MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 mrt★com *320,000 readers in print and online*

RALLY CANCELED

A white nationalist event at A&M was canceled because of concern for student safety.

Page 7A

FIRST DAY PHOTO SHOOT

School started Monday for a few area schools. Check out Page 4B to see submitted photos and mrt.com for future submissions.

Oilfield sand miners encroaching on threatened lizard

■ The state's endangered species chief says a plan to protect the dunes sagebrush lizard is facing a "significant threat" from companies that mine the fine-grain sand that oil producers use for hydraulic fracturing.

By Kiah Collier
Texas Tribune

A voluntary plan the state of Texas crafted to protect a tiny West Texas reptile — and avoid its listing as an endangered species — is facing a significant threat from companies that mine the fine-grain sand oil producers use for hydraulic fracturing.

That's the central message of a letter Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office sent late last week to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service updating the federal agency on the status of the "Texas Conservation Plan" for the dunes sagebrush lizard.

The Fish and Wildlife Service proposed listing the sand-colored critter as an endangered species back in 2010 primarily due to loss of habitat from oil and gas drilling and ranching operations in the Permian Basin — an oil-rich region that spans West Texas and southeastern New Mexico and also is home to the threatened lizard. But industry groups complained that an official listing, which would have severely restricted development in areas inhabited by the species, would hinder oil and gas production at a time when new drilling technologies were bringing new life to old oilfields.

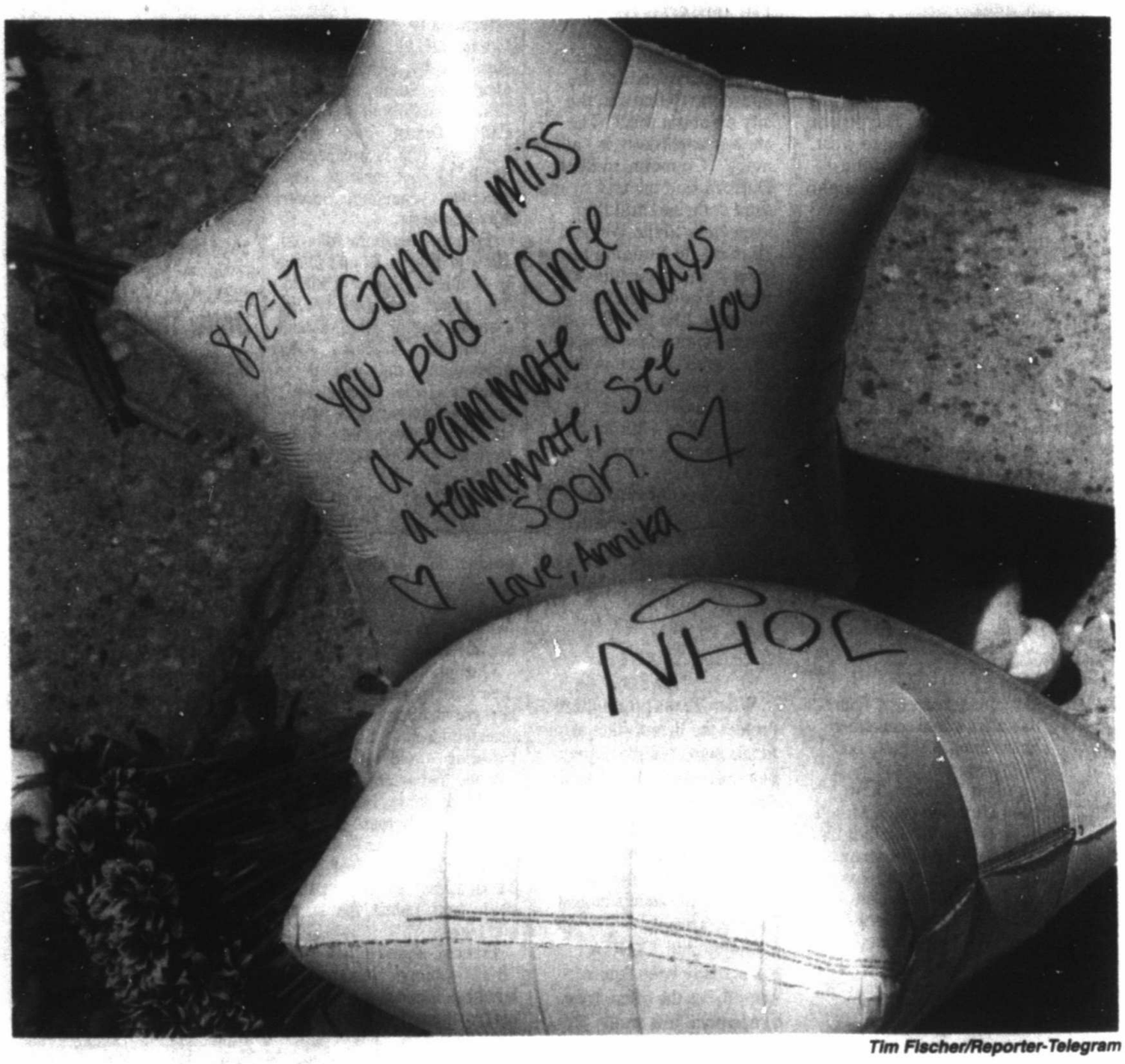
After that, then-Comptroller Susan Combs — wielding a newfound oversight of endangered species — worked closely with the oil industry and others on a plan to protect the threatened lizard, recruiting a variety of energy companies as participants.

Now, one of industry's most important suppliers is threatening to derail it.

In a letter to the Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday, Robert Gulley — the head of the comptroller's Division of Economic Growth and Endangered Species Management — said that more than a dozen "frac-sand" companies are planning mining operations in four West Texas counties that are home to prime dune sagebrush lizard habitat.

Although most of the 15 companies that have begun or are currently planning to

Please see **LIZARD**/2A



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Police tape is across the doors and flowers lay outside the Western United Life Building on Texas Avenue on Monday following a tragedy over the weekend where a young Midlander lost his life.

City official: Building was entered on several occasions

■ Flowers, balloons left at door of Western United Life Building in memory of MHS teen

By Stewart Doreen
sdoreen@mrt.com

In front of the entrance on the south-facing side of the Western United Life Building is a makeshift memorial to a 16-year-old Midland High student who died Saturday.

Flowers and a couple of balloons have been placed against the door to remember John Butler. On one balloon, the following is written:

"Gonna miss you bud! Once a teammate, always a teammate. See you soon!"

Also on that southside entrance was a door that was broken open from the hinges. It's where emergency officials entered the building to respond to a call that Butler had fallen 11 stories to his death. As city officials said Monday, it was a tragedy.

Please see **CITY**/2A

More inside

Read MISD's statement.

Page 2A

Library applies to become passport facility

By Simone Jasper
sjasper@mrt.com

A decision Monday put the Midland County Public Library one step further in the process to become a passport facility. The Commissioners' Court took action authorizing the county judge to sign a document for the U.S. Department of State Passport Application Acceptance Program.

John Trischitti III, library director, requested the authorization as a part of an ongoing application process to have a passport office within the library system. Passport Acceptance Facilities are public sector offices that accept passport applications on behalf of the State Department, according to its website.

Related story

Commissioners propose not changing the tax rate

Page 2A

"There is precedent in Texas for public libraries being passport facilities," Trischitti said.

He told commissioners the closest center is at the post office near the Midland International Air & Space Port. The post office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, while the library has extended hours.

"Our idea behind it is we can offer that and have more flexibility with our hours," he said.

Trischitti said the application process is a part of a renewed discussion about making a passport office within in the library system.

He said the location could be the law library because it has the space and staff. He mentioned the downtown branch as a long-term option but said renovation is scheduled there for next year.

Trischitti said the budget for 2017-18

Please see **PASSPORT**/2A

Visit us on social media

Price of oil

$47.59 ▼ $1.23

September 2017

The big number

16 immigrants were found by police locked inside a tractor-trailer. Page 5A

Word of the Day: iconoclastic

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

Brought to you daily by JumBurrito

Vol. 89, No. 157
Daily $2, Sunday $3

Index Business 6C | Classified 1D | Comics 7C | Dear Abby 3B | Horoscopes 3A | Lottery 3A | Puzzles 5C | TV 3B

RockHounds Selfie GAMEDAY CONTEST

Tag your photos #RHSelfie

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 22ND
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AUGUST 23RD

SEND US YOUR GAMEDAY SELFIE!

Enter for a chance to win a $50 Gift Card! Hashtag your photos on Instagram with #RHSelfie!

Don't have Instagram? Visit www.mrt.com/RHSelfie to upload your photo and for full contest rules!

mrt★com Midland Reporter-Telegram

Commissioners propose not changing tax rate

By Simone Jasper
sjasper@mrt.com

The Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday proposed to leave the tax rate at the current rate.

The proposed tax rate is 15.5992 cents per $100 valuation. The portion for maintenance and operations is 14.897 cents, and the interest and sinking fund is 0.7022 cents.

County Judge Mike Bradford told the Reporter-Telegram on Friday the county is focused on potential revenue impacts from the Texas Legislature's special session.

The proposed tax rate is more than 9 percent above the effective rate. Because the proposed tax rate is above the effective rate, the county is required to have two public hearings.

Upcoming public hearing dates

Aug. 24 – First public hearing on tax rate
Aug. 28 – Second public hearing on tax rate
Sept. 11 – Public hearing on budget

The county in its proposed 2017-18 budget estimates its general fund revenue balance will be $61.3 million at the end of this fiscal year and $53.5 million at the end of the upcoming fiscal year.

Veronica Morales, county auditor, said sales tax revenue numbers as of June show $27.4 million of this fiscal year's projected $28 million was collected. The proposed 2017-18 budget includes a $29 million estimate.

The county brought in more than $30.7 million in sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2016, a decrease from about $41.1 million from the year before.

Home appraisal values from the Midland Central Appraisal District were not available as of press time.

The commissioners will meet 11 a.m. today to discuss and take action on salaries for elected officials, which was not addressed Monday because of notification requirements.

Commissioners are also scheduled to discuss and take action on the employer contribution and matching rate for the Texas County and District Retirement System. The court discussed the topic Monday but wanted additional TCDRS calculations.

CITY

From 1A

A police report on the incident wasn't finished as of Monday, but the following is what has been reported or learned through a city press release, an MPD email and through conversations with Building Official Steve Thorpe.

■ Butler and other juveniles were inside the building playing with air-soft rifles Saturday night;

■ Butler fell down a series of 8-foot-by-11-foot holes in floors and ceilings. The holes, according to Thorpe, are lined up to help move material needing to be disposed after the demolition process. Developers had performed some work, including the removal of walls, as they hoped to turn the vacant building into a 12-floor, 144-room hotel (the Hotel Fuel project).

■ Other ground level-floor windows and possible entrances were sealed. Windows were covered with metal bars and plywood where it was needed;

■ Open windows, not accessible from the outside, could be seen on higher-level floors.

■ The juveniles entered the building through a window on the west side before marching up a stairwell to the 11th floor. Someone had ripped off a pair of steel bars from outside that window and kicked in a piece of plywood inside the window. Shoeprints were still visible Monday on the dark plywood. Midland police said the juveniles told them that the plywood was pushed away when they got there. An email from MPD didn't mention the steel bars.

The building was considered "secured," Thorpe said. However, it doesn't mean there weren't existing issues. He said there had been multiple incidents of kids getting into the building and there had been a "multitude of ways" of creating an entrance.

MISD releases statement about John Butler

Midland ISD released a statement about John Butler, the 16-year-old MHS student involved in an accident Saturday night in a downtown Midland building.

"We are saddened by the report that one of our students, John Butler, was fatally injured over the weekend. First and foremost, our thoughts and prayers are with this student's parents and family. Keitha Butler, the student's mother, is also a valued member of our team. She has served as president of the Midland ISD Council of PTAs and currently as an elementary school secretary. This tragedy has deeply affected the entire district and many of our students. The Midland ISD board of trustees, our Superintendent Orlando Riddick, and the entire administration and staff, express our deepest and most sincere condolences. We are directing all of our attention to the parents, family members and students at this time."

Also, a Facebook post on the Stonegate Fellowship youth page states, "We hope you'll join us this Wednesday night at Nightlife as we honor and celebrate the life of an exceptional young man, John Butler. We ask for all leaders and students to wear the color purple, as that is the color of his school as well as his camp color. Although our hearts ache from his passing, we celebrate, for we know that through Jesus, we have great hope and comfort. ... We hope to see you on Wednesday.

"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble." - Psalm 46:1

Row of vacant buildings

The Western United Life Building, located at 304 W. Texas Ave., is one of three vacant buildings along Texas Avenue. The others, moving from east to west, are the Building of the Southwest and the Vaughn Building, according to Thorpe.

At the ground level of the Building of the Southwest, one can see that it, too, has had issues with people trying to gain entrance to its lower levels. Instead of bars, cinder blocks and grates are the material of choice for keeping out people. There was one area where a large piece of plywood had been broken, exposing an isolated room that dissects the parking garage.

The vacant downtown buildings have been an eyesore for decades. Older buildings, in some cases dating from the late 1940s, would require a great expense to be redeveloped. Texas 301 Ventures LLC had spent nearly $800,000 on the Western United Life Building, including asbestos removal, according to a 2015 Reporter-Telegram article. Construction cost was estimated to be $11 million.

The neighboring Building of the Southwest was given to the city with the caveat that the city would create public and hotel parking, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Dilapidated or not

The abundant vacant office space leads to the question: "What can the city do about this?" The answer apparently is "not much." Councilman Scott Dufford said the city would send code and building inspectors to the Western United Life Building to view it and determine its status. Thorpe said the building, like the others on Texas Avenue, is "structurally sound," which is the bar for whether the city can force demolition.

And while Thorpe said it has "been a struggle" to keep it secure, he said the evidence pointed to the building owner making the necessary fixes.

"Unfortunately, it ended in a tragedy," Thorpe said.

LIZARD

From 1A

in the area have expressed a willingness to revise operations to help protect the threatened reptile — and four have taken major measures to do so — the letter says that 11 still are planning to excavate in areas where several lizards have been sighted.

"Frac-sand operations could significantly impact [dune sagebrush lizard] habitat, including habitat in or near areas where lizards have been found in recent surveys," Gulley wrote. "Moreover, the destruction of that habitat has already begun."

The comptroller's office "has no authority to stop the development of frac-sand operations of non-participants in the (Texas Conservation Plan)," he added, promising to keep the federal agency updated as the office has since the implementation of the conservation plan in 2012.

In an interview, Gulley told the Tribune it's too soon to say how big an impact the mining operations will have on the dunes sagebrush lizard and the plan to protect it — it's a relatively new but fast-developing factor that popped up only this year, he said — but that they definitely pose a "significant threat."

Recent news reports have detailed a rush by several sand plants to get up and running in the Permian Basin as analysts expect half of next year's U.S. sand demand to come from West Texas.

While the comptroller's office may successfully encourage some of those companies to revise their projects to minimize impact on habitat, Gulley said, "I don't think we're going to see any dramatic shifts."

"I think they're pretty locked down," he said.

Of particular concern is that most of the planned mining projects — one already is operational — closely track a horizontal swath of prime dunes sagebrush lizard habitat. That's because both the lizard and frac-sand mining operations prefer the same kind of sand, said Gulley, a renowned expert on environmental law and endangered species whom Hegar hired to oversee the office's endangered species division in 2015.

Planned sand mining operations closely track a horizontal swath of West Texas land considered prime habitat for the dunes sagebrush lizard. The state's endangered species chief, Robert Gulley, says that's because the tiny reptile and the oil industry prefer the same type of fine-grain sand.

Planned sand mining operations closely track a horizontal swath of West Texas land considered prime habitat for the dunes sagebrush lizard. The state's endangered species chief, Robert Gulley, says that's because the tiny reptile and the oil industry prefer the same type of fine-grain sand. Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The division alerted Fish and Wildlife to the threat by frac-sand companies offline several months ago, Gulley said, deciding to officially alert the agency last Thursday after it had confirmed lizard habitat already had been disturbed.

About 270 acres have been impacted since March by frac-sand companies that aren't official participants in the conservation plan, according to satellite data and in-person observations Gulley's office has collected. That's compared to the 296 acres that participants have disturbed since the inception of the plan in 2012.

Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Lesli Gray said the agency is "continuing to monitor the situation and work with the comptroller's office."

The federal agency declined to list the lizard as endangered in 2012 and enthusiastically accepted dunes sagebrush lizard conservation plans from Texas and New Mexico, touting them as "landmark" and "a great example of how states and landowners can take early, landscape-level action to protect wildlife habitat before a species is listed under the Endangered Species Act."

Still, environmental groups sued over the plan in 2013, arguing it wouldn't adequately protect the lizard due in part to its voluntary nature. (They ultimately lost the legal battle.)

The letter comes a year after the comptroller's office quietly fired the oil and gas industry-funded organization charged with overseeing the conservation plan after it had failed to do the work it agreed to do, including monitoring oil and gas producers to ensure they were in compliance.

When Texas promised to protect the lizard, state officials entrusted the day-to-day oversight to a nonprofit foundation overseen by registered lobbyists for the powerful Texas Oil and Gas Association known as TXOGA, the state's largest industry group.

Gulley said TXOGA has actually been "quite helpful," as the office tries to convince frac-sand companies to account for the conservation plan in their operations even if they aren't members. (Two of the 15 companies the division is monitoring are on track to join, he said.)

Todd Staples, a former state lawmaker who now heads TXOGA, said in a statement: "Oil and natural gas operators and sand miners are in on-going communications regarding planned sand mining in and around the DSL [dunes sagebrush lizard] area."

"The oil and natural gas industry led in developing a careful, voluntary conservation approach to ensuring the DSL was protected," he said. "It is our hope that sand miners will take a similar approach, and operators are engaged in discussions on how best to encourage responsible development in a manner that protects the lizard and its habitat."

Disclosure: The Texas Oil & Gas Association has been a financial sponsor of The Texas Tribune.

