in Dallas. "It's so addictive."

She had never followed a workout routine before volunteering to be part of the study, but adapted easily to the three- and later four-day weekly schedule. "I don't want to get sick when I get old," she said. "The heart, you can do something for it."

Onsry was one of more than 50 men and women 45 to 64 who were recruited to help answer this question: "How much of aging is related to gradual loss of function of cells over time and how much to conditioning?"

Participants were divided into two groups. Half, including Onsry, participated in supervised cardiovascular exercise; the control group focused solely on yoga and balance training.

At the end of two years, the control group didn't show any cardiovascular benefits. But the exercise group showed an 18 percent improvement in their maximum oxygen uptake, or how the body uses oxygen, during exercise. They also had more than a 25 percent improvement in compliance, or elasticity, of the left ventricle of the heart.

Why is that important? "Imagine a brand new box of rubber bands," Levine said. "You take them out of the box, stretch them and they snap back. Stick them in a drawer for 10 years and what happens? They're stiff; they've lost elasticity. That's what happens to many

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Midland Health

MMH uses survey data to ensure best possible care

Clinical process measures for hospitals nationwide have been available for years at hospitalcompare.hhs.gov, the website for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Hospital Compare program. These data are updated and released every quarter. The most recent report was released in December, and you may recall a news story written about the regional results that published last week. Here's an overview of what makes up Midland Memorial Hospital's rating and what initiatives are in place to ensure continuous improvement.

Midland Memorial is proud to be at or above the national average on 41 of 57 quality measures outlined on the Hospital Compare website, which resulted in an overall star rating of 3 on a scale of 1 to 5. The overall rating includes 57 measures divided into seven major categories: seven mortality measures, eight safety of care measures, nine readmission measures, 11 patient experience measures, 10 effectiveness of care measures, seven timeliness of care measures, and five efficient use of medical imaging measures. Of the 16 measures that fell short of the

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State officials take steps to fix mental health hospitals

By Marissa Evans
Texas Tribune

Texas leaders are taking the first steps to make long-awaited fixes to state hospitals built in the 19th and 20th centuries that serve Texans who need mental health services.

The work includes planning for the total replacement of hospitals in San Antonio and Austin, officials announced Monday.

Texas Health and Human Services officials said they are receiving the first $47.7 million to begin needed construction for existing state hospitals. The funding is part of the $300 million authorized by the Legislature during the 2017 session.

Charles Smith, Texas Health and Human Services executive commissioner, said in a news release that "this investment will benefit the state for

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national average in the most recent report, 10 represented patient experience ratings taken from patient surveys.

The data collection periods vary by category and measure and do not reflect the most current time period. The mortality measures include data collected from 2013-2016. The majority of the safety of care measures include data collected during 2016-2017. Readmission measures include data collected during 2013-2016. Patient experience, effectiveness of care data were collected during 2016-2017. Efficient use of medical imaging data were collected during 2015-2016.

MMH performance was the same as the national mortality average for heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, stroke, and deaths among patients with seriously treatable complications after surgery. Our mortality rates were higher than the national average for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pneumonia. Our research indicates that patients with such chronic debilitating conditions are more likely to spend their last days of life in the hospital in Midland than in other communities, thereby increasing our mortality rate. In addition to following the best clinical practices in caring for these patients, we are enhancing our efforts to assure their care is provided in the most appropriate setting. One component of this effort is Midland Memorial Hospital's partnership with MyDirectives, to assist patients and their families in making end-of-life treatment planning decisions that recognize the patient's needs and priorities.

Midland Memorial Hospital reported fewer catheter-associated urinary tract infections and fewer clostridium difficile intestinal infections than the national average. Rates of central line-associated bloodstream infection, colon surgical site infection, abdominal hysterectomy site infection, methicillin resistant staph aureus infection, complications associated with hip/knee replacement and complications in general, were no different than the national average.

Midland Memorial's rate of unplanned readmission was no different than the national average for a wide range of patient diagnoses, including heart attack, heart bypass surgery, COPD, heart failure, hip/knee replacement, pneumonia and stroke, as well as following an outpatient colonoscopy.

Patient experience, as reported by a small sample of our inpatients on the Medicare-mandated Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey, has proven to be among our most challenging opportunities for improvement. On the most recent report, our patient experience survey results fell below the national benchmark on 10 of 11 measures. Improving our patients' experiences of care is a high priority at our hospital. Several initiatives have been started, and existing efforts have been enhanced to ensure we are always delivering high quality care that puts the patient at the center and enhances the overall experience. Some of those recent initiatives include regular meetings with various care teams to increase focus on best practices, evidence-based behavioral standards and customer service improvement training.

The hospital's performance on effectiveness of care measures — to include patients given the influenza vaccine and patients receiving an appropriate recommendation for a follow-up colonoscopy — were above the national average. Fewer patients left the emergency department before being seen than in the average hospital. The percentage of mothers whose deliveries were scheduled too early, according to Medicare criteria, was higher than the national average. The early elective delivery standard is somewhat controversial in the obstetrical community, and all such early elective deliveries are reviewed by our medical staff for appropriateness. While the rate of early elective deliveries has declined over the past three years, a small number of elective deliveries before 39 weeks gestation continue to occur and are considered to be appropriate by our obstetricians, but fall outside of Medicare's guidelines.

Efforts by the ED staff and physicians have dramatically improved timeliness of care in our emergency department over the last two years. All timeliness of care measures associated with ED patient throughput were better than the national average, except for the average time a patient waits to be admitted to a room. Bed assignment processes have been automated, and performance is continuously monitored in order to shorten wait times.

At Midland Memorial, medical imaging is used more judiciously than the national average for conditions involving low back pain, cardiac issues and sinus conditions. Abdominal CT scans with and without contrast are ordered as frequently as the national average. Chest CT scans with and without contrast are ordered more frequently than the national average. All physicians are required to document the clinical reason for these double scans and this information is reviewed for appropriateness.

At Midland Memorial Hospital, we devote significant time and resources to assuring we are providing the best care we possibly can. Our quality initiatives have achieved a variety of honors, including:

- American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Heart Failure Gold Plus Achievement Award
- American Nurses Credentialing Center Pathway to Excellence Designation (now a two-time designated hospital
- ACTION Registry - Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) Platinum Performance Achievement Award from the American College of Cardiology Foundation
- American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Center Award

We continually strive to provide the highest quality of care and service for our patients. The quality measures reported by CMS on Hospital Compare both confirm those efforts and help us recognize opportunities for further improvement. Moving forward, MMH will continue to monitor all the information compiled by these reporting agencies and implement new systems and processes when necessary to ensure the best possible patient care is given in all areas of service at the hospital.

Robyn Kedzie is executive director, quality management for Midland Memorial Hospital.

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generations."

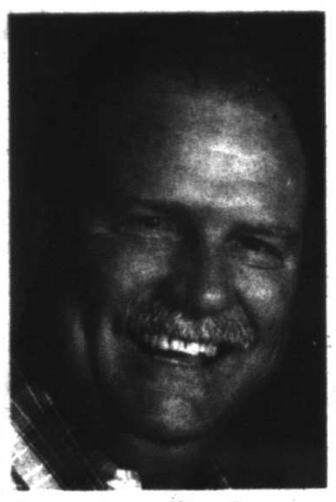
"With this support from state leadership, we can update our facilities and be sure we are providing Texans with the very best mental health care possible," Smith said.

The news comes just five months after the Texas Health and Human Services Commission released a report looking at the state's long-term mental health system needs. Officials noted in the report that some of the 10 state hospitals were built as early as the 1850s. Outdated building design and deterioration has led to reduced capacity, the report said. It also found that as of August 2017, 70 beds across the state were not in use due to needed repairs or deferred maintenance issues.

Part of the improvements includes remodeling projects to expand capacity at the Kerrville and San Antonio state hospitals, adding beds to the Rusk State Hospital and planning for a new hospital in Houston.

It also includes developing plans for reimagining the Austin State Hospital and San Antonio State Hospital, which were serving about 330 people combined during a 2016 review. The state is estimating it'll cost $235 million to build new facilities in Austin and an estimated $270 million for a new San Antonio hospital.

Obituaries



Gary Lee Naylor

Gary Lee Naylor, 56, of San Angelo, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in San Angelo.

Gary was born February 2, 1961 in Amarillo, Texas to James W. and Kathryn Eckman Naylor. He grew up in the Texas panhandle and graduated from High School in Dimmitt, Texas. Gary then attended West Texas State University where he played football. He worked various jobs and moved to Midland where he worked for United Parcel Service (UPS) for 31 years until his passing. He loved working for UPS with his UPS family.

Gary married the love of his life, Vikki Murphy, on June 16, 1990 and they shared 27 wonderful years together.

He was a loving and devoted son, husband, brother, father, uncle, cousin, and PaPa. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed hanging out and relaxing with family and friends. Gary's other passion was going out on the lake in his boat. He loved boating and enjoyed teaching people to ski and tube. Gary and Vikki also own and operate Preston's Play Yard on College Hills Blvd.

When Gary wasn't working or out on the boat, he was awarded the title of "Mr. Fixit" by his family and friends. Gary could fix just about anything and would tinker around with anything that needed fixing.

His absolute favorite pastime was telling stories with his family and friends. Gary was always the life of the party and he delivered the most beautiful speeches. He had numerous affiliations but most notably, was his involvement with United Way.

Gary's humor and love and devotion to his family will remain in our hearts forever! We will dearly miss him.

Gary was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Clara Eckman and J.L. and Elma Naylor; and by his mother and father-in-law, Jerry Murphy and Jacquelyn Bickham Hawley.

He is survived by his wife, Vikki Naylor of San Angelo; his daughter, Kanji Naylor Adams and her husband Danny of Midland, Texas; his parents, James W. and Kathryn Naylor of Waco, Texas; his grandchildren, Preston and Reese Adams of Midland; his brother, Donnie Naylor and his wife Melissa of Waco; his sisters-in-laws, DeeDee Neal and her husband Alan of Pottsboro, Texas, Kandi Bagwell and her husband Don of Midland, and Angie Fields of Midland; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members and many close friends.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church at 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Pallbearers for the service will be Donnie Naylor, Cameron Naylor, Danny Adams, Alan Neal, Jeffrey Votaw, Adam Votaw, Jeremy Sessions, Josh Fields, Jaxon Fields, Don Bagwell, David Dakil, Dylan Dakil, Troy Henry, Josh Haro, Dale Cleveland, Justin Ezell, Wesley Huddleston, and J.R. Ezell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hartley Strong at *www.youcaring.com* or the Dear John Michael Foundation at P.O. Box 81062, Midland, TX 79708.

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

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Ignacio M. Gonzales

On January 4th God called home one of his precious Angels Ignacio M. Gonzales. He was born in Fort Stockton on July 31, 1936 to Basilia and Carlos Gonzales. He was married to Carolyn Sue Kelly for 40 years with four children.

Ignacio is survived by three of his children Sonja Ford of Hammond Louisiana, Donna Aguirre and Bobby, Carl Gonzales and Eduvina all of Midland Texas.

Kelly Wisdom predeceased him in 2005 but was waiting for him in heaven along with his parents, 2 sisters, 4 brothers and his wives Carolyn and Diane. He leaves 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers Jody Gonzales of Ft. Worth, Charlie Gonzales, Ismael Gonzales and sister Lucia Gonzales all of Fort Stockton. Numerous nieces and nephews and children close to his heart.

Friday January 12th a Rosary will be held at St. Stephens Catholic Church at 7pm. Memorial services will be held on January 13th at 3pm also at St Stephens Catholic Church in Midland Texas with fellowship to follow at the hall.

Lynn Ann Meckley

Lynn Ann Meckley, 52, of Junction, Texas, passed away on January 7, 2018 surrounded by her family at Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg.

Lynn was born April 9, 1965 in Midland, Texas to Arnold and Billie (Fisher) Meckley. She grew up and attended schools in Midland, graduating from Midland High School - Class of 1983. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. in Studio Art from Schreiner University in Kerrville. She worked several years in art galleries in San Antonio and Austin and spent one summer studying museum art in Rome, Italy. She received her LVN from Schreiner University in 1999. She was employed by the Hill Country Youth Ranch for 13 years as a counselor. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

Lynn is preceded in death by her father, Arnold Meckley.

Those left to honor her memory include her mother, Billie Meckley of Junction; and brother, Lee Meckley and wife Marisol of Austin, Texas.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Kimble Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend John Curry officiating. Interment will follow in the Junction City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Kimble Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jay Carpenter, Ronny Carpenter, Bobby Carpenter, Buz Hull, Gary Priour, and Ron Hardaway.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at *www.kimblefuneralhometx.com.*

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kimble Funeral Home. (325) 446-3076

Tommy Elgene Thomason

Tommy Elgene Thomason went home to his Heavenly Father on December 23, 2017.

Tommy was born in Bowie, Texas to Ava Ilene and Drexel Alvin Thomason on October 10, 1934. Bowie was Tommy's hometown and where he graduated from Bowie High School in 1952. Tommy attended University of North Texas and was a center on the Mean Green football team.

After college, Tommy enlisted in the United States Army; he served during the Korean War. He was stationed in Thule, Greenland. Tommy ended his service with an honorable discharge.

Tommy called Midland his home where he started his family and worked in the automobile industry at the Lincoln Mercury dealership and in the oil industry as well.

Tommy was an avid golfer and gin rummy player and enjoyed his friends in these ongoing competitions. This is where he earned the nick name Titanic!

Tommy has 57 years of sobriety and was proud of his opportunity to council and sponsor many in local AA programs over the years.

Later, in life, Tommy retired to his family ranch, The Bar XL in Des Moines, New Mexico, until health issues required he be closer to the VA Hospital in Amarillo. He lived there with his two dogs, Spike and Pancho, until his passing.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Derrell Allen Thomason.

He is survived by his daughter, Angelia Thomason; his son, Richard Thomason and wife Garilynn of Midland; and his grandson, Jesse Elgene of Lexington, Virginia.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Tommy's life on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Death Notices

Alejandro C. Gutierrez

Alejandro C. Gutierrez, 57, of Midland, passed away on December 30, 2017.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Serenity Memo-rial Gardens.

He is survived by family and friends.

Bernie Hennis

Bernie Hennis, 57, of Midland, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Receiving of friends and gathering will be Friday, January 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

He is survived by his companion, Susan Oittmer; three daughters, Cynthia Hennis, Amanda Hennis and Bernie (Missy) Hennis; and by two brothers.

Carolyn Taylor Winkler

Carolyn Taylor Winkler, 88, of Midland, passed away Monday, January 8, 2018.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Survivors include children, Robert Winkler and Diane Campbell.

All floral offerings may be taken to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Gene Lester

Gene Lester, 90 of Midland, passed away on January 8, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and three children.

There will be a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2017 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Randy Bell

Randall Gene Bell, 50 passed away December 30, 2017.

Memorial services will be held in Midland on Friday January 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 6409 State Highway 349.

Tom Dobbins Dodd

Tom Dobbins Dodd, 76, of Midland, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

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parts of the human body. Think of your eyes — you need bifocals; your skin — you get wrinkles. Your muscles and your joints and your heart."

The left ventricle is significant because it's the chamber that pumps oxygenated blood back into the body.

"When the muscle stiffens, you get high pressure and the heart chamber doesn't fill as well with blood." In its most severe form, blood can back up into the lungs. That's when heart failure develops."

Previous institute studies had shown that by age 70, the effects on the heart of aging and being sedentary couldn't be reversed. Researchers, though, found late middle age to be "the sweet spot," said Levine, who holds the S. Finley Ewing Chair for Wellness at Texas Health Dallas and the Distinguished Professorship in Exercise Sciences at UT Southwestern, where he is a professor of internal medicine.

Although results of the study didn't come as a surprise, he says, what did was "how dramatic the effect" of exercise was.

Levine, who hasn't missed more than two days a week exercising in 40 years, recommends workouts with "diversity in duration, intensity and mode. I think everybody should do one long workout a week, at least an hour. I don't care if it's tennis or a bike ride or a brisk walk with the family or Zumba. It's good for the soul as well as the body."

Everyone should also do one day of high-intensity training, which alternates short bursts of energy with rest periods. "That's one of the most effective in everything we do," Levine said, "and supports burst activities like running for a bus or having a fright."

That leaves two to three days for 30-minute workouts in which you're "breaking a sweat, being a little short of breath but able to carry on a conversation," he said. Round out the week with at least one day for a strength-training session.

"It's my prescription for life," he says. "I think our society needs to be reorganized along that strategy."

One more thing: Even if you've passed that "sweet spot" age, don't let that stop you from exercising, Levine said.

