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Conaway on I-14: 'It will be a good deal'

By Trevor Hawes
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There has been a push locally for redesignating the western terminus of Interstate 14, and Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, is putting that notion into action.

On Friday, Conaway introduced his bill titled "Connecting the Rest to the West," which would see the western end of the congressionally approved Interstate 14 project run from Brady through San Angelo and up to the Midland-Odessa area. Portions of U.S. Highway 87 and State Highway 158 would be converted to interstate.

"I'm not sure what decade that will start in, but it starts with an idea and it's a step in the right direction," Conaway told the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday. "Some parts of it already qualify for putting I-14 signs up. We have to get people thinking about it. It'll be a good deal."

I-14 is part of the larger Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System. Also known as "Forts to Ports," the project aims to connect Fort Bliss in El Paso with Fort Hood in Central Texas and Fort Polk in Louisiana. The plan also connects to military deployment ports at Corpus Christi and Beaumont through various north-south feeder roads.

The congressionally approved route for I-14 has the western terminus at I-10 and US 190 near Iraan. The Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) has been a primary proponent of getting the designation moved north to the Midland-Odessa area because there is much more traffic in this region, particularly trucks hauling frac sand from Brady to the Permian along US 87/SH 158.

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NEW SUMMER PROGRAM

Franks Leadership Institute to debut local program

■ Midland Young Leaders Challenge is open to local high school juniors

By Mary Dearen
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The General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute will debut a program in Midland in June for local high school juniors.

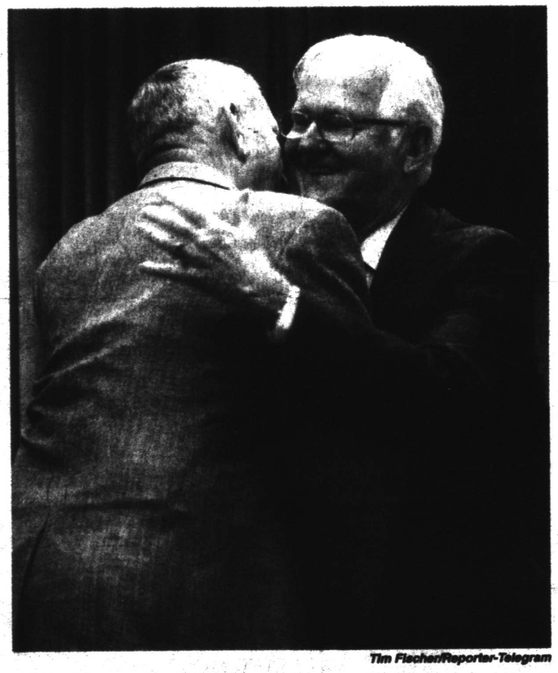
Midland Young Leaders Challenge is June 13-14 at Midland College. It will be presented in partnership between MC and Midland ISD, according to a press release from MC. Partial funding will be provided by the Henry Foundation.

The free summer leadership program is open to 30 of the top-performing high school juniors in Midland County.

"I look forward to working with the students this summer as they develop their leadership skills," retired U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks said in a statement. "The Midland Young Leaders Challenge is sure to provide life-changing experiences to all attendees."

The institute has hosted a national program every summer since 2008. The Midland program is one of the first regional events, Rebecca Bell, MC dean, Community Relations, said.

"As you know, Tommy Franks is from Midland. Judge Mike Bradford is friends with General Franks and was instrumental in bringing the program to Midland," Bell said via email.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford, right, gets a hand shake and a hug after introducing retired U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks during the Aug. 24 dedication of General Tommy Franks Elementary. A leadership program presented by The General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute is planned for June at Midland College.

Participants will be challenged to improve their leadership ability and confidence through persuasive communication, character and leadership development. In addition, students will be confronted with practical leadership and ethical scenarios and then challenged to address them in a persuasive speech competition, according to the release.

Program curriculum is designed around Franks' four stars of leadership: character, common vision, communication and caring. Students will have the opportunity to engage with Franks and Midland leaders and compete for scholarships. Bell said the winner will be able to attend the national Four Star Leadership program hosted by Franks on July 8-13 in Edmond, Oklahoma.

"During the two-day Midland event, the students will attend workshops, write and give speeches and do other leadership-type activities. The students will then vote among themselves on the top leader," Bell said. "Other prizes will also be given for

Please see **LEADER**/4A

Siblings to be first local girls interviewed for Cub Scouts

By Simone Jasper
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Three sisters will be the first local girls to start the process of joining Cub Scouts. The Buffalo Trail Council CEO on Wednesday said he expects to schedule interviews within the next few days.

"I'm very excited about it," David Chapman said. "I think it's going to be a great opportunity for us to serve the whole family of all of our Scouts."

The anticipated interviews come after the Boy Scouts of America board of directors in October approved welcoming girls as Cub Scouts. The announcement also revealed a program could be available in 2019 allowing older girls to enter the path toward the Eagle Scout rank.

Chapman said scouting teaches leadership training and character development, skills that apply to boys and girls.

Locally, the Buffalo Trail Council's chartered partners — such as churches and service clubs — have the option to serve girls. Chapman said the council has chosen three of the partners to be a part of a pilot before expanding enrollment for girls in the fall.

"They'll be sponsored by the same organization typically, like we do now," Chapman said. "They'll just have a separate program for girls. We don't really anticipate a lot of changes to the program. It'll just be separate dens or separate packs for girls."

Chapman said the organization recognizes the value of same-gender education and that girls have participated in programs for years. In addition to the sibling interviews, the council is planning an upcoming rally for recruitment.

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The big number
41 million dollars
for Hurricane relief was raised in an effort by ex-US presidents. Page 5A

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Obituaries

Adam Seth Tally

Adam Seth Tally, 33, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

There will be a private service at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born on January 4, 1984 to Don and Sabrina Tally and is proof that preemies do thrive. He was a funny and VERY active young man who loved to skate, play a little baseball, and really enjoyed the challenges of Tae Kwon Do attaining the rank of 2nd degree black belt. He did also love his movies and video gaming. He was always a "Helpful" kid and adult who enjoyed helping others in tough situations all his days.

The highlight of his life came on April 3, 2015 when Malcolm was born. His life forever changed becoming a loving and good dad.

He is survived by his son, Malcolm Rohan Tally; his mom, Sabrina; dad, Don; and maternal grandmother, Jimmie Sullivan of Andrews; along with aunts, uncles, and multiple cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John Sullivan; paternal grandmother, Betty Crabb; and paternal grandfather, Don Tally.

The family would like to express appreciation to Texas Oncology and the Allison Cancer Center, especially Charliss Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help find a cure for this disease that affects so many.

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

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

Alfredo (Freddy) Trevino

Funeral service for Alfredo (Freddy) Trevino will be January 25, 2018 at 2:00 pm Faith Temple Church, 605 N. 12th St, Lamesa, TX. Interment will be in the Dowson County Cemetery. Funeral arrangement are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, TX.

Dr. JC Whitaker (Jake)

Dr. JC Whitaker (Jake) passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Midland, Texas. He was born in Santa Anna, Texas on April 23, 1931 to Jess M. Whitaker and Audrey Mayes Whitaker.

The family will receive guests from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held at First Baptist Church, Midland, on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dr. Charlotte Whitaker; his three children: son Brad of Midland; son Keith and wife Loretta of Dallas; and daughter Kimberly Whitaker Rhoads and husband Randy of Houston; six grandchildren: Courtney Rhoads Alkek and husband Travis of Brisbane, Australia; Lecia Whitaker Bruton and husband Larry of Fort Worth; Jay Brad Whitaker, Jr. and fiancée Hillary Harrelson of Denver, Colorado; Cameron Rhoads of Austin; Caroline Rhoads of San Francisco, CA; Timothy Whitaker of Dallas; great grandchildren: Leighton Alkek of Brisbane, Australia; Luke Bruton of Fort Worth; very special cousin Louise Whitaker Dickerson of Midland, TX; and his "Sunday Family": Doris and Don McSparran, Wanda Ramsey, Peggy Ramsey; Red and Juandelle Roberts; Rhonda Lacy; and Fuffy Green.

After graduation from Anson, Texas High School, Jake attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He was a loyal alumni serving on various boards at HSU. In 1999, he received the honor of being presented the John J. Keeter alumni service award.

Jake and Charlotte met in Dallas when he was a student at Baylor College of Dentistry and she was a Baylor University Nursing student. Following his graduation, he entered the United States Air Force where he was a captain and stationed at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico as part of the Strategic Air Command. He and Charlotte married in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 23, 1955.

After completing two years in the military, the Whitakers moved to Midland, Texas and he established a dental practice there. For 32 years, he shared an office with Dr. Richard Klempnauer and Dr. Reed Collins.

He loved the practice of dentistry, and especially the relationship with his patients. He was known to whistle and sing while he worked. In 1991, he suffered a major heart attack, which forced him into an early retirement. After five years of rehabilitation, which included emu ranching, he decided he missed his patients and went back to work. He worked several years with Dr. Mark Hughen, and then completed his years of dentistry working with Dr. David Orr. In 1996, he was awarded Life Membership in the Texas Dental Association.

Jake and Charlotte loved to travel. They went on international mission trips with First Baptist groups, as well as Odessa College Choir tours, and visited family abroad. One of the items on his "bucket list" was a trip down the Amazon, which he took with his son-in-law, Randy. He saw the things he had read about in National Geographic come to life. This was certainly one of the highlights of his life.

Jake was a scuba diver, skier, hunter, and all-around sports fan! He was a supporter and fan of Texas Tech, where he attended many games, as well as Baylor sports teams. He enjoyed the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros. He was known to have as many as three TVs in separate rooms (loud volume) each tuned to a different sports station.

Jake had a genuine zeal and enthusiasm for life. He counted every day as a gift from God. Anyone who ever met him knew that his strong Christian faith was the driving force in his life. Jake was a member of First Baptist Church since 1957. He taught the Fisherman Sunday school class for 43 years and served as a deacon.

His faith was the most important thing in his life, and in his passing, he received the final reward for his faithfulness. He loved to attend Sunday school and church services. A special treat he looked forward to each week was his Monday attendance at the Brotherhood meeting. He enjoyed telling "stories" of his fond memories growing up in Anson. He loved his family and spending time with them. He looked forward to holidays when everyone was here.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Michael Miller and his staff at Permian Cardiology for their loving care of Jake over these many years.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Hardin-Simmons University - HSU Advancement Office, Box 16100, Abilene, TX 79698 or *connect.hsutx.edu/donate*; Gideons International, P.O. Box 11153, Midland, TX 79702; First Baptist Church Music Ministry, Attn: Finance Office, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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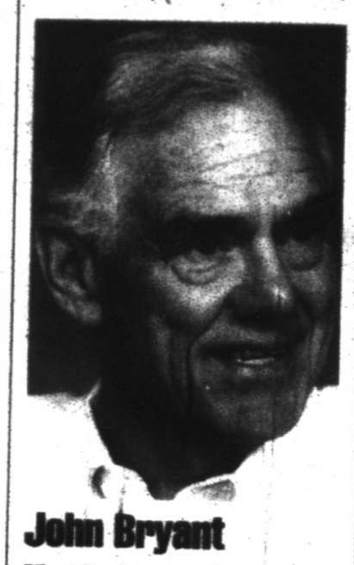

John Bryant Huckabay, Jr.

John Bryant Huckabay, Jr. passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018. He was 89 years old, born on March 23, 1928 in Slaton, Texas to John Bryant, Sr. and Girlie Huckabay.

As the child of a Santa Fe Railroad Engineer, he and his family followed numerous moves across the country during his schooling, but high school led him back to Slaton High where he participated in football, basketball, and graduated in 1945. He was a part time employee for Santa Fe Railroad during high school and as an early college freshman at Texas Tech before taking his tour in the 11th Army Airborne Division Paratroopers in Japan. After his discharge, he returned to Texas Tech, and while working with City of Lubbock Engineering he completed his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1950.

In that same year, John married Bobbi Cowan and they soon moved to Midland and remained there for the rest of his life. They were married 67 years. Their first son, John Bryant Huckabay III, born 1954, was followed by his second son, Paul Brent Huckabay, in 1958.

John is survived by his wife, Bobbi Huckabay; sons, Bryant and wife Jenni, and Brent and wife Suzanne; five grandchildren, Grant, Gretchen, Gabe, Paige, and Jack (John Bryant IV); and four great-grandchildren, Keegan, Luke, Iri, and Cooper.

As a passionate Certified Petroleum Landman, John worked for Phillips Petroleum, Great Western Drilling, Monsanto, LaGuna Petroleum, Superior, and Mobil. He was well known as both a seasoned professional and a great mentor of young landmen. He retired from his position as Land Manager at Mobil Oil Company in 1992 but continued to pursue independent land work until 2013.

John was a devoted husband, father, teacher, counselor, and elder. He served for 24 years as the office of elder in the Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, officiated by Sam Soleyn of Albuquerque, New Mrxico., Doug Allen of Lubbock, and Tim Baugh of Midland.

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

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Reverend Charlie Elliott

The Reverend Charlie Elliott died of a massive heart attack while skiing in Vail, Colorado on Friday, January 19, 2018.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Midland.

Charlie (Charles Edwin Elliott) was born in Knox County, Texas on April 8, 1940. He graduated from Munday High School in 1959 and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible in 1965, and a Master's degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. His one and only full-time job was at First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas where he was the Minister of Youth and the Minister of Activities for 38 years. Hardin-Simmons honored him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000.

He married Rebecca Jane Cope in 1961. They have three sons, Michael Elliott and John Elliott of Midland, and Danny Elliott of Fredericksburg, Texas. They have 10 grandchildren.

As a youth director, Charlie took the youth and adult sponsors across the Rio Grande into Cohuilla Mexico every spring to do Bible Schools and help start Baptist churches for 30 years.

He trained the youth to go and teach children the story of Jesus and become active Christians who would obey the Great Commission: Jesus said, "Go into all the world....and teach people what I have taught." He also trained young college-age students (called a Rec Team) to go to the small towns in Texas and lead a Christian Day Camp for the whole city.

Charlie loved and used an old cowboy camp called Paisano Baptist Encampment outside of Alpine, Texas. He trained many youth leaders to conduct a Day Camp for the annual Paisano week. This year would have been his 50th year to provide childrens' activities for the camp.

During his 13 years in Brady, Texas, he was an active deacon, Sunday school teacher, and leader for young boys' missions education. He practiced what he preached and loved to point people to Jesus in his everyday life. He's known around Brady for answering the greeting, "How are you?" with the answer, "I'm saved." He also loved the work of the Gideon organization and was the chaplain for the local camp.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to Texas Baptist Men (*texasbaptistmen.org*), Texas Baptist River Ministry (*texasbaptist.org/ministry/missions/river-ministry*) or to the FBC Midland Activities Ministry (*fbcmidland.org/ministries/activities*).

Condolence messages and special memories may be sent to: *charlieelliott.memorial@gmail.com*.

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

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Richard Anthony Olgin

Richard Anthony Olgin, 32, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

He was born and raised in Midland, Texas, graduating from Midland High School in 2004. He was a fun loving, goofy soul who loved to barbecue and spend time with family and friends. He loved his two sons, Joshua and Anthony, dearly. His hobbies, other than barbecuing, were watching sports games such as football where he was an avid Jets fan. He is loved and will be missed dearly.

Richard was preceded in death by his grandparents; grandfather, Ramon De La O, Sr. and grandmother, Lenora Trevino.

He is survived by his two sons, Joshua Olgin and Anthony Olgin, both of Lubbock; his parents, father Joe Olgin, Jr. of Lubbock and his mother Victoria Olgin of Odessa, Texas, and stepmother Mary Olgin of Lubbock; grandparents, Joe, Sr. and Mary of Midland; two brothers, Jacob Olgin of Lubbock and Jeremiah De la O of Midland; one sister, Amber Nicole Lynn Olgin of Lubbock; one step-sister, Christina Perez, also of Lubbock; and by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A funeral service will be today at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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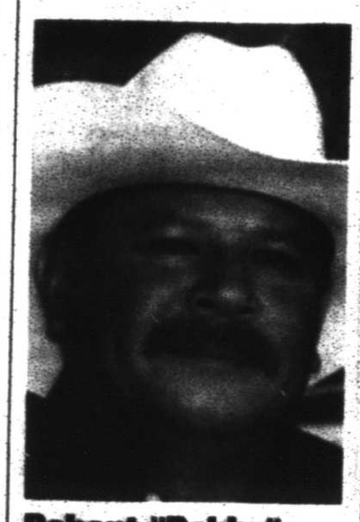

Robert "Bobby" Luna

Robert "Bobby" Luna, 51, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Midland.

Bobby was born April 7, 1966 to Richard and Janie Luna in Lamesa, Texas. He attended Lamesa High School from which he graduated.

Bobby met the love of his life and best friend, Mary, in 1998. They began their life together with his children on July 1, 1999. He was a loving and caring father who loved his children with all his heart. Bobby was a volunteer for the Lamesa Fire Department and the EMS in Lamesa, where he was a certified CPR Instructor. He also coached his son Landan's Little League team, a memory he cherished till his passing.

Bobby worked for TXU/Oncor for 33 years, starting with TXU in Lamesa and later transferring to Midland where he worked until his passing.

A unique soul who loved spending time on his boat with family. He had an amazing heart with a humble spirit who would do anything for anyone. He was a loving Pops who loved his grandchildren very much. He was the best Pops.

Bobby is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Maria and Ascension Luna, and his maternal grandparents, Jose and Eufemia Garcia.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife, Mary; children, LaRissa McAlpine and her husband, Steven of Seminole; son, Landan Luna and Bailey Bryan of Little Rock, Arkansas; grandchildren, Jett, Liam, and Rylie; parents, Richard and Janie Luna of Lamesa; brother, Sam Luna and wife, Sabrina of Lubbock, Texas; sisters, Laura Rodriguez and husband, Carlos, Letricia Rodriquez and husband, LeRoy all of Midland; nieces and nephews, Lane Luna, Hanna Luna, Hallie Luna of Lubbock, Derek Rodriguez, Denise Rodriguez, Gabby Rodriquez, and Christian Rodriquez, all of Midland; and his great-nieces, Alyssa Rodriguez and Gia Lara of Midland.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018 at San Miguel Catholic Church in Midland.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2018 at San Miguel Catholic Church in Midland, with Father Patrick Akpanobong officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Pallbearers will be Sam Luna, Lane Luna, Carlos Rodriguez, Derek Rodriguez, LeRoy Rodriquez, and Christian Rodriquez.

Honorary pallbearer will be Vickie Cordova.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home of Odessa.

To send family condolences please sign his guestbook at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

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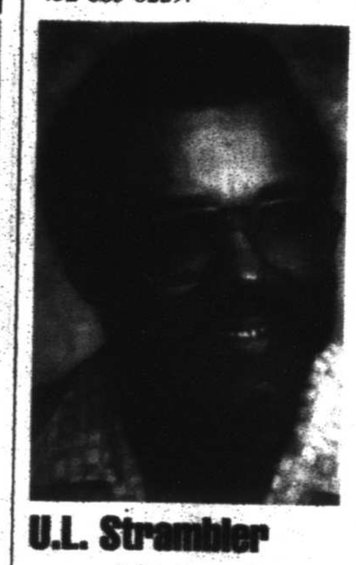
Rosemary Martinez Castillon

Funeral service for 53 year old Rosemary Martinez Castillon will be 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas 79701. 432-683-8229.



U.L. Strambler

Life's Journey

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, U.L. Strambler, also known as "School Boy," departed this life on January 17, 2018 to begin his eternal rest with our Lord and Savior.

U.L. was born in Warda, Texas on April 5, 1931 to Isaiah Strambler and Dellse Cato. On January 20, 1956, he married Adail Murphy, his loving wife of 62 years.

U.L. worked as a Plant Operator for Enron Oil and Gas Company for 50 years until his retirement. He enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and cross-country motorcycle trips. He was also actively involved in the Buffalo Soldiers Club and the Tall City Motorcycle Club.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughters, Judith Bell and Dell Ree Royals; sister, Dorris Maxey, and grandson, Jamond Mitchell.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Adail Strambler; daughter, Barbara Mitchell; son, Gregory Lewis Strambler; five grandsons, Robert Royals III, Urell Royals, Isaiah Royals, Jamil Mitchell, and Earnest Mitchell; granddaughters, Mircle A. Bell and Aushale Flowers; loving nieces, Martha Sue Wagner and Margaret Strambler; nephew, Esque Strambler; 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church at 1801 N. Carver St. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

Ellis Funeral Home
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Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5300

Death Notices

Frank L. Savage, Jr.

Frank L. Savage, Jr. went to be with our Lord and Savior on January 21, 2018.

There will be a visitation on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

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

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Death Notices

John Martin

John Martin, 85, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Sammy Pyeatt

Sammy Pyeatt, 79, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland.

Sammy is survived by his wife, Jo Pyeatt; and by three sons, Britt Pyeatt; Garth Pyeatt; and Tryon Pyeatt.

WORD OF THE DAY
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Garish
[gair-ish, gar-]
adjective
1. crudely or tastelessly colorful, showy, or elaborate, as clothes or decoration.

League of Women Voters

The Midland League of Women Voters will host a panel discussion, "Affordable Housing in Midland: Challenges and Local Resources," at 7 p.m. today at Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida Ave.

The presenters will be Alynda Best, executive director of Habitat for Humanity; David Diaz, executive director of Midland Community Development Corp.; Isaac Garnett, Community Development manager for the city of Midland; and Jeannette Castaneda, director of the Midland County Housing Authority.

The moderator will be Alfredo Chaparro, director of the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center.

Things to do

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

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

■ Four to Steer Mixer by Visit-Midland with refreshments and giveaways for guests, 4-6 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. visitmidlandtexas.com.

■ Family Science Night: Forces of Nature with guest host TV meteorologist Rachel Briers, 6:30-8 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 N. I-20 W. pbpetro.org.

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

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

■ Ronnie Milsap, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$70. wagnernoel.com.

■ West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m., 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

Candidates on the radio

District 31 state Senate candidate Victor Leal, 8 a.m., KCRS (AM 550)

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. American Bank Ballpark (currently called Security Bank Ballpark) as the Scharbauer Sports Complex opened.

Honor those who served

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

■ Show of Support (687-2167)

■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)

■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)

■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)

■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Police Chief Steve Henry, left, talks with James Beauchamp during Coffee with a Cop Jan. 9 at Whataburger. Henry, Fire Chief Charles Blumenauer and Mayor Jerry Morales will gather 7-8:30 a.m. today at Rosa's, 2501 N. Big Spring Street, for Coffee with Mayor and Chiefs.

Today in History

On this date:

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High.....61
Low.....22
Normal high.....58
Normal low.....31

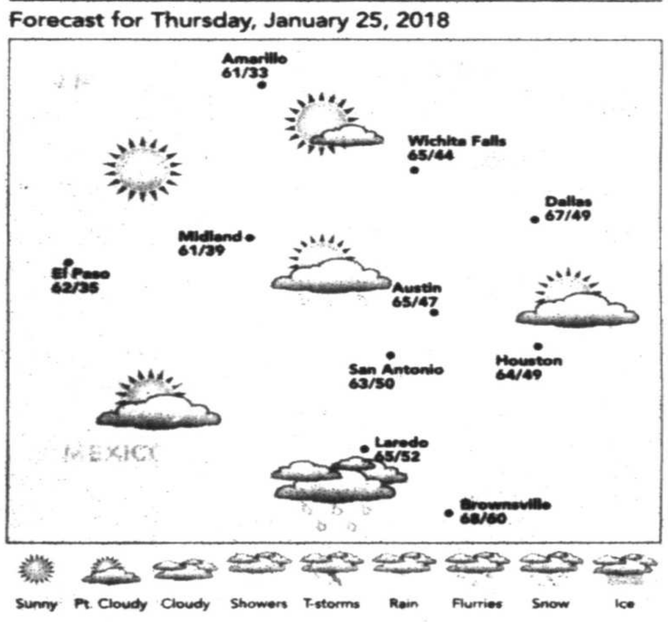
Jan. 24's records
Record high: 82 set in 1950
Record low: 9 set in 1963

Precipitation
Tuesday.....0.00 in.
Wednesday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.01 in.
Year total.....0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date).....0.40 in.

Winds
Average speed: 6.1 mph
Highest speed: 16 mph
Highest gust speed: 22 mph

Today's forecast
High: 59
Low: 39
Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night
Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) during the day/15 mph at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:46 a.m.
Sunset.....6:16 p.m.

Forecast for Thursday, January 25, 2018



Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018: This year you express your ability to read between the lines and understand the true message of what other people are saying. Your innate sensitivity adds dimension to your life. If you are single, you meet people simply by opening your front door, as surprising as that might seem. You do not need to work hard to get a date. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy many quiet yet cozy hours together. You don't need to do much in order to make each other happy. TAURUS can rain on your parade!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Morning confusion could add some chaos to your day. Your clarity while dealing with finances and others helps you succeed. Your optimism is contagious. Others will want to be around you. Opportunities seem to pop up from out of the blue. **Tonight:** Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You seem to bloom like a flower. Your smile helps others relax. The effect you have on others might not be intentional, but it helps you relate better to your inner circle. Do not be shy about verbalizing what is needed in order to make a situation agreeable. **Tonight:** As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ You might be swallowing some strong feelings. Know that it would be better if you dealt with the issues causing these emotions. How you handle a problem could change the outcome. Choose to be a leader, and the effect will be positive. **Tonight:** Make it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Do not rag on a loved one. This person has stamina and possibly some different ideas. This combo could result in a disagreement. Make it OK to have different opinions. By reaching a compromise, you'll find the path to success more easily. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your smiling ways will make a good impression on others. Your poise will get you far. Excess will mark your actions, whether you're at home or at work. A boss could be taken aback by your words and actions. Express your caring attitude. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your personality melts barriers and makes nearly anything possible. Extreme views emerge as others share their feelings. Communication flourishes. You know how to integrate different ideas into various aspects of your life. **Tonight:** Be more diplomatic and positive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Let a loved one make the effort to reach out to your family members. Your warmth adds to others' sense of security. Your domestic life proves to be instrumental to your well-being. Listen to different views in order to find out what is workable. **Tonight:** A partner has an exciting idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might find a partner or several loved ones to be challenging right now, and vice versa. The person or group you challenge causes you to feel defensive at times. Still, be willing to ask questions that sometimes make you feel vulnerable. **Tonight:** A loved one dominates the scene.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have a lot to do and a lot of people to see. With your new energy and optimism, you can get involved much more than you have been able to in the recent past. You demonstrate strength and organization. Your sixth sense encourages you to take risks. **Tonight:** Run errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges as you face the different facets of your day. Others become more responsive to your ideas. Your intuition takes you in a new direction. Don't let your insecurity take over a situation. Express your trust and confidence. **Tonight:** Get into weekend mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a lot going on, yet some innate tension and a balancing act of handling work and home issues seems inevitable. Do not let the constant push and pull of your daily life get the best of you; stay on top of things by honoring your priorities. **Tonight:** Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pick up the phone, but know that you might not like what you hear. Try to appreciate hearing someone else's point of view. You need to be able to sort through all the different perspectives in order to ascertain what works best for you. **Tonight:** Hang out at a favorite haunt.

BORN TODAY
Author Virginia Woolf (1882), singer/songwriter Alicia Keys (1981), novelist Gloria Naylor (1950)

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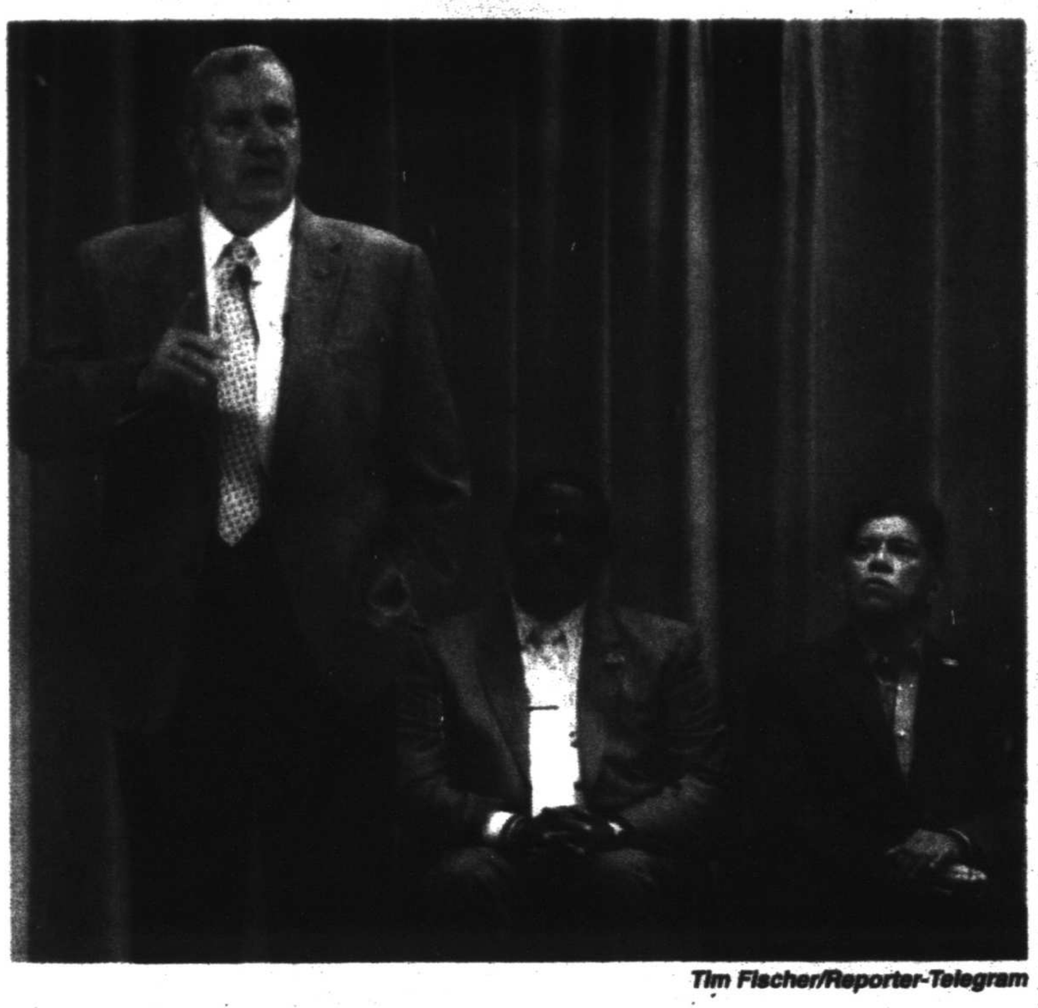


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Retired U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks speaks Aug. 24 at the dedication of the school that bears his name, as Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick and Mayor Jerry Morales listen. The General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute will debut a program in Midland in June for local high school juniors.

