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Consultant: Permian looks a lot like Saudi Arabia

Basin has 'spare capacity' as Saudi Aramco does, says former company executive

By Wael Mahdi
Bloomberg

The U.S.' Permian Basin is looking like Saudi Arabia, with as much as 1 million barrels of spare oil capacity ready to go into production, according to Nansen Saleri, former head of reservoir management at Saudi Aramco, the world's largest crude exporter.

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Oil producers in the Permian Basin have at least a combined 500,000 barrels a day

of idle oil production capacity, according to Saleri, who is now chief executive officer of Houston-based consultant Quantum Reservoir Impact. Saudi Arabia's spare capacity is about 1.5 million barrels a day, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico is the engine for U.S. shale production and acquisitions, helping to increase U.S. output to more than 10 mil-

lion barrels a day in November for the first time in more than four decades. Exxon Mobil Corp. is spending billions to triple output by 2025 from the Permian, where its costs are as low as \$15 a barrel.

"For decades there was one country and one company that had spare capacity and that country was Saudi Arabia and that

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BLESSED BREAKFAST



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Members of First Baptist Church praise band sing Tuesday during the 2018 Permian Basin Prayer Breakfast, Blessed are the Persecuted, at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

RIGHT: Bob Fu, president and founder of Midland-based China Aid, speaks during the 2018 Permian Basin Prayer Breakfast Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. He was born and raised in mainland China and was a student leader during the Tiananmen Square demonstrations for freedom and democracy in 1989. Fu and his wife, Heidi, fled to the United States as religious refugees in 1997. Also speaking at the 10th annual event was the Rev. Randal Everett, former pastor of First Baptist Church and founder and president of the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit that advances religious freedom around the world.



County judge candidates describe visions, priorities at second forum

By Simone Jasper
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Republican candidates for Midland County judge on Tuesday outlined their visions for county government's role as the community is projected to grow in the future. The men spoke about that topic and answered questions related to other priorities during the second candidate forum at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Throughout the event, candidate Terry Johnson said his top focus would be law enforcement. He owns a business in the county and said he wants to know people are in place to keep the community safe.

"I would strengthen everything we can in our law enforcement department to make sure that with this increased level of activity — this increased level of folks that we're going to have moving into this area — that we're able to accommodate and take care of the people that live here," he said.

Johnson also mentioned the possibility of talking to local companies about their improvement needs.

The businessman and his opponents, Stephen Robertson and James Beauchamp, have addressed topics related to infrastructure in the county during this month's two forums.

On Tuesday, when discussing the potential southward expansion of Loop 250, Robertson said with acquisitions, space for water and sewer should be considered in case the city grows there.

"That's the kind of forward thinking, that's the kind of planning, that we need to have," Robertson said. "It's not just trying to fix the problem that we see right now in front of us."

Robertson, an attorney, said the county can look at solutions to keep dockets moving for the court system. As for his top priority, he pointed toward offering training programs for county employees to show the entity is investing in them.

Beauchamp also mentioned a focus related to those holding county roles. He hopes to talk to elected department

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big, new rocket blasts off, putting a sports car in space. Page 4A

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AUSTIN

Abbott wants Texas Rangers to investigate sexual harassment

Gov. Greg Abbott wants the state's top criminal investigators to begin handling sexual misconduct complaints against lawmakers, judges and other elected officials.

Abbott on Tuesday called for changing how sexual harassment allegations in the state Capitol are investigated during a campaign stop in Houston. He says letting the Texas Rangers handle complaints would ensure that public officials take allegations against them seriously. The Texas Legislature would have to approve the change in process next year.

Currently, sexual harassment allegations in the Legislature are reported to state Senate and House leadership. That has drawn criticism since lawmakers may be wary of punishing their own colleagues.

Lawmakers in several state legislatures around the country have resigned amid harassment allegations, though none in Texas.

AUSTIN

Trump's son endorses George P. Bush's re-election bid

Donald Trump Jr. has endorsed George P. Bush's re-election bid for Texas land commissioner, repaying Bush for breaking with his powerful political family and supporting Donald Trump's 2016 presidential bid. The president's oldest son tweeted Tuesday that "Texas conservatives have a clear choice: Bush for Texas Land Commissioner."

Bush's office administrators oil and natural gas exploration rights on Texas' 13 million acres of public lands. Seen as a rising GOP star nationally, Bush is facing a challenge in Texas' March 6 primary from Republican Jerry Patterson, who was Bush's predecessor as land commissioner.

George P. Bush initially backed his father Jeb's 2016 presidential run, but later campaigned for Trump. His grandfather and uncle, both ex-presidents, shunned Trump during the campaign, but called to congratulate him after he beat Hillary Clinton.

HOUSTON

Data: Rate of attempted suicide doubles in prisons

Data figures show the rate of attempted suicide recorded inside the Texas prison system has more than doubled in four years.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice data outlined in Emergency Action Center reports show state prisons averaged 65 suicide attempts per month in 2013. In the first eleven months of 2017, the prisons averaged 150 attempts per month.

The Houston Chronicle reports that some experts point to staff turnover and an increasing prison population with mental illnesses as to what's behind the shift. But the department says the increase stems from a push for better suicide prevention training that could have broadened the understanding of what's considered an attempt.

Department spokesman Jason Clark says most attempts don't result in death and nearly 90 percent don't involve recorded injuries.

WICHITA FALLS

Second principal charged with failing to report abuse

A second elementary school principal for a Texas school district has been arrested for failing to report a case of abuse to law enforcement.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reports 35-year-old Cindy Sue Underwood was booked into the Wichita County jail on Monday and later released.

An arrest warrant says a teacher found a school iPad that three 6-year-olds used to take photos as they engaged in sexual acts in a classroom.

The warrant says the teacher notified Underwood, who told parents of the incident but didn't alert law enforcement.

A public phone listing for Underwood couldn't be found.

A spokeswoman for the school district didn't immediately return a message.

In an unrelated incident, another principal was arrested last week on the same charge following an allegation of a 7-year-old who was sexually assaulted.

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leaders to discuss needs.

Beauchamp is a member of the Commission on State Emergency Communications and said time to get to the hospital can be about 48 minutes.

"One area where we see a tremendous strain today is in our emergency services," he said. "We're seeing it with our volunteer fire departments and the extra work for them and also emergency services and EMS response."

The candidates are running in the primary election March 6; the winner will face Democratic candidate Steven Schafersman in November. They are seeking the position held by Mike Bradford, who isn't running for a fourth term as county judge.

The Midland County Republican Party hosted Tuesday's event, which also gave voters the opportunity to hear comments from candidates for district judge and county commissioner for Precinct 4. Former Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman and Reporter-Telegram Editor Stewart Doreen served as facilitators.



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Candidates for Midland County Judge, James Beauchamp, Stephen Robertson and Terry Johnson answer questions Tuesday evening during a candidate forum at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

The schedule for upcoming candidate forums is as follows:

■ League of Women Voters hosting state senate candidates
7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College

■ Midland County Republican Women luncheon meeting featuring local candidates
11:30 a.m. Feb. 14 at the Midland Country Club

■ League of Women Voters hosting Midland County judge candidates
7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the F. Marie Hall building at Midland College



Incumbent Randy Prude and Carla Repman, candidates for Midland County Commissioner's Court Precinct 4, answer questions.



Candidate for re-election to the 238th District Court Elizabeth Leonard answers questions.



Candidates for the 441st District Court Sean Guerrero, from left, Isaiah Roby Jackson and Jeff Robnett take turns answering questions.

U.S. oil production estimated at record 10.2M barrels

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

U.S. oil production in January likely averaged a new record of 10.2 million barrels a day, the Energy Department estimated Tuesday.

The country is churning out both crude oil and natural gas at record levels currently, and production levels are projected to keep growing at least through 2019, making the United States the world's leader in oil production. The U.S. already leads in natural gas output.

Led by West Texas' booming Permian, U.S. crude production is expected to average 10.6 million barrels a day in 2018 and surge to 11.2 million barrels daily in 2019.

The U.S. topped the 10

million barrels a day threshold in November for the first time since 1970. But that was only a temporary high mark decades ago because the 1970 record average 9.6 million barrels a day for the full year.

Meanwhile, natural gas production is expected to average a record of 80.3 billion cubic feet a day this year, well up from 73.6 billion last year. Gas production is expected to hit nearly 83 billion cubic feet daily in 2019.

After making steps to reduce the nation's carbon dioxide emissions, these production growth expectations also mean the U.S.'s carbon emissions are expected to grow by 1.8 percent this year and another 0.4 percent in 2019.

U.S. coal production rose last year, but it's projected to dip by 2 percent in 2018.

Body of teen in limbo at Milwaukee County morgue

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The body of a 14-year-old girl remains in the Milwaukee County morgue nearly two months after she died because of a dispute between her mother, who is charged in her death, and her father in Texas.

Amina Krouser's mother, Azlyza Ababneh, is charged with abusing and neglecting her daughter, resulting in her death. She's opposed to a request by the girl's father, Michael Krouser, to have his daughter's body cremated and sent to him in San Antonio.

Milwaukee County prosecutor Matthew Torbenson told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that because Ababneh is not charged with homicide, she retains the right to determine how her daughter's remains should be handled. Amina Krouser died Dec. 10.

"This case presents a hole in the law," Torbenson said.

The medical examiner's office said if a decision cannot be made on how to handle the body, the girl will likely be buried in an unmarked grave.

Ababneh, who is in jail, is charged with child neglect resulting in death, child abuse-intentionally

causing harm and three counts of misdemeanor child neglect. Her defense attorney has entered not-guilty pleas on Ababneh's behalf. Her jury trial is scheduled in June.

According to a criminal complaint, Amina Krouser and her two siblings lived with their mother in a house with no heat or running water. The teen became ill with cold-like symptoms Nov. 26, and her condition worsened over the next four days. She eventually did not know her name and lost control of her bladder.

Ababneh believed her daughter was being lazy and beat her with a belt and with a plastic pipe, according to the complaint and the medical examiner's report.

The girl was taken to a

hospital in early December. The infection had spread to her brain and doctors wanted to perform emergency surgery, but Ababneh refused to give them permission, the complaint said. Doctors operated anyway but were unable to save the teen.

Kids Matter Inc., a Milwaukee-based child advocacy agency, has been asked to take up Amina Krouser's case.

"Amina suffered enough in life," said Susan Conwell, the organization's executive director. "As a community, we need to do our best to preserve her dignity in death."

A probate hearing is scheduled Friday on appointing a special administrator to make a decision about releasing the girl's body.

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company was Saudi Aramco," Saleri said. "Now we are seeing an analog to that in the Permian."

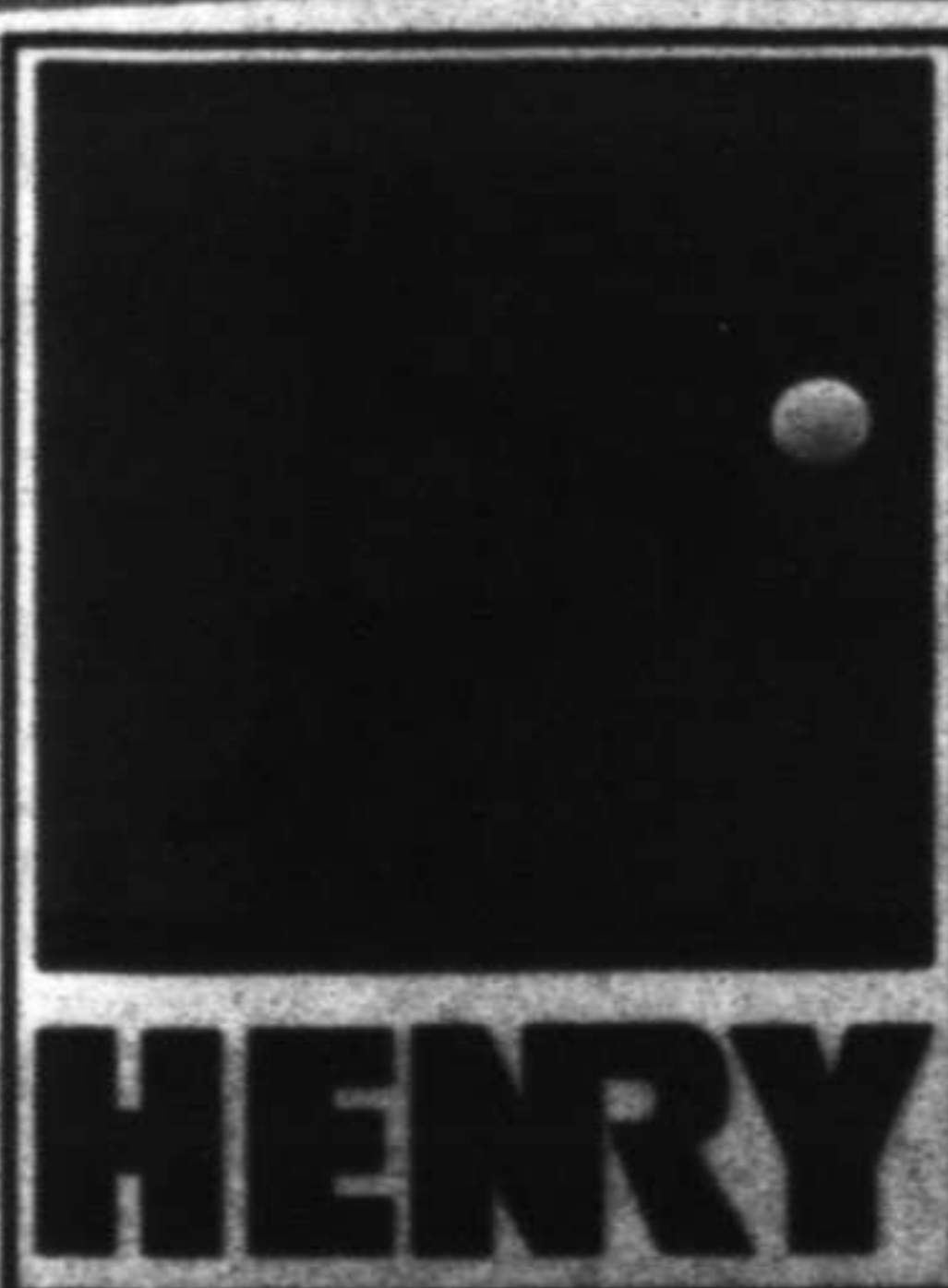
West Texas Intermediate oil futures traded in New York have climbed 7.4 percent this year. The benchmark grade was 56 cents lower at \$64.89 a barrel at 9:44 a.m. on Monday in Dubai.

The Permian region can increase output in response to higher demand in three to four days, faster than anywhere else except fields run by

Saudi Aramco, known officially as Saudi Arabian Oil Co., Saleri said. Producers in the Permian will probably pump at least 3 million barrels a day of crude oil in a year, up from about 2.6 million barrels a day currently, said Saleri.

"The operators who aren't efficient have left the game and only those super-efficient operators are staying," he said. "If operators believe that oil prices will stay above \$60 for the coming six months they will go on a drilling program."

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■ The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for Republican state Senate candidates, 7 p.m. Feb. 13, Carrasco Room at Midland College.

■ Midland County Republican Women, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 14, Midland Country Club.

■ The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for county judge candidates, 7 p.m., Feb. 20, F. Marie Hall Building at MC.

Things to do

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

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

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

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

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2018. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's highlights:
On Feb. 8, 1968, the science-fiction film "Planet of the Apes,"

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Willy Nilly's recognition



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jim Henry speaks during "The Adventures of Willy Nilly and Thumper" preview party Nov. 11, 2017, at Cinergy. The fourth book in the series, "Charlie the Cross-Eyed Crocodile," has received recognition from Writer's Digest, a magazine that is "devoted to helping writers develop their craft and hone their publishing acumen," according to its website. The book written by Henry and Jimmy Patterson won an honorable mention in the Children's Picture Book category in the magazine's 25th annual contest for self-published books.

staring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York (it went into general release in April.)

On this date:
In 1497, "The Bonfire of the Vanities" took place in Florence, Italy, as followers of Dominican friar Girolamo Savonarola burned a huge pile of items considered to be sinful distractions, such as books, artwork, fine clothing and cosmetics.

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1817, America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holiday streets).

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1936, President Franklin D.

Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first un tethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier (doo-VAH-lyay) fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

In 1998, the Winter Olympic Games were opened in Nagano, Japan, by Emperor Akihito.

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

Ten years ago: John McCain effectively sealed the Republican presidential nomination as chief rival Mitt Romney suspended his campaign. Fourteen refinery workers were killed in a sugar dust explosion in Port Wentworth, Georgia. A gunman opened fire at a Kirkwood, Missouri, council meeting, killing three city officials and two police officers before being fatally shot by law enforcement. In Los Angeles, a man who claimed responsibility for the deaths of three relatives opened fire on a SWAT unit, killing one officer; the gunman was killed by a police sniper. After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit with Europe's gift to the international space station, a \$2

billion science lab named Columbus.

Five years ago: CIA Director-designate John Brennan strongly defended anti-terror attacks by unmanned drones under close questioning at a protest-disrupted confirmation hearing held by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Source: The Associated Press

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-7-7
Pick 3 day: 8-7-1
Pick 3 evening: 0-1-7
Pick 3 night: 3-7-7
Daily 4 morning: 0-5-5-6
Daily 4 day: 1-9-2-5
Daily 4 evening: 6-3-7-0
Daily 4 night: 6-1-5-4
Cash Five: 4-5-20-22-31
Triple Chance: 2-3-4-17-21-25-28-47-48-51

Mega Millions: 14-17-25-48-58 BB: 25 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-11-12-13-15-17-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-9-10-11-13-16-18-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-7-9-11-12-16-17-20-23
All or Nothing night: 1-4-8-11-12-13-15-16-18-20-21-22

Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High: 51
Low: 41
Normal high: 60
Normal low: 33

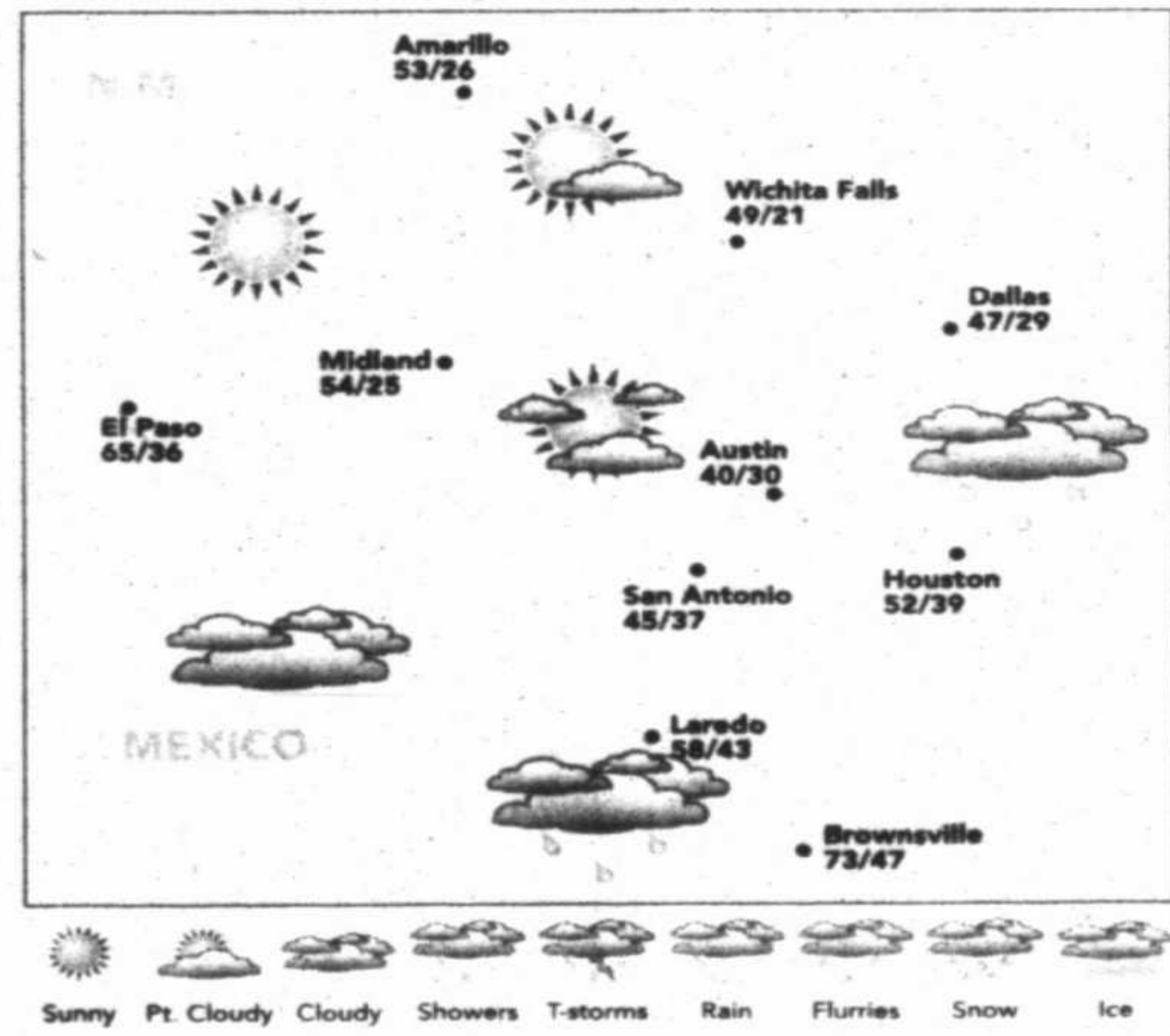
Feb. 6's records
Record high: 83, set in 1932 and equaled in 1950
Record low: 9, set in 1989

Precipitation
Monday: 0.00 in.
Tuesday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.01 in.
Year total: 0.01 in.
Normal total (year to date): 0.70 in.

Winds
Average speed: 11.2 mph
Wind speed: 21 mph
Gust speed: 23 mph

Feb. 7 forecast

Forecast for Wednesday, February 7, 2018



High: 31
Low: 28
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset: 6:28 p.m.

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 Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018:
This year you will try to look for new paths and answers that will illuminate your life. You do not need to stick to a routine. The more open you are, the more exciting your life becomes. You have just pulled away from a difficult period. Take your time to think before you execute a new idea. If you are single, open up to new possibilities. Be careful when making your choices, as someone might

be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you will evolve to a new level of understanding. Consider adapting to one of your sweetie's great ideas. What works for SCORPIO might not work for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have the drive to achieve what you want. Others observe your actions and, as a result, might decide to follow you down a similar path. Know when you can't change a situation, but also recognize when your input makes a difference. **Tonight:** Out with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Gaining more insight into your life is often the direct result of a disagreement or a change of style. You can observe others and how they proceed. You might opt to

spice up your life and head in a new direction. Success comes through relating well to others. **Tonight:** Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Back off from a situation that is transforming. Express your caring to someone you put on a pedestal. Detach, and you will understand this person better. Make plans to go to the movies. Let your imagination call the shots. **Tonight:** Someone you look up to also inspires you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Much is occurring behind the scenes. You could hear wild stories and wonder where one ends and another begins. Frustration builds because you can't seem to get the full story. Trust that the unknown will become the known. Go with the moment. **Tonight:** Get plenty of R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Honor a boss's request, but know your limits. Focus on the here and now. You easily could be distracted, as an aspect of your daily life is subject to change. You will want more space and the freedom to work on projects at your own pace. **Tonight:** Out till the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. If information

and/or financial facts seem to be skewed, or if you feel off, take a step back and observe what is going on. Assume that time will be your ally, and know that the waiting game will pay off. **Tonight:** Join a friend and swap stories.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understanding evolves to a new level if you can step back and remain uninvolved. You might be confused, as someone close to you could be sending you mixed messages. Try reiterating what you are hearing. You might not have all the answers. **Tonight:** Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ By deferring to others, it implies that you have confidence in them. Allow someone the space to demonstrate what is possible. You might need to screen calls and messages, as so many people seek you out. Plan on special time with a loved one. **Tonight:** Let the good times roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Realize what is happening with a child or loved one. Try to accommodate this person; otherwise, you'll find that your plans will be sabotaged. View this person's desire to be around you as flattering, and make it a point to be more flexible. **Tonight:** At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be creative yet also direct. Sometimes this combination can be hard to achieve. It could become quite natural for you. Emphasize your expectations. You will smile as you discover that you are finally getting your way. Don't fight the inevitable, or jinx it! **Tonight:** All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pressure to succeed might be extremely high, yet you will manage to bypass a problem with ease. How you project yourself in a business or professional manner could be very different from the norm. Use your imagination to the max. **Tonight:** Squeeze in some exercise first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others admire your ability to clearly express yourself. A boss or higher-up could be quite challenging, but you'll appreciate that he or she forces you to think. Once the brainstorming beginnings, there will be no stopping the flow of ideas. **Tonight:** You are leader of the gang.

BORN TODAY
Comedian Chris Rock (1965), singer/songwriter Garth Brooks (1962), author Charles Dickens (1812)



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Hailey Smith, Semaj Cotton and Jaiden Smith hold the U.S. flag and lead a local march of residents from the Martin Luther King Jr. SoccerPlex to Booker T. Washington Elementary on Jan. 15 in Hobbs, N.M. The march was part of the festivities sponsored by the Hobbs NAACP branch in observance of MLK Day. Activists advocating for religious freedom are targeting a Ten Commandments monument on city property and the city's sponsorship of the MLK event that featured Gospel singers over concerns about the separation of church and state.

Hobbs' Ten Commandments monument, King event draw complaints from advocates

Hobbs News-Sun

HOBBS, N.M. — Some civil liberties advocates are concerned about a Ten Commandments monument in Hobbs, New Mexico, city hall and the city's sponsorship of last month's Martin Luther King Jr. event because of religious overtones.

Members of the Freedom From Religion Foundation said the monument and the King event in Hobbs violate the separation of church and state.

City Attorney Mike Stone says Hobbs will evaluate the complaints.

During a recent meeting, Hobbs resident and foundation member Jeremy Wood asked the Hobbs City Commission to remove the Ten Commandments monument outside City Hall. Wood pointed to court cases forcing city governments to remove similar monuments.

"Politicians in towns like Hobbs have used public resources to promote their own religious beliefs and, in doing so, have denied their most vulnerable constituents their

First and 14th Amendment rights," Wood said.

He said the city must decide whether it will be a "safe haven for ethnic and religious nationalists, which puts the religion of its majority population above the law."

Foundation lawyer Christopher Line also sent a complaint to the city over the King event on Jan. 15 because it involved religious music performed by a gospel group and numerous speakers who made reference to God and Jesus.

"It is laudable that the city is celebrating Dr. King and promoting unity within the community," Line wrote. "However, including gospel music and religious messages in the celebration is inappropriate."

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with a lower court that ordered the city of Bloomfield, New Mexico, to remove a Ten Commandments monument outside its City Hall.

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This image from video provided by SpaceX shows the company's spacesuit in Elon Musk's red Tesla sports car, which was launched into space during the first test flight of the Falcon Heavy rocket on Tuesday.

SpaceX's big, new rocket blasts off, puts sports car in space

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX's big, new rocket blasted off Tuesday on its first test flight, carrying a red sports car aiming for an endless road trip past Mars.

The Falcon Heavy rose from the same launch pad used by NASA nearly 50 years ago to send men to the moon. With liftoff, the Heavy became the most powerful rocket in use today, doubling the liftoff punch of its closest competitor.

The three boosters and 27 engines roared to life at Kennedy Space Center, as thousands watched from surrounding beaches, bridges and roads, jamming the highways in scenes unmatched since NASA's last space shuttle flight. At SpaceX Mission Control in Southern California, employees screamed, whistled and raised pumped fists into the air as the launch commentators called off each milestone.