PASSPORT

From 1A

could include costs associated with becoming a passport office.

Also Monday, commissioners:

■ authorized the county judge to sign an agreement between Midland County and the Children's Museum of Indianapolis for the Lego Travel Adventure exhibit.

■ acknowledged two Beacon Awards to be awarded next month from the Nonprofit Management Center.

The library is to be honored for Excellence in Communications, and Andy Shaffer, library advisory board chairman, is scheduled to receive an award for Excellence in Governing Board Leadership.

■ authorized the county judge to sign a Texas Commission on the Arts grant for upcoming programming.

Obituaries

Mary 'Frances' Gronow

Mary 'Frances' Gronow, 78, died peacefully at her home August 11, 2017 in Midland, Texas, surrounded by loved ones.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charles of Midland. She was a devoted mother to her daughters, Cindy (Troy) Bowden of Electra, Texas, Lynda (Vondell) Woolfolk of Comanche, Texas; son, Bryan (Rhonda) Kelley of Athens, Texas, and daughter, Elizabeth (Skipper) Boyd of Gardendale, Texas. Her legacy lives on in her grandchildren: Andrea (Keith) Ketchersid, Brandace (Ryan) Hardy, Stephen Bowden, Kellen (Amy) Woolfolk, Taylor (Brandon) Hall, Bailey (Ky) Reagan, Jessica (Kaine) Cleveland, Sarah Litrell, Diamond Dusang, Desiree Dusang, Julie Kelley, Bobby Kelley, Derek Daugherty and 17 great-grandchildren, who knew her affectionally as Grandma/G.G. She is also survived by brothers, Doug (Jeanette) Smith and Eddie (Shari) Smith both of Wichita Falls, Texas; and three nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and precious daughter, Sherri Kay Mayberry.

Frances was born May 20, 1939 to Edwin K. and Olene B. Smith in Elmer, Oklahoma. She graduated from Duncan Senior High School in Duncan, Oklahoma. After graduation, she moved to Wichita Falls, Texas and later to Vernon, Texas where she was employed with Vernon Junior College. In 1976, she and Charles married and moved to Midland, TX. There, she assumed positions as a production analyst with several oil companies. She retired in May 2017 after working at Targa Resources for five years.

One of her greatest pleasures was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved traveling and going to casinos and winning at slots, especially keno. Frances was an avid fisherman like her dad. Frances and Charles traveled to Red River, New Mexico as often as they could and fished the steam and lakes.

Frances enjoyed her three "B's" - bingo, bunko, and bowling. Frances was a bingo player through and through. She was very lucky and everyone around her knew it. She played monthly bunko with her friends and loved the fellowship. 2017 Marked her 46th consecutive State Bowling Tournament participation. In 2015 her team succeeded in winning 1st place in their division.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held Friday, August 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland and Sherrie at MMH Oncology floor for their kind and gentle care.

Delilah Dabianna Perkins

Delilah Dabianna Perkins was born an angel August 8, 2017.

She is survived by her mother, Brittany Perkins; brother, Devin Compton; sister, Destiny Chavez; grandparents, Robby and Michelle Perkins and Lori Schrader; and great-grandparents, Jackie and Wanda Perkins and Bonnie and Larry Henderson.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home /Crematory.

American Heritage
CEMETERY & FUNERAL HOME
AT WEST TEXAS MEMORIAL PARK
The Healing Starts Here.

Death Notices

Gerrit J. DeKoning

Gerrit J. DeKoning, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Maryland.

He is survived by his stepson, Adam Trieber.

John Thomas Butler

John Thomas Butler, 16, of Midland, Texas, passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm, Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship, Building F, in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his parents, Keitha and Gene Butler, and two brothers, Justin and Josh Butler.

Ronnie Howard Benton

Ronnie Howard Benton, 71, of Midland, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, August 11, 2017.

He is survived by his loving wife, Valerie; daughters, Brandi, Laura, Kristen, and Taylor; his son, Brian; and by two brothers.

Memorial service is pending for Thursday, August 17, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

Man allegedly assaults officers

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly assaulting police officers, according to court documents.

Lebario

Coal Genaro Lebario, 18, was being held Monday on two $20,000 bonds for third-degree felony charges of assault against a public servant, a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of obstruction or retaliation charge and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Two Midland police officers were working off-duty Saturday at Club Arriba when they noticed Lebario was creating a disturbance.

Lebario did not comply with the officers' request to leave the bar, according to his arrest affidavit. The officers determined that he was not cooperating because of his level of intoxication.

The officers determined that for the safety of Lebario and those around him, they would arrest Lebario for intoxication, according to the affidavit.

After being placed in handcuffs, Lebario told the off-duty officers that he was employed by "el chapo" and he would come after the officers and kill them, according to the affidavit.

Law enforcement officials arrived on the scene to transport Lebario, and when they attempted to place him in their vehicle, Lebario resisted and kicked the officers, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Lebario could face up to 10 years imprisonment for a third-degree felony charges.

TODAYINMIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
JumBurrito
Iconoclastic
[ahy-kon-uh-klas-tik]
adjective
1. attacking or ignoring cherished beliefs and long-held traditions, etc., as being based on error, superstion

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0890-5932
A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the Hearst, Midland Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
■ EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com

■ MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdearen@mrt.com

■ ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR — BUSINESS & OIL
Trevor Hawes 687-8854
thawes@mrt.com

■ SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com

■ OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com

■ PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com

■ FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@mrt.com

■ ONLINE EDITOR
Mercedes Cordero 687-8850
mcordero@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
■ CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700

■ DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
■ ADVERTISING DIRECTOR
Adrianne Hrebicek 687-8811

■ SALES MANAGER
Chad Anderson 687-8813
cranderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
■ DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
■ **How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?**
weddings@mrt.com

■ **How can I submit an obituary?** obits@mrt.com

■ **How can I handle a billing problem?**
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-2700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (8 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day regular edition only....$1.47 per week
Daily/Sunday inc eEdition....$6.62 per week
Wed/Thur/Sun inc eEdition....$5.07 per week
Sunday only inc eEdition....$4.76 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday....$8.00 per week
Sunday only....$4.62 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday....$9.23 per week
Sunday only....$4.62 per week

Overseas mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Premium issues delivered throughout the year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving. They will be charged at an additional fee of up to $3.00. For each Premium issue, your account balance will be charged in the billing period when the Premium issue is delivered. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period.

Prices are subject to change: The Midland Reporter-Telegram continues to make a concerted effort to keep the cost of subscriptions at a minimum for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber's expiration date will be adjusted based on the credit balance on their account.

Most viewed at mrt.com

1. Concert-goer dead after accident outside Rock the Desert 31,409
2. COM Aquatics celebrates 50 years this weekend 12,976
3. MPD: Midland woman died in collision outside Rock the Desert 9,944
4. Teen reportedly dies after falling from building 7,636
5. Apache kicks off construction of second building 7,031
6. Two charged with robbery 6,929
7. Gerardo's Casita named in top 10 list of best margaritas in Texas 6,411
8. City spokeswoman: 16-year-old boy dies in fall 5,271
9. Oil companies in Midland speak out on 'bathroom bill' 3,208
10. Midland man dies in 1 of 2 Friday night wrecks 3,120
11. King Cave focuses on men's grooming and relaxation 3,114
12. Tanker rollover causes spill in northwest Midland 2,961
13. Three disputes over business locations result in three different endings 2,833
14. Column: Deadly year on roads can be summed up in two words: driver error 2,777
15. Small Bites: Don Tomas Cafe grand opening, fourth Rosa's to open 2,690
16. Concho celebrates 10 years on NYSE 2,273
17. Juveniles playing in vacant building leads to 16-year-old's death 2,193
18. Trinity's Escamilla wins Midland Men's City Championship 2,183
19. Apache CEO discusses Alpine High, industry outlook 2,073
20. MHS overcomes early obstacle, sweeps Monahans 1,917

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Music filled the air Saturday evening at Cimarex Energy Pavilion in the Scharbauer Sports Complex for the End of Summer Tejano Festival.

Things to do

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

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

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

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

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

Meetings

Commissioners' Court
11 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom
500 N. Loraine Ave.

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

Dome Shows this week

"New Horizons" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The Secret Lives of Star" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Dawn of the Space Age" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

School begins

The 2017-18 academic year is beginning. Schools starting this week include:

Monday: St. Ann's School, Midland Christian

Thursday: Greenwood ISD, Trinity, Midland Academy Charter School

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-4-0
Pick 3 day: 0-7-7
Pick 3 evening: 5-9-5
Pick 3 night: 1-3-0
Daily 4 morning: 0-7-5-5
Daily 4 day: 1-7-1-5
Daily 4 evening: 1-2-6-0
Daily 4 night: 3-9-0-3
Cash Five: 6-7-10-22-26
Triple Chance: 4-8-12-16-18-25-37-46-53-54

Texas Two Step: 9-10-22-31
BB: 27
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-9-11-12-14-18-20-22-23
All or Nothing day: 5-8-11-12-13-15-16-17-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-7-8-10-12-16-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4-5-6-10-15-18-19-22-23

Stay connected
facebook.com/TheReporter-Telegram
mrt.com
http://bit.ly/2oWMrCy
@mwtnews
@midlandreportertelegram

Weather

Monday's temperatures
High....93
Low....70
Normal high....94
Normal low....69

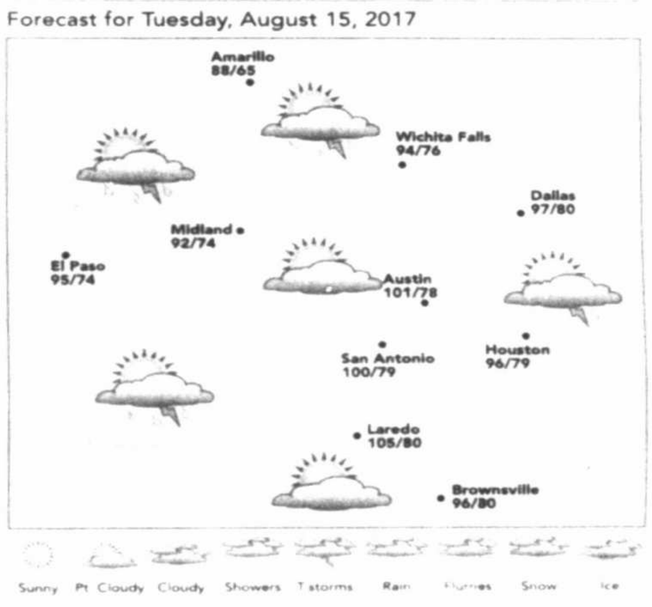
Aug. 14's records
Record high: 104, set in 1946 and repeated in 1987 and 2015
Record low: 60, set in 1967

Precipitation
Monday....0.00 in.
Sunday....0.31 in.
Month total....1.85 in.
Year total....12.07 in.
Normal total (year to date)....8.66 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 15 mph
Gust speed: Data missing

Today's forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, August 15, 2017



High: 94
Low: 74
Conditions: Partly sunny today/mostly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 10-15 mph
Chance of rain: 30 percent today/20 percent tonight

Sunrise....7:14 a.m.
Sunset....8:32 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 Leo and a Moon in Taurus if born before 10:08 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017:

This year you have a tendency to stick to your guns. This stubbornness, which is likely to emerge in the next few months, could be self-destructive. Learn to lighten up and communicate better. If you are single, your circle of friends and the group you network with will expand. Through a friend or acquaintance, you could meet someone special. If you are attached, the two of you will strengthen your bond while working toward a common goal. GEMINI might seem like a fair-weather friend, but he or she will prove to be a loyal confidant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might wake up believing that you have the day under control. By midday, the sequence of events could displace your sense of control. Could someone be bucking your authority? Let go of this game, and be more independent. **Tonight:** Hang out with a close friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Use the wee hours for any important matter. Communication could be off, especially with those who are at a distance. Express yourself, and let go of a need for control. Know that you have it together. Make it OK to say "no," if need be. **Tonight:** Buy a much-desired item or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might surprise yourself with your own resilience. Others recognize your competence, which makes leading the way to change easier. Don't let a partner's insistence on having his or her way trigger you. Do your thing. **Tonight:** Zero in on what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Use the early hours to handle an important matter. By midmorning, you'll go within and wake yourself up with a new outlook on the situation. Your ability to flex with the moment reflects a strength that many people do not have; use it well. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Handle a critical talk involving work or your standing within a set group ASAP. You could be in for a surprise once you see the results. Focus on your friends, who might be unusually supportive of a key project. You might feel vulnerable. **Tonight:** Reach out to an older relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You see a situation more completely than others do. A recent interaction might be causing a lot of hassles for others. You will want to let go of it for now, as you are likely to hit a wall of criticism and backlash when dealing with others. **Tonight:** Let your imagination speak.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You'll feel anxious approaching someone who commands your respect. You might be hesitant to express your vision. You also could be more critical of yourself than you are aware. Know that it might be time to turn over a new leaf. **Tonight:** Opt for a different approach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are likely to claim your power in a forceful way. You might wonder why you have not supported yourself in pursuing your desires more often. Allow communication to flow, even if you want to turn a deaf ear toward others. **Tonight:** Accept a loved one's invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Get through your routine quickly this morning. Someone seems to needs your time and attention, and will do nearly anything to get it. This person's efforts might be tempting, but it would be best to handle your responsibilities first. **Tonight:** See what offers appeal to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could have the best of intentions, but still might come off as controlling. You'll be surprised to hear that others perceive you in this way. Try to be less demanding when dealing with an important matter. **Tonight:** Clear out some errands. Squeeze in a walk if possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

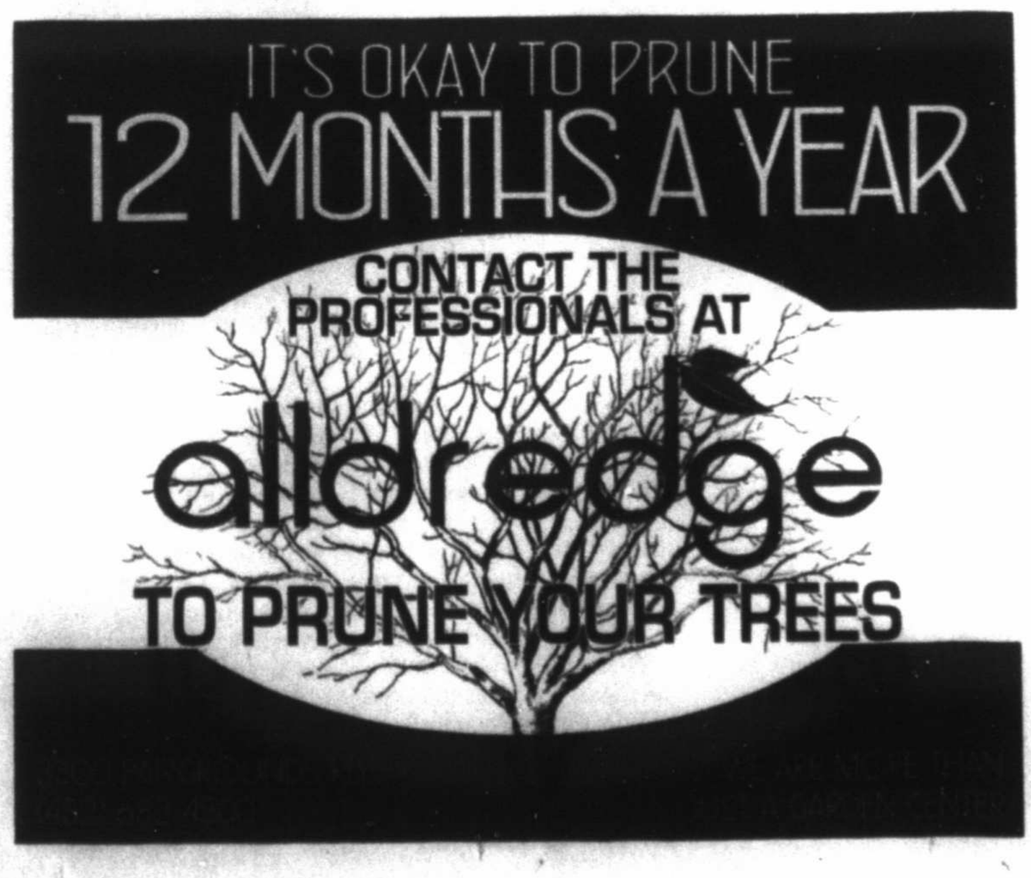
★★★★ How you perceive a situation could be a lot different from reality. Recognize the differences in self-expression between you and others. Rather than express your "rightness," listen and see how varied each person's world is from one to the next. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Pick up the phone and make calls early in the day if you need to have an important conversation. Don't be surprised at a friend's reaction to your actions. Getting feedback remains important but also supporting yourself in your ideas must be too! **Tonight:** Make it early.

BORN TODAY

French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte (1769), actor Ben Affleck (1972), actress Jennifer Lawrence (1990)



Kim Hong-Ji/Pool Photo via AP

U.S. Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford, left, talks with South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo during their meeting at the Defense Ministry on Monday in Seoul, South Korea.

Top US military officer warns NKorea that US military ready

By Foster Klug
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The top U.S. military officer said Monday that the United States wants to peacefully resolve a deepening standoff with North Korea but is also ready to use the "full range" of its military capabilities in case of provocation.

The comments by Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford in a series of meetings with senior South Korean military and political officials and the local media appeared to be an attempt to ease anxiety over tit-for-tat threats between President Donald Trump and North Korea while also showing a willingness to back up Trump's warnings if need be.

Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is visiting South Korea, Japan and China after a week in which Trump declared the U.S. military "locked and loaded" and said he was ready to unleash "fire and fury" if North Korea continued to threaten the United States.

North Korea, meanwhile, has threatened to lob four intermediate-range missiles into the waters near Guam, a tiny U.S. territory about 3,200 kilometers (2,000 miles) from Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. This would be a deeply provocative act from the U.S. perspective, and there has been widespread debate about whether Washington would try to shoot the missiles down if they're fired.