LEADER

From 1A

the speeches. Those will be chosen by adult counselors (MISD and MC teachers and counselors).

"The top leader — chosen by the students — receives a college scholarship and the opportunity to attend the summer Four Star program at the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum. The other two winners receive a college scholarship," she said.

MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick said the district is honored to be a partner in Midland Young Leaders Challenge.

"Working together with key members of our community to bring this remarkable program of leadership and character-building to our students and community is tremendous," he said.

Applications and nominations for Midland Young Leaders Challenge 2018 are being accepted through April 2.

School counselors, coaches, Scout leaders and directors of youth programs are encouraged to nominate Midland County high school juniors in their organization.

For more information on the program, to nominate a student or to apply, call 580-726-5900 or visit www.midlandisd.net/midlandyoungleaders.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two charged with aggravated robbery

Two Midlanders were arrested Monday after they allegedly were involved in an aggravated robbery, according to court documents.

King

Waddell

Katherine Johanna King, 36, and Thomas Christopher Waddell, 30, were being held Wednesday on $75,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of aggravated robbery.

Midland police were dispatched at about 12:30 p.m. Monday in reference to a stolen vehicle in progress.

A man left his pickup running and unlocked when he entered a Stripes store, according to court documents. King allegedly entered the vehicle and picked up Waddell, who climbed into the bed of the truck.

The man then got onto the back of the pickup to try stopping King and Waddell from stealing the vehicle, according to their arrest affidavit.

King allegedly drove quickly and moved the vehicle back and forth in an attempt to get the man to fall off. Waddell assaulted the man, attempting to push him off the pickup while it was in motion, according to the affidavit.

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

MPD report: Officer's driving caused Jan. 16 crash

A Midland Police Department investigator wrote of a Jan. 16 wreck involving a Midland police vehicle that the police officer "did not operate an emergency vehicle with due regard for the public."

The department provided the Reporter-Telegram with the crash report, which stated that Officer Zach Owens' driving caused a Dodge Challenger to hit his police-issued Chevy Tahoe at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Big Spring Street.

The police department reported Tuesday that Owens had been released back to duty.

"Owens cleared the administrative investigation drug test," MPD Chief Steve Henry said previously. "He is in a position that he can't drive a car until the administrative investigation is complete. Then, we'll make a determination based on the facts."

The investigator's narrative opinion of what happened confirmed previous reports that Owens was driving a Chevy Tahoe westbound in the middle lane on Louisiana. He attempted to proceed through a red light.

Owens was in the course of making a traffic stop and that the vehicle's lights were activated but the siren was not, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The Jan. 16 incident was at least the third high-profile wreck involving a police department vehicle — where it appeared the police officer was at fault — since November 2016.

Christian Abrahim was indicted Jan.17 for his role in a fatal wreck in central Midland on Christmas Eve. He was terminated Monday and arrested Tuesday on manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide charges.

In November of 2016, officer Jacob Churchwell — one month after graduating from the probabtionary officer program — crashed his vehicle after losing control during a high-speed pursuit with a motorcyclist. The police department later said that Churchwell was in oversight of at least four policies of the department's general order, including operating the vehicle in a manner and at a rate of speed in conflict with general orders, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. He also did not properly assess criteria required before engaging in the pursuit and was not wearing a seat belt.

Driller in Oklahoma explosion has history of fatal accidents

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ten workers have died over the past decade at well sites linked to drilling contractor Patterson-UTI, the same driller involved in this week's rig explosion in Oklahoma that killed five workers, federal records show.

An analysis of Occupational Safety and Health Administration data shows the previous accidents happened at drilling sites in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Texas.

The company also was fined nearly $367,000 over the past 10 years for more than 140 safety violations, many of them serious.

"Patterson-UTI has embraced a culture of continuous improvement in safety, training and operations," the company said in a statement in response to questions about its safety record. "In recent years, we have invested millions of dollars on training and protective equipment and worked to instill a company-wide culture where safety is the top priority of each employee."

A 2008 report from a U.S. Senate committee described Patterson-UTI as one of the nation's worst violators of workplace safety laws. The report devoted an entire section to the company and 13 employees who died in Texas rig accidents over a nearly four-year period.

A separate AP analysis published in 2008 showed at least 20 Patterson-UTI employees died on the job between 2002 and 2007. No other oil and gas company had more than five fatal accidents during that span.

Federal and state investigators are working to determine what led to Monday's blast and resulting fires at the natural gas drilling site near Quinton, about 100 miles southeast of Tulsa. An initial incident report indicates there was an uncontrolled release of gas that caught fire and that a worker at the scene tried unsuccessfully to shut down the well.

The bodies of the five workers were recovered the next day in the rig's "dog house," a room on the rig floor that generally serves as an office for the drilling crew, authorities said.

Christina Goodvoice, KOTV/NewsOn6.com via AP

Fires burn Jan. 22 at an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig near Quinton, Okla.

Monday's explosion and rig fire appear to be the deadliest oil and gas industry accident since 2010, when 11 workers were killed after an explosion on BP's Deepwater Horizon rig in the Gulf of Mexico that triggered the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Frank Branson, a Dallas-based plaintiff's attorney who specializes in catastrophic workplace accidents, said oil and gas operations are inherently dangerous and many companies are lax on safety, especially as energy prices go higher.

"When the oil patch gets really busy ... it's the time when the workers are most vulnerable," Branson said. "Unless the company preaches safety and requires it be conducted by their employees and management, there are going to be injuries and substantial deaths."

Branson said one of the problems that often leads to safety lapses is the difficulty energy companies have hiring experienced workers during an uptick in energy production.

"We've seen a lot of accidents occur because somebody on a crew had just joined the company and didn't know 'come here' from 'sic 'em,'" Branson said.

Mother: School shooting took life of a 'perfect sweet soul'

By Bruce Schreiner and Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. — A tight-knit rural community reflected Wednesday on the hometown horror of a school shooting that killed two teenagers, injured 18 and sent hundreds of others fleeing for their lives from a place many considered immune from violence.

Police have not publicly identified the 15-year-old accused of opening fire Tuesday at Marshall County High School. Officers said he walked into the "commons" area where many students gather before classes begin and immediately began shooting. Witnesses said he fired a single shot, paused, and then emptied the handgun of ammunition before he tried to escape and was arrested. On Wednesday, authorities said he faces preliminary charges of murder and assault while police investigate what might have prompted the attack.

Throughout a community where practically everyone knows each other — Benton, the nearest town, has about 4,300 people — people were initially shocked, saying "We can't believe this is happening to us," Patrick Adamson, a church youth director, said Wednesday.

Dominico Caporali, whose 16-year-old daughter watched her classmate repeatedly pull the trigger, expressed a similar conviction.

"This community doesn't have violence that most communities do. All these kids know each other, they hang out with each other," he told The Associated Press.

His daughter Alexandria seconded that, saying "most people are nice to each other here ... It's not a bad place. Not a lot of bullying goes on." But no community is immune to society's ills — not even Marshall County, where over a four-year stretch ending with the 2016-17 school year, the high school had 317 reports of bullying and other harassment, one first-degree assault, and nine other assaults or acts of violence, according to the Kentucky Department of Education.

The school also had 7 arrests involving 22 charges, 285 incidents involving drugs and 30 reports involving alcohol.

Kentucky's database shows that among all 1,253 public schools grades K-12 in the state, there were 72,599 acts of harassment during the same period — an average of 58 per school.

Now, as disbelief gives way to grief, Adamson said people are already asking "What are we going to do about it? How are we going to come together?"

Many are leaning on their faith to cope, he said. His Baptist church was gathering Wednesday to share prayers and help teens talk about the shootings. In nearby counties, students gathered in prayer circles before classes began Wednesday. President Donald Trump sent his "thoughts and prayers" in a tweet more than 24 hours after the shootings, and shared his condolences with Gov. Matt Bevin on Wednesday in a phone call.

"Yesterday was one of those days where as a governor you lose three years of your life in a day. I can't even imagine the price it has cost these families," Bevin said.

The grief is overwhelming for the families of Bailey Nicole Holt and Preston Ryan Cope, the two 15-year-olds who were killed. Secret Holt told KFVS that her daughter was a "perfect sweet soul," and the "horrific act of violence" is "just unbearable" for her family.

One patient at Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital was released Wednesday, while three male patients in the adult hospital were upgraded to stable condition, spokeswoman Kristin Smart said. A fourth male remained in critical but stable condition.

Schools were closed county-wide on Wednesday, but elementary and middle schools will reopen today, Superintendent Trent Lovett said.

"Across the nation we've been listening to some advice and they think we need to get back to normalcy as quickly as possible," he explained.

But Lovett said he still can't say when the high school will reopen.

Officials: Girl shot in neck, abdomen in Texas school attack

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A 16-year-old student shot a classmate in the neck and abdomen at a Texas high school before firing at another student and missing, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Details of the attack at Italy High School, south of Dallas, were recounted during a juvenile court hearing for the boy accused in the attack.

He's charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Authorities haven't released his name because he's a juvenile. He appeared in court in Waxahachie wearing handcuffs and orange jail garb, accompanied by family members.

He repeatedly shot the 15-year-old girl in the school cafeteria Monday morning before taking aim at the second student as dozens of others looked on, prosecutors said. The girl is hospitalized and is expected to survive.

"He only stopped because he ran out of bullets," Ellis County 1st Assistant District Attorney Ann Montgomery said after the hearing.

The teen was taken into custody outside the school shortly after the shooting.

Authorities have not released a motive but prosecutors said surveillance video appears to show the teen was angry with the girl. He's seen waving his arms and stomping around her as she lay wounded on the cafeteria floor.

District Court Judge Cindy Ermatinger ordered the teen to remain in custody and undergo a psychological evaluation. Another hearing is scheduled for Feb. 7.

Prosecutors will review a breadth of material before determining whether they will seek to try the teen as an adult, Montgomery said.

"We have to wait to receive entire police file and the psychological examination before we determine how we want to proceed," she said.

Ellis County District Attorney Patrick Wilson spoke with reporters after the hearing, his voice shaking with emotion.

"There are no winners in this, no matter how it shakes out," he said. "It was a tragedy for everybody."

Students and parents in the aftermath of the shooting said the boy had shown flashes of anger in the past. Tina Haight, whose daughter attends the school, told KDFW-TV in Dallas that she had complained to school administrators after the boy threw scissors at her daughter.

Italy Independent School District Superintendent Lee Joffre has declined to reveal any punishment the boy may have faced in the past, saying the law prohibits a district from speaking specifically regarding student discipline or any other student incidents.

I-14

From 1A

It had been said in the past that there was reluctance for the change on Rep. Will Hurd's part because he wanted to keep the current plan in his district, which includes Iraan. Conaway said Hurd, a fellow Republican, is OK with his bill.

"I talked to him a couple days ago on the floor, and he's fine with what we're trying to do," Conaway said.

"The Texas Department of Transportation is working with him to get some stuff done that would be even more immediate than (I-14)."

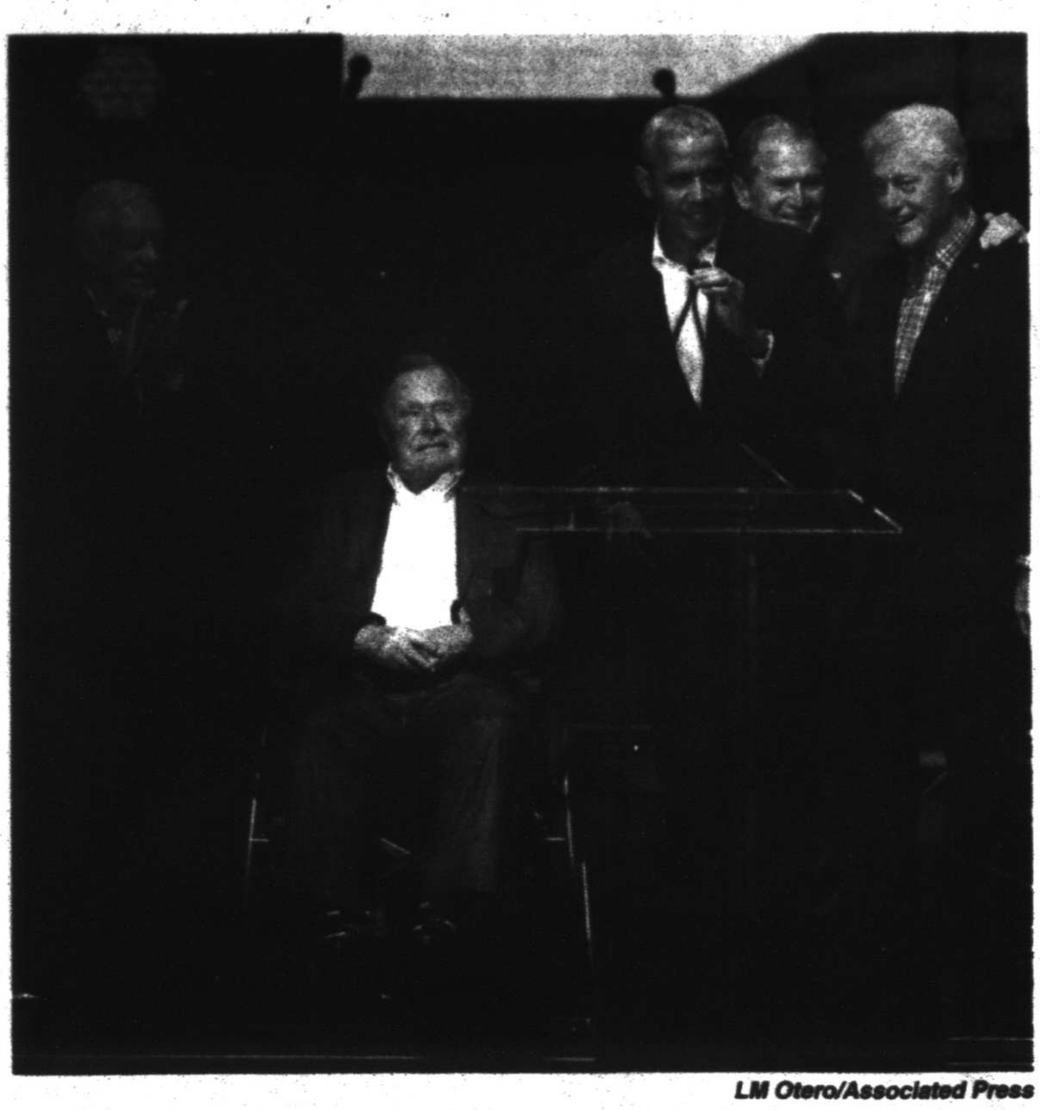
Conaway said there isn't a "business case" to be made for converting US 190 to I-14.

"There are about 500 cars per day that pass through (US 190) versus the thousands that go through the other route."

According to MOTRAN data released last year:

- The US 190 route will cost $1.539 billion, while the SH 158/US 87 route will cost $1.339 billion. Changing the route will yield a savings of nearly $200 million.
- The designated route will serve 33,907 people, according to 2016 Texas Demographic Center data. The new route in the Midland-Odessa and San Angelo regions will serve 463,873 people, nearly 430,000 more people than the current designation.
- From 2012-16, there were 3,264 crashes on the SH 158/US 87 route versus 245 along the US 190 route, according to TxDOT data.
- During that same period, there were 45 fatalities on the proposed route versus four on the designated route.
- Serious injury crashes tallied 536 along SH 158/US 87; there were 73 on US 190.

Conaway said interstates are about serving people. "That's why I'm trying to get I-14 redesignated from San Angelo, through Garden City to here."



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Former President Barack Obama, speaks Oct. 21, 2017 as fellow former Presidents, from left, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton look on during a hurricanes relief concert in College Station. A statement Wednesday says the relief effort raised more than $41 million, benefitting hurricane recovery in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Hurricane relief effort led by ex-US presidents raises $41M

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — A hurricane relief effort led by five former U.S. presidents that included a Texas concert with rock star Lady Gaga has raised more than $41 million.

A statement Wednesday from One America Appeal says the money benefited hurricane recovery in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Spokesman Jim McGrath says more than 110,000 donors gave $41.3 million.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall Aug. 25 in South Texas.

Hurricane Irma later hit Florida. Maria struck Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama attended the Oct. 21 fundraising concert at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Donations went to a special account through the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

Imagine Dragons front man advocates for LGBT Mormons in film

By Brady Mccombs and Ryan Pearson
Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah — The Mormon front man of the rock band Imagine Dragons hopes the Sundance Film Festival documentary that follows his journey to becoming an advocate for LGBT Mormon youth triggers real change by his church's leaders and puts an end to what he calls "shaming" of gay and lesbian kids in the faith.

Singer Dan Reynolds said he and director Don Argott made the film "Believer" to put a "face to the faceless and a voice to the voiceless." His goal is to show leaders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that opposition to same-sex relationships is damaging the self-worth of gay, lesbian and transgender kids.

"These kids are being told their most innate sense of being is sinful," said Reynolds, a Mormon from Las Vegas. "Shaming is so destructive."

The film received a standing ovation at its premiere Sunday in Park City and is showing a fourth and final time Saturday night. It's set to air on HBO in the summer.

The Utah-based Mormon faith of 16 million members worldwide is holding firm to doctrinal opposition of gay marriage and homosexual activity while trying to foster an empathetic stance toward LGBT people and end bullying.

Last year, church leaders updated a website created in 2012 to let members know that attraction to people of the same sex is not a sin or a measure of their faithfulness and may never go away. But the church reminded members that being in an intimate same-sex relationship is a sin because it violates fundamental doctrinal beliefs that will not change.

In the film, Argott follows Reynolds and former Mormon Tyler Glenn, a gay lead singer of Neon Trees, as they plan the LoveLoud Festival, a concert last summer in Utah headlined by Imagine Dragons that raised funds for organizations supporting at-risk LGBT youth.

The Mormon church supported the festival, praising organizers for bringing "people together to address teen safety and to express respect and love for all of God's children."

Church spokesman Eric Hawkins said in a statement Tuesday that the religion's support of that festival was part of a message that's not new for the faith.

"We have repeatedly denounced cruelty, rejection, bullying, and the mistreatment of others," Hawkins said. "We lobbied in support of Utah's strong antidiscrimination laws. The church's message is one of hope, compassion, and understanding. We want our LGBT brothers and sisters to know that there is a place for them and their contributions in the church. There is more to do, and we remain fully committed to these efforts moving forward."

Reynolds, 30, said in an interview this week that "platitudes" from church officials about love for LGBT Mormons and telling them "there's a place for them" isn't enough.

He has talked with church leaders about the issue and hopes to continue doing so but said the church's "platitudes are empty words" until and unless it changes its doctrine to accommodate gay marriage and homosexual sex.

The Mormon church has shown no indication it will consider changing the belief. Members believe church doctrine can be altered only through revelations from God.

Asked by reporters last week about how the faith will deal with LGBT issues going forward, new church president Russell M. Nelson and one of his top counselors said they are trying to balance the "love of the Lord and the law of the Lord."

Nelson previously defended the church's 2015 decision to adopt new rules banning children living with gay parents from being baptized until age 18 and clarifying that people in same-sex relationships are considered apostates, meaning they can be kicked out of the religion.

Reynolds said rising suicide rates in Utah were a big reason behind his decision to make the film, which follows his life for a year as he and Tyler decide to create the LoveLoud Festival.

The number of yearly suicides for youth ages 10-17 in Utah has spiked to alarming levels in the last five years — more than double the average from the previous decade.

LGBT advocacy groups theorize that it could be linked to the struggle by gay and lesbian Mormon teens to feel accepted. As many of two-thirds of Utah's 3 million residents are members of the Mormon church.

State and federal health investigators who have closely examined the increase in teen suicide rates say more needs to be done to assess the role sexual orientation plays in the rise, but that the information available shows only a fraction of the cases were definitely linked to the youth's sexual orientation.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, a Republican, has created a new task force that includes a high-ranking Mormon leader, the Utah Jazz owner and the leader of an LGBT rights group to search for ways to stop the state's rise in teen suicides.

Reynolds, who is married to a woman and has three daughters, said he's been aware of the issue since he grew up with LGBT Mormon friends who hid who they were for fear of reprisal from parents and communities.

Reynolds said the documentary was a way for him to end his silence on an important topic and break free of his fear of offending family, friends or fans by speaking out.

"This isn't just pointing a finger at Mormonism. It's pointing a finger at all of us," Reynolds said. "It's pointing a finger at myself, who has been a silent nobody for years."

Evan Agostini/Invision/AP

Singer Elton John performs Wednesday before announcing final world tour at Gotham Hall in New York.

Elton John says upcoming tour will be his last

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elton John is retiring from the road after his upcoming three-year global tour, capping nearly 50 years on stages around the world. He calls it a "way to go out with a bang."

"I've had a good run, I think you'd admit that," John said Wednesday, adding that he wanted to "leave people thinking, 'I saw the last tour and it was fantastic.'"

The 70-year-old singer, pianist and composer said he wanted to spend time with his family. His children will be 10 and 8 when he stops in 2021, and John said he hoped he might be able to take them to soccer practice. "My priorities now are my children and my husband and my family," he said. "This is the end."

John made the announcement at an event in New York in which he sat at a piano and performed "Tiny Dancer" and "I'm Still Standing." He wore his signature glasses and a colorful suit jacket that read "Gucci Loves Elton."

His final tour — dubbed "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" — starts in September. It will consist of 300 shows in North America, Europe, Asia, South America and Asia. Tickets go on sale beginning Feb. 2.

John said he decided on his retirement plans in 2015 in France. "I can't physically do the traveling and I don't want to," he said. He also ruled out a residency but vowed: "I will be creative up until the day I die."

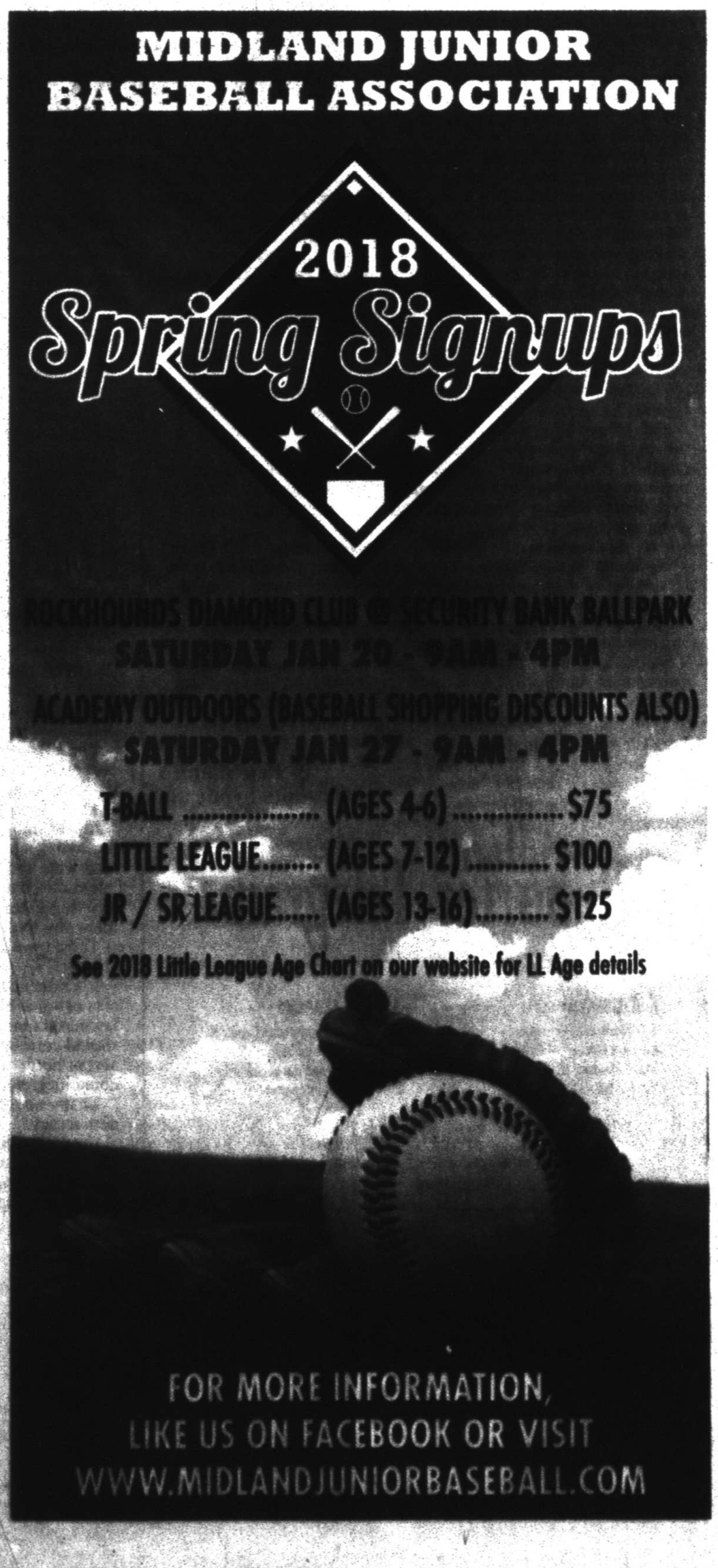
At the Grammy Awards, to be presented in New York on Sunday, John is to perform alongside Miley Cyrus and will collect the President's Merit Award. His Vegas residency ends in May after six years.

His hits include "Your Song" and "Candle in the Wind." He has won five Grammys, an Oscar, a Golden Globe for "The Lion King" and a Tony Award for "Aida." He is the recipient of a Kennedy Center Honor.

John, who has sold 300 million records, launched his first tour in 1970 and boasts having performed over 4,000 times in more than 80 countries. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

He has suffered several medical setbacks of late, including a bacterial infection last year that he contracted during a South American tour and an E. coli bacterial infection in 2009. He's also suffered an appendicitis and has been fitted with a pacemaker.

From 1970-76, John released 10 original studio albums and seven consecutive chart toppers. He remained a hit maker over the following four decades, from "The Lion King" soundtrack song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" to a revision of his Marilyn Monroe ode "Candle in the Wind," released in 1997 after the death of John's friend Princess Diana and one of the best-selling singles of all time.



OPINION

Trump's wall should become a bargaining chip

■ The biggest driver of illegal immigration isn't on the supply side; it's on the demand side

JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Service

The Democrats' crusade to force a government shutdown in order to win permanent protections for "Dreamers" went down in flames Monday. The price extracted by Democrats was meager compared to what they wanted. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) merely agreed to allow a floor debate on immigration (which McConnell said he'd have done anyway). But this compromise does guarantee that we will now get a "clean" immigration debate, and therein lies an opportunity for a big win — though President Trump may not like it.

Last week, White House Chief of Staff John Kelly reportedly angered the president in an interview with Fox News' Bret Baier. Among Kelly's transgressions, he said that the president had been "uninformed" in his thinking about the wall during the campaign and that Trump's views had "evolved" beyond some mammoth monument on the southern border.

The president repudiated his chief of staff, saying on Twitter, "The Wall is the Wall, it has never changed or evolved from the first day I conceived of it."

It's true that the president's thinking on immigration has changed many times. He once favored a "deportation force" and a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States."

But Trump has said many times that the wall needn't be one contiguous barrier spanning the entire border. On the general idea, he's been implacable. And that's a problem.

There's a reason Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and other Democrats are willing to trade initial funding or authorization for a wall in exchange for help on the Dreamer question. They understand that even under the best circumstances it will take years to build a wall, and many of them are already on the record for supporting beefed-up border security. And, if Democrats take back the House in 2018, they can turn the thing into a white elephant.

The problem with the wall is not necessarily that it's a bad idea. It's that it has become a symbol detached from policy considerations. An old friend of mine once had a painting company in college. Their unofficial motto was, "We may be slow, but we're expensive." That could be the motto of the wall, too.

Meanwhile, there are faster and more effective ways to deal with the problem of illegal immigration and the drugs "pouring" into our country, which mostly come through legal ports anyway.

Most serious immigration restrictionists favor enhanced border security and want some more physical barriers, but ultimately their support for the Trump wall is a political priority, not a policy one. They'd much rather see the president trade a Dreamer fix for cheaper and more effective solutions to the problem of illegal immigration, as well as reform of the legal immigration system. Top of the list: mandatory E-Verify, a program by which employers can check on the immigration status of job-seekers.

That's because the biggest driver of illegal immigration isn't on the supply side; it's on the demand side. Immigrants, legal and illegal, come to America primarily to work. They stay because their employers, many of them Republicans, don't care or don't ask about immigration status. Democratic politicians, particularly in sanctuary cities, want to keep it that way.