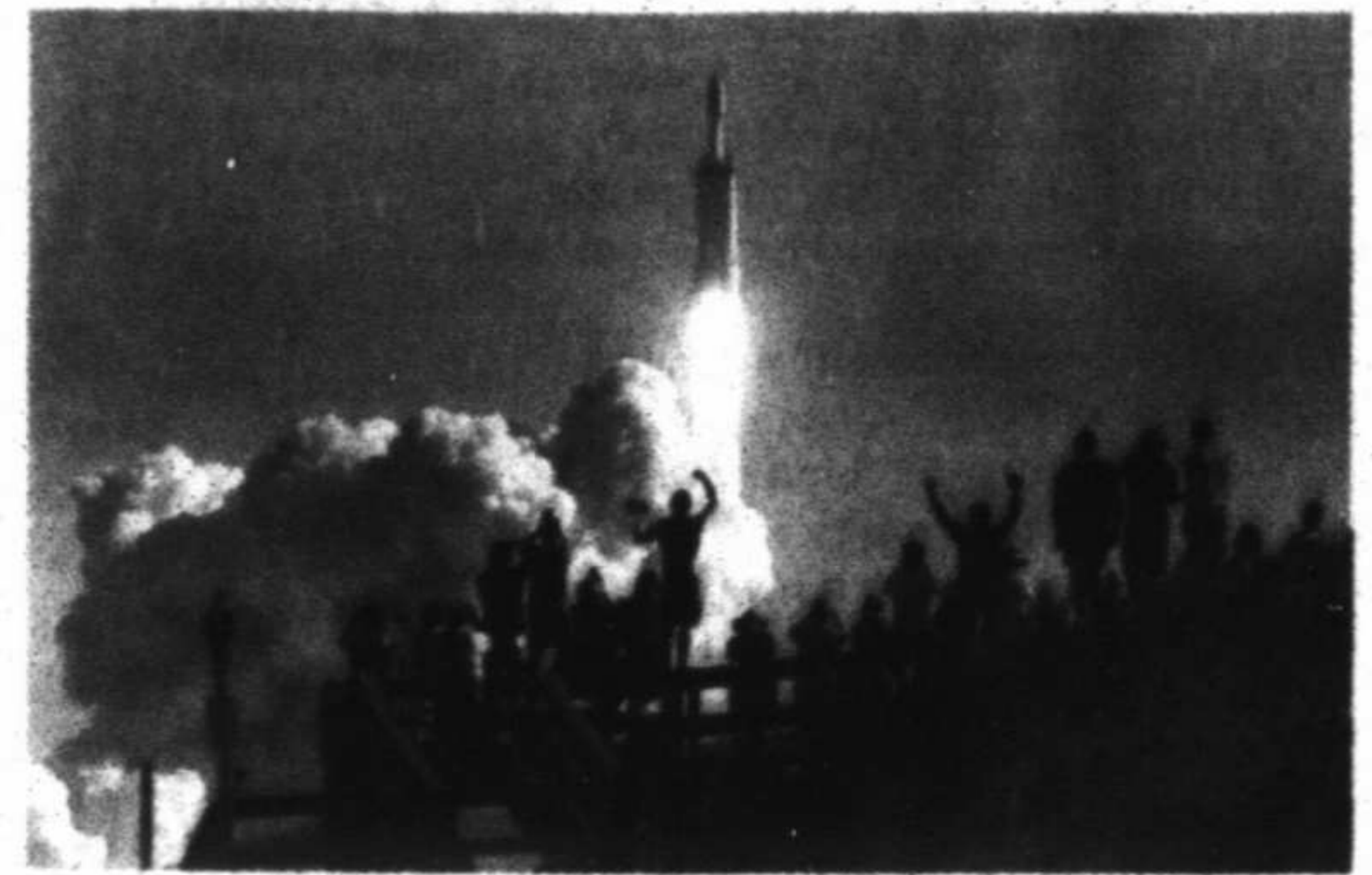
Two of the boosters — both recycled from previous launches — returned minutes later for simultaneous, side-by-side touchdowns on land at Cape Canaveral. Sonic booms rumbled across the region with the vertical landings. There was no immediate word on whether the third booster, brand new, made it onto an ocean platform 300 miles offshore.

SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk owns the rocketing Tesla Roadster, which is shooting for a solar orbit that will reach all the way to Mars. As head of the electric carmaker Tesla, he combined his passions to add a dramatic flair to the Heavy's long-awaited inaugural flight. Ballast for a rocket debut is usually concrete or steel slabs, or experiments.

Cameras mounted on the car fed stunning video of the convertible floating high above the ocean with its driver, a space-suited dummy, named "Starman" after the Davie Bowie song. A sign on the dashboard read: "Don't panic!" Bowie's "Life on Mars?" played in the background at one point.

"View from SpaceX Launch Control," Musk wrote via Twitter. "Apparently, there is a car in orbit around Earth."

Minutes later, he provided a livestream of "Starman" tooling around the blue home planet, looking something like a NASCAR racer out for a Sunday drive, with its right hand on the wheel and the left arm resting on the car's door.



Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel via AP

The crowd cheers Tuesday at Playalinda Beach in the Canaveral National Seashore, just north of the Kennedy Space Center, during the successful launch of the SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. Playalinda is one of closest public viewing spots to see the launch, about 3 miles from the SpaceX launchpad 39A.

On the eve of the flight, Musk told reporters the company had done all it could to maximize success, and he was at peace with whatever happens: success, "one big boom" or some other calamity. Musk has plenty of experience with rocket accidents, from his original Falcon 1 test flights to his follow-up Falcon 9s, one of which exploded on a nearby pad during a 2016 ignition test.

The Falcon Heavy is a combination of three Falcon 9s, the rocket that the company uses to ship supplies to the International Space Station and lift satellites. SpaceX is reusing first-stage boosters to save on launch costs. Most other rocket makers discard their spent boosters in the ocean.

Unlike most rockets out there, the Falcon Heavy receives no government funding. The hulking rocket is intended for massive satellites, like those used by the U.S. military and major-league communication companies. Even before the successful test flight, customers were signed up. "It was awesome, like a science fiction movie coming to reality," said former NASA deputy administrator Dava Newman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Apollo professor of astronautics. "They nailed it. Good for them."

Given the high stakes and high drama, Tuesday's launch attracted huge crowds not seen since NASA's final space shuttle flight seven years ago. While the shuttles had more liftoff muscle than the Heavy, the all-time leaders in both size and might were NASA's Saturn V rockets, which first flew astronauts to the moon in 1968.

Not counting Apollo moon buggies, the Roadster is the first automobile to speed right off the planet.

The car faces considerable speed bumps before settling into its intended

orbit around the sun, an oval circle stretching from the orbit of Earth on one end to the orbit of Mars on the other. It has to endure a cosmic bombardment during several hours of cruising through the highly charged Van Allen radiation belts encircling Earth. Finally, a thruster has to fire to put the car on the right orbital course.

If it weathers all this, the Roadster will reach the vicinity of Mars in six months, Musk said. The car could be traveling between Earth and Mars' neighborhoods for a billion years, according to the high-tech billionaire.

Musk acknowledged the Roadster could come "quite close" to Mars during its epic cruise, with only a remote chance of crashing into the red planet.

Also on board in a protected storage unit is Isaac Asimov's science fiction series, "Foundation." A plaque contains the names of the more than 6,000 SpaceX employees.

The Heavy already is rattling the launch market. Its sticker price is \$90 million, less than one-tenth the estimated cost of NASA's Space Launch System megarocket in development for moon and Mars expeditions.

SpaceX has decided against flying passengers on the Heavy, Musk told reporters Monday, and instead will accelerate development of an even bigger rocket to accommodate deep-space crews. His ultimate goal is to establish a city on Mars.

"If people think we're in a race with the Chinese, this is our secret weapon: the entrepreneurship of people like Elon and others like Jeff Bezos," said Stanford University's G. Scott Hubbard, NASA's first Mars czar. Amazon's Bezos heads Blue Origin, which is developing a big, reusable orbital-class rocket and already is making suborbital flights in Texas.

Before launch, Bezos offered "best of luck" to Musk.

When the newspaper closed, this town library started one

By Michael Casey
Associated Press

WEARE, N.H. — Weeks after Weare's only newspaper shut down, a resident had a proposal: The library should start one.

Librarian Mike Sullivan jumped on the idea and, for the past year, has been producing Weare in the World.

The four-page publication comes out every week and is heavy on community events and calendar listings. The front page of one paper had a short story about an elementary school Lego team, a police association scholarship and details on a local bar's Super Bowl party. There is also a popular crossword puzzle that has clues for local businesses or other landmarks in the town with 9,000 residents.

The goal is to create a sense of community and local pride, more civic engagement and "more energy around things that do happen around town," said Sullivan, who produces 200 copies of the newspaper by himself in his tiny office crowded with boxes of donated books and several guitars he uses for music lessons.

The paper has no paid ads, and Sullivan estimates each issue costs the library about \$25, not including staff time.

The newspaper is the latest example of a library stepping into what Sullivan describes as a news desert to cover community news.

David Beard, a journalist who is finishing up a Harvard University research fellowship and has written about the paper for the Poynter Institute, said similar projects have been undertaken elsewhere. In South Dakota, there is the Black Hills Network that takes information from 13 libraries. NOWcastSA, which describes itself as public television for the internet, is run out of a San Antonio, library.

"It's more like a first step — listing and covering events, town histories, showing what makes a place unique and distinctive," Beard said. "So many places



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Librarian Thelma Tracy, right, folds editions of the "Weare in the World" with her co-workers Monday at the public library in Weare, N.H. In the small New Hampshire town, they've found an unusual solution to the absence of a town newspaper, the local library is producing one. For the past year, library director Michael Sullivan and his staff have produced and delivered their community newspaper.

in America don't even have that now. If it stokes the need for greater news coverage in the town, all the better."

But some suggest library newspapers are a poor substitute for the real thing, since they often lack fully reported stories, actual reporters and independence from town institutions.

Tommy Thomason, director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism, said the trend reflects residents' desire for information but also exposes the unique role that newspapers play in gathering it.

Librarians are experts in curating information that is already out there, not going out and getting information, he said.

"I can't see a library ever sending someone to cover a school board meeting or a City Council meeting," he said, "or, 'Hey, there is a fire on the other side of town. We need to roll a librarian.'"

Sullivan is quick to acknowledge the shortcomings of his newspaper — call it a newsletter if you want, he says — but insists it is

providing a much-needed public service. The quarterly that served the town, the Weare Free Press, closed last year and reporters from nearby dailies and weeklies rarely cover the town, he said.

"This has an awful lot of similarities to the early, early community newspapers," Sullivan said. "It is a bit of a throwback and it's meant to serve the people who don't get their information through Facebook" or other online sources.

Boosters of the paper, including many town officials, said it is the only place residents can get information on events such as the annual Christmas party, the Weare Patriotic Celebration or town meetings. They say attendance at such events is up since Sullivan's paper started publishing.

"Need to know time and place of an activity in town, it's now at your fingertips," Heleen Kurk, a former selectman and current town historical society board member, said in an email interview. "So yes, this little newspaper is making a difference."

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Dow turns 567-point loss into 567-point gain as stocks rally

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rallied Tuesday as a late surge helped them regain almost half their losses from the day before, when they had their biggest plunge in 6 1/2 years. That came at the end of a day of heavy trading and huge swings for the market.

Major indexes in Asia and Europe took steep losses and U.S. markets started sharply lower, only to repeatedly change direction. After its 1,175-point nosedive Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 567 points right after trading began. After numerous turns higher and lower, it wound up with a gain, coincidentally, of 567.

Despite the turbulence, Tuesday's trading looked similar to the patterns that have shaped the market for the last year: investors bought companies that do well when economic growth is strongest. Gainers included technology companies, retailers like Amazon and Home Depot, and industrial companies and banks.

Bond yields turned higher after a sharp drop Monday. As a result, the biggest losses went to high-dividend companies such as utility and real estate companies, which investors often buy as an alternative to bonds. When bond yields rise, those stocks become less appealing to investors seeking income. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.80 percent from 2.71 percent.

The Dow finished 567.02 points higher, or 2.3 percent, at 24,912.77.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a broader market barometer that many index funds track, climbed 46.20 points, or 1.7 percent, to 2,695.14. The Nasdaq composite rose 148.36 points, or 2.1 percent, to 7,115.88. It was the busiest day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange since Nov. 10, 2016, two days after the presidential election.

The steep drops Friday and Monday wiped out the gains the Dow and S&P 500 made since the beginning of the year, but both remain higher over the past 12 months. The Dow is up 24 percent over that time, the S&P 500 18 percent.

Even after Tuesday's gain, the S&P 500 is still down 6.2 percent from the recent record high it set on January 26. That's less than the 10 percent drop



Richard Drew/Associated Press

An image of President-elect Donald Trump appears on a television screen Nov. 9, 2016, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. President Trump has maintained an uncharacteristic silence since the stock market took a nose dive, notable for a businessman president who regularly points to the rising market as evidence of the success of his presidency and economic policies.

that is known on Wall Street as a "correction."

Corrections are seen as entirely normal during bull markets, and even helpful in curbing excessive gains and allowing new investors to buy into the market at lower prices. It has been an uncommonly long time since the last market correction, which ended almost two years ago.

Brent Schutte, chief investment strategist at Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management, said the plunge wasn't caused by inflation fears alone. The markets have been unusually calm since late 2016, and he said investors were betting that would continue. "People were positioned for more central bank easing or continued central bank easing, low rates, and importantly, low volatility," he said. "Corrections are caused by people having to reposition for new environments."

Investors remain fearful that signs of rising inflation and higher interest rates could bring an end to the bull market that has sent stocks to record high after record high in recent years.

Friday's U.S. jobs report showed wages grew at a faster pace in January, and investors worried that that means inflation is speeding up, and that the Federal Reserve will have to raise interest rates faster than previously expected in order to keep that inflation

in check. Higher rates act like a brake on the economy by slowing down borrowing and lending.

Schutte, of Northwestern Mutual, added that corrections can end quickly, and they often do so when investors see evidence of continued economic growth. Experts do think the global economy will keep growing this year even though that is likely to bring more inflation. Schutte said that as central banks stop propping up the market, trading will probably be more volatile in the next few years.

Travel bookings site TripAdvisor was one of only two S&P 500 companies that finished higher on Monday. On Tuesday it rallied another \$5.22, or 14.7 percent, to \$40.84.

U.S. crude oil fell 76 cents, or 1.2 percent, to close at \$63.39 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil prices, lost 76 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$66.86 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline lost 4 cents to \$1.81 a gallon. Heating oil dipped 3 cents to \$1.99 a gallon. Natural gas added 1 cent to \$2.76 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Investors often buy gold when they're worried about market volatility, but they aren't doing that now. Gold fell \$7, or 0.5 percent, to \$1,329.50 an ounce and silver dipped 9 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$16.58 an ounce.

Why Trump has little influence on rising or falling stocks

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For months, President Donald Trump boasted about having steered the U.S. stock markets to record high after record high.

What a difference a few days can make.

The market free-fall, explosive volatility and now partial recovery of stock prices have served as a stark reminder that Trump, like his predecessors, isn't commander in chief of the U.S. economy — or the financial markets. The markets pivot on forces that owe at least as much to computerized trading programs, overseas investors and global central banks as they do to a president's policies and force of personality.

The Dow Jones industrial average went on a wild ride Tuesday — ricocheting between losses and gains — to close up more than 560 points, or 2 percent.

The gains weren't enough, though, to offset the dizzying drops from the prior two days of frantic trading.

Anxiety has settled deep into a market that Trump long treated as a sure-fire triumph.

The same investors who cheered Trump's tax cuts and stayed calm amid the threat of a nuclear attack from North Korea are now dreading the risk of higher inflation and the prospect of rising interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve and other central banks.

Beginning immediately after his 2016 election all the way through last week's State of the Union address, the president repeatedly claimed credit for a surging stock market and increases in Americans' retirement saving accounts. On Twitter, he declared that stocks would rise even higher once his \$1.5 trillion tax cut was

"totally understood and appreciated."

Investors and the trillions of dollars they control, it turns out, have minds of their own.

"This is a healthy reminder that there are risks in the market," said Mark Doms, a senior economist at Nomura Securities. "If you invest in the stock market, there are ups and downs. We just hadn't had too many downs recently."

It's not just stock prices that have been tumbling. Bond prices have been falling and interest rates have been rising on U.S. Treasury's. The result is higher loan costs, which make it more expensive for the government to borrow and more burdensome for Americans who need to take on debt to buy homes or cars or to pay for college.

In the 1990s, James Carville, an aide to President Bill Clinton, declared that the bond market, not just elected officials, had power to shape White House budget policies. The bond market, in setting federal borrowing rates, determined just how much the government could afford to borrow.

"I used to think if there was reincarnation, I wanted to come back as the president or the pope or a 400 baseball hitter," Carville said. "But now I want to come back as the bond market. You can intimidate everybody."

What the Trump administration may find frustrating is that markets have plunged off of relatively positive economic news. The January U.S. jobs report showed that Americans' average hourly wages, which have lagged for years, had shot up 2.9 percent over the previous 12 months — the fastest such increase in more than eight years. And Trump's \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts promise a further dose of economic stimulus.

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Gubernatorial candidate has rough few days

Lupe Valdez misses out on two endorsements; questions arise whether she is ready for the prime time of statewide leadership

Sometimes, political endorsements are more interesting for who doesn't get them than for who does.

In recent days, The Dallas Morning News and the Houston GLBT Political Caucus each endorsed Houston businessman Andrew White for the Democratic nomination to probably lose to GOP Gov. Greg Abbott in November.

Those endorsements of White are solidly based. He's working hard to get his message out and displays a good grasp of issues facing the state. Though his dad was governor, White's a political rookie. But lots of folks seem to think that's a good demographic in which to look for answers.

These days, outsiders are in. And White is the Democratic outsider when compared with Lupe Valdez, the party's other top-tier gubernatorial contender. She's a former longtime Dallas County sheriff and the favorite of many Texas Democratic insiders who believe she can be as solid a challenger as their party could field against the overwhelmingly favored Abbott.

So that's why two endorsements that

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recently went to White — one from Valdez's hometown newspaper and one from a political group in one of her demographics — were eye-opening, as well as troublesome for Valdez.

The Morning News in its endorsement of White said it's "his knowledge of the state's complex challenges that makes him far and away the better choice in the crowded nine-way Democratic primary for governor." The paper also said it's White's "collaborative demeanor and centrist approach that would make him well-suited to lead the state and work with what most likely will remain a GOP-controlled Texas Legislature."

And the Dallas paper damningly said this: "We had high hopes for former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez. ... We were disappointed by her gross unfamiliarity with state issues, however, particularly an almost incoherent attempt to discuss state financing."

"At one point, Valdez, 70, volunteered

that she didn't know whether the state was spending \$8 million or \$8 billion on border control. (It's closer to \$800 million.) On college tuition, she first suggested the Legislature "and stakeholders" should set tuition rates, but then contradicted herself, and she later said the state should move to reduce local property tax rates, apparently unaware of those set by local jurisdictions," the paper said.

Ouch. Pretty bad.

The Houston Chronicle also endorsed White, telling its readers, "He's the only Democratic gubernatorial candidate who seems to have given serious thought to the state government's role in protecting Gulf Coast residents from flooding."

Valdez, the Chronicle said, "stumbled over flooding questions."

Neither paper mentioned Valdez's sexual orientation, a fact that tells us nothing about how she'd perform as governor. Nevertheless, it was a surprise to some when the Houston GLBT caucus on Saturday opted to endorse the openly heterosexual White over the openly gay Valdez.

Much like the Dallas newspaper, the caucus found that Valdez isn't ready for the prime time of statewide leadership.

"Let's be clear: Our members wanted to endorse Valdez," said Mike Webb, Houston GLBT caucus president. "There's

nothing that would make us more proud than electing a member of our own community. However, we also have an expectation in our community to endorse the person who will do the best job. And our members just thought that Andrew White would do the best job."

Webb also said, "Our members were convinced he would be best positioned to fight back hard against the aggressive bigotry we are getting from our governor" and that on "questions of deportation of immigrants, (Valdez's) answers just weren't very empathetic."

None of this bodes well for Valdez, though she still could wind up as the Democrats' nominee. But just when we thought things couldn't get much worse for Texas Democrats, who haven't won a statewide race since 1994 and who lost the 2014 gubernatorial race by 20 points, it looks as if they actually could.

Party leadership — to the extent some of it wants Valdez as its nominee — is running the risk of losing its own gubernatorial primary.

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Editor's Note: The Midland County Democratic Party announced that Lupe Valdez will appear at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave., 7-7:30 p.m. Saturday.

OPINION EXTRA

Divided community acts differently during shared experiences

On Sunday, I attended the Super Bowl, along with my father, my business partner and the president of our company. It was an amazing event. That wasn't just because the game was terrific — although it was. It was because for all the competitive fire, for all the passion and excitement, one feeling permeated the stadium in the freezing wilds of Minnesota: love.

Yes, love. The people in the stadium may have hated the other team, but they didn't hate one another. Patriots fans sat next to Eagles fans, and everybody got along; we all shouted ourselves hoarse when the NFL honored Medal of Honor winners, and we all stood for the national anthem. After the game, when we poured out into the arctic temperatures, barely able to move because of the throng, nobody was pushing or shoving or getting violent. Instead, people joked and laughed. After all, what was there to be truly angry about? We'd just witnessed an awesome spectacle, been party to a shared communal experience. Eagles fans mocked Pats fans; Pats fans good-naturedly shrugged it off. It may sound like a cliché, but the Super Bowl — in the stadium, at least — was just a giant party filled with Americans who loved being in America celebrating a great American cultural celebration.

Unfortunately, such experiences are becoming rarer and rarer. I love technology; I love choice. I cut cable years ago. Then I hooked up cable again for sports and then cut it again. My entertainment choices are personalized. So are my music choices. I can download podcasts at will. I watch movies with my wife — it takes a Big Event Movie to get me to a theater. I choose whom to follow on Facebook and Twitter. All of that is fantastic — better stuff, faster, catered to my tastes! But there's a drawback: We don't have the same common cultural ground anymore, as our tastes fragment and we can pursue them more individually.

My main communal connection comes through my synagogue, but church and synagogue attendance has been dropping precipitously for years. People aren't joining sports leagues or community organizations. We're fragmenting on nearly every level. There's a problem with that: As the social fabric atomizes, we spend less time with one another. We're less likely to see one another as friends and neighbors, and more likely to see one another as bundles of positions and views we don't share. And that makes it particularly easy for us to dismiss one another as motivated by nefarious feelings, as opposed to merely being in disagreement.

Arthur Brooks of American Enterprise Institute is fond of citing a 1934 study about discrimination against Chinese-Americans. The study followed a Chinese couple as they visited hotels and restaurants across the country. They were denied service a grand total of one time. Then, study author Richard LaPiere sent questionnaires to the various establishments asking whether they'd serve a Chinese couple. All but one that responded said no.

The lesson, as Brooks notes: "People are more hostile to others in the abstract than when they meet them in person." That means we need more communal events — and that means we have to go out of our way to engage with others. We need more shared cultural experiences. That would be a good start toward rebuilding our perceptions of one another.

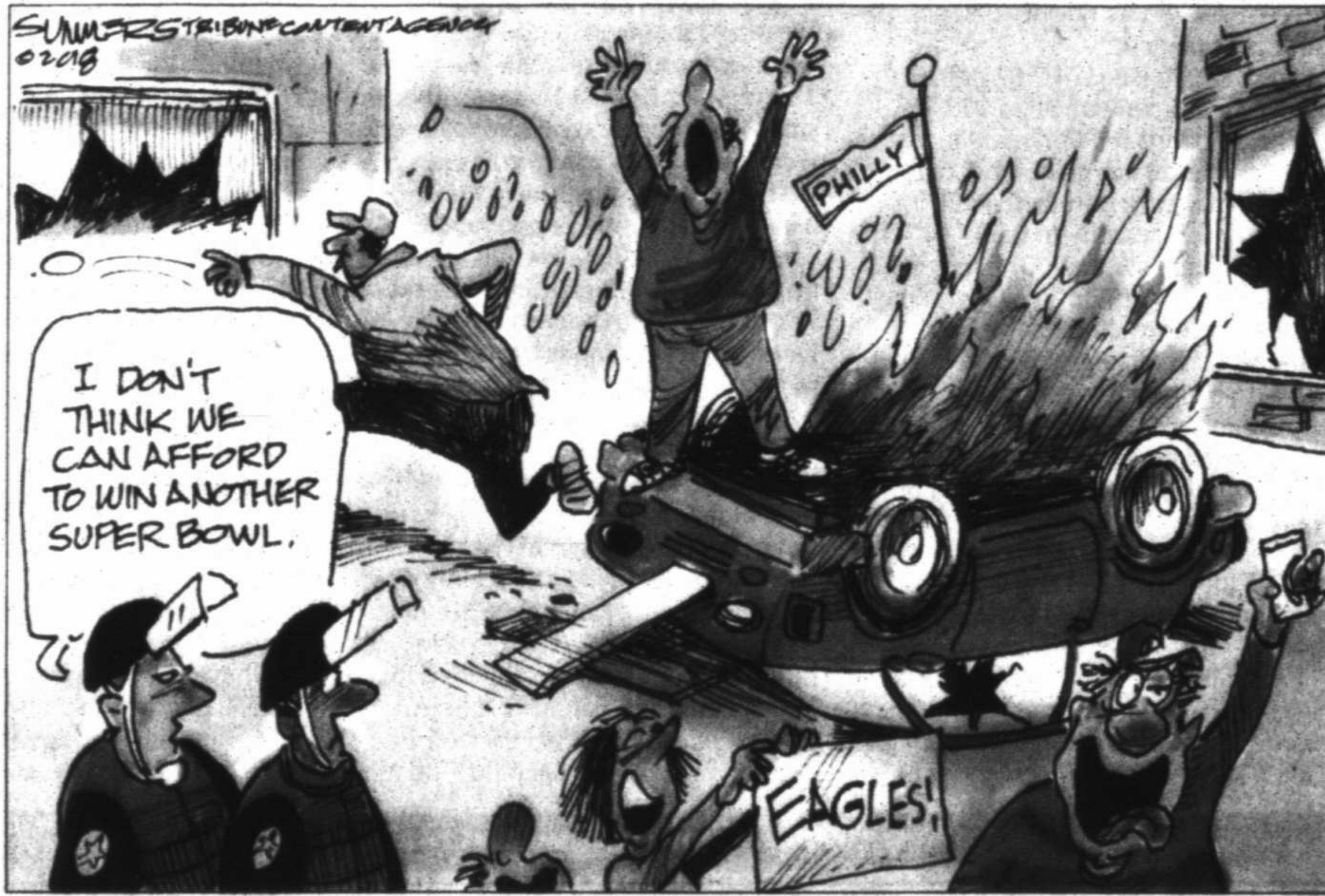
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Robert Mueller is no Ken Starr

The worst case for Trump is probably a report by Mueller that could become, in effect, an impeachment referral

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No matter the criticisms directed his way by Republicans, Robert Mueller should count himself lucky: He's not Ken Starr.

The punctilious, mild-mannered independent counsel appointed by a three-judge panel in the 1990s, Starr investigated all manner of Bill Clinton scandals, most spectacularly the Monica Lewinsky affair.

A former D.C. circuit judge and U.S. solicitor general in the first Bush administration, he had struck no one before his appointment as a goose-stepping lieutenant in the sex police, or a partisan fanatic likely to be driven by sheer hatred to attempt to destroy a Democratic president.

Starr became all of these things for Clinton's defenders, who thought a good offense was the best defense of a president caught lying under oath.

A former Clinton adviser said Starr's investigation "smacks of Gestapo" and "outstrips McCarthyism." The estimable historian Garry Willis mused that it shouldn't be Bill Clinton, but Ken Starr who should be impeached. Anthony Lewis, a liberal lion at The New York Times, opined that Starr's "abuses were driven by an obsessive — and, for a prosecutor, entirely inappropriate — determination to force President Clinton from office by any means available."

On and on it went. It was trench warfare over Starr's every move. In a signature piece of writing during the Lewinsky scandal, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd managed to portray Starr, not Bill Clinton, as the sex-obsessed goat, even though the former judge wasn't the one chasing interns around his desk.