"Even if you're over 65 (when you start), there are still benefits," he said. "I don't want there to be the take-away of it being too late. If you want to preserve the youthful structure of your heart, even if you're in late middle age, you can still do that. After that time, it's no longer possible. You can still get benefits, many, but if you wait too long, you can't reverse the damage or alter the structure of your heart."

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Play therapy allows children to express feelings, trauma

ANGIE MORRIS
Centers

Having a sick child is scary, tiresome and requires sacrifice. As a new mom, I find few things more challenging than when my baby is sick. A sick child leads to sleepless nights and tears (from the eyes of babes and moms). Most of all, it is very difficult to see your sick baby cry, but not possess the ability to communicate the exact problem.

Recently, my child was sick. I knew she was in pain. She was crying constantly, and the thermometer's readings were much too high. My child is too young to communicate well with words. Her cries left me to fill in the blanks. Does she need more medicine? Does she need water/food? Does she just need to be held? Left with nothing more than her shrieking cries, I had so many questions and felt helpless.

I think children who are in play therapy sometimes feel this way. A child, especially a young child, does not always have the words to say how they are feeling or articulate the problems they may be experiencing. A 3-year-old may not have the cognitive ability to verbalize his or her feelings or previous trauma. Older children often can have a hard time finding words to describe exactly what they are feeling when their parents are getting a divorce or they are faced with other life-changing events.

Play therapy allows children to use their natural language of play. Children can use toys or art as their words. This form of therapy is based on the relationship between child and therapist. Once a trusting relationship is formed, the child can express himself or herself by using toys or other therapeutic means.

That 3-year-old may not be able to find the words to talk about the trauma, but he can play out a scene that shows a car wreck that he has been through. This allows the therapist to fill in the blanks, reflect the feelings and reflect the content that the child is communicating. An older child can create a rapport with the counselor and later make art about his/her changing world.

Like my child who could not communicate her exact feelings, children in play therapy may have the same issue. As a play therapist, I get the privilege of working with these wonderful clients. I get to be someone they can trust and lean on, and I can try to fill in those gaps by listening and seeing their stories in the playroom.

Health experts: It's not too late to get flu shot

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

Is it too late to get a flu shot?

We know you've been busy with the holidays, spending time in airports and on road trips to see family and friends.

But the holiday season is over and it's time to get back to reality. The flu season is most certainly upon us. And you need to deal with it.

During the last week of 2017, "influenza activity increased sharply in the United States," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Outpatient visits to doctors and other medical professionals by people suffering from influenza-like illnesses were above normal baseline levels in every region of the country, the CDC reported. And among the 54 jurisdictions in the flu surveillance system (every state plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands), 50 reported "regional" or "widespread" flu activity at the end of last year.

So far this flu season, at least 3,927 people have been sent to the hospital with laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza.

One child was confirmed to have died of the flu during the last week of 2017. The most recent statistics that include adults were from the week that ended Dec. 16, when 6.7 percent of deaths reported to the National Center for Health Statistics were attributed to influenza and pneumonia.

The good news, according to health experts, is that it's not too late to reduce your risk by getting a flu shot.

The CDC recommends a flu shot for everyone over the age of 6 months, unless you have a specific medical reason to skip it (such as an allergy to the vaccine).

Only shots are advised this year. The FluMist nasal vaccine offered in the past has not been very effective against H1N1 strains in recent years, so the CDC says it "should not be used."

You may have heard that the flu that's doing the most damage this year is an H3N2 strain, and that it is less vulnerable to the vaccine. That's true. But public health experts still say that an imperfect flu shot is better than no flu shot.

And since the flu season could last well into March or April, there's still plenty of time for it to make a difference.

The flu may not sound like a big deal, but if you've ever had it, you know it can make you feel miserable. If you're lucky, you may have mild symptoms like a cough and a runny nose. But you can also wind up with a bad fever, chills and more serious complications like pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus infections.

If you've heard that the flu shot might actually give you the flu, rest assured that's impossible. The vaccine is made from an inactivated virus. It's able to prompt your immune system to make antibodies against the flu, so it's ready in case you encounter the real the thing.

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Department of State Health Services surveillance report produced Friday. The report summarized flu and flu-like illness for the week ending Dec. 30 and stated the activity level was widespread.

The report's map shows Midland County had confirmed cases of Flu A and Flu B — two types of seasonal influenza viruses. Andrews and Lubbock counties were the only others in West Texas that reported the same level of influenza activity to public health entities.

Val Sparks, infection preventionist at Midland Health, said Midland Memorial Hospital's emergency room has had an increasing number of patients with flu-like symptoms.

"It is peaking now," Sparks said. "We don't always have this many coming in. It overloads our emergency room."

In the MMH emergency department, numbers reported this week total 96 confirmed Flu A cases and 29 confirmed Flu B cases. Those figures are higher than the ones reported the week of Nov. 27, when there were six confirmed Flu A cases and no confirmed Flu B cases.

"We have lots of people getting the flu even though they had a flu shot," Sparks said. "It's not a perfect match this year."

Still, health care providers encourage Midlanders to receive vaccinations. Though some flu activity started in the fall, local medical professionals are continuing to offer immunizations.

"It's never too late to get the flu shot," said Sal Garcia, health manager for the city of Midland health department. "Here's the deal: The flu shot will help you bounce back up if you do get the flu."

Garcia said community members can take other steps for flu prevention, such as staying home if they are sick, washing hands regularly and avoiding others who have illnesses.

To prevent the spread of the virus, MMH announced this week it is encouraging people with flu-like symptoms and children younger than age 14 not to visit people in the hospital.

"If our patient doesn't have the flu, we don't want visitors bringing it to them," Sparks said.

The hospital is also disinfecting emergency department areas more frequently, distributing face masks to emergency room patients with flu-like symptoms and increasing signage related to flu prevention, according to a press release.

The flu season can stretch until spring, and Dr. Ikemefuna Okwuwa with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine at the Permian Basin is recommending people continue to take precautions. Okwuwa, assistant dean of clinical affairs and program director for the department of family medicine, encourages those who become sick to take action immediately.

"When it comes to symptoms of the flu, you want to (control them) in a day or two," he said. "That's when medications like Tamiflu work the best."

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Centurion Pipeline L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 73278, which would authorize modification to the Midland Tank Farm located at 2200 East County Road 90, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Tony Dejak/AP

Certified pharmacy technician Peggy Gillespie compounds antibiotics Monday to fill into syringes for use as an I.V. push at ProMedica Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. A nasty flu season is hitting U.S. hospitals already scrambling to maintain patient care amid severe shortages of crucial sterile fluids, particularly saline solution needed to administer I.V. medicines and rehydrate patients.

IV bag shortage has hospitals scrambling to treat flu

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — An ongoing shortage of fluids used to deliver medicine and treat dehydrated patients has hospital workers scrambling in the midst of a nasty flu season and supplies from factories in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico have been slow to rebound.

Supplies of saline and nutrient solutions were already tight before hurricanes pounded Puerto Rico and cut power to manufacturing plants that make much of the U.S. supply of fluid-filled bags used to deliver sterile solutions to patients.

Flu season has turned out to be a bad one and it came early, bringing patients in need of fluids into hospitals already running low.

Hospital officials, pharmacists and other staff have been devising alternatives and workarounds, training doctors and nurses on new procedures and options, and hitting the phones to try to secure fluids from secondary suppliers.

"If we can't support patients coming in emergency rooms who have the flu, more people are going to die," predicts Deborah Pasko, director of medication safety and quality at the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, a professional group. "I see it as a crisis."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said last week it believes shortages will start to ease over the next few weeks, but stressed "the production situation in Puerto Rico remains fragile."

Puerto Rico's power grid is being slowly restored and the last of three Baxter International factories there that make saline bags and nutrient solutions was reconnected just before Christmas. But intermittent power outages are still slowing Baxter's efforts to get back to full production.

Only a few other companies make those solutions, and supplies never fully recovered after a 2014 shortage of saline bags.

Now many hospitals are only getting half or two-thirds of what they order, and have only a few days' worth of saline on their shelves.

"No one wants to come out and make it sound like their hospital isn't safe," but problems will worsen if shortages don't ease soon, Pasko said.

Pasko and other hospital officials said they worry that changes in procedures and products could lead to errors.

Some hospital officials say the severity of shortages stabilized over the holidays, when elective surgeries and other services drop, but others say shortages are worsening.

Several noted a cascade effect, with new shortages created as hospitals all try the same workarounds. For instance, syringe supplies are running low because many patients are now getting injections instead of IV drips.

"Everything is hard to get because people are getting whatever they can," said Deborah Sadowski, director of pharmacy services at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, a specialized hospital in southern New Jersey.

The worst shortage is for small saline bags. Hospitals use hundreds or thousands daily to hydrate patients and to dilute antibiotics, painkillers and other drugs, then hang bags from a pole so the mix slowly drips through a tube and into a vein.

Deliveries of those have been most unpredictable, said David Chen, a pharmacy director with Promedica, which operates 13 hospitals in Ohio and Michigan.

"Some facilities are getting virtually zero. Other are having them trickle in. You never know what you're going to get," Chen said.

The FDA has been trying to boost supplies, giving two additional companies approval to start selling saline bags, likely within a couple months. It also gave Baxter permission to temporarily import sterile fluids from six overseas factories.

Baxter says it's been shipping those to U.S. hospitals since October, but hospital officials say that hasn't been enough.

Erin Fox, who tracks nationwide drug shortages and heads the University of Utah health system's drug information and support services, said its hospital system now has five to eight pharmacists a day working on nothing but managing shortages.

Shortages are also hitting surgery centers, cancer clinics that infuse chemotherapy, dialysis centers and companies that provide regular infusions to home-bound patients.

An Atlanta-area hospital run by Cancer Treatment Centers of America has had to rent special pumps to empty liter-size saline bags into many smaller ones for individual patients, said pharmacy services director Jamie Joy.

Nutrient solution bags, also running low, are needed for far fewer patients than saline, but there are few substitutes, said Connie Sullivan, head of research and innovation at the National Home Infusion Association.

Its members have been swapping products with other infusion services and even limiting the number of new patients they accept.

"I have never seen anything quite this bad," Sullivan said.

Hospitals have been substituting pills for IV-administered drugs when possible, changing dosing schedules or injecting drugs directly into a vein, what's called I.V. push.

They've also been changing some procedures, like trying to switch people off IV bags as soon as possible and not starting patients on IV drips during surgery until it's certain they are needed.

On the positive side: Hospitals may find ways to permanently reduce use of saline bags. Ohio Health System will evaluate its new practices to see which are cost effective and should be kept, said pharmacy services heard Curt Passafume Jr.

"We should learn something about patient care from this," he said.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Food addiction is topic of next medicine center class

Poor nutrition and lifestyle-related diseases is the topic of the Lifestyle Medicine Center's weekly class, which is 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial West Campus Dining Room.

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.

Upcoming classes are:

Jan. 25: Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques

Feb. 1: Plant-based Grocery Store Tour

Feb. 8: Understanding Glycemic Index and Macronutrients

Feb. 22: Resolving Conflict and Finding Purpose

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.

Alzheimer's Association plans program

The Alzheimer's Association will be holding an education program, Know the Ten Warning Signs, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. For more information and to register, call 800-272-3900.

Heart institute to sponsor seminar

The Heart Institute of Midland Memorial Hospital is sponsoring its annual Radiology & Cardiovascular Imaging Seminar in recognition of American Heart Month. The seminar, set for Feb. 3, is for registered radiological technologists and registered nurses. Other topics will also include peripheral vascular diseases, mammography and electrophysiology studies of the heart.

For more information, contact Tonya Dawson at 221-1626 or tonya.dawson@midlandhealth.org.

Midland Health event

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, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 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, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 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 health-care 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 residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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MIDLAND HEALTH

Young's 27 lift No. 9 Oklahoma over No. 8 Texas Tech

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Texas Tech's aggressive defense made Trae Young look like a typical freshman in the first half.

Young was back to being his dynamic self in the second. The national scoring leader had 22 of his 27 points after the break to help No. 9 Oklahoma beat No. 8 Texas Tech 75-65 on Tuesday night.

Young, who also leads the country in assists, made just 1 of 12 shots in the first half. He drained 6 of 11 in the second to help the Sooners bounce back from a loss to No. 2 West Virginia on Saturday.

The Red Raiders simply couldn't keep up with Young for 40 minutes.

"We had a couple lapses, but that's basketball," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "I just think what he does is that he exposes your lapse every time. There are mistakes all over in every game, but there are only certain players like Trae that can put the ball wherever he wants."

Young also had nine assists and four steals for Oklahoma (13-2, 3-1 Big 12), which won its 11th straight at home.

It was a special night for Young, whose father, Rayford, averaged 14.1 points for Texas Tech from 1996 to 2000.

"I had a lot of emotions and I let that get to me," Trae Young said. "I just settled down the second half. Got more spacing and found my teammates in the second half."

Oklahoma shot 56 percent in the second half. Texas Tech entered the night ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 59 points per game.

Christian James had 15 points and Khadeem Lattin added 11 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks for the Sooners.

Lattin anchored a strong defensive effort for a team that is better known for lighting up the scoreboard.

Keenan Evans scored 19 points for Texas Tech (14-2, 3-1). He was the only Red Raider to reach double figures. Tech shot 37 percent overall.

"We didn't give them many easy looks," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "A lot of them were contested. They had six assists the whole game so we did a pretty good job of defending shooters and making them earn their points."

Tech led 31-29 at halftime after holding the Sooners, the nation's top scoring team, to 31 percent shooting. Young still made his mark with six assists and four

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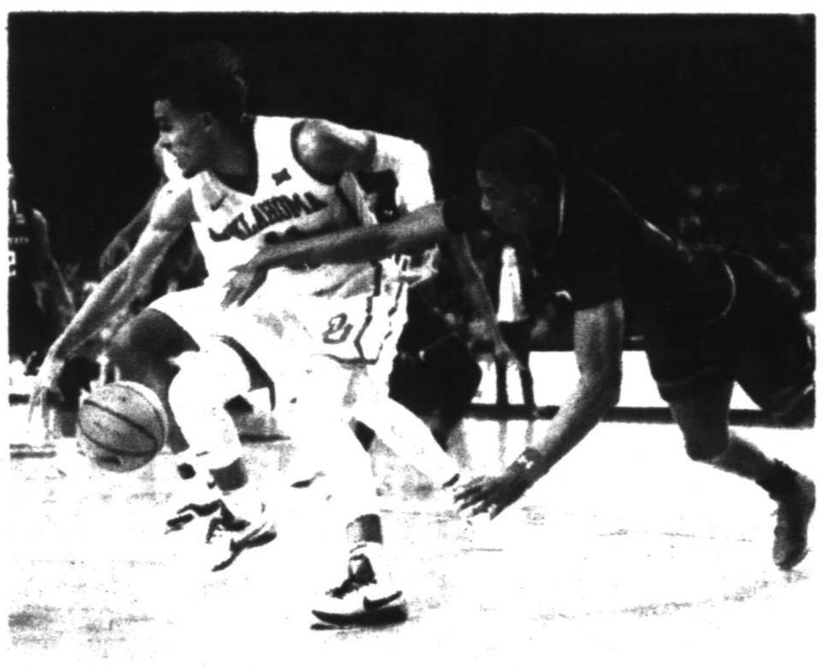
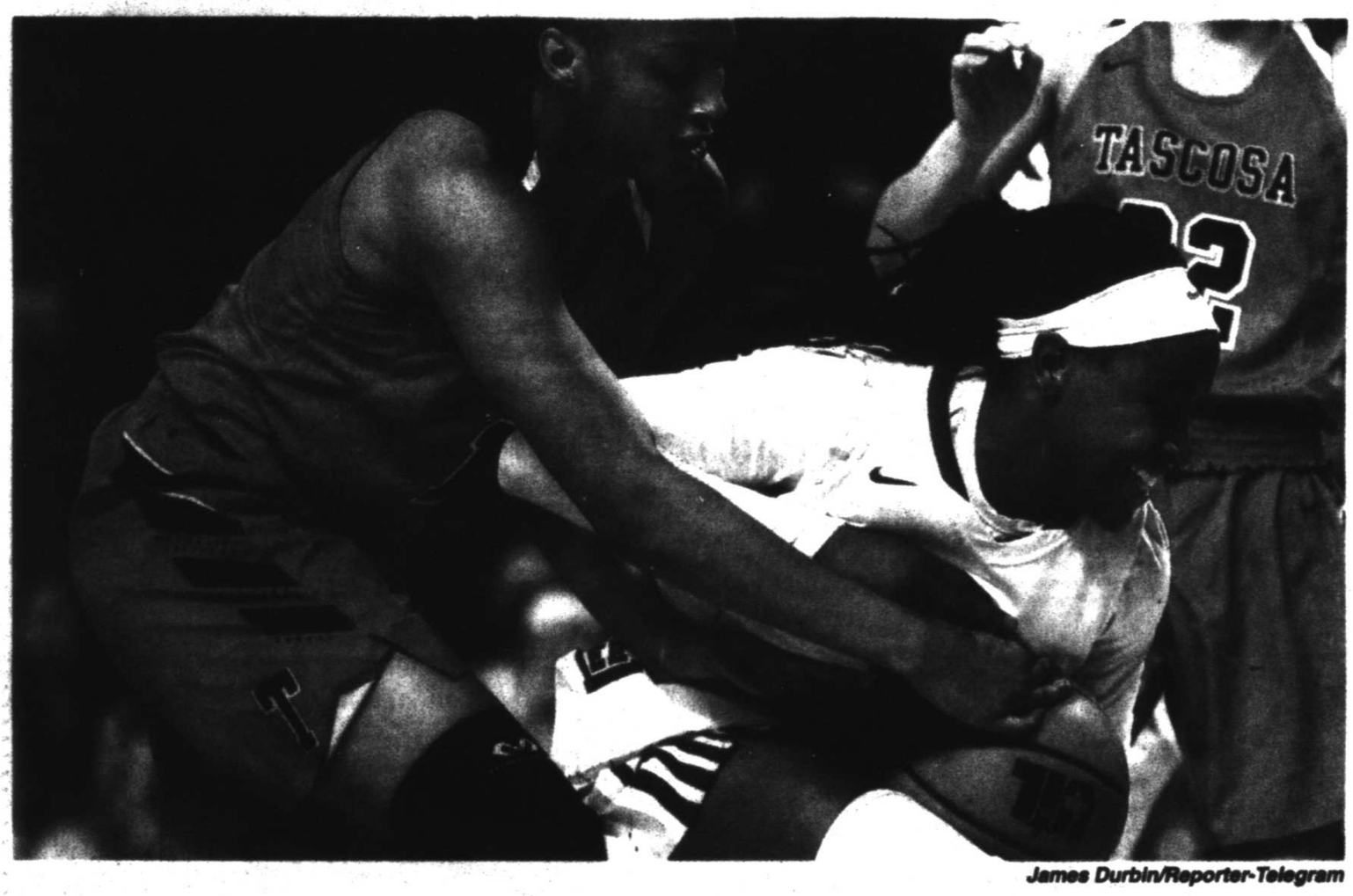