The wall, in theory, would stop illegal border crossings from Mexico, but it wouldn't do anything about people who come here legally and then simply overstay their visas — about 42 percent of immigrants in the country illegally.

"Though there are parts of the border where better barriers are needed, universal E-Verify would probably do more to cut illegal immigration," Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, tells me. "It would weaken the jobs magnet, which is what attracts both border infiltrators and visa over-stayers — the wall is irrelevant to over-stayers."

Unlike the wall, Krikorian notes, "E-Verify wouldn't cost much, if anything, since the IT infrastructure is already in place to handle all new hires."

If Trump wanted a clear — and immediate — win on illegal immigration, he'd evolve and recognize that the wall's greatest utility might be as a bargaining chip.

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OUR VIEW

Shutdown saga shows America's addiction to government

On Monday, Democrats caved on their manufactured government shutdown. In an attempt to generate a groundswell of support for a legislative re-enshrinement of former President Obama's executive amnesty, Democrats filibustered a continuing resolution to fund the government. That tough stance lasted precisely three days. Then, Democrats voted overwhelmingly with Republicans to fund the government in its entirety for another three weeks.

This makes the second government shutdown in the last five years; back in 2013, the Republicans refused to fund then-President Obama's Affordable Care Act and then collapsed and fully funded it for nothing in return. That followed a government shutdown in 1995-1996 that ended after nearly a month, with Republicans receiving nothing from then-President Bill Clinton. And that government shutdown followed the one in November 1995, when Republicans received merely an agreement from President Clinton to balance the budget within seven years.

Notice a pattern? The president always wins government shutdowns. Congress never does.

Why is that? It's because Americans now buy into the urgency of funding the government fully. We've been trained for years that any government shutdown imperils us all: The zombie apocalypse is coming. The media have aided the cause of a growing government admirably here. This week, CNN ran a segment suggesting that a government shutdown could prevent us from tracking an inbound asteroid that could wipe out all life on Earth. Then we wonder why so many Americans are so deeply disturbed at the possibility of a shutdown that would allow Medicare and Social Security to operate largely unimpeded, that would allow the Veterans Affairs hospitals to remain open and military function to continue (though pay would be backlogged).

We also have been trained for years that the power of the purse is in the hands of the Congress, not the executive. That means we see the Congress as the party most responsible for passing legislation the president will sign, not the president as the party most responsible for agreeing with Congress. And that means that the president's priorities take center stage when dealing with Congress, even though the president is oftentimes the person holding up government funding.

Here, in essence, is the problem: We're addicted to government. The population is addicted to the notion that the government operates without the bumps and breaks uniquely built into the American system; the media are addicted to the daily show of government; the members of government are happy to keep spending cash and scare the life out of constituents when the spending stops.

Make no mistake: The Democrats' strategy and rationale for the government shutdown was awful. But if Americans have been so conditioned to panic regarding such shutdowns that 69 hours — 48 of them over a weekend -- drive us to fever pitch, we have much bigger problems than a few lost work hours.

— Ben Shapiro
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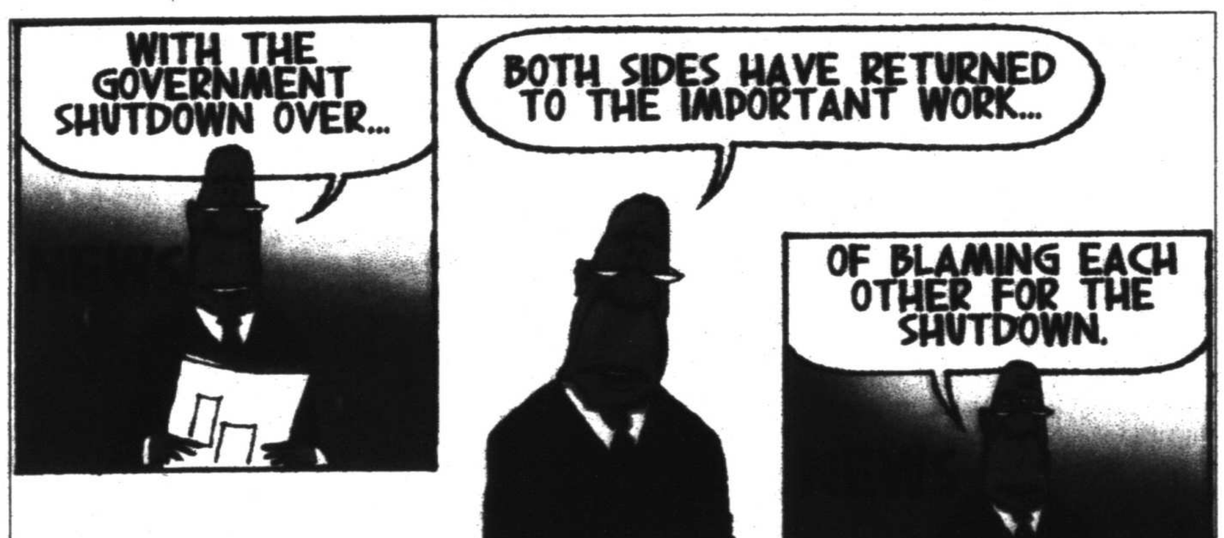

Democrats stand on the periphery

■ 30-second online ad was effective in ending the shutdown

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

What ended the government shutdown after only 2 1/2 days?

My vote goes to a devastating 30-second ad that arrived on the scene with the subtlety of an airstrike.

"Democrats." "Murder." "Illegal immigrants."

Those radioactive buzzwords — which were featured in the spot released by President Trump's re-election campaign just a few hours into the stalemate and echoed by Republican operatives elsewhere — likely brought the shutdown to a screeching halt.

The video — titled "Complicit" — only appeared online. But with social media, that's good enough. Besides, Republican sources said the ad was slated to hit TV airwaves in the coming days. This prospect must have terrified Democrats.

It's easy to see why. Against the backdrop of the U.S.-Mexico border and illegal immigrants led away in handcuffs, we see footage of undocumented immigrant Luis Bracamontes, the unrepentant killer of two police officers in 2014, whom the ad labels "pure evil." The voiceover spells out Trump's overly simplistic approach to combating such evil — which includes building the border wall. At the moment, Trump is fixated on border enforcement and ending so-called "chain migration." Then we see images of three prominent Democrats — House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois. Finally, the narrator delivers the knockout punch: "Democrats who stand in our way will be complicit in every murder committed by illegal immigrants."

The ad — which was the subject of chatter on conservative radio shows and cable TV — was unfair and untrue.

There is no guarantee that building a border wall and stopping the policy of family reunification will keep out immigrants who are "pure evil." And what about people who come with honorable intentions, but then turn to crime after many years of living in the United States? Should we keep them out, too?

The ad was also cynical to the point of being sinister.

It's ridiculous to blame Democrats for the evil acts of some of the undocumented just because lawmakers insist on having a say about who should come to the United States legally and what sort of border enforcement will stop those who come illegally.

That's not called complicity. It's called democracy.

If we play that game, I could submit that Republicans are to blame for murders committed by illegal immigrants because many GOP lawmakers accept campaign contributions from individuals and companies that put out the "Help Wanted" signs that lure illegal immigrants to this country in the first place. At that suggestion, conservatives would yell "foul."

But boy, was the ad effective. Democrats seem to have quickly decided they wanted no part of any suggestion that they condoned or contributed to murders committed by illegal immigrants. So they caved. And the shutdown was over.

The poster boy for both the shutdown and the cave-in was Schumer, who is a hot mess on the immigration issue.

One minute, he's vowing to protect recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) from being deported when the program expires in March by giving them legal status.

The next minute, Schumer is trying to seem reasonable to mainstream voters by telling reporters that he agreed to the funding that Trump asked for to build his "big beautiful wall" on the U.S.-Mexico border; while the senator wouldn't reveal the actual figure, two Republican senators said Trump and Schumer considered a $25 billion package.

The minute after that, Schumer gives in and walks away with nothing — except a promise by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that the Senate will address DACA down the line.

A promise, eh? Former President Obama promised to prioritize comprehensive immigration reform. How did that turn out?

And then, after Schumer was hammered by progressives and immigrant rights groups for folding under pressure, he makes an abrupt U-turn and insists that the funding for the wall is off the table. He may have just sunk the chances for DACA relief.

All this back-and-forth tells you everything you need to know about where Democrats like Schumer really stand on the immigration debate — as opposed to where they want various groups to *think* they stand.

They stand on the defensive. They stand with their own interests. They stand in fear of being perceived as weak on border security. They stand several steps behind the Dreamers, as the followers have become the leaders. They stand conflicted, trying to please everyone and anger no one. And so they stand on the periphery of this national dialogue, somewhere between incompetence and irrelevance.

Given that, why in the world would the DACA recipients — or anyone else — want to stand with them?

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Russell Contreras/Associated Press

Immigrant rights advocates speak out against immigration policies of President Donald Trump on May 1, 2017, while placing themselves in mock detention in Albuquerque, N.M., to mark May Day. The U.S. Justice Department is including New Mexico's most populous county in an effort to pressure cities to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. Bernalillo County was one of roughly two dozen jurisdictions to receive warning letters Wednesday from the Justice Department.

Mayors boycott Trump meeting after sanctuary cities threat

By Sadie Gurman and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department ramped up pressure Wednesday on so-called sanctuary cities seeking public safety grant money, warning that they could be legally forced to prove they are cooperating with federal immigration authorities. The move prompted immediate backlash, with mayors from across the country boycotting a planned meeting at the White House with President Donald Trump on Wednesday afternoon.

Trump responded by accusing the boycotting mayors of putting the needs of "criminal illegal immigrants over law-abiding Americans."

Officials sent letters to roughly two dozen jurisdictions threatening to issue subpoenas if they don't willingly relinquish documents showing they aren't withholding information about the citizenship or immigration status of people in custody. The department has repeatedly threatened to deny millions of dollars in important grant money to communities that refuse to comply with a federal statute requiring information-sharing with federal authorities, as part of the Trump administration's promised crackdown on cities and states that refuse to help enforce U.S. immigration laws.

Many cities have been openly defiant in the face of the threats, with lawsuits pending in Chicago, Philadelphia and California over whether the administration has overstepped its authority by seeking to withhold grant money.

The move angered members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors who had been set to meet with Trump on Wednesday to discuss infrastructure, drug addiction and other topics.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, the conference president, said in a statement that "the Trump administration's decision to threaten mayors and demonize immigrants yet again — and use cities as political props in the process — has made this meeting untenable."

"The U.S. Conference of Mayors is proud to be a bipartisan organization. But an attack on mayors who lead welcoming cities is an attack on everyone in our conference," he said.

New York's Bill de Blasio and Denver's Michael Hancock announced their boycotts on Twitter.

"I will NOT be attending today's meeting at the White House after @realDonaldTrump's Department of Justice decided to renew their racist assault on our immigrant communities," de Blasio wrote, adding that the move "doesn't make us safer and it violates America's core values."

Hancock said he had "better things to do than be part of a photo op for 45 as he threatens cities again."

Still, many mayors did attend. In remarks in front of the group, Trump blasted those who had boycotted.

"My administration is committed to protecting innocent Americans and the mayors who choose to boycott this event have put the needs of criminal illegal immigrants over law-abiding Americans," he said.

Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders added that if mayors have a problem with the Justice Department's actions, "they should talk to the Congress, the people that pass the laws. The Department of Justice enforces them, and as long as that is the law, the Department of Justice is going to strongly enforce it."

As for the mayors, she said the White House would love to work with them, "but we cannot allow people to pick and choose what laws they want to follow."

"If we have a country with no laws, then nothing matters," Sanders added.

The 23 jurisdictions that received letters Wednesday include cities in California, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. Officials said the places were previously warned that they need to provide information about their policies to be eligible to receive grants that pay for everything from bulletproof vests to officer overtime.

Some local officials vowed to fight, like Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, a former U.S. attorney. Others pledged to cooperate, like California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who said the jurisdictions in his state would have no trouble providing the new information showing that they are complying with federal law.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has blamed "sanctuary city" policies for crime and gang violence, saying Wednesday, "we have seen too many examples of the threat to public safety represented by jurisdictions that actively thwart the federal government's immigration enforcement_enough is enough."

But defenders of sanctuary city practices say they actually improve public safety by promoting trust among law enforcement and immigrant communities and reserving scarce police resources for other, more urgent crime-fighting needs.

Trump heads to Swiss forum to push economic policies

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is ready to play salesman as he heads to an economic summit in the Swiss Alps, making the case that his "America First" agenda can go hand-in-hand with global cooperation.

Trump is set to arrive at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday to declare that the United States is open for business. But the protectionist-leaning president's attendance at an annual gathering for free-trade-loving political and business elites has raised eyebrows. And his decision to sign new tariffs boosting American manufacturers this week has prompted fresh concerns about his nationalist tendencies.

"I'm going to Davos right now to get people to invest in the United States," Trump said Wednesday before his overnight flight to Europe. "I'm going to say: 'Come into the United States. You have plenty of money.' But I don't think I have to go, because they're coming, they're coming at a very fast clip."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin got to Davos ahead of Trump and insisted Wednesday that the United States supports free trade.

"'America First' does mean working with the rest of the world," said Mnuchin, who is leading the largest U.S. delegation ever to attend the exclusive gathering. "It just means that President Trump is looking out for American workers and American interests, no different than he expects other leaders would look out for their own."

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross argued that new U.S. tariffs on imported solar-energy components and large washing machines are meant to deal with "inappropriate behavior" by other countries and are not protectionist. Still, Ross conceded that China could respond by imposing its own tariffs on U.S. products.

As he signed the tariffs, Trump said he was heading to Davos to talk "about investing in the United States again."

The president is set to address the forum Friday. He is expected to showcase the booming U.S. economy and measures like his recent tax overhaul, claiming that a thriving America benefits the world. A vocal critic of trade deals he sees as unfair to the United States, Trump will also stress the need for what he sees as fair competition.

The invitation-only event focused on global cooperation and free trade doesn't seem like a natural fit for Trump, who rode a wave of nationalistic angst to the White House. But Mnuchin dismissed any concerns that the president may get a cool reception.

"We don't have to worry about this crowd," he said.

During his two-day stop, the president will attend a reception in his honor, host European executives for dinner, and meet with world leaders. He plans to sit down with British Prime Minister Theresa May, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Swiss President Alain Berset and Rwandan President Paul Kagame.

The meeting with Kagame comes not long after participants in a White House meeting said Trump had referred to African nations as "shitholes." And Trump has come under fire in Britain after he retweeted videos from a far-right British group and criticized London Mayor Sadiq Khan following a terror attack last year. Trump canceled plans for a recent trip to London to open the new $1 billion U.S. embassy there, a move that avoided protests promised by political opponents. The president said he skipped the trip because he was unhappy with the new embassy's cost and location.

National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said the United States continues to have a "special relationship" with Britain. He said Trump will discuss security and economic issues with the Rwandan leader, who chairs the African Union.

Trump concluded 2017 with the passage of a major tax overhaul, a key policy achievement. But the first few weeks of 2018 have been defined by political battles over government spending, Trump's incendiary Twitter feed and explosive revelations in a new book that portrays Trump as an unstable leader. A brief government shutdown threatened to derail the Davos trip altogether.

The president has criticized global pacts, withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership on trade, demanding changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement and announcing his intent to exit the Paris climate accord.

In the lead-up to Trump's arrival, other leaders at the meeting have been arguing against any drift toward protectionism in the global economy. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said new barriers to trade could pose a danger on a par with climate change and extremist attacks. And Canada's Justin Trudeau revealed that his country and the 10 remaining members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership have revised their trade deal in the wake of the U.S. withdrawal.

Trump's top economic adviser Gary Cohn rejected the suggestion that the United States had pulled back from international cooperation.

"We are very open to free, fair, reciprocal trade," he said, later adding: "Look, the U.S. is pulling back from nothing. The U.S. is involved."

This year's forum theme is "Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World." Panel topics include "The Global Impact of America First," "A Society Divided," "Post-Establishment Politics?" and "The Weaponization of Culture."

Captive kids slowly providing information to investigators

By Amy Taxin and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The California children who authorities say were tortured by their parents and so malnourished that their growth was stunted are slowly providing valuable information to investigators, a prosecutor told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"Victims in these kinds of cases, they tell their story, but they tell it slowly. They tell it at their own pace," Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin said.

"It will come out when it comes out."

David and Louise Turpin are accused of abusing their 13 children — ranging from 2 to 29 — before they were rescued on Jan. 14 from their home in Perris. They have pleaded not guilty to torture and other charges.

On Wednesday, a judge signed a protective order prohibiting the parents from contacting any of their children, except through attorneys or investigators.

Before the brief hearing, Louise Turpin, who wore a white button down shirt and jacket, looked at her husband and smiled.

All of the children remained hospitalized and were relieved to be out of the home that authorities have described as a torture chamber, Hestrin said.

Deputies arrested the husband and wife after their 17-year-old daughter climbed out a window and called 911. Authorities found the siblings in the family's filthy home, with three of them shackled to beds.

Investigators have learned that the children were isolated from each other and locked in different rooms in small groups, Hestrin said.

The children did not have access to televisions or radios but were able to read and write and expressed themselves in hundreds of journals that were seized from the home, the district attorney said.

"It appears to me that they lacked any kind of understanding about how the world worked," Hestrin said.

One of the older boys had taken a variety of classes at Mt. San Jacinto College, a community college, but his mother took him to the campus and waited outside class for him, Hestrin said. The college confirmed that one of the Turpins had been a student but refused to provide additional information, including some that is generally releasable under federal privacy laws.

Earlier this week, Louise Turpin's half-brother, Billy Lambert, told several news organizations that she had aspired to have a reality television show focusing on their large family. But Hestrin said investigators have uncovered no evidence indicating the couple was seeking media attention or a show.

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the case to call 1-888-934-5437.

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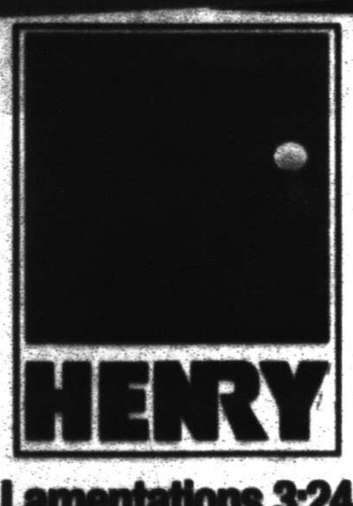
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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

Arts Council of Midland opens its Visions 2018 with "Perspiration in Photography" opening reception. Artist Aaron Bedell will be in attendance. 6 p.m.

Chevrie, country singer/songwriter, Kenna Danielle headlines the Lone Star Bar with her mix of country and blues. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

The Midland Downtown Farmers Market hosts its Winter Market II at the Museum of the Southwest. 8:30 a.m.

Fathom Events presents a screening of the classic opera "Tosca" by The Met at Tall City Stadium. 11:55 a.m.

SUNDAY

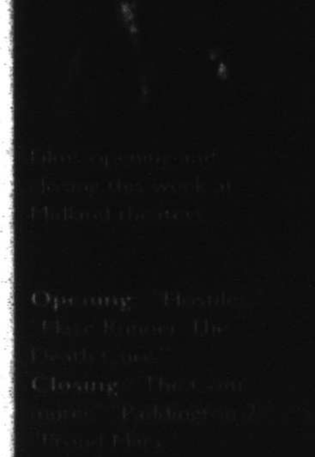
Stretch your body at Yoga Flow Queen of Pop at Lucy J. Pilates. Set to the music of Madonna, the class will work out all the kinks. 4 p.m.

MONDAY

Midland College Lee Lat Dance Ensemble is receiving donations and tickets are being sold for the African dance in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. 7 p.m.

See complete calendar of events on Page 2

MOVIES



Opening: "Maze Runner: The Death Cure"

Closing: "The Commuter," "Fifty Shades of Grey"

Opening: "Hunter Killer"

Closing: "The Post"

Opening: "The Shape of Water," "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Closing: "Darkest Hour"

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COMING SOON

Courtesy Photo

David Thomas, Christopher Carroll, Kaylee Campbell and Nicholas McRae star in Midland Community Theatre's "Mamma Mia" which kicks off the 2018 season

HEAT INDEX: "Mamma Mia" opens Friday to kick off MCT's new season

By Rich Lopez
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BIG NAMES AND BLOCKBUSTER MUSICALS HIGHLIGHT THIS WEEKEND'S HOT LIST OF THINGS TO DO. MAKE ROOM IN YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE MARQUEE EVENTS.

Ronnie Milsap at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

With a landmark career that has earned six Grammys, eight Country Music Awards and more than 40 No. 1 singles, Ronnie Milsap is saying goodbye to the road with his Farewell Tour.

He was part of the influential wave of country music in the 1970s and '80s alongside Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton and T-Bone Walker.

His blue-eyed soul even crossed over beyond country music with songs such as "Smoky Mountain Rain" and "Any Day Now." He stops in in Midland one last time for a night of signature hits over the course of his 47-year career in music.

7:30 p.m. today at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$70. wagnernoel.com.

"Mamma Mia" opens at Midland Community Theatre

With music by ABBA, this musical is an infectiously fun romp of song and dance. As Sophie prepares for her wedding, she hopes her dad will give her away but there's one problem — she doesn't know her father.

Her mother is confronted by both her daughter and the three men who could be her dad amid classic pop songs and a troubled wedding plans. "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me" and other signature ABBA songs help tell this hilarious tale between mother and daughter and three dads.

7:30 p.m. Opens Friday and runs through Feb. 17 at 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Community Art Day at the Ellen Noel Art Museum

The museum hosts an afternoon of activities featuring The Edge of Imagination Station from Austin and UTPB's Pots and Prints.

As guests partake in drawing and animation fun, they can also tour the current exhibition "On with the Show, This is It! Chuck Jones and the Animation Art of Looney Tunes." Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Marvin the Martian are among the classic images on display at the museum.

1-4 p.m.Saturday at 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"A Night with Janis Joplin" at the Wagner Noel

Celebrate this iconic voice of the 1960s in this musical journey of Janis Joplin's hits.

The show not only features her big songs "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart" and "Summertime," but it also touches on the influences who formed her into the artist that made her the queen of rock and Woodstock.

The show is part of the Broadway in the Basin series.

7:30 p.m. Saturday. $47-$90. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx and Night Ranger at the Wagner Noel.

Classic rock will be in full force on Sunday. Dennis DeYoung will resurrect Styx hits "Babe" and "Mr. Roboto."

Night Ranger will jam out hard rock radio staples "Don't Tell Me You Love Me" and "Sister Christian." Big hair and big sound is the theme for the night so break out the hair gel and the parachute pants for iconic 1980s rock from the original voices and players.

8 p.m. Sunday. $40-$75. wagnernoel.com.

Oscar Watch: Where to catch up on the nominees

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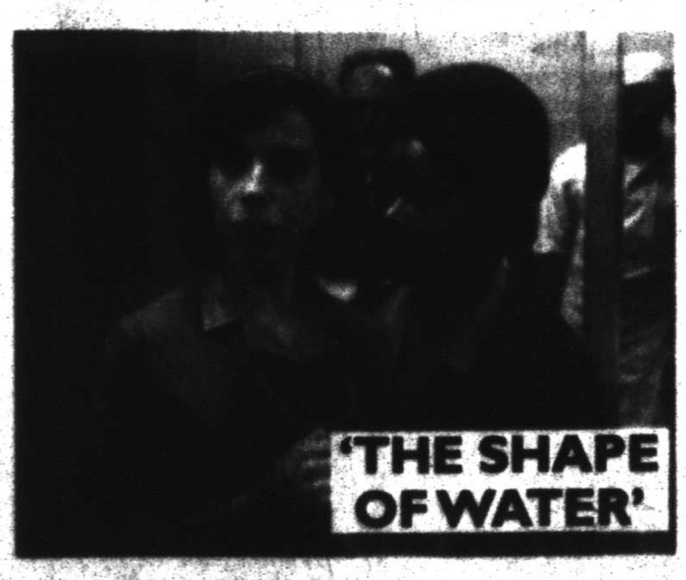

Oscar nominations were announced Tuesday. This usually marks the beginning of some major movie-watching in a short time. This year, however, area theaters are showing the majority of the nominees already. Here is a breakdown of the best picture nominees (which also cover many of the other awards) and where to see them. For film descriptions, see our Film Caps.

"Call Me By Your Name" received four nominations including best actor for Timothee Chalamet and original song for Sufjan Stevens. The film is now showing at Regal Permian Palace Stadium 11.

"Darkest Hour" is up for eight awards, including best actor for Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. He is also the frontrunner in this category. The film is currently showing at Regal Tall City Stadium and Regal Permian Palace.

"Dunkirk" is nominated for eight awards, including director Christopher Nolan and music score by Hans Zimmer. The movie is now available on DVD and Blu-ray to rent at Redbox and stream on Amazon or iTunes.

"Get Out" received four nominations, including best actor Daniel Kaluuya and original screenplay for Jordan Peele. The movie is available on DVD and streaming but returns to the big screen Friday at Regal Tall City Stadium.

"Lady Bird" is nominated for best director Greta Gerwig, the fifth woman to be nominated in this category. She also received a nomination for writing the screenplay. The movie, with five nominations, is now showing at Century Odessa 12.

"Phantom Thread" received six nominations, including best actor for Daniel Day-Lewis. This is said to be his last film role before retiring. The film closes today at Century Odessa 12.

"The Post," also nominated for best actress for Meryl Streep, is showing today at Regal Tall City and Cinergy in Midland and Odessa. On Friday, it shows only at Regal.

"The Shape of Water" has the most nominations this year with 13. The film opens Friday at Century Odessa 12.

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" is nominated for seven Academy Awards including best actress for frontrunner Frances McDormand and best original screenplay. The movie is now showing at Regal Tall City Stadium and opens Friday at Century Odessa 12.

Movie review: 'Maze Runner: The Death Cure' has sharp bite, exhausting pace

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

Of all the dystopian young adult franchises that "The Hunger Games" hath wrought, "The Maze Runner" series has always been the one of the most forthrightly entertaining — and the sweatiest. But that sweat is evidence of what makes the trilogy work. As directed by Wes Ball, it takes off at a full sprint and never slows down. It can be a pleasantly pummeling experience, an adrenaline-drenched ride delivered by the capable hands of Ball, with the appealingly energetic star Dylan O'Brien. In the third and ostensibly final film, "The Death Cure," pushes the action so far it hits the edge of unpleasant.

The franchise brings a boyish, impish energy to the teen apocalypse genre. "The Hunger Games" was nakedly emotional, each tragedy channeled through the primal scream of Jennifer Lawrence's Katniss. "Divergent" was always too fastidious, cold and remote to connect. "Maze Runner" brings the grime and grit to the race for survival in a dystopian post-civilization that's eating its own young. And as we discovered in the second film, "The Scorch Trials," this apocalyptic tale is actually a zombie movie, which gives the whole enterprise that much more bite.

"The Maze Runner" was plainly task-oriented — a bunch of teens dropped into a mysterious glade

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CALENDAR & MORE

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CLASSES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Genealogy Society Social introduces area societies — including the Family History Center, Mayflower Society, the Midland Geneaological Society — to those interested in genealogy. Refreshments provided. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Living Room Reset parenting seminar with Kirk Cameron, Matt Hammitt, 7 p.m. Saturday at New Life Chapel, 914 N. Texas Ave.

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

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

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

EVENTS

Four to Sixer Mixer by VisitMidland with refreshments and giveaways for guests. 4-6 p.m. today at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland. 5612 Deauville Road. visitmidlandtexas.com.

Alex Beebe to sign copies of his new book "Scooter Bingham and the Little Duckling." Noon Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Community Art Day will feature drawing and animation activities, a tour of the Looney Tunes exhibition and visits from Austin's The Edge of Imagination Station and UTBP's Pots and Prints. 1-4 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

FAMILY AND YOUTH

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

Family Science Night: Forces of Nature with guest host Rachie Briers, NewsWest 9 meteorologist. 6:30-8 p.m. today at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 N. I-20 W. pbpetro.org.

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

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

Family Paint Session: "Snowy Owl." 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. $25 adults and toddlers, $20 children 5 and older. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

"Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens" Storytime with activities to follow. 11 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

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

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

FINE ART & DANCE

OPENING: Visions 2018: "Peregrination in Photography" featuring works by Aaron Bedell. The artist will be in attendance at the opening reception. 6 p.m. Friday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W Illinois Ave.

CLOSING: The art of Kerry McClain on view Fridays in January at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

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

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

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

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

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

FOOD AND DRINK

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

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

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

MUSIC

Americana/singer-songwriter

Gary Gorence, 1 p.m. Saturday at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castelford Road.

Country

Ronnie Milsap, 7:30 p.m. Today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $50-$70. wagnernoel.com.

Mike Ryan, 8 p.m. Today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Kenna Danielle, 9 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Brady Hulsey Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

DJ/Dance

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

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

Jazz/Swing

Jenness Rouse and Friends. The concert benefits the Life Center. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Karaoke

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

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

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

Rock

Dennis DeYoung, Night Ranger, 8 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40-$75. Wagnernoel.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

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

Yoga Flow: Queen of Pop edition. Class set to the music of Madonna. 4 p.m. Jan. 28 at Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Thursdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/midlandkickball for more information.