This history is relevant because it shows the forgetfulness of Donald Trump's critics, who seem to believe that it's unprecedented for a special counsel to attract the ire of a president's defenders. In an often abnormal time, the most normal thing that's happened over the past six months is that attitudes toward the Mueller investigation have broken down along partisan lines.

Robert Mueller may be motivated by a disinterested pursuit of the truth (tempered, one hopes, by an appropriate sense of limits), but his most ardent fans are rooting for any criminal infraction that, in their fevered dreams, will lead to President Trump

getting frog-marched from the White House.

The persistent fantasy that Trump can somehow be leveraged from office is behind the push to criminalize any blameworthy conduct on his part or that of his associates.

It wasn't just bad form in pursuit of a foolish policy for incoming national security adviser Michael Flynn to talk to Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak about sanctions; it was a violation of the Logan Act.

Don Jr.'s notorious meeting with Russians wasn't just amateurish and ill-considered; it was a violation of a law against taking an in-kind contribution from a foreign national.

The continued operation of Trump businesses isn't just unseemly; it's a violation of the "Emoluments Clause."

Trump's withdrawn directive to fire Mueller wasn't merely a potentially catastrophic decision that he got talked out of; it was evidence of obstruction of justice.

Very little can't be made to fit under this rubric. In his rebuttal to the Nunes memo, New York Democrat Jerry Nadler alleged that the document made Republicans an accessory to a crime — "part and parcel" of Trump's effort "to obstruct the Special Counsel's investigation."

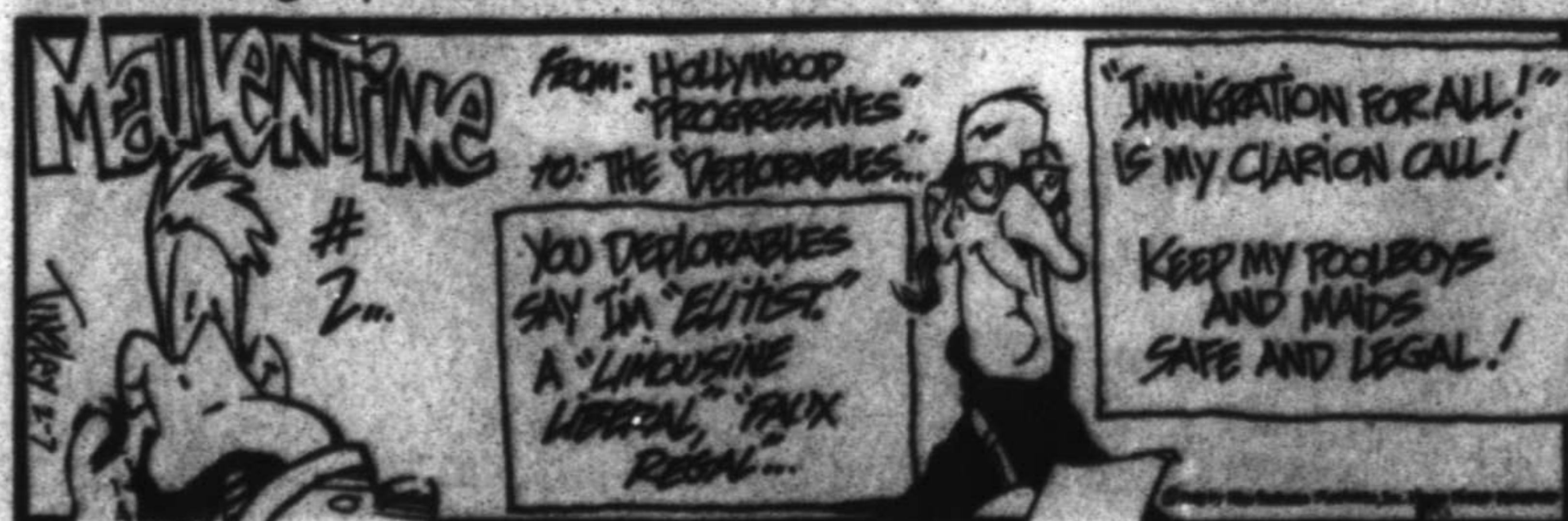
Even in the worst case for Trump, Mueller is unlikely to charge him with a crime. There is long-standing Office of Legal Counsel guidance that it's unconstitutional to indict a president while he's in office. The worst case for Trump is probably a report by Mueller that could become, in effect, an impeachment referral.

Much will depend on the facts: whether Mueller is willing to stand aside if he doesn't find anything to justify his continued investigation, who wins Congress this year and, if it's the Democrats, by how much. But there can be little doubt that, in their hearts, most Democrats have decided for impeachment. The fighting now may be mere skirmishing compared with the larger political war to come.

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Trump aide: Some immigrants 'too lazy' to sign up for DACA

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some immigrants may have been "too afraid" or "too lazy" to sign up for the Obama-era program that offers protection from deportation, White House chief of staff John Kelly said Tuesday as he defended President Donald Trump's proposal on the divisive issue.

Kelly discounted the possibility that Trump would announce a temporary extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program beyond March 5, when its protections could expire. He said the administration would not ask Congress to set a later date to give bargainers more time to reach a bipartisan deal, but said the government would not start deporting "Dreamers" who don't have criminal records.

"They are not a priority for deportation," he told reporters.

Kelly spoke as lawmakers have deadlocked in an effort to reach an immigration compromise. Barring an unlikely last-minute agreement, the Senate is expected to begin debating the issue next week, and it is unclear what if any plan will survive.

"We just don't know where 60 votes are for any particular proposal," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., citing the votes needed for passage. Republicans have a slim majority and any measure will need around a dozen Democratic votes to succeed.

Kelly said Trump's recent offer to provide a path to citizenship for up to 1.8 million immigrants went "beyond what anyone could have imagined." A bipartisan offer by six senators that Trump rejected would have made citizenship possible for the 690,000 "Dreamers" registered under the program, nicknamed DACA, which shields immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and stayed here illegally.

"There are 690,000 official DACA registrants and the president sent over what amounts to be two and a half times that number, to 1.8 million," Kelly said. "The difference between (690,000) and 1.8 million were the people that some would say were too afraid to sign up, others would say were too lazy to get off their asses, but they didn't sign up."

Immigration experts cite various reasons why people eligible for DACA's protections do not apply. These include lack of knowledge about the program, a worry that participating will expose

them to deportation and an inability to afford registration fees.

"I'm sorry for that characterization. It doesn't surprise me from Gen. Kelly," No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Richard Durbin of Illinois, his party's chief immigration negotiator, said of the White House staff chief's remarks.

Durbin also scoffed at Kelly's assertion that "Dreamers" would not be deported after the March 5 deadline arrives.

"It's cold comfort to DACA people that if Congress does nothing, they're still safe in the loving arms of the Department of Homeland Security," said Durbin.

With leaders working on a separate track toward a budget pact, Trump threw a knuckle ball into the mix, saying he'd "love to see a shutdown" if Democrats didn't meet his immigration demands.

Trump said last September that he was ending DACA but gave lawmakers until March 5 to pass legislation shielding the Dreamers. A federal judge has indefinitely blocked Trump from terminating the program's protections, blunting the deadline's immediate impact.

Many lawmakers are uneasy about what might happen to the Dreamers after March 5, and Democrats — and Trump himself — are using that uncertainty as leverage to help force a deal.

Kelly rejected the idea of asking lawmakers to extend the deadline, saying, "What makes them act is pressure."

In exchange for making citizenship a possibility, Trump wants \$25 billion for border security, including money to build parts of his coveted wall along the U.S.-Mexico boundary. He also wants to curb legal immigration, restricting the relatives that legal immigrants could sponsor for citizenship and ending a lottery that distributes visas to people from diverse places like Africa.

"I can't imagine men and women of good will who begged this president to solve the problem of DACA" would oppose Trump's proposal, Kelly said. He added, "Right now, the champion of all people who are DACA is Donald Trump."

Democrats strongly oppose limiting legal immigration, and conservatives are against giving citizenship to DACA recipients, and Trump's bill has gotten little traction in Congress. Durbin, his party's chief vote counter, said Trump's proposal would not get 60 Senate votes, saying, "I don't think it will get any votes on the Democratic side."



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House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., center, walks to a Republican strategy conference Tuesday at the Capitol as House GOP leaders are proposing to keep the government open for another six weeks by adding a year's worth of Pentagon funding to a stopgap spending bill, in Washington.

NATION ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

On Trump's desk: Dems' classified memo on Russia probe

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump met with a top Justice Department official Tuesday to review a classified Democratic memo on the Russia investigation, less than a week after he brushed aside objections from the same agency over releasing a Republican account.

The dueling memos — and Trump's silence so far on whether he will release the Democratic version — have set up a standoff between Trump and congressional Democrats and deepened partisan fights on the House intelligence panel. The memos have become the recent focus of the committee's probe into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, taking attention away from investigations into whether Trump's campaign was involved.

The Democratic document is intended to counter the GOP memo, which criticized methods the FBI used to obtain a surveillance warrant on a onetime Trump campaign associate. The president has until the end of the week to decide whether to make it public.

On Tuesday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump met with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to discuss differences between the two memos, and "we are undergoing the exact same process that we did with the previous memo, in which it will go through a full and thorough legal and national security review."

The House panel voted unanimously Monday to release the Democratic memo, sending it to the White House.

Separate Russia investigations are underway by the Senate intelligence committee and special counsel Robert Mueller, whose team is scheduled to interview former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon next week.

The Mueller interview was confirmed by two people familiar with it. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about details of the interview.

Bannon is expected to face questions about key events during his time in the White House including Trump's firings of former national security adviser Michael Flynn and former FBI Director James Comey.

Also Tuesday, the House intelligence committee gave Bannon another week to negotiate the terms of a closed-door interview as the White House has put limits on what he can tell Congress. Bannon was under subpoena to appear Tuesday as part of the panel's Russia probe, but Republicans pushed the deadline to next week as talks about the terms of his interview continued.

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the intelligence panel, said Bannon's lawyer has told the committee that the White House will only permit him to answer 14 "yes" or "no" questions. He said Bannon is barred by the White House from talking about matters during the presidential transition, his time at the White House and communications with Trump since he left in August.

Schiff said the panel is in rare bipartisan agreement that the terms offered are unacceptable.

"Should Bannon maintain his refusal to return and testify fully to all questions, the committee should begin contempt proceedings to compel his testimony," Schiff said.

Despite unity on the Bannon interview, partisan tensions continued to run high on the committee as lawmakers issued their dueling memos.

Schiff and other Democrats have raised questions about whether the committee chairman, Republican Rep. Devin Nunes of California, coordinated with the White House in drafting the GOP memo. After the document's release last week, the president quickly seized on it to vent his grievances against the nation's premier law enforcement agencies and said it "totally vindicates" him in the Russia investigations.

Shutdown less likely as Senate closes in on budget agreement

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by encouraging prospects of a budget pact, lawmakers on Tuesday appeared increasingly likely to avoid a repeat of last month's government shutdown — though President Donald Trump unexpectedly raised the possibility of closing things down again if he can't have his way on immigration.

"I'd love to see a shutdown if we can't get this stuff taken care of," Trump declared. And then he repeated that sentiment several more times.

Trump's comments came out of left field as Senate leaders closed in on a longer-term agreement on legislation to award whopping spending increases to both the Pentagon and domestic federal programs as well as to pass overdue disaster relief money and, perhaps, crucial legislation to increase the government's borrowing limit and avoid possible default.

Democratic leaders appeared no longer intent on linking progress on the budget to protections for younger "Dreamer" immigrants who were brought to the country as children and are here illegally. Instead, the Democrats prepared to reap tens of billions of dollars for the party's domestic priorities such as combatting opioids while taking their chances on solving the immigration impasse later.

Meanwhile, the House took up a six-week stopgap spending bill containing increases for the military that long have been demanded by Trump and his GOP allies. But the measure appeared increasingly likely to be rewritten by the Senate to include legislation implementing the brewing budget pact.

The budget negotiations, conducted chiefly by the Senate's top leaders, Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Chuck Schumer of New York, have intensified in recent days — and the looming government shutdown at midnight Thursday added urgency to the talks. They met Tuesday morning in an effort to bring the talks toward closure, with Schumer reporting "real progress."

"I think we're on the way to getting an agreement and getting it very soon," said McConnell.

Prospects for dealing with immigration, however, were as fuzzy as ever. The Senate is slated next week to begin a debate to address the dilemma of immigrants left vulnerable by the looming expiration of former President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The broader budget picture is one in which GOP defense hawks are prevailing over the party's depleted ranks of deficit hawks while Democrats leverage their influence to increase spending for domestic priorities such as combating opioid misuse. The result could be the return of trillion-dollar deficits for the first time since Obama's first term.

The stopgap spending bill would keep the government open through March 23 to allow time to write and pass detailed follow-up "omnibus" legislation to fund the government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

The prospective longer-term budget agreement would give both the Pentagon and domestic agencies relief from a budget freeze that lawmakers say threatens military readiness and training as well as domestic priorities such as combating opioid abuse and repairing the government's troubled health care system for veterans.

The temporary funding measure would also reauthorize funding for community health centers, which enjoy widespread bipartisan support.

Aides in both parties said the budget measure may also contain a provision to raise the government's \$20.5 trillion borrowing cap. Legislation to increase the debt ceiling is always a headache, especially for House GOP leaders whose rank and file hate such votes. Schumer said addressing the debt ceiling is an option for now but not a sure thing.

Another likely addition is more than \$80 billion in long-overdue hurricane relief for Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, a top priority of lawmakers in both parties.

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Can lifestyle medicine reverse heart disease progression?

February is American heart Month, and each year we are reminded to focus on our heart health. This year, let us focus on how to prevent, treat and reverse heart disease. Yes, I am talking about reversing heart disease. It is not new information; we have known about this for about 40 years but it has somehow not trickled into mainstream medical practice.

Great medical discoveries and invasive procedures have been mainstream of cardiology treatment in the past three decades. We have made great strides in treating acute life-threatening situations. At the same time, lifestyle measures were given nominal importance despite years of scientific evidence showing benefit, at times more than drugs

DR. PADMAJA PATEL
Midland Health



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- stress-management techniques
- moderate exercise
- social support and community

The Ornish program for reversing heart disease is the first and only lifestyle program that has been scientifically proven in randomized controlled trials to often reverse the progression of even severe coronary heart disease and other chronic conditions.

We were taught in medical school that heart disease is a progressive disease by nature, and medications and interventions could only slow down the rate of worsening. But our understanding of the disease has evolved over the years. For many

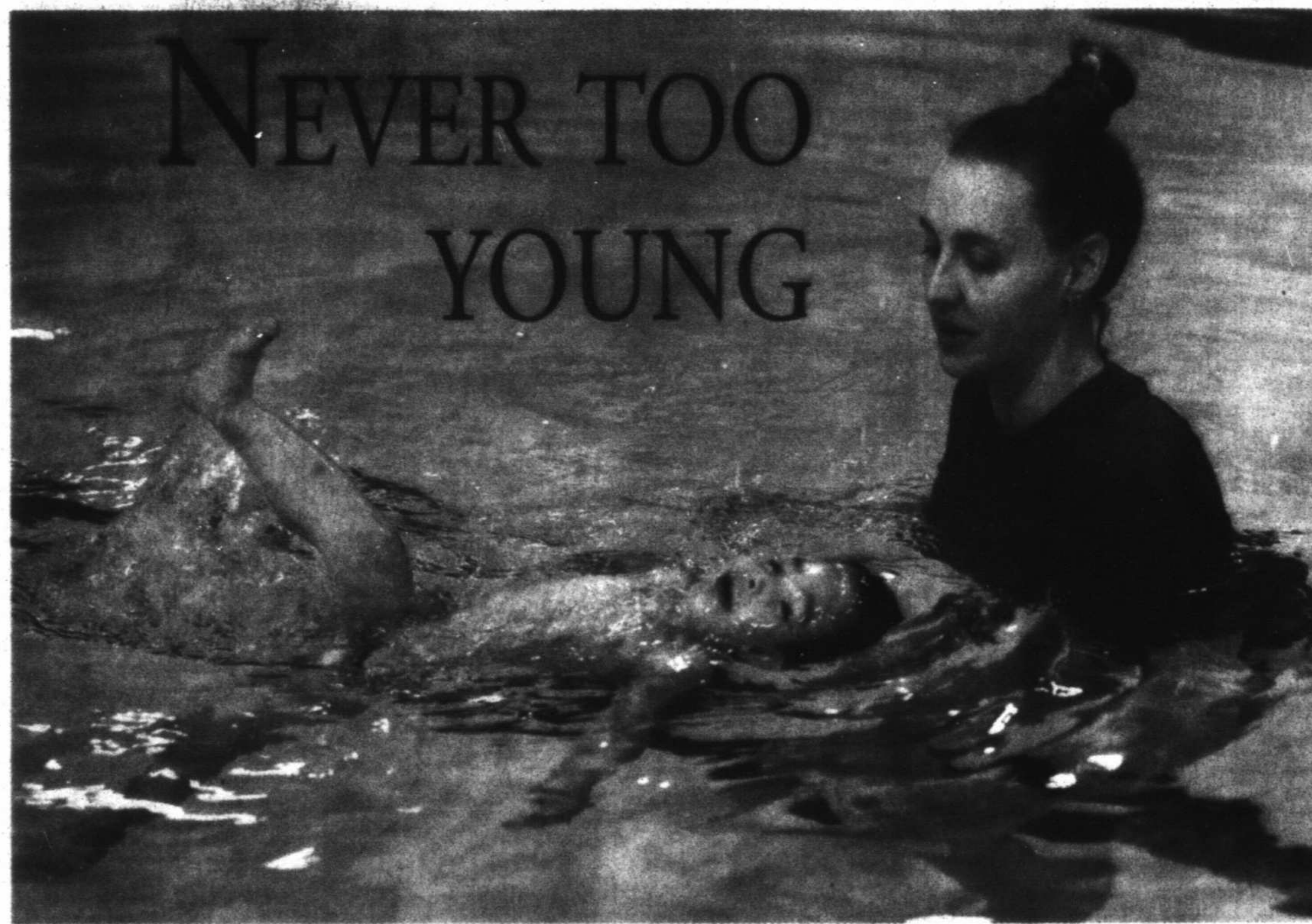
years, we believed the only major mechanism causing reduced blood flow to the heart was coronary atherosclerosis, or plaque. But now we know that other mechanisms include changes in vasomotor tone, platelet viscosity, collateral flow and plaque hemorrhage.

These mechanisms are dynamic and can show measurable changes — for better or worse — in relatively short periods of time.

What does it mean by reversing progression of coronary heart disease?

DECREASE IN ARTERIAL PLAQUE SIZE

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Betsy Partin works with two-year-old Rhett Meluso on turning over to float on his back and learning to swim Tuesday at COM Aquatics.

Program teaches water survival skills to infants

By Simone Jasper
sjasper@mrt.com

As a longtime swimmer, Betsy Partin has always kept water safety in mind. Through classes at COM Aquatics, she helps young children learn skills to use in emergency situations.

"We teach them to be aquatic problem-solvers," Partin said. "We don't teach them to follow instructions.... We teach their bodies to feel the water, to adjust to the circumstances they have been presented."

Partin is a certified instructor for Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) Self-Rescue, a program that offers individualized instruction to children 6 months to 6.

ISR is designed to teach participants how to flip onto their backs and float in water while waiting for help. Partin said older children learn to follow a swimming sequence until they reach a wall, stairs or something else to hold.

Lindy Meluso's son, Rhett, was almost 2 when he completed the six-week ISR instruction in the fall. Meluso said her child gained skills that he reviews

If you go

The next six-week session of Infant Swimming Resource Self-Rescue starts Feb. 19 at COM Aquatics. For more information, visit the Facebook page for Midland ISR.

during follow-up sessions.

"I don't feel as nervous with him around the swimming pool," the Midland mom said. "Obviously, I'm going to be more cautious because he's young. If he were to fall in or get swept away, he would know to flip over on his back."

For Partin, teaching the survival skills to youngsters has personal significance. Though she grew up swimming, one of her children was afraid of the water until he was 8.

"I made it my goal and my mission to reach kids at a younger age than my oldest was and to make sure I didn't fail other kids," Partin said.

One of the children she has helped is 14-month-old Beatrice Petraitis. Her mom, Caroline, said the instruction has given her peace of mind.

"It definitely brings a sigh of relief,"

she said. "It's one less thing you have to worry about as a parent. My parents have a pool at their house (and) my in-laws have a lake house."

As an instructor, Partin has a passion for keeping children safe in the water. Nationally, 463 children 4 and younger died from unintentional drowning in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have the ability to shape that environment in a way to make it safe for them to learn these skills so that the water can be safe for them and prevent these tragedies," Partin said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics for years has acknowledged instruction can reduce the drowning risk for children older than 1.

But in a recommendation published online in 2017, the academy stated: "there is no evidence that swimming lessons or water survival skills courses can prevent drowning in babies younger than 1 year of age." The AAP has also said scientific studies haven't "yet demonstrated" the effectiveness of the classes for that age

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New blood pressure guidelines raise awareness, concerns

WANPEN VONGPATANASIN
UT Southwestern Medical Center

February is American Heart Month, when attention is focused on the dangers of cardiovascular disease.

After the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology released new guidelines, many people

wonder if they have high blood pressure.

The change dropped the level at which a person is diagnosed with hypertension to 130/80 from 140/90, essentially adding about 30 million Americans to the ranks of those living with high blood pressure. (The top number reflects systolic blood pressure measured in arteries as the heart pumps blood, and the bottom indicates diastolic pressure when the heart is relaxed.)

Some doctors are concerned that the lower threshold could lead to too many

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Don't fall victim to myths about Medicare

Navigating Medicare can be challenging under the best of circumstances. It becomes even more difficult when someone new to Medicare falls victim to the myths, or misconceptions, about the health care program.

Let's take a look at the most common myths in hopes that you'll avoid the confusion that could cost you time or money.

Myth No. 1: Medicare is free.

Medicare's hospital insurance, known as Part A, has no premium if you've worked throughout your life. But the outpatient services coverage, or Part B, does have a monthly premium, as does the prescription drug insurance, or Part D.

In addition, there are deductibles and co-payments for certain services. Overall, the traditional Medicare program covers about 80 percent of your costs, which means you're responsible for the other 20 percent.

Many people buy a "Medigap" supplemental health insurance plan from a private company to help cover those out-of-pocket costs. Or they opt out of the traditional Medicare program and purchase a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer to receive their Medicare benefits.

Myth No. 2: Medicare covers everything.

Though traditional Medicare pays for many health care services, it doesn't cover all of them. For example, it doesn't pay for standard dental, vision or hearing care. If you're interested in any of those services, you may want to consider a Medicare Advantage plan that offers extra benefits.

Myth No. 3: You'll be automatically enrolled when it's time.

That's only partially true. If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you turn 65. (You'll still need to sign up for Part D.) If you're not on Social Security yet, you must enroll in Medicare yourself.

For most people, the best time to apply for Medicare is during the three months before your 65th birthday, the month you become 65 and the three months after you turn 65. So, let's say your birthday is Aug. 15. That means you can sign up from May 1 through Nov. 30.

Myth No. 4: Everyone pays the same for Medicare.

If your annual income is below \$85,000, or \$170,000 for a married couple, you pay the standard Part B and D premiums. But if it's more, you pay a surcharge. In 2018, the surcharge for Part B ranges from \$53.50 to \$294.60 per month, depending on your income. That's in addition to the standard \$134 premium.

Myth No. 5: Having poor health will

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Obituaries



Connie Ray Patterson

Connie Ray Patterson, 91, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018 in Coppell, Texas. Born in Ranger, Texas on December 10, 1926, Connie was the only child of Robert and Naomi Wheat. He graduated from El Centro High School in El Centro, California. He then proudly served in the United States Army during World War II.

On August 8, 1945 he married the love of his life, Mary Boone Patterson in Anson, Texas. They shared 71 years of marriage before her death in December 2016. Connie and Mary were long-time residents of Midland, Texas where they raised their family, were active in the community, and cultivated many friendships. Connie had a long career in printing before retiring from Qualified Printers in 1993. He was also a dedicated member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623. Throughout his life, Connie enjoyed watching football, square dancing, gardening, and traveling across the U.S. and abroad. Most of all, he cherished fellowship with family and friends. Connie will be fondly remembered as a devoted dad, a precious Poppy, and a fun-loving friend.

Connie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary; daughter-in-law, Christy Patterson; and great-grandson, Sean Patterson. Connie is survived by his 3 children and their spouses, Bobby Patterson and Lin Restley of Spring Branch, Bill Patterson and Dennis McNabb of Houston, and Steve and Mary Ann Mansell of Colleyville; 8 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his dear sister-in-law, Wanda Burkhalter of Midland, and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas.

Services entrusted to American Heritage Funeral Home, Midland, Texas.



Elaine LaBaume Haskell

Elaine LaBaume Haskell, 89, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2018 in Midland. She was born August 14, 1928, in Dublin, Texas, to William Wiley and Claude Beatrice (Branum) LaBaume. She grew up on a farm and attended school in Dublin. After graduating high school, Elaine attended secretarial school in Fort Worth, Texas. While there, she met Robert Everett Haskell, a "Yankee" from Massachusetts who was stationed in Fort Worth while attending naval medical training. Elaine and Bob were married on June 26,

1947 in Weatherford, Texas. Following Bob's discharge from the Navy, the young couple moved to Bob's hometown of Beverly, Massachusetts for a short time, eventually relocating to Texas. After brief residences in Fort Worth, Big Spring, Lovington, New Mexico and Snyder, the family moved to Midland in 1963.

In Midland, Elaine was employed as a land secretary by Cities Service Company and its successor, Occidental Petroleum Corporation. She retired from Occidental Petroleum in 1985. Elaine and Bob enjoyed traveling together, including ski trips to Austria, as well as spending time with family and friends. Elaine also took great pleasure in collecting Depression glass and china.

Left to honor Elaine and remember her love are Elaine's three children, Kenneth (Sandra) Haskell, Stephen (Glenna) Haskell and Karen (Dean) Rucker, all of Midland; five grandchildren, David Haskell, Carla (Scott) Pattillo, John (Becky) Haskell, Clark (Rebecca) Rucker, and Dustin Rucker; seven great-grandchildren, Jake (Crystalin) Pattillo, Madeline Pattillo, Anthony Haskell, Lillah Haskell, Dylan Haskell, Harper Rucker, and Haley Rucker; one great-great-grandchild, Payton Haskell; a brother, Ray (Ola Mae) LaBaume of Dublin; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her infant son, William Edmund Haskell; and her sisters, Mildred Kim, Anita LaBaume, Doris LaBaume, and Mary LaBaume.

Elaine will be remembered for the love she shared with her family, her wit, humor, and storytelling, as well as being the family historian.

The family will greet friends on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 North Big Spring Street, Midland, Texas.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland with the Reverend Mike Hunter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Midland, 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, or a charity of one's choice.

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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Gary Michael "Mike" Hall

Gary Michael "Mike" Hall, 71, of Midland, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2018 in Dallas, with his loving wife, Susie Hitchcock-Hall at his side. Services will be at 1:00 pm, Friday, February 9, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. Honorary Pallbearers are Terry Huckaby, Gary Moore, Jay Fielder, Jerry Hilton, Autrey Stevens, Barbarita Riley, Eddie Wiginton, and Dan Rush.

Mike was born on January 28, 1947 in Comanche, Texas, to Norman and Jane Hall. Mike was a graduate of Stanton High School and earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. He served many years in law enforcement, first as policeman and then as a deputy sheriff, before continuing his career in the oil industry working for Big Dog Drilling and KTX Energy. He proudly

served his country in the Army, stationed in Korea.

Mike was passionate about sporting clays, receiving numerous awards and recognitions for his expert marksmanship. He was a 32nd Degree Free Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Oh. how he loved to "piddle" with his vast collection of guns and time spent in his shop. Mike was a loyal, loving friend to anyone who met him, always offering to help, and quick to make you laugh. He loved blue grass and old time country music (back when it was real country music!). Mike could easily recognize the performer, lyrics and songwriter.