Garett Fisbeck/Associated Press

Oklahoma's Trae Young (11) drives the ball away from Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver, right, during the first half in Norman, Okla. on Tuesday.

At a disadvantage



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Quinci Strambler (14) attempts to keep the ball from Tascosa's Tayjanna McGhee (13) on Tuesday, Chaparral Center.

Tascosa's height too much for Lady Rebels

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee girls basketball coach Alfred Acosta knew his team was going to have to play physical with an Amarillo Tascosa squad that had a distinct height advantage Tuesday night.

Tascosa, the defending co-District 2-6A champion, had an imposing presence in the paint with 6-foot-2 post Ka'Lia Smith, the 2017 district MVP.

Lee hung tough for a quarter and a half before Tascosa took control behind a 21-10 run in the second period.

Smith had a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Tascosa to a 67-46 win over Lee in District 2-6A play at Chaparral Center.

Tascosa outrebounded Lee by a 35-26 margin.

"We talked before the game and the biggest thing we told them was, we're typically one of the most athletic teams that are playing and we can go jump and get it," Acosta said. "Tascosa is a different animal. Tascosa, they're just as athletic if not more athletic and they have the height advantage. You're going to have to make contact. You're going to have to put your body on them so you can win that rebound battle and we didn't. They beat down us down there on the glass tonight."

Leading 23-21, Tascosa (15-9, 2-0 in District 2-6A) went on a game-changing 21-4 run over the final two minutes of the second and the first four minutes of the third to break away from Lee (12-12, 1-1).

"We can't play for (less than) 32 minutes and expect to win, especially against a good team like that," Acosta said.

In the early going, Lee staked a 10-4 lead by scoring in transition twice off a pair of Alaysha Green steals.

However, Tascosa was able to tie it at 10 on two putbacks that occurred on a second-chance and third-chance opportunity.

From that point on, Smith got on a roll in the paint, scoring on two pick-and-rolls and a pair of putbacks in the first half to record 13 points before halftime.

After Mackenzie Ross drained a 3 to narrow Lee's deficit to two points, Tascosa's Rylee Zimmer and Alexis Wall answered with consecutive 3s to push the Panhandle team to a 29-21 advantage with 1:44 left in the second stanza.

"We just knew that we had to get up," Smith said. "Our goal is to always get ahead early and we didn't get to do that. It was a sense of urgency. We just really stuck to what we knew and pulled ahead."

Zimmer, a point guard, provided 14 points and had four steals to lead the Tascosa defense.

Paige Low, Lee's sophomore post,

Please see **GIRLS/3C**

Daniels scores 40 to lead Lake View past Rebels

By Will Korn
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Ahmad Daniels and the San Angelo Lake View boys basketball team were tired of falling into the loss column night after night.

So they did something about it.

Led by a season-high 40 points from Daniels, the Chiefs competed with the heart and intensity of a championship squad and survived two-quarter-long rally to topple Lee, 85-78, in a non-district game Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

The victory snapped a 15-game skid for the Chiefs (4-16) dating back to November 28, 2017. The second loss of that streak was a 95-91 double overtime defeat at the hands of the Rebels in the Doug McCutchen Memorial Tournament on Dec. 1.

Zhuric Phelps scored a team-high 16 points for Lee (7-15), which will begin its District 2-6A slate at Odessa High Friday, tumbling on a five-game losing streak. Ben Oyelola added 14 for the Rebels.

"I was extremely impressed with our energy, out intensity," said Lake View head coach Courtney John Bliskey. "I'm not going to lie — I was worried coming in just because of the slump we've been in, trying to figure out what we can do to get these guys to play like they can play."

Lake View, a Class 5A opponent, slowly but surely took full control of the contest in the first quarter. Leading 9-5

Please see **BOYS/3C**

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Lolo Fovonji (21) dribbles against San Angelo Lake View's Rudy Coronado (34) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Alabama's Saban: 'This will be a game I'll never forget'

By John Zenor
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Nick Saban wins one title and moves on to figuring out how to get the next.

It's part of his famed Process.

But Saban's sixth national title, and fifth in nine years, was different and not just because it put him in a tie with Alabama icon Bear Bryant for the most by any major college football coach. This time one quarterback, Jalen Hurts, led the Crimson Tide into the championship game and another, freshman Tua Tagovoila, directed a second-half comeback in Monday night's 26-23 overtime win over Georgia .

A quarterback battle seems inevitable.

But Saban has months to figure out which quaterback gives Alabama (13-1) the best chance for a repeat. He allows himself far less time to celebrate actually winning titles, even ones as dramatic as this one. That doesn't mean he won't remember it fondly.

"This will be a game that I'll never forget" Saban said Tuesday morning.

Trailing 13-0 at halftime, Saban turned to Tagovailoa. The five-star lefty from Hawaii delivered in a big way , threading a fourth-down pass to Calvin Ridley for a tying touchdown late and then leading a drive for a potential winning field goal. Andy Pappanastos missed a 36-yarder to send the game into overtime.

After the Bulldogs (13-2) settled for a field goal, Tagovailoa was sacked. He responded with a 41-yard touchdown pass to fellow freshman DeVonta Smith to touch off the latest confetti-dripping celebration for Alabama a year after absorbing a last-second loss to Clemson in the championship game.

It set the stage for a quarterback competition between Tagovailoa and Hurts, who is 26-2 as a starter and has helped Alabama make two title game appearances.

Tagovailoa was named offensive player of the game, making plays running and passing. What he didn't do: sleep much before attending a morning-after news conference.

"I couldn't sleep because, if I slept, I would have never woken up to come to this thing," he said. "Aside from that, it was a good team win. I still can't believe that this is what happened. It just feels like another game."

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David Goldman/Associated Press

Alabama head coach Nick Saban poses next to the NCAA football championship trophy at a press conference in Atlanta on Tuesday.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf
EPGA: South African Open, 1st Round, 2 a.m., GOLF
Men's College Basketball
Duke at Pitt, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Notre Dame at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Mississippi State at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC
Rutgers at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN
UCF at UConn, 6 p.m., CBSSN
La Salle at UMass, 6 p.m., ELVN
Xavier at Villanova, 7 p.m., FS1
Oklahoma State at Kansas State, 7 p.m., ESPNews
Georgia at Missouri, 8 p.m., ESPN2
TCU at Texas, 8 p.m., ESPNU
LSU at Arkansas, 8 p.m., SEC
Minnesota at Northwestern, 8 p.m., BTN
Temple at SMU, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Colorado at USC, 9 p.m., FS1
UNLV at Air Force, 9 p.m., ATTSW+
CSUN at Long Beach State, 9:30 p.m., FCSC
Men's Soccer
Copa del Rey: Villarreal vs. Leganes, 12:25 p.m., beIN E
Carabao Cup: Chelsea vs. Arsenal, 1:55 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
French League Cup: Amiens vs. Paris Saint-Germain FC, 1:55 p.m., beIN
Copa del Rey: Real Madrid vs. Numancia, 2:25 p.m., beIN
Copa MX: Toluca vs. Mineros de Zacatecas, 6:55 p.m., UDN
National Basketball Association
Dallas at Charlotte, 6 p.m., FSSW
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
LA Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
NBA G-League
Santa Cruz vs. Grand Rapids, 11 a.m., NBAtv
Austin vs. Windy City, 1:30 p.m., NBAtv
National Hockey League
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
ATP: Auckland, 5:30 p.m., TENNIS
WTA: Sydney International, Quarterfinals, 8 p.m., beIN
ATP: ASB Classic, 2 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Sydney International, Quarterfinals, 3:30 a.m., beIN
Women's College Basketball
Richmond at St. Joseph's, 11 a.m., NBCSN
St. John's at Butler, 6 p.m., FS2
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
Texas at TCU, 8 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
RADIO
National Basketball Association
Dallas at Charlotte, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Women's College Basketball
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Named Kevin Walker pitching coach of Pawtucket (IL), Darren Fenster manager and Paul Abbott pitching coach of Portland (EL). Lance Carter pitching coach of Salem (Carolina), Iggy Suarez manager of Greenville (SAL), Corey Wimberly manager and Nick Green pitching coach of Lowell (NYP), Angel Berroa coach and Mickey Jiang coach and interpreter of the GCL Red Sox. Fernando Tatis and Aly Gonzalez managers of the two DSL Red Sox clubs and Joe Hudson and Richard De Luna minor league strength and conditioning coaches.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Philippe Aumont and Orbandy Rodriguez, LHP Lisnys Bretto, C Brayan Pena, INF Pete Kozma and OF Herlis Rodriguez on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with LHP Andrew Heaney on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with 1B Jordan Pacheco on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Rua on a one-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Randall Delgado on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Vance Worley on a minor league contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Brandon Emanuel pitching coach and Tim Doherty hitting coach of Albuquerque (PCL); Warren Schaeffer manager, Mark Brewer pitching coach, Lee Stevens hitting coach and Hoshito Mordan trainer of Hartford (EL); Frank Gonzales supervisor and Dave Burba pitching coach of Lancaster (Cal); Ronbinson Cancel manager of Asheville (SAL), John Pierson supervisor and Cesar Galvez coach of Boise (NWL); Jake Opitz hitting coach of Grand Junction (Pioneer); and Frank Ovalles trainer of the DSL Rockies.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INFs Andy DeJesus and Randy Santiesteban and OF Jimmy Heck.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Traded RHP Gabe Perez to Gary SouthShore for RHP Jake Matthys.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed INF Ivan Marin and C Dashenko Picarelo.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Traded RHP Jose Ortega to Sugar Land (Atlantic) for a player to be named.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released C Tanner DeVinney.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released INF Gustavo Pierre.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Promoted linebackers coach Don Martindale to defensive coordinator.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Fired offensive coordinator Mike Shula and quarterbacks coach Ken Dorsey.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Collins Bevins to a reserve/futures contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed DT Dylan Bradley on the practice squad injured reserve. Signed OT Dieugot Joseph and Caushaud Lyons to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB Kenny Ladler to a reserve/future contract.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Re-signed OL David Beard to a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned RW Ondrej Kase and LW Kevin Roy to San Diego (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D Cody Franson to Rockford (AHL). Recalled D Erik Gustafsson from Rockford.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned F J.C. Beaudin from San Antonio (AHL) to Colorado (ECHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed Ds Yannick Weber and Matt Irwin to two-year contracts and D Anthony Bitetto to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned F Hampus Gustafsson from Hershey (AHL) to South Carolina (ECHL).
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Returned F Chris Langkow on loan to Worcester (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned F Shawn St. Amant to Colorado (ECHL).
STOCKTON HEAT — Assigned D Kayle Doetzkel to Kansas City (ECHL).
TEXAS STARS — Assigned F Max French to Idaho (ECHL).
UTICA COMETS — Returned D Cliff Watson on loan to Utah (ECHL).
WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Assigned F Reid Gardiner to Wheeling (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Fort Wayne LW Zac Larraza two games.
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Signed F Stephen Pierog. Loaned F Phil Lane to Binghamton (AHL).

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	10	.767	—
Toronto	28	11	.718	3
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	11½
New York	19	21	.475	12½
Brooklyn	15	25	.375	16½
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	17	.575	—
Washington	23	17	.575	—
Charlotte	15	23	.395	7
Orlando	12	29	.293	11½
Atlanta	10	30	.250	13
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	14	.650	—
Detroit	21	18	.538	4½
Milwaukee	21	18	.538	4½
Indiana	21	19	.525	5
Chicago	14	27	.341	12½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	11	.718	—
San Antonio	28	14	.667	1½
New Orleans	20	19	.513	8
Dallas	14	28	.333	15½
Memphis	12	27	.308	16
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	16	.619	—
Portland	22	18	.550	3
Oklahoma City	22	19	.537	3½
Denver	21	19	.525	4
Utah	16	24	.400	9
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	18	21	.462	14
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17½
Sacramento	13	26	.333	19
L.A. Lakers	12	27	.308	20

Tuesday's Scores
Miami 90, Toronto 89
Portland 117, Oklahoma City 106
Dallas 114, Orlando 99
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, late
Today's Games
Dallas at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	43	31	9	3	65	160	107
Boston	40	23	10	7	53	131	102
Toronto	44	25	16	3	53	143	127
Florida	42	18	18	6	42	120	137
Detroit	41	17	17	7	41	112	127
Montreal	42	18	20	4	40	108	129
Ottawa	41	14	18	9	37	113	146
Buffalo	43	10	24	9	29	96	150
Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	43	27	13	3	57	135	121
Columbus	44	25	16	3	53	121	121
New Jersey	41	22	11	8	52	130	125
N.Y. Rangers	42	22	15	5	49	126	117
Pittsburgh	44	22	19	3	47	126	136
Philadelphia	42	19	15	8	46	123	122
Carolina	42	19	15	8	46	119	131
N.Y. Islanders	43	21	18	4	46	146	158
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	44	26	11	7	59	151	121
Nashville	42	25	11	6	56	131	114
St. Louis	46	26	17	3	55	134	122
Dallas	43	24	16	3	51	132	118
Chicago	42	21	15	6	48	133	116
Minnesota	43	22	17	4	48	125	126
Colorado	41	22	16	3	47	135	124
Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	41	29	10	2	60	143	113
Los Angeles	42	24	13	5	53	126	99
San Jose	40	21	13	6	48	110	106
Calgary	42	22	16	4	48	116	121
Anaheim	43	19	15	9	47	117	120
Edmonton	44	18	23	3	39	119	143
Vancouver	43	16	21	6	38	111	143
Arizona	43	10	27	6	26	98	150

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
Winnipeg 7, Buffalo 4
Washington 3, Vancouver 1
Chicago 6, Ottawa 2
Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 4
Nashville 2, Edmonton 1
Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Florida 7, St. Louis 4
Today's Games
Ottawa at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFFS GLANCE

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13
Sunday, Jan. 7
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 14
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Minnesota, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC
TBD, 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
TBD, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
At Minneapolis, Minn.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

Mavericks beat Magic stop 3-game slide

By Sean Shapiro
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and rookie Dennis Smith Jr. each scored 20 points, and Dallas Mavericks stopped a three-game slide by beating the Orlando Magic 114-99 on Tuesday night.

Wesley Matthews had 16 points for Dallas, which got its first win since Dec. 31 against Oklahoma City. Harrison Barnes and Yogi Ferrell scored 15 points apiece, and J.J. Barea had 12 assists and eight points.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle earned his 708th career win, moving past John MacLeod for 17th in NBA history. Next up for Carlisle is Gene Shue, who has 784 wins.