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

STAGE, COMEDY & FILM

Film series: "Until We See Each Other Again" and "Maintenance." The series is held in collaboration with the West Texas Film Festival and Odessa College. 6 p.m. today at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

OPENING: "Mamma Mia" opens the new season at Midland Community Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Opens Friday and runs through Feb. 17 at MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

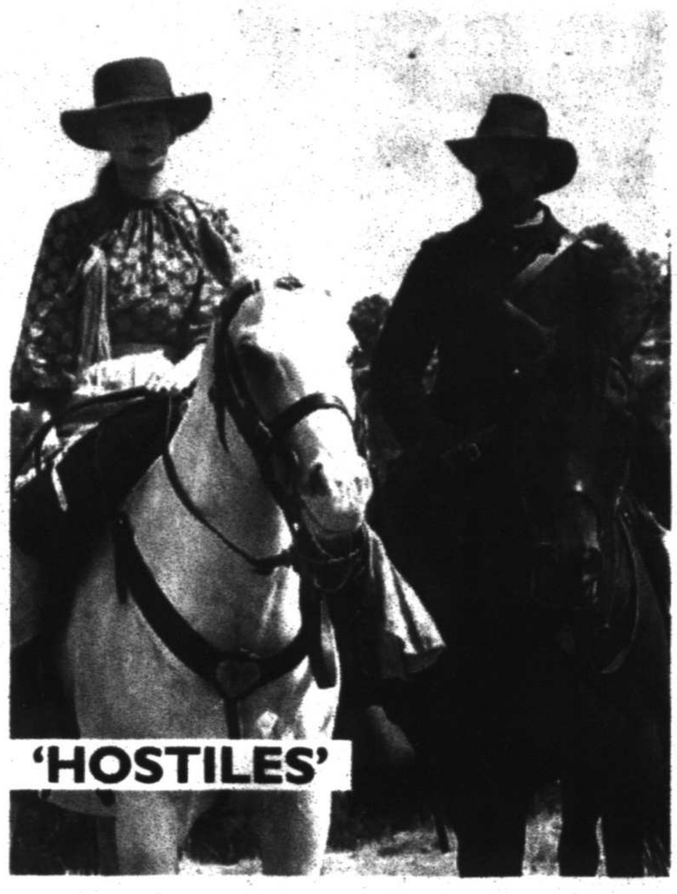
The Met: Live in HD presents "Tosca." 11:55 a.m. Saturday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.77 adults, $21.60 seniors, $17.28 children. Fathomevents.com.

"A Night with Janis Joplin," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Broadwayinthebasin.com.

"Of Ebony Embers — Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance" is an evening of music and theater work celebrating African-American poets Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay with a score by Jazz Age composers. 7 p.m. Monday in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 4600 N. Garfield Road. Free. midland.edu.

"Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" dome show, 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays in January. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Two Small Pieces of Glass" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays in December. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.


'HOSTILES'

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Associated Press

Review: Bale, landscapes, boost grim western 'Hostiles'

Enemies are thrown together for a perilous journey in "Hostiles ," an unforgivingly violent and sparse revisionist Western set in 1892 that explores the traumas of American westward expansion.

There's hardly a soul in writer-director Scott Cooper's ambitious odyssey who isn't haunted by some gruesome incident of the past, whether it's the cavalry officers who slaughtered and scalped untold numbers of natives, the natives who slaughtered untold numbers of cavalry officers, or the young settler family that goes from five members to only one in the distressing opening scene of the film. To say this is a grim and difficult watch is an understatement.

Christian Bale, who also starred in Cooper's gloomy "Out of the Furnace," leads a formidable ensemble cast as a U.S. Cavalry Officer, Captain Joseph J. Blocker, who is ordered to lead an aging Cheyenne chief, Yellow Hawk (Wes Studi), and his family from a base in New Mexico to their homelands in Montana. Having had encounters with this man before, Blocker has no interest in embarking on this endeavor, convinced that Yellow Hawk could only be a safe and trustworthy companion dead. But this choice isn't up to him and he's going to have to go through with it whether he likes it or not — so they assemble a crew (including Jonathan Majors, Jesse Plemons and Timothee Chalamet) and head off on the trail.

It's a premise that lends significant and compelling tension to every scene. Although not much is happening early on, it's the threat of what might happen that keeps you glued to the screen and worried for all involved. Will there be a misunderstanding? A mistake? A scuffle that escalates too quickly? Things are further complicated when group encounters a burned down settlement and a grieving woman shuttered inside. She is Rosalie Quaid (Rosamund Pike) and has suffered nearly unspeakable loss. Blocker, likely not knowing what else to do with the possibly suicidal woman, takes her along with them.

"Hostiles" takes its time getting its characters across the over 1,000-mile stretch of the United States, but it is a gorgeous journey thanks to cinematographer Masanobu Takayanagi. His camera makes even the most familiar western milieus looks splendidly fresh and invigorating. If only the meandering story and dialogue were matches for the pure poetry of the scenery.

Cooper wrote the screenplay off of a manuscript from the late Donald E. Stewart ("Missing," "Patriot Games"). Misery, regret and grief drip from every word, and it's hard not to wonder if the impact is dulled as a result. That's not to say that there aren't moments that are deserving of this seriousness. Indeed, Cooper has chosen to bite off no less than the sins of the entire American West and give voice and compassion to everyone — the people defending their lands, the settlers looking for a new life, and those who were "just doing their jobs," even if their jobs involve killing women and children.

Actors like Bale, Pike, Studi and the rest of the cast (even the clichéd casting of Ben Foster as an unhinged, outspoken criminal) elevate the dreariness of the script with compelling dramatic performances. Bale especially stands out as the gruff Blocker, whose layers start to be exposed as the story moves along. And, while she isn't given all that much to do, it is a treat to see actress Q'orianka Kilcher, who played Pocahontas opposite Bale in "The New World," back in a mainstream film.

Bursts of intense violence are punctuated with sometimes tedious blocks of speeches and silence, but "Hostiles," despite its posture of brutal amorality, has a goodness at its core, of understanding and empathy. It also has something that so many sequel and franchise-hungry studios today wouldn't dare show — an actual ending.

"Hostiles," an Entertainment Studios release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong violence, and language." Running time: 135 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

COMING SOON

February

Knit and Stitch: Valentine's Love Gifts. 6 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Empty Bowls 2018 hosted by West Texas Food Bank. This annual event features handmade ceramic bowls created by area students and faculty from Midland College, Boys and Girls Clubs, Trinity School and more. 7 p.m., Feb. 2 at Trinity School, 3500 W. Wadley Ave. wtxfoodbank.org.

Comedy Workshop. 11 a.m. Feb. 3 at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. westtexastalent.com.

MOSC: Symphony SoundBites pre-concert supper before "Fanfare." The dinner event features a talk with maestro Gary Lewis and featured musician Michael Tetreault. Feb. 3 at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $26. Deadline for reservations is. 6 p.m. Monday. MOSC.org.

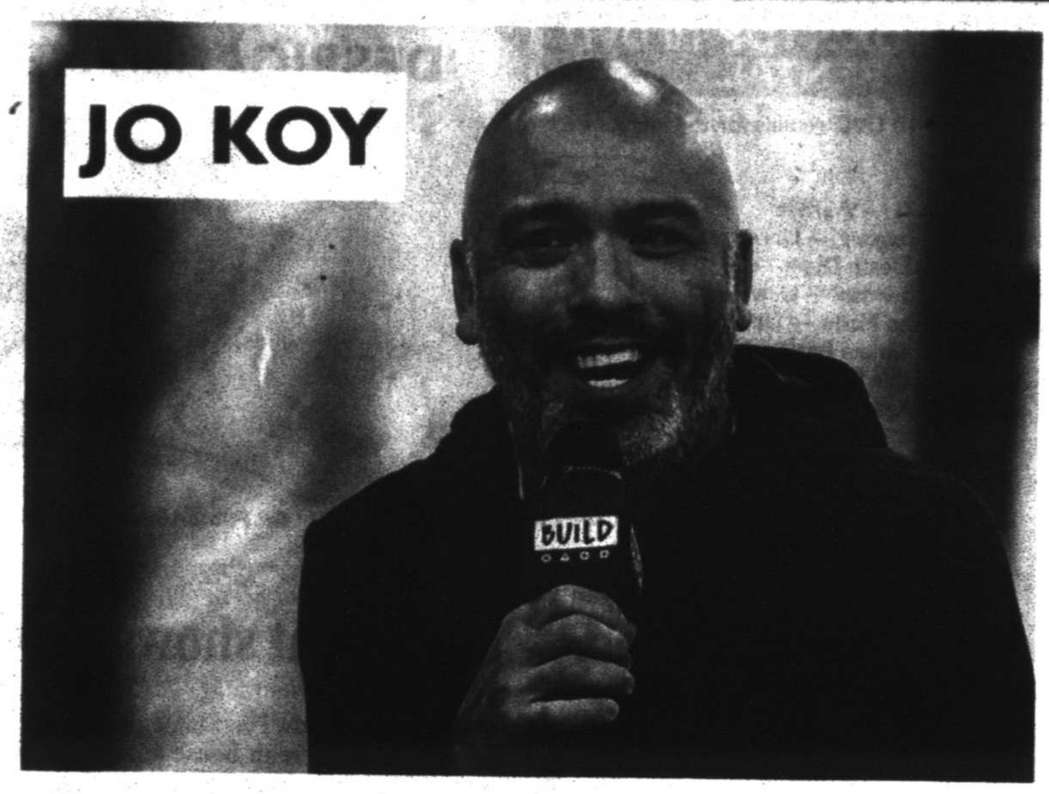
The **2018 Midway Jazz Festival** by the Midland African-American Roots Historical and Cultural Arts Council. Performers include Tom Braxton, Peter White, Pervis Evans, Andrea Wallace, Cory Powell and dancer Maisha Morris. 7:30 p.m. Feb.3 at the Bowie Fine Arts Academy auditorirum, 805 Elk Ave. $15-$30. rootscouncil.com.

Odessa Jackalopes play Amarillo Bulls. The event will feature poetry by the Permian Basin Poetry Society celebrating its 50th anniversary. 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. jackalopes.org.

MOSC Masterworks: "Fanfare" with featured musician timpanist Michael Tetreault. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Adventures in Art: Animation. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $18. noelartmuseum.org.

The 2018 **Permian Basin Prayer Breakfast**: "Blessed are the Persecuted" will feature Bob Fu, founder and president of China Aid Bob Fu and the Rev. Randal Everett, former pastor of First Baptist Church. 7 a.m. Feb. 6 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. npbmidland.org.



Kiss and Tell is a night of live stories about love gone right or wrong. The event is the first of Marfa Public Radio's 2018 Live Storytelling Series. Storytellers include Sue Roseberry, Randy Ham, Libby Shapiro-Campbell and Jane Boles. 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St. kxwt.org.

"Importance of Turkey in World Politics" with UTPB professor Sebahatttin Ziyanak. 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Jerry Seinfeld, 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $85-$125. wagnernoel.com.

The 32nd anniversary **Valentine's Party** will feature door prizes, specialty drinks, games and more. 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. kcnuttyroller.com.

Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$45. wagnernoel.com.

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

Vegetable Gardening in the Permian Basin workshop hosted by Permian Basin Master Gardeners. 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 10 at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $10. eventbrite.com.

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

Aaron Watson, Kyle Park, Josh Ward. 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $30-$50. haciendmidland.com.

Sweethearts Dinner and Dance hosted by Texas Pecos Trail Region. Music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $75.texaspecostrail.com.

Jo Koy, 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $32-$112. wagnernoel.com.

Storytime with Pete the Cat. 11 a.m. Feb. 10 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Miss Gay Odessa at Large 2018, 9 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa.

MOSC: West Texas Winds and Friends, 3 p.m. Feb. 11 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Second Tuesday Salon with the **Permian Basin String Quartet**. Second Tuesday Salon is a lunchtime concert. Brown bag is encouraged and food trucks will be onsite. Noon, Feb. 13 at the Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa.

The sixth annual **Valentine's Day in Valentine**. This annual concert hosted by Big Bend Brewing Company will feature the Doug Moreland Band, The Doodlin' Hogwallops and Beebe & Carrasco. 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Old Mercantile Building in Valentine. $20. bigbendbrewing.com.

Book Talk: "The Goldfinch by Finding." by Donna Tart. Discussion led by Odessa College's Julie Roth. 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet lunchtime concert. 11:45 a.m. Feb. 15 at ClayDesta Towers, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.

"Jersey Boys," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 and 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Author Signing: Professor Douglas Spence signs copies of his book "Andrew Jackson Donelson: Jacksonian and Unionist." Noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Wang Dang Doodle with Davy Knowles. Hosted by Tall City Blues Fest. 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. $25.15. tallcitybluesfest.com.

"The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Author Signing: Mike Gleason signs copies from his book series "Hideout kids." 4-6 p.m. Feb. 17 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

President's Day All-Day Skate. Noon Feb. 19 at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway.

JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: An Evening with Jackie Joyner-Kersee. 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $10. shepperdinstitute.com.

Art Tales: "They All Saw a Cat." 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

The Quebe Sisters, 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. liveonstage-pb.com.

"Captured by Detail: Camille Engel" opens Feb. 22 with artist talk at 6 p.m. The exhibition runs through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

The 34th annual Wrangler Rodeo, 7 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 seniors and children 12 and younger. odessa.edu.

The second annual **Power of One Luncheon and Children's Style Show** with guest speaker Victor Rowell, author of "The Women who Raised Me." The event benefits CASA of West Texas. 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at Midland Country Club. casawtx.org.

Film Series: "Far from the Tree." Hosted by West Texas Film Festival and Odessa College. 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Los Tres, Los Huracanes del norte, Conjunto Primavera y Polo Urias. 8 p.m. Feb. 23 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

MOSC: "Sounds of South America" with Permian Basin String Quartet. 3 p.m. Feb. 25 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Shrimpfest, Sponsor cocktail hour, 5:30 p.m., general admission 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Ector County Coliseum. $40 advance, $45 door. noelartmuseum.org.

Shen Yun, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $82-$122. wagnernoel.com.

MAZE RUNNER

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have to try and escape through a maze every day — and the series never loses sight of the ethos. The maze is metaphorical rather than physical now, as Thomas (O'Brien) tries to escape the maze of a crumbling civilization and the evil corporation WICKED. Thomas and his young cohort have found themselves WICKED's test subjects, as they're immune to the Flare disease that's turning humans into bloodthirsty "cranks."

All Thomas can do is run, and run he does, often without thinking the whole thing through. His goal to simply get out with all his friends alive proves to be difficult when he and his team of rebels hijack the wrong train car, leaving his friend Minho (Ki Hong Lee) to withstand torturous trials at WICKED headquarters while scientists try to develop a virus-fighting serum. When Thomas sets off on a rescue mission to grab Minho from the last standing city, things are complicated when he discovers his former flame Teresa (Kaya Scodelario) is one of the scientists working on the serum (the "death cure" if you will).

The overall plot itself isn't all that complex, though the path is riddled with obstacles, including a leprous Walton Goggins, leading an uprising at the walls of the city, old friends from the Glade popping up left and right and an army of cranks and super-soldiers bearing down in all directions. Ball and screenwriter T.S. Nowlin keep a tight grip on the tone and the relentless pace, but they often back the story and characters into corners that only a deus ex machina can fix. By the time the third or fourth savior swoops out of the sky, it gets to be a bit contrived.

Ball embraces the maximalist approach, and as the film pushes the two-hour, 20-minute mark, it devolves into a seizure-inducing mass of strobe lighting and noise, all gunshots, crunching bone, explosions and crumbling buildings. It's overwhelming, numbing and exhausting. In "The Death Cure," the "Maze Runner" pushes it to the limit and ultimately ends up spent.

'MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE'

2.5 stars

Cast: Dylan O'Brien, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Kaya Scodelario, Ki Hong Lee, Patricia Clarkson, Aiden Gillen, Barry Pepper, Rosa Salazar, Giancarlo Esposito.

Directed by Wes Ball.

Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, language and some thematic elements.

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ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"Bright" (NR) In an alternative present where mythical creatures exist, a human cop partners with an orc to protect a powerful ancient relic. With Will Smith, Joel Edgerton, Noomi Rapace, Lucy Fry, Edgar Ramirez. Written by Max Landis. Directed by David Ayer. Streaming on Netflix.

"Call Me By Your Name" (R) Timothee Chalamet and Armie Hammer give superb performances as two young men falling in love in the northern Italian countryside in this rapturously beautiful collaboration between director Luca Guadagnino and screenwriter James Ivory. Nominated for four Academy Awards. At Regal Permian Palace in Odessa.

"Coco" (PG) A young boy with musical aspirations visits the Land of the Dead. Voices of Gael Garcia Bernal, Anthony Gonzalez, Benjamin Bratt, Renee Victor. Directed by Lee Unkrich. Co-directed by Adrian Molina. Nominated for two Academy Awards.

"The Commuter" (PG-13) An insurance salesman stumbles upon a deadly conspiracy during his evening train ride home. With Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Jonathan Banks, Elizabeth McGovern, Sam Neill. Written by Byron Willinger & Philip de Blasi and Ryan Engle. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

"Darkest Hour" (PG-13) Gary Oldman has great fun as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour," and it's great fun to watch him play Britain's wartime prime minister, contending with political opposition while rallying his people and his king (Ben Mendelsohn) to the cause of opposing Germany, in the face of the dire events at Dunkirk. Joe Wright's showboating direction is a match for the heightened pitch of the performances, which include good work by Stephen Dillane, Kristen Scott Thomas and Lily James. Nominated for seven Academy Awards.

"Ferdinand" (PG) Animated tale about a large, gentle bull determined to return to his family after being captured. Voices of John Cena, Kate McKinnon, Gina Rodriguez. Inspired by a book by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson. Directed by Carlos Saldanha.

"The Greatest Showman" (PG) Hugh Jackman stars as P.T. Barnum, the 19th century empresario who created entertainment known around the world. With Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya. Songs by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. Written by Jenny Bicks and Bill Condon; story by Bicks. Directed by Michael Gracey.

"Hostiles" (R) Written and directed by Scott Cooper and powered by a dynamic trio of interwoven performances by Christian Bale, Wes Studi and Rosamund Pike, this latest example of the Western revival grabs you by the throat and holds on for the duration.

"Insidious: The Last Key" (R) A parapsychologist discovers a horrific threat inside her own home. With Lin Shaye, Angus Sampson, Leigh Whannell. Written by Whannell. Directed by Adam Robitel.

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13) Four teenagers find themselves inside an old video game console featuring ferocious realism and danger. With Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart. Written by Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Jake Kasdan & Scott Rosenberg & Jeff Pinkner; story by McKenna, based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Directed by Jake Kasdan.

"Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (PG-13) Action adventure with Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Thomas Brodie-Sangster. Directed by Wes Ball.

"Mudbound" (R) Two families — one black, one white — struggle to farm the Mississippi Delta under Jim Crow laws during World War II. With Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Mitchell, Mary J. Blige, Jonathan Banks, Jason Clarke, Rob Morgan. Written by Virgil Williams and Dee Rees, based on a novel by Hillary Jordan. Directed by Rees. Streaming on Netflix. Nominated for two Academy Awards.

"Paddington 2" (PG) The popular bear and the Brown family search Windsor Gardens for a book thief. With Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Peter Capaldi, Hugh Grant, Brendan Gleeson and the voices of Ben Whishaw, Imelda Staunton. Written by Paul King, Simon Farnaby; based on the children's stories by Michael Bond. Directed by King.

"Pitch Perfect 3" (PG-13) Graduated from college and struggling to find jobs on their own, the Bellas reunite for a USO tour. With Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Hailee Steinfeld. Written by Kay Cannon and Mike White; story by Cannon, based on the book by Mickey Rapkin. Directed by Trish Sie.

"The Post" (PG-13) Director Steven Spielberg and stars Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks combine for a thriller cum civics lesson showing the value of newspapers hanging together and holding government accountable for deception.

"The Shape of Water" (R). Adult fable from Guillermo del Toro, set Cold War Baltimore in 1962, about a lonely woman (Sally Hawkins) working on the cleaning staff in a government lab who falls in love for the amphibious creature (Doug Jones) brought there for study. Richard Jenkins and Olivia Spenser have charming roles as the woman's friends and co-conspirator in a plot to save the creature. Michael Shannon — surprise — is the heavy. Full of strange ideas and twists, unified by first-rate visual presentation that somehow maintains the movie's tone of enchantment. The film is nominated for 13 Academy Awards. At Regal Permian Palace in Odessa.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (PG-13) Rey continues her search for the truth behind the Force in Episode VIII. With Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. Written and directed by Rian Johnson; based on characters created by George Lucas.

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (R) Uncommon writer-director Martin McDonagh and a splendid cast top-lined by Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell present a savage film, even a dangerous one, the blackest take-no-prisoners farce in quite some time. Nominated for six Academy Awards.

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REDBOX'S TOP 10 DVD RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals for the week of Jan. 15:

1. It (2017) — Warner
2. The Foreigner — Universal
3. Happy Death Day — Universal
4. The Snowman — Universal
5. American Made — Universal
6. The Mountain Between Us — Fox
7. Despicable Me 3 — Universal
8. Home Again — Universal
9. Dunkirk — Warner
10. Victoria and Abdul — Universal

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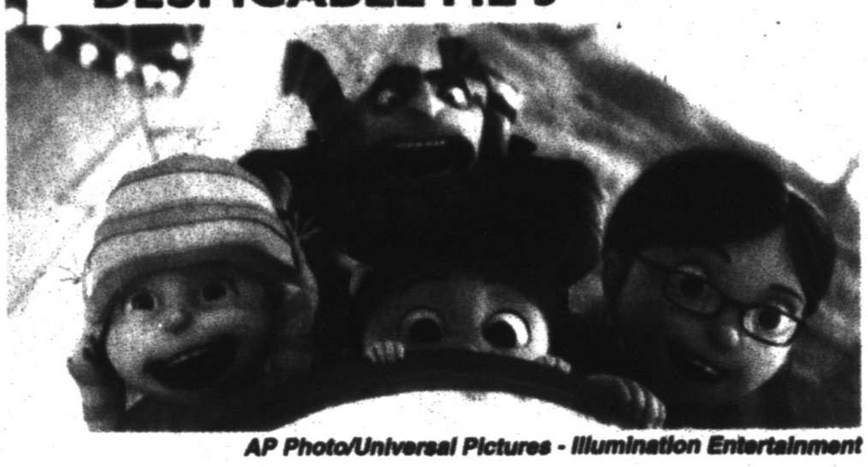

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With 20 Oscar nods, Searchlight shows its value to Disney

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — There's never a bad time for a film company to land 20 Oscar nominations, but the timing is especially good for Fox Searchlight.

Thanks to Guillermo del Toro's full-hearted monster romance, "The Shape of Water," and Martin McDonagh's gleefully profane revenge drama, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," Searchlight led all studios in Tuesday's Academy Award nominations. The haul, which ties Searchlight's previous best showing, comes as the Walt Disney Co. is purchasing 21st Century Fox, Searchlight's parent company, for $52.4 billion.

Proof of the value of the 24-year-old specialty stalwart, an awards-season regular, might not have been necessary for Disney. But it doesn't hurt, either.

"It's very gratifying on that front," said Stephen A. Gilula, co-president of Searchlight with Nancy Utley. "The representatives at Disney, what they've said publicly and what we've heard privately is: They are truly excited about the films Searchlight does. They are very aware of our legacy over all these years. But in addition to that, it's great to see that our core business plan still works."

Searchlight's core business remains, in a sense, an old-fashioned one: filmmaker-driven movies released into theaters and propelled by critical acclaim and word of mouth. And it's still very much working. Aside from their awards success, the modestly budgeted "Shape of Water" and "Three Billboards" have done well at the box office.

"The Shape of Water" has grossed $30.4 million domestically, though it will have its widest release yet this weekend and has most of its overseas rollout to come. "Three Billboards" has taken in $31.9 million domestically and $54.2 million worldwide. It, too, will increase its theatrical footprint this weekend. They are widely considered the top two contenders for best picture.

Though much attention Tuesday went to Netflix's company-best eight nominations, the biggest winner in the Academy Award nominees might have been business plans like Searchlight's. Other specialty outfits also triumphed, including 14 nominations for Universal's Focus Features ("Phantom Thread," "Darkest Hour") and six for Sony's Sony Pictures Classics ("Call Me By Your Name," "Loveless," "A Fantastic Woman").

A24, the youngest company of the bunch and one without a major studio's backing, also strongly followed up its 2017 success (the best-picture winning "Moonlight") with seven nods. They were led by Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird," though Sean Baker's "The Florida Project" disappointed with a single nomination for Willem Dafoe.

"In a more challenging world that's been written about ad nauseam, our primary business is making films for theatrical audiences," said Gilula. "That whole process of working with filmmakers who are passionate about that raises our chances as opposed to walking into a festival and hoping to find a lottery ticket on the ground — and that's much harder these days.

Both "Three Billboards" and "The Shape of Water" were in-house productions for Searchlight, which has in recent years put more focus into growing its own movies rather than acquiring them at festivals. Gilula spoke by phone as he was departing the Sundance Film Festival. He spoke highly of the talent on display there but unenthusiastic about the movies up for sale.

Searchlight has guided several films to best picture wins before, including "Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" in 2015, "12 Years a Slave" in 2014, and "Slumdog Millionaire" in 2009. Arguably its stiffest Oscar competition in those years has been the Weinstein Co. Following the ouster of the disgraced Harvey Weinstein, the Weinstein Co. landed zero nominations Tuesday for the first time in more than a decade.

This year ties Searchlight's previous best year, in 2015 when it had "Birdman," "Grand Budapest Hotel" and "Wild." But its top contender last year, "The Birth of Nation" — which Searchlight bought for a record $17.5 million at Sundance — was derailed after a 1999 rape allegation surfaced against director and star Nate Parker.

"The last few years, we haven't reached those levels," said Gilula. "You ask yourself: 'Jeez, was that the peak of our experiences?' And it wasn't. It means that our business works and it can work. Great filmmakers can still make movies for audiences in theaters. And I think Disney appreciates that, and they see us as providing a number of films that they're not really focused on."

Disney scored 10 nominations Tuesday, but their contenders — "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi," "Coco," "Beauty and the Beast" — are much more big-budgeted and are competing in less major categories.

20th Century Fox had seven nods of its own, pushing the studio's overall total to 27. That included Steven Spielberg's Pentagon Papers drama "The Post" (best picture, best actress for Meryl Streep), the first adapted screenplay nod for a superhero movie in the Wolverine sequel "Logan" and two animated film nominations: "Ferdinand" and the much-mocked "The Boss Baby."

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Gymnastics doctor sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison

By David Eggert and Mike Householder
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The former sports doctor who admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years under the guise of medical treatment was sentenced Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison by a judge who proudly told him, "I just signed your death warrant."

The sentence capped a remarkable seven-day hearing in which more than 150 women and girls offered statements about being abused by Larry Nassar, a physician who was renowned for treating athletes at the sport's highest levels. Many confronted him face to face in the Michigan courtroom.

"It is my honor and privilege to sentence you. You do not deserve to walk outside a prison ever again. You have done nothing to control those urges and anywhere you walk, destruction will occur to those most vulnerable," Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said.

Nassar's actions were "precise, calculated, manipulative, devious, despicable," she said.

When the hearing ended, the courtroom broke into applause. Victims and prosecutors embraced at the conclusion of the grueling 16-month case.

But the anguish of the past week will have little, if any, practical effect on Nassar's fate. Before serving the Michigan sentence, the 54-year-old must first serve a 60-year federal sentence for child pornography crimes. With credit for good behavior, he could complete that sentence in about 55 years. By then, he would be more than 100 years old if still alive.

He is also scheduled to be sentenced next week on more assault convictions in Eaton County, Michigan.

A prosecutor called Nassar "possibly the most prolific serial child sex abuser in history" and said competitive gymnastics provided the "perfect place" for his crimes because victims saw him as a "god."

Prosecutor Angela Povilaitis also said Nassar "perfected a built-in excuse and defense" as a doctor, even though he was "performing hocus-pocus medicine."

"It takes some kind of sick perversion to not only assault a child but to do so with her parent in the room, to do so while a lineup of eager young gymnasts waited," Povilaitis said.

She urged people to believe young victims of sexual abuse no matter who they accuse and

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Carlos Osorio/Associated Press

Larry Nassar sits during his sentencing hearing Wednesday in Lansing, Mich. The former sports doctor who admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years was sentenced Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison as the judge declared: "I just signed your death warrant." The sentence capped a remarkable seven-day hearing in which scores of Nassar's victims were able to confront him face to face in the Michigan courtroom.

Making the most of it

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Marquell Fraser (1) dribbles down the court against South Plains College on Nov. 29, 2017, at Chaparral Center.

Gritty Fraser has high hopes for Chaps' season

By Oscar LeRoy
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Since transferring to Midland College from Virginia Commonwealth University, Marquell Fraser seems to have gotten everything that he wanted out of his move to MC, except for the number of wins.

He hopes that more of those wins start coming for the Chaparrals (6-14, 2-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference), who host Howard College (15-6, 3-4) at 7:45 p.m. today.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore guard out of Ontario, Canada, has been one of the betters players in the WJCAC, averaging 27 points per game over the last two games, including a 24-point, 11-rebound performance in Monday's 66-52 victory at Western Texas College.

MC coach Pat Rafferty, an old school, hard-nosed coach, said Fraser has been really growing on him with the way he's played in the last few weeks.

"He's found a niche and he's playing to his strengths," Rafferty said. "In the meantime, he's gotten better in some areas that maybe at the beginning of the year he wasn't so good at. He's understanding shot selection a lot better. He made some shots the other night that were appropriate, that weren't forced, that made sense to the flow. We still need him to do better defensively but he's been really good and he's helped us in a variety of ways."

Added Fraser: "My teammates have been helping, pushing me a lot, especially during the practice. It's just all coming together. I'm just playing my game and playing to my strengths. Coach Rafferty is letting me play my game and I've been playing with a lot of confidence."