The U.S.-North Korea impasse, which has simmered since the end of the Korean War in 1953, has grown more tense in recent months over worries that the North's nuclear weapons program is nearing the ability to target the U.S. mainland. Pyongyang tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles last month.

"We are seeking a peaceful resolution to the crisis," Dunford, who also met with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, said to reporters, according to a local pool report.

He earlier told his South Korean counterparts that America is ready "to use the full range of military capabilities to defend our allies and the U.S. homeland," according to U.S. military spokesman Capt. Darryn James.

Moon separately called Monday for a peaceful solution to the nuclear standoff, saying that "there must not be another war on the Korean Peninsula," according to his office.

In a meeting with top aides at the presidential Blue House, Moon said South Korea would work to safeguard peace on the peninsula in cooperation with the United States and other countries. Moon said North Korea must stop issuing menacing statements and provoking.

North Korea, which is angry over new United Nations sanctions condemning its rapidly developing nuclear and missile program, continued its tough stance on Monday.

The North accused the United States of mobilizing a huge number of weapons and troops for annual military drills with South Korea that begin later this month. Pyongyang, which claims the drills are war preparation, says it will be ready to send its Guam missile launch plan to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for approval just before or as the drills begin.

"What matters is that if a second conflict (on the peninsula) erupts, that cannot help but lead to a nuclear war," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said in a commentary. "We are closely monitoring every move by the United States."

The commentary said that about 3.5 million young students and workers have volunteered to join or rejoin the army because of a possible confrontation with the United States.

Dunford earlier told reporters traveling with him to Asia that he aims to "sense what the temperature is in the region." He also will discuss military options in the event the "diplomatic and economic pressurization campaign" fails.

"We're all looking to get out of this situation without a war," Dunford said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping talked on the phone Saturday with Trump and called for cool-headedness. Xi urged Washington and Pyongyang to avoid words or actions that could worsen the situation.

Trump has pushed China, North Korea's biggest economic partner and source of aid, to do more to stop the North's nuclear ambitions. Beijing says its influence on Pyongyang is limited.

Trump's recent threats followed a report that U.S. intelligence indicates North Korea can now put a nuclear warhead on its long-range missiles.

For all his bluster, Trump's words did not appear to be backed by significant military mobilization on either side of the Pacific, and an important, quiet diplomatic channel remained open.

On Sunday, CIA Director Mike Pompeo and Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, Trump's national security adviser, tried to provide assurances that a conflict is avoidable, while also supporting Trump's tough talk. They said the United States and its allies no longer can afford to stand by as North Korea pushes ahead with the development of a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile.

Lots of questions still hang over Trump's tax plan

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump wants to close a frustrating 2017 with the first overhaul of the tax code in more than three decades.

Yet after seven months of work, Trump's plan remains little more than a rough sketch. Despite the haziness of the blueprint, administration officials have held to their pledges that lowering tax rates would spur the creation of millions of jobs and faster economic growth.

The White House maintains that the House and Senate will begin considering a detailed tax overhaul after the August recess with final passage scheduled for November. But after the Republican drive to repeal the 2010 health care law collapsed this summer, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell declared that the president had "excessive expectations about how quickly things happen in the democratic process."

The president told reporters last week, "I'm very disappointed in Mitch."

Here are the open questions about taxes that will be decided in the coming months:

Tax cuts or tax reform?

They're not the same thing, though Trump seems to use the terms interchangeably.

Tax cuts mean that people simply pay less money to the government. Reform is more complex and more difficult to achieve. It generally involves simplifying the tax code by erasing breaks. With tax reform, the government can, in theory, collect taxes from a broader base of incomes and that enables lower rates.

Tax reform is difficult because the deductions and tax breaks generally have vocal and well-financed supporters who will fight to preserve those benefits.

"From a political standpoint, the perceived losers are more vocal and louder than the perceived winners," said Mark Mazur, director of the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center and a former Treasury Department official in the Obama administration.

This is why the administration might ultimately decide to cut taxes in hopes of boosting the economy, rather than wading through an overhaul.

What's in store for the middle class?

Trump has said he wants tax relief for the middle class.

He has supported doubling the "standard deduction." This essentially means that a greater amount of income would be treated as tax-free and that would help the middle class.

But many elements of the outline the White House submitted in April, like eliminating the estate tax, favor the wealthiest 1 percent of earners. This group would see their after-tax incomes shoot up on average 17.8 percent under the plan, while the middle fifth of taxpayers would get a boost of only 3.3 percent, according to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center.

Some people who perceive of themselves as middle class could be surprised by tax hikes. This is because the White House wants to shrink the number of personal tax brackets to three from seven, but it hasn't set the income levels for the new brackets.

Marc Short, the White House director of legislative affairs, said the income

Please see REFORM/5A

Nominate
an Emerging Leader

Midland Magazine's
20 UNDER 40
2017
Presented by My Community CREDIT UNION

Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit
www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

'Out for blood': Man arrested in plan to bomb Oklahoma bank

By Tim Talley
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A 23-year-old man who was "out for blood" when he attempted to detonate what he believed was an explosives-laden van outside an Oklahoma bank in a plot similar to the deadly 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building is expected to be formally charged Monday, authorities said.

During a meeting with undercover FBI agents in June, Jerry Drake Varnell of Sayre, Oklahoma, said he held "III% ideology" and wanted "to start the next revolution," a reference to the "Three Percenters" patriot movement — begun in 2008, galvanized by President Barack Obama's election — and that has rallied against gun control efforts and pledges resistance to the federal government over the infringement of constitutional rights.

Federal officials arrested Varnell early Saturday in connection with a plot to detonate a vehicle bomb in an alley adjacent to BancFirst in downtown Oklahoma City. Varnell is charged with attempting to use explosives to destroy a building in interstate commerce. Court records do not indicate whether Varnell is represented by an attorney.

U.S. Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said the allegations are a somber reminder that Americans must remain vigilant about home-grown extremism and radicalization in local communities.

On Saturday, a rally by white nationalists and others opposed to a plan to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from a Charlottesville, Virginia, park turned violent and led to the death of a 32-year-old woman who was struck by a car allegedly driven by a man into a crowd of people protesting the rally. A Virginia State Police helicopter deployed in a large-scale police response to the violence then crashed into the woods outside of town and both troopers on board died.

A federal complaint filed on Sunday says a confidential informant told the FBI in December that Varnell wanted to blow up a building and "that Varnell was upset with the government and was seeking retaliation."

Officials said Varnell initially wanted to blow up the Federal Reserve Building in Washington, D.C., with a device similar to one used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more.

In a series of text messages with the FBI's informant, Varnell "claimed to have a bunker for when the world (or United States) collapsed" and indicated he was trying to build a team, the complaint states.

"I'm out for blood," the complaint quotes Varnell's texts. "When militias start getting formed I'm going after government officials when I have a team."

But an undercover FBI agent posed as someone who could help Varnell build a bomb and the device used was actually inert, authorities said. Varnell's actions were monitored closely for months as the plot developed.

"There was never a concern that our community's safety or security was at risk during this investigation," said Kathryn Peterson, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oklahoma.

The undercover agent met face-to-face with him on June 1 to discuss obtaining materials for an ammonium nitrate and fuel oil bomb similar to the one used in the Oklahoma City bombing, the complaint states.

Varnell indicated at the meeting that he had previously made homemade explosives and that he "was of the same mind with people who wanted to use explosives and make a statement," the complaint says.

"Something needs to be done," Varnell said, but killing a lot of people was not a good idea, according to the complaint. During text conversations in July, Varnell stated he wanted to conduct the attack after closing hours to prevent casualties but conceded that some bank workers or custodians who were inside the building could be killed or injured in the blast, it says.

The complaint says Varnell helped assemble the device and load it into what he believed was a stolen van. Shortly after midnight on Saturday, Varnell drove the van by himself from a storage unit in El Reno, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from the bank in Oklahoma City, and dialed a number on a cell telephone that he believed would trigger the explosion. The FBI and members of a Joint Terrorism Task Force arrested Varnell shortly before 1 a.m.

Police: 16 immigrants locked inside rig Texas at truck stop

Associated Press

EDINBURG — Police in Texas acting on a tip found 16 immigrants locked inside a tractor-trailer parked at a gas station about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the border with Mexico, less than a month after 10 people died in the back of a hot truck in San Antonio.

Edinburg Assistant Police Chief Oscar Trevino says the immigrants may have been locked inside the 18-wheeler in Edinburg for at least eight hours before being freed by officers late Sunday morning. He had earlier said there were 17 immigrants locked in the tractor-trailer before correcting the number on Monday to 16.

Trevino said none of the people inside the tractor-trailer required medical attention. He said they were hungry and thirsty and were given food and water at the scene.

Those found locked in the tractor-trailer included eight people from El Salvador, six from Mexico and two from Romania, said Manuel Padilla, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Border Patrol sector chief for the Rio Grande Valley at Texas' southernmost point.

A man and woman who Trevino said are Cuban nationals were in charge of the rig and have been detained.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Nina Pruneda said no one has been charged yet in connection with the case but that the agency is working with state and local officials and talking to witnesses.

The discovery comes three weeks after 10 people died in a sweltering rig parked at a Walmart in San Antonio. Immigration officials say survivors estimated 100 people had been packed into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point. Officials said 39 people were inside when rescuers arrived; and the rest either escaped or hitched rides to their next destination. Nearly 20 of those rescued from the rig were hospitalized in dire condition, many suffering from extreme dehydration and heatstroke. The driver of that rig remains in federal custody, charged with illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death.

On Sunday, Edinburg police went to the gas station, a popular stopover for commercial truck drivers traveling through the region, after receiving an anonymous call from someone saying a relative was trapped inside the tractor-trailer. Officers began knocking on the sides of trailers parked at the station and eventually received return knocks from the one holding the immigrants, police said.

The San Antonio incident demonstrated how smugglers regularly use big rigs in an elaborate network of foot guides, safe house operators and drivers. The immigrants discovered in San Antonio had been divided into groups and marked with color-coded tape. Six black SUVs were waiting at one transit point to take some to their destinations.

Authorities have not said if similar arrangements had been made for the immigrants found in Edinburg, about 230 miles (370 kilometers) south of San Antonio.

Trevino said that they discovered the immigrants after one of the people locked in the tractor-trailer called a relative in Mexico. The relative then called authorities.

Padilla declined to say if Sunday's incident was related to the San Antonio case, citing the ongoing investigation. But he said authorities had stopped more than 30 tractor-trailers since October in the Rio Grande Valley. That doesn't include Laredo, the Texas border city where authorities say the driver of the trailer in the San Antonio case said he stopped twice on his journey.

"You don't know how many you miss," Padilla told The Associated Press on Monday. "But ... the use of tractor-trailers to smuggle people out of this area is higher in South Texas, to include Laredo, than any other area along the border. And it goes right back to a weak border."

REFORM

From 4A

levels will be set by the House Ways and Means Committee, which will draft and hold hearings on the bill.

So will the deficit rise?

Trump and congressional leaders have kept quiet about just how much a tax overhaul could increase the budget deficit. Outside analysts have estimated that the known changes could cause the debt to climb by several trillions of dollars over the next decade. A joint White House and congressional statement released in July says their priority is keeping the deficit at its current projections.

Congress could use accounting gimmicks in the budget process to create space for large tax cuts before the new fiscal year starts in October. However, the gimmicks aren't a long-term solution to a revenue shortfall.

Lawmakers could change how the deficit gets calculated in future years by treating tax breaks that are set to expire this year as permanent. This could add $450 billion to the baseline over 10 years, said Marc Goldwein, senior policy director at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

The budget instructions could also allow lawmakers to make both permanent and temporary changes to the tax code.

"This is one way that they get some of their priorities" without having to eliminate popular tax breaks, said Kyle Pomerleau, director of federal projects at the right-leaning Tax Foundation.

Will the plan mostly benefit the rich?

One way White House aides say that growth will be improved is by reducing taxes for smaller firms in which a company's profits double as the owner's personal income. These are commonly known as "pass-through" businesses — and they're linked with rising income inequality.

Trump's April guidelines would have this income taxed at a rate as low as 15 percent, the same as its intended rate for all corporate income. The top corporate tax rate is now 35 percent, relatively high compared with similar nations. The administration has also said it would create rules to keep the wealthy from exploiting the lower pass-through rate as a way to reduce their tax rates.

Pass-throughs play a key role in widening income inequality. Research by economists Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez found that the top 1 percent of earners accounted for more than 20 percent of total U.S. income in 2013, up from 10 percent in 1980. Of that increase in share of income, 41 percent was due to wealthier people earning money via pass-through firms.

But so far, Trump aides say they have yet to finalize a plan that would support small businesses instead of the rich.

for your information

PAID CONTENT

To appear in *For Your Information* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your advertising account executive at 682-5311.

City Wide teams with expert to solve computer issues

Who do you call for help with computer-related issues such as networking, security cameras, the computer itself or something else? Where do you find an experienced tech who also cares about you and will stick with it until the issue is resolved?

The answer is City Wide Electric. Joe and Linda Fussell recently added longtime computer expert Joby Fussell to their team. Joby was behind one of Midland's first Internet access companies back in the 1990s, MarsHill, so he has years of experience. Security cameras, computer wiring, networking and anything computer related is no problem.

Of course, City Wide Electric's Joe Fussell and Jorge Mendoza are still available for any electrical issues such as wiring, eave lighting, ceiling fans, wired smoke alarms, cable TV.

Are your hallways dim? Ask City Wide about retrofitting with enclosed LED hall lights that look like recessed lighting but are simpler to install. They can also install TV cable through the attic instead of around the outside of your home.

For electrical or computer work call at 697-6456.

Like and share City Wide on Facebook and get a discount on electrical work.

For electrical work or computer consulting, wiring or networking, call City Wide today.

City Wide Electric has been owned by Joe and Linda Fussell since 1971. They accept Visa and Master Card. The phone number is 697-6456. Email them at city_wide@att.net. Se habla español.

GET QUALIFIED
Nursing Home Medicaid
VA Pension Aid & Attendance
Please call today for your free consultation.
I have been very successful in helping families qualify for these benefits, even those who have been denied.
432-683-0796
Michael Melson with Melson and Associates works under the direction of attorneys.

AMERICAN Home Improvement
Enjoy Outdoor Living... Indoors!
SUNROOMS
UP TO $1200 OFF
Call Today For A FREE in-home estimate and design
www.ahi-texas.com
432-550-7224

Complete Collision Repair
Vehicle Rentals
ALLSTAR REFINISHING & COLLISION and EXPRESS RENT-A-CAR
ACCREDITED BUSINESS
Check Out Our Website!
www.allstarmidland.com
4600 W. Wall 683-2761 570-0019

Like or Share on Facebook and save on Electrical Work
City Wide Electric
Fast Service All Types Commercial and Residential Electrical Work
City Wide Electric
697-6456
city_wide@att.net
www.citywideelectrictx.com

"We Have Hiring Solutions"
Call Us!!
Staffing Resources
The Power in Personnel
(432) 684-0527
www.igotthejobs.com
Call us to start making your work life easier!
Midland Born · Midland Managed · Midland Operated Since 1980

New Flooring
* Carpet
* Ceramic Tile * Hardwood
* Laminates
Together, Lewis Kendrick & Robert Burton bring you 40+ years experience
Southwest Floors
1113 Andrews Hwy
Next to McDonald's
689-9312

George Rood Masonry
Specializing in: Rotting Brick Repair & Block fences
Brick Work & Grouting
All Masonry Repair
FREE ESTIMATES
664-1341
Serving West Texas for 32 Years
George Rood

Trustworthy, Caring, Professional
THE Sales TEAM REALTORS
(432) 618-1818

Want more customers? Here's how to get them

If you're a business owner or manager I'm assuming your answer is "Yes." And the fact that you're reading the FYI page means you're already in touch with a powerful way to reach those customers.

This page and its cousins, Healthy Living (Mondays) and Around the Oil Patch (in Sunday's Oil Report) consistently deliver new business to businesses who advertise there.

Want proof? City Wide Electric' Joe Fussell says:

"My articles on FYI in the Midland Reporter-Telegram make my phone ring the day they run and for several weeks afterwards. Articles for exterior home lights and for computer service have done especially well for us.

"We've advertised here for many years because FYI in the MRT pays for itself over and over."

FYI is about local business stories— readers love both local business and stories. In a story we can help readers dream of how your product or service can make their lives better—which leads to them calling you or stopping by and spending money with you.

You may believe your business will pick up automatically because the economy is improving. Well, people may have more money to spend, how will they know to spend it with YOU? That's where FYI comes in for people like Joe Fussell.

To learn more about how to drive more business your way, call me, Paul Wiseman, at 432-697-7468 or your Midland Reporter-Telegram representative today!

OPINION

Will North Korea turn into Trump's Cuba?

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Here's the good news, America: The Donald Trump versus Kim Jong-un showdown may be making you nervous, but it isn't the first time a reckless, lecherous U.S. president obsessed with his own vigor and out of his depth on foreign policy faced off against a 30-something dictator armed with nukes. If we survived the Cuban missile crisis without a thermonuclear war, there's probably a way to get through this one, too.

I know, I know: According to official baby boomer history, we're supposed to be grateful for the "combination of toughness and restraint, of will, nerve, and wisdom," in the hagiographic words of Arthur Schlesinger Jr., with which John F. Kennedy forced Nikita Khrushchev to remove Soviet missiles from Fidel Castro's island without war.

But this is mostly mythmaking. In reality, the Cuban missile crisis was the kind of scenario many of us feared could follow the election of Donald Trump: An inexperienced president gets elected on promises of toughness and flagrant lies, makes a series of bad decisions that provoke escalation from our foes, at which point political considerations make him feel he can't back down, and suddenly we're staring at nuclear war.