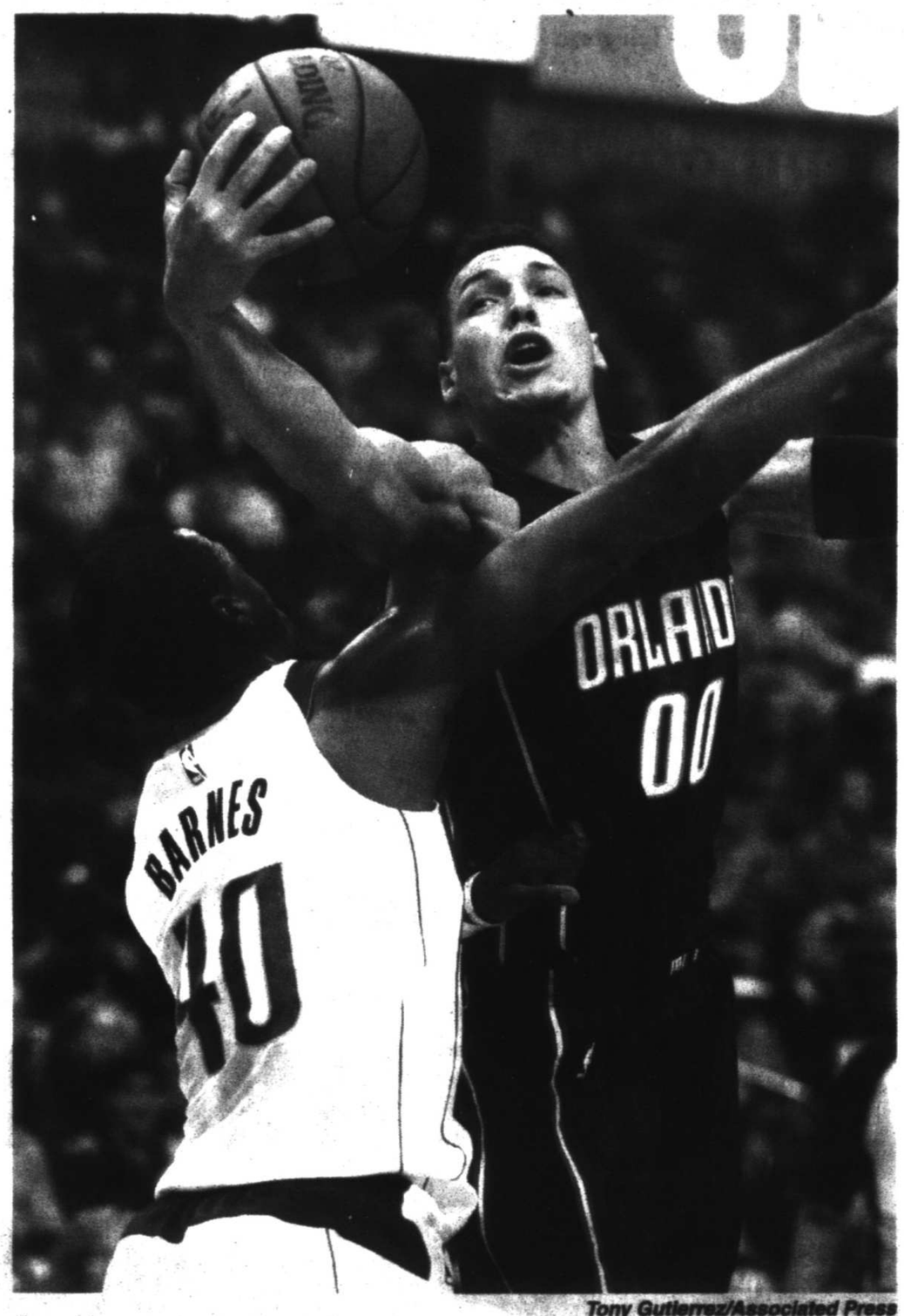
Aaron Gordon scored 19 points for Orlando, which has lost five in a row. D.J. Augustin had 18 points, and Marreese Speights finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Magic led 48-43 at halftime, but Nowitzki and Smith helped the Mavericks rally with 15 points apiece in the second half.

Leading 66-64 with 4:04 remaining in the third quarter, Ferrell made a pull-up jumper and Barnes followed with another jump shot. The Mavs carried an 82-75 lead into the fourth.

The Magic pulled within four in the final period before the Mavericks closed out the game with a 14-3 run in the final four minutes.

Dallas shot 51.8 percent from the floor. Orlando shot 45.6 percent and had 13 turnovers in sloppy offensive performance.



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Dallas Mavericks forward Harrison Barnes (40) defends as Orlando Magic forward Aaron Gordon (00) goes up for a shot in the first half on Tuesday in Dallas.

Tip-Ins

Magic: F Wes Iwundu and C Kehm Birch were recalled from the G League.

Mavericks: Dallas has not lost a regular-season series to Orlando since the 1997-98 season. The final scheduled meeting between the teams is April 4 in Orlando.

Up next

Magic: Visit the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday.

Mavericks: Host the Los Angeles Lakers on Saturday.

FINAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (57)	13-1	1521	4
2. Georgia	13-2	1454	3
3. Oklahoma	12-2	1374	2
4. Clemson	12-2	1292	1
5. Ohio St.	12-2	1286	5
6. UCF (4)	13-0	1248	10
7. Wisconsin	13-1	1194	6
8. Penn St.	11-2	1120	9
9. TCU	11-3	974	13
10. Auburn	10-4	917	7
11. Notre Dame	10-3	857	14
12. Southern Cal	11-3	839	8
13. Miami	10-3	789	11
14. Oklahoma St	10-3	758	17
15. Michigan St.	10-3	705	18
16. Washington	10-3	668	12
17. Northwestern	10-3	528	20
18. LSU	9-4	368	16
19. Mississippi St.	9-4	359	24
20. Stanford	9-5	336	15
21. South Florida	10-2	267	23
22. Boise St.	11-3	251	25
23. NC State	9-4	232	NR
24. Virginia Tech	9-4	126	22
25. Memphis	10-3	119	19

Others receiving votes: Washington St. 84, South Carolina 46, Iowa St. 36, Army 33, FAU 32, Troy 14, Fresno St. 13, San Diego St. 3, Iowa 2.

Amway Coaches Top 25 Poll

The final Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (62)	13-1	1550	4
2. Georgia	13-2	1485	3
3. Oklahoma	12-2	1414	2
4. Clemson	12-2	1329	1
5. Ohio State	12-2	1304	5
6. Wisconsin	13-1	1223	6
7. UCF	13-0	1202	10
8. Penn State	11-2	1134	9
9. TCU	11-3	1013	13
10. Southern Cal	11-3	904	7
11. Notre Dame	10-3	886	15
12. Auburn	10-4	885	8
13. Miami	10-3	769	11
14. Oklahoma State	10-3	757	17
15. Washington	10-3	708	12
16. Michigan State	10-3	682	19
17. Northwestern	10-3	543	20
18. LSU	9-4	424	14
19. Stanford	9-5	394	16
20. Mississippi State	9-4	349	23
21. South Florida	10-2	285	24
22. Boise State	11-3	242	25
23. N.C. State	9-4	198	—
24. Memphis	10-3	149	18
25. Virginia Tech	9-4	96	22

Others receiving votes: Washington State 71, Troy 40, FAU 35, Fresno State 35, South Carolina 35, Army 25, Iowa State 8, Utah 6, Iowa 3, Wake Forest 3, Appalachian State 2, Ohio 1, San Diego State 1.

FCS Poll

The top 25 teams in the final 2017 STATS Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, points and previous rank:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (158)	14-1	3950	4
2. James Madison	14-1	3788	1
3. South Dakota State	11-3	3512	6
4. Sam Houston State	12-2	3508	5
5. Weber State	11-3	3045	11
6. Wofford	10-3	2964	9
7. N.C. A&T	12-0	2835	7
8. Kennesaw State	12-2	2749	18
9. Jacksonville State	10-2	2700	2
10. Central Arkansas	10-2	2580	3
11. Stony Brook	10-3	2155	10
12. New Hampshire	9-5	2141	21
13. Western Illinois	8-4	1957	9
14. Southern Utah	9-3	1831	12
15. South Dakota	8-5	1765	19
16. Grambling State	11-2	1451	13
17. Northern Iowa	8-5	1365	20
18. Samford	8-4	1302	14
19. Furman	8-5	1297	22
20. Elon	8-4	1117	15
21. Eastern Washington	7-4	693	17
22. McNeese	9-2	675	19
23. San Diego	10-3	552	—
24. Yale	9-1	299	24
25. Nicholls	8-4	293	—

Others receiving votes: Illinois State 220, Austin Peay 215, Northern Arizona 163, Monmouth 132, Delaware 53, CCSU 37, Columbia 27, Sacramento State 26, Richmond 22, Montana 16, Youngstown State 14, Alcorn State 8, Western Carolina 6, Southeastern Louisiana 6, Lehigh 3, Bethune-Cookman 2, Dartmouth 1, N.C. Central 1.

SABAN

From 1C

Just another game. Just another title.

As usual, Saban sounded ready to get back to the business of pursuing another. The coach said he spoke to seven players who are considering leaving early to enter the NFL draft. The group of potential early entries includes All-America safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, tailback Damien Harris, wide receiver Calvin Ridley and defensive lineman Da'Ron Payne.

Saban believes several of them probably should leave and several should return and try to boost their draft stock.

Then Saban was on to planning things like Thursday's team meeting. But he understands that championships create "a lifelong legacy that everybody lives with." After all, he said there's still a sign in Monongah, West Virginia, celebrating the 1968 state championship team he played on. He said someone even recently sent him a license plate saying "1968 state champs."

"Everybody realizes the sacrifices and the adversity that you had to overcome to do it and the hard work you put in to do it," Saban said. "And I think it's something that you never forget. It becomes a part of the legacy of that team.

"But I also think that, if you're a competitor and you're a player, whether you're a coach or a player or any part of the organization, in 24 hours you probably need to move on because there's another challenge and basically you created a target for yourself in the future in terms of people who want to beat you."

This team won despite losing four first-round draft picks and seven defensive players who were picked within the first four rounds. Alabama will lose quite a few key players again.

If Fitzpatrick and safety Ronnie Harrison turn pro, that means the entire starting secondary is gone, along with All-America linebacker Rashaan Evans and center Bradley Bozeman besides the underclassmen. Saban must also replace defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt , Tennessee's new head coach.

Alabama will certainly still be among the favorites again going into next season, regardless of how the quarterback situation shakes out. As for his own legacy, Saban refused to rank himself even with Bryant. He helped his case , anyway, by gambling with a halftime quarterback switch with a national title on the line.

"I think Coach Bryant is probably the best coach of all time because of the longevity of his tenure as a coach and the way he changed," Saban said. "I mean, he won championships running the wishbone. He won them with Joe Namath dropping back throwing when people never, ever did it. I just think that, for his time, he impacted the game and had more success than anybody ever could."

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HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Girls
GREENWOOD 77 MONAHANS 42

MONAHANS – Greenwood had four players score in double figures to blow past Monahans and improve to 2-0 in District 4-4A.

Kaitlan Keel and Ariana Leyva each had 16 points, while Kensleigh Ellis and Cassi Mebane each added 10 for the Rangerettes.

GREENWOOD 77, MONAHANS 42

Greenwood (2-0 in district) – Taylor Payton 8, Natalee Karcher 9, Kaitlan Keel 16, Kensleigh Ellis 10, Ariana Leyva 16, Cassi Mebane 10, Mattie Huber 6, Teresa Rodriguez 2

Monahans – E. Ortiz 3, A. Brandenburg 2, Porras 22, Holly 10, Griner 5

Greenwood	19	19	20	19 –77
Monahans	13	8	10	11 –42

Free throws – GHS 18-20, MHS 2-4. 3-point goals – GHS 5 (Payton, Keel, Ellis, Leyva 2), MHS 6 (Ortiz, Porras 5. Total fouls – GHS 14, MHS 10. Fouled out – None.

Next: Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 57 STERLING CITY 21

STERLING CITY – No. 2-ranked Garden City had no trouble in a District 14-1A blowout of Sterling City.

Madison Hastings led the Lady Kats (23-1, 5-0) with 12 points and Payton Hastings added 10.

NO. 2 GARDEN CITY 57, STERLING CITY 21

Garden City (23-1, 5-0) – Madison Hastings 12, Payton Hastings 10, Lyndee Walker 9, Allison Hallmann 8, Kenzie Schaefer 7, Inchel Sotelo 5, Angelica Munguia 4, Jordan Driver 2

Sterling City – Knittel 5, Glass 6, Meade 4, Coulter 6

Garden City	7	20	12	18 –57
Sterling City	4	4	8	5 –21

Free throws – GCHS 6-11, SCHS 2-2. 3-point goals – GCHS 7 (Schaefer 2, Hallmann 2, M. Hastings, Walker, Sotelo), SCHS 1 (Knittel). Total fouls – GCHS 10, SCHS 10. Fouled out – None.

Next: Blackwell at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

PECOS 48 ANDREWS 40

PECOS – Pecos defeated Andrews in District 4-4A action as Jaylin Burleson had 14 points for the Lady Eagles.

Rae Johnson scored a game-high 20 points for Andrews.

PECOS 48, ANDREWS 40

Andrews – Macee Mack 2, Kamryn Falcon 5, Kassidy Epperson 2, Rae Johnson 20, Savannah Infante 8, Alivia Mayfield 5

Pecos – Azleash Reyos 2, Julissa Patino 4, Arianna Reyos 5, America Jasso 11, Jaylin Burleson 14, Aubre Terry 8, Angela Meinhoff

Andrews	8	12	10	12 –40
Pecos	12	12	14	10 –48

Free throws – AHS 3-12, PHS 6-18. 3-point goals – AHS 5 (Johnson 4, Falcon). Total fouls – AHS 21, PHS 16. Fouled out – None.

Next: Monahans at Andrews, 6 p.m. Friday

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 53 SW CHRISTIAN 32

Blaire Neatherlin scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Midland Christian to a TAPPS 1-5A opening win over Fort Worth Southwest Christian at the McGraw Event Center.

Neatherlin added five assists in the win for the Lady Mustangs (16-7, 1-0).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 53, FW SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 32

Southwest Christian (0-1) – Harrison 9, Culmer 5, Norman 9, Mazarrete 8, Geer 1.

Midland Christian (16-7, 1-0) – Mckenzie Fryar 5, Brooklyn Johnson 7, Lexi Davila 6, Talte Meyers 4, Blaire Neatherlin 27, Bre'Anna Culbertson 4

SWC	9	8	11	4 –32
MCS	12	13	15	13 –53

Free throws – SWC 5-10, MCS 8-13. 3-point goals – SWC 1 (Harrison), MCS 1 (Fryar). Total fouls – SWC 11, MCS 7. Fouled out – None.

Next: Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Friday

TRINITY 35 ABIL. CHRISTIAN 11

Rebecca Young scored a game-high 16 points to help Trinity roll past Abilene Christian in a non-district game at Beal Gymnasium.

The Lady Chargers (9-8) blanked the Lady Panthers in the second quarter to take a 19-4 halftime lead.

TRINITY 35, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 11

Abilene Christian – Haile Wade 2, Brittney Phelps 6, Clara O'Neill 2, Darby Ice 1

Trinity (8-8) – Reagan Long 8, Rebecca Young 16, Stephanie Kaczor 4, Vivienne Dragun 2, Megan Sports 3, Alexis Picciano 2

Abilene Chr.	4	0	4	3 –11
Trinity	9	10	8	8 –35

Free throws – Abilene Christian 6-10, Trinity 4-11. 3-point goals – Abilene Christian 1 (Phelps), Trinity 3 (Young 2, Long). Total fouls – Abilene Christian 11, Trinity 13. Fouled out – None.

Next: Lubbock All Saints at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

FRENSHIP 67 ODESSA HIGH 34

WOLFFORTH – Cassandra Awatt had 17 points and Ashton Beeles added 10 to lead Wolfforth Frenship to its first District 2-6A win over Odessa High.

Skylar Herrera led the Lady Bronchos (5-18, 0-2) with 16 points.

WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 67, ODESSA HIGH 34

Odessa High (5-18, 0-2 District 2-6A) – Kheeauna Lide 3, Roxana Jimenez 5, Aneth Jimenez 4, Itayla Saenz 2, Amber Escontrias 1, Skylar Herrera 16.

Frenship (19-7, 1-1) – Maci Maddox 8, Katelin Heise 7, Diamond Washington 6, Ashton Beeles 10, Cassandra Awatt 17, Haleigh Elliott 2, Riley Roberts 3, Addison Wilson 6, Abre Godfrey 8.