Getting his confidence back was one of the reasons he transferred to Midland

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Scrappy Thacker hopes to return to form for MC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Bianca Thacker said Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones said she brings a "junkyard dog" mentality to the court.

Yes, that is a compliment as Thacker brings a certain toughness to the court and willingness to do whatever she can to help the team win.

The 5-foot-11 sophomore guard/small forward from Naime, Australia, said playing tough is just something she was taught to do while playing back home. She said because of a lack of big post players available, she said hustling for loose balls and getting rebounds was what she had to do.

"I bring a bit of aggressiveness in I do everything I guess," she said. "I try to be an all-around player and play anywhere from (shooting guard) to the (power forward), whevever coach needs me."

Thacker hopes to bring those qualities and help her team win today when the Lady Chaparrals (10-8, 3-2 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) host rival Howard College (12-10, 2-4) at 5:45 p.m. today at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Chaps are coming off a tough 65-60 victory at Western Texas College in which they not only snapped a two-game losing skid but also gave Jones his 600th win at MC.

"I'm happy for him and I'm happy I was able to be a part of it," Thacker said. "Especially after that Odessa loss, which I'm sure would have meant more to him, it was still a good accomplishment."

Monday's win was a highlight for a player who has had her share of adversity this season as a hand injury has limited her playing time to eight games. Thacker said he suffered torn ligaments and a hairline fracture but that has finally healed up to where she's close to being her old self again as a player. Despite that injury, Thacker is second on the team in scoring with 10.4 points per game and is tied for second in rebounding with 5.9 boards per contest.

"She's had a tough year with an injury to her left hand," Jones said.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Bianca Thacker (3) shoots a shot against South Plains College on Nov. 29, 2017, at Chaparral Center.

Jones, Thome, Guerrero, Hoffman elected to baseball Hall

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Over 600 home runs. More than 600 saves. A .300 career average.

In the age of baseball analytics, there's still room in the Hall of Fame for big, round numbers you can count on.

Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Vladimir Guerrero and Trevor Hoffman were rewarded Wednesday, easily elected in the newest class headed for Cooperstown.

"I don't know how you tabulate or calculate WAR," Jones said, referring to a sabermetric stat that didn't exist for much of his career.

"Yes, you can dig deeper," he said. But he added: "What I want to see is batting average, on-base percentage, runs produced."

Designated hitter Edgar Martinez came close after a grass-roots campaign to promote him. Boosted by advanced metrics, he'll get his last chance on the ballot next year.

Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, both tainted by the steroids scandal, edged up but again fell far short.

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AP file photo

Cleveland Indians' Jim Thome watches his two-run home run off New York Yankees' Orlando Hernandez in 2001 in Cleveland.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf

LPGA: Pure Silk Bahamas Classic, 1st Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Farmers Insurance Open, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

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

Men's College Basketball

Michigan at Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Morehead State at Murray State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

SMU at UConn, 6 p.m., CBSSN

UTSA at Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., Twitter

Penn State at Ohio State, 7 p.m., BTN

UTEP at UAB, 7 p.m., beIN

Youngstown State at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., FCSC

Colorado at Arizona, 7:30 p.m., FS1

UCF at Wichita State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

USF at Tulane, 8 p.m., ESPNU

LIU Brooklyn at Mount St. Mary's, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Cal at UCLA, 9:30 p.m., FS1

UCSB at Cal State Fullerton, 9:30 p.m., FCSP

BYU at St. Mary's, 10 p.m., ESPN2

Gonzaga at Portland, 10 p.m., ESPNU

National Basketball Association

Washington at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT

Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NBA G-League

Sioux Falls at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW+

National Hockey League

Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

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

Tennis

Australian Open, Mixed Doubles Semi's and Women's Doubles Final, 10 p.m., TENNIS

Australian Open, Men's Semifinal, 2:30 a.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Women's College Basketball

Arkansas at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m., SEC

Texas at Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Florida at Mississippi State, 7:30 p.m., SEC

X Games

Men's Ski Superpipe Final, Snowmobile Speed & Style Final, 9 p.m., ESPN

RADIO

Men's College Basketball

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

Women's College Basketball

Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM; KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Women's Basketball

Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

JC Men's Basketball

Howard College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY'S LATE BOYS BOXES

GREENWOOD 72, PECOS 64

Greenwood (16-12, 2-1 in District 4-4A) – Brody Ray 14. Max Montes 1. Ryan Snodgrass 25. Omanon Jameson 11. Logan Jarvis 10. Jayden Kitchens 12

Pecos – Henson 22. Sandoval 9. Padilla 16. Patino 8. Villanueva 4. Soto 5

Greenwood	10	20	15	27--72
Pecos	16	17	16	15--64

Free throws – Greenwood 21-28. Pecos 14-19 3-point goals – Greenwood 3 (Ray 2, Jameson). Pecos 7 (Henson 4, Padilla 2, Sandoval) Total fouls – Greenwood 16. Pecos 24. Fouled out – Jarvis. Soto. Technical – Patino

Next: Monahans at Greenwood. 7:30 p.m. Friday

GRADY 61, LOOP 5

Grady (15-6, 3-2 in District 11-1A Division II) – TJ Shands 2. Charles Cassell 10. Isaiah DeAnde 2. Sergio Reyna 2. Cole Short 5. Dante Ruiz 5. Christian Jimenez 2. Marshall Cox 20. Jordan Rodriguez 10. Payton Welch 4

Loop – Nelson 3. Herms 2

Grady	21	23	11	7--61
Loop	2	3	0	0--5

Free throws – Grady 2-2. 3-point goals – Grady 6 (Cassell 2, Rodriguez 2, Short, Ruiz). Loop 1 (Nelson). Total fouls – Grady 4, Loop 5. Fouled out – None

Next: Grady at O'Donnell. 8 p.m. Friday

Tuesday's late girls box

NO. 2 GARDEN CITY 37, ROBERT LEE 32

Robert Lee – Ureno 2. Munoz 9. Puentez 15. Clawson 6

Garden City (27-1, 9-0 in District 14-1A) – Lyndee Walker 15. Madison Hastings 9. Peyton Hastings 4. Inchel Sotelo 4. Kenzie Schaefer 3. Allison Hallmann 2

Robert Lee	10	9	8	5--32
Garden City	13	9	13	2--37

Free throws – Robert Lee 5-6. Garden City 5-9. 3-point goals – Robert Lee 7 (Puentez 4, Munoz 3), Garden City 4 (Walker 2, M. Hastings, Schaefer). Total fouls – Robert Lee 9. Garden City 9. Fouled out – Clawson

Next: Garden City at Bronte, 6:15 p.m. Friday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Matt West, LHPs James Russell and Caleb Thielbar and INF Alexi Amarista on minor league contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with INF Ryan Goins on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — LHP Glen Perkins announced his retirement.

TEXAS RANGERS — Named Juan Leonel Garcga director/youth academy and youth baseball/softball programs.

National League

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated SS Engelb Vielma for assignment.

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed OF Alex Krupa and SS Chaz Meadows.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed catcher Nick Oddo to a contract extension.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Todd Haley offensive coordinator, Amos Jones special teams coordinator and Freddie Kitchens running backs/associate head coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Named Joe Philbin offensive coordinator, Mike Pettine defensive coordinator, James Campen run game coordinator/offensive line coach, Jim Hostler pass game coordinator, Patrick Graham defensive run game coordinator/inside linebackers coach, Joe Whitt Jr. defensive pass game coordinator, Frank Cignetti Jr. quarterbacks coach, Ryan Downard defensive quality control coach, Maurice Drayton assistant special teams coach, Scott McCurley defensive assistant coach, Jerry Montgomery defensive line coach, David Rash wide receivers coach and Jason Simmons secondary coach.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Named Jedd Fisch senior offensive assistant coach.

NEW YORK JETS — Fired offensive line coach Steve Marshall.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DBs Brendan Morgan and Steven Clarke and WR Tylor Henry.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Boston F Brad Marchand five games without pay for elbowing New Jersey's Marcus Johansson in the head during the Bruins' win over the Devils.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed F Nathan Gerbe to a two-way, one-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned LW David Booth to Grand Rapids (AHL). Recalled C Dominic Turgeon from Grand Rapids.

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Michael Joly to Colorado (ECHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FC — Signed D Steven Beitashour and G Luis Lopez.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed M Andres Flores and D Modou Jadama. Re-signed D/M Bill Tuiloma.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Named Alex de Crook assistant coach and Jyri Nieminen goalkeeper coach.

United Soccer League

ATLANTA UNITED 2 — Signed Ds AJ Cochran and Jack Metcalf, F Diego Lopez and M/D Yosef Samuel.

COLLEGE

ALBANY — Announced the resignation of John Battaglino women's lacrosse coach. Named Jessica Davos as interim coach.

BROWN — Promoted Kevin Decker to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Named Chris Zarkoske offensive line coach.

KANSAS STATE — Promoted wide receivers coach Andre Coleman to offensive coordinator, offensive line coach Charlie Dickey to co-offensive coordinator/offensive line coach/running game coordinator and quarterbacks coach Collin Klein to co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach/passing game coordinator.

MICHIGAN STATE — Announced the resignation of Lou Anna Simon, president.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	48	33	12	3	69	170	124
Boston	46	28	10	8	64	153	114
Toronto	50	27	18	5	59	158	145
Detroit	47	19	20	8	46	125	141
Montreal	48	20	22	6	46	124	150
Florida	46	19	21	6	44	130	154
Ottawa	46	15	22	9	39	122	163
Buffalo	48	13	26	9	35	110	163
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	48	28	15	5	61	146	136
New Jersey	47	24	15	8	56	144	143
Philadelphia	49	24	16	9	57	140	136
Columbus	48	26	19	3	55	129	136
Pittsburgh	49	26	21	3	55	149	150
N.Y. Islanders	49	24	20	5	53	170	179
N.Y. Rangers	49	24	20	5	53	147	148
Carolina	48	21	19	8	50	131	149
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	49	29	13	7	65	161	132
Nashville	48	28	11	7	63	142	123
St. Louis	50	29	18	3	61	146	129
Dallas	49	28	17	4	60	154	130
Colorado	47	27	17	3	57	166	136
Minnesota	48	26	17	5	57	141	134
Chicago	48	22	19	7	51	141	135
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	47	32	11	4	68	163	126
San Jose	47	26	14	7	59	138	127
Calgary	47	25	16	6	56	133	129
Los Angeles	48	25	18	5	55	137	120
Anaheim	49	23	17	9	55	137	138
Edmonton	48	21	24	3	45	131	154
Vancouver	48	19	23	6	44	127	155
Arizona	49	12	28	9	33	117	170

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.

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 3, Chicago 2, OT

Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Nashville at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Boston at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Carolina at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Columbus at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Buffalo at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Vegas, 9 p.m.

Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFF 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

Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10

New England 35, Tennessee 14

Sunday, Jan. 14

Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42

Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 21

AFC

New England 24, Jacksonville 20

NFC

at Philadelphia 38, Minnesota 7

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 28

At Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN/WSC)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 4

At Minneapolis

New England vs. Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

HS BASEBALL SIGNING CAPSULE

COLBY STANDARD

School: Lee

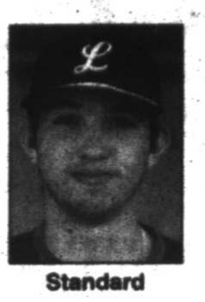
Sport: Baseball

Position: Catcher

Signing school: Butler Community College (NJCAA Division I), El Dorado, Kansas

Standard on why he chose Butler: "It reminds me of my hometown in Artesia, New Mexico. It's got a small town feel, there's lots of public hunting land and they are a big sports junior college (program) and the whole community supports them. I like that."

Lee baseball coach Brian Roper on Standard: "He's a very intelligent player — he's cerebral, which is why he was great as a quarterback. Our catchers call the game and that's a strength he has. I have full trust in him handling the (pitching staff). He wants to learn as much as he can about the game and that will prepare him for the next level."



Standard

Notes: Standard has become one of Lee's more decorated athletes over the past two seasons. In 2016, he was named an All-District 2-6A second team wide receiver for the Rebels as a junior. In 2017, he was named 2-6A's second team catcher after hitting .207 with 11 RBI in 27 games played. On the football field last fall, he was named a first team all-district quarterback and earned the Reporter-Telegram's Offensive Player of the Year honor after racking up a school record 3,816 total yards (1,450 rushing) and leading the Rebels to a 10-3 record and to the regional round of the Class 6A playoffs. … Standard said he first received interest from Butler last summer at a prospect camp and then took his official visit during the Lee football team's open week in late October. … Standard is the third Rebel baseball player to sign with the Grizzlies in the last two years, joining former teammates Garrett Chalker and Blake Blessie. He said he spoke with both Chalker and Blessie about Butler's program and was further intrigued. "That was a big deal for me. I talked to them to see how they liked it. They loved it and loved the coaching staff and said it was a great experience if I wanted to pursue baseball." … Standard said he plans to play baseball full-time and study either engineering or business.

—Compiled by Will Korn

NBA ROUNDUP

ROCKETS 104
MAVERICKS 97

DALLAS — James Harden scored 25 points after getting named to his sixth straight Western Conference All-Star team and the Houston Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks.

Trevor Ariza had 23 points as the Rockets beat their Texas rivals for the sixth straight time, a streak that started with a four-game sweep last season. Houston won its fourth straight game and seventh in the past nine.

Eric Gordon scored 17 points on 4-of-7 shooting from 3-point range. Southwest Division-leading Houston was up and down from beyond the arc, going 10 of 14 in the first quarter and 2 of 15 in the second. The Rockets finished two shy of their season high in 3s, going 21 of 51.

Wesley Matthews matched his season high with 29 points for the Mavericks, who lost for the seventh time in 10 games since a season-best four-game winning streak that helped lift them out of last place in the West.

SPURS 108
GRIZZLIES 85

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol finished an assist short of a triple-double, Patty Mills scored 15 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Memphis Grizzlies.

Gasol had 14 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, and Bryn Forbes and Danny Green also finished with 14 points each. Davis Bertans and Dejounte Murray each had 11 points.

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 18 points and seven rebounds, while Deyonta Davis added 12 points as the Grizzlies were hampered by 43 percent shooting, including 2 of 18 from outside the arc, and 17 turnovers.

Between illness and rest, each team was down at least four players, creating some makeshift lineups. Spurs leading-scorer LaMarcus Aldridge took the night off for rest.

76ERS 115
BULLS 101

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Simmons had 19 points, 17 rebounds and 14 assists for his fifth triple-double of the season to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 115-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Dario Saric added 21 points and 10 rebounds and Joel Embiid had 22 points for the 76ers, who have won seven of 10.

Bobby Portis scored 22 points and Zach LaVine had 21 for the Bulls.

Philadelphia played without guards JJ Redick (left leg), T.J. McConnell (personal) and Jerryd Bayless (left wrist), but Simmons picked up the slack.

The rookie was just two assists away from a triple-double in the first half when he helped the 76ers to a 55-41 halftime lead with 11 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. His slam dunk with 7:40 left in the third quarter was part of a dominating period for Philadelphia.

PELICANS 101
HORNETS 96

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jrue Holiday and Anthony Davis each scored 19 points, DeMarcus Cousins had 16 points and 13 rebounds and the New Orleans Pelicans defeated the Charlotte Hornets for their sixth win in the last seven games.

Cousins had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Pelicans.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 16 rebounds in his 1,000th career game to lead the Hornets, who fell to 2-2 on the five-game homestand.

Holiday made a pair of driving layups late in the fourth quarter to help spark the Pelicans.

With 2:14 left, Holiday drove left through the lane and a made a tough contested shot over Nic Batum. After a turnover by the Hornets, Holiday took Michael Kidd-Gilchrist to the hole and scored again.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	34	14	.708	—
Toronto	32	14	.696	1
Philadelphia	23	21	.523	9
New York	21	27	.438	13
Brooklyn	18	30	.375	16
Southeast Division				
Miami	27	20	.574	—
Washington	26	21	.553	1
Charlotte	19	27	.413	7½
Atlanta	14	33	.298	13
Orlando	14	33	.298	13
Central Division				
Cleveland	27	19	.587	—
Indiana	26	22	.542	2
Milwaukee	24	22	.522	3
Detroit	22	24	.478	5
Chicago	18	30	.375	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	34	12	.739	—
San Antonio	32	18	.640	4
New Orleans	26	21	.553	8½
Memphis	17	30	.362	17½
Dallas	16	32	.333	19
Northwest Division				
Minnesota	31	18	.633	—
Oklahoma City	27	20	.574	3
Portland	25	22	.532	5
Denver	24	23	.511	6
Utah	20	28	.417	10½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	38	10	.792	—
L.A. Clippers	23	23	.500	14
L.A. Lakers	18	29	.383	19½
Phoenix	17	31	.354	21
Sacramento	14	33	.298	23½

Wednesday's Scores

Indiana 116, Phoenix 101

New Orleans 101, Charlotte 96

Philadelphia 115, Chicago 101

Utah 98, Detroit 95, OT

Toronto 108, Atlanta 93

Houston 104, Dallas 97

San Antonio 108, Memphis 85

Minnesota at Portland, late

Boston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Sacramento at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

New York at Denver, 8 p.m.

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

HALL

From 1C

A switch-hitter who batted .303 with 468 home runs, Jones was an eight-time All-Star third baseman for the Atlanta Braves.

He was a force for most of the Atlanta teams that won 14 straight division titles — his election put another member of those Braves clubs in the Hall, along with pitchers John Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, manager Bobby Cox and general manager John Schuerholz.

Of the four new members, Jones was the only one to win a World Series. He joined Ken Griffey Jr. as the lone overall No. 1 draft picks to reach the Hall.

Jones and Thome made it 54 players elected in their first year of eligibility by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Jones drew 97.2 percent (410 of 422) of the vote and Thome was at 89.8 percent — 75 percent is needed for election.

"It was waterworks," Jones said after receiving the call.

Thome hit 612 home runs, ranking him eighth on the career list, and launched a record 13 walk-off homers. The five-time All-Star played mostly for the Cleveland Indians.

Thome was known for his pre-swing routine, standing absolutely still in the box while pointing his bat at the pitcher. He said the posture helped him relax, slow down and "not be so tense."

The slugger praised his longtime hitting coach, Charlie Manuel, for all the work they did together.

"It's about sweat equity, and getting after it," Thome said on MLB Network.

Guerrero was elected in his second try, getting 92.9 percent. The nine-time All-Star played half his career with the Montreal Expos.

The outfielder batted .318 with 449 homers and 1,496 RBIs, and was a notorious bad-ball hitter. He said he developed that talent as a kid in the Dominican Republic, playing a game similar to cricket in which hitters swung broomsticks while pitchers tried to bounce balls past them and knock over folded license plates.

"That opened up my hitting zone," Guerrero said through a translator.

Dominican Republic President Danilo Medina, who was in Switzerland, congratulated Guerrero, saying on his Twitter account that "it fills all Dominicans with pride that he has carried our flag to the top."

CDN television in the Dominican showed images of fireworks and people celebrating in the streets in Nizao, Guerrero's hometown located 30 miles west of the capital in Santo Domingo.

Hoffman was chosen in his third year, getting 79.9 percent after missing by just five votes last time. The former Padres closer used an outstanding changeup to post 601 saves, second to Mariano Rivera's 652, and revved up fans in San Diego with rocking entrances to "Hells Bells" by AC/DC.

Hoffman became the sixth pitcher who was mostly a reliever to make the Hall, along with Goose Gossage, Bruce Sutter, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers and Hoyt Wilhelm.

As for his wait, Hoffman said: "You can't do anything to enhance your career after not getting that call. I'm not worried about whatever year it is. I'm ecstatic to get in."

It took 317 votes to be elected. There were 422 ballots submitted, including one blank entry.

Martinez made a big move up to 70.4 percent and fell 20 votes short in his next-to-last year on the ballot. Mike Mussina climbed to 63.5 percent.

"It would have been great to get in this year, but it looks great for next year," Martinez said on a conference call.

Clemens, winner of 354 games and seven Cy Young Awards, got 57.3 percent after drawing 54.1 percent last time. Bonds, the career home run leader and a seven-time MVP, reached 56.4 percent, up from 53.8 percent.

Clemens and Bonds each get four more tries. They seem to be "gaining steam with newer voters," Jones said.

Omar Vizquel (37 percent), Scott Rolen (10.2) and Andruw Jones (7.3) were first-time candidates. Among the players who drew under 5 percent and fell off the ballot were Johnny Damon, Hideki Matsui and Johan Santana.

Pete Rose, permanently banned from Major League Baseball after an investigation into his betting on the game, didn't receive any write-in votes, as he often has in the past.

There are now 323 people in the Hall, including a rush of 23 elected by the BBWAA and veterans panels in the last five years.

The four new members will be inducted on July 29. They will be enshrined with pitcher Jack Morris and shortstop Alan Trammell, picked last month by a committee that considered older players and executives.

This matches the biggest lineup of living players to be inducted since 1955, when Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons, Dazzy Vance, Home Run Baker and Ray Schalk were honored.

"We have a large class," Hoffman said.

Rivera highlights the newcomers on next year's ballot, once again raising debate over whether any player will be unanimously elected to the Hall. Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte and the late Roy Halladay also will be first-time candidates.

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FRASER

From 1C

College. Fraser got limited playing time as a freshman at VCU and he decided to transfer to get that playing time and work on his game.

He talked to his UPLAY Canada AAU coach Dwayne Washington, who advised him that he knew of a junior college coach, who not only has been coaching a long time but knew what he was doing and could help him with his game. That coach was Rafferty.

Fraser, who is only one of two sophomores on the team, not only brought to the team some experience but Rafferty said he has brought toughness to a team that needs it, especially playing in the WJCAC.

"I like to drive a lot, I like to go for the rebounds," Fraser said. "We're not the biggest team out there, so for me I feel like I have to go out there and attack for the team."

Skill-wise and development-wise Fraser has gotten that out of his time with Rafferty and the Chaps. And yes, his confidence has returned. But it bothers him that the Chaps have had their struggles in a rebuilding season.

"I'm not too happy with how the season has gone, but the season is far from over," he said. "We have 10 games left. We're in the middle of the pack in our conference so we still have a chance to make it to the (regional) tournament. I'm not going to be happy unless we make the tournament. Where we're at right now, we've had a lot of downs but I'd rather have those downs right now and in the past so we can learn from that and come up with some victories so we can make it to the (regional) tournament."

MC has also lost players since the beginning of the school year for various reasons as the team only has eight available players to suit up. But Fraser said that has only made the remaining players grow closer.

"Other teams can sub in and sub out, but we'll just go with the guys that we have," he said. "At first it was tough but now we've gotten used to it and we've gotten our legs under us and I think it's actually helped us a lot. Over the past two weeks, we've started molding, we've started coming together and we started bonding more, so I think our team chemistry has gotten a lot better. The last game and the Frank Phillips game, you see what we can do if we all work together, work as one and don't play selfish. When we play unselfish, I think the sky's the limit."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

HOWARD COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 7:45 p.m., Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 6-14, 2-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College 15-6, 3-4
Last WJCAC game: Midland College 66, Western Texas College 52; Howard College 83, New Mexico Military 78, OT
Notes & quotes: Midland College Pat Rafferty said his team did things well in a lot of areas in the win over WTC and that's what it needs to do to be successful. He added that's the best the Chaps have done in all areas this season. MC had two players with double-doubles as Marquell Fraser had 24 points and 11 rebounds and Kayo Goncalves added 17 points and 11 rebounds. Kevin Kangu added 14 points in the win. ... Rafferty hopes that his team can do that again tonight but he's unsure because the Chaparrals have been inconsistent this season. "We still haven't shown that consistency in that day-to-day, game-to-game, possession-by-possession basis," Rafferty said. "What I expect from Howard is they find ways to win games and they have a variety of ways they can win games. They have an inside presence, they can defend, they have good perimeter players. They're not locked in finding a particular way to win. Over the course of 16 conference games, I think you have to have that versatility to win." ... HC is coming off an overtime win over NMMI as 6-foot-3 sophomore guard Jeremy Hayes and 6-6 sophomore forward Jake Hutchings each had 21 points for the Hawks.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

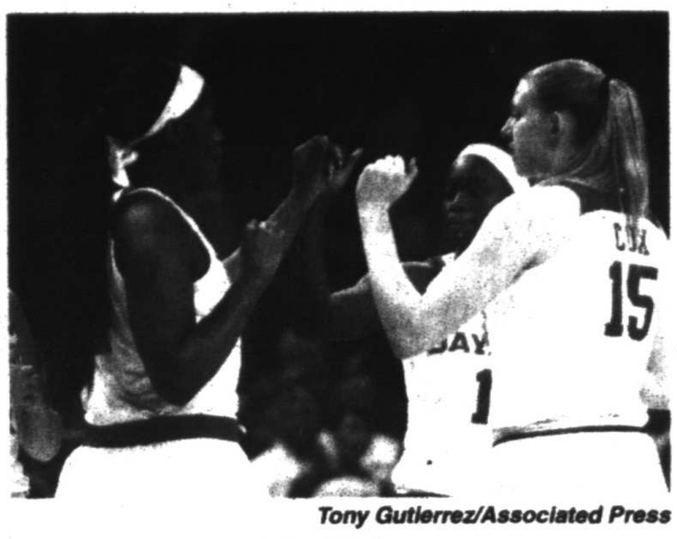
Midland College's Marquell Fraser (1) looks to pass against South Plains College on Nov. 29, 2017, at Chaparral Center.

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at New Mexico JC, 8:30 p.m. (CST) Feb. 1

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	6	0	17	2
South Plains	5	1	13	5
Clarendon College	4	2	14	6
Howard College	3	4	15	6
New Mexico Military	3	4	12	8
Western Texas	2	4	13	6
New Mexico JC	2	4	13	7
Midland College	**2**	**4**	**6**	**14**
Frank Phillips	1	5	9	11

Monday's Scores
Midland College 66, Western Texas College 52; Odessa College 89, Clarendon College 83; Howard College 83, New Mexico Military 78, OT; Frank Phillips College 79, New Mexico JC 74; South Plains College was open
Thursday's Games
Howard College at Midland College; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico JC at Odessa College; Clarendon College at South Plains College; New Mexico Military Institute at Northern New Mexico JV (non-conference)



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Baylor center Kalani Brown (21), forward Lauren Cox (15) and Dekeiya Cohen (1) greet each other on the court at the start of a game against Kansas State on Jan. 20, 2018 in Waco.

No. 3 Baylor women posting up big with Brown and Cox

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — After combining for only 17 points and being in foul trouble in a recent game for No. 3 Baylor, Kalani Brown and Lauren Cox agreed they had to prove a point.

"We had to show we're still there," Brown said.

The 6-foot-7 Brown, a junior who is the Big 12's top scorer, and the 6-foot-4 Cox have certainly posted up big for the Lady Bears (17-1, 7-0 Big 12). Baylor takes a 14-game winning streak into its home game Thursday against No. 6 Texas (15-3, 6-1), a matchup of the Big 12's top two teams.

"They needed to redeem themselves after the Oklahoma game," coach Kim Mulkey said. "I think they were obviously on a mission to not let the team down again because we do rely on those kids so much, and we ask them to do a lot of things."

Since the duo's rough outing — when the Lady Bears still won by 22 points, their slimmest winning margin this season — Brown and Cox have combined for 95 points, 62 rebounds, 14 assists and 14 blocked shots in their last two games .

Tara VanDerveer, who has coached plenty of big post players during her Hall of Fame career at Stanford, called Baylor's duo "double trouble" after the Lady Bears beat the Cardinal by 24 points early in the season.

"I think a lot of teams, they have like one of us. They have one big player, and a couple of others that are 6-foot or something like that," Cox said. "But I think it's real special that both of us are on the same team."

Brown and Cox account for 41 percent of the points scored by the Lady Bears, and grab 37 percent of the rebounds. In conference play, that is up to 44 percent of the scoring and 42 percent of the rebounding.

After they became the first Big 12 teammates to both have 19 rebounds in the same conference game, a 25-point victory in their last game, Kansas State coach Jeff Mittie likened Brown and Cox as having "a chance to play volleyball against the glass and rebound it more."

Baylor finished with a 69-24 rebounding margin over the Wildcats. Cox and Brown combined for 19 of Baylor's 32 offensive rebounds.

"Their front line's as formidable as one that I think that is in the country. Their size obviously, their experience in there," Mittie said.

"That's a lot of rebounds for two girls that play together. They have to share the rebounding and not fight over it," Mulkey said. "And to think that you had that many come off the boards and they both had the same number of rebounds is pretty impressive."

The Lady Bears are the national leader with an average rebound margin of 19.7, which is 5 1/2 more per game than second-best Texas.

Brown leads the Big 12 with 21.7 points per game and her 71 percent shooting from the field, and the junior center is fourth in the league with 9.3 rebounds per game. Cox is the league's second-leading rebounder at 9.9 per game while also ranking 11th with 15.1 points per game and 10th with 3.4 assists — many of those to Brown, who has often returned the favor.

At Iowa State days after the Oklahoma game, Brown had four assists — all in one quarter, and all to Cox. In that same quarter, Cox had two assists on baskets by Brown.

"We have great chemistry together, we really trust each other. So I think that's where all of the great passing comes from," said Cox, now starting as a sophomore. "Last year, there were five of us, so we weren't really getting to play with each other that much. And this year we're the two main post players, and so we get to work with each other a lot more."

Both play nearly 28 minutes per game, with only senior guard Kristy Wallace playing more — and just barely at exactly 28 minutes a game.