He got so much joy from teasing those folks he enjoyed, especially Barbarita Riley from New York who took several road trips with him and Susie, the last one to Cody, Wyoming. He was well read, soft spoken, easy going, and always had a story to tell. "Big Mike" as he was known, cast a large shadow and touched the lives of everyone who was blessed to have known him. Mike rescued dogs but always blamed it on Susie and he was always trying to find a way to spoil Susie.

We all agree, we were blessed to have known and loved Mike.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Susie Hitchcock-Hall; children, Randy Hall (Traci), Amanda Smith (Houston), Jake Hall (Brittany), Ashley McClellan (Chad), sons, Andrew Hitchcock (Andrea) and David Hitchcock; brother Pat Hall (Toya); sister-in-law, Dede Gray; eleven grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, and his best buddy, Dude, his dog who was always at his side.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Norman Andrew Hall and Elizabeth Jane Ward Hall and sister, Frances Merritt.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the nurses and doctors at Zale-Lipshy Hospital in Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to 4H Sporting & Clays Youth Group c/o MSA Shotgun Range, 5911 South FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79706 or Midland Humane Coalition, PO Box 532, Midland, Texas 79710.

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Glenda Sue Daman

Glenda Sue Daman, 80, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018 surrounded by her family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Tod Brown officiating.

Glenda was born on May 13, 1937 to Thelma and Delma Smith in Chandler, OK. She attended elementary through high school in Chandler, Ok graduating in 1955. She attended the Central State University in Edmond, now UCO for 2 years where she met her future husband, Gordon Daman. They were married on December 21, 1958 and had 52 wonderful years together. A daughter and two sons were born to their union.

She was a stay at home mom while living in Midwest

City, Ok. and Del City, Ok. In July 1976, Glenda and Gordon moved their family to Midland to open the first Sonic Drive In at 2310 N. Big Spring St.

She is survived by her children, Geri, Gordon Jr. and wife Tobi, and Greg and wife Antonia, grandchildren, Raylee and Emma Daman, Gisel, Humberto and Abiel Rodriguez and 9 great grandchildren, all of Midland; sister, Charlotte Fox of Midwest City OK; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband, Gordon "Mr. Sonic" Daman, parents, Delma and Thelma Smith, and sisters, Freida Porter and Carolyn Williams.

Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Lira, Mike Dunham, Bill Mann, Jose Leyva, Jose Lopez, Humberto Rodriguez and Abiel Rodriguez. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Children's Miracle Network, Hospice Midland or Midland Christian School.

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Megan Greenwood Myers

Megan Greenwood Myers, 54, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018. No services are scheduled at this time.

Megan was born on August 25, 1963 to Mary Lou and Eugene Greenwood in Midland, TX. She had an appreciation for art, specifically works of Addams and Gorey, and developed a passion for forensic pathology. An active member of ASAP American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project - Megan was also remembered for her time as a media librarian at the Midland Public Library.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffery Lee Myers and daughter, Elizabeth Marie Myers, as well as her two sisters, Meredith and Lisa.

She is preceded in death by her parents and both of her brothers, Sean and Glen.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Friends of the Library and Literacy.

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Charles William Miles "Willie"

Charles William Miles "Willie" went home on February 3, 2018. He was born June 12, 1932 in Ballinger, Texas to Fannie and Frank Miles.

As a young boy his family moved from Ballinger to Lamesa and Willie attended Union High School. He worked on the family farm and began working in the oilfield at an early age. Willie

worked as equipment supervisor for the Western US division of Teledyne Geophysical. He and Shirley owned and operated Midland Truck & Equipment from 1970 until their retirement in 1990. He continued working for Darrell Crass Drilling until he permanently retired.

Willie had a love for water wells and was known as the best "water witcher" in the area.

He loved his Christian fellowship and served as deacon at Ranchland Heights Baptist Church and volunteered at Circle 6 Baptist Camp. Willie served as Charter President for the Midland Suburban Lions Club and was a member of the Midland Pecan Growers Association.

He married Shirley on June 11, 1951. Together they built a strong union and a loving environment for their family. The most important thing in Willie's life was his family. He was a wonderful teacher and mentor to his children and grandchildren who believe he has enlightened their world and made them better "peoples".

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Donna Pedigo, Mary and Tommy Elder, Peggy and Rudy Bill; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby McBride of Willsboro, Texas.

He is predeceased by his parents, four brothers, two sisters, and son-in-law, Ralph Pedigo.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Circle 6 Baptist Camp, 2784 Texas Hwy 137, Lenora, Texas 79749 or the Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Rachel Lee Jones Abbott

Rachel Lee Jones Abbott, of Midland, passed away on February 2, 2018. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at St. Stephens Catholic Church located at 4601 Neely Ave., Midland, TX 79707.

Rachel was born on February 25, 1927 in Houston, TX, the sixth of thirteen children of Scrapps Sr. and Gladys Jones. Rachel was raised in Houston where she graduated from St. Agnes Academy High School.

Rachel married the love of her life, Gene, on April 12, 1950 and devoted the next 65 years of her existence to honoring their union with pure, unconditioned love. Rachel and Gene raised seven children together and Rachel made it her most prominent life's purpose to maintain the Abbott household with a seemingly limitless capacity to love, nurture and compassionately care for her family.

Rachel is known by those whose lives she touched as a warmhearted, considerate, and generous wife, mother, and friend whose passion for life and love of family were prominently exhibited by her words and actions in daily life. Rachel's selfless giving of her time and talents to provide her family with an immutably nurturing and deeply enriching home enabled her and Gene to flourish as life partners and to consummate their legacy

of lifetime giving through the gifting of their Midland residence, where they loved and cherished each other and each of their children for over 40 years, to a deserving local charitable organization.

Rachel's physical presence, and especially her infectious smile, will be missed by all who were fortunate to know her, but her irrepressible spirit will live forever. She is most fondly remembered by her family as a perpetual source of unconditional love and captivating lightheartedness, and Rachel's friends remember her as a delightful soul and fierce bridge competitor. Words simply cannot express the deepness of the love and appreciation that her children feel for her absolute devotion to their comfort and happiness.

The Abbott family wishes to express our gratitude to Mrs. Brenda Nickell for her steadfast dedication to Mom's comfort and contentment.

We kindly ask that, in lieu of flowers, you please make donations to St. Ann's Catholic School or Helping Hands of Midland Inc.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband Gene, and son Harland Eugene III, parents Gladys and Scrapps Jones, Sr.; brothers Msgr. Jack Jones; Don Jones; Scrapps Jones, Jr.; Richard Jones; and Louis Jones; sisters Jane Appling Devine; Ann Guidry; Mary Takacs; and Lucina Musselman.

Rachel is survived by her sons Jack Abbott (Terri), John Abbott (Shailete), and Mike Abbott (Sarah), her daughters Carol Shumate (Gene), Patty Hodgens (Tim), and Jan Matchus (Tom), sister, Ramah Briganti (Frank), brother Robert Jones (Betty), sisters-in-law Cyrilla Jones, Anne Jones, 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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Death Notices

Dorothy Imogene (Hall) Strawn Moude

Dorothy Imogene (Hall) Moude of Celina, Texas passed away Saturday, February 3, 2018. She will be in state at the Ellis Funeral Home 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas. Graveside Service will be held in McCamey, Texas on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

L. Decker Dawson

L. Decker Dawson, 97, passed away at his home in Midland on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. There will be a visitation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, February 9, 2018. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Mabel Darlene Coon Herndon

Mabel Darlene Coon Herndon, 84, of Midland passed away on February 3, 2018.

There will be a graveside service at the Dawson County Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Raymond Harold Hutchinson

Raymond Harold Hutchinson, 70, of Midland, passed away February 5, 2018. Services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home in Midland.

Sharon Sue Young

Sharon Sue Young, 64, of Midland, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, February 2, 2018. Services will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, Texas with Steven Adair officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Midland, Texas.

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Ingrid Basson lending a helping hand to her 17-year-old son, Sam, who is constructing a Batmobile from Legos at their Dallas home. The Bassons moved here from the Chicago area six months ago after reading about the 29 Acres, which focuses on housing and employment opportunities for adults with autism.

North Texas autism community program seeks first trainees

By Sabriya Rice
The Dallas Morning News

CROSS ROADS — The first part of a \$12 million project in Denton County that's aimed at creating job and housing opportunities for adults with autism officially launches this year.

Starting in mid-February, adults ages 18 and older who have a primary diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and who have completed high school can apply for placement in the 29 Acres Transition Academy, the founders say.

The two-year transition program will help young people with autism learn to live independently, and offer specialized job training and employment assistance.

Residents will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis as they meet the criteria. Training will begin in August for the eight who are accepted.

It's just one part of a project that was first reported by The News last year.

A University Park couple, Clay Heighen and Debra Caudy, announced plans to create a long-term solution for people like their 20-year old son, Jon, who has a diagnosis of autism and lives at home.

The couple started a non-profit and made a \$750,000 personal investment in 29 acres of land in the town of Cross Roads, where they plan to build a community with duplexes, an activity center and educational programs meant to teach higher-functioning young adults to become more self-sufficient.

"Our vision is becoming a reality. It just really speaks to the need," said Caudy, who is in her 60s and worried about what will happen to Jon when she and Clay are no longer around.

The big picture

Autism is a group of developmental disorders usually diagnosed in childhood that fall on a wide-ranging spectrum: some children have only mild symptoms. Others are severely disabled. Often individuals with the condition have difficulty



Robert W. Hart/Dallas Morning News/TNS

Twenty-one-year-old Ryan Bartek enjoys playing the piano and is in the Frisco youth orchestra. His parents, Doug and Jodi, support 29 Acres for people such as Ryan, who are on the autism spectrum.

communicating. Some exhibit repetitive behaviors.

News about the 29 Acres effort last year refueled a national conversation about the need to prepare for an estimated half million teenagers with autism expected to reach adulthood over the next decade.

"The big picture here is that there are not nearly enough services," said Dave Keaton, director of adult services at Autism Speaks. That department was created in 2012; the national focus has traditionally centered around prevention and interventions to manage symptoms.

So far, 20 families who are also worried about a lack of available resources for their own children have put up a total of \$1.6 million combined to propel the North Texas project forward.

One such benefactor is Mitch Basson, 62, of Dallas. His 17-year-old son struggles to make sense of social cues, like body language and jokes.

He may not understand if someone rolls their eyes,

and phrases like "I'm pulling your leg," he takes literally.

"And all I wish is what any other parent wants for their kids; to reach their maximum potential, whatever that may be, and to be happy, safe and healthy. And that's what led me to 29 acres," he said.

That sentiment was shared by Frisco couple Doug and Jodi Bartek, who are both in their 60s.

Their 21-year old son Ryan has a more extreme form of autism. Ryan has what's described as perfect pitch — by listening to a note on a piano, he can identify which note was played and in which key. But, he likes to do that over and over and over again, and he has difficulty communicating with others.

The Barteks say they started looking when Ryan was in his teens for a place where he could eventually live.

"We found really good programs for special-needs young adults in general," Doug said. "But we really wanted some place that was specialized in autism. And

we couldn't find it."

After reading about 29 Acres last year in The Dallas Morning News, both couples say they reached out to the founders and committed \$80,000 each to invest in making the community a reality.

Breaking ground

Groundbreaking on the 29 Acres property in Cross Roads is anticipated in late spring.

The founders are modeling their project after similar transition to independent living institutes in Arizona and California. But parents across the country have been getting creative, pooling resources and proactively filling the unmet need for housing, job training and social activities, experts said.

Most adults on the spectrum live with their parents.

Please see AUTISM/6B

Kit Boyd
Centers



Punishment: When behavior, reaction aren't related

As parents, one of our most important jobs is to teach our children to make good choices. Unfortunately, there is no big, magic book to tell us how to go about doing this. Many of us tend to be reactive rather than proactive. We wait until our children make a mistake or bad choice, then we have a knee-jerk reaction and hand out the punishment.

In order to teach someone to make good choices, they must first be presented with the choices and the consequence connected to each choice. They then make the choice and, as a parent, all you have to do is follow through with the consequence. For example, if you buy your child a new bike, you tell them that if they choose to ride their bike on the sidewalk they choose to keep their bike, and if they choose to ride their bike in the street, they choose to lose their bike. After the child makes the choice, you simply follow through with the consequence. Punishment would be if you catch them riding the bike in the street and take away the bike without having given them the opportunity to make a better choice to begin with. You don't teach someone to make good choices without giving them choices to make.

Consequences teach us how the world works. For example, if you burn yourself on a hot stove, that is a consequence, and chances are you won't touch the hot stove again. So, natural consequences tend to help change behavior.

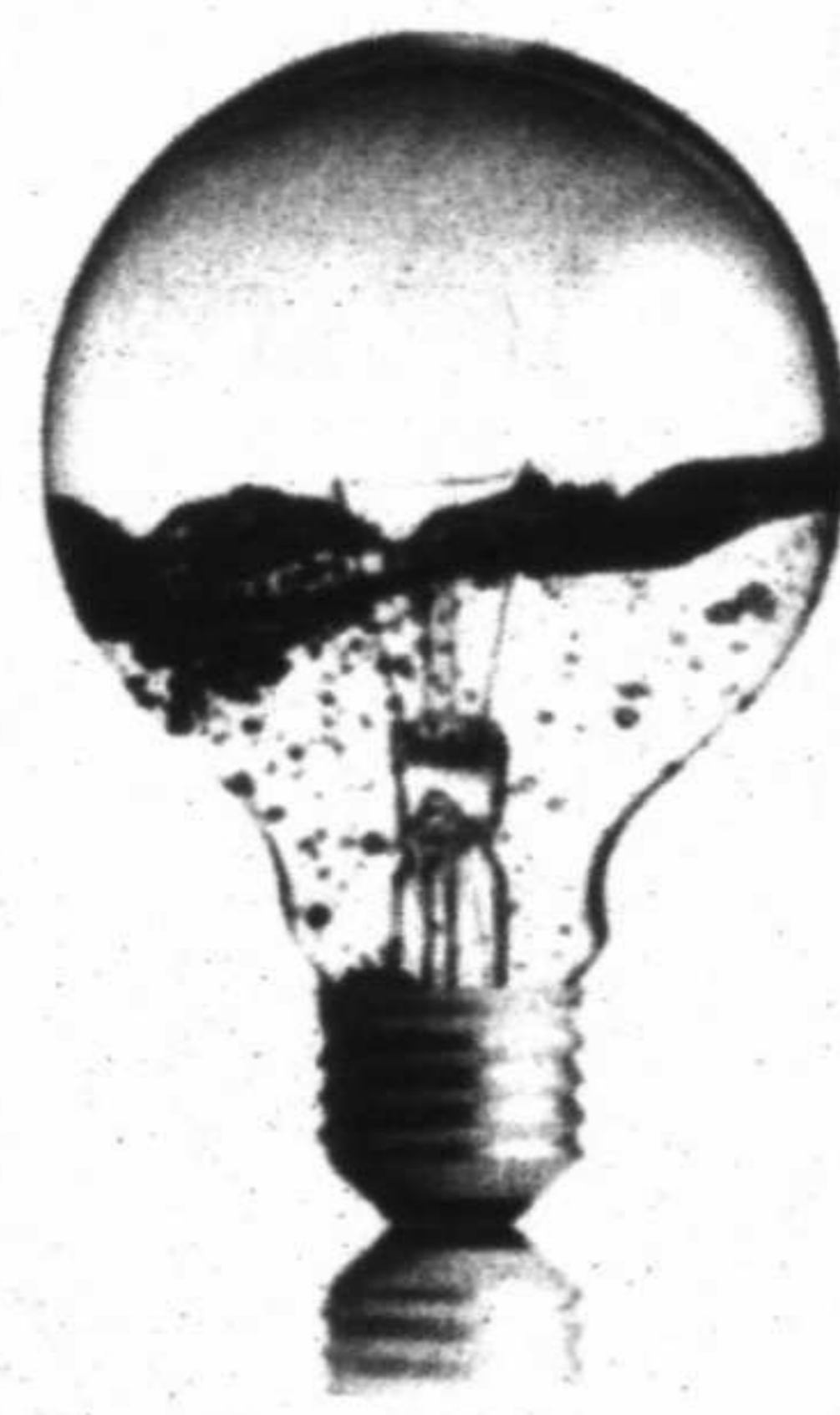
Punishment, on the other hand, does not work to change behavior. If your child is failing in school

and you ground him, take away his cellphone or video games, this is punishment. There is no relationship between the choice and the punishment to cause the brain to make important neuro-pathway connections. There must be a relationship between the choice or behavior and the result in order to effectively create these connections in the brain. Many times children who are repeatedly punished simply give up or get sneakier about not getting caught.

Because there is a relationship between choices and consequences, the likelihood that behavior will change is increased, and the brain can then create new connections to help make future good choices. For example, if your child is failing in school, the logical consequence would be they have to attend tutoring. If they misuse their cellphone privileges, the consequence would be that they lose this privilege. However, losing cellphone privileges because they are failing does not create a relationship and would be considered punishment.

Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to consider how to come up with a relationship between choices and consequences. It takes some careful consideration, and many times it is difficult to be proactive. However, the benefits to parents and children are many because parents no longer have to be the "bad guys" all the time, and children are given the opportunity to learn to make better choices. Sometimes, they will make a good choice and sometimes a bad one, but they will be on the road to understanding the difference based on the outcome or consequence.

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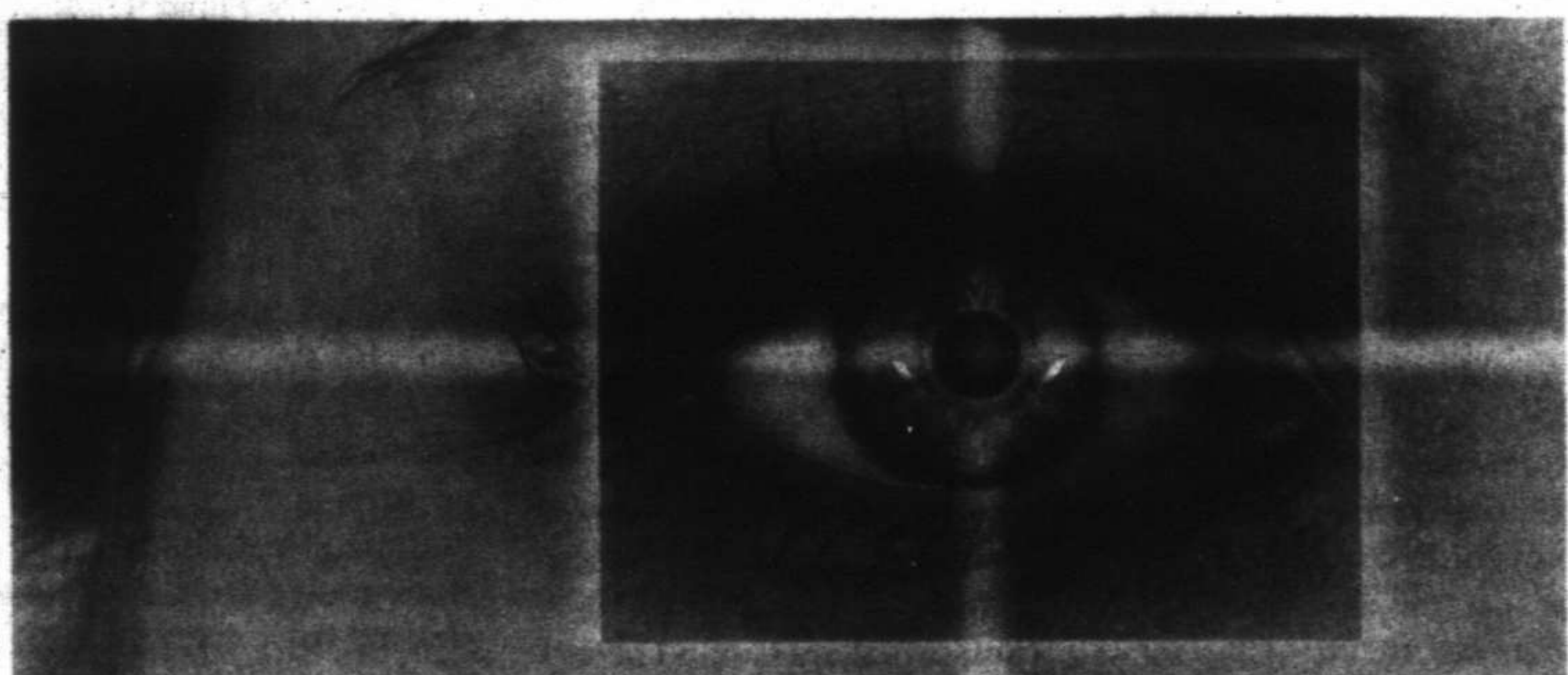
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group. Partin thinks as more infants take ISR, they add to the number of success stories and contribute to evidence that the classes work. When Partin received her ISR certification, she became the only person to offer the instruction locally. She looks forward to reaching children in the community and helping them become familiar with the water through ISR. "It gives a good basis for transitioning into swim team or transitioning into lessons," said Partin, who also serves as a

volunteer swimming coach. "It just goes about it from a different method. It's a safe start to aquatics." ISR sessions run for 10 minutes Monday through Friday, and discounts are available to help parents cover the costs. The program considers participants' motor skills and medical history to help instructors work with each child, according to Partin. Petraitis said she values the one-on-one sessions and is impressed with the skills her daughter has learned through the program. "Betsy is so dedicated to her craft," Petraitis said. "The first day, I was asking about her background and she almost teared up because she was so passionate about it."

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disqualify you from coverage.

Medicare can't reject you, or charge you higher premiums, because of a health problem. It can't discriminate based on a pre-existing condition. In fact, about two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries live with at least two chronic conditions.

Myth No. 6: Medicare covers long-term care.

Many people don't realize until it's too late that Medicare typically doesn't pay for long-term "custodial" care — the kind of personal care that helps you with such day-to-day tasks as getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing and eating.

Medicare does cover some skilled nursing or rehabilitative care if a physician orders it after a hospital

stay of at least three days. You pay nothing during the first 20 days of your care and then part of the cost for the next 80 days.

Myth No. 7: Medicare and Medicaid are the same thing.

The two programs are often confused. Medicare covers health care for people 65 and older and for people with certain disabilities. Medicaid helps cover health care for people with low incomes and few resources. Some people qualify for both.

Myth No. 8: A lot of doctors don't take Medicare.

The vast majority of doctors accept Medicare. The traditional Medicare fee-for-service program offers the broadest possible access to health care professionals. You can go to any provider

who's taking new Medicare patients.

Medicare Advantage plans, on the other hand, often require you to go to doctors within their network of providers or pay more for getting care elsewhere. So, before signing up for a particular Advantage plan, make sure you're satisfied with its network of providers.

Even after 53 years, Medicare is still misunderstood. If you're in doubt about some aspect of the Medicare program, visit www.medicare.gov or talk with a customer service representative toll-free at 1-800-633-4227.

Bob Moos is the South-west public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

PRESSURE

From 1B

people being put on medication, and the American Academy of Family Physicians has declined to endorse the new guidelines. However, the changes are a step in the right direction. They recognize our growing understanding of the risks of high blood pressure and why we shouldn't manage hypertension through medical treatments alone.

High blood pressure is directly related to an individual's overall risk for heart and vascular problems. If you're between the ages of 40 and 89, the American Heart Association notes that your risk for heart disease and stroke doubles with every 20 points of systolic pressure and every 10 points of diastolic pressure.

Combined with other factors, such as family history or being overweight, blood pressure is a piece of the puzzle your doctor assembles to decide how to manage this risk. If you're at relatively low risk for a heart attack, you might just need to make a lifestyle change, such as a healthier diet and more exercise. But if you're at high risk, you'll also likely need to take medication.

The AHA and ACC are clear in the new guidelines that nondrug treatments should take center stage in managing high blood pressure. Doctors and patients share responsibility here, and monitoring blood pressure should be a routine part of office visits and

everyday life.

At-home measurements can provide more accurate information that reflects a patient's normal routine. But improper readings can lead to patients being over-treated. To avoid this, measurements should be taken at least three times in one sitting, with the results of the second and third test averaged together. The first reading often tends to be high.

Knowing your numbers is important, but equally so is keeping them under control. If your doctor prescribes medication, it's essential that you also make lifestyle changes.

One of the more effective changes is managing how much sodium, or salt, you consume each day. The average U.S. woman consumes about 2,980 milligrams of sodium each day, and the average man has 4,240 milligrams. People with high blood pressure should have less than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day, or about 3,800 milligrams of table salt.

Foods often considered healthy — such as sandwich bread, canned vegetables and rotisserie chicken — can be loaded with sodium. One easy way to track sodium intake is by using a smartphone app that provides detailed nutritional information simply by searching the brand name and type of food.

Dr. Wanpen Vongpatanasin is director of the Hypertension Fellowship Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

PATEL

From 1B

In Lifestyle Heart Trial — a randomized controlled trial blindly assessed by independent observers — showed that there was statistically and clinically significant reversal of coronary atherosclerosis after one year and even more reversal after five years without lipid-lowering drugs. Control group showed significant progression after one year and even more progression after five years.

INCREASE IN BLOOD FLOW

Overall, there was a 400 percent statistically and clinically significant improvement in myocardial perfusion in experimental group when compared to randomized control group after five years.

Many physicians believe that their patients will not adhere to comprehensive lifestyle changes but 85 to 90 percent of patients who have gone through the Ornish program have been able to adhere to this program for at least one year. Because the underlying biological mechanisms that affect health are so dynamic and responsive to lifestyle changes, most people feel so much better so quickly that it reframes the reason for making lifestyle changes from fear of disease or dying to joy of living.

Other additional improvements from Ornish lifestyle program:

ANGINA

Patients reported a more than 90 percent reduction in angina frequency during the first month of making these lifestyle changes.

CARDIAC EVENTS

There were 2.5 times fewer events in experimental groups.

COST SAVINGS

Almost 80 percent of patients who were eligible for revascularization were able to avoid it by making these comprehensive lifestyle changes instead. Mutual of Omaha calculated saving almost \$ 30,000 per patient in the first year.

DEPRESSION

Patients showed a 50 percent reduction in depression scores, and there were significant improvements in quality-of-life measures.

WEIGHT

In the Lifestyle Heart Trial, patients lost an average of 24 pounds in the first year and kept off half that weight five years later.

MEDICATIONS

Physicians were able to reduce or discontinue medications — including blood pressure, diabetes and other cardiac medications — in many of these patients.

OTHER BENEFITS

This lifestyle program has been shown in a randomized controlled trial to slow, stop and reverse the progression of early-stage prostate cancer. It can reverse the progression of type-2 diabetes, beneficially improve gene expression in more than 500 genes in three months and reverse aging at a cellular level by increasing telomerase and telomere length.

If you have ever had a stent put in or had bypass surgery, if you have suffered

a heart attack or are having chest pain during exertion, you would be a perfect candidate for this program. Now is a good time to consider this option because it is covered by Medicare and most commercial insurances.

We're proud to announce that the Lifestyle Medicine Center is one of only four medical facilities in Texas to offer this groundbreaking program. One of our participants, Dennis Sever, recently completed this program, and had this to share:

"Since I started the Ornish program, my family has noticed that I have a lot more stamina ... more energetic, more busy ... I can do more. The Ornish program requires a commitment; you have to decide if that's what you want to do ... stick with it and it will pay off, but it requires attention and effort. You have to commit to it. The stress-management and exercise are welcome to me ... I like to see the different techniques. I like the support groups — making friends with people, helping them share their experiences, and sharing my experiences. It's a very good thing. I like the Ornish program."

To find out if Ornish program for reversing heart disease is right for you, come to the Ornish Lifestyle Medicine orientation scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at our Lifestyle Medicine Center located at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 107. For more information, call 221-LIFE (5433) or visit www.midlandlifestylemedicine.org.

Dr. Padmaja Patel is medical director of Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Study: Cancer treatment eliminates tumors in mice

By Ariel Scotti
New York Daily News

A new cancer treatment experiment at Stanford University that used immune-stimulators to target tumors in mice had remarkably encouraging results.

After injecting a combination of two immune boosters directly into solid mouse tumors, the research team said the vaccination eliminated all traces of the specifically targeted cancer from the animal's entire body, including metastases that were previously untreated.