Odessa	7	11	3	13 –34
Frenship	15	17	22	13 –67

Free throws – Odessa 8-22, Frenship 6-9. 3-point goals — Odessa High 3 (Lide 1, A. Jimenez 1, Herrera 1), Wolfforth Frenship 5 (Maddox 2, Beeles 1, Awatt 1, Roberts 1). Total fouls — Odessa High 6, Wolfforth Frenship 20. Fouled out — None.

Boys
MHS 80 BIG SPRING 71

Jordan Riley scored a game-high 22 points to lead Midland High to a victory over Big Spring in its final tune up for district play at the Midland High gym.

Nathaniel Rodriguez added 20 points for MHS (9-12), which faces Amarillo Tascosa in Friday's 7:30 p.m. District 2-6A opener at Chaparral Center.

For the Steers, Jeremiah Cooley had 17 points and Dimas Garcia provided 16.

MIDLAND HIGH 80, BIG SPRING 71

Big Spring – Dimas Garcia 16, Elijah Munoz 6, Jaiden Ludington 3, Mikal Banks 16, John Ibanez 2, Jeremiah Cooley 17, Abel Clark 6, CJ Harris 5

Midland High (9-12) – Xadrian Van Buren 7, Demorri Williams 3, Daniel Elliott 2, Nathaniel Rodriguez 20, Duce Warren 7, Gage Warren 3, Nicholas Terrazas 5, Jordan Riley 22, Rayshad Chambers 6, Suddin Sapien 3

Big Spring	7	21	22	21 –71
Midland	25	19	16	20 –80

Free throws – Big Spring 6-12, Midland 20-31. 3-point goals – Big Spring 7 (Banks 4, Garcia 2, Ludington). Midland 2 (Rodriguez, D. Warren). Total fouls – Big Spring 26, Midland 11. Fouled out – None.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center

SW CHRISTIAN 59 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 57

Midland Christian's Joseph Venzant scored a game-high 30 points but Fort Worth Southwest Christian got the close win to open TAPPS 1-5A play at the McGraw Event Center.

MCS (17-12, 0-1) had 37-34 lead going into the final quarter before Southwest Christian (17-9, 1-0) scored 25 points in the fourth.

FW SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 59, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 57

Southwest Christian (17-9, 1-0)– Norman 2, Hodges 14, Swift 4, Jabar 17, Crowder 17, Boynton 5

Midland Christian (17-12, 0-1) – Mitch McCann 5, Silas Crews 6, Jacob Thomas 6, Gunnar Griffin 6, Joseph Venzant 30, Tommy Beebe 4

FWSWC	10	17	7	25 –59
MCS	21	7	9	20 –57

Free throws – SWC 6-10, MCS 14-24. 3-point goals – SWC 5 (Hodges 2, Jabar, Crowder 2), MCS 3 (McCann, Venzant, Beebe). Total fouls – SWC 20, MCS 15. Fouled out – Swift.

Next: Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 7:30

SEMINOLE 80 ANDREWS 58

ANDREWS – Jaylen Brattain lit up the scoreboard with 26 points to propel Seminole to a 22-point win over Andrews in non-district play.

Payton Lopez led the Mustangs (17-9) with 23 points, while teammate Brett Leach chipped in with 17.

SEMINOLE 80, ANDREWS 58

Seminole – Jesus Perez 4, Jaylen Brattain 26, Cade Barnard 5, Caleb Decker 2, Carter Laramore 10, Carter Johnson 12, Clayton Medlin 13, Anthony Moncayo 8

Andrews (17-6) – Markeese Lawrence 9, Payton Lopez 23, Brett Leach 17, Matthew O'Connor 7, Robbie Velasquez 2

Seminole	19	29	13	19 –80
Andrews	14	16	16	12 –58

Free throws – Seminole 11-18, Andrews 16-19. 3-point goals – Seminole 5 (Johnson 4, Brattain), Andrews 8 (Lopez 4, Leach 2, O'Connor, Lawrence). Total fouls – Seminole 20, Andrews 16. Fouled out – None.

Next: Monahans at Andrews, 7:30 p.m. Friday

LAMESA 78 PECOS 65

PECOS – Khalil Smiley scored a game-high 23 points to lead Lamesa to a non-district win over Pecos.

Jackson Napper added 14 points, Ryan Aguilar had 13 and Jordan Derington chipped in with 10 for Lamesa (15-7).

LAMESA 78, PECOS 65

Lamesa (15-7) – Ryan Aguilar 13, Buddy Williams 4, Jordan Derington 10, Zach Quintanilla 3, Taylor Contreras 7, Victor Barajas 2, James Rodriguez 2, Khalil Smiley 23, Jackson Napper 14.

Pecos – Henson 29, Josh Sandoval 4, Padilla 10, Gonzales 2, Villanueva 2, Hernandez 6, Soto 12

Lamesa	19	19	8	32 –78
Pecos	13	8	21	23 –65

Free throws – LHS 11-22, PHS 10-14. 3-point goals – LHS 5 (Quintanilla, Smiley 4), Pecos 5 (Henson 5). Total fouls – LHS 16, PHS 21. Fouled out – Sandoval

Next: Levelland at Lamesa, 8 p.m. Friday

MHS blows out Permian, stays unbeaten in 2-6A

From staff reports

ODESSA – Taysha Rushton scored a game-high 18 points to lead Midland High to a convincing 50-26 victory over Odessa Permian in District 2-6A play Tuesday.

Jurnee Williams added 12 points for MHS (18-9, 2-0 in District 2-6A), which kept pace with Amarillo Tascosa for first place in the District 2-6A standings.

The Lady Bulldogs led 28-10 at halftime and held a commanding 43-14 advantage through three quarters.

Klarissa Cruz had a team-high 13 points for Permian (10-11, 0-2).

MHS and Tascosa meet at 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center in a battle for sole possession of first.

MIDLAND HIGH 50, ODESSA PERMIAN 26

Midland High (18-9 overall 2-0 District 2-6A) – Maya Duarte 1, Quay Webster 7, Taysha Rushton 18, Sadie Govan 8, Jurnee Williams 12, Zoe Taylor 4

Permian (10-11, 0-2) –Reyna Reyos 4, Natalie Baeza 4, Klarissa Cruz 13, Artasha Armendariz 2, Alena Madero 2, Alexus Contee 1

Midland	15	13	15	7 –50
Permian	4	6	4	12 –26

Free throws – Midland High 6-15, Permian 7-12. 3-Point goals — Midland High 6 (Rushton 4, Govan 2), Permian 1 (Reyos). Total fouls — Midland High 15, Permian 18. Fouled out — None.

Next: Tascosa at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday, Permian at Frenship, 6 p.m. Friday

TEXAS COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 2 WEST VIRGINIA 57 BAYLOR 54

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jevon Carter sank the go-ahead 3-pointer with 57.5 seconds left and No. 2 West Virginia escaped with a 57-54 victory over Baylor on Tuesday night.

West Virginia (15-1, 4-0 Big 12) struggled to make shots the entire game but extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15, the Mountaineers' best since winning 22 straight in 1988-89.

Lamont West and Daxter Miles Jr. led West Virginia with 12 points apiece.

Baylor's Manu Lecomte scored 13 points and Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. had 11 points and 10 rebounds for his eighth double-double of the season.

West Virginia, which had little inside success on offense against the taller Bears (11-5, 1-3), shot 31.1 percent (19 of 61) from the floor and was held to its lowest point total of the season.

But the Mountaineers never trailed in the second half of a close game with few scoring runs. Baylor made one field goal over the final eight minutes.

Miles threw the ball away but raced to the other end of the court to save it from going out of bounds on Baylor's fast break, leading to Carter's tie-breaking 3 for a 54-51 lead.

Miles then forced Lecomte into missing an off-balanced jumper as the shot clock expired. Miles made a free throw with 15.8 seconds left and, after Baylor's Jake Lindsey hit a 3-pointer with four seconds to go, Carter was fouled and made both free throws for the final margin.

Lecomte's 3-point try at the buzzer was long and rebounded.

NO. 21 KENTUCKY 74 TEXAS A&M 73

LEXINGTON, Ky. — PJ Washington made a steal that led to Kevin Knox's go-ahead layup with 2:28 left, then added four points down the stretch to help No. 21 Kentucky rally past Texas A&M 74-73 on Tuesday night.

Trailing 59-53 with 8:43 remaining, the Wildcats clawed back to tie the game three times before Washington stole a high pass and fed Knox for a 69-67 lead. Washington added a layup between two free throws for a 73-69 edge.

The Aggies weren't done, taking advantage of missed Kentucky free throws to get within a point with four seconds left on Robert Williams' tip-in. Two Washington misses at the line set up a final chance for Texas A&M, but a long pass sailed out of bounds as time expired.

Hamidou Diallo had 18 points, Washington and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 16 each and Knox got 15 as Kentucky (13-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) bounced back from last weekend's loss at No. 24 Tennessee. Gilgeous-Alexander also had seven rebounds and five assists starting in place of Quade Green, who was ruled out just before tipoff because of a back strain.

Tyler Davis had 21 points and Admon Gilder 14 for the Aggies (11-5, 0-4), who lost their second consecutive one-point game.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 75, Texas Tech 65
SOUTH
Alabama 78, South Carolina 62
Campbell 83, Presbyterian 79
Dayton 87, Richmond 81
Gardner-Webb 62, High Point 45
Kentucky 74, Texas A&M 73
Liberty 73, Winthrop 70
Memphis 96, Tulane 69
North Carolina 96, Boston College 66
Radford 64, Charleston Southern 61
South Alabama 99, Trinity Baptist 34
UNC-Asheville 90, Longwood 80
VCU 78, Duquesne 67
Virginia 68, Syracuse 61
MIDWEST
Ball St. 75, Ohio 66
Bowling Green 66, N. Illinois 57
Bradley 68, S. Illinois 62
Buffalo 87, Akron 65
Creighton 85, Butler 74
E. Michigan 79, Cent. Michigan 74
Indiana 74, Penn St. 70
Marquette 84, Seton Hall 64
Miami (Ohio) 80, Kent St. 69
Nebraska 63, Wisconsin 59
Rhode Island 72, Saint Louis 65
Toledo 84, W. Michigan 61
EAST
Georgetown 69, St. John's 66
West Virginia 57, Baylor 54

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (14-1) did not play Next: vs. No. 10 Xavier, Wednesday.
2. West Virginia (15-1) beat Baylor 57-54. Next: at No. 8 Texas Tech, Saturday.
3. Virginia (15-1) beat Syracuse 68-61. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
4. Michigan State (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
5. Purdue (16-2) beat Michigan 70-69. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
6. Wichita State (13-2) did not play. Next: at East Carolina, Thursday.
7. Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
8. Texas Tech (14-2) lost to No. 9 Oklahoma 75-65. Next: vs. No. 2 West Virginia, Saturday.
9. Oklahoma (13-2) beat No. 8 Texas Tech 75-65. Next: vs. No. 16 TCU, Saturday.
10. Xavier (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Villanova, Wednesday.
11. Arizona State (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Thursday.
12. Kansas (13-3) beat Iowa State 83-78. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
13. Seton Hall (14-3) lost to Marquette 84-64. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
14. Cincinnati (14-2) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
15. Gonzaga (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Thursday.
16. TCU (13-2) did not play. Next: at Texas, Wednesday.
17. Arizona (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
18. Miami 13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Clemson, Saturday.
19. Clemson (14-1) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Thursday.
20. North Carolina (13-4) beat Boston College 96-66. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
21. Kentucky (13-3) beat Texas A&M 74-73. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
22. Auburn (15-1) beat Mississippi 85-70. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
23. Florida State (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
24. Tennessee (11-4) beat Vanderbilt 92-84. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
25. Creighton (14-3) beat Butler 85-74. Next: at No. 10 Xavier, Saturday.

Women

SOUTH
Campbell 58, Charleston Southern 49
Drexel 65, William & Mary 58
Gardner-Webb 61, Longwood 54
High Point 81, Presbyterian 55
Liberty 63, Winthrop 37
UNC-Asheville 67, Radford 56
MIDWEST
Fort Wayne 76, Nebraska-Omaha 65
EAST
UConn 80, UCF 44

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (14-0) beat UCF 80-44. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Thursday.
3. Louisville (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Thursday.
4. Mississippi State (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
5. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Sunday.
6. Tennessee (15-0) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Texas A&M, Thursday.
7. Texas (13-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
8. Oregon (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
9. South Carolina (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
10. Ohio State (15-2) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
11. Maryland (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Thursday.
12. Missouri (14-2) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
13. Florida State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
14. UCLA (11-4) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
15. West Virginia (14-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.
16. Duke (12-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
17. Texas A&M (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Thursday.
18. Arizona State (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Oregon State, Friday.
19. Iowa (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
20. Oklahoma State (12-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
21. Rutgers (16-2) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
22. Oregon State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Arizona State, Friday.
23. Michigan (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Wednesday.
24. California (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
25. Green Bay (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Youngstown State, Thursday.

GIRLS HS SOCCER ROUNDUP

LEE BLANKS DEL RIO

The Lee girls soccer team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 5-0 victory over Del Rio on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Hattie Renfro scored two goals for the Lady Rebels, while Sarah Ramos, Kallie Watters and Audrey Sokolowski each added a goal. Ashtyn Morgan, Amber Luna Watters and Alexa Villa each picked up assists.

In goal, Jenna McEnaney got the shutout and had two saves.

"We really showed magnificent cohesion tonight and the way they've come together and continue to improve was good to see," Lee coach Mark Hinshaw said. "Del Rio was a state semifinalist a couple of years ago and the way we fought for each other was encouraging."

Lee next plays in the San Marcos tournament and will play host San Marcos at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

MHS SHUTS OUT LUBBOCK HIGH

The Midland High girls soccer team shut out Lubbock High, 5-0, at Memorial Stadium to improve to 3-0-1 on the season.

Kylie VonHolle scored in the fourth minute off an assist by goalkeeper Allison Robinson, Amaris Portillo scored on a penalty kick in the 21st minute, Portillo added an unassisted goal in the 39th minute , VonHolle had an unassisted goal in the 43rd minute and Alexis Ramos scored in the 47th minute off an assist by VonHolle.

"Tonight was the first game to see our girls trust our attack and work as an entire unit," MHS coach Cooper Barham said. "I think every day we're getting better. I still think we have a long ways to go but the girls are starting to figure out their different responsibilities and different roles. If we stay focused, we'll be OK."

MHS next plays against Amarillo High at noon Thursday in the Lubbock Tournament.

Boys

From 1C

with under four minutes to play, the Chiefs charged on a 16-2 run thanks to an 18-8 rebounding edge and a nifty ability to break the Lee press with crisp, on-target passes.

On the other end the Rebels struggled to finish inside, missed a handful of free throws and were one step behind defensively, as Lake View drove hard to the basket nearly every possession.

Daniels scored 18 of his team's 25 points in the first quarter, nearly doubling Lee's 11 points as a team.

"We really wanted it because we wanted to end it on a good note going into district (play)," Daniels said.

It was more of the same for the first half of the second quarter, but Lee was able to find somewhat of an answer. Trailing 34-17, the Rebels mounted a 7-0 run, sparked by a layup and 3-pointer from Jaythan Jones.

But the Chiefs, courtesy of nine second quarter points from Daniels, took a 41-30 lead into the locker room.

"Ahmad is the type of player that when he's on – whether it be layups, from the perimeter, those pull ups – he just has it," said Bliskey.

"The crazy thing about this game is he had been almost non-existent during this slump we've had. But this is probably his third or fourth, 18-, 20-point first half type game of the year. He is fully, 100 percent capable."

The second half saw tightened defensive pressure from Lee and an increased effort on the boards from the Rebels' post players.

And as the fourth quarter began, the Chiefs started having difficulty avoiding Lee's traps.

The Rebels continued to battle through the period — buoyed by a more focused defense and several tough finishes inside – and they slashed the deficit to 73-70 with 2:05 to play.

Boswell said his team's performance in the second half was eye-opening compared to the first 16 minutes.

"They maintained and found some energy, we made plays, we went to the basket, we started making free throws, made some good passes into the post and finished inside, the defense created turnovers and we rebounded, which is what we want to do from the get-go," Boswell said. "We just spotted (Lake View) 20 points in the first quarter and that put us in a bad spot.

"We've got to put it together with the same intensity from the tip and not find ourselves trailing."

Lake View's Isaiah English scored 16 points, including 10 made free throws in the fourth quarter. For the game, the Chiefs converted 25 of their 31 attempts from the line.

Jalen Harris, Cevonte Eaden and Jones each added 10 for Lee, which shot just 19 for 31 from the charity stripe.