"Lauren and I have played together long enough to know how we want the ball," Brown said. "I guess we just know each other. We know our strengths and our weaknesses, and we're not going to put each other in jeopardy in any kind of way, or in a bad situation."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 100, Stephen F. Austin 92
Houston Baptist 102, Incarnate Word 86
Nicholls 79, Lamar 74
Sam Houston St. 75, SE Louisiana 65
Texas A&M-CC 80, Abilene Christian 66
SOUTH
Chattanooga 78, Samford 71
ETSU 84, Mercer 75
Florida Gulf Coast 98, North Florida 87
Florida St. 88, Georgia Tech 77
Jacksonville 76, Stetson 69
Lipscomb 92, SC-Upstate 78
Miami 78, Louisville 75, OT
NJIT 66, Kennesaw St. 60
New Orleans 73, Northwestern St. 67
Presbyterian 57, Charleston Southern 49
Radford 78, High Point 76, OT
South Carolina 77, Florida 72
UNC-Asheville 65, Gardner-Webb 60
UNC-Greensboro 71, Furman 61
Winthrop 95, Longwood 78
Wofford 63, VMI 46
FAR WEST
Utah St. 71, Air Force 49
MIDWEST
Evansville 75, Valparaiso 65
Loyola of Chicago 80, Drake 57
N. Iowa 83, Illinois St. 72
S. Illinois 82, Indiana St. 77
South Dakota 87, S. Dakota St. 68
Xavier 89, Marquette 70
EAST
Boston U. 75, Lafayette 72
Bucknell 87, Navy 67
Colgate 81, Army 76
DePaul 74, Georgetown 73
La Salle 87, UMass 72
Loyola (Md.) 91, Lehigh 88, 2OT
Maine 69, New Hampshire 68
Mass.-Lowell 82, Stony Brook 79, OT
Nebraska 60, Rutgers 54
Niagara 72, Manhattan 63
Rhode Island 78, Fordham 58
Richmond 77, Duquesne 73, OT
St. Bonaventure 70, Saint Joseph's 67
Syracuse 81, Boston College 63
UMBC 69, Binghamton 57
Vermont 61, Albany (NY) 50

Top 25 Fared

1. Villanova (19-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
2. Virginia (19-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Duke, Saturday.
3. Purdue (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Michigan, Thursday.
4. Duke (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Virginia, Saturday.
5. Kansas (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
6. Michigan State (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.
7. West Virginia (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.
8. Xavier (19-3) beat Marquette 89-70. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
9. Cincinnati (18-2) beat Temple 75-42. Next: at Memphis, Saturday.
10. North Carolina (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
11. Arizona (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
12. Oklahoma (15-4) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
13. Ohio State (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
14. Texas Tech (16-4) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
15. Gonzaga (17-4) did not play. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
16. Saint Mary's 19-2) did not play. Next: vs. BYU, Thursday.
17. Wichita State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.
18. Clemson (16-4) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
19. Auburn (18-2) beat Missouri 91-73. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.
20. Florida (14-6) lost to South Carolina 77-72. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
21. Arizona State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Thursday.
22. Tennessee (14-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
23. Nevada (18-3) at Wyoming. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wednesday.
24. Rhode Island (16-3) beat Fordham 78-58. Next: vs. Duquesne, Saturday.
25. Michigan (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Purdue, Thursday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 61, Texas A&M-CC 59
Cincinnati 58, SMU 40
Houston Baptist 58, Incarnate Word 56
Iowa St. 78, Oklahoma St. 69
Oklahoma 87, Kansas 64
Stephen F. Austin 59, Cent. Arkansas 46
SOUTH
Davidson 87, UMass 81
Dayton 66, Richmond 59
George Mason 81, Saint Louis 72
Lamar 76, Nicholls 61
New Orleans 81, Northwestern St. 63
Sam Houston St. 57, SE Louisiana 52
Tulane 84, East Carolina 58
UConn 93, Memphis 36
W. Carolina 114, Warren Wilson 54
FAR WEST
Air Force 57, Utah St. 50
Colorado St. 72, San Diego St. 43
Fresno St. 74, UNLV 72
MIDWEST
Ball St. 82, Bowling Green 41
Indiana 69, Wisconsin 55
Kent St. 62, Toledo 55
Miami (Ohio) 73, E. Michigan 69
Nebraska 75, Purdue 51
Nebraska-Omaha 80, N. Dakota St. 67
Ohio 77, N. Illinois 75
TCU 68, Kansas St. 63
W. Illinois 118, Denver 93
W. Michigan 59, Akron 51
EAST
Albany (NY) 67, Vermont 55
American U. 68, Holy Cross 63
Army 62, Colgate 54
Binghamton 81, UMBC 51
Bucknell 47, Navy 39
Duquesne 81, Saint Joseph's 42
George Washington 65, Rhode Island 52
Lafayette 47, Boston U. 45
Loyola (Md.) 67, Lehigh 64
Maine 59, New Hampshire 46
Penn 74, Temple 59
Stony Brook 59, Mass.-Lowell 50
West Virginia 82, Texas Tech 52

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (19-0) beat Memphis 93-36. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.
2. Mississippi State (20-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Thursday.
3. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Thursday.
4. Louisville (20-1) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (18-2) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
6. Texas (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Baylor, Thursday.
7. Oregon (18-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Friday.
8. Florida State (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Sunday.
9. South Carolina (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
10. Tennessee (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
11. Missouri (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Georgia, Thursday.
12. Ohio State (16-4) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
13. UCLA (15-4) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
14. Maryland (17-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Thursday.
15. Texas A&M (16-5) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
16. Michigan (18-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
17. Oregon State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
18. Duke (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
19. Oklahoma State (14-5) lost to Iowa State 78-69. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
20. West Virginia (17-4) beat Texas Tech 82-52. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Sunday.
21. Georgia (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Missouri, Thursday.
22. Green Bay (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. UIC, Friday.
23. California (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
24. TCU (14-5) beat Kansas State 68-63. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
25. Arizona State (14-6) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Friday.

THACKER

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"I thought she was one of our better players in the fall and in scrimmages. Hopefully she can get back into that rhythm where she can be a leader and a sophomore that can really produce."

Added Thacker: "I was really excited for this coming year, especially being a sophomore and being more of a leader. But it happens and now I'm getting back on track."

Thacker was hoping for a fresh start after transferring from NCAA Division I Idaho State University where she started 13 games. Thacker was one of a few players to leave the program in the offseason.

"Some of us didn't really feel welcome as players," she said. "It was more a straight basketball mindset. I've enjoyed (Midland College) a lot better, especially basketball. It's a lot more family environment and I feel a lot more taken care of. It's not just about coach winning but how we do as a team."

Jones is certainly glad to have her and hopes that she can finish the season strong.

"She's just a tough, gritty player," he said. "She'll rebound better than she should, she'll knock down some big shots. She's one of the players who's getting healthier and I think she'll help our team quite a bit."

Thacker now hopes her team can build off of Monday's win and make a move in the WJCAC standings. The Lady Chaps currently sit in third place, two games back of first place New Mexico Junior College.

"It was good to get a conference win. I think now we need to get on a roll and start getting these wins on the board and making our way to the top," she said.

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HOWARD COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m., Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 10-8, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College 12-10, 2-4
Last WJCAC game: Midland College 65, Western Texas College 60; Howard College 55, Odessa College 54 (Jan. 18)
Notes & quotes: Midland College snapped a two-game losing streak on Monday and the Lady Chaparrals overcame 30 turnovers to do so. MC coach Ron Jones, who picked up his 600th win at the program, said his team played with energy through most of the game and that helped. "I was happy with our attitude and liked our approach but we have to turn around and do it again," Jones said. "The teams that are most consistent are the ones that are going to survive 'cause there have been a lot of close games in this league. We expect another tight one (today) and we need to do things well and find a way to get through another week." Bethany Theodore led MC with 18 points, Alexandrea Washington had 13, Ella Tolaseono had 10 points and 11 rebounds and Melangkroa Flavell added nine points and 11 boards. ... Jones said Tofaseono (ankle) might not play today. ... Jones said the Hawks are always patient and disciplined and will look to slow things down." You can't speed up a team that refuses to be sped up," Jones said. "They do what they do well. We have to make sure we play full 30-second offensive possessions if that's what it takes." ... Howard is led by freshman 5-foot-7 guard Kaki Simpson with 13.8 ppg, 5-9 freshman guard Corbyn Cunningham is averaging 12.7 ppg and 6-1 sophomore forward Kendall Alsup is averaging 10.6 ppg.

Next: New Mexico JC at Howard College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Howard College at New Mexico JC, 6:45 p.m. (CST) Feb. 1

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	5	0	21	0
Frank Phillips	4	1	14	2
Midland College	**3**	**2**	**10**	**8**
Western Texas	3	3	11	6
Clarendon College	2	3	18	3
Howard College	2	4	12	10
South Plains	1	4	14	7
Odessa College	1	4	13	7

Monday's Scores
Midland College 65, Western Texas College 60; Clarendon College 84, Odessa College 76; New Mexico JC 71, Frank Phillips College 48; Howard College and South Plains College were open
Today's Games
Howard College at Midland College; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico JC at Odessa College; Clarendon College at South Plains College

TEXAS WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 20 WEST VIRGINIA 82 TEXAS TECH 52

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Katrina Pardee hit six 3-pointers and scored 23 points, Teana Muldrow moved into the top 10 in career scoring and No. 20 West Virginia rolled to an 82-52 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

Pardee opened the scoring with a 3-pointer and had four of the six 3s in the first quarter for the Mountaineers (17-4, 5-4 Big 12), who took a 24-10 lead. Knocking down a season-high 13 3s on 24 attempts, West Virginia lead by 18 at the half.

Muldrow had 18 points, giving her 1,555 to move into the Mountaineers' top 10. She also had seven rebounds and four steals. Chanis Ray had four 3s and 18 points and Naomi Davenport scored 14.

Erin Degrate had 20 points for Texas Tech (7-13, 1-8), which shot 55 percent but also committed 30 turnovers that led to 38 West Virginia points. The Mountaineers had 11 turnovers and 20 assists on 30 baskets.

22, NO. 24 TCU 68 K-STATE 63

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Amy Okonkwo scored 22 points, including the clinching layup with eight seconds left, and No. 24 TCU celebrated its first appearance in the Top 25 in seven years with a 68-63 win over Kansas State on Wednesday night. Kianna Ray had a chance to put the Horned Frogs (14-5, 5-3 Big 12) up by two possessions with 11 seconds left but only made the first of two free throws. She atoned for the miss with a steal and then Okonkwo secured their fifth straight win by getting inside on the inbounds play.

Okonkwo had eight points in the third quarter as TCU broke away from a 34-34 halftime tie to lead 58-47 entering the fourth quarter. The Horned Frogs led by 13 with just under nine minutes to play but Ray's 3-pointer with four minutes to go was their only basket in a 14-3 K-State run. TCU went 1 for 5 with five turnovers before the clinching plays by Ray and Okonkwo.

Federer reaches Australian Open semifinals, will face Chung

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer got cranky at the chair umpire for a technology flaw in his Australian Open quarterfinal match, using the rare emotional outburst as motivation.

It helped. The 36-year-old Federer, now the oldest semifinalist in Melbourne in 41 years, beat long-time rival Tomas Berdych 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday and will next face a challenge from the next generation.

That will be against 21-year-old Hyeon Chung, the first South Korean to reach a Grand Slam semifinal and the youngest to reach the last four at a major since 2010.

Federer's victory extended his winning streak to 14 in Australian Open quarterfinals and to nine in a personal rivalry with Berdych that dates back to 2004. The 19-time major champion leads that head-to-head contest 20-6, including all five meetings at Melbourne Park.

Federer had to overcome a shaky start, dropping his opening service game and uncharacteristically questioning chair umpire Fergus Murphy because of a technological fault. With Berdych serving for the first set in the ninth game, Federer had challenged a line call.

After a lengthy delay, Murphy called the control room and confirmed the replay graphic couldn't be displayed on the stadium screen, and also that the original decision stood. When he added that Federer had no challenges remaining for the set, Federer approached the chair and the crowd cheers intensified.

"Yeah, but you can't steal my challenge," Federer told Murphy. "Do you feel comfortable with this? You're OK with it?"

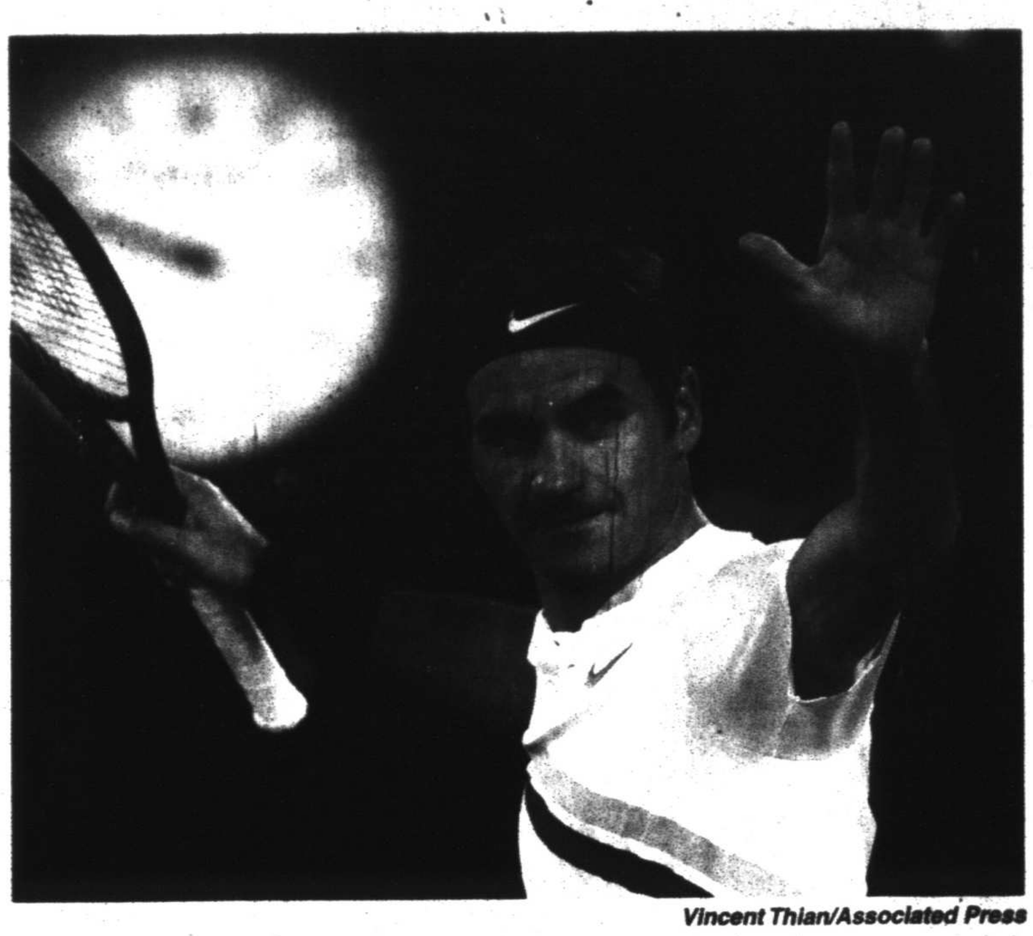
Seven points later, he eventually broke Berdych to get back on serve, and then won the tiebreaker. The match was as good as over.

"I had to get a bit lucky. A bit angry. A bit frustrated maybe at the umpire," Federer said. "Anyway, glad to get out of that first set. It was key to the match."

Federer later said he just wanted an explanation from the chair, and agreed that blowing off steam helped his cause.

"I was under pressure. It was definitely very close, the turning point," he said. "I played a great breaker. But coming back from 5-2 in the first set, it was clearly big tonight."

Chung beat 97th-ranked Tennys Sandgren 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in the afternoon match.



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Roger Federer celebrates after defeating Tomas Berdych in their quarterfinal at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday.

He hadn't let up in upset wins over No. 4 Alexander Zverev or six-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic, but he let his guard down in the last game against Sandgren and needed six match points to finish it off.

"In last game, I think at 40-love ... if I win one more point, I make history in Korea. I have to think about the ceremony, something," Chung said, explaining how he let his celebrations get slightly ahead of the result. "After deuce, break point. I was like, 'No, nothing to do with ceremony. But just keep playing — keep focused.'"

In an on-court interview, he introduced the audience to his parents and his coach, and took the microphone to speak in Korean to millions of new tennis fans back home.

"I think all the people is watching Australian Open now," he said.

The 58th-ranked Chung is the lowest-ranked man to reach the Australian Open semifinals since Marat Safin in 2004.

With Chung already through, and Kyle Edmund playing No. 6 Marin Cilic in the other half of the draw, it's the first time since 1999 that multiple unseeded players have reached the Australian Open semifinals.

Federer has been keeping an eye on Chung's progress.

"To beat Novak on this court is particularly difficult. ... He's incredibly impressive in his movement, reminds me obviously a lot of Novak," Federer said. "He's clearly got nothing to lose. I will tell myself the same and we'll see what happens."

Chung, who won the inaugural Next Gen ATP Finals title in November, was too consistent for Sandgren, a 26-year-old American who had never won a match at a Grand Slam tournament or beaten a top-10 player until last week.

The women's semifinals were determined earlier Wednesday, when top-ranked Simona Halep recovered from an early break to win nine straight games in a 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 6 Karolina Pliskova, and 2016 Australian Open champion Angelique Kerber routed U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys 6-1, 6-2. In the other semifinal match, No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki will play 22-year-old Elise Mertens.

Halep, a two-time French Open finalist, has had a tough road — having to save match points in a third-round win over Lauren Davis that finished 15-13 in the third — to reach the semifinals at Melbourne Park for the first time.

Kerber, the only major champion still in contention, is riding a 14-match winning streak.

She won the Australian and U.S. Open titles two years ago and reached the No. 1 ranking, but slipped into the 20s last year. She didn't win a title between the 2016 U.S. Open and the Sydney International earlier this month.

"I am just trying to find the feeling back that I had, like 2016," Kerber said, "and just enjoying my time."

MELBOURNE — Results Wednesday from the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles
Quarterfinal
Hyeon Chung, Republic of Korea, def. Tennys Sandgren, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Tomas Berdych (19), Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-4

Women's Singles
Quarterfinal
Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Karolina Pliskova (6), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (21), Germany, def. Madison Keys (17), United States, 6-1, 6-2.

Men's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Oliver Marach, Austria and Mate Pavic (7), Croatia, def. Dominic Inglot, Britain and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, 6-4, 6-7 (10), 7-6 (5).
Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (11), Colombia, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia and Sam Groth, Australia, 6-4, 7-5.

Women's Doubles
Semifinal
Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (5), Hungary, def. Shuai Peng, China and Su-Wei Hsieh (8), Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2.
Elena Vesnina, Russia and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania and Irina Begu (10), Romania, 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal
Rohan Bopanna, India and Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Juniors Men's Singles
Third Round
Timofey Skatov (1), Russia, def. Yanki Erel, Turkey, 0-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Chun Hsin Tseng (6), Taiwan, def. Igor Gimenez, Brazil, 6-2, 7-6.
Aidan Mchugh, Britain, def. Ondrej Styler (14), Czech Republic, 7-6, 6-3.
Rinky Hijikata, Australia, def. Drew Baird, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
Sebastian Korda (7), United States, def. Philip Henning, South Africa, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Ray Ho, Taiwan, def. Wojciech Marek, Poland, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6.
Hugo Gaston (5), France, def. Alexey Zakharov (12), Russia, 7-5, 1-0.
Marko Miladinovic (2), Serbia, def. Rudolf Molleker, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Juniors Women's Singles
Third Round
Xin Yu Wang (1), China, def. Menanchaya Sawangtawee, Thailand, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Naho Sato (5), Japan, def. Luka Radovcic (10), Switzerland, 7-6, 6-7, 6-1.
Dalayna Hewitt, United States, def. Amber Marshall, Australia, 7-6, 6-2.
Clara Burel, France, def. Elysia Bolton (12), United States, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.
Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, def. Hong Yi Cody Wong, Hong Kong, 6-4, 6-2.
Daniela Vismane (13), Latvia, def. Daria Frayman, Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Xiyu Wang (9), China, def. Alexa Noel (7), United States, 6-3, 7-5.
En Shuo Liang (2), Taiwan, def. Kamilla Rakhimova (16), Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Juniors Men's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Henri Squire, Germany and Rudolf Molleker, Germany, def. Philip Henning, South Africa and Andrew Paulson, Czech Republic, 6-7, 7-5, 10-5.
Thiago Agustin Tirante, Argentina and Filip Cristian Jianu, Romania, def. Naoki Tajima, Japan and Alexey Zakharov (3), Russia.
Ondrej Styler, Czech Republic and Tomas Machac (6), Czech Republic, def. Aidan Mchugh, Britain and Timofey Skatov (4), Russia, 2-6, 7-5, 10-6.
Hugo Gaston, France and Clément Tabur (7), France, def. Nicolas Mejia, Colombia and Sebastian Korda (2), United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Juniors Women's Doubles
Quarterfinal
En Shuo Liang, Taiwan and Xin Yu Wang (1), China, def. Dalayna Hewitt, United States and Peyton Stearns, United States, 7-6, 6-3.
Yuki Naito, Japan and Naho Sato (3), Japan, def. Gabriella Da Silva Fick, Australia and Ivana Popovic, Australia, 7-5, 4-6, 11-9.
Violet Apisah, Australia and Lulu Radovcic (7), Switzerland, def. Loudmilla Bencheikh, France and Mana Kawamura, Japan, 7-6, 6-2.
Simona Waltert, Switzerland and Xiyu Wang (2), China, def. Megan Smith, Australia and Olivia Gadecki, Australia, 6-3, 7-6.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL

AUSTIN: Water stained; 36-47 degrees; 0.82 feet low. Black bass are slow jigs and Texas rigs. Sunfish are fair on cut nightcrawlers. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

BASTROP: Water stained; 38-42 degrees. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait, chicken livers, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow. -

BELTON: Water stained; 44-49 degrees; 3.04 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers, doughballs, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 46-52 degrees; 3.33 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits, jigs, crankbaits, and soft plastics off points in coves. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 43-54 degrees; 4.54 feet low. Black bass are fair on pumpkin/chartreuse Curb's jigs. Texas rigged weightless watermelon/blue flake Whacky Sticks, and smoke/red flake grubs in 5-12 feet. Striped bass are fair jigging Pirk Minnows and drifting or free lining live bait. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live goldfish.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 39-48 degrees; 3.54 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin Whacky Sticks on jigheads and Texas rigged blue flake Scoundrel worms. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on live bait.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 39-46 degrees; 2.45 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are slow.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp over baited holes.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 40-48 degrees; 0.30 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on shrimp, stinkbait, and hot dogs.

GRANGER: Water stained; 36-47 degrees; 0.11 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with shad and cut bait in 3-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 39-46 degrees; 0.70 feet low. Black bass are good on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, watermelon/red crankbaits, and wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair vertically jigging Pirk Minnows. Crappie are good on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and shrimp. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 40-49 degrees; 1.96 feet low. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 38-47 degrees; 2.82 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on frozen shad and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 38-46 degrees; 0.12 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 41-49 degrees; 3.63 feet low. Black bass are slow. White bass are good on pet spoons and smoke grubs. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 36-47 degrees; 11.82 feet low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits, watermelon worms, and jigs. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on white jigging spoons and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on frozen shrimp and frozen shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 36-44 degrees; 4.57 feet low. Black bass are fair on perch colored Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on silver slabs. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp, nightcrawlers, and stinkbait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 38-49 degrees; 23.25 feet low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics in 18-25 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigging spoons. White bass are fair on jigging spoons and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained to muddy upriver; 42-51 degrees; 5.39 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair drifting live bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 41-49 degrees; 2.42 feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 15.35 feet low. After a period of drought, the lake caught water and boating is now allowed. However, it is not currently recommended for fishing due to severe golden alga blooms.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water off color; 42-48 degrees; 1.87 feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 41-49 degrees; 3.12 feet low. Black bass are slow. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 43-48 degrees; 1.37 feet low. No reports on black bass. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on live bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 41-47 degrees; 10.73 feet low. Black bass slow on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 41-52 degrees; 37.82 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 39-46 degrees; 1.38 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnow. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

SPENCE: 51.17 feet low. Catfish are fair on live bream, cut bait and nightcrawlers.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 38-49 degrees; 0.57 feet low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. White bass are fair on live bait. Blue catfish are fair on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 39-45 degrees; 24.34 feet low. This lake is currently experiencing a fish kill due to golden alga. Biologists are monitoring the situation and will post updates as they become available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 38-46 degrees; 21.56 feet low. Black bass are slow. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on cheese bait.

NASSAR

From 1C

praised journalists, including those at the Indianapolis Star, who were among the first to report on the allegations.

Although Nassar's work with gymnasts received the most attention, the allegations against him spanned a dozen sports over 25 years.

At one point, Nassar turned to the courtroom gallery to make a brief statement, saying that the victims' accounts had "shaken me to my core." He said "no words" can describe how sorry he is.

"I will carry your words with me for the rest of my days" he said as many of his accusers wept.

The judge then read from a letter that Nassar had written to her that raised questions about whether he's truly remorseful. The victims who packed the courtroom gasped as they heard passages that included "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" and another in which Nassar said the "stories" about him were fabricated.

He also defended his actions with the athletes as "medical, not sexual."

"I was a good doctor because my treatment worked, and those patients that are now speaking out were the same ones that praised and came back over and over, and referred family and friends to see me," Nassar wrote.

One of the first athletes to publicly accuse Nassar of sexual assault was the last victim to offer a statement at the hearing.

Rachael Denhollander is a Kentucky lawyer who stepped forward in 2016 after the sport's governing body was accused of mishandling complaints of sexual assault. She said Nassar groped and fondled her when she was a 15-year-old gymnast in Michigan.

Denhollander's statements to Michigan State University police put the criminal investigation in high gear in 2016.

"You have become a man ruled by selfish and perverted desires," she told Nassar, who worked at the university and USA Gymnastics, the governing body that also trains Olympians.

Hours after the sentencing, Michigan lawmakers voted overwhelmingly for a nonbinding House resolution that seeks the removal of the university's president over allegations that the school missed chances to stop Nassar.

Nassar pleaded guilty to assaulting seven people in the Lansing area, including in the basement of his home and at his campus office. But the sentencing hearing was open to anyone who said they were a victim.

Accusers said he would use his ungloved hands to penetrate them, often without explanation, while they were on a table seeking help for various injuries.

The accusers, many of whom were children, said they trusted Nassar and were in denial about what was happening or were afraid to speak up. He sometimes used a sheet or his body to block the view of any parent in the room.

Several elite former gymnasts talked about how Nassar won their allegiance with candy, Olympic trinkets and encouraging words while they were under constant scrutiny from demanding coaches.

The judge praised the victims who appeared in her court, calling them "sister survivors." The women included Olympians Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber and McKayla Maroney.

The judge also called for a broader investigation into how the abuse was allowed to go on for so long. She said justice "requires more" than what she can do.

The CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee soon announced an independent inquiry. Scott Blackmun said the third-party investigation will attempt to determine "who knew what and when."

Brooke Hylek, a gymnast who plans to compete in college, heaped scorn on Nassar.

"I cannot believe I ever trusted you, and I will never forgive you," she said Tuesday. "I'm happy you will be spending the rest of your life in prison. Enjoy hell by the way."

Amendola making playoffs his playground for Patriots

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Danny Amendola is Bill Belichick's kind of player.

After battling injuries throughout 2016, the 5-foot-11, 180-pound receiver has had some of the best moments of his five-year Patriots' tenure during their past two playoff runs.

It started last year with his touchdown catch and game-tying 2-point conversion during New England's comeback win over Atlanta in the Super Bowl.

Amendola's been just as dependable this postseason. He caught 11 passes for a playoff career-high 112 yards in New England's divisional-round win over Tennessee.

He then hauled in two touchdown catches, including the winner, in the Patriots' AFC championship game win over Jacksonville. He enters his third Super Bowl as New England's leader in receptions, yards and touchdowns this postseason.

"When you look up 'good football player' in the dictionary his picture is right there beside it," Belichick said of the 32-year-old. "It doesn't matter what it is. Fielding punts, third down, big play, red area, onside kick recovery — whatever we need him to do."

Often Tom Brady's third option in the passing game behind Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman, Amendola reworked his contract this past offseason just to stay in New England.

"I have a lot of great memories here," he said. "Any negative thing or anything that's tried to hinder me, I try to ignore and focus on the positive things that have been going on in this building for the last five years for me."

Belichick credits Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, then the St. Louis Rams offensive coordinator when Amendola was there in 2011, with recognizing his potential.

Amendola was originally signed by Dallas as undrafted free agent out of Texas Tech in 2008. Following stints on the practice squads for the Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles, he was in his third season with the Rams when he caught McDaniels' eye.

"You saw a good player in St. Louis, but you didn't see all the things behind the scenes that you kind of can see when you actually have the player on your team," Belichick said.

"Josh saw that and he made us aware of all the things that Danny does and how well he does them."

When McDaniels got back to New England in 2012, he pushed Belichick to sign Amendola when he became a free agent in the spring of 2013.

Amendola's role increased in 2017 after Edelman tore the ACL in his right knee during the preseason and Malcolm Mitchell went on injured reserve for a knee injury prior to the start of the regular season.

Amendola found himself in the game plan even more when Chris Hogan had a shoulder injury in Week 10 at Denver.

Whether it was those injuries or Gronkowski leaving the AFC title game with a concussion, Amendola said he's tried his best to adapt.

"I don't feel any added pressure," he said. "Every play I'm competing my tail off to try to win the route, win the block or whatever my job is on that play.