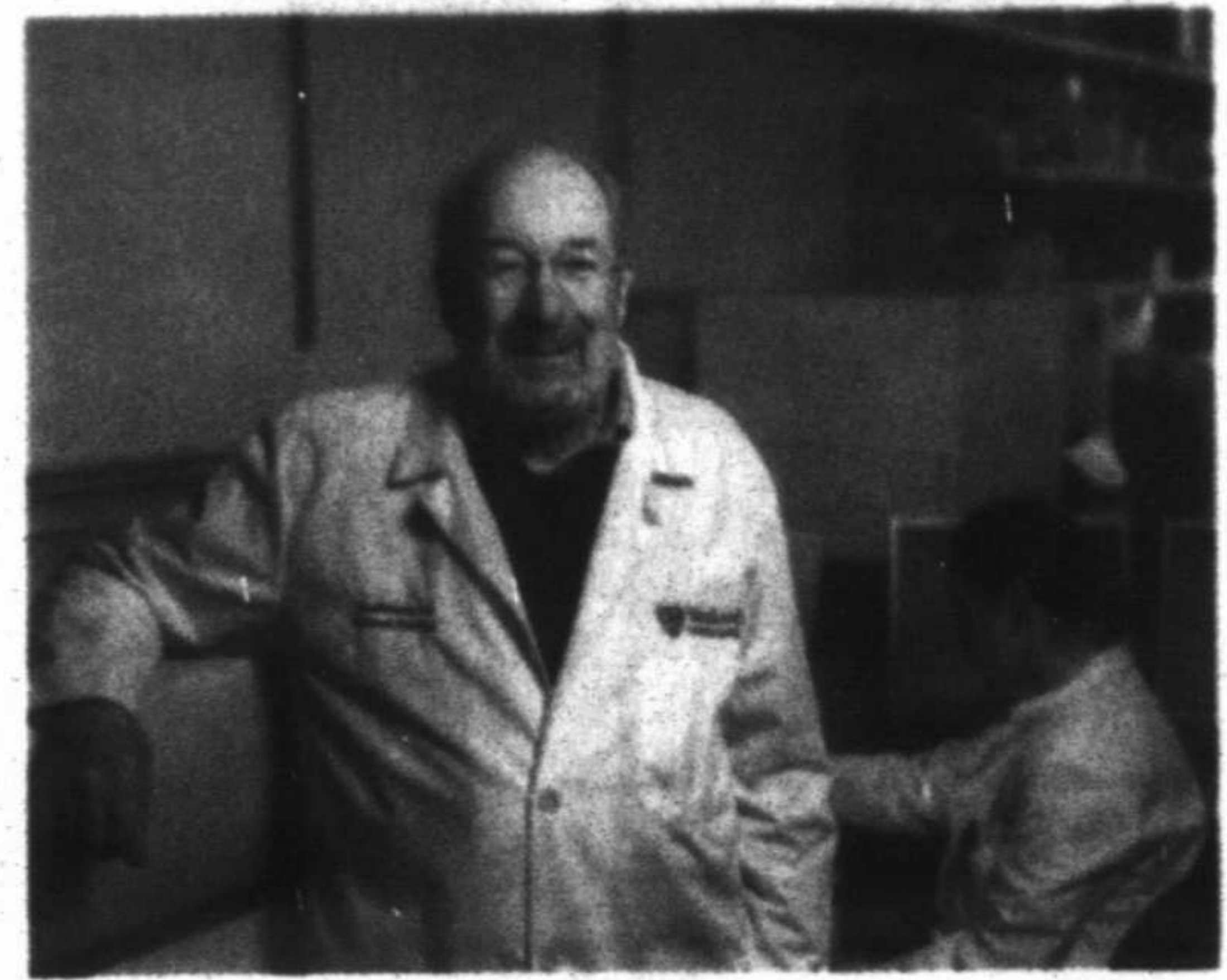
"When we use these two agents together, we see the elimination of tumors all over the body," senior author of the study, Dr. Ronald Levy, told the Stanford Medicine News Center. "This approach bypasses the need to identify tumor-specific immune targets and doesn't require wholesale activation of the immune system or customization of a patient's immune cells."

Of the two immune "agents" used in the study, published in the journal Science Translational Medicine, one has already been approved for use in humans and the second is currently involved in a lymphoma treatment trial.

The study explained that when an immune system detects cancer cells in the body, its T cells attack the tumor but, over time, the tumor devises ways to overpower the immune cells and continues to grow.

In Levy's experiment, the cancer-fighting T cells from the immune system were rejuvenated when a microgram (one-millionth of a gram) amount of the two immune boosters was injected into a mouse's lymphoma tumor.

Those same cells then moved on from the tumor it destroyed to find any



Steve Fisch/Stanford School of Medicine

Dr. Ronald Levy, professor of oncology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, said that after researchers injected a combination of two immune boosters into solid mouse tumors, all traces of the specifically targeted cancer were from the animal's body.

other identical cancers in the body. Although the injection was successful in eliminating the targeted tumors present in the mouse, the T cells did not move on to a colon cancer tumor also found in the animal.

"This is a very targeted approach," Levy said. "Only the tumor that shares the protein targets displayed by the treated site is affected. We're attacking specific targets without having to identify exactly what proteins the T cells are recognizing."

The experiment was replicated in 90 other mice and was successful in eradicating the tumors in 87 of them, allowing the researchers to declare them cancer-free.

The cancer did recur in three of the animals, but the tumors later regressed after another round of immune treatment.

The study was also successful in mice that had breast, colon and melanoma tumors.

"I don't think there's a limit to the type of tumor we could potentially treat, as long as it has been infiltrated by the immune system," Levy said. Unlike other cancer

treatments already on the market, this method negated the need to infiltrate the animal's whole immune system or use samples from its body. In some cancer therapies that already exist — such as T-cell treatment used to combat leukemia and lymphoma — the patient's immune cells need to be removed from the body and then are genetically altered to fight the cancerous cells before being reintroduced to a person's system. This method is expensive, involves a lengthy treatment process and comes with a battery of rough side effects. But the new method is simpler.

"All of these immunotherapy advances are changing medical practice," Levy said. "Our approach uses a one-time application of very small amounts of two agents to stimulate the immune cells only within the tumor itself. In the mice, we saw amazing, body-wide effects, including the elimination of tumors all over the animal."

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- DOWN**
- 1 Developmental stage
 - 2 Sargasso wiggler
 - 3 Nautical stage name of comedian David Adkins
 - 4 Lemony cocktail
 - 5 Rock concert gear
 - 6 Zoo staffer
 - 7 Slur over
 - 8 Hire a new crew for
 - 9 "Shrek!" author William
 - 10 Historic Harlem theater
 - 11 Treasury collectible
 - 12 Accumulating, as interest
 - 13 "___ Miz"
 - 18 Source of tomatoes for homemade sauce
 - 22 Bad beginning?
 - 24 "Iron Chef Showdown" host Alton
 - 25 "Big" London attraction
 - 27 ESL part. Abbr.
 - 28 Citrus drinks
 - 31 "Is This Love" singer Corinne Bailey
 - 32 Power source
 - 33 Sandy-colored
 - 35 1940s jazzman
 - 36 Totalitarian control
 - 37 Naval pronoun
 - 38 Having a twist
 - 39 Happy hour site
 - 42 It may form the outline for a meeting's minutes
 - 43 Front-of-bk. list
 - 45 Skedaddled
 - 46 Celestial
 - 47 Substandard
 - 49 Paso ___ two-step dance
 - 50 City where Joan of Arc died
 - 51 Arm bones
 - 54 Crystal ball reader
 - 55 Where you are, on a mall map
 - 56 ___ Na Na
 - 58 Bearded grazer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STAND LARVA BURGER FIGURE
 Answer: He was going to a black-tie event and needed an outfit that was — SUITABLE

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

- ACROSS**
- 1. House of worship
 - 5. Repeatedly
 - 6. Pipe ___
 - 7. Severe
- DOWN**
- 1. Bowling ___
 - 2. Bullfighter
 - 3. Indulgent
 - 4. Tooth coating

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.

2-7-18

CLUE: The use of ___ dates back to the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-907).

BONUS

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club's monthly walk is planned for Saturday at University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Participants will carpool to Odessa. They will leave 8 a.m. from the parking lot of the JumBurrito at 4509 N. Midkiff Road.

For more information, visit www.midlandwalkabout.org or call Sammy Hunnicutt, president, at 210-9506.

Community garden plots available

The Midland Health Community Garden is now accepting applications for the spring and summer seasons. Plots are available to rent for \$16 per season.

To download an application, visit midlandhealth.org/garden or email midland-healthgarden@gmail.com.

Macronutrients is class topic

Understanding glycemic index and macronutrients is the topic of the next class at the Lifestyle Medicine Center. The class is 6 p.m. Thursday. Classes are open to the public and patients of the Lifestyle Medicine Center.

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

Upcoming classes are:
Feb. 22 - Resolving Conflict and Finding Purpose
March 1 - Meal Planning and Cooking Demonstration
March 8 - Benefits of Physical Activity

March 22 - Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes
March 29 - Meditation and Finding Balance

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

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

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

Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous —hotline 580-7868.

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays,

Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous —hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

AUTISM

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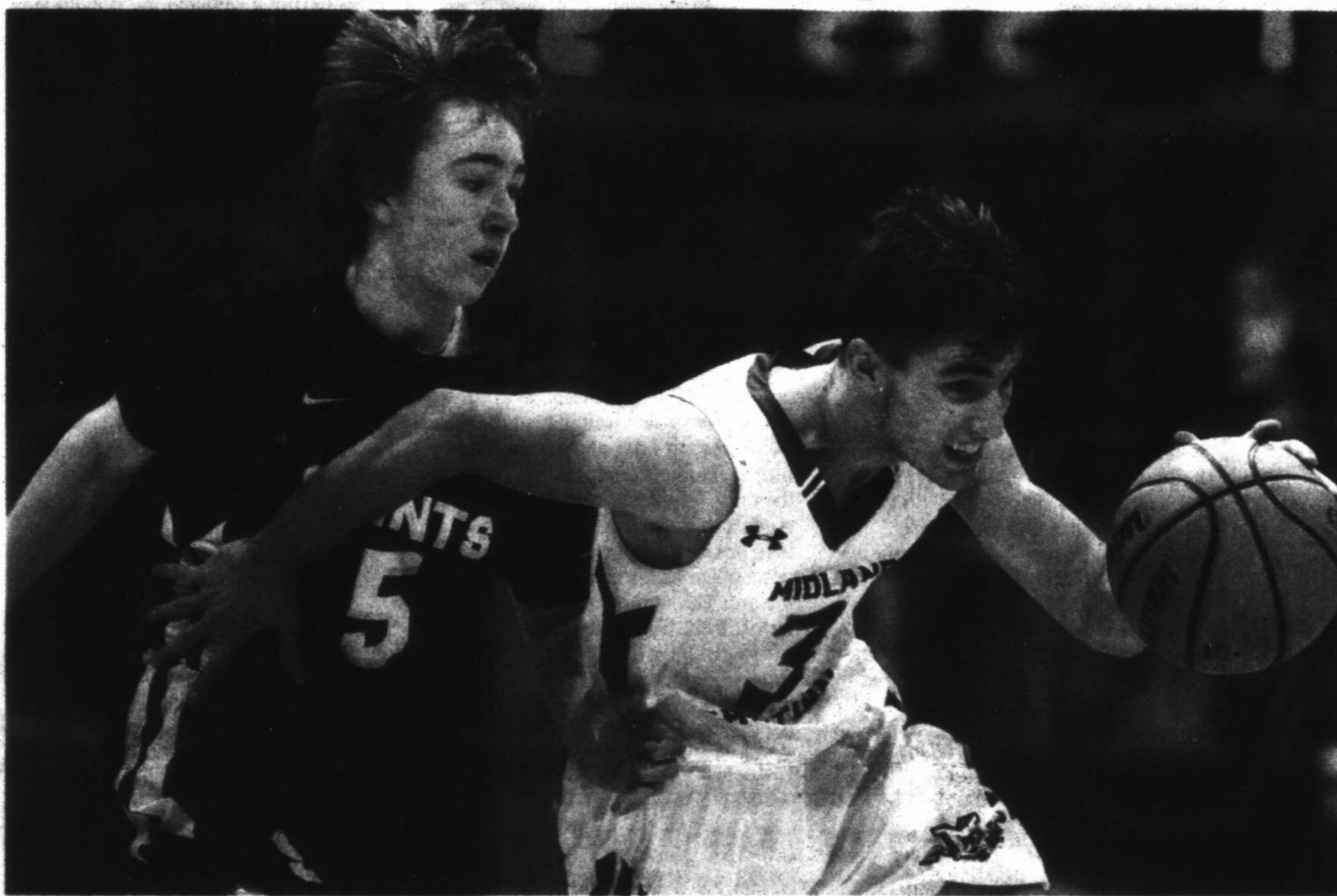
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Parker will swim in the Division III 100 girls butterfly and 500 free today. Parker won a bronze in the 100 fly at state as a freshman.

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Weekly support groups & hotlines

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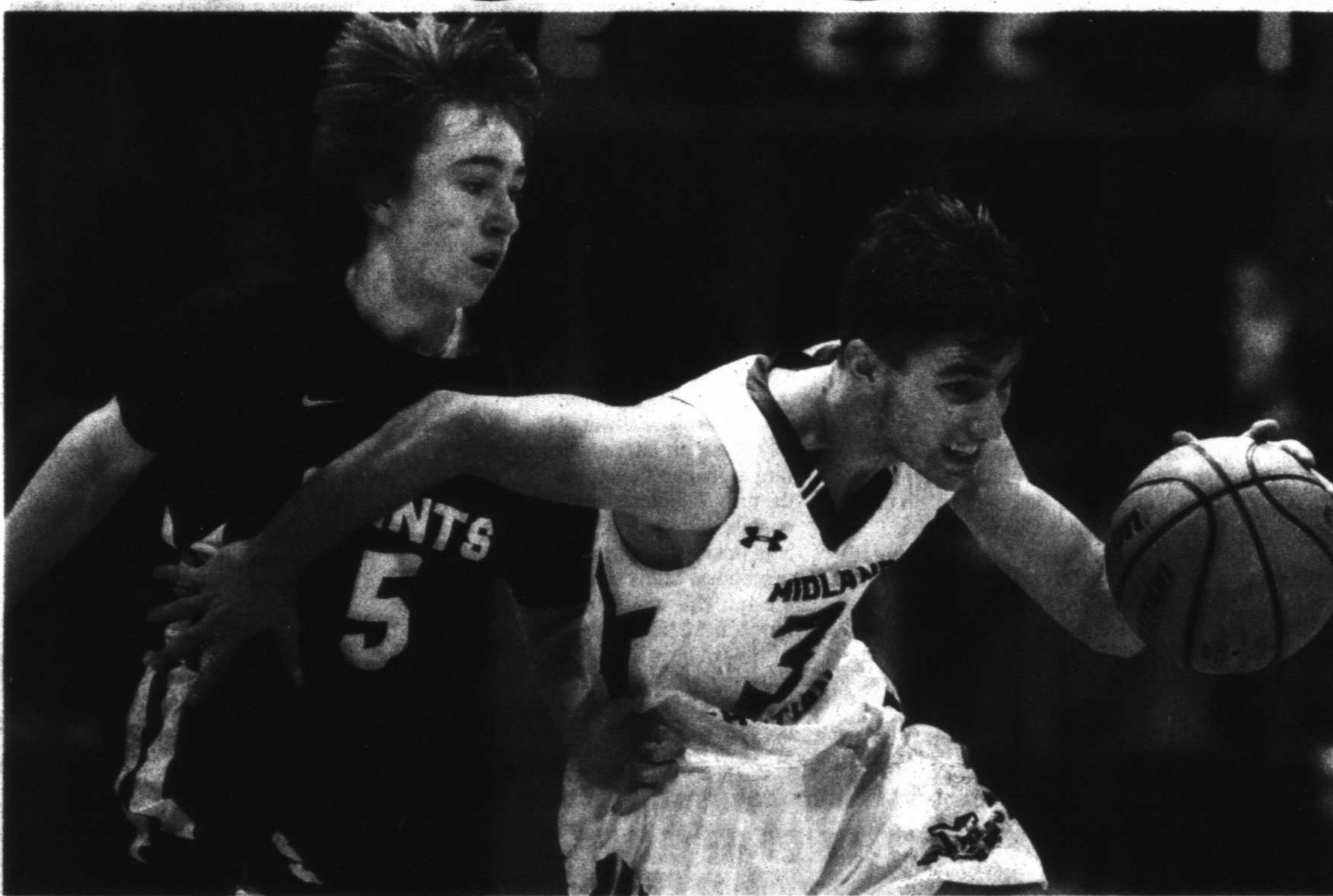
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"I went there kind of not knowing how I would do in the 50 (free), nervous about pretty much both of my races," Keck said. "And when I saw that I got a (25.86 second mark) in the 50 (free), which was pretty fast for the season, it felt very relaxing. The pressure was off. From there, I just wanted to have fun."

Gonzalez will compete in the Division II girls 200 IM and 100 backstroke Thursday, while Martin is racing in the boys 50 free and 100 back on the same day.

Parker will swim in the Division III 100 girls butterfly and 500 free today. Parker won a bronze in the 100 fly at state as a freshman.

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Baseball: Caribbean Semifinal, 2 p.m., ESPNDEP... Golf: EPGA: ISPS Hanada World Super Perth 6, 1st Round, 10 p.m., GOLF... Men's College Basketball: LSU at Florida, 5:30 p.m., SEC... NBA G League: San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, FSSW+... National Hockey League: Boston at NY Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN... Winter Olympics: Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill, Training, 10 p.m., NBCSN... Women's College Basketball: Bentley at Southern New Hampshire, 4:30 p.m., FCSA... Men's Soccer: DFB Pokal: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. 1. FSV Mainz 05, 11:25 a.m., ESPNDEP...

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Swimming: TAPPS Division III State Meet, Mansfield

TRANSACTIONS

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NBA GLANCE

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NHL GLANCE

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MHS girls soccer ties Wylie

from staff reports

ABILENE - The Midland High girls soccer team tied Abilene Wylie, 2-2, in the last non-district tune-up for the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday. MHS took a 1-0 lead in the first half when Kylie Von-Holle scored on a penalty kick.

Wylie scored both of its goals in the second half, while MHS added a goal by Sally Simmons. No other information was available at press time. The Lady Bulldogs (7-1-3) will next open District 2-6A play against Odessa Permian at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Harden surpasses 15,000, as Rockets beat Nets

By Brian Mahoney Associated Press

NEW YORK - James Harden scored 36 points, surpassing 15,000 for his career, and the Houston Rockets beat the Brooklyn Nets 123-113 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory. Chris Paul added 25 points for the Rockets, who kept right on rolling in their first game since their nationally televised romp in Cleveland on Saturday.

Both teams made 16 3-pointers in an entertaining shootout between Mike D'Antoni's Rockets and the Nets of Kenny Atkinson, who assisted D'Antoni in New York and has the Nets trying to do some of the things Houston does on offense. But it's one thing to be like the Rockets and another to beat them. Houston simply went to another gear when Brooklyn took the lead late in the third quarter and never stopped scoring long enough in the fourth to let the Nets get too close.

DeMarre Carroll scored 21 points for the Nets and Spencer Dinwiddie added 18 points and nine assists. Brooklyn has lost seven of its last eight. The Nets had an 84-80 lead when Dinwiddie hit from nearly 10 feet behind the arc with 3:38 remaining in the third. The Rockets charged back with 11 straight points, including two 3-pointers by Gerald Green, to go up 91-84.

Brooklyn ended the run with a pair of free throws but Paul then was fouled behind the line and made all three. He scored the final basket of the period to make it 96-86 when Nene freed him for a layup with a devastating pick on Caris LeVert, knocking him out of the game.

Nowitzki cherishes 20 seasons, content to help Mavs rebuild

By Schuyler Dixon Associated Press

DALLAS - Dirk Nowitzki made peace years ago with the reality that spending his entire career with the Dallas Mavericks would likely mean little or no chance to win a second championship. The most accomplished European player in NBA history never seriously considered leaving the franchise that courted him as a teenager in Germany and drafted him five days after his 20th birthday in 1998.

Now in his 20th season, Nowitzki is comfortable with the idea that he led the Mavericks to their first title and can try to help a younger core build toward making Dallas a title contender again. "I just think I pride myself with this city, with this organization, whatever this city or this franchise goes through, I want to push it through," Nowitzki said. "I want to be there for it. If it's rebuilding, I want to push it through and help as much as I can. If we're playing for a championship, then I'll do that."

The Mavericks haven't won a playoff series since beating Miami in the Finals in 2011, LeBron James' first season with the Heat. They had a woe-ful start for the second straight year, all but assuring that they will miss the playoffs with consecutive losing seasons for the first time since Nowitzki's first two. The slide out of contention means little to the context of Nowitzki's career: a 7-footer who changed the game with his 3-point shooting, the first foreign-born player to reach 30,000 points and the distinction with Kobe Bryant (Lakers) as the only players to spend 20 seasons with the same franchise.

"I think the reality is that when you see this kind of consistency of greatness, there's a tendency to take it for granted," said Rick Carlisle, in his 10th season as Nowitzki's coach. "And we must be careful about taking this for granted. We're seeing a generational player that's changed the game." Nowitzki still starts - Carlisle pretty much declared earlier this season that he will start as long as he's playing - but often sits at the end of close games. He's probably the fourth scoring option, behind Harrison Barnes, Wesley Matthews and even rookie point guard Dennis Smith Jr.

But the 39-year-old played the first 54 games, an important measure for him to feel he's contributing. Nowitzki, the only 7-footer to win the 3-point contest that's part of All-Star weekend, is in position for the best shooting percentage of his career from beyond the arc. The number of attempts isn't far off from his prime either. "I wish he can play forever," said Washington coach Scott Brooks, who was at Oklahoma City when the Thunder lost to the Mavericks in the 2011 Western Conference finals and beat them in the first round the next year. "You know the time is winding down, you don't know how many more years he has. He probably has maybe six or seven more left in him," Brooks said, trying to keep a straight face. Nowitzki has already said he is considering a 21st season. Barring a dramatic improvement through a trade, the draft or free agency, that likely means another year of helping turn Smith into a point guard that can guide a champion the way Nowitzki credits Jason Kidd for doing in Dallas.

Assuming the Mavericks stay near the bottom of the West standings, they'll have another high draft pick after getting Smith at No. 9. That will be another young player who sees the work Nowitzki does away from the court to stay in shape, and a 13-time All-Star who is frequently the last player to quit shooting after practice. J.J. Barea spent his first five seasons with the Mavericks and was still a relatively young guard at 26 when the Mavericks hit the title. "I used him a lot," said Barea, who returned to Dallas three years ago. "If I work half of what he does, I'm going to be all right. These guys, they really didn't get him at his best like I got him. But they still see how hard you've got to work to be able to play out there with us."

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TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 10 KANSAS 71 TCU 64 LAWRENCE, Kan. - Devonte' Graham scored 24 points, Udoka Azubuike added 16 and No. 10 Kansas beat TCU 71-64 on Tuesday night. The Jayhawks (19-5, 8-3 Big 12) have struggled this season to dominate at home as they traditionally have, but were able to avoid dropping two straight in Allen Fieldhouse thanks to a grind-it-out finish. Kouat Noi led the way for the Horned Frogs (16-8, 4-7) with 17 points. Vlad Brodzianky had 15 points and eight rebounds. Foul trouble limited Azubuike to play just seven minutes in the first half for Kansas, but the rest allowed him to play 18 in the second. He finished with a game-high 11 rebounds. Mitch Lightfoot played 22 minutes and had six points in his first career start for the Jayhawks after replacing the struggling Legerald Vick earlier this week. Vick, however, played seven more minutes than Lightfoot in the first game since the move was made. Alex Robinson finished with nine assists, passing coach Jamie Dixon for seventh place on TCU all-time list. Kenrick Williams moved into fifth place on TCU's rebounding list, going ahead of Mickey McCarty. TCU is 1-4 against top 10 teams this season. The Horned Frogs haven't won a road game against a ranked opponent since 1998. Kansas is now 16-2 all-time against TCU, and is a perfect 7-0 inside Allen Fieldhouse. BAYLOR 67 OKLAHOMA STATE 56 STILLWATER, Okla. - Manu Lecomte scored 18 points and added four assists to help lead Baylor to a 67-56 victory over Oklahoma State on Tuesday night. Nuni Omot had 14 points and five rebounds and Tristan Clark scored 10 points in just 16 minutes of play for Baylor (14-10, 4-7 Big 12). Mark Vital just missed a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds, as the Bears claimed their first road win of the season. Kendall Smith scored 15 points with four rebounds and Mitchell Solomon had 13 points and five rebounds for Oklahoma State (14-10, 4-7). The Cowboys, whose 56 points are one off their season low (in a 72-55 loss to Texas A&M back on Nov. 20), are now 1-4 in their last five outings. Baylor blew open a close game late in the first half, and built a 14-point lead early in the second. Oklahoma State battled its way back to within 67-52 with 5:21 left when Kendall Smith sank a 3-pointer from the right corner, but that was as close as the Cowboys would get.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table with columns for Men, Southwest, Midwest, East, and Women, South. Lists college basketball games with dates, times, and locations.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION 2/12 6:00 pm Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation 2/16-18 PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend 3/01 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour TRAP NEUTER RETURN PROGRAM COMING SOON TO MIDLAND! THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP RESIDENTS TRAP STRAY CATS & HAVE THEM VACCINATED & ALTERED FOR A MINIMAL FEE. LEARN MORE & PLEASE DONATE: MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG/ITR ENHANCED ADOPTION CENTER Open for adoptions Mon-Sat 12-7, Sun 12-6 Adoption Fees (fully vetted & chipped): Cats \$110, Dogs \$150 432.520.3134 ext. 7 Located within Midland's PetSmart Store AD SPONSORED BY BROWN'S PERMIAN ELECTRIC CO. Blue Moon is a 1.5 yo female with blue & white markings. She is as adorable & sweet as her photo. Blue Moon loves to purr & get a good head rub. She has a loving & nurturing personality & seems confident in her surroundings.

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of when we want to attack. We got a couple turnovers, got a couple buckets and started chipping away. Moments like that, they're seizing. They have grit and they expect to win."

Stewart made a pair of free throws to restore the MCS lead at 38-36, but All Saints pulled ahead for good by making its final six shots.