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SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 86, LEE 78

Lake View (4-16) – Dylan Hart 3, Tyre Thomas 13, Ahmad Daniels 40, David Ray Tanguma 2, Isaiah English 16, Henry Hickox 2, Rudy Coronado 5, Johnny Espinoza 7

Lee (7-15) – Jalen Harris 10, Avery Chambers 2, Zhuric Phelps 16, Cevonte Eaden 10, Jordan Lopez 4, Jaythan Jones 10, Paz Okimi 8, Ben Oyibidg 14, Lee Pound 4

Lake View	25	16	19	26 –86
Lee	11	19	19	29 –78

Free throws – Lake View 25-31, Lee 19-31. 3-point goals – Lake View 2 (Daniels 2), Lee 9. Total fouls – Lake View 24, Lee 24. Fouled out – Pound, Thomas. Technical – Eaden.

Next: San Angelo Lake View at Lubbock Monterey, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Lee at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

GIRLS

From 1C

recorded a team-high 13 points despite being matched with Smith most of the game.

Braydyn Hill finished with 12 points for Lee.

Even though it was out-matched inside, Lee's defense gave Tascosa fits with its pressure, as Green, Destiny Stanford and Low all had three steals.

"They're much improved from last year," Tascosa head coach Betsy Baughman said of Lee. "They're a very good team. Oh my gosh, they work so hard. I have to give it to coach Alfred. He's done a great job with his program and I am really proud of him.

"Those kids are going places. (Hill) did a great job, (Low) did a great job. They all work so hard on defense and their defense was really good. They just couldn't match up on the inside with us and that was the difference."

Quinci Strambler led Lee with 10 rebounds.

Tascosa heads back to the Tall City to face co-District 2-6A leader Midland High (18-9, 2-0) at 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center. Meanwhile, Lee visits Odessa High (5-18, 0-2) at the same time.

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AMARILLO TASCOSA 67, LEE 48

Tascosa (15-9, 2-0 in District 2-6A) – Alexis Wall 6, Rylee Zimmer 14, Taylenna McGhee 4, Aubry Nash 8, Alexis Romero 6, Ka'Lia Smith 22, Cenedee Valdez 4

Lee (12-12, 1-1) – Karigan Edwards 3, Alaysha Green 7, Braydyn Hill 12, Quinci Strambler 8, Mackenzie Ross 3, Paige Low 13

Tascosa	13	21	10	18 –67
Lee	13	10	13	10 –46

Free throws – Tascosa 20-30, Lee 17-24. 3-point goals – Tascosa 5 (Wall 2, Romero 2, Zimmer), Lee 3 (Edwards, Green, Ross). Total fouls – Tascosa 18, Lee 20. Fouled out – Valdez, Destiny Stanford (Lee).

Next: Lee at Odessa High, 6 p.m. Friday; Tascosa vs. Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center

District 2-6A Girls Basketball Standings

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Midland High	2	0	18	9
Tascosa	2	0	15	9
Frenship	1	1	20	6
Lee	1	1	12	12
Permian	0	2	10	11
Odessa High	0	2	5	18

Tuesday's scores

Amarillo Tascosa 67, Lee 48; Midland High 50, Odessa Permian 26; Wolfforth Frenship 67, Odessa High 34

Friday's games

Amarillo Tascosa vs. Midland High at Chaparral Center; Lee at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Wolfforth Frenship, all games at 6 p.m.

TECH

From 1C

steals in the first half.

Young hit his first 3-pointer nearly three minutes into the second half to give the Sooners a 36-31 lead. He followed that with two more to push the advantage to 11.

Tech later closed the gap to four, but the Sooners bounced back again. Young's 3-pointer on a scramble with just under five minutes left made it 68-59. He found James for a 3-pointer with about two minutes remaining to bump the lead to 13.

Big picture

Texas Tech: Tech was one of the few teams to really bother Oklahoma's offense for an extended period, but the Red Raiders struggled to create open shots and couldn't take advantage on the other end. The Red Raiders also committed 15 turnovers, which helped the Sooners get their fast break going and eventually helped them find their rhythm.

Oklahoma: The Sooners didn't want to lose two games so early in league play in a season where the conference race looks wide open. It was a good experience for Young, who adjusted well against a tough defensive team.

Quotable

Beard on Young: "We had multiple ideas. You can't have just a one layer game plan to play against him because he is just too good."

Injury update

Forward Zach Smith was out with a foot injury. The preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection has averaged just 6.5 points per game, but Beard said the Red Raiders missed him.

Up next

Texas Tech: Hosts No. 2 West Virginia on Saturday.

Oklahoma: Hosts No. 16 TCU on Saturday.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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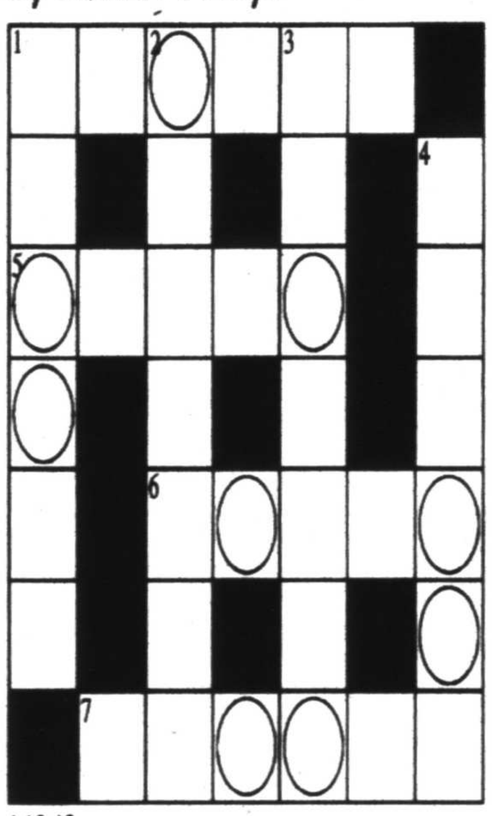

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Blood ___	AELSMP
5. Tropical fruit	VAUGA
6. ___ Airlines	EADTL
7. Rough, severe	TRAUBL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sweet	GARSYU
2. Wander	NEARDME
3. Handbill	TLLFEEA
4. Sudden storm	QALSLU

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CLUE: The territory of modern ___ once formed the core of the Maya civilization.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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CARSF ○○○○○

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SPOGIS ○○○○○○

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Yesterday's Jumbles: NAVAL GUESS DEVOUR KETTLE
Answer: The lemonade seller wanted her business to — STAND OUT

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Share-a-ride pickup hrs.
5 Go wild with Wild Turkey, say
9 Golden Horde member
14 Pope __ VI (1963-'78)
15 Copied
16 Be nuts about
17 "The Simpsons" bus driver
18 Drink garnish
19 Old-time actress Shearer
20 Blindsided
23 "Let's see ... "
24 German city on the Danube
25 Set ablaze
28 The hit in the baseball mantra "A walk is as good as a hit"
30 Sugar source
32 Cultural funding gp.
33 Pumpkin pie maker's tool
36 Beef inspection org.
39 401(k) alternative, for short
40 __ stick: incense
41 One of a global septet
46 Suffix with percent
47 College city on I-35
48 Sharp
52 Yom Kippur month
54 "Who am __ judge?"
55 China's Chou En-__
56 Flatbread lunch items ... and, as shown by circles, what 20-, 33- and 41-Across are?
60 Work really hard
62 '60s-'70s pitcher nicknamed Blue Moon
63 Huge
64 Awards for Asimov et al.
65 Computer list
66 Concerning
67 Suits
68 Musically low
69 Floral neckwear

DOWN

1 Geological timespans
2 Woven Japanese mat
3 Colorful period
4 Plod (through)
5 Small pastry
6 Poppy drug
7 Keystone State Ivy
8 Scandinavian literary work
9 Brightly colored songbird
10 Deck out
11 Attacked with gusto
12 Limb with biceps and triceps
13 "In Dreams" actor Stephen
21 Netflix competitor
22 Flying aid
26 Light shirts
27 All __: listening
29 Annoying bug
30 First known asteroid
31 Lab gel
34 Play charades, say
35 Open just a crack
36 Ton, for one
37 Songs for one
38 Equestrian event
42 Equestrian equipment
43 In the center of
44 Panama landform
45 Grub
49 Go by
50 Elk
51 Where much Bee Gees music was played
53 Mayhem
54 Graphic symbols
57 Berth before birth
58 It can come to mind
59 Concrete
60 Cow or sow
61 Unilever soap brand

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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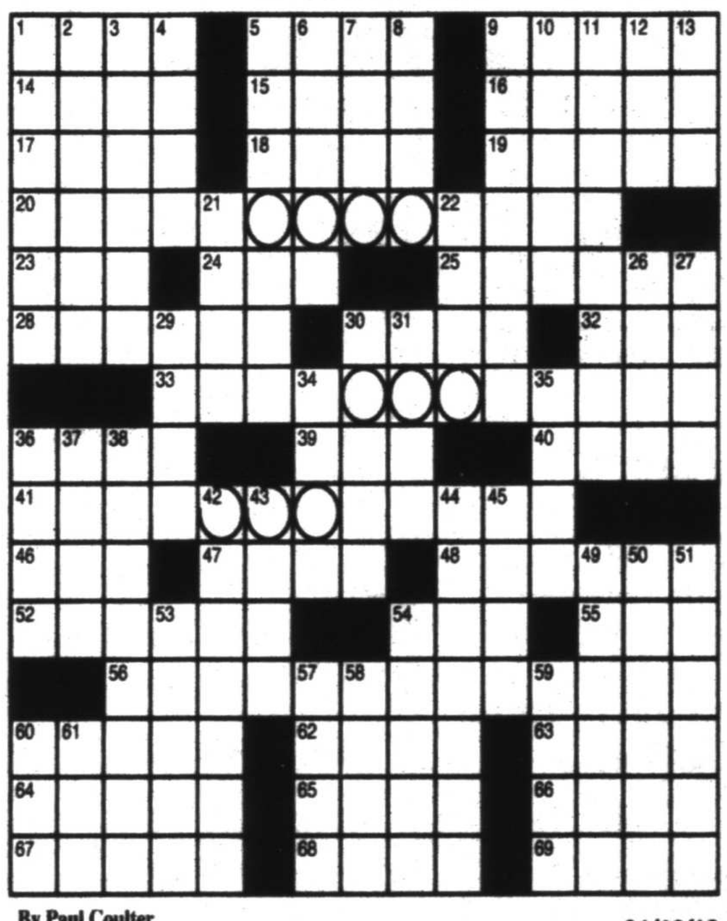

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2. ○○○○○ ○○○○○○

Today's Answers:

1. The end is not in sight
2. Mixed drink

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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 (N)	Speech-less (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Hous-sewife (N)	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	The Amazing Race (N)		SEAL Team "Containment" (N)		Criminal Minds "Full-Tilt Boogie" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's Family	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Violent Vest"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "This" (N)		9-1-1 "Let Go" (N)		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)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Blacklist "The Informant" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pathological" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Confidential" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Yosemite"		Nova "Black Hole Apocalypse" Scientists may soon be able to 'see' a black hole. (N)				Aman-pour (N)	Beyond 100 Days	News (N)	TBA
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FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00) The Family ...		★★ Delta Force Bill Engvall.			★★ Disaster Movie			★★ 3 Strikes Brian Hooks.			Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	★★★★ Hacksaw Ridge Andrew Garfield.				(:20) David Bowie: The Last Five Years			★ Addicted to Love		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:455) Erin Brocko...		(:10) Wilson Woody Harrelson.		(:45) ★★★ Elizabeth: The Golden Age				(:50) ★★ The Conjuring 2			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		★★★ Kong: Skull Island Tom Hiddleston.				★ Down With Love.		(:45) ★★ The War of the Roses					(:45) Sports
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ Kiss Kiss B...		★ Sleight Jacob Latimore.			★★★ The Cooler			(:15) ★★★ Lucky You Eric Bana.			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★ Independence Day: Resurgence				★ Seabiscuit ('03, Dra) Tobey Maguire.					(:25) ★★★ Urban Cowboy		
PLEX			96			(5:30) ★★ Surf's Up		★★ Troop Beverly Hills				(:50) ★★★ Chocolat Juliette Binoche.			(:50) ★★ Music of the Heart		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:15) ★ Office Christmas Party Jason Bateman.				The Chi "Pilot"			★★ Bad Santa		The Chi "Pilot"		(:35) Rob G.
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Lords of D...		★★ Inside Man Denzel Washington.				(:10) ★ Fair Game ('10, Dra) Naomi Watts.			★ The Whistleblo...		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Rooster and Butch (P) (N)		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(6:30) ★ The Day Af...		★★★ X2: X-Men United ('03, Sci-Fi) Patrick Stewart.						★★★ The Day After Tomorrow			
BET	58	-		40		(:05) ★ To Be Announced						★ To Be Announced					(:35) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		WivesNJ "Fauxpology"		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Housewives NJ		Watch	Housewives NJ		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Buyer (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
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DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Underc.	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs Minnesota (L)					NBA Basketball L.A. Clippers vs Golden State (L)				
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Duke at Pittsburgh (L)				NCAA Basketball Georgia at Missouri (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	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef: Behind (N)		Iron Chef Showdown		Iron Chef Show. (N)		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Showdown	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Bridesmaids		Grown (N)	Alone (N)	★ The Waterboy Adam Sandler.				The 700 Club		★★ Big Daddy	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Charlotte Hornets Site: Spectrum Center -- Charlotte, N.C. (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Cowboys (N)	Cowboys Legends	NCAA Basketball Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech Women's -- Lubbock, Texas			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(6:00) ★ The Wolveri...		★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past ('14, Act) Hugh Jackman.						★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Big Little News"		Women ATL (N)	(:50) LW Atlanta	LW Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" (N)		BigHouse "Counter Argument" (N)		LittleW. (N) /(:15) LittleW.		Little Women	(:50) LW Atlanta
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				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)			Sport	Sport
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds.					★★ Clash of the Titans		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:20) ★★★ The Avengers				The Magicians (N)		Happy!	(:45) ★★★ Fantastic Four ('05, Act) Ioan Gruffudd.				
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 Justin Verlander, Jay Pharoah		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(6:15) ★ The Ultima...		★★★★★ Gandhi (1982, Biography) Candice Bergen, Edward Fox, Ben Kingsley.						★ Sunrise at Campobello			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Hasta Que Te Conoci		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
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Wife wants out of husband's fling in swinging lifestyle

Dear Abby

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, to whom I've been married since July of 2016, has recently caved in to pressure from friends to participate in "swinger" behavior. He wants me to be included, but I really don't want to.

The other female has lesbian tendencies that make me uncomfortable. Her boyfriend is juggling two partners at once, alternating nights for each one. My husband has told him he can do whatever he wants in front of us, which I find awkward and embarrassing.

I don't want to be a spoilsport, but I feel he is being unfair to me. How do I put the genie back in the bottle without ruining my marriage and friendships? We've lived together since 2005, and the pressure is getting worse now that we're married. — NOT TO SWING IN THE USA

DEAR NOT TO SWING: If your vision of marriage is a union between two people only, then the man you married is not someone with whom you should spend a lifetime. Do not allow yourself to be coerced into anything you are not comfortable with, and that includes threesomes. Much as you might wish it, you are not going to change your husband, which is why it may be time for you to revisit this subject with him and the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I dated a longtime friend, "Austin," for about four months. He had a history of drug use, but had been sober for about four years before he stopped attending meetings.

I have two children from my previous marriage. He knew when we started dating that if he relapsed, the relationship was over. He did, so I ended it then and there. Austin begged me for a second chance and for my help. I have known his family for as long as I've known him, which is 20 years. He swore up and down to me that he wouldn't relapse again, but he did and died from an overdose. Austin's family blames me for his death because I didn't answer his calls or messages. How can I explain to them there was nothing I could do? — FAULT ISN'T MINE

DEAR FAULT: You were under no ethical or moral obligation to answer Austin's texts or messages after his relapses. Save yourself the frustration of trying to point out the truth to his family. Austin's relatives are in pain right now, and in denial as well. They are blaming you rather than their son because the truth — that Austin was responsible for his own actions and his own death — may be too hard for them to face.