"Whoever is in the game, whoever is beside me, I have a lot of trust and faith in them whether it's Gronk or Cookie (Brandin Cooks) or Hoagie (Hogan). Whoever it is, I know we have a lot of trust in this room."

That trust has morphed into what Amendola describes as an unspoken language on the field with Brady. Now, a simple glance from his quarterback can lead to an adjustment that can be the difference between an incompletion or a touchdown.

"He's made so many big catches," Brady said. "I'm always looking for him at some point. I mean, he's a big part of what we do, so he's never not part of what we're doing."

As for his postseason success, Amendola says he's always brought the same approach.

"It's a lot about preparation, circumstance, opportunity, being ready and no fear," he said. "Just get out there and get it done."

NOTES: The Patriots did not practice Wednesday, but Gronkowski was listed with a concussion on the injury report the team is required to release. Joining him on the list were defensive lineman Deatrich Wise, Jr. (concussion), defensive lineman Malcolm Brown (foot), running back Mike Gillislee (knee) and offensive lineman LaAdrian Waddle (knee).

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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)	Grey's Anatomy "Personal Jesus" (N)		Scandal "Good People" (N)		With Murder "She Keeps Secrets" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	MVP: Most Valuable Performer (L)		Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	S.W.A.T. "Miracle"		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 Pathetic Patient"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week Four" challengers face off against The Four. (N)		A new set of		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Supersto re (N)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace	Great News (N)	Chicago Fire "Slamigan" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wild West	Two for the Road	Daytri-pper	Places to Love	Antique "Harrisburg (Hour Three)"		Aman-pour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Stories
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law:CI "The Gift"		Law & Order: C.I.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★★★		★★★ Lords of Dogtown Heath Ledger.				★★★ The Doors ('91, Bio) Meg Ryan, Val Kilmer.					Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Mosaic	(:50) ★★★ Deepwater Horizon				HighMain	(:10) Mosaic			★★★ Shopgirl
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:05) Mosaic		★★ Gone in 60 Seconds Nicolas Cage.				★ In a Valley of Violence			(:45) David Bowie: Five Years		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★★ Welcome to Mooseport				★★★ Hoosiers ('86, Dra) Gene Hackman.				★★ The Time Traveler's			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Sleight		★★ Jennifer's Body Megan				(:45) ★ First Kill ('17, Act) Bruce Willis.					★★★ Cape Fear Robert De
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	★ The Layover			★★ Yao Queen Latifah.				(:40) ★★ National Security		(:10) ★★★ Step	
PLEX			96			(4:40) ★ For Love of ...		★ The Pink Panther Strikes A...				(:05) ★★★ Revenge of the Pink Panther			(:25) ★★ The Naked Gun		
SHOW	320	585	19	140	25	(:20) Shameless		(:20) ★ Chuck ('16, Dra) Liev Schreiber.					The Chi "Ghosts"		SNCTM	The Chi "Ghosts"	Shame.
TMC	336	579	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ As I AM: T...		★ Don't Knock Twice ('17, Hor)				(:35) ★★ The Boy Lauren			(:15) ★★★ Blood and Chocolate		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(5:00) 60 Days In "Shank Anxiety"		60 Days In "Pissed Off"		60 Days In "Party Favors"				60 Days In "Jail Crush" (N)	(:05) First 48 "Love Hate/ A Soldier's Life"		(:05) 60 Days In "Pissed Off"
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ ★★★ True		★ ★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.						★ ★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Richard Gere.			Movie
BET	58			40		★ ★★ Big Momma's Like Father, Like Son Martin Lawrence.						Black (N)	Mancave	Rundown	Black	Mancave	Rundown
BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Listing (N)		(:15) T Chef "Restaurant Wars" (N)			Million Dollar List		(:45) Chef
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Murder Isle		Murder Isle		Murder Isle		Interrogation Room		Murder Isle		Interrogation Room	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	★ ★★★ Brave Kelly Macdonald.			StuckM.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Underc.	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Texas at Baylor (L)				NFL Football		Winter X Games Aspen 2018 (L)				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Michigan at Purdue (L)				NCAA Basketball C. Flo./Wich. (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Hercules		Beyond (N)		★ ★★ Jumper ('08, Adv) Hayden Christensen.				The 700 Club		★★ Vegas	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bear Bryant Award Show (N)		Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Post-game (L)	Stars Insider	Bear Bryant Award Show	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Maze		★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14, Act) Nicola Peltz, Mark Wahlberg.							★ ★★ 2012 ('09, Act) John		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Full House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers			(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway	(:55) ProjectR	PR Stars Social (N)	(:50) Rewind	Project Runway: All Stars "Balls Out! " (N)		Model "Learning the Ropes" (N)		To Be Announced		PR Stars Social	(:50) Rewind
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				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings (L)					NHL Overtime (L)			Fanatics	Fanatics	Fanatics
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Sponge	★ ★★ Rango ('11, Ani) Isla Fisher, Johnny Depp.					Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync	Lip Sync		★★★ The Devil Wears Prada ('06, Com) Meryl			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ G.I. Joe: Ret...		(:05) ★ ★ Tomorrowland ('15, Adv) George Clooney, Brit.						The Magicians		Happy!	Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Brooklyn "USPIS"	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan (N)		Detour "The Run"	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Valley of ...		★ ★★ Fanny ('61, Rom) Maurice Chevalier, Leslie.						★ ★★ The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse			
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Alicia's Story" Alicia feels her addiction to food will kill her. (N)				Family by-Ton "One Step at a Time" (N)		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Alicia's Story" Alicia feels her addiction to food will kill her.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)				NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nashville (N)		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Taboo"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manipulated"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gone"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Forty-One Witnesses"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Celibacy before marriage puts extra urgency on setting a date

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: I'm a 50-year-old male engaged to be married to my elementary school sweetheart, "Marie." This will be the second marriage for both of us. We've been dating for six years, three of which were a long-distance relationship.

During a time when her mother became ill and sadly passed, Marie told me God had spoken to her and told her not to be sexually active anymore until we're married. I respect and want to honor her and God, but my concern is that we haven't even discussed a wedding date. The earliest could still be six or eight months away. Am I wrong for feeling resentment toward Marie, and will this resentment create problems after marriage with our bedroom life? — ON HOLD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ON HOLD: You and Marie have known each other for many years, and know each other very well in every sense. Because Marie doesn't want to have intimate relations again until after you are married, you should not only discuss a wedding date, but also an elopement.

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old son, "Jeremy," sister takes my nephews for modeling and acting assignments. They have been in print ads, websites for clothing, and even a movie.

I was shocked when she told me her 6-year-old is interviewed without a parent present in the room. The boy is bright, self-possessed and spirited, but still — he's only 6. Given the recent revelations about industry-wide problems with child sexual abuse ("An Open Secret" documentary), was I out of line to suggest she have a device to listen in and record? — CONCERNED AUNTIE

DEAR CONCERNED AUNTIE: Better than that, minor children should have a trusted and responsible adult present — whether it's a parent, another relative or the child's agent. That way, EVERYONE would be protected.

DEAR ABBY: My no longer speaks to me because I asked him to move out. I'm not a fan of his girlfriend, and I'm worried about drugs. Jeremy and I have always been super close. I am so sad and I want to do what's right for both of us. What should I do? — TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR TRYING: I don't know how emotionally mature Jeremy is, but chronologically he's an adult. If you suspected that he was using drugs while living with you, you had the right to insist he be tested for them — the tests are easily obtainable — as a condition of his continuing to live with you. However, for you to have based living under your roof on the condition that you "liked" his girlfriend was heavy-handed. It was wrong, and for that you should apologize. If you do, perhaps it will give you a chance to mend fences.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

A lot of fun

Neither vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ A K Q 3
♡ A 10 8
◇ A J 7 6 4
♣ A

WEST
♠ 7 6 5
♡ K 9 5
◇ 10 8 2
♣ Q 9 7 4

EAST
♠ J 9 8 4 2
♡ J
◇ K 9 5 3
♣ 10 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 10
♡ Q 7 6 4 3 2
◇ Q
♣ K J 8 6 5

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♠	Pass	3♣	Dbl
3◇	4♡	Pass	6♡
All pass			

Opening lead: Five of ♠

East-West were having a lot of fun in the bidding, but they wouldn't have had much fun in the play. A contract of three spades, doubled, would have seen the defense taking nine tricks rather than the declarer. We've often thought that there should be a bonus for the defense if they make declarer's contract, but the laws make no such provision. South was Andrew Robson, one of England's all-time greats. He couldn't possibly imagine such a successful defense so he made the aggressive game bid that his exciting distribution suggested. North must have been quite surprised to hear an aggressive bid from partner after all the East-West bidding, but he bid the slam that his high cards suggested.

Robson made no mistake in the play. He won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and continued with the king of spades, shedding a club from hand. When he saw West follow with the six of spades, after leading the five, Robson cashed the queen of spades and discarded another club. He then cashed the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs, and the ace of diamonds, followed by a diamond ruff in his hand.

He cashed the king of clubs and ruffed his last club with dummy's eight of hearts. When that held the trick, he led the 10 of hearts and conceded a trump trick to West, making his contract. At the other table, one of the world's best declarers failed in the same contract. Surprisingly, the auction at his table also started with a weak two-bid from East.

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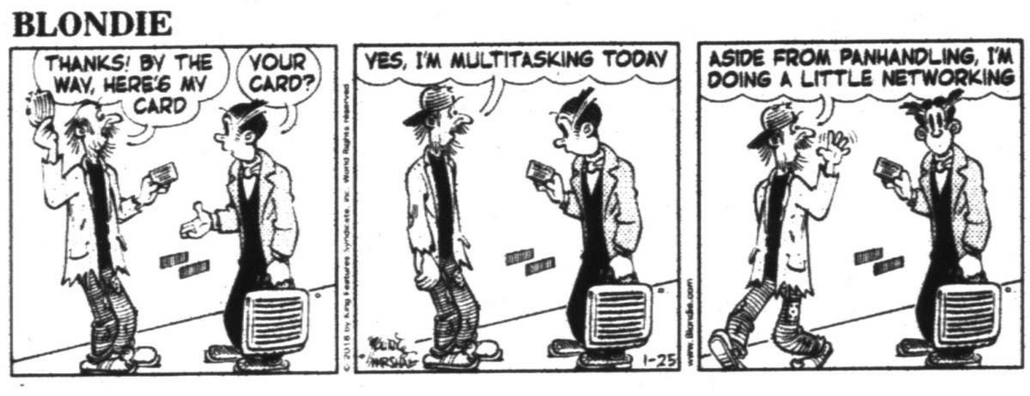

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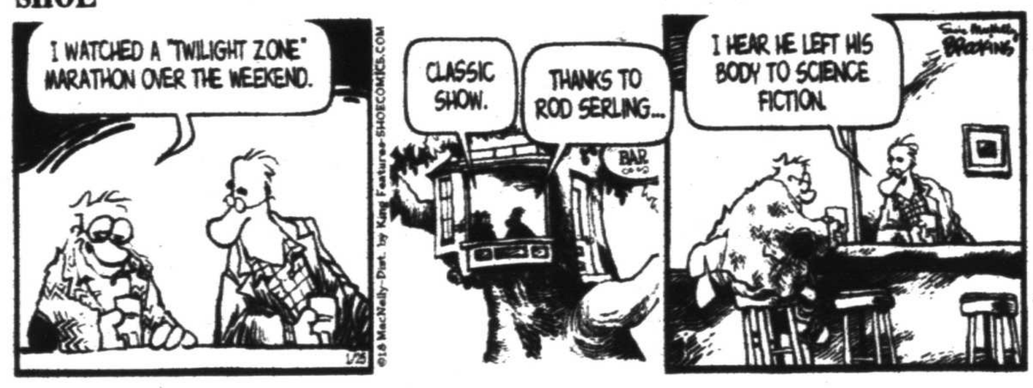

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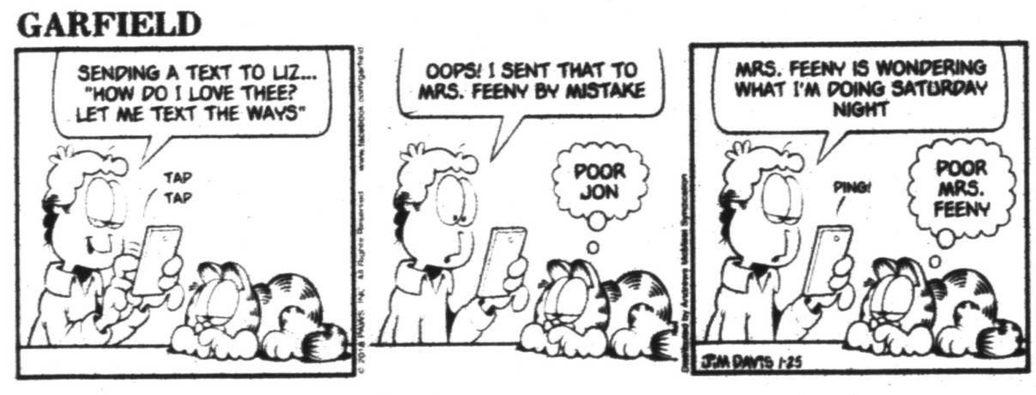

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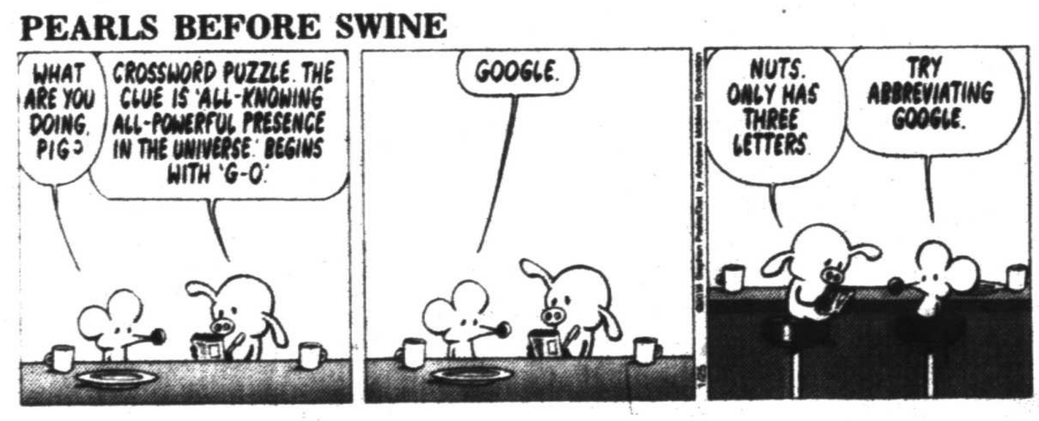

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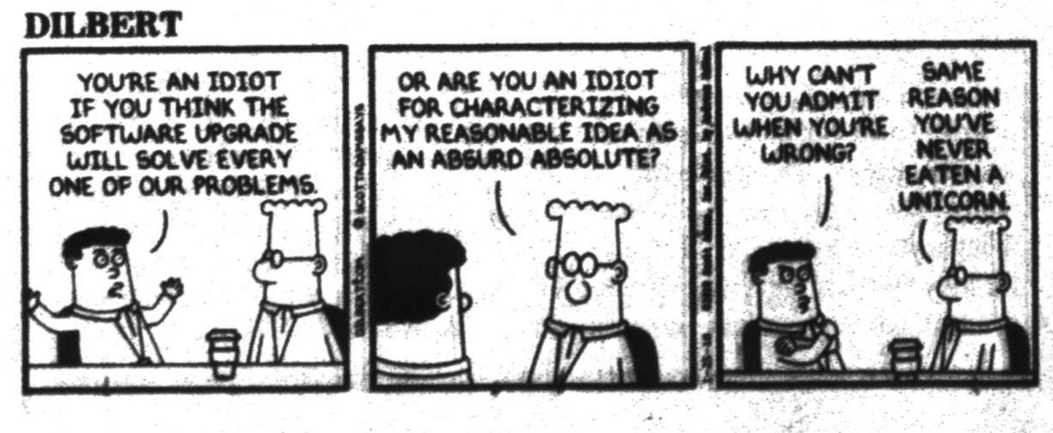

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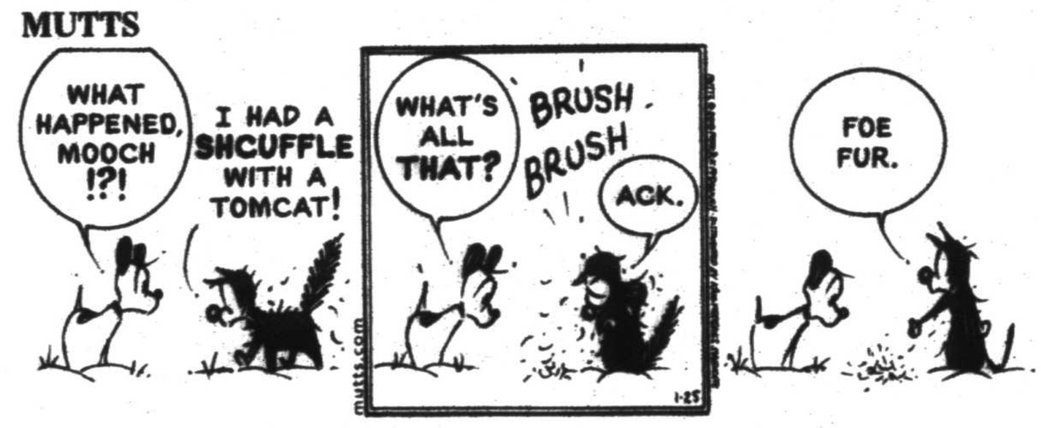


CLOSE TO HOME

"It's a variation on the Paleo Diet. We're able to eat anything that Jerry can knock into the cart using a primitive club."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THIS TIME I'LL COVER MY EARS WHEN YOU MIGG."

LOCKHORNS

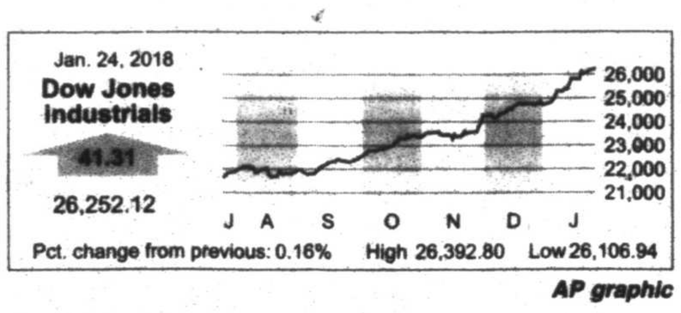
"EVERY TIME I AGREE TO DISAGREE, LORETTA CHANGES HER MIND."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I need homework help. Which of you guys is still on the clock?"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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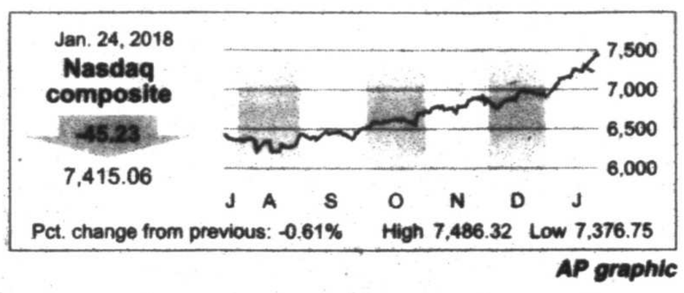

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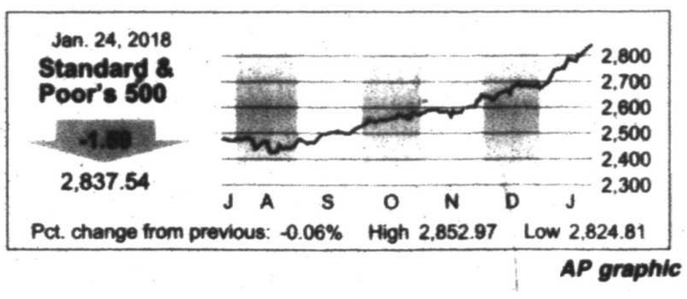

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $65.61
Previous: $64.47

POSTED

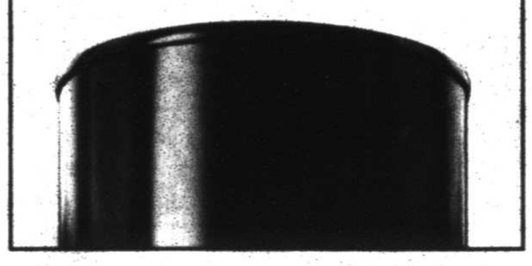
Wednesday: $62.00
Previous: $61.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $59.65
Previous: $58.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.509
Previous: $3.444



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	1671367	16.44	-.45
S&P500ETF	1346126	283.12	-.12
BiotAm	615157	32.09	+.17
SPDR Fncl	683634	30.01	+.20
PUVixST rs	647367	9.71	+.46

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Startek	13.55	+3.22	+31.2
Grainger	271.97	+42.52	+18.5
MarineMx	23.25	+3.15	+15.7
CentElBr B	7.10	+.92	+14.9
Jianpu n	8.81	+1.12	+14.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Teekay	9.30	-1.44	-13.4
PrUSHBiz s	6.67	-.93	-11.9
UtdContl	69.05	-8.92	-11.4
RPC	22.34	-2.79	-11.1
ValeantPh	19.86	-2.42	-10.9

Diary

Advanced	1,270
Declined	1,635
Unchanged	114
Total issues	3,019
New Highs	366
New Lows	43
Volume	3,971,222,551

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	80157	3.39	+.08
B2gold g	71748	3.24	+.09
NovaGld g	45530	4.42	+.42
iShIndia bt	44923	37.97	-.09
NDynMn g	43602	1.60	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
US Geoth rs	5.39	+1.15	+27.1
NovaGld g	4.42	+.42	+10.5
GabGoAfn n	19.28	+1.23	+6.8
VolitionRX	3.95	+.24	+6.5
Talung n	2.56	+.16	+6.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Barnwell	2.30	-.35	-13.3
LeveBr n	4.79	-.32	-6.2
NTN Buzz rs	5.26	-.34	-6.1
Ashford	89.58	-4.40	-4.7
TrioTch	6.26	-.31	-4.7

Diary

Advanced	166
Declined	157
Unchanged	18
Total issues	341
New Highs	20
New Lows	3
Volume	126,687,833

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PrShs QQQ	3377733	168.45	-1.06
Apple Inc	5133841	74.22	-2.82
Comcast s	476277	42.99	+.55
Intel	337312	45.50	-.56
Microsoft	327341	91.82	-.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ActivUS rs	2.02	+.50	+32.8
RF Inds	3.40	+.80	+30.8
OneHorz rs	2.21	+.51	+30.0
OpGen n rs	5.21	+1.19	+29.6
Itus Cp hrs	5.52	+1.00	+22.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PumaBiotc	64.70	-26.20	-28.8
SigmaDig	5.95	-1.05	-15.0
InspEnt	6.50	-1.15	-15.0
Endeavr	3.46	-.55	-13.7
HimaxTch	8.08	-1.12	-12.2

Diary

Advanced	994
Declined	1,849
Unchanged	172
Total issues	3,015
New Highs	361
New Lows	21
Volume	2,257,084,273

Toys R Us cites holiday 'missteps,' says 182 stores to close

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toys R Us, a nostalgic favorite even as many shoppers moved to Amazon and huge chains like Walmart, plans to close up to 182 stores after struggling during the holiday season.

The company that once dominated toy sales in the U.S. has been operating under bankruptcy protection since last fall, when it filed for Chapter 11 under the weight of $5 billion in debt. Toys R Us operates about 900 stores in the U.S., including Babies R Us stores.

"I'm very sad about Toys R Us closing," said Dana Gillis, who was shopping at the store in Highland Park, Illinois, on Wednesday.

"As a teacher, as a parent, any resources that I need, I can find online," she added. "But I value so much being able to come to a store, a real store like Toys R Us, and be able to check out the product before I purchase." The store closings will begin in February and the majority of locations identified for closure, which include Babies R Us stores, will go dark by mid-April. At some other locations, Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores will be combined. The bankruptcy court still must sign off on the closings.

Toys R Us wouldn't say how many jobs will be cut. It said some employees will be moved to other stores and those who cannot be will get severance. Chairman and CEO Dave Brandon said Wednesday that tough decisions are required to save Toys R Us.

He acknowledged "operational missteps" during the critical holiday shopping season when shopping at its stores and online wasn't as easy as it should have been.

"The actions we are taking are necessary to give us the best chance to emerge from our bankruptcy proceedings as a more viable and competitive company that will provide the level of service and experience you should expect," he said in a letter to customers. Fixing the store experience and giving shoppers more reason to buy is critical, said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of TTPM.com, a toy review site.

Gerrick Johnson, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets, had estimated that holiday sales at the company's North America stores were down more than 10 percent. He attributed much of the decline to people's confusion around the bankruptcy filing and a fear of buying gifts at Toys R Us because they thought they wouldn't be able to return them if needed. Johnson also blamed a weak marketing campaign and email promotions that didn't create a sense of urgency.

Toys R Us has struggled with debt since private-equity firms Bain Capital, KKR & Co. and Vornado Realty Trust took it private in a $6.6 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. The plan had been to take the company public again, but weak sales have prevented that from happening. With such debt levels, Toys R Us has not had the financial flexibility to invest in its business.

Meanwhile, other stores like Target have been increasing their assortment of toys.

Toys R Us closed its flagship store in Manhattan's Times Square, a huge tourist destination, about two years ago. While its sales numbers have been shrinking, Toys R Us still sells about 20 percent of the toys bought in the U.S., according to Stephanie Wissink, an analyst at Jefferies LLC.

Competitive pressures will force the company to examine all its stores, and more will likely be shuttered over the next year or two, Wissink said. Moody's lead retail analyst Charlie O'Shea says the closings will let Toys R Us "focus all of its operating efforts on only its best locations."

Ryan McLaine, mother of a 4-year-old boy, is disappointed that her favorite Toys R Us store in Exton, Pennsylvania, was on the list of closures.

"We would always like to reward him. It was always fun to take him to the big store to see what he would like," she said. "Now, we have to figure out what to do next."

She said the next closest Toys R Us location is in King of Prussia, and it's not well maintained. And she doesn't like to shop for toys on Amazon.com because she likes to get a reaction from her son before she buys.

Toys R Us reigned supreme in the 1980s and early 1990s, when it was one of the first of the "category killers"— a store totally devoted to one thing: toys. Its scale gave it leverage with toy sellers and it disrupted general merchandise stores and mom-and-pop shops.

GE slides to loss in 4Q, faces SEC probe over $15B

Associated Press

BOSTON — General Electric is being investigated by federal regulators for a $15 billion hit taken to cover miscalculations made within an insurance unit.

The company revealed last week that it would take a $6.2 billion charge in its fourth quarter after a subsidiary, North American Life & Health, underestimated how much it would cost to pay for the care of people who lived longer than projected.

During a conference call Wednesday to discuss its fourth-quarter earnings report, the CEO of GE Transportation said that the company had been notified that the Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the process that led to the mishap.

"We are cooperating fully with the investigation, which is in very early stages," said Jamie Miller.

The company is attempting to redefine itself under CEO John Flannery and after announcing the issue at North American Life, he hinted at a more radical restructuring for the 126-year-old company.

GE lost $9.83 billion, or $1.13 per share, for the three months ended Dec. 31.

Technology stocks sink, pulling indexes lower; dollar falls

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks bounced up and down and finished mostly lower Wednesday as technology companies slumped. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross discussed a more nationalist trade stance, with uncertain effects for the market. The dollar, already at three-year lows, got even weaker.

Mnuchin and Ross are at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Mnuchin's comments sent the price of gold and silver higher, as investors often buy precious metals when they're concerned about inflation or softness in the dollar. of imported components.

Hackett said smaller U.S. companies will report faster profit growth this year than larger ones.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.59 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,837.54. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 41.31 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,252.12. In the morning the Dow rose as much as 181 points and later fell as much as 103 points before turning higher again.

