

34 to roll out 'Scan, Bag, Go.'

The technology allows customers to use a hand-held device to scan products as they shop.

The total is calculated and

Dennis Gibson said in a statement.

Becky Saltz, who was shopping Wednesday afternoon at Boulder's 30th Street King Soopers, said

mont, two in Boulder, one in Louisville, and one in Gunbarrel.

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## IN BRIEF

### Fed leaves key rate unchanged at Yellen's final meeting

The Federal Reserve has left its benchmark interest rate unchanged but signaled that it expects to resume raising rates gradually to reflect a healthy job market and economy.

At Janet Yellen's final meeting as chair Wednesday, the Fed kept its key short-term rate in a still-low range of 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent.

Yellen led a cautious approach to rate increases in four years as chair, and Jerome Powell, who will succeed her next week, has indicated he favors a similar approach.

The Fed raised its key rate three times in 2017, and most economists expect the Powell-led Fed to do so at least three additional times this year beginning

in March. Powell has been a Yellen ally and among the Fed's consensus-builders in 5½ years on the central bank's board.

The unemployment rate is at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, and the economy expanded at a solid 2.6 percent annual rate in the October-December quarter, helping lift growth for all of 2017 to a decent 2.3 percent.

Synchronized growth in major regions across the world has helped energize the U.S. economy.

And the sweeping tax overhaul that Trump pushed through Congress last month is expected to further support U.S. growth.

The Fed's next scheduled policy meeting in March, when most economists foresee the next rate hike, is the first time that Powell is scheduled to hold one of the Fed chair's quarterly news conferences.

### Briefcase

**Philip Tobias**, a Boulder technical and marketing communicator (philiptobias.com), is volunteering again in 2018 as the **membership chairperson** for the **Boulder Writers Alliance** (bwa.org), which serves Boulder, Denver, and Longmont communicators and employers.

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## GAS GAUGE

Each Thursday, the Times-Call posts average unleaded gas prices recorded by the Oil Price Information Service. OPIS surveys credit card transactions from 100,000 stations nationwide — 1,400 in Colorado — to determine the averages. These figures were last updated on Wednesday. Numbers have been rounded to the nearest penny.

	REG.	MID.	PREM.	DIESEL
<b>BOULDER</b>				
WEDNESDAY:	\$2.49	\$2.79	\$3.11	\$2.81

	REG.	MID.	PREM.	DIESEL
<b>COLORADO</b>				

MONTH AGO:	\$2.28	\$2.56	\$2.88	\$2.70
YEAR AGO:	\$2.14	\$2.44	\$2.71	\$2.35

<b>LONGMONT</b>				
WEDNESDAY:	\$2.40	\$2.66	\$2.90	\$2.76
MONTH AGO:	\$2.35	\$2.61	\$2.87	\$2.75
YEAR AGO:	\$2.13	\$2.40	\$2.64	\$2.28

<b>NATIONAL</b>				
WEDNESDAY:	\$2.58	\$2.85	\$3.10	\$2.97
MONTH AGO:	\$2.44	\$2.74	\$2.98	\$2.83
YEAR AGO:	\$2.22	\$2.50	\$2.80	\$2.54

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