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired lady who often eats alone in restaurants. When I arrive, the host or hostess usually greets me and asks, "How many?" When I reply, "One," the invariable response is, "Just ONE?" I find the question demeaning and rude. Can you offer a better response I can give? — PARTY OF ONE

DEAR PARTY OF ONE: I think you are handling the situation as well as it can be handled. Sometimes people don't stop to consider the implications of what they are saying. It's impolite for a host to ask, "Just one?" because in some cases the reply could be depressing and cloud the dining experience.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Elegant play

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A J 10 6
♡ Q 7 5
◊ K 10
♣ Q J 6 5

WEST
♠ 9 7 4 3
♡ Void
◊ Q 9 7 4 3
♣ A 10 9 4

EAST
♠ K
♡ K 10 9 8 6 4 3 2
◊ 8 5
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 5 2
♡ A J
◊ A J 6 2
♣ K 8 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	2♡
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: Three of ♠

South could have risen with dummy's ace of spades at trick one, spearing East's singleton king, but that was against the odds. He played low from dummy, losing to East's king. East shifted to a heart, and West ruffed South's jack before leading a second round of trumps. South won in dummy and crossed to his hand with the queen of spades, drawing West's last trump.

South could succeed at this point if he could get three club tricks, or find the queen of diamonds. He led a low club to dummy's queen, crossed back to his hand with the ace of hearts, and led a low club to dummy's jack. West had to duck both clubs, of course. Declarer now found the elegant play of leading dummy's queen of hearts and discarding the king of clubs as East won with the king. What could East do? If East had a club to play, that would mean that West's ace was now singleton. South would ruff and dummy's long club would be good. A diamond lead instead would pick up the queen, so East decided to lead a heart.

South ruffed in dummy while shedding a low diamond from his hand. He now simply ruffed a club. East was now known to have started with exactly two diamonds. In this three-card ending, West still had the ace of clubs, meaning he was down to two diamonds also. The ace and king were sure to drop the queen and South had his game.

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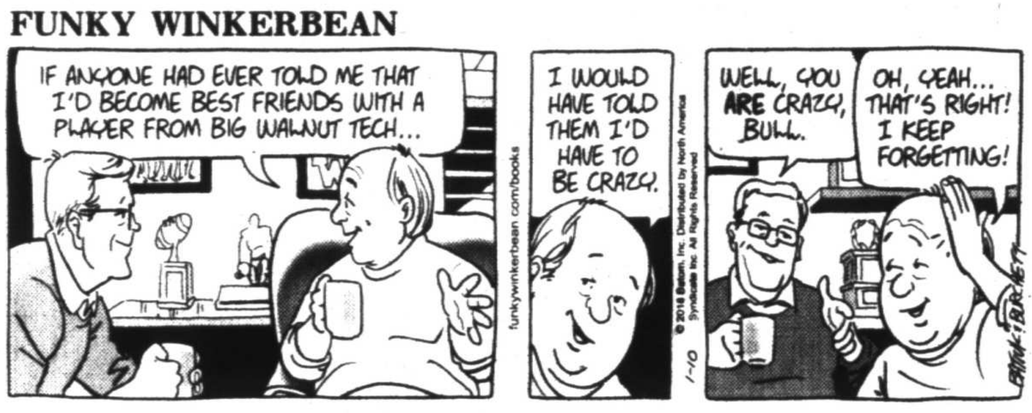

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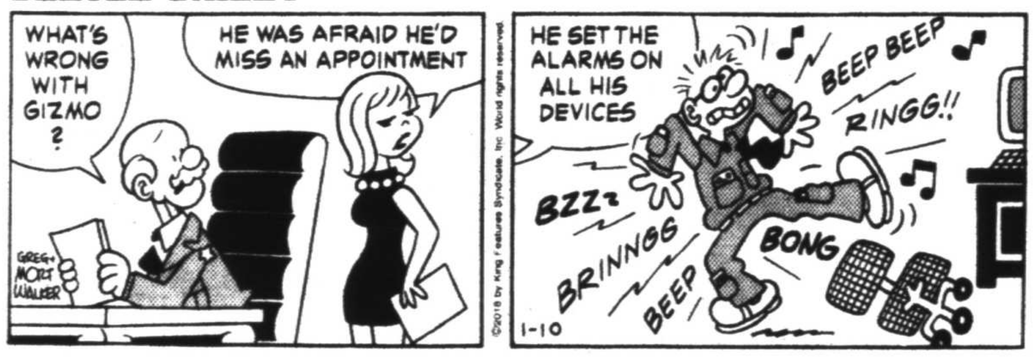

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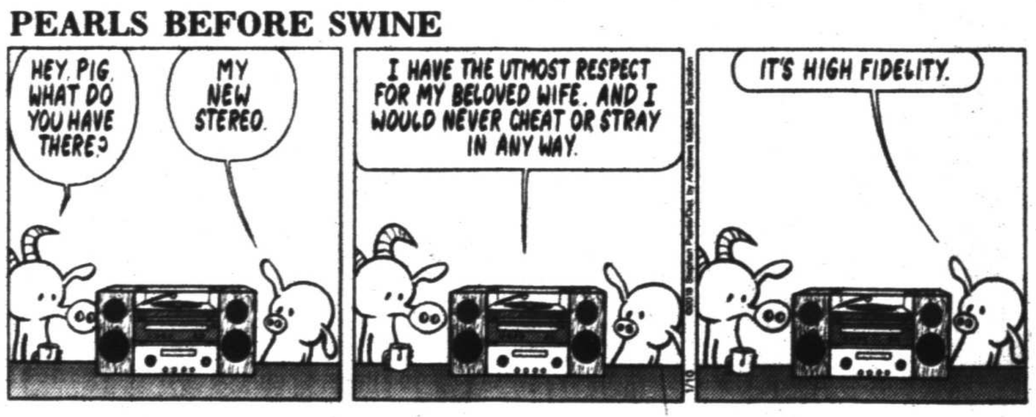

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

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ZITS

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MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

The Perkins were dismayed to find out that their new "ocean sound effects" sleep aid was recorded at the Jersey Shore during July.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WE'RE ALREADY LATE... NOW MY MOM'LL HAFTA DRIVE EVEN FASTER!"

LOCKHORNS

"I HAVE A TYPE A PERSONALITY? HOW CAN I GET IT UP TO AN A+?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I lost one from each pair. So now they get to be stepbrothers."

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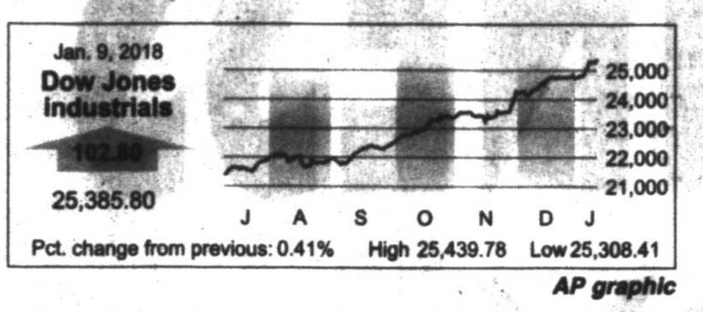

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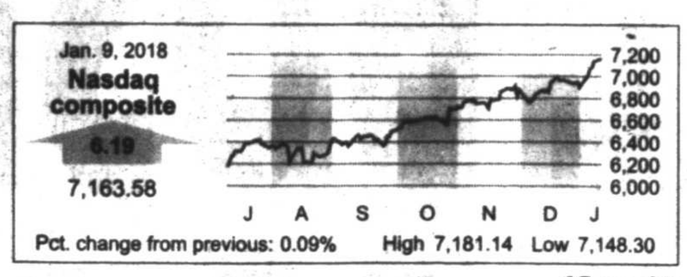

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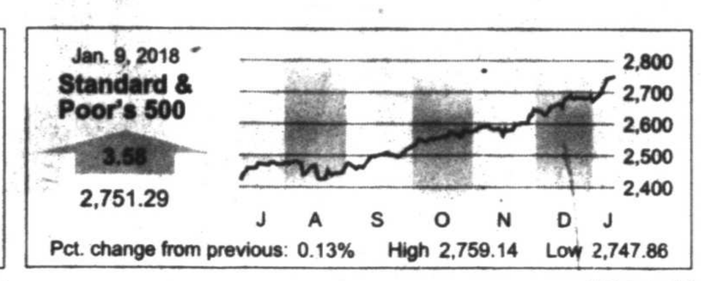

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $62.93
Previous: $61.73

POSTED

Tuesday: $59.50
Previous: $58.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $57.15
Previous: $55.65

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.923
Previous: $2.835

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	670548	30.27	+.15
EKodak	647697	6.80	+3.70
GenElec	637641	18.56	+.28
S&P500ETF	501530	274.54	+.82
SPDR Fncl	499927	28.59	+.22

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodak	6.80	+3.70	+119.4
CGG rs	6.35	+1.31	+26.0
KenpnHdl n	28.05	+5.20	+22.8
FrontCov	29.55	+3.15	+11.9
Allico n	23.11	+2.02	+9.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Express	7.37	-1.87	-20.2
Acutly	157.95	-27.78	-15.0
BidBear	6.05	-1.25	-13.4
LightInBox	2.47	-.34	-12.1
ELF Inc n	19.51	-2.51	-11.4

Diary

Advanced	1,213
Declined	1,712
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,035
New Highs	250
New Lows	39
Volume	3,836,125,466

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Panstem rs	80583	2.23	-.43
DigitalPwr	78039	1.87	-.42
NwGold g	66016	3.12	-.13
B2gold g	52565	2.86	-.07
22nd Centry	47329	3.14	-.24

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NTN Buzz rs	4.45	+.35	+8.5
Ethrcln rs	2.95	+.15	+5.4
VimeX	4.05	+.20	+5.2
US Geoth rs	4.01	+.20	+5.2
SwGA Fn	20.89	+.84	+4.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Panstem rs	2.23	-.43	-16.2
ChaseCorp	115.50	-9.60	-7.7
22nd Centry	3.14	-.24	-7.1
BIPEurUtsl	42.09	-2.33	-5.2
RegFlt pfA	7.10	-.38	-4.8

Diary

Advanced	132
Declined	206
Unchanged	25
Total issues	363
New Highs	20
New Lows	2
Volume	214,939,594

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	620022	42.97	-2.58
Intel	405361	43.62	-1.12
PalnThr rs	314128	9.04	+4.59
PrShs QQQ	221273	162.56	+.01
Cisco	209321	39.69	-.25

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PalnThr rs	9.04	+4.59	+103.1
Xunlei Ltd	23.52	+4.06	+20.9
GbBlkTr n	47.15	+7.55	+19.1
NektarTh	68.03	+10.63	+18.5
Rus Cp hrs	3.54	+.55	+18.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Adaptyn	3.70	-2.25	-38.1
AxsomeT n	3.55	-2.00	-36.0
ForshtAut n	4.87	-1.13	-18.8
SityTech	2.32	-.49	-17.4
Quotinet	4.39	-.91	-17.2

Diary

Advanced	1,331
Declined	1,580
Unchanged	192
Total issues	3,103
New Highs	259
New Lows	37
Volume	2,040,705,840

Ford partners with Postmates in path to driverless delivery

By David Welch, Keith Naughton
Bloomberg

Ford is expanding its driverless delivery experiment beyond pizza by partnering with Postmates to test what it will take to eventually remove the driver from on-demand distribution.

The carmaker and Postmates — a company that connects consumers with drivers to deliver their groceries, take-out and other purchases — will team up this year on a pilot program that explores how self-driving tech could change the delivery experience.

The experiment, which will use human drivers for now, will help Ford better understand how an autonomous delivery system could work, especially since customers will have to walk out and fetch their orders themselves. Once fully autonomous vehicles are developed, deployed and regulated, this kind of on-demand delivery could eventually go driver-free.

"In the future, when a consumer uses Postmates to place a purchase — whether for groceries, takeout or other goods — a self-driving vehicle could be what delivers her order," Sherif Marakby, Ford's vice president of autonomous vehicles and electrification, said in a Medium post before a CES keynote by Chief Executive Officer Jim Hackett. "We'll study both what the merchant experience needs to be at the point of delivery and what the customer experience needs to be at that same point."

Ford's announcement Tuesday is the latest at CES to confirm a driverless future is in the works but still a ways away. Even as General Motors Co. plans to have self-driving cars ready for a ride-hailing service in 2019 and Toyota Motor Corp. aims to demonstrate its new e-Palette concept at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, automakers are quick to admit that plenty of hurdles remain before drivers are totally removed from the equation on a major scale.

The tie-up comes on the heels of the automaker's earlier partnership with Domino's Pizza Inc. to test appetite for driverless pizza delivery. The results from the Domino's test have started to shape how the automaker thinks about customer interaction in a driverless future.

During the program that took place in Ann Arbor, Michigan, this past fall, Ford discovered customers specifically enjoyed the voice instructions explaining how to collect their order that played over speakers mounted on the Fusion that delivered their pies.

"Many even wanted to talk back to the car, saying, 'Bye,' upon its departure," Jim Farley, Ford's president of global markets, said in a separate post. "That insight is helping us to design experiential elements not just for delivery modes, but for all self-driving vehicle interactions."

In addition to the Postmates announcement, Ford also said Tuesday it's working with Silicon Valley startup Autonomic to build an open cloud-based platform, called the Transportation Mobility Cloud, that can manage the flow of information between cars, bikes, pedestrians, mass transit and infrastructure.

Ford is also teaming with Qualcomm Technologies Inc. to develop C-V2X, or cellular vehicle-to-everything technology, which allows cars and smart cities to communicate — a key step in the path to driverless transportation.

"All of this work is being done for a simple reason: To improve people's lives and create better experiences," Rich Strader, Ford's vice president of mobility product solutions, said in a post co-written with Autonomic CEO Sunny Madra. "Moving around something as dynamic as a bustling city shouldn't be an act of frustration; it should be affordable, accessible and enjoyable."

Kodak surges as it becomes latest 'cryptocurrency' convert

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kodak, which traces its roots to the early days of film-based photography, is getting into the digital licensing and cryptocurrency market as part of a partnership with WENN Digital.

The companies are launching blockchain technology with KodakOne and KodakCoin. Blockchain is a ledger where transactions of digital currencies, like bitcoin, are recorded. Rochester, New York-based Kodak, founded in 1880, is the latest company to enter the cryptocurrency market as Bitcoin makes gains. Bitcoin has surged from less than $1,000 a year ago to more than $14,000.

Recently, Long Island Iced Tea Corp. said it plans to change its name to Long Blockchain Corp., as it wants to focus more on blockchain technology, while continuing to make beverages. The Kodak systems will allow photographers to register work that they can license and then receive payment. The initial coin offering will open Jan. 31.

Shares of Eastman Kodak Co. more than doubled to close at $6.80 Tuesday. The stock has been slumping over the last year, shedding more than 70 percent of its value.

"Engaging with a new platform, it is critical photographers know their work and their income is handled securely and with trust, which is exactly what we did with KodakCoin," said CEO Jeff Clarke.

S&P 500 keeps climbing as calm continues to reign for stocks

NEW YORK — Stocks pushed further into record territory Tuesday, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index's immaculate start to the year extended to a sixth day.

Health care stocks and banks led the way, as calm continues to reign over markets around the world. The strong gains overshadowed weakness for dividend-paying stocks and other areas of the market hurt by rising interest rates after 10-year Treasury yields hit their highest level since March.

The S&P 500 rose 3.58 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,751.29 to equal its longest winning streak leading off a year since 2010.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 102.80 points, or 0.4 percent, to 25,385.80, the Nasdaq composite gained 6.19 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,163.58 and the Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks slipped 1.71, or 0.1 percent, to 1,560.10.

They're the latest steps higher for stocks, which have been rising at a remarkably steady pace for more than a year as investors bask in a global economy that's strengthening in sync.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell $6.70 to settle at $1,313.70 per ounce, silver dropped 13 cents to $17.01 per ounce and copper slipped a penny to $3.22 per pound.