That's basically the sequence of events that gave us the Cuban crisis, as Ben Schwarz pointed out in a revisionist Atlantic essay in 2013. Kennedy was elected after attacking Richard Nixon over a supposed "missile gap" with Russia that did not exist. He proceeded to fulfill his promise to Make America Tough Again with a series of poorly planned, Mafia-entangled, occasionally ludicrous attempts to unseat Fidel Castro, culminating in the Bay of Pigs disaster. At the same time, he went ahead with a plan to place Jupiter missiles in Turkey, a provocative gesture that made the Soviets suspect we were looking for opportunities for a nuclear first strike.

When Khrushchev responded to this aggression and incompetence with the missiles-to-Cuba scheme, Kennedy decided that while the missiles did not place the United States in greater military danger (a nuke is a nuke whether fired from Havana, Russia or a submarine off the U.S. coast), they created an unacceptable political problem for his presidential credibility. Thus the escalation that followed — the quarantine, the invasion threat, the nuclear brinksmanship.

Which, officially, succeeded: The Russians backed down, the missiles went away, and the world was saved. But really that "success" required giving the Russians the strategic concession they had originally sought. The Jupiters were removed as well, but on a delayed timetable to allow the Kennedy White House to deceive about the crisis' resolution. Meanwhile, American efforts to overthrow Castro diminished, and his regime endures today.

There are ways in which Donald Trump is a kind of Dorian Gray's portrait of JFK — with the same appetitiveness and clannishness (swap Ivanka for RFK) and personal secrets (tax returns for Trump, medical records for Kennedy), but without the youthful looks and eloquence and a patina of intellectualism and idealism to clean up those failings. And in the Korean crisis as in Cuba, our new president's obsession with looking tough risks making an already dangerous situation worse.

Of course the differences are manifold. The nukes are Kim's this time, whereas they weren't Castro's, so despite China's crucial role we ultimately have to deal with the 30-something's regime more directly. The weapons' purpose is blackmail and self-protection, with no Cold War grand strategy involved. The U.S. military seems more likely to be a restraining force in this crisis than a hawkish one.

Meanwhile Trump himself is far more publicly unmastered and privately ignorant than JFK. But in fairness, Trump also has confined his real bellicosity to Twitter, without ordering any Kennedy-esque military misadventures or escalations yet. Then again, Kennedy ultimately did get us out of his crisis unscathed, for which even the revisionist take on his failures needs to give him credit.

Can Trump do the same? My sense is that he would gladly — nay, eagerly — take a version of the deal that Kennedy ultimately struck: a bargain that looked better publicly for the U.S. than in secret, that allowed him to claim success even if the reality were different.

But it is harder to see how such a deal would be made, since the concessions we would have to make to Pyongyang are unlikely to be kept secret. (And in Khrushchev's post-crisis loss of power, Kim can see the price of letting a U.S. president save too much face.)

So it's more likely that if we avert war, it will be because Trump is fundamentally a bluffer, who will issue threats on Twitter but won't overrule his advisers if they tell him not to give an order that will leave hundreds of thousands dead.

Unfortunately, the bluster and incompetence will also probably make any deal worse than it otherwise might be.

But that's the nature of the Trump presidency: You root for the least-bad outcome, knowing that the best one is probably already out of reach.

OUR VIEW

Trump finally talks directly to hate groups

It took a while, but our president finally got his comments right following the events in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This weekend, the president was properly criticized for not holding hate groups accountable for their actions, including the terror attack by an alleged white supremacist. That 20-year-old Ohio man drove his vehicle into counterprotesters, killing one and injuring dozens more.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence on many sides — on many sides," President Trump said Saturday.

Huh? That wasn't exactly Reagan-esque or presidential. It was someone looking not to offend anyone, but who offended nearly everyone.

On Monday, the president didn't talk around the actions of hate groups. He was to the point and effective.

"Racism is evil. And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans. We are a nation founded on the truth that all of us are created equal. We are equal in the eyes of our Creator. We are equal under the law. And we are equal under our Constitution. Those who spread violence in the name of bigotry strike at the very core of America."

Thank you, Mr. President.

Whether the president and his supporters like it or not, the so-called white nationalists see Trump as one of them and useful to their mission. They have blurred his "Making America Great Again" slogan; some want to believe he's for making white America great again. Even the notion that the president is acting for them weakens him as a leader for the entire country.

Violence by white supremacists has to be called out and those groups rebuked. The same is true for actions by those on the radical left, Muslim extremists or any other group with hatred in their heart. It doesn't matter to what political side those people may lean.

All of us should remember this: Too often in this divided country we are quick to justify one's actions by pointing out someone else's shortcomings.

That isn't what the president was doing. On Monday, he cleared it up.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

PRESIDENT
Donald J. Trump (R)
Address: The President, The White House, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500
Phone: 202-456-1414
Website: www.whitehouse.gov/president
Facebook: www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump
Twitter: twitter.com/realDonaldTrump

SENATORS
John Cornyn (R)
Address: 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2934. West Texas office: 915-672-7933
Web site: cornyn.senate.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Sen.John.Cornyn
Twitter: twitter.com/JohnCornyn

Ted Cruz (R)
Address: Russell Senate Office Bldg 404, Washington, DC, 20510
Phone: 202-224-5922
Web site: www.cruz.senate.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tedcruzpage
Twitter: twitter.com/tedcruz

REPRESENTATIVE
K. Michael Conaway (R)
Address: 2430 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515
Phone: 202-225-3605
Local office address: 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2006, Midland, 79705
Phone: 687-2390
Web site: www.conaway.house.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mike.conaway
Twitter: twitter.com/ConawayTX11

Midland Reporter-Telegram
A Hearst newspaper

You can find current and past editorials, letters to the editor and more at www.mrt.com/opinion

Nazis flags are insult to veterans

PETULA DVORAK
Washington Post

Nazis? Been there, done that. Just ask the Greatest Generation.

The Nazi flags and salutes in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the weekend were a tough sight for anyone who had anything to do with the bloodiest war in human history.

"I signed up to fight Nazis 73 years ago and I'll do it again if I have to," tweeted World War II veteran and former Michigan Rep. John Dingell.

"Hatred, bigotry, & fascism should have no place in this country," he wrote.

And thousands of folks retweeted that, and military members liked it, some telling Dingell they'd be right behind him.

The folks behind the World War II Memorial also gave Dingell's message a thumbs-up.

"Thanks #WWII vet Rep Dingell & #GreatestGeneration! Let's work to encourage unity, civic engagement & personal responsibility in our nation!" the Friends of the National World War II Memorial tweeted.

At an assisted living facility in Provo, Utah, the World War II veterans who always sit at a lunch table together couldn't stop talking about the rally-turned-riot Charlottesville.

"Today, all they could talk about was how they wished they could teach those punk Nazis in Virginia" a lesson," Katie Wilson, who works at the retirement community, recounted on Twitter.

Even President Donald Trump finally joined in denouncing the neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan by name on Monday.

The last time the red-black-and-white flag was flown of a country, more than 407,000 American lives were lost, nearly half of them in Europe.

So seeing the swastikas, the T-shirts with Adoph Hitler, the torches in Charlottesville — that's in a realm beyond civil political discourse and disagreement.

Have any of those men — mostly in their 20s and 30s — been to a World War II memorial? Have any of them visited one of the thousands of small graveyards in rural communities across America that memorialize an entire generation of young men lost to that war?

Couldn't have.

The casual, weekend facsism practiced by newbie Nazis carrying Tiki torches and raising their arms in "Heil Trump" salutes is an egregious slap in the face to those American veterans, as well as about 60 million others who lost their lives in World War II.

And there was bipartisan agreement on that.

Besides the viral tweet that Democrat Dingell posted, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) remembered the toll that fighting Nazis took on his family.

"We should call evil by its name," Hatch tweeted. My brother didn't give his life fighting Hitler for Nazi ideas to go unchallenged here at home."

Navy veteran Adam Weinstein posted a fantastic collection of American veterans and the Nazi flags they captured in war on his website, Task & Purpose. With photos of destruction and battle debris around them, these veterans showed the "proper way to display a Nazi flag." One was on fire.

"Nazis in America are holding torch rallies, killing protesters, and hanging out with other losers of U.S. wars this week, begging the question: What is the appropriate way for a patriotic American to display the unmistakable, swastika-bearing flag of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich?" he asked.

The neo-Nazis are treading on wounds that still run deep in our country.

Dingell is rare in his generation as a social media warrior. Though the Greatest Generation may not be voicing its disgust with the new Nazis online, their kids and grandkids sure are.

Dozens of memes bringing back old World War II propaganda posters flooded social media by Monday.

A film clip created by the U.S. War Department in 1943 called "Don't Be a Sucker" was shared thousands of times over the weekend.

It shows an angry man on a soap box holding court to an audience of fedora-wearing chaps as a way of warning against hatred and xenophobia.

"I see negroes holding jobs that belong to me and you. Now I ask you, if we allow this thing to go on, what's going to happen to us real Americans?" In that 1940s, Jimmy Stewart cadence, he goes on to name immigrants, blacks, Catholics and even Free Masons for America's woes.

But then it cuts to an older, wiser man with an accent. "I've heard this kind of talk before, but I never expected to hear it in America," the immigrant says.

"I have seen what this kind of talk can do," he says. "I saw it in Berlin."

Here's the scary part. Today, this video would quickly be slammed as liberal political propaganda.

The world has been here before, people. Ask the veterans who put their lives on the line defending us from this evil.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Shelby Lum/Richmond Times-Dispatch via AP

Protesters march on Broad Street late Sunday in Richmond, Va. The group marched through the Fan District to the Lee Monument to Jackson Ward. The march was held a day after a white supremacist rally spiraled into deadly violence in Charlottesville, Va.

Protests, vigils around US decry white supremacist rally

By Jennifer Peltz
And Phuong Le
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Protesters decrying hatred and racism converged around the country, saying they felt compelled to counteract the white supremacist rally that spiraled into deadly violence in Virginia.

The gatherings Sunday spanned from anti-fascist protests in San Francisco to a march to President Donald Trump's home in New York.

Some focused on showing support for the people whom white supremacists condemn. Other demonstrations were pushing for the removal of Confederate monuments, the issue that initially prompted white nationalists to gather in anger this weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia. Still other gatherings aimed to denounce fascism and a presidential administration that organizers feel has empowered white supremacists.

"People need to wake up, recognize that and resist it as fearlessly as it needs to be done," said Carl Dix, a leader of the Refuse Fascism group organizing demonstrations in New York, San Francisco and other cities. "This can't be allowed to fester and to grow because we've seen what happened in the past when that was allowed."

"It has to be confronted," said Dix, a New Yorker who spoke by phone from Charlottesville on Sunday afternoon. He had gone there to witness and deplore the white nationalist rally on Saturday that spiraled into bloodshed.

In Seattle, a rally previously planned for Sunday by the conservative pro-Trump group known as Patriot Prayer drew hundreds of counter protesters. Police arrested three men and confiscated weapons as Trump supporters and counter-protesters converged downtown.

A barricade separated the two groups as police officers stood by dressed in riot gear. Police said they used pepper spray and blast balls to disperse crowds after fireworks were thrown at officers. In a statement, police said they observed some people in the counter protest carrying axe handles and two-by fours as they infiltrated the hundreds of peaceful demonstrators.

In Denver, several hundred demonstrators gathered beneath a statue of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in City Park and marched about 2 miles (3.22 kilometers) to the state Capitol. In Fort Collins, Colorado, marchers chanted "Everyone is welcome here. No hate, no fear." One demonstrator's sign said, "Make racists ashamed again."

In New York, protesters marched from several locations in Manhattan to Trump Tower, demanding the president denounce white nationalist groups involved in the violent confrontations in Charlottesville. One sign read: "Call out evil."

Helen Rubenstein, 62, was among hundreds of people who marched through downtown Los Angeles. She said her parents were Holocaust survivors, and she's worried that extremist views were becoming normal under Trump's presidency.

"I blame Donald Trump 100 percent because he emboldened all these people to incite hate, and they are now promoting violence and killing," Rubenstein said.

Charlottesville descended into violence Saturday after neo-Nazis, skinheads, Ku Klux Klan members and other white nationalists gathered to "take America back" and oppose plans to remove a Confederate statue in the Virginia college town, and hundreds of other people came to protest the rally. The groups clashed in street brawls, with hundreds of people throwing punches, hurling water bottles and beating each other with sticks and shields.

Eventually, a car rammed into a peaceful crowd of anti-white-nationalist protesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer. A Virginia State Police helicopter deployed in a large-scale response to the violence then crashed into the woods outside of town. Both troopers on board died.

A crowd gathered on the street where the crash happened for a vigil Sunday evening. They sang "Amazing Grace" and prayed around piles of flowers that mark the spot where Heyer was killed.

Prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer, who attended the rally, denied all responsibility for the violence. He blamed the counter-protesters and police.

Trump condemned what he called an "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides," a statement that Democrats and some of the president's fellow Republicans saw as equivocating about who was to blame. The White House later added that the condemnation "includes white Supremacists, KKK, neo-Nazi and all extremist groups."

Some of the white nationalists at Saturday's rally cited Trump's victory, after a campaign of racially charged rhetoric, as validation for their beliefs. Some of the people protesting Sunday also point to the president and his campaign, saying they gave license to racist hatred that built into what happened in Charlottesville.

"For those who questioned whether 'oh, don't call it fascism' ... this should resolve those issues," Reiko Redmonde, an organizer of a Refuse Fascism protest planned in San Francisco, said by phone. "People need to get out in the streets to protest, in a determined way."

White nationalist rally at Texas A&M has been canceled

A white nationalist rally planned on Texas A&M University's campus has been canceled, apparently out of concern for student safety, officials confirmed Monday.

The school made the decision after consulting law enforcement and "considerable study" because of "concerns about the safety of its students, faculty, staff and the public."

"Texas A&M's support of the First Amendment and the freedom of speech cannot be questioned," the university said in a statement Monday afternoon.

"However, in this case circumstances and information relating to the event have changed and the risks of threat to life and safety compel us to cancel the event."

After the event was announced over the weekend, university and state leaders expressed strong objections, but legal experts and one A&M System regent had fretted that First Amendment protections made that impossible.

Reached by phone while shopping at Walmart on Monday afternoon, Wiginton said he had not heard from anyone at the school since he announced. His response: "I guess my lawyers will now be suing the state of Texas."

The news was first announced on the floor of the Texas House. The lawmaker who made the declaration was Rep. John Raney, R-College Station, whose district includes A&M. He said that A&M System Chancellor John Sharp had canceled the event to protect student safety.

Raney said the event was axed "because of concerns with hate messages that have been on Facebook, and people who've said they were coming and they were bringing their weapons." He added the local police department said they "can't handle that."

Earlier in the afternoon, lawmakers had urged university administrators — and Sharp, in particular — to prevent the event from happening. Gov. Greg Abbott was also involved in the discussion, an Abbott spokesman said.

"The Governor's office has been working with Texas A&M University to prevent the type of hate-filled event that we saw in Charlottesville. Governor Abbott's top goal is to ensure the safety and security of Texans and Texas A&M students," said the spokesman, John Wittman.

Disclosure: Texas A&M University and Tony Buzbee have been financial supporters of The Texas Tribune.

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

Bowing to pressure, Trump denounces hate groups by name

WASHINGTON — Bowing to pressure from right and left, President Donald Trump condemned white supremacist groups by name on Monday, declaring "racism is evil" after two days of public equivocation and internal White House debate over the deadly race-fueled clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In a hastily arranged statement at the White House, Trump branded members of the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists who take part in violence as "criminals and thugs."

The groups are "repugnant to everything that we hold dear as Americans," he said.

In his initial remarks on the violence Saturday, Trump did not single out the groups and instead bemoaned violence on "many sides." Those remarks prompted stern criticism from fellow Republicans as well as Democrats, who urged him to seize the moral authority of his office to condemn hate groups.

Trump's softer statement on Saturday had come as graphic images of a car plowing into a crowd in Charlottesville were playing continually on television. White nationalists had assembled in the city to protest plans to take down a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, and counter-protesters gathered in opposition. Fights broke out, and then a man drove into the opponents of the white supremacists. One woman was killed and many more badly hurt. Twenty-year-old James Alex Fields Jr. of Ohio is charged with second-degree murder and other counts.

Loath to appear to be admitting a mistake, Trump was reluctant to adjust his remarks.

The president had indicated to advisers before his initial statement Saturday that he wanted to stress a need for law and order, which he did. He later expressed anger to those close to him about what he perceived as the media's unfair assessment of his remarks, believing he had effectively denounced all forms of bigotry, according to outside advisers and White House officials.

Several of Trump's senior advisers, including new chief of staff John Kelly, had urged him to make a more specific condemnation, warning that the negative story would not go away and that the rising tide of criticism from fellow Republicans on Capitol Hill could endanger his legislative agenda, according to two White House officials.

The outside advisers and officials demanded anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Aides were dispatched to Sunday talk shows but struggled to explain the president's position. A stronger statement was released — but attributed only to an unnamed spokesperson.

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

Trump's sanctuary city threat triggers confusion, changes

By Sophia Tareen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — From defiant lawsuits to reversing policies, U.S. cities and counties are zeroing in on their immigration rules to avoid losing millions in public safety dollars that the White House has threatened to withhold amid a high-stakes clash over sanctuary policies.

President Donald Trump has made it a top priority to revoke federal dollars from so-called sanctuary cities, broadly defined as places that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities. Trump says he believes such cities and counties are providing a haven for criminal activity.

Amid an executive order and almost weekly threats by the administration, cities and counties are fighting back.

At least seven cities and counties are suing, and California became the first state to join the legal fray on Monday. Leaders in Baltimore and the Las Vegas area have been trying to prove to the federal government that they don't have sanctuary policies so they can qualify for public safety help. Some local governments have sought to comply with the administration's edicts.

The result for cities and counties: growing confusion, budgeting headaches, worries about increased crime and more tension with immigrant residents. And experts expect more lawsuits and turmoil at the local level.