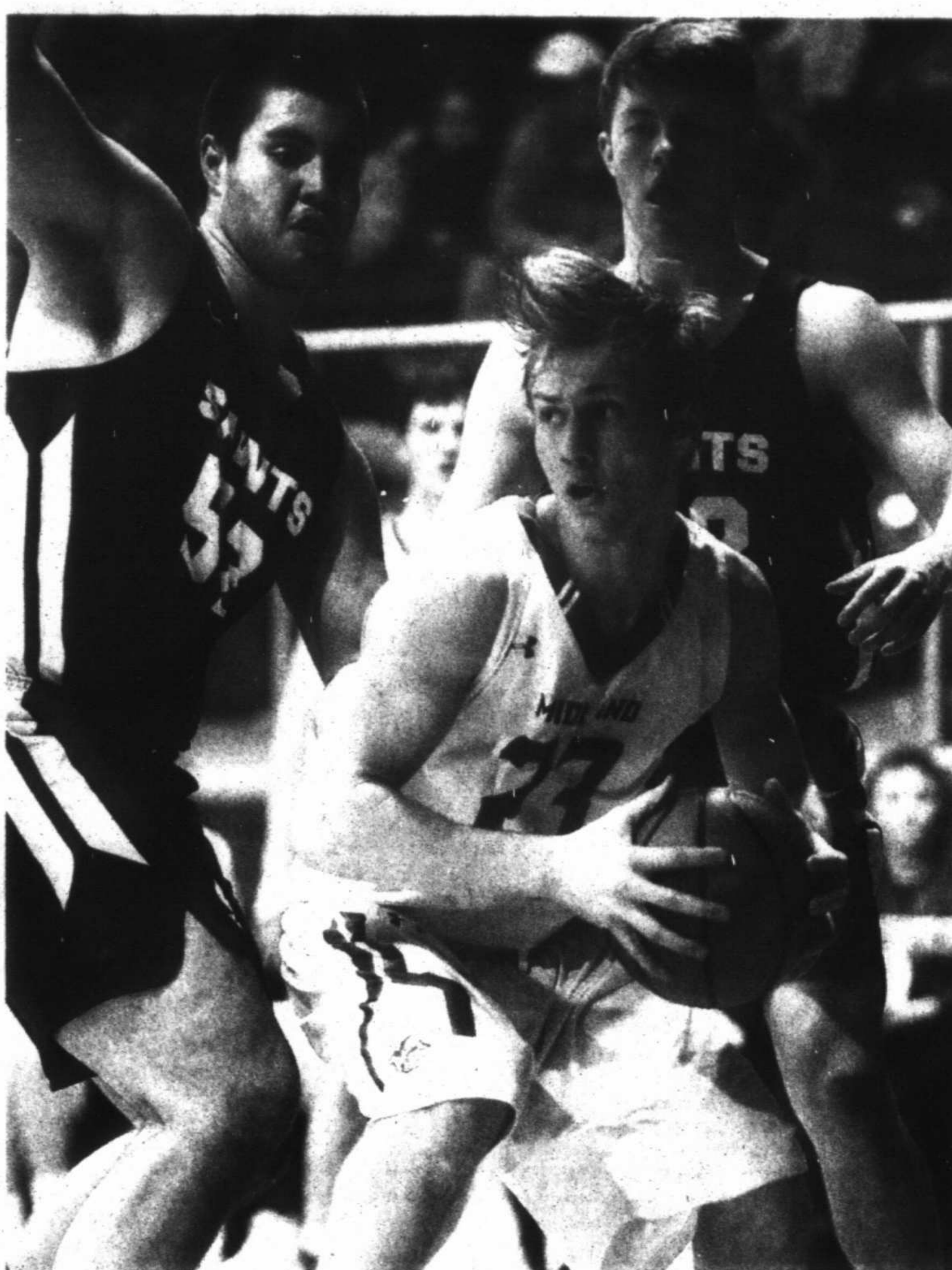
"They just pressured us and sped us up and we didn't handle it very well," Ryburn said. "It was disappointing that we didn't handle it better, but it's a good lesson for us and something we can learn from. They made us play rushed instead of playing basketball and we fell right into it." McCann said his team played with positive intentions, but fell too far off of the game plan to clinch the outright title. "We had good energy going into it and then we were too focused on going all in with the passion and we weren't really focused on the game plan," McCann said. "Then we fixed that in the second quarter and kept going with it. I don't know why we got down. We just fell off from the energy we had."

Stewart added nine points for MCS, which shot 30.9 percent in the loss. Mason Suitt had 11 points for All Saints.

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NO. 10 FORT WORTH ALL SAINTS 45, NO. 7 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 41

All Saints (15-15, 5-2 in TAPPS 1-5A) - Medina 9, Robinson 2, Suitt 11, Abritton 7, Bothwell



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Gunnar Griffin (23) tries to pass against Fort Worth All Saints' John Paul Flores (52) and Mitch Bothwell (42) on Tuesday, at McGraw Events Center.

4. Flores 12 MCS (23-12, 6-2 in TAPPS 1-5A) - Coy Stewart 9, Mitch McCann 14, Jacob Thomas 4, Gunnar Griffin 2, Joseph Venzant 6, Tommy Beebe 6

All Saints 8 8 9 20-45 MCS 3 15 11 12-41

Free throws - All Saints 6-13 MCS 7-12

3-point goals - All Saints 1 (Medina), MCS 8 (Mc-

Cann 4, Beebe 2, Stewart, Venzant) Total fouls - All Saints 12, MCS 18. Fouled out - Venzant

Next: MCS vs TBA in TAPPS 1-5A bi-district. TBD

MHS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

LADY BULLDOGS ROUT OHS

ODESSA - Jumee Williams scored a game-high 14 points to help the Midland High girls basketball team overcome a slow start and cruise to a 45-23 District 2-6A win over Odessa High, Tuesday at the OHS Fieldhouse.

Taysa Rushton added 13 points for the playoff-bound Lady Bulldogs (22-13, 6-4), who were tied 16-16 at halftime, but used a 29-7 advantage in the second half to pull away.

Teshia Defell added nine points for MHS, while Aneth Jimenez scored nine to lead OHS (5-26, 0-10).

With Lee's 40-37 home win over Wolf-forth Frenship Tuesday, MHS and Lee finished tied for the third playoff seed in the district. The two teams will flip a coin today to determine seeding.

MIDLAND HIGH 45, ODESSA HIGH 23

MHS (22-13, 6-4 in 2-6A) - Mays Duarte 2, Quay Webster 6, Taysa Rushton 13, Jumee Williams 14, Teshia Defell 9, Sadie Goven 1

OHS (5-26, 0-10) - Aneth Jimenez 9, Arianna Aguilar 1, Mariah Sanchez 2, Skylar Herrera 8, Amber Escobedo 1, Alexis Lora 1

MHS 5 11 15 14-45

OHS 10 6 4 3-23

Free throws - MHS 6-8, OHS 2-6 3-point goals - MHS 3 (Rushton 3), OHS 3 (Jimenez 3), Total fouls - MHS 14, OHS 12. Fouled out - None.

Next: MHS vs TBA in Class 6A bi-district

BRONCHOS RUN PAST BULLDOGS

ODESSA - Behind a game-high 21 points from guard Isaac Hernandez, the Odessa High boys basketball team put together a big second half to pull away from visiting Midland High, 76-57 in District 2-6A action Tuesday at the OHS Fieldhouse.

MHS hung tough and trailed just 29-24

at halftime before the Broncos (22-7, 6-2) outscored the Bulldogs 47-33 in the second half.

Memo Anaya added 14 points for OHS, which made 11 3-pointers in the win. Duce Warren spearheaded the Bulldogs (11-18, 2-6) with 14 points, including four of MHS' eight 3-pointers.

ODESSA HIGH 76, MIDLAND HIGH 57

MHS (11-18, 2-6 in District 2-6A) - Daniel Elliott 10, Duce Warren 14, Jordan Riley 8, Rayshad Chambers 7, Demoni Williams 2, Kamden Taylor 8, Brett Caris 8

OHS (22-7, 6-2) - Isaac Hernandez 21, Josh Cabello 9, Miguel Fonseca 10, Memo Anaya 14, Nate Rodriguez 2, Ryan Brazzal 14, Cole Bordner 2

MHS 15 9 11 22-57

OHS 20 9 20 27-76

Free throws - MHS 1-21, OHS 15-23 3-point goals - MHS 8 (Warren 4, Elliott 2, Riley, Taylor), OHS 11 (Hernandez 3, Cabello 3, Fonseca 2, Brazzal 3), Total fouls - MHS 16, OHS 17. Fouled out - Chambers, Technical - Chambers.

Next: Wolf-forth Frenship at MHS, 7:30 p.m. Friday; OHS at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m. Friday

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

GIRLS

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 51, FW ALL SAINTS 29

Blaire Neatherlin scored 18 points to lead Midland Christian to a rout of visiting Fort Worth All Saints in TAPPS 1-5A action, Tuesday at McGraw Event Center.

Laci Davilla added seven points for the playoff-bound Lady Mustangs (21-10, 5-3), who led 26-15 at halftime and pulled away with a 19-7 edge in the fourth quarter.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 51, FORT WORTH ALL SAINTS 29

All Saints (5-25, 0-7 in TAPPS 1-5A) - Jones 3, Facklene 2, Ward 6, Wallace 18

MCS (21-10, 5-3) - Faith Truxer 3, Brooklyn Johnson 4, Laci Davilla 7, Talle Myers 5, Kaiti Moore 5, A Walkum 1, Blaire Neatherlin 18

All Saints 8 7 7 7-29

MCS 18 10 6 19-51

Free throws - All Saints 8-12, MCS 13-23. 3-point goals - All Saints 3 (Wallace 2, Jones), MCS 3 (Johnson 2, Truxer), Total fouls - All Saints 17, MCS 12. Fouled out - Wallace.

Next: MCS vs TBA in TAPPS 5A bi-district round

NO. 3 MCA 73 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 14

The No. 3-ranked Midland Classical Academy girls basketball team finished an undefeated TAPPS 1-3A season with a blowout win over Abilene Christian at the MCA gym.

Lizabelle Russell led MCA (18-6, 4-0) with 17 points and LeBa Beattie had 16 points and eight assists.

MCA will have the bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs before hosting the area round on Feb. 20.

NO. 3 MCA 73 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 14

Abilene Christian (10-9) - Britton 2, Wade 5, Michael S. Ornelas 2, Armstrong 2

MCA (18-6, 4-0) - Kori Kirk 17, Laura Kate Sparks 2, Hilary Souterland 4, Laci Beattie 16, Lizabelle Russell 17, Kenna Bayley 5, Jenny Coo 7, Malarene Beattie 5

MCA 5 4 2 23-73

Free throws - ACS 1-2, MCA 4-8. 3-point goals - ACS 1 (Wade), MCA 5 (Kirk 2, L. Beattie, Bayley, M. Beattie). Total fouls - ACS 6, MCA 6. Fouled out - None.

Next: MCA vs TBA, TAPPS 3A area round

GREENWOOD 52 ANDREWS 32

Greenwood completed an 8-0 District 4-4A season with a convincing win over Andrews at the Greenwood High School gym.

Brad Good scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Rangers (19-14 overall), while Casey Mabane had 12.

Andrews (0-6 in district) was led by Rae Johnson with eight. Greenwood next plays in the Class 4A bi-district round of the playoffs against a to-be-determined opponent early next week.

GREENWOOD 52, ANDREWS 32

Andrews (0-6 in District 4-4A) - Moses Mack



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Faith Truxer (5) passes against Fort Worth All Saints on Tuesday, at McGraw Events Center.

MCA (2-1 in TAPPS 1-3A) - Conroy Echols 5, Josiah McDougall 14, Aaron Giffin 17, Cole Miller 11, Jason Bayley 4, David Harper 4

ACHS 13 9 8 18-48

MCA 13 15 11 26-55

Free throws - ACS 11-19, MCA 8-13. 3-point goals - ACS 8 (E. Murray, Sterling Wiert 4, Spencer Wiert), MCA 7 (Echols, McDougall 3, Giffin 3), Total fouls - ACS 16, MCA 16. Fouled out - None.

Next: MCA vs ACS, TBA

ANDREWS 55, GREENWOOD 49

Brett Leach scored a game-high 25 points to lift Andrews to a District 4-4A victory over Greenwood, Tuesday night at the Greenwood High School gym.

Max Montes led the Rangers (16-15, 2-4) with 13 points, while Brody Ray added nine points.

Payton Lopez had 10 points for Andrews.

ANDREWS 55, GREENWOOD 49

Andrews (21-9, 4-0 in District 4-4A) -

Markese Lawrence 7, Payton Lopez 10, Justin Jenkinson 6, Brett Leach 25, Cody Hader 2, Jake Slaughter 3, Julio Melendez 2

Greenwood (16-14, 2-3) - Brody Ray 9, Max Montes 13, Ryan Snodgrass 8, Seth Westberry 5, Omarion Jamison 6, Logan Jarvis 6

Andrews 8 17 9 19-55

Greenwood 11 15 9 14-49

Free throws - Andrews 11-16, Greenwood 3-4. 3-point goals - Andrews 11 (Leach 4, Jenkinson 3, Lopez 3, Snodgrass), Greenwood 6 (Lawrence 3, Ray 2, Westberry). Total fouls - Andrews 9, Greenwood 16. Fouled out - None. Technical - Robbie Velazquez.

Next: Andrews at Pecos, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Pecos at Greenwood, 8 p.m. Friday

MONAHANS 72, FORSAN 58

FORSAN - Monahans defeated Forsan in a non-district matchup Tuesday.

Forsan (23-4) kept the game close going into halftime trailing 31-29. Monahans started to pull away in the third quarter outscoring the Buffaloes 23-13.

Sanchez led the way for the Lobos scoring 17, while Birwell added 13.

MONAHANS 72, FORSAN 58

Monahans - Sanchez 17, Smith 7, Birdwell 13, Gallardo 4, Pitman 6, Fletcher 6, Lujan 4, Adams 8, Navarrete 7

Forsan (23-4) - Evans 22, Hergert 17, Richardson 16, Higler 2, Caesar 1

Monahans 11 20 23 18-72

Forsan 17 12 13 16-58

Free throws - Monahans 10-21, Forsan 10-14. 3-point goals - Monahans 5 (Sanchez, Smith, Birdwell, Fletcher, Navarrete), Forsan 10 (Evans 4, Hergert 2, Richardson 4). Total fouls - Monahans 18, Forsan 21. Fouled out - Monahans (Smith).

Next: Forsan at Christwell 6:30 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 94 LAMESA 40

LAMESA - Lubbock Estacado blew past Lamesa in District 2-4A action on Tuesday.

The Golden Toradoes (18-13, 2-6) were outscored 37-9 in the third quarter.

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 94, LAMESA 40

Estacado (8-0) - Rector 23, Murray 21, Conrad 5, Young 14, McQueen 4, Johnson 7, Rollison 4, Sherman 10, Morrison 8

Lamesa - (18-13, 2-6) - Buddy Williams 10, Zakari Quintanilla 3, Victor Barajas 5, James Rodriguez 4, Jackson Napper 16

Lubbock Estacado 16 29 37 12-94

Lamesa 13 9 9 5-40

Free throws - Estacado 9-27, Lamesa 2-11. 3-point goals - Estacado 11 (Rector 5, Murray, Conrad, Young 4), Lamesa 4 (Williams 2, Quintanilla, Barajas), Estacado 13, Lamesa 18. Fouled out - None.

Next: Brownfield vs Lamesa at 8 p.m. Friday.

CRANE 51, PRESIDIO 41

PRESIDIO - Carlos Montes and Ivan Esparza led Crane to a victory over Presidio in District 3-3A action.

Esparza had 16 points and Carlos Montes added 14 for the Golden Cranes (20-4, 6-1).

CRANE 51, PRESIDIO 41

Crane (20-4, 6-1) - Carlos Montes 15, Ivan Esparza 16, Michael Holguin 3, Brandon Carra 3, Tye Heard 4, Johan Velasco 2, Carlos Carrasco 6, Ryan Hartman 4, Johnathan Espinosa 3

Presidio (0-6 in district) - Ornelas 3, Astoria 6, Ramos 1, Reynaldo 2, Escobedo 4, Taveras 10, Rivera 10, Marquinez 5

Crane 20 14 16 6-56

Presidio 2 8 18 13-41

Free throws - Crane 4-8, Presidio 4-8. 3-point goals - Crane 4 (Montes, Espinosa, Holguin, Carra), Presidio 3 (Rivera 2, Webb, Morrow), Total fouls - Crane 8, Presidio 6. Fouled out - None.

GRADY 44 SANDS 28

LENORAH - Marshall Cox scored a game-high 18 points to lead Grady to a District 8-1A victory over Sands at Grady High School.

Jordan Rodriguez added eight points for the Wildcats (18-7, 6-3).

GRADY 44, SANDS 28

Sands - Webb 3, W. Thomas 2, Morrow 3, Ybarra 7, J. Wigginton 4, N. Wigginton 9

Grady (18-7, 6-3) - Marshall Cox 18, Sergio Reyna 3, Cole Short 2, Dante Ruiz 2, Cristian Jimenez 5, Marshall Cox 18, Jordan Rodriguez 8

Sands 3 7 7 11-26

Grady 12 8 11 13-44

Free throws - Sands 2-8, Grady 9-20. 3-point goals - Sands 3 (Cassell 2, Jensen), Grady 6 (Ybarra 2, J. Wigginton 2, Webb, Morrow), Total fouls - Sands 20, Grady 11. Fouled out - Morrow.

Next: Loop at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Friday

Frenship uses post game to beat Rebels 62-48

By Christopher Hadorn chadorn@mrt.com

The Lee boys basketball team entered Tuesday's District 2-6A meeting with Wolf-forth Frenship with renewed life.

The Rebels were coming off a big win against rival Midland High and suddenly found themselves in the thick of the playoff race despite a 1-6 mark in district.

Potentially, Lee had a chance to create a three-way tie for fourth if circumstances broke its way Tuesday, but its efforts were undermined by the visiting Tigers in one quarter.

Frenship controlled the glass and dominated the paint in the second quarter to down the Rebels, 62-48, at Chaparral Center.

The defeat was a severe blow to the now minuscule playoff hopes for sixth-place Lee (8-22, 1-7 in District 2-6A), which now sits two games back of fourth-place Frenship (15-16, 3-5) and will need to win out and get major help.

Leading 16-12 after one quarter, the Tigers separated by out-scoring the Rebels, 24-11 in the second quarter to take a 40-23 halftime advantage.

Frenship was spearheaded by the efforts of its post players, as Ryan Bennett and Jack Kirkpatrick each had a game-high 15 points.

Furthermore, the Tigers out-rebounded the Rebels by 35-18 margin.

When its big men weren't scoring, Frenship kicked it out to guard Calaway Dykes, who sank three 3-pointers in the second quarter and finished with 11 points. "We just had a couple of errors that compounded little mistakes we weren't set up in our press break and it forced us into some miscues that they took advantage of," Lee head coach Justin Boswell said. "We gave them some second-chance opportunities in the second quarter



Boswell

District 2-6A Boys Basketball Standings

Table with columns: District, Overall, W, L. Rows: Lee, Frenship, Midland High, Amarillo Tascosa.

Tuesday's Scores

Wolf-forth Frenship 62, Lee 48; Odessa High 76, MHS 58; Odessa Permian 62, Amarillo Tascosa 52

Friday's Scores

Lee at Odessa Permian, Wolf-forth Frenship at MHS; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa. All games at 7:30 p.m.

where they got some putbacks or found (Dykes), who made us pay. He's an excellent player."

The lopsided second quarter overshadowed the fact that the Rebels soared to an early 9-4 lead, and out-scored Frenship by a 25-22 margin in the second half with an admirable defensive effort.

"There were times where I thought we played really good defense and forced them into one shot a possession," Boswell said.

"I think we forced about three travels. The boys did a good job defensively and that's a tough offense to guard especially when they have a really good big man and a guy that can really stretch your defense and shoot it from deep. When we kind of settled in, those were some bright spots for us, but we still had too many little mistakes that hurt us." Pat Okimi led the Rebels with 13 points, followed by a 10-point effort from Lee freshman guard Zhuric Phelps. Phelps also had a team-high four steals.

Kyler Pettus added nine points and three steals for the Rebels, who visit first-place Odessa Permian at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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WOLF-FORTH FRENSHIP 62, LEE 48

Frenship (15-16, 3-5 in District 2-6A) - Calaway Dykes 11, Dylan Dominguez 2, Ryan Bennett 15, Landon Parrott 2, Noble Robinson 2, Skyler Newsome 3, Javier Rice 6, Jack Kirkpatrick 15, JaMarcus Lewis 4, Drew Turnbow 2

Lee (8-22, 1-7) - Zhuric Phelps 10, Ceavonte Easton 5, Jaylan Jones 8, Pat Okimi 13, Loc Fourny 1, Karl Taylor 2, Kyler Pettus 9

Frenship 16 24 7 15-62

Lee 12 11 9 16-48

Free throws - Frenship 4-4, Lee 11-17. 3-point goals - Frenship 4 (Dykes 3, Bennett), Lee 1 (Pettus). Total fouls - Frenship 15, Lee 12. Fouled out - Fourny. Technical fouls - Bennett, Phelps.

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Wolf-forth Frenship vs. Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center

LEE

From 1C

been challenged way more than this in practice. All right, this is just one of those things, we've got to overcome, we've got to battle through," Acosta said. "Every single one of those girls to the coaches to the managers to everybody, that's a team win. They knew exactly what to expect. We did not feel at any point in the game that we were going to lose."

Trailing in the fourth, Lee senior point guard Aylsha Green sank a go-ahead 3 to push her team to a 36-34 lead with 2:40 remaining.

After Frenship tied the game at 36-all on a drive to the basket by Ashton Beebe, shooting guard Braydyn Hill gave the Lady Rebels the lead for good with a one-handed layup while dribbling to the basket with less than a minute to play.

"I am extremely proud," Green said of her team's effort. "As you can see I'm emotional. We went out there and we played as a team. We played as a sisterhood. We did what we had to do for each other and we were the toughest team tonight."

Hill led Lee with 13 points and five steals, while Low reached double figures with 11 points.

Senior Quinci Strambler had four steals for a Lady Rebels defense that limited the Lady Tigers to only seven fourth-quarter

District 2-6A Girls Basketball Standings

Table with columns: District, Overall, W, L. Rows: Frenship, Tascosa, Midland High, Permian, Lee, Odessa High.

Tuesday's Scores

SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

NBC looks to make Olympic coverage omnipresent

Fresh off the Super Bowl, NBC begins more than two weeks of Winter Olympics coverage on Thursday with a new host, some new wrinkles and the hope that its business model keeps pace with the different ways people experience events on television and online.

After a few events Thursday, NBC will stream Friday's opening ceremony live and repeat it on television Friday night. Mike Tirico replaces Bob Costas as NBC's prime-time host and, for the first time, its coverage will run live simultaneously across the country.

Because of changes in how Americans watch TV, NBC's evening coverage is virtually certain to have a smaller audience than Sochi four years ago. So NBC is emphasizing how many people experience the Olympics through all of its platforms, including cable networks and online.

MASSACHUSETTS

Cops: Home of Patriots' Gronk robbed during Super Bowl week

FOXBOROUGH — Police say the home of New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski was robbed while he was away at the Super Bowl.

Foxborough Police Chief William Baker confirmed Tuesday morning that his department is investigating a burglary at Gronkowski's home.

Baker said "out of respect for Mr. Gronkowski's privacy and because this is an active and dynamic criminal investigation we're not going to be releasing any information right now about what was stolen and whether any suspects exist."

BROWN

From 1C

same (type) of plays. They are getting renovations and everything is nice over there. The coaching staff is good. They're piecing it together."

Brown said the Buffaloes, who compete against UTPB in the Lone Star Conference, didn't quite take his change of heart lightly.

"The defensive coordinator (at WTAMU) told me 'I'm going to have put Elijah on you and lock you up,'" Brown joked. "It's also going to be fun with (Lee teammate and offensive lineman Cormac Fish) being at (Eastern New Mexico) in the same conference."

Brown said he plans to study sports science and business. He also received offers from NCAA Division III programs Hardin-Simmons University and Howard Payne, while receiving interest as a preferred walk on at Texas State.

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Here are the student-athletes that are expected to sign today along with their college or university choices:

FOOTBALL

Lee

- Isiah Nunez (Air Force)
- Grant Brown (UTPB)
- Tyler Madrid (Hardin-Simmons)
- Cormac Fish (Eastern New Mexico)
- Elijah Prince (West Texas A&M)
- Stephen Quiroz (Howard Payne)
- Kougar Rodriguez (Concordia University, Kansas)
- Mason Sanchez (Howard Payne)

Greenwood

- Matt Groschel (UTPB)
- Sloan Stephens (Tartleton State)

Andrews

- Casey Buck (Wayland Baptist)

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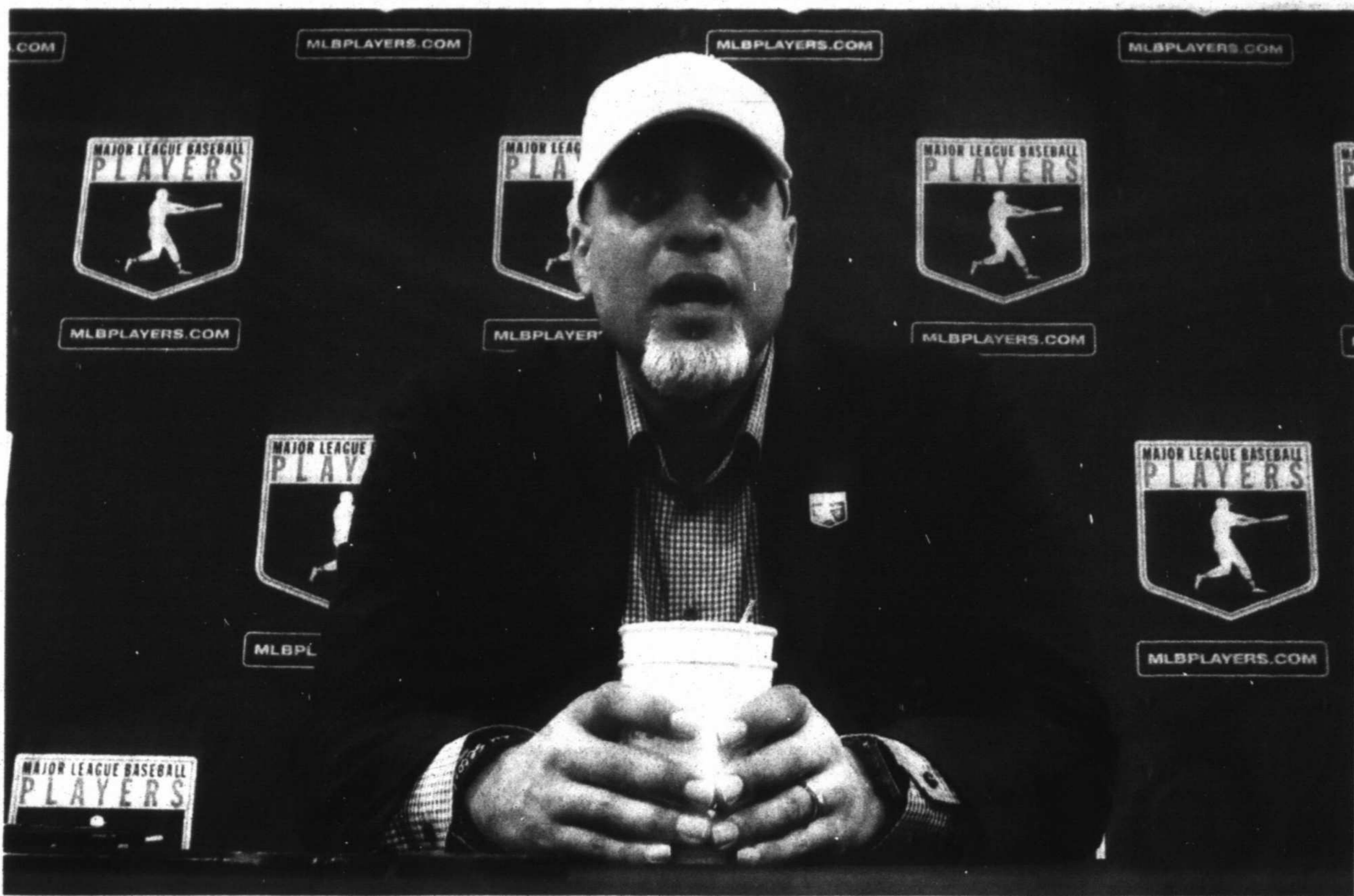
- Bryce Hergert (Hardin-Simmons)

Midland Christian

- David Threadgill (West Texas A&M)

GIRLS SOCCER

- Midland High
- Kylie Vorhies (St. Mary's University, San Antonio)



Tony Clark, executive director of the Major League Players Association, answers questions at a news conference on Feb. 19, 2017 in Phoenix. Clark said Tuesday that the number of rebuilding teams and unsigned free agents in a historically slow market "threatens the very integrity of our game." Just 53 of 166 players who exercised their free agency rights last November had announced agreements entering Tuesday, down from 99 of 158 at a similar time last year.

Baseball union head says rebuilding teams threaten integrity

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Players' union head Tony Clark claims the number of rebuilding teams and unsigned free agents in a historically slow market threatens the sport's integrity, an assertion immediately rejected by Major League Baseball.

In a statement and a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Clark voiced the frustration of the 100-plus free agents who remain unemployed in an industry where revenues and franchise values are at record highs, he said in a statement, eight days before the first formal workouts. "Spring training has always been associated with hope for a new season. This year a significant number of teams are engaged in a race to the bottom. This conduct is a fundamental breach of the trust between a team and its fans and threatens the very integrity of our game."