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Closing Price $154.99 Down 1.05

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Closing Price $1.69 Up 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.31 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.95 Down 0.20

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $19.68 Down 0.17

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $47.94 Up 0.25

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.30 Down 0.45

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.40 Up 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	17	6.09	-.55	+7.6
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	37.49	-.25	-3.6
Abraxas	...	63	2.31	...	+2.0
AdvDrnEq	1.32a	...	15.47	+.05	+2.9
AMD	...	...	11.62	-.46	+15.0
AkanaBios	...	...	.20	+.05	+45.5
Alibaba	...	54	190.80	+.47	+10.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.36e	...	11.41	+.03	+5.7
Altice n	...	...	23.11	+2.02	+8.9
Amazon	...	317	1,189.54	+3.75	+4.5
AmExpress	.90	...	98.52	-1.13	+3.6
Apache	1.00	...	44.55	-1.37	+4.5
Apple Inc	2.52	20	174.59	-.02	+4.0
AphMidst	.40	17	54.88	+1.06	+7.3
Archrock	.48	...	9.90	+.15	-5.7
ATMOS	1.80	23	82.69	-.36	-5.8
AutoData	2.52f	32	118.76	+.82	+1.3
BP PLC	2.38	31	42.67	-.21	+2.0
BlackAm	.48	17	30.27	+.15	+2.5
B IPVxST rs	...	...	26.28	+.30	-5.0
BarrgcDp s	1.20	...	15.31	-.01	+.3
BeaconEn	...	...	.45	...	-32.1
BerkHts A	...	...	25304.00	+320.00	+2.3
BioPhrmX	...	...	.12	+.01	+11.8
BlackHillsCp	1.76	16	64.75	-0.07	-5.0
BlackBerry	...	17	14.40	+.28	+26.9
BostonSci	...	19	27.96	+2.15	+12.8
BrMyBib	1.60f	22	61.85	-.09	+.9
BrownFA s	.79	39	68.42	-.90	-1.2
BrownFB s	.79	...	67.45	-1.15	-1.0
CVS Health	2.00	14	77.69	-.06	+7.2
CallonPet	...	39	12.49	-.12	+2.1
Caterpillar	3.12	43	166.50	+.40	+5.6
Celsiolc g	...	6	11.01	+.24	+5.1
CntryLink	2.16	8	16.54	-.09	-.8
ChesEng	...	7	4.05	+.08	+2.3
Chevron	4.28	84	127.84	-.89	+2.1
Chicos	.33	12	8.44	-.08	-4.3
Cimarex	.32	34	127.61	-.83	+4.6
Cisco	1.16	21	39.69	-.25	+3.5
Citigroup	1.28	14	75.31	+.78	+1.2
CoastEnr	1.48	39	46.23	+.23	+.8
CoalMtn	1.60	28	75.64	+.11	+.3
Comcast n	.83	20	40.61	+.13	+1.8
ConAgra	.85	20	37.39	-.13	-.7
ConchoRes	...	...	154.99	-1.05	+3.2
ConocoPhil	1.05	49	57.52	+.47	+5.6
CrackerB	4.60	30	174.35	+3.74	+9.7
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	4.90	+.12	-11.6
CrossTim	.80e	18	18.30	+.09	+4.2
DCP Mid	3.12	54	38.55	+.21	+6.1
DTE	3.39	21	105.68	-1.30	-3.5
DenbryRI	...	...	2.27	-.01	+2.7
Devon	.36	21	40.55	-.71	+2.8
Disney	1.68f	19	100.94	-.87	+2.3
EOG Resrc	.67	...	111.71	-1.60	+3.5
EKodak	...	12	6.80	+3.70	+119.4
EltonGld g	.02e	25	1.26	-.06	-11.9
EnCana g	.06	24	13.64	+.33	+2.3
Endo Intl	...	...	6.17	+.41	+5.4
Energen	.00	...	59.29	+.07	+3.0
EnPro	.80	52	91.52	-.60	-2.1
ENSCO	.04	...	7.05	+.03	+18.3
EnPrdPt	1.69f	22	26.03	+.26	+5.7
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FordM	.60a	12	13.08	-.07	+4.7
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GATX	1.68	13	64.36	+.76	+3.5
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GoPro	...	...	6.17	-.39	-16.5
GrPotBdSx	1.10	16	31.40	+.19	-2.8
Hallibrtn	.72	...	52.11	-.18	+6.5
HP Ent n	.30f	37	14.85	+.03	+3.4
IShGold	...	...	12.93	-.08	+1.0
IShBrazil	.67e	...	42.94	-.33	+4.7
IShChinaLC	.87e	...	48.57	-.14	+5.2
IShEMMkts	.59e	...	49.05	-.08	+4.1
IShJp pfY	3.06	...	123.95	-1.60	-2.5
IS Eurp	1.66e	...	72.41	+.08	+3.0
IShBndHYB	5.09	...	87.60	.27	+.4
IShR2K	1.77e	...	154.82	-.21	+1.5
iShrEst	2.76e	...	78.86	-.88	-2.6
Inpixon rs	...	...	.29	+.07	+38.1
InspMD rs	...	...	.28	+.07	+115.6
Intel	1.09	19	43.62	-1.12	-5.5
InterDig	1.40	11	79.05	-1.45	+3.8
IShJapan rs	...	...	62.44	+.04	+4.2
JD.com	...	27	46.13	+.03	+11.4
JPMorgCh	2.24f	16	109.05	+.55	+2.0
JaguarHlth	...	...	.14	+.01	...
JohnJn	3.39	21	144.13	+3.24	+3.2
KimbCk	3.89	19	116.60	-2.63	-3.2
Kinross g	...	...	4.15	-.19	-3.9
LegacyRes	...	...	1.69	+.07	+5.0
Lulys	...	...	2.77	+.09	+4.9
MaratHnO	.20	...	18.05	+.08	+6.6
McDnld's	4.04f	30	173.54	-.39	+.6
Merck	1.92f	15	56.80	+.14	+.9
MerrMfed	...	7	44.75	-.60	+3.9
MexcoEn	...	...	4.31	...	+9.7
MicronT	...	9	42.97	-2.58	+4.5
Microsft	1.68	31	85.22	-.06	+3.1
MyStar n	...	...	1.72	-1.14	+185.4
Nabors	.24	...	7.40	-.07	+8.3
NOILVarco	.20	...	38.24	-.47	+6.2
NobleCorp	.08	8	5.15	-.17	+13.9
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NTXQI	.55	...	14.29	-.04	-.3
Nvidia	.20f	61	221.94	-.06	+14.7
OcciPet	3.08	...	74.69	-.29	+1.7
Oracle	.76	21	49.05	+.27	+3.6
PDC Engy	...	...	53.25	-.16	+3.6
PalnThr rs	...	...	9.04	+4.59	+128.0
Pandora	...	...	4.56	-.29	-5.4
ParTech	...	82	8.88	-.35	-5.0
ParkDrl	...	...	1.21	+.04	+21.0
PetroTit	.48	...	23.57	-.73	+2.4
Pfizer	1.28	15	36.41	-.04	+.5
PhilipMor	3.76	27	101.61	+.09	+8.9
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Praxair	3.15	29	162.88	+1.57	+5.3
PrmEgy	...	...	48.50	-4.00	-8.8
PUVlxST rs	...	...	8.96	+.19	-12.2
ProctGam	2.76f	23	91.05	-.88	-.9
RangeRs	.08	19	17.06	+.21	...
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Rowan	.40	10	16.46	-.56	+5.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	...	68.77	-.29	+3.1
SpdrDJIA	3.96e	...	253.82	+1.23	+2.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	274.54	+.82	+2.9
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	38.71	-.05	+4.1
SelnR	2.31e	22	47.20	+1.00	+5.8
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SnapInc A n	...	...	14.10	+.04	-3.5
SwstnEngy	...	41	5.71	-.02	+2.3
Sprint	...	...	5.69	-.12	-3.5
Square n	...	...	40.88	+.12	+17.9
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.59	+.22	+2.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	68.38	-.17	+3.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.30	-.51	-2.6
Target	2.48	14	69.14	+1.96	+6.0
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Twitter	...	...	24.17	-.42	+.7
TylerTech	...	59	186.86	+1.67	+5.5
UBSI	1.36f	18	35.05	...	+.9
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USSteel	.20	...	38.41	-1.01	+9.2
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ValeantPh	...	6	23.67	+.76	+14.6
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VanEGold	.06e	...	23.11	-.31	-.6
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.27	-.88	-2.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	47.86	-.01	+4.2
VerizonCm	2.36	11	51.61	-.19	-2.5
Vipshop	...	27	13.23	-.35	+12.9
VulcanM	1.60	42	134.14	+.39	+4.5
WEC Engy	2.21f	22	64.91	-.52	-2.3
WalgBoots	1.60	15	73.42	-.43	+1.1
WeatherInt	...	...	3.96	-.06	-4.3
WellsFargo	1.56f	15	62.26	+.22	+2.6
WmCos	1.20	56	32.73	+.15	+7.3
XcelEngy	1.44	20	46.89	-.55	-3.2
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25,311.99	19,677.94	Dow Jones Industrials	25,385.80	+102.80	+.41	+2.70	+27.85
11,000.37	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	11,018.46	+20.83	+.19	+3.63	+21.15
778.60	648.34	Dow Jones Utilities	700.98	-6.89	-.97	-3.10	+7.65
13,117.24	11,118.47	NYSE Composite	13,120.81	+6.46	+.05	+2.44	+17.32
7,161.35	5,465.62	Nasdaq Composite	7,163.58	+6.19	+.09	+3.77	+29.03
2,749.51	2,254.25	S&P 500	2,751.29	+3.58	+.13	+2.91	+21.26
1,947.16	1,661.09	S&P Midcap	1,942.50	-3.61	-.19	+2.21	+15.55
29,515.96	23,564.41	Wilshire 5000	29,543.95	+40.43	+.14	+2.70	+20.22
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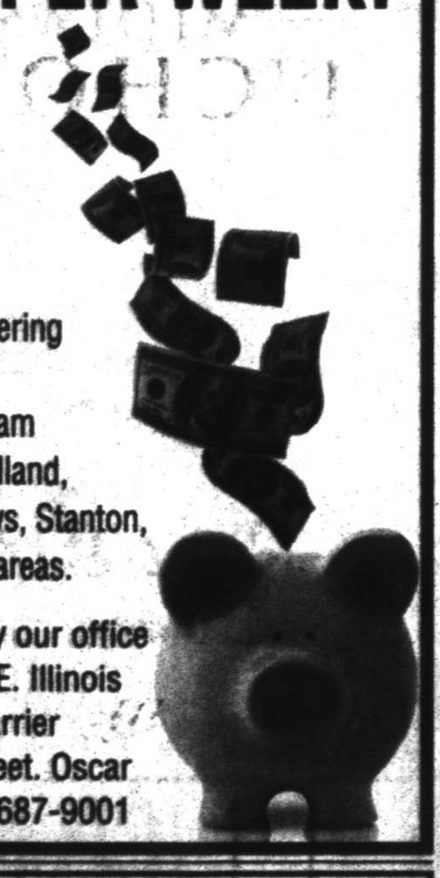

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 8 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-8 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop employment campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

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Chad Anderson, Advertising Sales Manager 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 73278

APPLICATION Centurion Pipeline L.P. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 73278, which would authorize modification to the Midland Tank Farm located at 2200 East County Road 90, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.0075&lng=-102.0469&zoom=13&type=r. The facility will emit the following contaminants: hydrogen sulfide and organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 4, 2017. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office and the TCEQ Midland regional office, 9900 West Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues submitted by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Centurion Pipeline L.P., 5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110, Houston, Texas 77046-0521 or by calling Ms Vanessa Romero, Environmental Advisor at (432) 686-1415.

Notice Issuance Date: December 15, 2017

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE

THAT THE MIDLAND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT,

In compliance with Chapter 772, Subchapter D of Health & Safety Code and Sections 116.021 through 116.155 of the Local Government Code of Texas, **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that said District, at a meeting of the Board of Managers at 8:00 a.m., February 6th, 2018, will consider applications for and award a depository contract with one or more banks in Midland County for deposit of the District's public funds.

Any banking corporation, association, or individual banker desiring to be designated as the District Depository shall make and deliver to the Director of Communications, 1110 W Wall St, Midland, Texas, on or before February 1st, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., an application to be designated as such depository. The application must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus, and be accompanied by: (1) a statement showing the financial condition of the bank on the date of the application; and (2) a certified check in the amount of $6,388 (representing at least one-half percent of the District's anticipated revenue for this calendar year). Said check to be returned following signing of contract.

Dated in Midland, Texas this 8th day of January 2018.

Pat Moore, Chairman
Board of Managers of the
Midland Emergency Communication District
1110 W Wall St.
Midland, TX 79701

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Applications for participation in DentiCare, Inc.'s network of general and specialty dental commercial providers will be accepted March 1, 2018 through March 20, 2018. The networks included in the DentiCare, Inc. Health Maintenance Organization are: DentiCare Commercial HMO and Advantage Commercial HMO. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information please write: Humana, Attention: Specialty Networks-Den, N19 W24133 Riverwood Drive, Suite 100, Waukesha, WI 53188, or email your request to dentalrecruitment@humana.com.

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Humana Behavioral Health, Inc., a Health Maintenance Organization, located at 802 N. Carancahua, Suite 300, Corpus Christi, TX, 78401, will accept applications for the period beginning March 1, 2018, and ending March 20, 2018, from physicians and other health care providers who wish to become participating physicians or providers in their commercial provider networks. The networks included in the Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. Health Maintenance Organization are: Austin HMOx, Corpus Christi HMOx, Houston HMOx, San Antonio HMOx, Waco HMOx, and Texas Premier HMO. Applicants should go to the following website: https://www.humanabehavioralhealth.com/providers/join-our-network/provider-interest-forms/ and complete the applicable interest form. Applicants must meet the credentialing criteria of Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. for acceptance into their respective networks. Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance or non-acceptance within 90 days after Humana Behavioral Health, Inc. receives an application(s) for participation.

Notice to Physicians and Providers (per TAC § 11.1402)

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Texas Academic Performance Report

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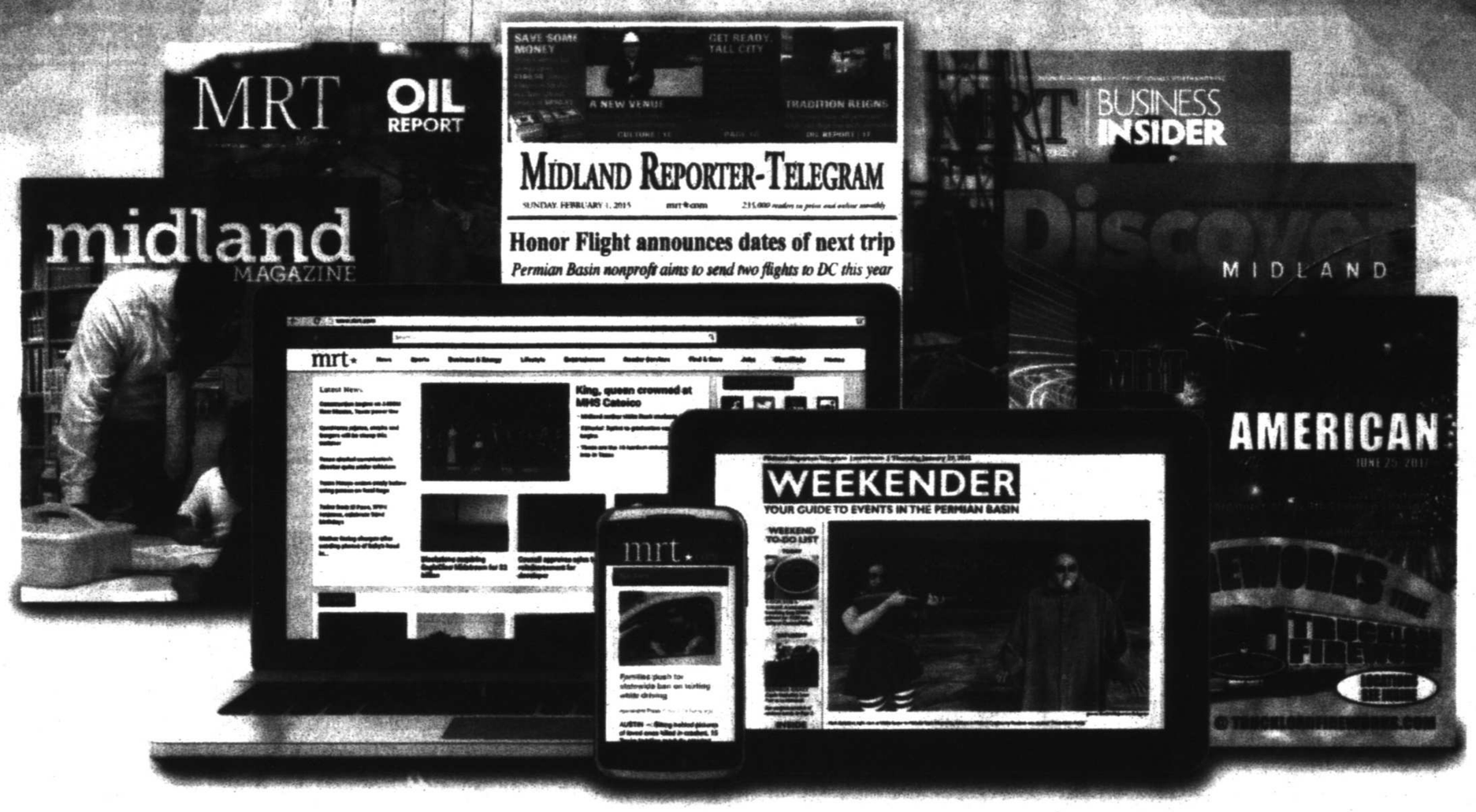

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