"They're not getting clarity," said Yucel Ors, a program director for public safety at the National League of Cities. "When you're planning budgets or there's an expectation for grants and applications, it becomes very difficult to properly judge what your resource is going to be, especially with law enforcement."

Sanctuary policies have existed for decades. There's no single definition, but generally local officials enact policies friendly to people living in the U.S. without legal permission, including limiting cooperation with agents in local jails and prohibiting police from asking about immigration status during traffic stops.

DAILY PROMISE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY
Ephesians 1:18-21
"I pray that the eyes of you heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."

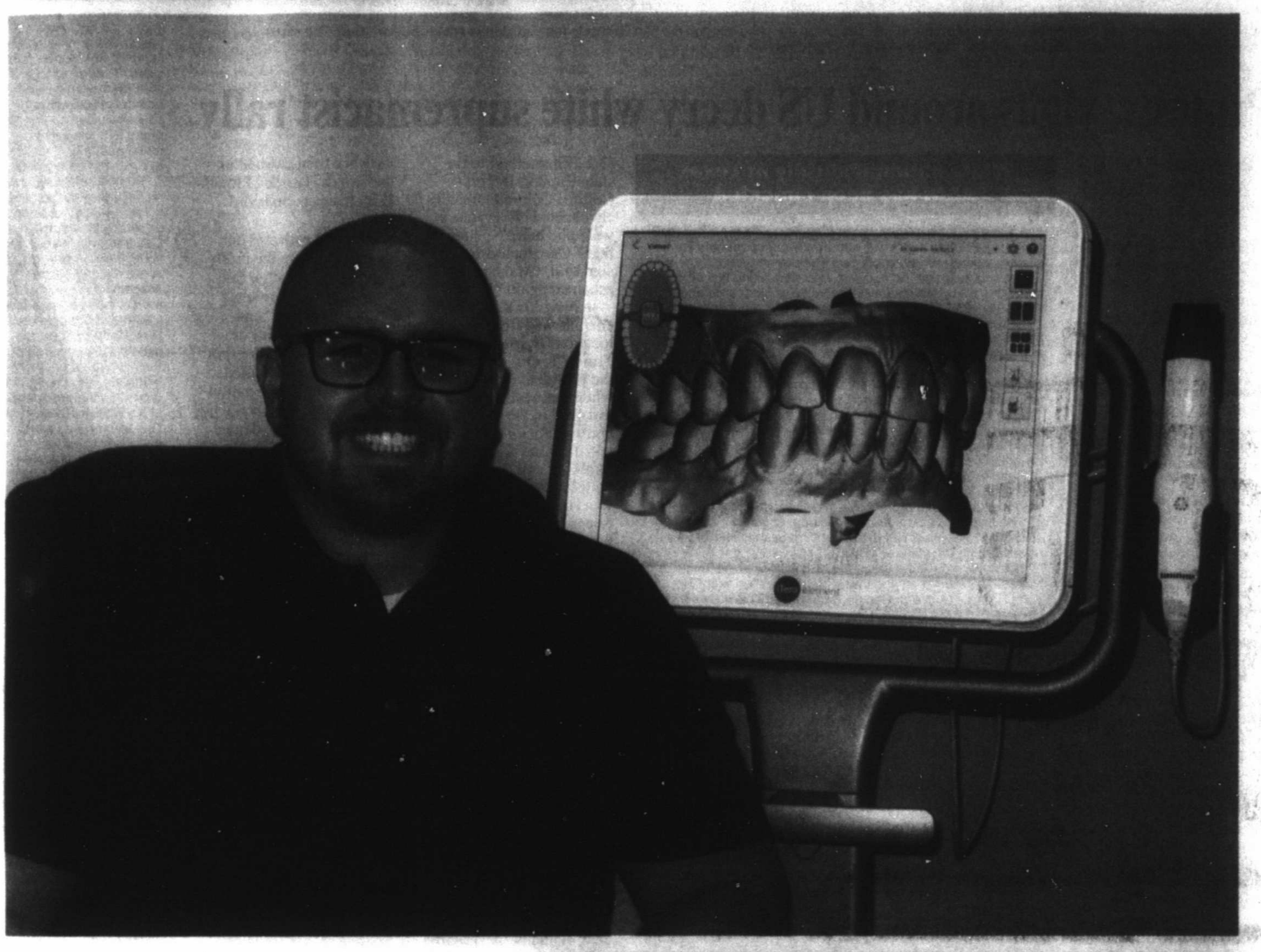
Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING
"Serving West Texas Since 1981"
It's Tree Trimming Time!
Call us today to create the garden of your dreams!
685-3521
www.franklinfoliage.com
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
Google hired a camel to create the Street View of a desert.

The Bottom Line
As household income, education levels and job responsibility increases, so does readership.
Source: Scarborough Research, 2005
Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com
201 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
432-682-5311

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2017 MRT BRONZE

Sneak Preview

FAVORITE DENTIST Jordon Green, DDS



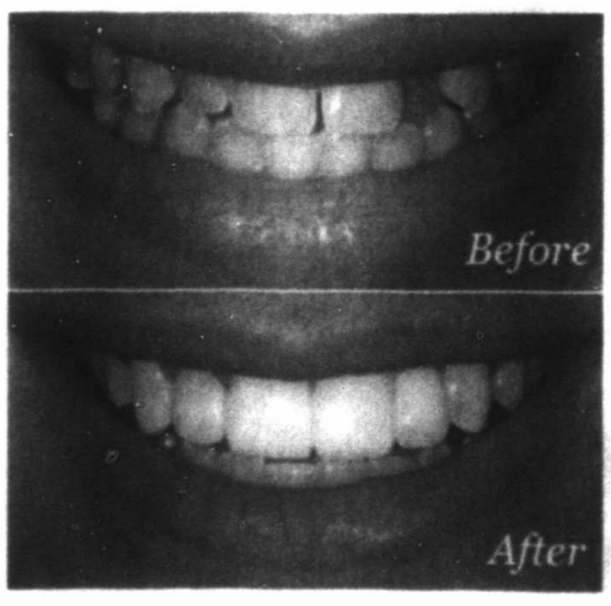
If you're seeking professional dental care that offers not only quality service, but a team of staff and doctors who care about making your dental experience comfortable and stress-free, then look no further than this year's Readers Choice Award Winner, Midland Dental Center.

This dental practice has been in operation for over 20 years, and now under the experienced leadership of Dr. Jordon Green, their success has risen to new levels. They offer care such as laser and cosmetic dentistry, oral cancer screenings, dental X-rays, emergency care and regular check-ups for Midlanders of all ages.

"We pride ourselves in providing excellent care in a modern, fun, friendly and relaxed environment." Dr. Green said. "We make having a beautiful and healthy smile realistic and attainable for everyone. We focus on our patients and what they want and need."

It's this sort of top-notch customer service and people first care that has given Midland Dental Center generations of patients and loyal customers, and make them one of the most trusted names in the game.

"Our customer service stands apart" said Marsha Hankins, the Office Manager at Midland Dental Center. "Most of our patients in the practice have found us through word of mouth referrals, which we consider one of the greatest compliments we can receive".



Their attention to creating a comfortable and safe atmosphere for all their patients has allowed them to stand apart from other area dental providers, and according to their website, they are dedicated to listening and talking with their patients about all of their concerns and needs.

Dr. Green is going on 7 years in this practice. He and his team of 3 dental hygienists and 3 dental assistants do their best to improve the community's oral health and awareness and to provide the community with a safe, trusted healthcare environment.

Besides taking care of their current patients, Midland Dental Center is looking to provide more dental services to the community as they just started construction on a new facility on Veteran's Airpark Lane, north of Claydesta Plaza.

At Midland Dental Center, they are also dedicated to working with other healthcare providers in the community to ensure that patients are treated with the best care possible. Dr. Green and his relationship with specialists and other dental providers is essential to providing quality service for their customers.

Jordon Green, DDS
Midland Dental Center
432-682-8941
4610 N Garfield St, Ste B-12
Midland, Texas 79705

THE READERS HAVE SPOKEN!

Winners of the 2017 Readers' Choice edition revealed Sunday, August 20

EDUCATION

Midland Reporter-Telegram | mrt★com | Tuesday, August 15, 2017 | Section B

Broken school finance system spawns wild solutions

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

Whether you feel sorry for them or not, Austin ISD property taxpayers will be sending $533 million of their local school taxes to the state for redistribution to poorer districts in the next school year.

That means that about 35 percent of the local school taxes collected in that district are spent elsewhere — the biggest "recapture" rate in the state.

And as far out as that might seem, it's a sign that the state's school finance system is working just the way state officials designed it to work. The state government puts up some money. The federal government puts up some money. Local school districts put up some money. They even out the spending per student, making (somewhat outdated) adjustments for costs of living, for different kinds of students with more expensive educational needs and for local districts' ability to raise money from property taxes. The better-off districts contribute some of their locally raised money to the districts where property tax revenue doesn't cover the local cost of schools.

In Austin — the poster child for recapture in Texas right now — the school district is telling taxpayers they'll be sending $2.6 billion to the state over the next five years. Property values are soaring and have been for years, and even in a better-balanced system, AISD would probably be putting money into the pot for school districts elsewhere.

To make matters worse, the state's per-student spending has dropped over the last decade as its overall share of public education spending has dropped — to about 38 percent today from about 45 percent in 2007, according to the Legislative Budget Board. That shifts even more of the load to local school districts — and it increases the amount of money taxpayers in AISD and other recapture districts have to raise for use in other school districts around Texas.

If the state raised its share, local districts would have less to pay. Recapture districts would be sending less to the state. Maybe — and this is probably fantasy — taxpayers would have less to complain about at town hall meetings when they're chewing out their public officials over high taxes.

If state lawmakers can find the money to do it and get past their partisan and personal differences in these last days of the special session, they could increase state funding for education by up to $1.8 billion.

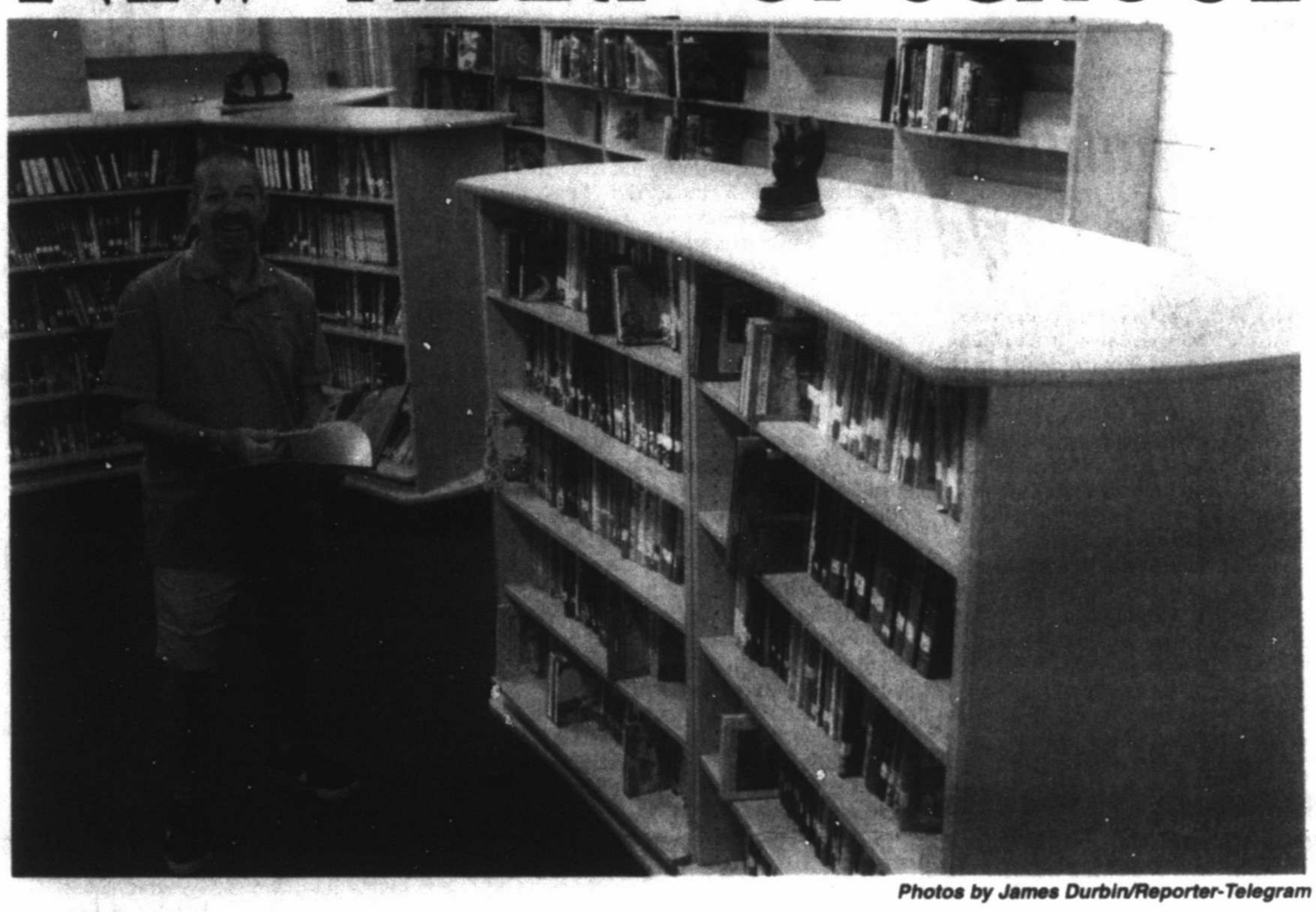
That money is hard to find, in part because so many legislators and honest number-crunchers either object to using the state's savings account — known as the rainy day fund — or to deferrals and other accounting tricks that can balance spending in the short term but have to be repaid later.

The rainy day solution eats into savings — and does it for ongoing expenses, to boot. The other — deferrals and accounting tricks — increase the size of the hole (already estimated at $7.9 billion by the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association) that will face budgeteers when the next Legislature assembles in January 2019.

Lawmakers are also talking about forming a

Please see SOLUTIONS/2B

NEW 'HEART' OF SCHOOL



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

George Webster, librarian at the Blakemore Children's Library in the Trinity School, photographed Friday. Photos below show details.

Trinity completes children's library renovation

■ Library is decorated in bright colors and curved shelves that are on wheels

By Simone Jasper
sjasper@mrt.com

Trinity School's youngest students have a new space to learn to read. For the school, moving the Blakemore Children's Library to the center of preschool through third-grade classroom pods holds significance.

"Literacy is at the heart of everything we do, and we were excited to renovate and relocate the library space to stand at the heart," said Patricia Maurer, head of preschool and lower school.

The library isn't a far walk for fourth- through sixth-graders, who will also use the building, according to Maurer. The space has bright colors and new furnishings to appeal to students.

"It's just vibrant and eye-popping when you walk in," said George Webster, school librarian. "The shelves are curved and on wheels so we can change the configuration if we want to."

Trinity School will celebrate the 2,522-square-foot space during a ribbon-cutting ceremony today. School administrators and fundraising chairs are scheduled to speak at the event, which will include tours.

The ceremony takes place the day before the academic year begins. Webster looks forward to introducing the Trinity School community to the new library.

"Parents who have younger children here love the reading program we have here at the school," Webster said. "We have a strong library — we always have. We have story time once a week, and that's a big attraction for kids."

The library has a section to serve 3-year-old through third-graders and another for fourth- through sixth-graders. The space has Wi-Fi, giving older students the opportunity to use Chromebooks for researching information not found on the shelves.

"It exactly fits our space and our needs," Maurer said. "What was an old building is now serving a new and vibrant purpose."

The renovation was a part of the school's capital campaign, which raised more than $17 million. The old library space became the fine and performing arts center, and the new library took root in a building that formerly housed administration. The library is named for the family that donated the original funds to create a library on the campus.

The recent fundraising campaign drew many donations from the Trinity School community, including students' family members as well as current and former faculty and staff. Maurer said the response reflects the school's mission.

"It's really nice for us to be able to say to our children, 'We have parents in our community who are servant leaders,'" Maurer said. "'They have done things for you.'"

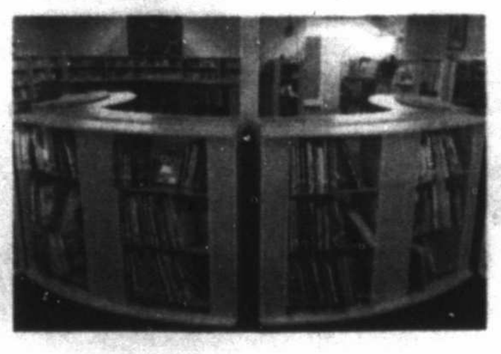
Melissa McCabe, sixth-grade humanities teacher, said her students will use books at the new library for personal and academic reading. During the fundraising phase, she agreed to host an event where grandmothers could learn about the school's vision for the library.

"My children had a great experience here, and I was a teacher here so I was excited for the students," McCabe said. "Also, my grandchildren go here, so it was an investment."

The school has a separate library for seventh- through 12th-graders. Students in those grades often use online databases to research information, according to Webster.

For younger students, the focus will remain on physical books. Webster hopes the new library will garner enthusiasm.

"I want kids to be delighted and excited to come," Webster said. "I want this to be a place they want to come every week they come to school."



MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

LHS staffer motivated by family, service to others

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

"There were times during my last semester at Midland College when I didn't think I could continue with my studies," said Irma Bueno. "My father's kidneys and lungs were failing. I was working in the college's Community Programs Continuing Education office in order to earn some money to help me afford to stay in school, and I was taking a full load of courses so that I could graduate.

Bueno

"It was people like Julia Vickery, my Midland College advisor, who gave me the strength I needed to stay in school. Laura McCabe, the sponsor of Students in Philanthropy, helped me apply for scholarships and encouraged me to continue with my studies. My professors were also very understanding. In fact, the people at Midland College became my second family; they 'embraced' me."