Metal prices rise

Gold climbed $19.60, or 1.5 percent, to $1,356.30 an ounce and silver rose 58 cents, or 3.4 percent, to $17.49 an ounce. Copper rose 12 cents, or 3.8 percent, to $3.23 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $160.90 Up 0.37

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.52 Down 0.42

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $130.36 Down 1.95

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.36 Up 0.11

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.31 Down 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.60 Down 0.20

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $21.43 Down 1.06

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $41.84 Down 0.12

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.20 Unchanged

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $25.77 Up 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.52f	11	11.16	-.26	+3.0
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	37.02	-.17	-4.8
Abraxas	...	65	2.64	+.07	+7.3
AdvDvsEq	1.32a	...	15.89	-.05	+5.4
AMD	...	...	12.71	-.23	+23.6
Alibaba	...	55	195.53	+3.25	+13.4
Ambev	.05e	7	6.67	+.16	+6.3
AmAirlines	.40	9	54.79	-3.50	+5.3
Amgen	5.28e	17	190.83	-1.36	+9.6
Anadarko	.20	...	61.43	+.46	+14.5
Apache	1.00	...	40.12	+.35	+14.0
Apple Inc	2.52	20	174.22	-2.82	+2.9
ApldMatl	.60	18	58.91	-.88	+11.3
Archrock	.48	...	10.50	+.15	...
ATMOS	1.80	23	92.25	-.01	-4.2
AutoZone	2.52	32	720.86	-11.24	+3.1
BP PLC	2.38	31	43.84	+.70	+4.5
BcoBrad n	.16e	...	12.83	+.98	+23.2
BioMrn	.48	21	32.09	+.17	+6.7
B iPVixST rs	...	...	27.37	+.65	-2.0
BeringeCp s	1.20	...	15.20	-.18	-.4
BerkHG	.12	22	15.05	+.22	+4.0
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	327340.00	+699.01	+6.7
BstWstCp	1.72	17	55.97	+.39	-0.0
BrMyBs	1.60f	22	63.75	+.39	+4.0
BrookfAs A	.29	49	47.73	+.58	+.7
BrookfR s	.79	...	45.84	+.22	+.2
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.52	+.46	+11.6
CallonPet	...	40	12.80	+.26	+5.5
Caterpillar	3.12	44	168.34	-1.09	+5.8
Celestic g	...	8	11.03	+.06	+5.2
CntryLink	2.16	8	17.39	+.06	+4.3
CerusCp	...	...	3.02	+.09	+68.5
ChesEng	...	7	4.08	+.01	+3.0
Chevron	4.28	24	121.29	+.37	+5.0
ChinaM	.25	...	21.72	+2.70	+94.0
Chico's	.20	14	9.60	-.29	+9.2
Citigroup	1.28	15	79.45	+.90	+6.0
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.25	+.04	+15.8
CocaCola	1.48	29	47.83	+.35	+4.3
ColgPalm	1.80	27	73.60	-.10	+1.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast s	.63	21	42.99	+.55	+7.8
ConAgra	.85	20	37.60	-.12	-.2
ConchoRes	...	...	160.90	+.37	+7.1
ConocoPhil	1.04	48	60.49	+.02	+10.2
CrackerB	4.80	30	172.40	-3.10	+8.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	5.31	+.25	-4.2
CrosTim	.80e	15	16.41	+.02	+4.9
DCP Mid	3.12	59	41.99	-.15	+15.6
DTE	3.30	20	104.43	+.24	-4.6
DeltaAir	1.22	12	56.80	-3.13	+1.4
DevonE	.24	64	44.52	...	+7.5
DrGMBR rs	...	...	19.96	+1.10	+12.4
DrBiotBear	...	...	3.20	+.13	-30.6
Disney	1.68f	19	110.89	+.09	+0.8
EOG Resrc	.67	...	118.47	+.63	+6.8
Energen	.08	...	57.97	-.21	+.7
EnPro	.80	51	80.94	-.72	-2.7
ENSCO	.04	...	6.84	-.04	+12.4
EnProPt	1.70f	23	29.16	-.21	+10.1
Ericsson	.11e	...	7.11	-.05	+6.4
ExxonMbl	3.08	34	80.83	+.23	+5.6
Facebook	...	35	186.55	-2.80	+5.7
FirstEngy	1.44	11	31.10	-.00	+1.6
Fordm	.60e	11	12.05	+.09	-3.5
FrptMcM	...	...	19.00	+.05	+3.4
GATX	1.68	15	69.62	+.31	+12.5
GabBnAff	.04e	...	5.69	+.11	+7.4
GAMer	1.16e	...	39.39	+.02	+8.6
GenMotors	.60	14	38.44	-.46	-5.9
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.52	+.26	+21.5
GPMatRs	1.10	19	30.69	-.22	-0.9
Hallibrtn	.72	...	55.34	-1.49	+13.2
HallMArk h	...	...	9.13	-.04	+44.7
HimaxTch	.24e	...	8.09	-1.12	-22.5
HuntIngsh	.44	19	16.11	+.07	+10.8
iShGold	...	...	13.08	+.17	+4.3
iShBraz	.87e	...	35.95	+0.60	+14.8
iShSilver	...	...	16.30	+.49	+9.8
iShChinaLC	.67e	...	53.87	+.32	+15.6
iShEMkts	.88e	...	51.40	+.44	+9.1
iS Euro	1.05e	...	74.69	+.13	+6.6
iSHKX	1.77e	...	158.05	+.39	+4.3
Intel	1.20	20	45.50	-.56	-1.4
InterDig	1.40	11	79.75	+.25	+3.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
IsuUnibH	.32e	...	16.10	+1.20	+23.9
JD.com	...	28	46.76	+1.58	+12.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	18	115.67	+1.46	+8.2
JohnJn	3.36	20	142.07	+.24	+1.7
KimClk	4.68f	19	119.71	+1.87	-.8
KindMorg	.50	29	19.14	-.31	+5.9
Kinross g	...	...	4.61	+.07	+6.7
Kroger s	.50	15	29.48	+.17	+7.4
LegacyRes	...	...	2.36	+.11	+46.6
Lulys	...	...	3.82	-.09	+14.4
McDrmInt	...	16	8.98	+1.12	+36.5
McDnlds	4.04f	30	176.12	-.69	+2.3
Merck	1.92f	16	61.18	-.52	+8.7
MerMfMad	...	54	48.45	-.15	+7.5
MascoEn	...	...	4.32	-.01	+9.9
MicronT	...	9	43.08	-.67	+4.8
Microsoft	1.68	32	91.82	-.08	+7.3
Nabors	.24	...	8.16	+.06	+19.8
NOILVarco	.20	...	38.29	-.44	+6.3
Netflix s	...	...	261.26	+10.99	+36.1
NoMnCp	.17e	...	4.91	-.01	+5.4
Novavax	...	...	2.20	-.03	+77.4
NSTPR	.56e	...	14.49	-.06	-4.7
NTXGl	.68	...	14.14	-.69	-1.4
Nvidia	.60f	57	235.80	-3.11	+21.9
OpenPrt	0.60	...	77.06	+.14	+5.3
OrSthond	...	45	24.60	-.55	+17.5
OneHorz rs	...	...	2.21	+.51	+57.9
Oracle	.76	22	51.45	+.33	+6.8
PDC Engy	...	...	55.64	+.35	+8.0
PavTech	...	22	9.84	+.12	-4.4
PetChl	...	...	1.37	-.08	+27.0
PetMEI	.80	...	34.02	-.89	+4.4
Penney	...	19	3.67	-.12	+22.5
PennWest	.04	14	11.76	-.02	-.9
Pentair	.52e	27	9.65	-.03	+8.8
PetroNeA	...	...	10.25	+.01	+24.0
Petrobras	...	...	13.09	+1.04	+27.2
Pfizer	1.28	19	36.98	+.11	+8.0
PlnPtnr	.00	...	169.33	+2.32	+9.0
PlainsAAP	2.20	27	22.84	-.07	+10.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	168.45	-1.06	+8.1
Praxair	3.16	20	160.87	+1.04	+4.0
PrmEngy	...	...	63.03	...	+8.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.71	+.46	-4.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrecdGam	2.76	24	88.31	-.74	-8.9
PUShtSPX	...	...	9.54	+.02	-16.1
RangeRs	.08	18	17.00	-.33	-.4
RegionsFn	.36	20	19.43	+.07	+12.4
RiteAid	...	...	2.22	-.10	+12.7
Rowan	.40	9	15.60	-.23	-.4
RoyDshNA	3.76	...	71.37	+.35	+7.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	262.57	+.67	+6.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	283.12	-.12	+6.1
SpdrGGEx	.73e	...	39.72	-.11	+6.8
SabnR	2.31e	23	49.25	...	+10.4
StandardPn	1.28	11	133.61	-2.71	-8.9
Schlmbrg	2.00	54	78.18	-1.03	+16.0
SiriusXM	.04	32	5.72	+.04	+6.7
Smucker	3.12	17	126.94	-1.10	+2.2
SwstnEngy	...	38	5.30	-.24	-5.0
Square n	...	...	44.32	-.69	+27.8
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	58.38	+.10	+2.6
SP Engy	2.04e	...	77.71	-.20	+7.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	30.01	+.20	+7.5
SP Tech	.78e	...	68.23	-.53	+6.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	50.25	-.29	-4.6
Teekay	.22	...	9.30	-1.44	-.2
TelefBrasil	1.26e	...	19.49	+.07	+7.7
TevaPhrm	.73e	7	20.57	-.38	+6.5
Textnet	2.48	39	109.70	-10.30	+5.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.70	29	247.69	+1.38	+5.2
Torchmark	.60	20	93.07	+.30	+2.6
TrhCanal	1.00e	...	28.22	+.12	+4.8
21stCFoxA	.36	23	38.00	+.49	+10.0
Twitter	...	...	22.37	-.38	-6.8
TylerTech	...	63	198.59	-.49	+12.2
UBSI	1.36f	19	36.00	-.70	+3.6
UtdContl	...	10	69.05	-8.92	+2.4
US OilFd	...	...	13.21	+.24	+10.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	13.18	+.48	+7.8
ValeanPh	...	5	19.86	-2.42	-4.3
ValeroE	3.20f	26	97.66	-1.03	+6.3
VanEGold	.06e	...	24.61	+.52	+5.9
VanE JrGld	...	...	35.74	+.71	+4.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	50.49	+.46	+10.0
VerizonCm	2.36	7	54.22	+.99	+2.4
ValeantM	1.00	42	135.49	+.61	+5.5
WEC Engy	2.21f	21	63.24	-.34	-4.8
WalgBoots	1.60	15	77.33	+.31	+6.5
WeatherInt	...	...	4.27	-.06	+2.4
WellsFargo	1.56	15	65.48	+.99	+7.9
WmsCos	1.20	57	33.10	-.05	+8.6
XcelEngy	1.44	19	45.88	-.17	-6.3
Xerox rs	1.00	12	32.36	-.22	+11.0
Yamana g	.02	...	3.68	+.10	+17.9

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.10	19,732.26	Dow Jones Industrials	26,252.12	+41.31	+.16	+6.20	+30.81
11,483.92	8,744.38	Dow Jones Transportation	11,184.40	-160.15	-1.41	+5.39	+16.72
779.80	652.24	Dow Jones Utilities	687.00	-4.61	-.70	-5.03	+4.82
13,482.42	11,139.05	NYSE Composite	13,507.65	+33.55	+.25	+5.48	+19.13
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2,942.24	2,357.03	S&P 500	2,837.54	-1.59	-.06	+6.13	+23.46
1,994.99	1,803.10	S&P Midcap	1,987.74	-6.14	-.31	+4.59	+16.22
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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 WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

7	6	2	1	3	5	4	9	8
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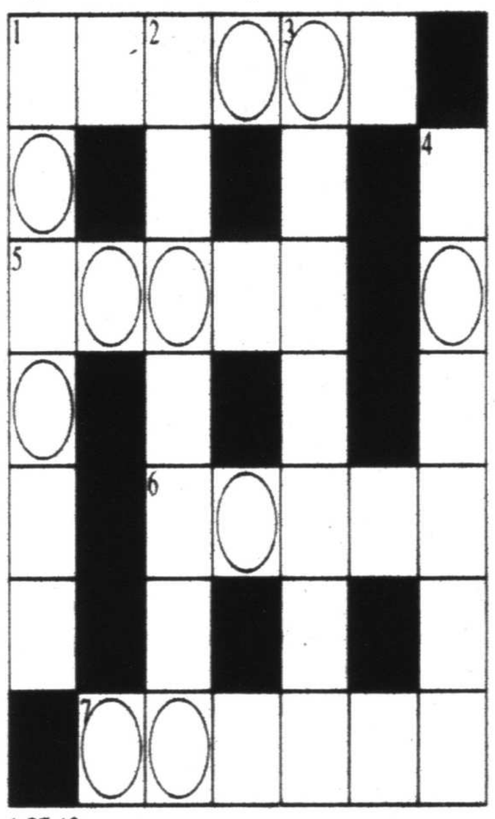

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Aftershock	ETROMR
5. Hit a ___	VEENR
6. Mad	RAEIT
7. By mouth	ALYOLR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ depressor	GNTUEO
2. Previously	ARREELI
3. In general	VAROLEL
4. Cure	EDEYMR

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This person succeeded Audrey Hepburn as goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Tremor 5A-Nerve 6A-Irate 7A-Orally 1D-Tongue 2D-Earlier 3D-Overall 4D-Remedy 5-Roger Moore

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CURLY TRUCK ADMIRE GALLON
Answer: The story about the diamond and its setting didn't — RING TRUE

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Apple Store display
5 Centipede developer
10 Farm digs
13 Tennis legend for whom a "Courage Award" is named
14 French upper house
15 Hershey bar
16 *Tony Hawk legwear
18 Helps out
19 Unpretentious
20 Turned it down
22 Nadal's birthplace
23 Snatch, as a toy?
24 Composer Franck
26 Luggage attachments
29 Soak up the sun
32 Blue Grotto resort
34 Boy king
35 "That's gross!"
36 *Stick in the snow
38 Premier __: wine designation
39 Word before watch or window
40 Signs away
41 Israeli politician Barak
42 Nurses, as a drink
44 Chills out
47 "No harm done"
49 Waited nervously, perhaps
52 Wheat protein
53 Tree with durable wood
55 Fellas
56 *Drawing needs
59 Inauguration words
60 Dairy mascot
61 Canal completed in 1825
62 Belly dance muscles
63 Kennel cries
64 "Hairspray" mom

DOWN

1 British side
2 Words on a help desk sign
3 Ring leader?
4 Reversal of fortune
5 Trees of the species Populus tremula
6 "Eat Drink Man Woman" drink
7 Former Texas governor Richards
8 "Midnight Cowboy" con man
9 Delivery room cry
10 *Medicated dermal strip
11 Fuss
12 Cen. components
15 1978 Peace co-Nobelist
17 Tahari of fashion
21 Many a low-budget flick
23 Decorator's choice
25 Corrosive liquid
27 Expert
28 Drywall support
29 Spill catchers
30 Smoothie berry
31 *Military chaplains
33 Sit for a snap
36 Hurry along
37 Creator of Randle McMurphy and Chief Bromden
41 Search dogs' target ... and a phonetic hint to the answers to starred clues
43 Flatten
45 Garage units
46 Dash dial
48 A high-top hides it
50 Hallmark.com choice
51 Bumped off
52 Snatch
54 On the Pacific
55 Showgirl's accessory
57 Course for intl. students
58 Lead

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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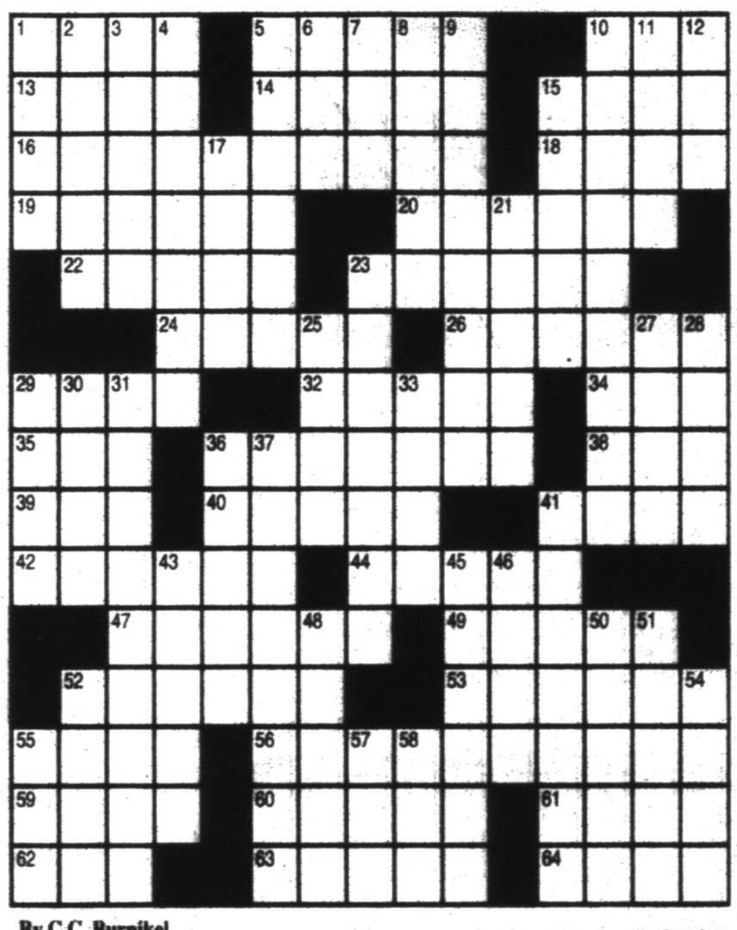

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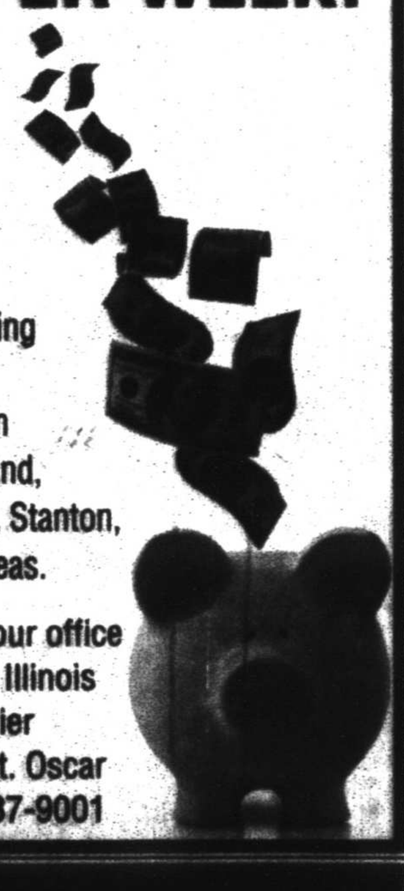

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00030 BID ADVERTISEMENT

Garney Companies, Inc. is soliciting proposals for the Crane County Water District Well Field Expansion and Water System Upgrades project.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically prior to 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on February 13th, 2018 in accordance with 00100 - Instructions to Bidders.

One single combined PDF proposal shall be submitted to the email addresses provided in "00100 - Instruction to Bidders" addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook & Mr. Kyle Krueger, and clearly denote: **"Bid Package 05: Edwards New Well Field Package" or "Bid Package 06: New SCADA System".**

No proposal may be changed, amended, or modified after the above time and date. A proposal may however, be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Any proposal received after **2:00 p.m.**, prevailing time on **February 13th, 2018** will not be considered.

Bid documents are available on the website below.

https://team.garney.com/CCWD

Contact Justin Young by email at jyoung@garney.com to receive login credentials for the above-mentioned website. It is necessary to input contact information on the website once you log in. Alerts will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided as Bid Packages and Project Updates become available.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **January 30th, 2018** at the following times:
- **Bid Package 06 @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Bid Package 05 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Both meetings will be held at the Museum of the Southwest located at 409 South Gaston Street, Crane, TX 79731

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the above-mentioned website for free. No hard copies will be made available. It is the responsibility of the interested party to download and print all necessary documents. Please contact John Sedbrook by email: jsedbrook@garney.com or phone at 303-335-6155 with any questions.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., February 14, 2018 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18000987

For: Yard Waste Mulching

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received until 3:00 PM local time, February 23, 2018, in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

Request for Qualifications 18001155: The City of Midland invites qualified firms to submit a letter of interest and statement of qualifications for on-call engineering services for the Engineering Services Department

The RFQ is now available. To receive a copy of the RFQ, please call 432-685-7234 or e-mail purchasing@midlandtexas.gov

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City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Occidental Permian LTD and OXY USA Inc are applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicants propose to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp formation as follows:

Powell, E.L. B lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 11 miles Northwest from Garden City in the Blalock Lake, S. (Wolfcamp) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 8228 – 8246 feet.

Powell "9D" lease, well number 53D. The proposed injection well is located 18 miles Northwest from Garden City in the Blalock Lake, S. (Wolfcamp) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 8173 – 8193 feet.

Powell "16" lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 12 miles Northwest from Garden City in the Cobra (Wolfcamp) field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 8139 – 8220 feet.

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

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

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FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc. 370 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose produced water fluid into a formation which is NOT productive for oil and gas.

The application proposed to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation in the Windham "2A" Well Number 1.

The disposal well is located 18.6 miles Southwest of Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

Fluid injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval of from 4560' to 6120'.

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

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The application proposed to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation in the Windham "2" Well Number 2.

The disposal well is located 18.1 miles Southwest of Midland, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

Fluid injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval of from 5000' to 6120'.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INJECT FLUID INTO A RESEVOIR PRODUCTIVE OF OIL OR GAS

Kinder Morgan Production Company LLC, Opr. No 463316, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000, Midland, TX. 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, formation in the Goldsmith-Landreth/San Andres/UT Lease, Well Number 257. The proposed injection well is located 3.5 miles northwest of Goldsmith, Texas, in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4080 feet to 4500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **L. Shane Stokes**
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 23rd day of January, 2018.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Mary Ann W. Blackwell
State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
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c/o: **L. Shane Stokes**
Attorney at Law
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Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 23rd day of January, 2018.

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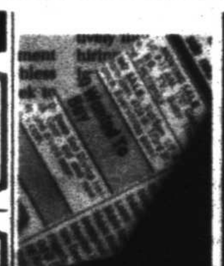

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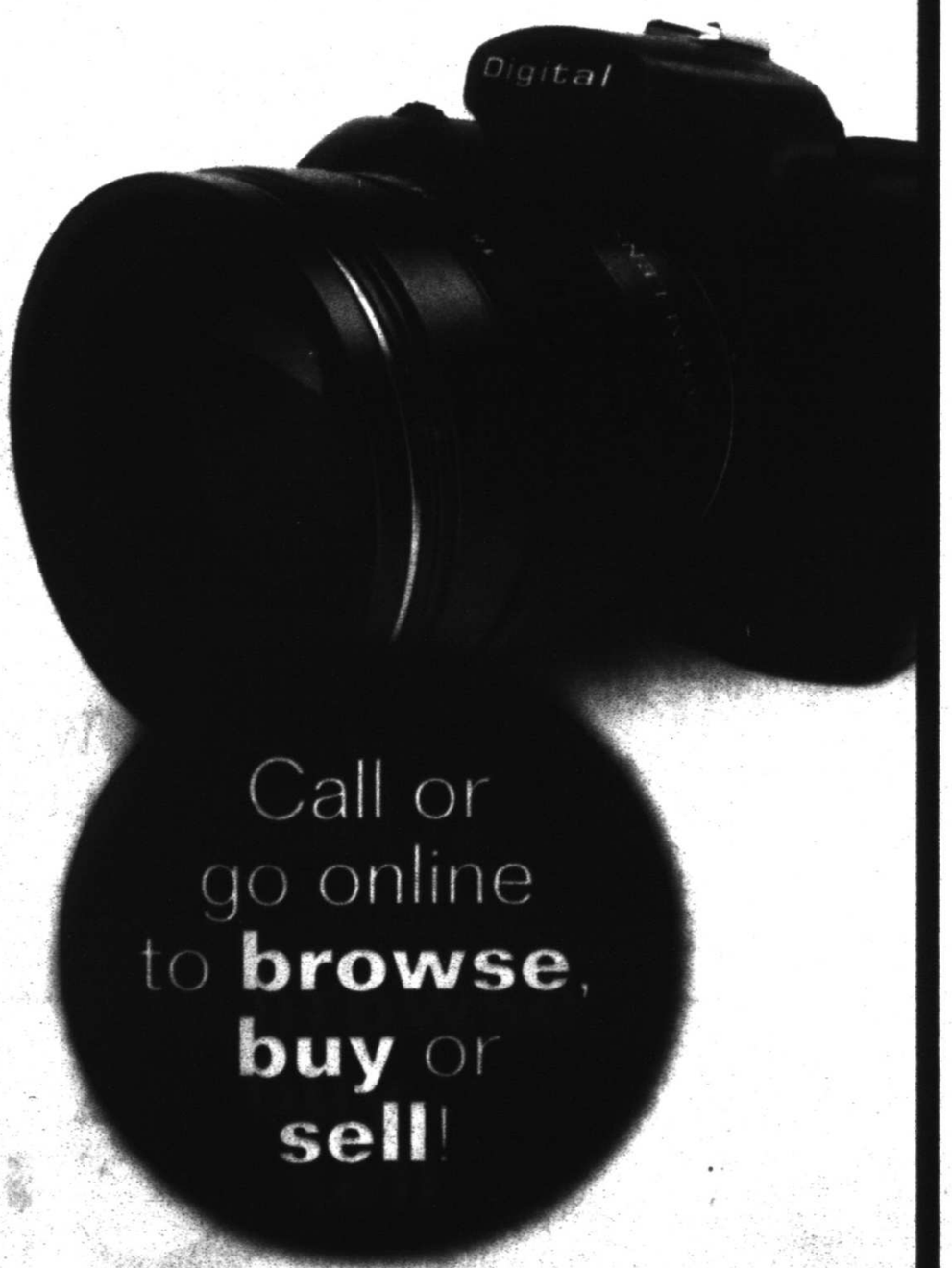

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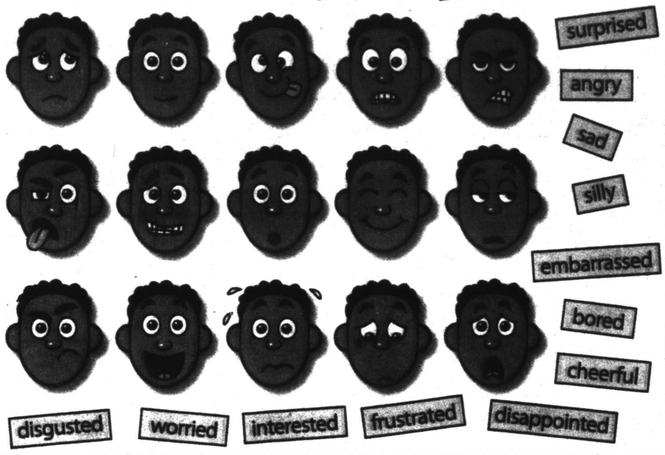
Face Your Feelings

There are 43 muscles in your face! These muscles tense and relax in many ways that express feelings.

Some experts say it takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown. So, save your energy and **smile!**

Draw a line from each word to the face that best matches that particular feeling.



Using the emojis at left, draw how you would feel in each situation.

Your teacher announces that today is the day for a big test. But you forgot to study.

You receive a phone call from your favorite relative telling you they are coming for a visit.

You finish a really cool art project and then accidentally spill a whole jar of paint all over it.

You've looked all over for your favorite book and can't find it. Then one day, you find it under your bed.

How are you feeling today?

Draw a picture below that shows how you are feeling right now.

Remember: We all feel sad, upset, afraid and angry at times. The good news is that feeling bad doesn't last forever!

I feel really angry!

I feel very sad.

I feel jealous!

Dealing With Your Feelings

We all have feelings. They don't go away. The good ones we like to keep around. But what should we do with the feelings that make us feel bad? Here are some suggestions. Use a green crayon to circle the things you would do.

Use your words instead of actions. Talk about what you are feeling instead of throwing something.

Tell a grown up.

Take a deep breath.

Describe what you are feeling.

Walk away from what is making you upset.

Read a funny book.

Get some excercise.

Extra! Extra! Photo Feelings

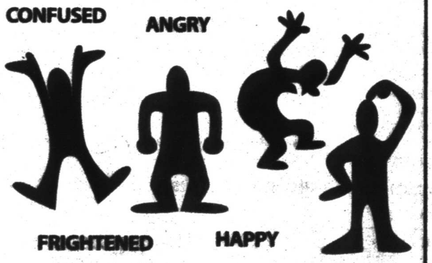
Find and cut out three pictures of people in today's newspaper. Glue the pictures onto a piece of paper and then write one or more words to describe how you think the person or people in the photograph are feeling.

Standards Link: Use newspaper to locate information. Write words to describe emotions and expressive faces.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Body Talk

Our bodies can tell a lot about how we are feeling. Look at each of the people below. Can you match each feeling?



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THINK
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Describe Feelings

Look through the newspaper or the newspaper's website for ten words that describe feelings. Cut these out and glue them onto a sheet of paper in alphabetical order.

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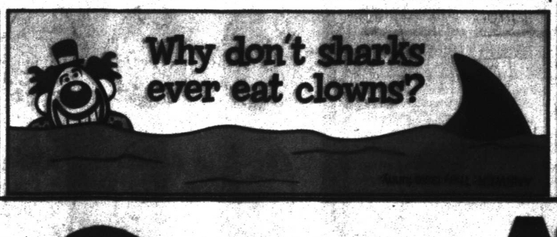

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Getting Through Sad Times

Students describe how they deal with sadness.

When I feel sad I watch TV and feel happy again and play with my toys.

Audrey, 4th grade

When I'm sad I like to listen to music or read. I also spend time with my dogs. I like to do that because they can't talk to me and ask me why I'm sad.

Arianna, 6th grade

Whenever I'm sad, I look at picture albums and yearbooks. Seeing all of my friends' laughing faces cheers me right up. Baby pictures are also a crack up. If that doesn't work, I'll read comics, funny books and listen to music. These things always brighten up my life.

Kimi, 6th grade

When I am sad, I like to read or write about what made me sad. I also like to play sports or go on a bike ride. These help me forget about why I am sad.

Carlson, 6th grade

I try to think about happy times, and how lucky I am to lead such a wonderful life. It helps to think about the people who care about me and how well loved I am.

Emma, 6th grade

Sometimes when I'm feeling sad, I talk to my mom. She helps me solve my problems.

Riki, 4th grade

Do you ever get sad and don't know how to cheer yourself up? When I'm sad, I often call a friend. Friends can tell me a joke or something funny to cheer me up. There is also the possibility of inviting them over. When I'm hanging out with my friends, it makes me forget about unpleasant times. I can always count on my friends to cheer me up!

Justine, 6th grade

When I'm not happy, I draw. I draw happy things and when I'm done, I take a look at it and I forget about what made me mad in the first place.

Mia, 6th grade

I go to my room and draw something. I draw a vast valley of trees and flowers. The valley's walls are steep and smooth. Its length is stretched far and wide. I finish the animals and add one more thing, me!

Andrew, 3rd grade

Write On!

Healthy Snacks

Write an advertisement for a healthy snack. Why should kids choose this instead of chips, candy and other unhealthy snacks?

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