"A record number of talented free agents remain unemployed in an industry where revenues and franchise values are at record highs," he said in a statement, eight days before the first formal workouts. "Spring training has always been associated with hope for a new season. This year a significant number of teams are engaged in a race to the bottom. This conduct is a fundamental breach of the trust between a team and its fans and threatens the very integrity of our game."

Just 61 of 166 players who exercised their free agency rights last November had announced agreements as of Tuesday, down from 99 of 158 at a similar time last year. J.D. Martinez, Jake Arrieta, Yu Darvish, Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas are among the stars still seeking a place to play.

While the players' association has shown no interest in agent Brodie Van Wagenen's suggestion that players consider boycotting spring training, the union could announce this week that it will open a training camp for free agents. It would be similar to the one that operated after the 7 1/2-month strike in 1994-95.

Scott Boras, the sport's most well-known agent, has called the increased number of rebuilding teams a "non-competitive cancer."

"We're finding ourselves asking questions that we never thought we would have to ask before, which is are there concerns about the competitive integrity of the game itself?" Clark told the AP. "When it turns to fans being able to see or wanting to see the best 750 players and those 750-plus players wanting to play against the

best players, when that becomes part of the conversation it's just not beneficial to anybody."

MLB attributed the amount of unsigned players to a misreading of the marketplace. Just two free agents have agreed to a deal worth \$50 million or more: outfielder Lorenzo Cain's \$80 million, five-year deal with Milwaukee and first baseman Carlos Santana's \$60 million, three-year contract with Philadelphia. In addition, outfielder Justin Upton reached a \$106 million, five-year contract to stay with the Los Angeles Angels rather than become a free agent.

"Our clubs are committed to putting a winning product on the field for their fans," the commissioner's office said in a statement. "Owners own teams for one reason: They want to win. In baseball, it has always been true that clubs go through cyclical, multi-year strategies directed at winning."

Many teams have concluded there are just two successful strategies: all-in or all-out. Either add veterans around a core group or jettison pricey players and start over.

That was reinforced when Chicago Cubs won the 2016 World Series four years after losing 101 games and Houston took last year's title four years after losing 111.

"It is common in this point in the calendar to have large numbers of free agents unsigned," MLB added. "What is uncommon is to have some of the best free agents sitting unsigned even though they have substantial offers, some in nine figures. It is the responsibility of player's agents to value their clients in a constantly changing free-agent market based on factors such as positional demand, advanced analytics and the impact of the new Basic Agreement. To lay responsibility on the clubs for the failure of some agents to accurately assess the market is unfair, unwarranted, and inflammatory."

Boras maintains the collective bargaining agreement's toughened luxury tax has combined with restraints on signing bonuses for amateur draft picks to cause teams to value young players even more than previously. jettison veterans and rebuild in an attempt to form a young core that can compete in future years. Boras, who

represents Martinez, Arrieta, Hosmer and Moustakas, said marketplace dynamics were transformed by the increase in rebuilding teams under the five-year labor contract agreed to in November 2016.

"There is a number of teams, let's call it 10 or 12 in baseball, that are tearing down and rebuilding," Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said last month. "You could argue that you're going to compete with more clubs to try to get the first pick in the draft than you would to win the World Series." Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Alex Wood went further, tweeting: "It appears that there are 12-15 teams that have committed to tanking and or not putting the best team they can on the field."

Colorado catcher Chris Iannetta suggested teams' behavior be subject to the misconduct provision of Major League Rule 21, which makes players and any person connected with a team subject to a lifetime ban if the person shall "intentionally fail to give his best efforts towards the winning of any such baseball game."

Josh McDaniels backs out of deal to become Colts coach

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Josh McDaniels has backed out of a deal to become the Indianapolis Colts' new coach, a decision that shocked the franchise hours after it announced his hiring.

The Colts confirmed McDaniels' decision in a statement Tuesday night after reports emerged that the Patriots' offensive coordinator had opted to stay in New England with coach Bill Belichick.

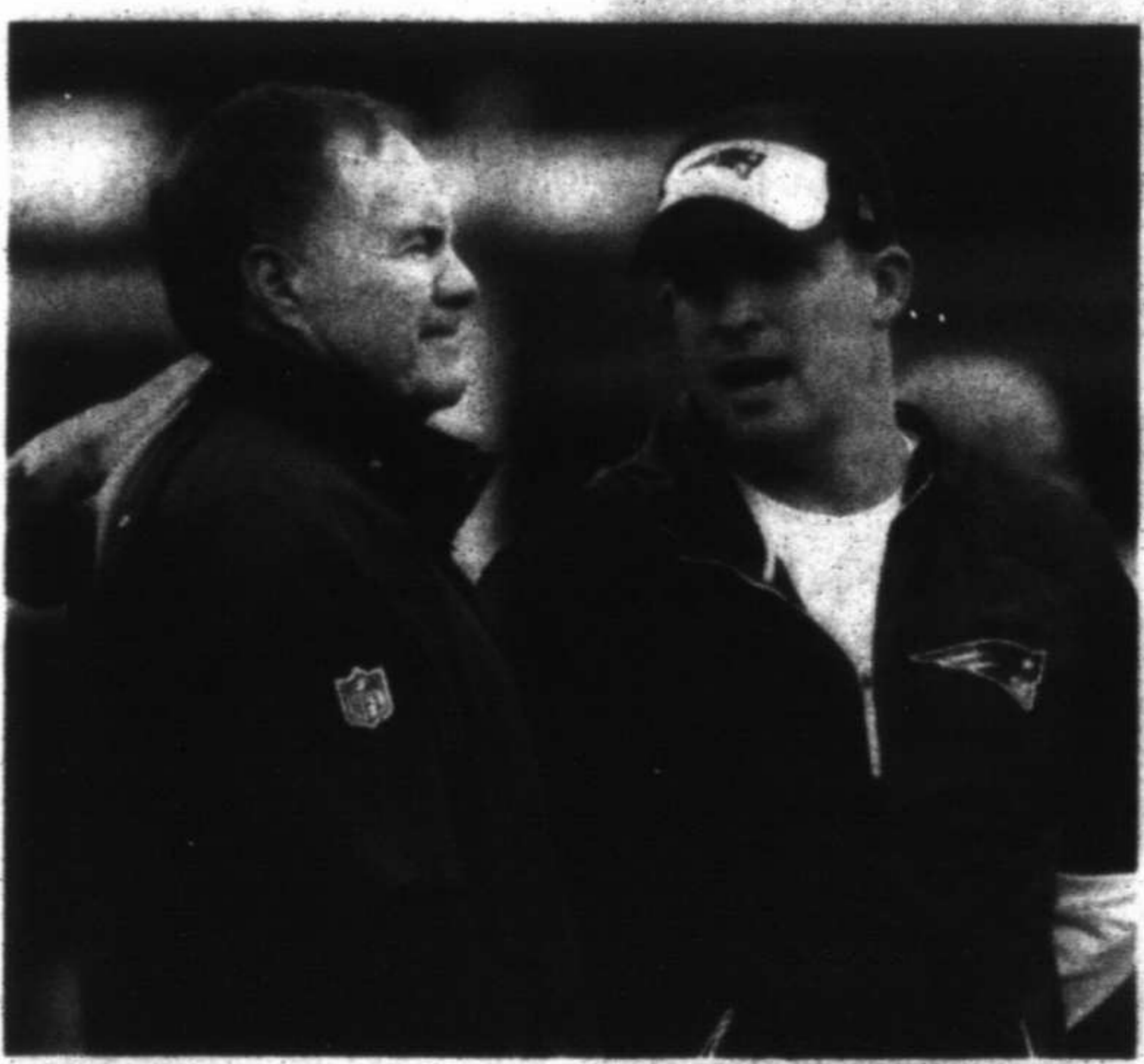
McDaniels had agreed to contract terms with the Colts to replace the fired Chuck Pagano. A news conference had been scheduled for Wednesday at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The Colts said McDaniels informed them Tuesday evening that he would not sign the deal.

"Although we are surprised and disappointed, we will resume our head coaching search immediately and find the right fit to lead our team and organization on and off the field," the Colts said in the statement.

The Patriots and McDaniels' agent, Bob LaMont, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

By spurning the Colts after they waited 22 days to hire him, McDaniels leaves the reeling franchise as the only one without a coach. New England defensive coordinator Matt Patricia left Belichick's staff a day



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, left, and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels talk before a game against the Buffalo Bills in 2016 in Foxborough, Mass.

after the Patriots' Super Bowl loss to become coach of the Detroit Lions.

The move by McDaniels was reminiscent of his mentor, Belichick, who resigned as coach of the Jets with a handwritten note less than a day after he was hired in 2000.

Although McDaniels never signed his contract with Indianapolis, his stint was even shorter. The team announced his hiring in on its Twitter account late Tuesday morning. Hours later, the Colts had deleted the tweet and replaced it with the statement about his withdrawal.

Pagano was fired Dec. 31 after the team finished 4-12 in a season without injured quarterback An-

draw Luck. McDaniels has long been considered one of the best offensive minds in football and a top-tier head coaching candidate, although his previous head coaching stint with Denver ended badly. He went 8-8 with the Broncos in 2009 and 3-9 in 2010 before he was fired with three games left in the season.

Within days of Pagano's ouster, Colts general manager Chris Ballard interviewed McDaniels during the Patriots' postseason bye week. Two weeks later, reports indicated the deal was all but finished and potential suitors, like the New York Giants, started hiring other coaches.

Immigrant suspected in NFL player's death had been deported

By Rick Callahan
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An immigrant who was living illegally in Indiana when he was arrested in a drunken-driving crash that killed an NFL player had a history of misdemeanor convictions and arrests, including two previous instances of driving under the influence, authorities said Tuesday.

President Donald Trump drew added attention to the death of Indianapolis Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson on Twitter, calling the collision "disgraceful." The president also prodded Democrats to work with him on illegal immigration and border security.

The driver believed to be responsible for Sunday's crash on Interstate 70 in Indianapolis had been deported twice in the last decade.

Trump tweeted Tuesday: "So disgraceful that a person killed @Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson. This is just one of many such preventable tragedies. We must get the Dems to get tough on the Border, and with illegal immigration, FAST!"

In a second tweet, he added, "My prayers and best wishes are with the family of Edwin Jackson, a wonderful young man whose life was so senselessly taken. @Colts"

The collision also killed Jackson's Uber driver, Jeffrey Monroe, who was not

mentioned by the president.

Since the 2016 campaign, Trump has regularly pointed to crimes connected to illegal immigration as evidence that the U.S. needs to build a wall along the Mexican border and tighten immigration policies. As president, he has threatened to withhold federal funding to cities with sanctuary city policies.

The man suspected of causing the collision, 37-year-old Manuel Orrego-Savala, had a 2005 conviction for driving under the influence in Redwood City, California. He also has numerous other misdemeanor convictions and arrests in California and Indiana, said Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Nicole Alberico.

In the 2005 case, he pleaded no contest to two separate drunken driving offenses and was given a brief jail sentence, San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said Tuesday.

Orrego-Savala remained jailed in Indianapolis but had not been formally charged in the crash. Prosecutors said they were working with police on the investigation.


The suspect appeared Tuesday before a judge who advised him of his rights. Indianapolis television station WRTV reported that Orrego-Savala told the judge through an interpreter: "I wasn't driving the car I don't know why I am here." Another court hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.



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Wife of man with parkinson's wants to start dating others

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I exercise six days a week, but I need someone to talk to, to share life with. I tell my husband what I do each day, but of course, there is no feedback. He's at home, and we have 24-hour care.

Can I date? If I explained to him how I need companionship, he might agree. But am I being selfish? This has been going on for six years. I figure I have only 10 productive years left — maybe fewer. I feel like my life is over. Please help me. I feel like I'm dying. — **REQUIRES COMPANIONSHIP**

DEAR ABBY: **COMPANIONSHIP:** I think it would be not only selfish but cruel to tell your husband you need companionship and want to seek another relationship. How would you feel if you were in his position, unable to walk or talk, and he said that to you?

If ever I heard of a person who needs to join a support group, it is you. The American Parkinson Disease Association (apdaparkinson.org) can help you locate one. The toll-free phone number is (800) 223-2732.

As to my giving you permission to date, that's something that should be between you and your conscience or higher power, not Dear Abby.

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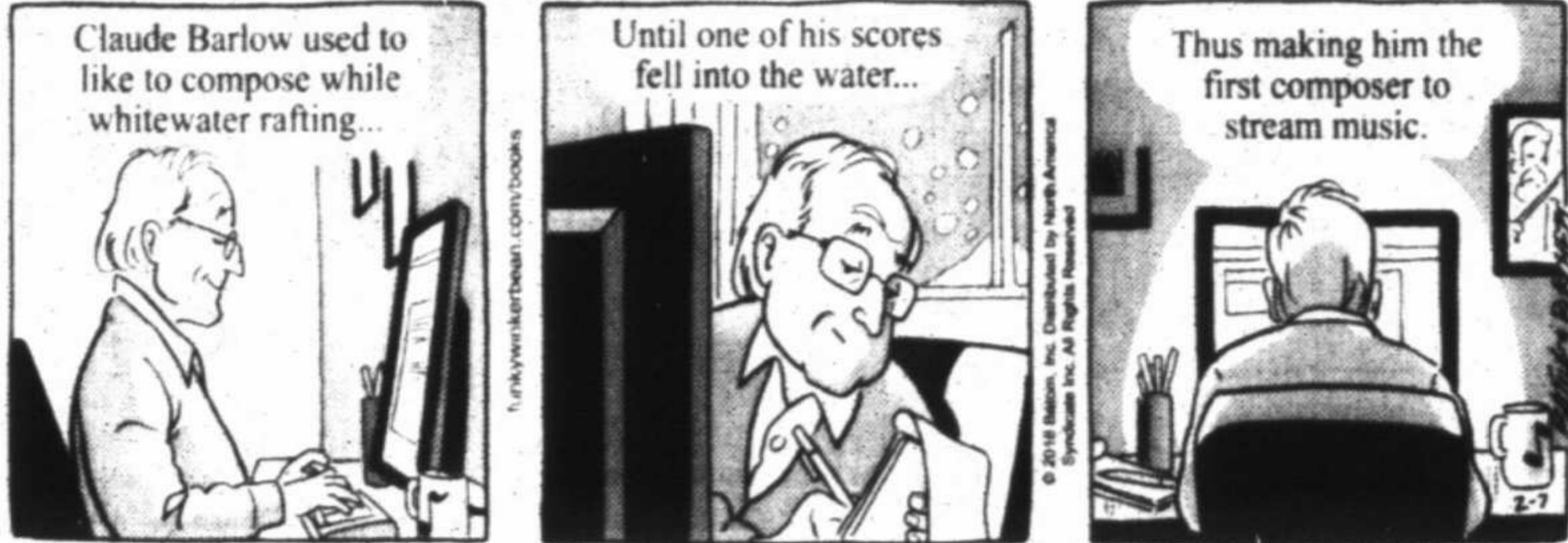
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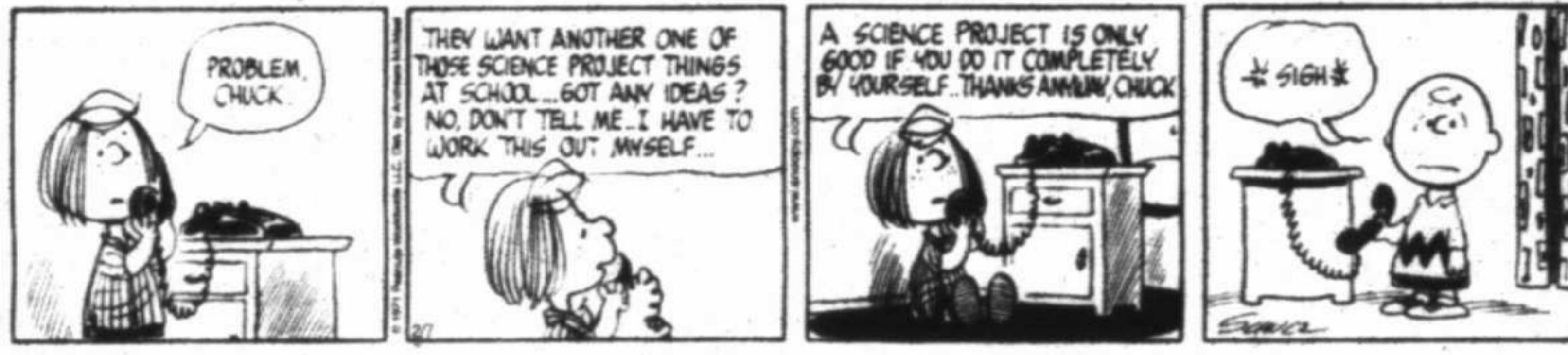
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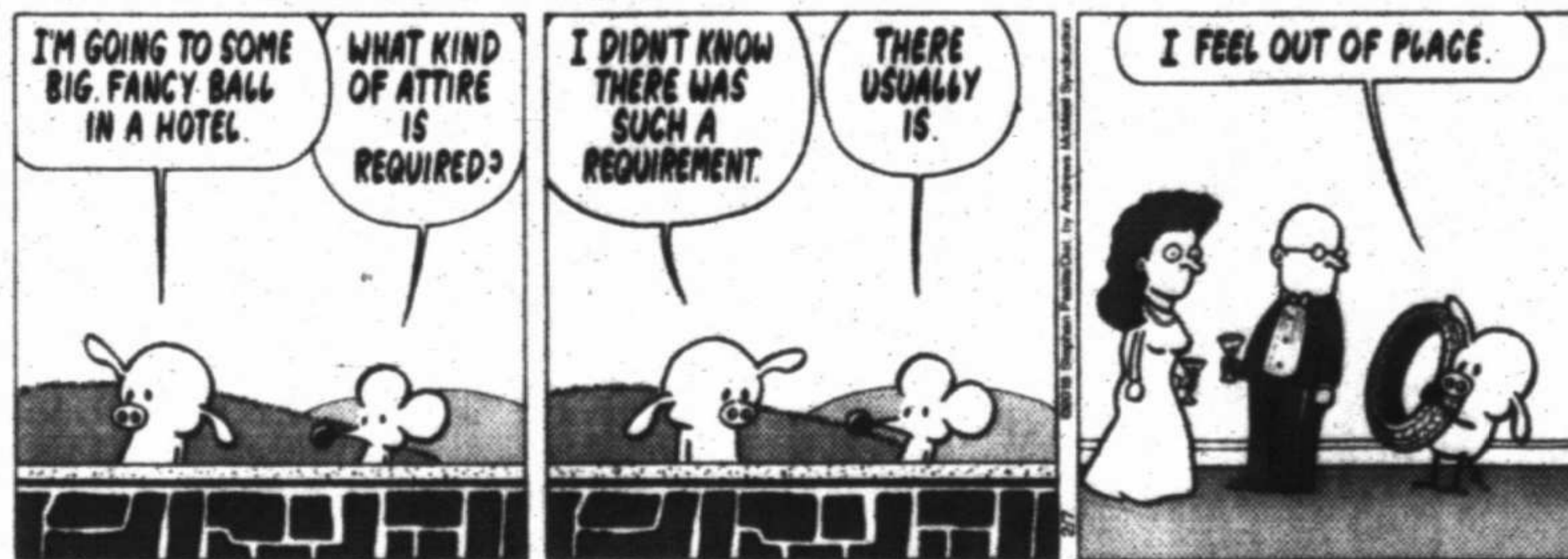
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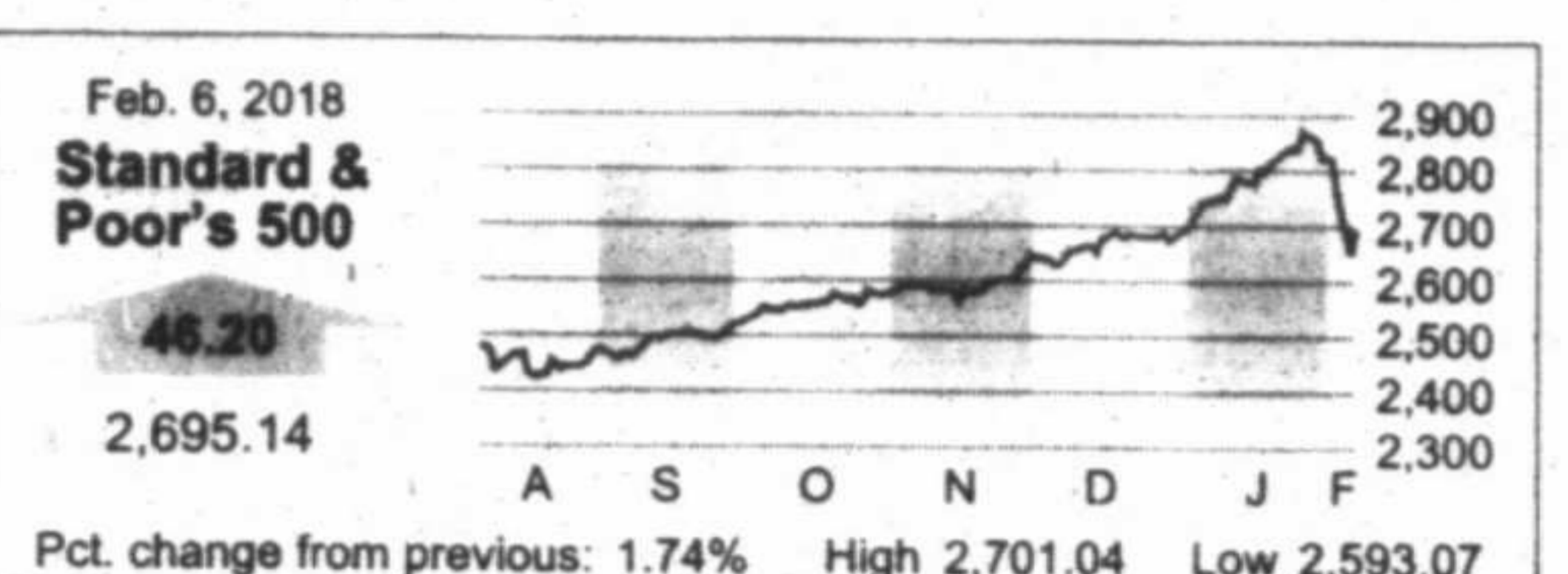
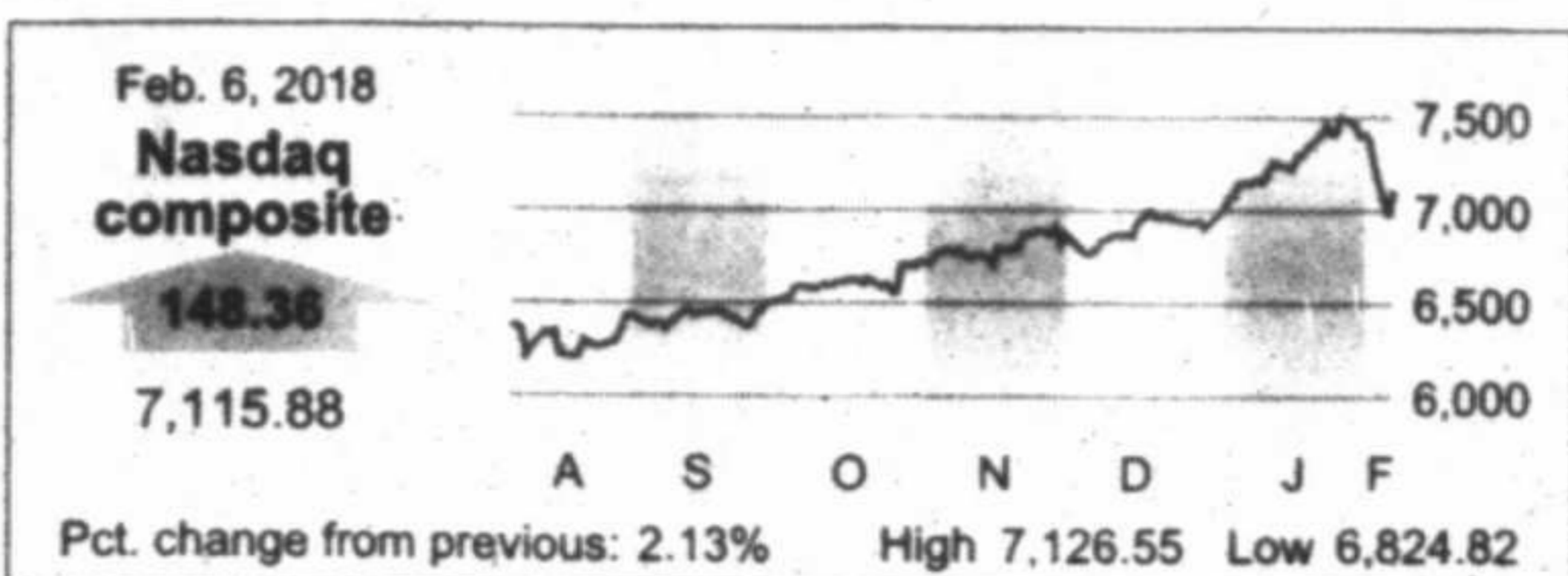
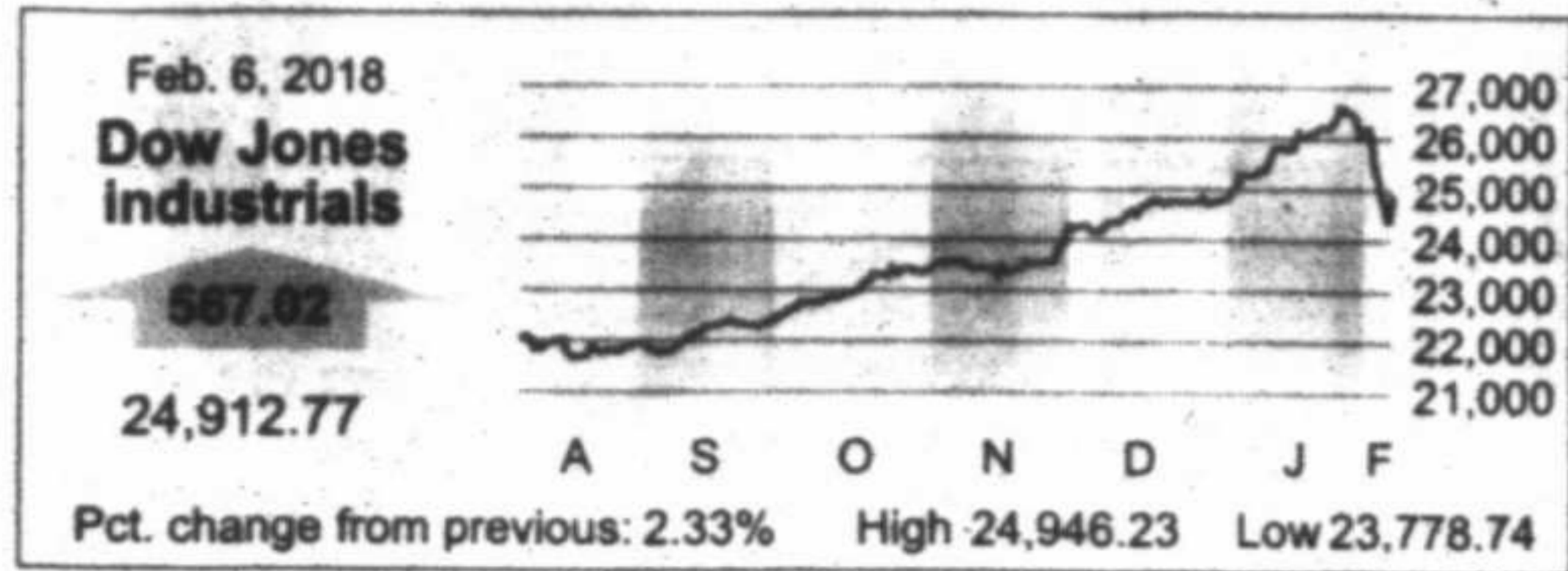


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A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Tuesday: \$63.39
 Previous: \$64.15

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Tuesday: \$59.75
 Previous: \$60.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: \$57.60
 Previous: \$58.35

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: \$2.759
 Previous: \$2.747

Despite Trump's tough talk, trade gap widens to 9-year high

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump campaigned on a promise to overturn U.S. trade policy and bring down the country's massive, persistent trade deficits.