Bueno's father first became ill and was diagnosed with renal failure during her senior year at Midland High School. She knew that the most important thing she could do for her father — who never got any further in his education than elementary school — would be to complete high school. So, she persisted and graduated with honors.

"It was at Midland High that I learned about the Legacy Scholarship," she said. "I wanted to go to college, but there was no way my family could afford it. I was already a member of Midland High's SIP club, and I knew about the importance of giving back to nonprofit agencies. The 40-hour volunteer requirement did not deter me in the least. I volunteered at the soup kitchen and with Christmas for Our Troops."

Bueno transferred her SIP membership to Midland College and continued to volunteer with nonprofit agencies.

During her time at MC, her father was undergoing dialysis and was awaiting a kidney transplant. Then during Bueno's last semester, the same rare disease that affected her father's kidneys — vasculitis — inflammation of the white blood cells — spread to his lungs. He was hospitalized with little hope for recovery.

Bueno credits her parents, siblings, friends and MC employees with giving her the love and encouragement to continue that last semester. She received an associate of arts degree and transferred to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she graduated with a degree in social work and psychology.

She was able to finance her MC and

Please see PROFILE/2B

Kids aren't doing as well in school as their parents think

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

We know how important parents are to their children's educational success.

With the new school year just a couple of weeks away, having an accurate picture of how kids are performing is critical to efforts to help them.

That's why parents — and educators — should take note of a new national report by D.C.-based Learning Heroes that reveals a sobering disconnect between perception in academic achievement and reality.

In a survey of about 1,400 parents of public school children in kindergarten through eighth grade, Learning Heroes found that 9 in 10 parents believe their children are performing at or above grade level in math and reading. But results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress show that only about a third of them are.

And while most parents have high expectations about their children going to college and doing well, only about 37 percent of graduates are prepared for college.

Even among those parents who think their children struggle academically, most don't feel confident they could support their child's learning.

Bibb Hubbard, Learning Heroes founder, calls the results "a heartbreaking wake-up call."

She's right.

She believes a gulf exists because so much of the information parents receive about their children's progress "is indecipherable — filled with edu-jargon, confusing terms and often lacking

Please see PERFORMANCE/2B

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MC students accepted into UNT

Three Midland College students enrolled in the first class of the Primary Care Pathway partnership on Tuesday have been accepted to the University of North Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Micah Bigby, Diana Garcia and Clarence Sparks began the seven-year program in August 2016.

They will be enrolled in one more year of classes at MC and will then attend UNT for one year before transferring to Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for two years. Their final two years of the program will be spent performing clinical rotations at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Young Guns to host open house

Permian Basin Young Guns is hosting an open house 10 a.m. Saturday at the organization's complex, 3802 E. County Road 160. New members may register and meet with club representatives.

Information will be available on hunter education certification and programs offered by the organization.

Series to host TED speaker

The Abell-Hanger Foundation, in partnership with Educate Midland, will host Sir Ken Robinson today at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Robinson, who will address innovation and creativity in education, has gained recognition from the TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) Conference.

The free event is the inaugural Education Impact Series lecture. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and Robinson's book signing and an education resource fair will precede the lecture. The main program kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with opening performances from the Midland Festival Ballet and local students Adyson and Ashton Alexander.

To register, visit the Educate Midland office or website, or call 818-2623.

LHS to host cheerleading clinic

Lee High School cheerleaders and their booster club will be hosting a cheerleading clinic 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at the school gym.

The clinic is for kindergarteners through eighth-graders.

Camp participants will receive a T-shirt and have the opportunity to perform at the Rebels' first home game on Sept. 8.

Registration is $50 before Aug. 14 and $60 at the door.

To register, call 528-8105.

Courtesy photo

Trinity School senior Jordan Sanz, second from left, is with a group of Lions Club exchange students at Lake Pallas in Finland.

Despite different nationalities, kids are same all over the world

■ Trinity student shares Texas two-step, chocolate chip cookies

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of essays by Midland students who visited Europe on Lions Club-sponsored trips.
Trinity School senior Jordan Sanz is the son of Lawrence Sanz and Wendi Dorr. His trip to Finland was sponsored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

By Jordan Sanz
Trinity School

In a deck of cards, there are 52 cards. Within those 52 cards, there are two different colors — red and black. Of those two colors, there are four suits — clubs, spades, hearts, and diamonds. Each suit has one of each number — two through 10 and a jack, queen, king and ace. All together, this results in 52 unique cards.

But is each card really so different?

That is how I began my speech to the Arctic Lights Lions Club Camp in Kittilä, Finland, regarding the country's 100th anniversary of being an independent country. I visited Finland for three weeks to explore the country's culture.

For the first nine days, I attended a camp along with other teenagers representing 17 different countries. During the camp, we did myriad activities: white-water rafting, hikes and gazing at the risen sun at exactly midnight from the top of Levi Mountain. However, as our camp coordinator, Katja, constantly reminded us, "We, the instructors, didn't make the camp. It's all of you, the campers, that make this camp special."

My mental goal was to truly know as many campers as possible during the nine days and learn as much as I could about their culture back home, while still delving into the Finnish culture surrounding me. I formed lifelong friendships with students from Belgium, France, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Turkey, Italy, Austria, Denmark, Serbia and Finland, while planting myself in their shoes, their culture. I learned about so many cultural snippets from all sectors of the globe while representing Midland.

Never have I witnessed a group of teenagers so excited about pumpjacks, chocolate chip cookies and country music. On the sixth day of camp, I gave a presentation about the USA and Texas. My first discussion was about the numerous pumpjacks decorating Midland; as I returned to Midland, I sent the campers an aerial snapshot of Midland, and instantly, replies of "The pumpjacks exist!" and "I thought he was kidding about there being so many pumpjacks!" flooded into my phone. During my presentation, I also taught each camper the Texas two-step to the tune of "Your Man," by Josh Turner. After that, we devoured salsa and played Spoons, a popular American card game that has spread to Austria, Finland and many other countries.

For the remaining two weeks, I lived with a generous Finnish family in the municipality of Muurame. During my stay, we consumed many sausages, explored an adventure park and attended confirmation for the family's grandson. We ate reindeer meatballs, kayaked over a shimmering lake and survived the scorching heat of a Finnish sauna. One day, I baked chocolate chip cookies for the entire family and we ate them while we gulped Coca-Colas and watched Finnish flicks.

Besides teaching dances, eating salsa, playing games and having fun, I wanted to destroy any cultural barrier blocking us all from the truth: We're all simply a bunch of people. Sure, we come from different countries; we have different backgrounds; we speak different languages. But, are we really all that different? Sure, each card has its own number, suit and color. No card is completely alike. However, each card will always share at least one trait: It's from the same deck. We might have our own number, our own suit, our own language, our own interests; but all in all, we're all human, and we all make up a card in the same deck. So, I ask again: Is each card really so different?

Thank you to the Midland Downtown Lions Club for this incredible experience. A month later, I am still in touch with almost every camper from this incredible trip, talking with them about anything and everything imaginable.

GUEST VIEW

Beaumont Enterprise

Schools should rethink assigning homework

Homework used to be one of those things that few people questioned. It was always good, and the tougher the better.

But more and more teachers — and parents — are rethinking this old practice, and realizing that it might not be so perfect after all.

At-risk kids who can't do it are set up for failure. Students who can grow to resent excessively long homework. Parents realize they are often turned into nags instead of being able to enjoy quality time with their children.

As a result, many school districts in Texas and the nation, and taking a new look at homework. They want to find the right balance to help kids learn and establish good habits without causing more problems at home and in the classroom.

The Katy ISD has established six no homework "family nights" in its 2017-2018 calendar. A second-grade teacher in Godley, near Fort Worth, said last year she would not assign any homework. She wanted parents to eat, read or play with their kids after school. Elementary schools in Marion County, Fla., will not have homework either, asking parents instead to read any book to their children for 20 minutes each night.

This reset makes sense.

For most students, homework may be needed in some classes, but not necessarily all of them. It's often practice for something they already know. Teachers who sense that their students are getting the daily lesson should not assign homework just because they think they're supposed to. That will leave the students more to time to focus on homework in other classes that would be productive.

Even then, a realistic limit of something like 90 minutes or two hours per night should apply. That's still a fairly long period for a child that can lead to burnout and frustration.

When possible, schools should schedule study halls during the day or brief after-school sessions staffed with teachers to help kids through homework.

None of this should be confused with avoiding firm standards. Today's students will have to live and work in an increasingly knowledge-based and technological world.

It will be demanding. But homework should help them meet this challenge, not fail it.

PROFILE

From 1B

UTPB tuitions through the Legacy and Bill Pace Cogdell scholarships.

"Words cannot express how grateful I am to those private foundations for their belief in me and their willingness to provide financial assistance for my education," Bueno said. "I don't think people realize the opportunities provided by starting their higher education at Midland College. Because of the scholarships I received while at MC, and then by graduating from MC and transferring to a university, I was able to graduate with my bachelor's degree completely debt-free."

A native Midlander, Bueno is still involved in Midland's nonprofit sector. In September 2013, she was hired as the Lee High School campus coordinator for Communities in Schools. She works with approximately 95 students to find resources and support that will encourage them to stay in school.

"Students are referred to my program by parents, teachers, counselors and other students," Bueno said. "Many times they just need a little extra encouragement because they are learning the English language, failed a course, didn't pass the STAAR exam or have had a disruption in their family life, such as parents going through a divorce or a single-parent household. I coordinate resources to help them succeed in high school and discover the possibilities of attending college.

"In my position as CIS campus coordinator, I get to help students realize that high school graduation and entering college can be a reality, despite extreme obstacles. I constantly tell my students that Midland College is a great option for higher education. College offers the opportunity for a better career and the ability to earn higher wages. I tell them that when they are in college, their high school GPA 'disappears.' They can start over with a clean slate. Their success is no longer measured by a standardized test — they must hold themselves accountable."

Bueno has also been instrumental in working with Golf Course Road Church of Christ to coordinate a Tuesday evening tutoring session for Lee High School students.

"We first began the program in the spring of 2016," Bueno said. "We patterned it after the partnership between CIS at Midland High School and First Presbyterian Church. I worked with Valerie Tinker at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, and we coordinated for the Lee High school library to be open for tutoring (until 6 p.m.) every Tuesday evening so that students could have a place to study and get assistance with homework.

"We started with just CIS students; however, additional students wanted to take advantage of the assistance. In the fall of 2016, we extended the program to all students at Lee. Sometimes we have as many as 50 students and 30 volunteer tutors," she said. "The church volunteers provide full meals, and they also serve as tutors. They are awesome. We have had volunteers donate food and make homemade meals, including hamburgers and burritos, to name a few. We couldn't do the tutoring sessions without the church volunteers. The students truly appreciate all that goes into the Tuesday evening tutoring."

Bueno describes her private life as quiet and claims to be a homebody. During the past 14 months, she lost 60 pounds, and she makes exercising at Heroes gym part of her daily routine. In her spare time, Bueno enjoys reading, especially fantasy novels. She is a huge fan of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, and is now reading Rowling's latest book, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Her father recovered from his lung illness, and received the long-awaited kidney transplant at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Her mother is employed as a housekeeper.

"My mom is truly amazing," Bueno said. "She works long hours, but has always found time to be active in my life. She was a PTA mom for years and always managed to come up with the money to help support my school projects and fundraisers. I have her to thank for not only my work ethic, but also my passion for education and giving back to the community."

Bueno's two older siblings are also products of Midland College. The family of five enjoy spending time with each other. Bueno said that after almost having lost her dad, the family members feel blessed to be able to continue to be together.

"My parents are my true drive," Bueno said. "They are my rock and my strength. Neither of them graduated from high school, and they always wanted more for their children. Despite my mom working long hours and my father being sick, they never missed attending my school events and high school and college graduations. My diplomas are as much theirs as they are mine."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean of Community Relations at Midland College.

PERFORMANCE

From 1B

actionable information to support learning."

It's the reason Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath pushed for the revamped STAAR report card that parents started receiving this summer. We've praised it for providing parents information that is clear and understandable with tools to help students succeed.

Not only do you get a variety of data about overall scores on the test, but data about how each student compares, subject-by-subject, to others across the state. It's not enough to just get the scores; parents need to know what they mean.

It was good news from the Learning Heroes survey that a majority of the parents want information and resources to support their children. They'd find it helpful to receive an explanation of what their children are expected to learn over the course of the year and tips and activities to improve reading and math skills.

Hispanic parents, especially Spanish-dominant parents, and African-American parents expressed the greatest interest. That's encouraging for districts such as Dallas ISD, where more than 90 percent of the students are Hispanic and African-American.

Learning Heroes is answering the call. The organization worked with Univision, the National PTA and the National Urban League on back-to-school tips in English and Spanish to help guide everyday learning on its website, bealearninghero.org. The group offers links to resources on academic expectations, life skills for kids, and parent-teacher communication, among other things.

What empowering tools parents need to keep their kids on track

Five power moves for parents

1. Start strong: Find out how prepared your child is for his or her new grade, review test results and pay attention to how easy or hard it is for your child to perform grade-level tasks.
2. Partner up: You need your child's teachers, and they need you.
3. Make it fun: Read together to discover topics that interest your child. Find math problems in everyday life and turn them into a game.
4. Celebrate hard work: Promote a growth mindset at home to help your child see that hard work is what leads to success.
5. Encourage life skills along the way: Focus on the whole picture. Strengths such as communication, problem-solving, patience and independence will help your child in school and life.

Source: Learning Heroes

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

SOLUTIONS

From 1B

commission that would study school finance, presumably to burn down the current setup and build a shiny new one in its place. Gov. Greg Abbott could put a commission like that together if the Legislature fails — former Gov. Mark White, who died last week, did just that in the 1980s to push the overhaul of public education generally regarded as White's grand achievement.

If recapture taxes were separated from school taxes, Austin ISD taxpayers would see that they're paying more on recapture than they are toward Travis County — and almost as much on recapture as they're paying the city of Austin. Next year, according to Austin Mayor Steve Adler, those taxpayers will be sending more property tax dollars to the state than they do to the city.

That has public officials in places like Austin considering some creative financing of their own.

That's got city officials talking publicly about raising taxes to move some non-educational school spending from the school district's budget to the city's budget — think maintaining buildings or watering lawns — to keep that money out of the reach of state school finance formulas. The idea here is that more of the money raised locally would escape the state's recapture. Yes, city taxes would rise. But school taxes would drop. And less money would go to the state. It's original — give it that — but it's not something you'd see coming from a good government think tank.

Here's a measure of how dysfunctional school funding has become in Texas: Austin's ludicrous workaround would be an improvement.

Green Daisies
Curbside Pickup Recycling
Call Daises today for a Greener tomorrow.
432-349-5326

MARC
Empowering Lives
Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

The Uptown Midland BPW has a rich history of leadership and community involvement.
We invite you to learn more about us, and to consider joining us! Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women
MidlandBPW.com

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN
CASA OF WEST TEXAS
1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD
The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614
www.salvationarmymidland.org

TUESDAY PRIME TIME — AUGUST 15, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		C	E	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor in Paradise Pt. 2 of 2 from Aug 14 (N)			Somewhere Between "Into the Fire" (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Keep Going"		Bull "E.I."			CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Cowboy"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	AL*	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Moth-Eaten Mink"	Twilight "Steel"
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Fashion Police"		The Mick	Brooklyn 99	Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Our Messiah	Housecall	Update News	Walls of Jerusalem	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Creation Magazine	Mission: M25	Restore Zion	HaYesod
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	America's Got Talent "Live Show 1" Judging is turned over to the viewers. (N)			Game Night "This Is Us Game Night" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)	The Bomb Explore the most baleful invention in human history.				Frontline "Terror in Little Saigon"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe	Enamorandome de Ramon		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16			16	Last Man	Last Man	The X-Files "Essence"			The X-Files "Essence"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(:25) Open Water...	★★★ Alpha Dog ('06, Cri) Bruce Willis.					★★ Blue Crush			(:45) ★ Bride of the Wind	
	HBO	300	550	14		14	BillMaher	News (N)	★★★ The Ring ('02, Thril) Naomi Watts.				Hard Knocks		Insecure	Ballers	★ Batman v Super...	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Hard Knocks		Game of Thrones		VICE	Insecure	★★★ Watchmen ('09, Act) Malin Akerman.					Knocks	
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:30) ★★ Insomnia Al Pacino.		Room 104		★ The Accountant ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				(:15) Bill Maher		(:15) ★ Boller Room	
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) ★ My Big Fat...	★★ National Security				★ Keanu Keegan-Michael Key.			(:10) ★★★ Cast Away Tom Hanks.			
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:05) ★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall				★★★ I Am Legend				(:45) ★★ Eddie the Eagle Taron Egerton.		Movie	
	PLEX			96			(5:00) ★ Moonlight ...	★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Sir Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt.							(:05) ★★ Songcatcher Janet McTeer.			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:30) ★ Hell or High Water Chris Pine.			Donovan "Las Vegas"			Access	I'm Dying Up Here		Donovan "Las Vegas"	TwinPeak	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★★★ The Count of Monte Cristo					(:15) ★★★ Enemy at the Gates ('01, War) Jude Law.				★ Bridge of Spies Tom Hanks.	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(5:00) L. Remini "Merchants of Fear"		L. Remini "Enemies of the Church"		Remini: Scientology (SP) (N)		Murder "Missing in Modesto" (P) (N)		(:05) L. Remini "Ask Me Anything #2"		(:05) Remini: Scientology	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Ghostbuster...	★★ Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.						★★★ Alice in Wonderland ('10, Adv) Johnny Depp.				
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★★ Boyz 'N the Hood				Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane (N)		Being Mary Jane		Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below "Reunion" (N)		A Night	A Night	WatchWhat (N)		Real Housewives	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Unabomber (N)		ManhuntUnabomber		(:05) Deadliest Catch	
	DISNEY	56	64	34	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Andi M.	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter Special "Fantasy Football Draft" (L)								SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Softball Little League World Series (L)			SprtC (N)	Softball Little League World Series Semifinal (L)					Skateboarding Street League	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson	The Five			Hannity		Special Report		The Five	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped	Chopped			Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★★★ Juno		The Fosters (N)	The Bold Type (N)			The Fosters		The 700 Club		★★★★ Juno	
	FS5W	37	38	50	45	29	MLB on FS1 Pre-game (L)		Legends HS Football "The Odessa Permian Story" (N)			18 Holes	Stars Insider	In the Spotlight	CBCamp (L) Polaris	Pudge	Bull Riding Championship	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Men in Bla...	★★★ 22 Jump Street Channing Tatum.						★★★ 22 Jump Street Channing Tatum.				
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Good Bones (N)		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Fixer Upper	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(5:00) Cars America 2/3	The Cars that Made America 3/3 (N)					American Ripper (N)		(:05) American Ripper		(:05) Cars America 3/3	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	DanceMom "Judgment Day Approaches"		Dance Chat (N)	(:50) Chloe Does (N)	Dance Moms (N)		So Sharp "Sharp Divide" (N)		Chloe /(:15) DanceMom		Dance Chat	(:55) Chloe Does It
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				MixedMartialArts Professional Fighters League				Mixed M Arts Professional Fighters League				MixedMartialArts World Series of Fighting 35			
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	JoJoSIwa	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★★ The Legend of Hercules				Face Off (N)		★★ I, Frankenstein Yvonne Strahovski.				Face Off	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Wrecked	Conan (N)		Wrecked	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) ★ Sayonara		★★ Latin Lovers ('53, Dra) Lana Turner.				★ The Reluctant Saint Maximilian Schell.				★★ Mystery Street	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)	Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)	Sin Senos Sí Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par			
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Daughter "Extreme Quint Makeover"		OutDaughtered: Life with Quints (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		(:05) Rattled (N)		(:05) OutDaughtered		(:05) Rattled	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:55) ★★ Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith Ewan McGregor.				Animal Kingdom "The Leopard"		Animal Kingdom "The Leopard"		Law & Order "Fed"		Law & Order "Blackmail"	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "The Sigh"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Shooter "The Man Called Noon" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Above Suspicion"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Acceptable Loss"	
	WGN	19	85				MASH "Bombed"	M*A*S*H	★★★ The Da Vinci Code ('06, Dra) Tom Hanks. A symbologist follows clues at a murder scene in a race to decode an ancient secret.						★★★ The Da Vinci Code (2006, Drama) Audrey Tautou, Jean Reno, Tom Hanks.			

SENIOR LINK MIDLAND
Older Adults & Baby Boomers Volunteer here to meet your needs
Call Today
432-689-6693
SeniorlinkMidland.org

Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE
Call for donation pick-up.
Come shop our store.
Open to the public.
Tues.-Sat.
8:30-4:30.
305 E. Texas
432-682-9606

Casa de Amigos
HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
United Way
1101 E. Garden Ln., Midland, TX 79701
432-682-9701
casadeamigosmidland.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas
Mentoring children for a better Midland
714 W. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, Texas 79701
432-687-0195

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
"Change the Path of a Pet's Life"
4206 W. Loop 250
- Midland, TX 79707
(Inside PetSmart)
432-520-3134 ext. 7
www.midlandhumane.org
LIKE us on Facebook

Centers for children & families
Providing counseling for those in need, for children and adults, regardless of level of income. Counseling emphasizes support and healing of individuals and families.
3701 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79703
432.570.1084
www.centerstx.org

TRUSTED VALUED ESSENTIAL
Lifelong. Learning.
basin pbs
432-563-5728
www.BasinPBS.org

MIDLAND NEED TO READ
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM
Enhancing the lives of Midland County adults through literacy
info@midlandneedtoread.org
432-682-9693
1709 W. Wall St.
Midland, Texas 79701

Girlfriend urges more pushback against disapproving parents

Dear Abby

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

DEAR ABBY: I am in an interracial relationship with a guy whose parents don't support our being together because I'm from a different race and culture than he is. Our countries of origin were antagonistic in the past.

When his parents tell him to break off relations with me, he listens patiently and defends his affection for me. He does not, however, really speak up for me or point out how unfair their prejudice is, given that they've never even met me.

This is my first interracial relationship. My parents don't have a problem with it. Is it too much to ask my boyfriend to speak up the next time his parents lecture him? — UNDEFENDED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNDEFENDED: Not knowing your boyfriend, his parents or how they relate to one another, I can't judge whether he should challenge them any further than he is already. I think it would be a mistake for you to try to script him. You didn't mention how long you two have been involved, but if the relationship continues, they may — at some point — mellow.

DEAR ABBY: You and your readers may consider my problem trivial, but to me, it's really irritating. My wife, who is in her early 60s, has the figure of a 40-year-old. She's a great lover, fabulous cook, wonderful mother to our four children and warms my heart when I see her enter the room.

The problem is, my teeth are spaced rather far apart, and food gets stuck between them. After every meal, I need to use a toothpick, yet she refuses to put toothpicks — even in an attractive container — on the table. She says they will just collect dust and are not pretty. On top of that, she refuses to allow a pill container for my vitamins or heart medicine.

I would never leave her over this, but what can I do with this stubborn, but otherwise wonderful, woman? — PICKLESS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PICK-LESS: Your nearly perfect wife may prefer that you pick your teeth somewhere other than at the table, and would like you to take your medications elsewhere, as well. While it would be nice if she were more solicitous, you may have to appreciate her for the other fine qualities you mentioned, because it doesn't appear that she's going to budge to accommodate you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 39-year-old daughter I'll call "Angela" who attracts unsavory, underground types — thieves, druggies, homeless — wherever she lives. My husband and I recently decided to move to Mexico because we are both retired. My husband and son are driving his vehicle, and I am driving my own.

My husband asked me if I wanted to invite Angela to drive with me. I'm afraid if I do, she may decide to stay with us after we arrive, and more of those unsavory types will start coming around. Should I not worry about it? I'm in need of practical advice. — RETIREE IN THE WEST

DEAR RETIREE: You are making a new start. My "practical advice" is to follow your better judgment and resist the urge to invite your daughter to accompany you on the journey.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Colors

East-West vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ 10 9 4
♡ Void
◊ A J 10 5 4
♣ J 8 7 5 3

WEST
♠ A K
♡ A K Q 9 8 4 2
◊ 8 7 2
♣ K

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

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 6 3 2
♡ Void
◊ K 6 3
♣ A Q 10 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2◊	Pass	2♠	4♡
4♠	5♡	5♠	All pass

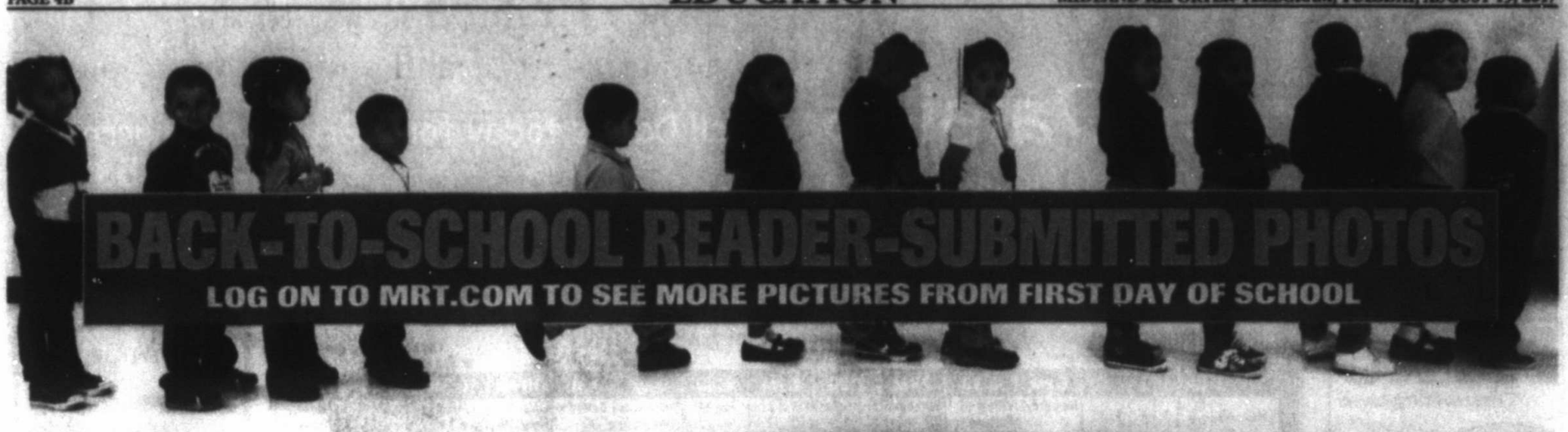
Opening lead: Ace of ♡

The vulnerability of a deal is sometimes referred to as the "colors," red meaning vulnerable and white meaning non-vulnerable. The colors can have a profound effect on the bidding of a bridge hand.

North took advantage of his favorable vulnerability and opened an aggressive weak two-bid on a five-card suit. This is a fairly common practice in today's tournament world. His raise to four spades over the four-heart bid was routine, as was East's bid of five hearts with his huge fit. South, believing that his side had a big double fit, was happy to compete to five spades. The unfavorable vulnerability for East-West made it too dangerous to keep bidding despite their massive heart fit.

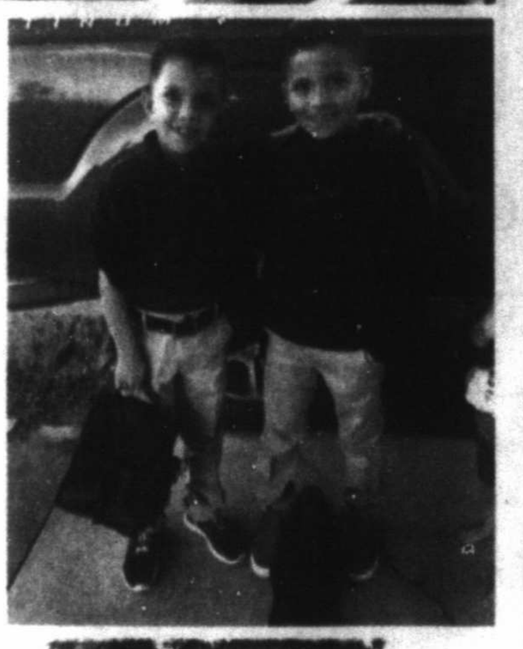
West's opening heart lead yielded a rare ruff-sluff at trick one. South shed a diamond from his hand while ruffing in dummy. West won the ensuing trump lead, cashed his other high trump, and led another heart. South ruffed and then was able to combine his chances in the minor suits. He cashed the ace and king of diamonds, prepared to fall back on the club finesse if the queen of diamonds didn't fall. Fall it did and South happily discarded three clubs on the long diamonds to make his contract.

Note that West could not have done better with a different opening lead. Had he cashed his two high spades instead, he would still have been forced to give a ruff-sluff or break one of the minors. He was truly endplayed on opening lead!

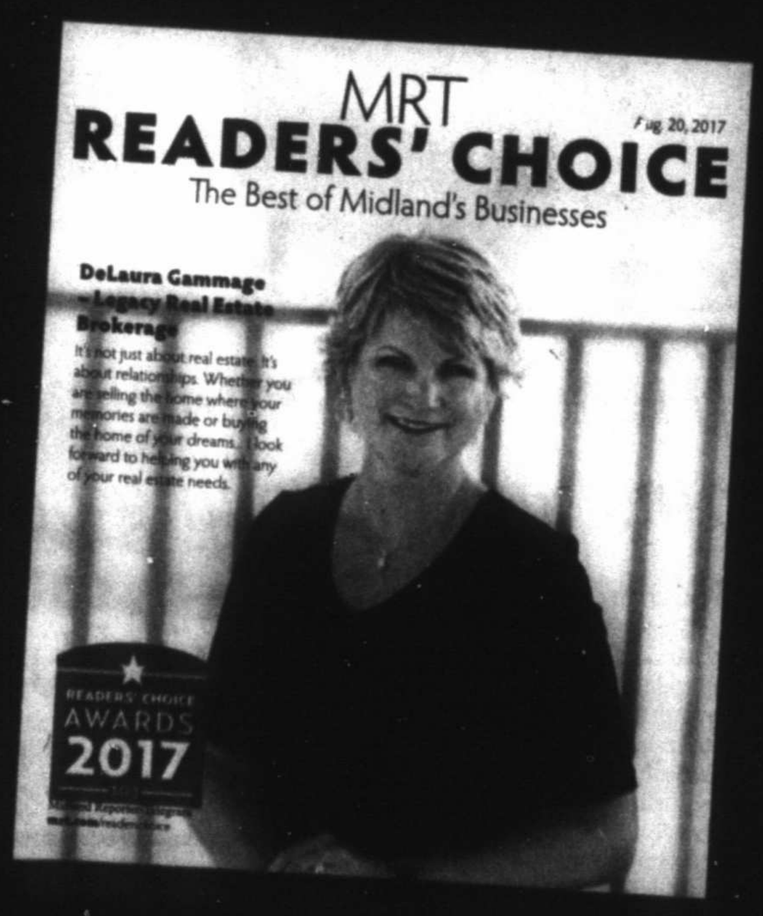


BACK-TO-SCHOOL READER-SUBMITTED PHOTOS

LOG ON TO MRT.COM TO SEE MORE PICTURES FROM FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



AND YOUR 2017 WINNERS ARE....



Pick up your copy

Sunday, August 20th, 2017

MRT MEDIA GROUP

Former Arkansas coach, AD Broyles dies at 92

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Frank Broyles, who guided the University of Arkansas to its lone national football championship and later molded the overall program as its athletic director, died Monday at the age of 92.

Broyles died from complications of Alzheimer's disease, according to a statement from his family. "He passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones," the statement said.

Broyles won almost 71 percent of his games as head football coach with the Razorbacks for 19 years. He became the school's athletic director in 1974 while still the football coach, eventually retiring from the gridiron to focus on administrative duties following the 1976 season.

As athletic director, Broyles led an overhaul and upgrade of Arkansas' facilities — as well as leading the school in its move to the Southeastern Conference. Following his coaching career, Broyles — who earned a spot in the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame — served as an analyst on ABC's college football telecasts.

While his coaching record of 144-48-5 defined the first part of his career, Broyles' legacy at Arkansas is every bit equaled by his work as athletic director.

Arkansas' athletic facilities underwent a near-complete overhaul following the school's move from the Southwest Conference to the SEC in 1991.

Broyles' spearheaded the fundraising efforts that led to the construction of Bud Walton Arena, the renovation of and additions to Razorback Stadium and the building of Baum Stadium. He also guided the school as it built indoor and outdoor tracks, a tennis facility and the athletic administrative complex that bears his name.

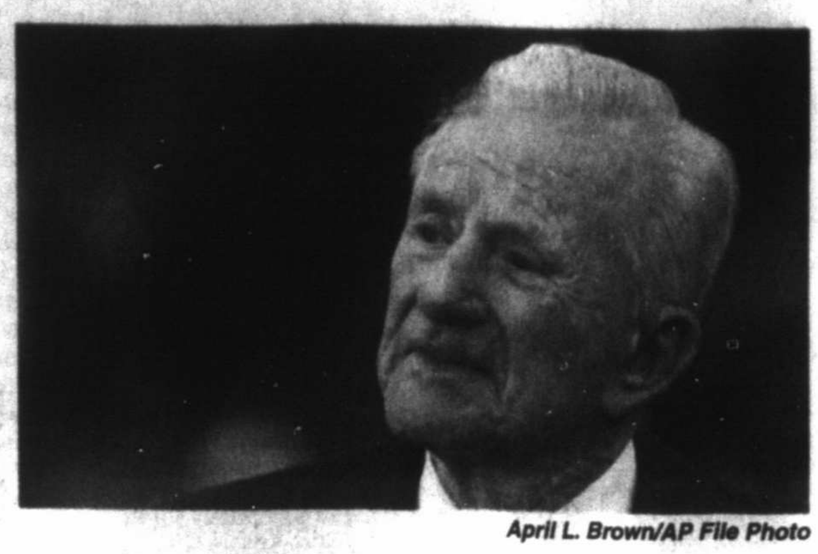
Broyles was known for his ability to identify top coaches, both head coaches and assistants.

He was responsible for the hiring of basketball coaches Eddie Sutton and Nolan Richardson as well as Lou Holtz and Ken Hatfield in football. Broyles also hired former great John McDonnell in track.

McDonnell won 40 national championships with the Razorbacks, while Richardson led Arkansas to the 1994 national championship in men's basketball.

Broyles retired as athletic director in 2007, moving into a fund-

Please see **BROYLES**/4C



April L. Brown/AP File Photo

In this Nov. 23, 2012, file photo, former Arkansas coach and athletic director Frank Broyles is recognized during an NCAA football game between LSU and Arkansas, in Fayetteville, Ark. Broyles, who guided the University of Arkansas to its lone national football championship and later molded the overall program as its athletic director, died Monday at his home in Fayetteville, Ark., from complications of Alzheimer's disease, according to a statement from his family. He was 92.

Here they come!

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High players make their way onto the field at Memorial Stadium on Monday for the first day of practice. The Bulldogs are beginning a new era this season under the direction of head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz, who replaced Craig Yenzer after his 15-year-run at the helm of MHS. For more on the Dawgs, be sure to check out the MRT's annual football section coming out Aug. 27.

Houston's Reader ready to step in for Wilfork

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Filling Vince Wilfork's shoes is daunting. The good news for the Houston Texans and D.J. Reader is that he spent his rookie season being groomed for this job by the nose tackle before he retired this month.

Getting to spend a season with Wilfork was a thrill for Reader, who watched him growing up and throughout his career at Clemson. The pair spent hours together on and off the field last year in Wilfork's second season in Houston after he played for the New England Patriots for 11 seasons. "It helped a lot especially just how to handle double teams and learning a little bit about how to be a pro and things like that," Reader said.