After a year in the White House, he still has a lot of work to do.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the U.S. trade deficit in goods and services rose 12 percent to \$566 billion last year, biggest since 2008. A record \$2.9 trillion in imports swamped \$2.3 trillion in exports last year.

The deficit in the goods trade with China — frequently accused of unfair trading practices by the White House — hit a record \$375.2 billion in 2017. The goods gap with Mexico climbed to \$71.1 billion.

"Trump's trade team has not been able to stem the flood of imports into the country yet," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFJ Union Bank.

The trade gap grew even though the U.S. dollar dropped nearly 7 percent last year against the currencies of its major trading partners, a move that gives U.S. companies a price edge in foreign markets and makes imports pricier in America.

Dean Baker, senior economist at the left-leaning Center for Economic and Policy Research, says it takes time for a weaker dollar to have an impact on the trade balance.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the trade deficit "ultimately will be reduced" by a combination of new or renegotiated trade pacts and a crackdown on abusive foreign trade practices. He cited the administration's decision last month to impose tariffs on cheap Chinese solar panels and South Korean washing machines. But Ross said "it is not practical to set an exact deadline" for narrowing the trade gap.

Countries run trade deficits when they buy

more products from other countries than they sell and run surpluses when they export more than they import. The United States has not turned a trade surplus since 1975, when Gerald Ford sat in the White House and "Jaws" ruled the box office.

Why hasn't Trump been able to begin rebalancing America's lop-sided trade relationship with the rest of the world? Economists and trade analysts offer several explanations:

Trump likes to boast about the American economy's strength. Economic growth rose to 2.3 percent last year from 1.5 percent in 2016, despite getting off to a slow start in 2017. The unemployment rate is idling at a 17-year low 4.1 percent. Wages finally seem to be growing.

But when it comes to trade, there's a flip-side to good times: "A stronger economy will draw in more imports" as confident consumers seek out foreign products, says Bernard Baumohl, chief economist at the Economic Outlook Group.

Recent history shows that the trade deficit tends to grow when times are good and shrink when they turn bad. The trade gap hit a record \$762 billion in 2006 toward the end of a six-year economic expansion. It dropped to \$384 billion in 2009, in the depths of the Great Recession as American consumers hunkered down and bought fewer imports.

"If the goal is to reduce the trade deficit, we know how to do that — just send our economy crashing and we won't be able to afford to import as much," says Bryan Riley, director of the conservative National Taxpayers Union's Free Trade Initiative.

On the campaign trail, candidate Trump talked tough on trade. He threatened to slap big tariffs on Chinese and Mexican imports and said he'd tear up trade treaties and sanction China for manipulating its currency.

He's been more cautious since taking office.

Down, then up: Stock market goes on another wild ride

Wall Street is making a good case for buying stock in Maalox and Tums.

In another stomach-churning day Tuesday, stocks plunged in the morning, then pulled off a late-afternoon rally, ending the day in positive territory and recouping some of the losses from the market's two-day plunge.

"The positive for the market is that we came back today in very convincing fashion, but I certainly would not say it's all done, the Wicked Witch is dead," said JJ Kinahan, chief investment strategist for TD Ameritrade. "Brace for volatility and strap yourself for the next couple of weeks."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index is now up just under 1 percent for the year. It had been up as much as 7.5 percent less than two weeks ago.

The bounce-back no doubt came as relief to many Americans made queasy by the drop in their retirement savings and investment accounts.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell \$7, or 0.5 percent, to \$1,329.50 an ounce and silver dipped 9 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$16.58 an ounce.

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Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
 Closing Price \$149.05 Down 2.39

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
 Closing Price \$6.28 Up 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
 Closing Price \$121.90 Up 1.63

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
 Closing Price \$2.30 Up 0.095

Mexco Energy (MXC)
 Closing Price \$3.74 Up 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
 Closing Price \$26.25 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
 Closing Price \$17.60 Up 0.51

RSP Permian (RSP)
 Closing Price \$37.57 Up 0.39

Ring Energy (REI)
 Closing Price \$14.40 Up 1.19

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
 Closing Price \$23.74 Down 0.32

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
S&P500ETF331845289.06	+5.13			
ISHMkts 1821346	48.86	+1.53		
BiocAm 1657961	31.20	+8.94		
SPDR Fint1585133	28.39	+5.51		
BIPVST rt142281042.80	-1.14			

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fabritol	30.00	+5.95	+24.7
CentEBR B	7.78	+2.92	+37.4
Aquaria I	15.11	+1.75	+13.1
NeoPhoton	5.83	+0.67	+13.0
Inphi	32.09	+3.27	+11.3

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	2.134		
Declined	817		
Unchanged	77		
Total Issues	3,028		
New Highs	8		
New Lows	461		
Volume	5,857,093,610		

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
SHindia bt	89445	35.86	+1.26	+3.5
22ndCentury	2.92	+3.36	+14.0	
CentusEn	3.70	+3.12	+8.2	
RingEngy	14.40	+1.19	+9.0	
NuverEnr	20.24	+1.61	+8.6	
ComdSec	3.08	+2.07	+6.9	

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	193		
Declined	137		
Unchanged	18		
Total Issues	348		
New Highs	1		
New Lows	46		
Volume	140,889,269		

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
PwShs QOO181106162.31	+4.19			
VanE GenD	58.84	+34.39	+140.6	
AsiaFundg	10.25	+3.10	+43.4	
Cyanotch h	5.25	+1.40	+36.4	
Quotnet	4.03	+1.04	+34.8	
ATA Inc	6.19	+1.53	+32.8	

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	1,876		
Declined	1,013		
Unchanged	147		
Total Issues	3,036		
New Highs	25		
New Lows	228		
Volume	3,101,589,570		

Snapchat snaps back with 4th quarter results, shares soar

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly a year after its initial public offering and lackluster growth, the company behind Snapchat is making a comeback.

Shares of Snap Inc. are up sharply in extended trading following stronger-than-expected revenue and solid user growth for the company's fourth quarter.

Snap, known for its disappearing photo and video messaging app, posted a 72 percent revenue increase in the final three months of 2017, to \$285.7 million. It also had a larger net loss, totaling \$350 million compared with \$169.9 million a year earlier. That's largely due to stock compensation expenses related to its IPO in March 2017.

Snapchat's daily active users grew by 5 percent from the previous quarter to 187 million. This represented the highest daily net user additions since the third quarter of 2016. This increase seemed to calm investor fears that Snapchat is a

mere has-been destined to get trampled by

Facebook, which has copied some of Snapchat's most important features.

On a per-share basis, the Venice, California-based company said it had a loss of 28 cents. Losses, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, were 13 cents per share.

The results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 10 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for a loss of 15 cents per share.

Snap is working on redesigning its app to separate what friends share and what media organizations publish in an attempt to appeal to a broader range of users. CEO Evan Spiegel said in a conference call Tuesday that the company is "pleased with the initial results" and the redesign will be available to all Snapchat users in the first quarter.

Snap's stock jumped 19 percent to \$16.74 in after-hours trading on Tuesday. The stock had closed at \$14.06 in regular trading.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	13	4.80	+15	-15.2		CSVSh	7.27	-5.33	+31.2			KindMorg	50	26	17.33	+52	-4.1	RoyDShIA	3.76	100	65.73	+1.19	-1.5
AT&T Inc	2.00	14	36.63	+20	-6.3	CroTm	9.96	14.44	+0.9	-1.7		LegacyRes	2.30		+0.9	+42.9	SPDRDIA	3.98		249.08	+5.81	+7	
Altreas	89	2.36	+0.8	-4.5		DOP Mid	3.12	57	40.16	+7.1	+10.6	Lulays	2.97		+0.2	+12.5	SPDRS00	1.16		41.81	+1.15	+2.7	
AdvsEq	1.32		-15.09	+3.3		DTE	3.53	19	99.36	-2.84	-9.2	McDnIs	4.04	28	165.18	+1.33	-4.0	S&P500ETF	4.13		289.06	+5.13	+8
AMD			11.64	+0.7	+13.2	DevonE	34	55	38.36	-27	-7.3	Merck	1.92	21	55.46	-94	-1.4	SPDRLeHY	2.30		36.23	+1.9	+3
AltraBios			37	-0.6	-175.4	DiscBear			12.79	-43	-4.2	MeriMed	51	44.06	+25	+2.0	SPDRGEX	7.36		34.79	+4.2	-6.4	
Allaba	52	185.17	+4.64	+7.4		DxClotBear			3.48	-35	-24.5	MexcoEn			3.74	+0.6	-4.8	SabnR	2.28	21	45.40	+1.65	+1.8
Amban	0.56	6	6.96	+0.6	+3.1	Disney	1.88	19	106.17	+1.87	-1.2	MicronT	9	43.88	+4.48	+6.7	SanderFm	1.28	10	125.81	+1.1	-9.5	
Aimgv	5.28	18	178.67	+1.92	+1.8	DowDuPnt	5.46	23	71.89	+4.05	+3	Microsol	1.68	66	91.33	+3.33	+6.8	Schmbrg	2.00	49	71.04	+1.9	+5.4
Amstor	26		67.49	+6.4	+7.2	EDG Resca	67		108.27	-1.29	+3	Nabors	24		7.58	+1.3	+11.0	SirusXM	0.4	34	6.04	+0.1	+12.6
Apache	1.90		41.12	+1.8	-2.6	Emergen	09		53.26	+23	-7.5	NOVArco	20		35.59	+1.54	-1.7	Smucker	3.12	16	119.92	+3.29	-3.5
Apple Inc	2.52	19	163.03	+5.54	-3.7	EnPhr	38	47	83.89	+87	+8.7	NovellPub	92	11	28.75	+2.63	-7.0	SnapInc A			14.06	+2.1	-3.8
ApkntAut	40	18	69.28	+3.84	-1.7	EnrProdP	1.70	21	26.71	+4.6	+3.0	NokisCp	17		5.51	+1.9	+18.2	SwinEngy	28		3.94	+0.9	-29.4
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BP PLC	2.38	29	49.87	+7.9	-9.8	FordM	60	6	10.76	+5.2	-13.9	OceiPet	3.88		71.22	+1.1	-3.3	SP ChSt	1.28		55.02	+8.0	-3.3
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BIPVST			42.80	-1.14	-53.3	GATX	1.78	14	68.98	-28	+7.1	Oracle	76	21	49.40	+1.31	+4.5	SP ENY	2.04		69.97	+5.5	-3.2
Barringer	1.20		14.96	-0.0	-1.9	GalvANT	94		9.35	-94	+1.8	PDC Engy			50.12	+1.32	-2.8	SPDR Fnd	4.66		28.39	+5.1	+1.7
BasicEnts			45			GAlw	1.16		39.79	+1.4	-1.8	ParTech	22	8.82	+2.3	-8.7	SP Indc	1.12		75.81	+1.36	+2	
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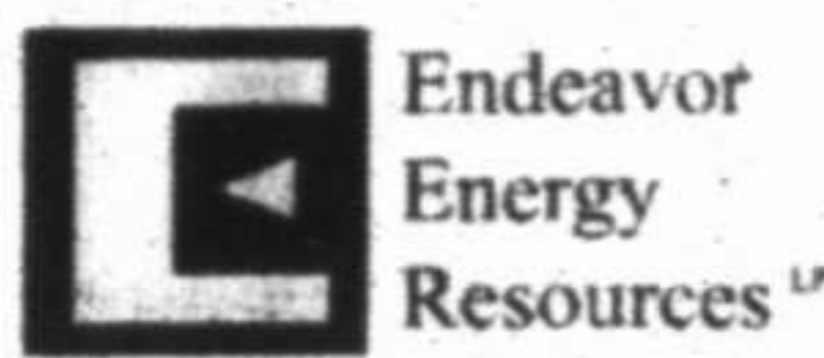
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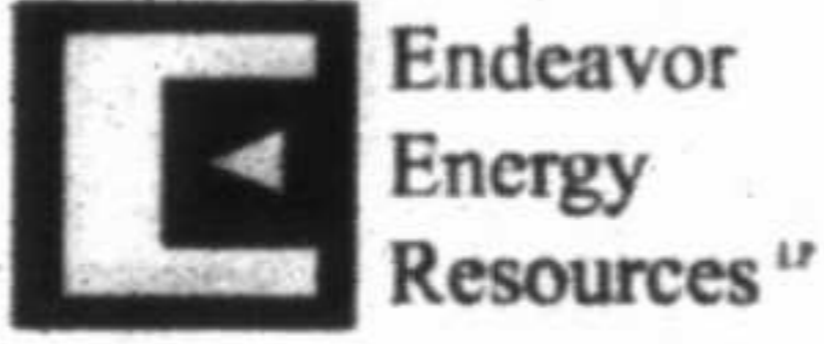
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- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:

No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:

Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:

This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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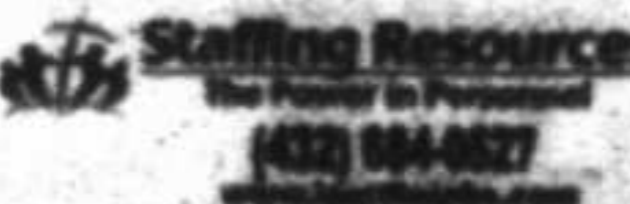
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Power Plumbing, Inc. is searching for contractors with plumbing construction experience. All candidates must live locally and be registered as a Section 3 resident or be Section 3 owned business. Power Plumbing acknowledges that the Construction of this project is subject to the Section 3 plan of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please call: Power Plumbing, Inc. Attn: Lea S. 281-213-6919

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Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, TX, is looking to fill a Producer Accounting Analyst position. Duties include data preparation and monthly settlement for Permian area Gas Processing plants. Candidate must have excellent computer and communication skills. Degree preferred but not required. PGAS and TIPS experience preferred. Competitive benefits including health insurance, 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accounting, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com.

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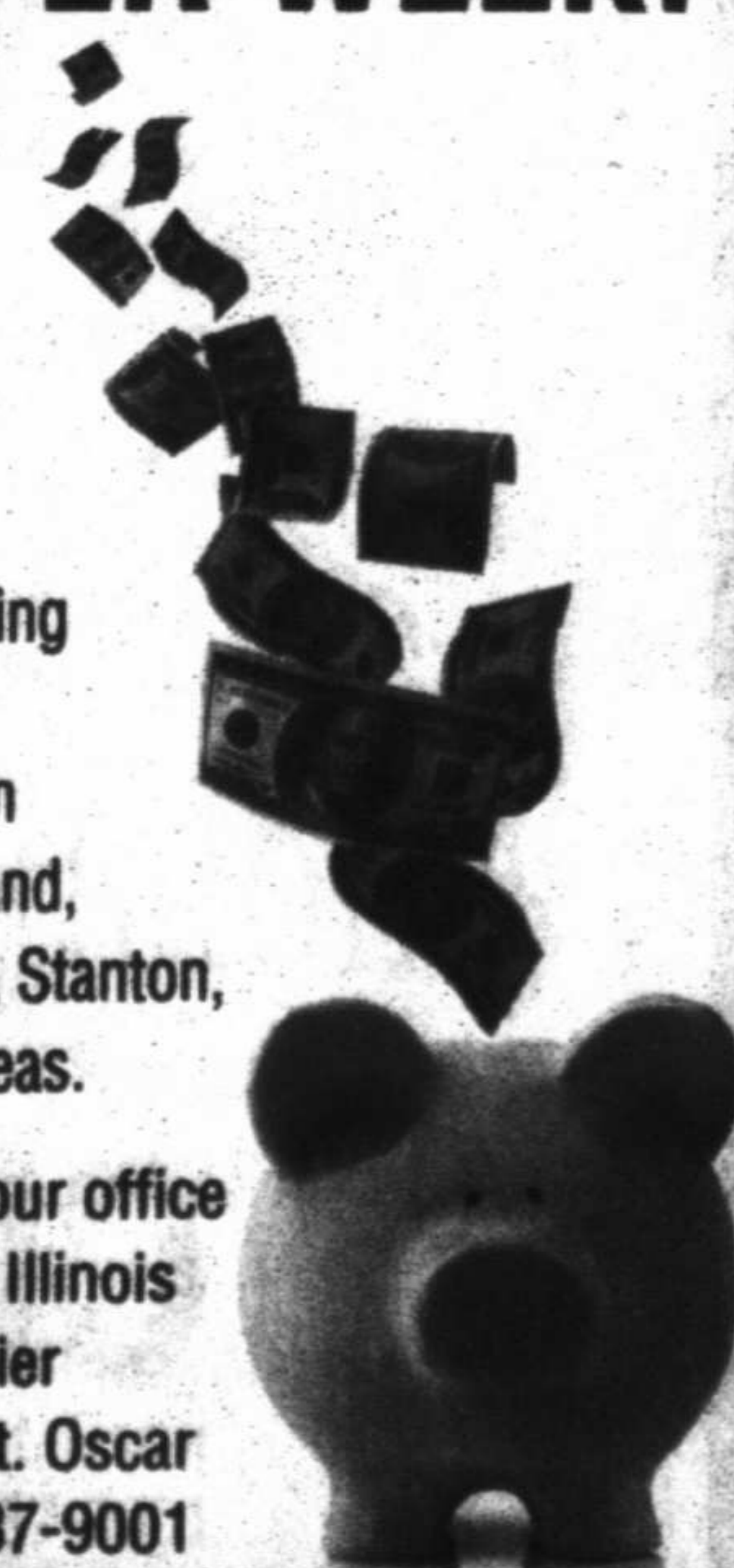
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Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person. \$11.00 per hour

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Janitors & Maids

Janitors and maids needed, work Monday - Friday 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX.

Seasonal Help

FLOWERLAND

Seasonal Drivers/Phone Help needed, must have good customer relations and phone etiquette and good driving record. Computer experience preferred. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person at 413 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX, or email resume to chriscolum@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

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Smoker's Outlet has openings for Manager Trainee & Cashiers. Full-time & Part-time positions available, must have own transportation. Apply in person Mon-Fri 8-5 5000 E University Ste 11, Odessa, TX

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MRT Media Group is seeking a Digital and Social Media Recruitment Specialist for TexasBackToWork.com. This is an exciting opportunity for an energetic, enthusiastic and career-minded individual with a passion to grow their career in a multi-media and recruitment sales industry.

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Livingston Machinery Company is seeking an experienced Parts team member for our Muleshoe, TX Location. This position provides excellent customer service and works in a variety of tasks to include shipping, receiving, sales, and inventory. Must have the drive to satisfy the Customer Mechanically inclined. Good at Problem Solving/Trouble Shooting, be well organized and have knowledge of farm equipment.

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Vacuum Truck Driver

Needing a Vacuum Truck Driver, with CDL in the San Angelo area. Operator will need driver to work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please contact Rick at 432-210-8816 if interested.

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DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 29, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 5, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, Bk. 39 T1S, T&P RR CO / EDWARDS, W Survey, A-719, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WHITEFISH UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	812 MS
Lease/Unit Acres	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	36.0

Lease Lines	985.0 F W (offlease) L, 306.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines	985.0 F W (offlease) L, 306.0 F S (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 985.0 F W (OFFLEASE) L, 306.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 17
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 330.0 F W L, 50.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L, 2594.0 F N L
Survey Lines: 330.0 F W L, 50.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L, 2594.0 F N L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9370 feet.

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

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Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time, March 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. 18000815 Re-Bid

For: Sealed bids for the City of Midland - WPCP Primary Treatment Rehabilitation Project for the Utilities Department. The project manual may be obtained at a non-refundable charge of \$25 per electronic set 1/4 or full size, \$100 per hard copy set of 1/4 size or \$125 per hard full size copy of plans and specifications by contacting HDR Engineering, Inc. at 512-912-9192 or by email: hsa.singer@hdrinc.com

A pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 3:00 PM local time on February 14, 2018 at the City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Basement Conference Room, Midland, TX 79701. A site visit will take place immediately following the pre-bid conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory.

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

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Auction of Surplus Property

The Midland Independent School District will receive on-line bids for Surplus Property listed through the Rene Bates Auctioneers. This auction will begin at 8:00 A.M. C.S.T. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 and will close at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Terms and Conditions of the sale are listed at www.renebates.com or www.midlandiesd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Purchasing department at (432) 240-1963.

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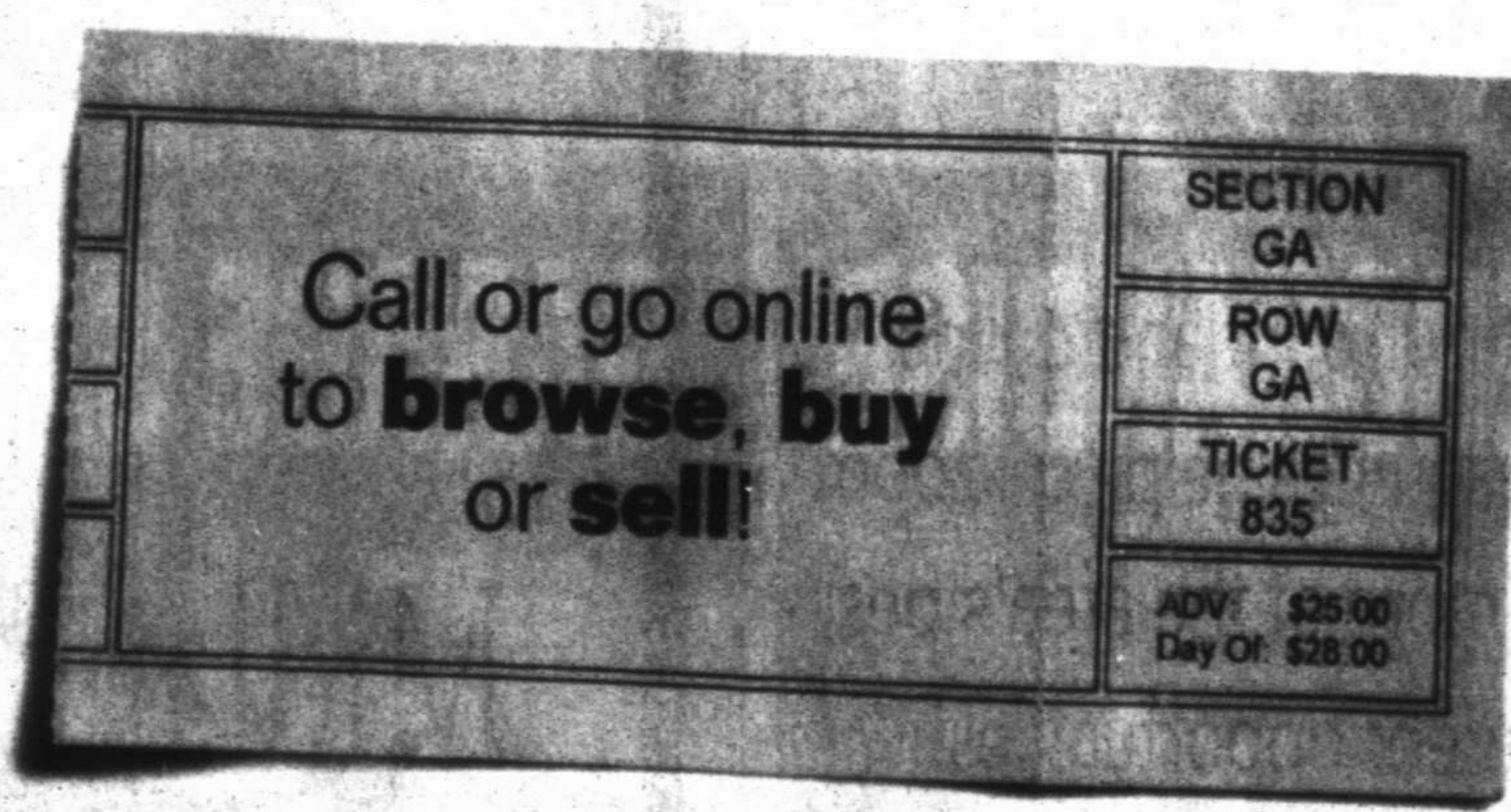
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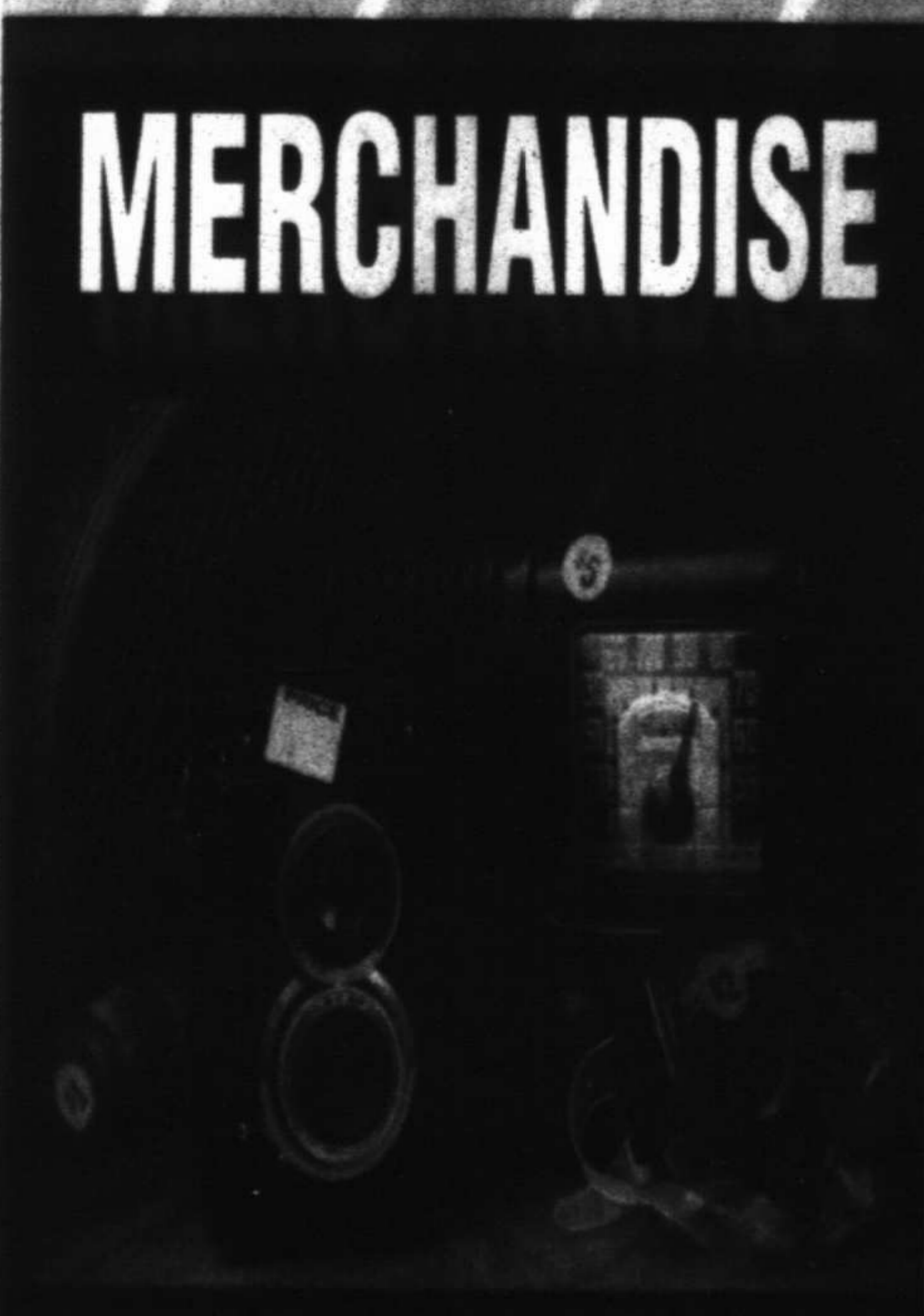
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