Reader isn't intimidated by moving into Wilfork's spot and actually takes pride in the fact that he's now starting in the place that the player he always idolized once held.

"It feels good for sure," he said. "Can't really worry about (comparisons to) him. I just go out there and practice hard and play hard."

Coach Bill O'Brien saw the benefits of the relationship between Wilfork and Reader and knows that he'll continue to learn this season from other veterans on the defensive line such as superstar defensive end J.J. Watt.

"With Vince retiring and not being here, we've still got J.J. in there (as) a great mentor for D.J. and we've got some guys in there that do a great job just working together," O'Brien said. "It was good to have that experience with Vince last year and now he's having that experience with Watt this year, which is great."

The Texans need Reader to take a step forward this season to man the middle of a line featuring Watt and 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney.

Reader appeared in each game last season and made seven starts while Wilfork was dealing with injuries. He finished with 22 tackles and one sack in his first season after the Texans drafted him in the fifth round following a Clemson career where he played 46 games and had 145 tackles.

Phelan M. Ebenhack/Associated Press

Houston Texans defensive end D.J. Reader (98) celebrates after sacking Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles during the second half of an NFL game Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 in Jacksonville, Fla. The Texans won 24-21.

He's impressed in camp so far with O'Brien raving about his work in practice.

"He's an excellent player, excellent young player," O'Brien said. "Tough, strong, plays low to the ground, very smart, good teammate. He's got all the qualities that you're looking for in a good player."

The 6-foot-3, 335-pound Reader believes he's a much different player than he was a year ago. Part of his improvement comes from a mindset of pushing himself to his limits.

"It's about being in every play, playing with effort and technique every single play. Just not stopping," he said. "No matter how tired you get you've still got one more rep in you. I think that's important."

TCU won titles after Patterson's other 2 losing seasons

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — For only the third time since Gary Patterson became TCU's head coach, the Horned Frogs are coming off a losing season.

They immediately rebounded from those first two sub-.500 records with conference titles the following years.

Can they do that again in 2017?

"I think he believes we're capable of that," linebacker Ty Summers said, referring to the TCU coach who is going into his 17th season. Although the Frogs finished 6-7 last season, they twice lost in double overtime during the regular season.

There was also a 52-46 home loss to Big 12 champion Oklahoma after scoring 22 consecutive points in the fourth quarter. Patterson, TCU's winningest coach with a 149-54 record, figures his team could have won nine games. "I feel like he was actually pretty positive for the most part," Summers said. "Not positive in like it's OK, but positive in a way that all we can do is go up from here, and knowing that history is we've come back. Especially what happened in 2014."

The Frogs won a share of the Big 12 title in 2014, only their third season in the league, after going 4-8 in 2013 with four losses by a combined 11 points. They clinched the Mountain West Conference title in 2005, a year after going 5-6 in their final year in Conference USA. TCU returns all but one offensive starter (tackle Aviante Collins) from last season, including senior quarterback Kenny Hill and Kyle Hicks, the team leader in rushing (1,042 yards, 12 touchdowns) and receptions (47).

Among the seven returning starters on defense are their three top tacklers. Travin Howard (130) and Summers (121), the starting linebackers in TCU's 4-2-5 defense, were 1-2 in the Big 12.

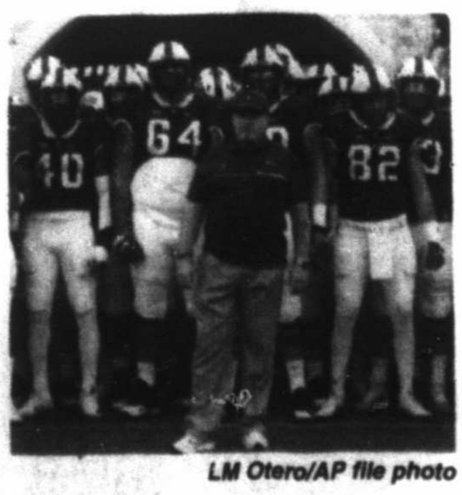
"I tell everybody that the good news is we have everybody back, and the bad news is we were 6-6 (in the regular season), we got everybody back," Patterson said. "Really like the team. I like the kids."

Here are a few other things to know about the Horned Frogs, whose season opener is at home Sept. 2 against Jackson State:

Sonny side

Going into his fourth season as co-offensive coordinator, Sonny Cumbie will now be calling the plays. Doug

Please see **TCU**/4C



LM Otero/AP file photo

TCU head coach Gary Patterson waits to lead his team onto the field before an NCAA football game against South Dakota State on Sept. 3, 2016, in Fort Worth.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 11, Arkansas 6

TODAY'S GAME
NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 23-27
NW Arkansas 21-29

Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Midland 11, Arkansas 6	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

American Legion World Series
Championship, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Little League Softball World Series
Semifinal 1, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Semifinal 2, 9 p.m., ESPN2
Major League Baseball
Houston at Arizona, 2:30 p.m., AT&T
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., FS1
Chicago White Sox at LA Dodgers or Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: Qarabag FC vs. FC København, 10:50 a.m., FS2, FXDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: TSG 1899 Hoffenheim vs. Liverpool FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: BSC Young Boys vs. PFC CSKA Moscow, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: Sporting CP vs. FC Steaua Bucuresti, 1:30 p.m., FSP, FXDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: APOEL FC vs. SK Slavia Praha, 1:30 p.m., FSN
NASL: North Carolina FC vs. Miami FC, 6:30 p.m., ELVN
Copa MX: Celaya FC vs. Monterrey, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Copa MX: Cruz Azul vs. CD Zacatepec, 8:50 p.m., UDN
Tennis
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS
Women's National Basketball Association
Connecticut at Atlanta, 6 p.m., NBAtv

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Arizona, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
Texas League Baseball
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Volleyball

MHS at Lubbock High, 2 p.m.
Greenwood vs. Crane/Wink, 2 p.m.
Monahans at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Trinity at Buena Vista/Grandfalls-Royalty, 5 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE POW

BOYD NAMED TL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Midland RockHounds outfielder B.J. Boyd has been named Texas League Player of the Week for the period of Aug. 7-13.

In six games, Boyd hit .480 (12-for-25) with eight runs scored, four RBI, a home run, a double, three walks, a stolen base and posted a .536 on-base percentage.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	7	3
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
New England	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	17
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	3	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	24
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	12
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	12
Cleveland	0	0	1	.500	14	14
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	30	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	12	20
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	9	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	23
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
New Orleans	0	0	1	.500	14	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	20	23
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	12	23
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	24
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	38	30

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Detroit 24, Indianapolis 10
Seattle 48, L.A. Chargers 17
Thursday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

Justin Thomas wins major at an early age, eliminates burden

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Chris O'Meara/Associated Press

Justin Thomas poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Justin Thomas is a major champion. When he became one is more meaningful than where.

If he had to pick a major to win first, the PGA Championship would have been the most appropriate because of his family heritage. The first person he hugged was his father. The first person he called was his grandfather. Both are longtime club professionals. Mike Thomas, his father, served on the PGA of America board.

"For this to be my first one and have my dad here, and I know Grandpa was watching at home. I was able to talk to him, and that was pretty cool," Thomas said after his two-shot victory at Quail Hollow.

The message from Paul Thomas: "This is the first of many."

The first one can be the hardest.

Jordan Spieth brought that up last month before he won his third at the British Open. He won his first one at the 2015 Masters when he was 21 without breaking too much of a sweat, at least on the outside. He never let anyone closer than three shots after the opening round, a feat accomplished only one other time in Masters history.

But he was keenly aware of the significance.

"I can win this major here and it would be a huge monkey off the back," Spieth recalled thinking. "Because the longer you go without one, it's making each one harder."

Players in their 20s won three of the majors this year.

Brooks Koepka won the U.S. Open in his 15th major as a pro. Thomas was playing in his 10th major as a pro when he won the PGA Championship. The 2015 Masters was Spieth's seventh start in the majors.

■ COMMENTARY

The other major champion was Sergio Garcia.

Garcia was a 19-year-old rookie when he nearly chased down Tiger Woods at Medinah in the 1999 PGA Championship with a spirit so relentless that Woods had to make an 8-foot par putt on the 17th hole to stay in the lead and win by one. The question that day was not when Garcia would win a major, but how many.

Two years later, he started the final round two shots behind at the British Open. He played in the final group in the U.S. Open a year after that, the British Open in 2006 (both times with Woods), and he had a three-shot lead at Carnoustie in 2007.

The Spaniard had speckles of gray in his stubble when he slipped on the green jacket in April, finally, at age 37.

"I did think about, 'Am I ever going to win one?'" he said when he won the Masters. "I've had so many good chances and either I lost them or someone has done something extraordinary to beat me."

Over the last 20 years, winning a major weighed most heavily on Phil Mickelson. He finally won the 2004 Masters when he was 34, and he now has five majors. In his eighth start in a major, he squandered one of his best chances in the 1995 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. Mickelson played the par-5 16th hole in 6 over for the week and wound up four shots behind. It would have been hard to believe then that it would take Lefty nine more years.

It's harder than ever to win on the PGA Tour, and the majors are no different. The talent pool is getting deeper and younger. Three times over the last four years, players in their 20s have won three out of four majors.

Hideki Matsuyama, the 25-year-old Japanese star, was runner-up at the U.S. Open (but never in serious contention at Erin Hills), and he had a one-shot lead walking off the 10th green Sunday at Quail Hollow. Is his time coming? He could be like Spieth (who was runner-up in the Masters before he won). He could be like Garcia.

"All I can do is try harder next time," Matsuyama said.

And then there's Rickie Fowler, who at 28 would ordinarily be considered too young for the label of "best without a major."

Then again, the phrase "too young" is getting old.

Fowler had his seventh top-5 finish in a major at Quail Hollow and now has played 30 majors since turning pro. The high finishes would figure to serve him well. Fowler waited behind to celebrate with Thomas, as he has graciously done for others, and he posed with Thomas and the Wanamaker Trophy.

Thomas spoke honestly of the jealousy he felt when Spieth quickly compiled three legs of the career Grand Slam (Spieth is 3 months younger than Thomas). But he thinks that's true for just about anyone toward the winner of any major, and he's probably right. If they're not, they should be.

"It's just nice to have one," Thomas said.

TEXAS AP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Here is The Associated Press preseason high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, with points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

Class 6A

School	Points
1. Allen (8)	211
2. Katy (5)	201
3. DeSoto (3)	170
4. Converse Judson (5)	169
5. Cibolo Steele (1)	160
6. Lake Travis (2)	136
7. Austin Westlake (1)	119
8. Cedar Hill	83
9. The Woodlands	63
10. Galena Park North Shore	22

Others receiving votes: 11, Spring Westfield 8, 12, Klein Collins 7. 12, Coppell 7. 14, Southlake Carroll 4. 14, Pearland 4. 16, Tyler 3. 17, Beaumont West Brook 2. 17, Mansfield 2. 17, Katy Cinco Ranch 2. 20, Denton Guyer 1. 20, San Benito 1.

Class 5A

School	Points
1. Manvel (8)	223
2. Aledo (14)	218
3. Dallas Highland Park (1)	162
4. Temple	152
5. Cedar Park (1)	140
6. Denton Ryan	99
(tie)CC Calallen	99
8. Fort Bend Marshall (1)	96
9. College Station	60
10. Lancaster	52

Others receiving votes: 11, Richmond Foster 23. 12, Mansfield Legacy 12. 13, Angleton 8. 14, Mesquite Poteet 7. 15, Port Neches-Groves 6. 15, Colleyville Heritage 5. 17, Port Arthur Memorial 4. 18, Dripping Springs 3. 19, A&M Consolidated 2. 19, Mansfield Lake Ridge 2. 21, Texarkana Texas 1. 21, N. Richland Hills 1. 21, Lubbock Coronado 1.

Class 4A

School	Points
1. Carthage (18)	235
2. Gilmer (4)	197
3. West Orange-Stark (2)	178
4. Argyle (1)	162
5. Waco La Vega	148
6. Cuero	104
7. Celina	88
8. Kennedale	77
9. Abilene Wylie	58
10. China Spring	41

Others receiving votes: 11, Midlothian Heritage 38. 12, Giddings 15. 13, Van 12. 14, Kilgore 7. 15, Sweetwater 6. 15, Wimberley 6. 17, Monahans 2. 18, Sinton 1. 18, El Campo 1. 18, Henderson 1.

Class 3A

School	Points
1. Cameron Yoe (12)	223
2. Brock (3)	184
3. Gunter (4)	156
4. Hallettsville (2)	136
5. Lexington (2)	113
6. Naskum (1)	108
7. Newton (1)	102
8. East Bernard	89
9. Wall	69
10. Malakoff	62

Others receiving votes: 11, Canadian 57. 12, Teague 15. 13, Reidsville 14. 14, Mineola 11. 14, Arp 11. 16, Jefferson 7. 17, Sonora 6. 18, New London West Rusk 4. 19, Franklin 2. 19, Big Sandy Harmony 2. 19, Woodville 2. 22, Crockett 1. 22, Pottsboro 1.

Class 2A

School	Points
1. Refugio (11)	213
2. Tenaha (9)	211
3. Mart (3)	194
4. Bremond (2)	174
5. Crawford	152
6. Mason	105
7. Muenster	70
8. Albany	62
9. Abernathy	49
10. Wellington	38

Others receiving votes: 11, Imar 31. 12, Burton 20. 13, Shiner 18. 14, De Leon 15. 15, Centerville 9. 16, Groveton 4. 16, San Augustine 4. 18, Munday 2. 18, Evadale 2. 20, Falls City 1. 20, Alto 1.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 30

All-around
1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $163,025
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $124,333
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $116,840
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $107,420
5. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $96,452
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $94,220
7. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $84,952
8. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $83,109
9. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $67,808
10. Marcus Therlot, Poplarville, Miss. $65,203
11. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $62,462
12. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah $51,162
13. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $46,472
14. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $44,348
15. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $44,154
16. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $42,302
17. Curtis Cassidy, Dorado, Alberta $40,964
18. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $35,794
19. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $34,694
20. Morgan Grant, Didsbury, Alberta $31,826

Bareback Riding
1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $185,544
2. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $106,683
3. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $99,760
4. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $85,496
5. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $78,963
6. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $78,001
7. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $77,854
8. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $77,740
9. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $76,524
10. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $69,596
11. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $69,562
12. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $66,106
13. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $60,592
14. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $59,857
15. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $57,872
16. Tanner Phipps, Dalton, Ga. $52,678
17. Wyatt Bloom, Bend, Ore. $51,502
18. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $49,750
19. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $49,705
20. Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho $48,619

Steer Wrestling
1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $134,222
2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $94,490
3. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $94,858
4. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $77,852
5. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $77,589
6. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $74,817
7. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $72,448
8. Scott Guenthner, Prowse, Alberta $70,702
9. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $65,079
10. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $63,626

Team Roping (header)
1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $107,843
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $100,813
3. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $82,115
4. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $80,310
5. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $72,740
6. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $70,857
7. Jr. Davis, Aurora, S.D. $69,610
8. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $67,308
9. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $64,835
10. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $61,342

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $110,343
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $100,613
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $85,299
4. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $81,497
5. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $77,254
6. Jake Long, Colleyville, Kan. $73,586
7. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $72,740
8. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $71,653
9. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $67,308
10. Joseph Harrison, Owatonna, Minn. $65,227

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $144,236
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $126,676
3. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $96,580
4. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $87,145
5. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $77,396
6. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $74,881
7. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $70,917
8. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $65,766
9. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $65,222
10. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $64,734

Tie-down Roping
1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $143,959
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $113,285
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $94,110
4. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $89,516
5. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $80,194
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $76,250
7. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. $74,226
8. J.C. Malone, Plain City, Utah $67,160
9. Randall Carlisle, Athens, La. $66,773
10. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas $65,338

Steer Roping
1. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $60,524
2. Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $59,944
3. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $59,933
4. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $57,190
5. John Bland, Turkey, Texas $44,268
6. J Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $43,932
7. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $37,759
8. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $36,615
9. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $36,611
10. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $35,135
11. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $34,084
12. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $32,219
13. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $31,906
14. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $27,716
15. Brian Garr, Belle Fourche, S.D. $25,803
16. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $25,360
17. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas $25,170
18. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $24,629
19. J.P Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $22,117
20. Reo Lohse, Kaycee, Wyo. $18,625

Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $182,290
2. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $141,558
3. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $121,484
4. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $94,766
5. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $89,102
6. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $82,757
7. Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas $79,640
8. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $76,574
9. Trevor Reiste, Linden, Iowa $75,637
10. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $70,592

Barrel Racing
1. Tiany Schuster, Krum, Texas $230,669
2. Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas $154,142
3. Kassie Mowry, Dublin, Texas $115,201
4. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $112,501
5. Amberleigh Moore, Salem, Ore. $106,744
6. Kathy Grimes, Medical Lake, Wash. $99,805
7. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas $94,279
8. Taci Bettis, Round Top, Texas $74,566
9. Tillar Murray, Fort Worth, Texas $73,957
10. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas $72,309
11. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $67,897
12. Emily Miller, Weatherford, Texas $67,227
13. Kellie Collier, Hereford, Texas $65,157
14. Ivy Conrado, Hudson, Colo. $52,625
15. Kimmie Wall, Roosevelt, Texas $51,859
16. Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas $51,792
17. Ari-Anna Flynn, Charleston, Ark. $51,629
18. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $51,334
19. Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas $49,468
20. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas $45,873

Mark down the dates: NBA unveils full 2017-18 schedule

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — DeMarcus Cousins will make an early season trip back to Sacramento, while Gordon Hayward will wait almost all season to see Utah again.

Chris Paul's return to his old Clippers home is part of a Martin Luther King Jr. day tripleheader that includes another NBA Finals rematch, while Paul George and Jimmy Butler also learned the dates of their return games Monday when the NBA released its full 2017-18 schedule — which for the first time in history features no teams playing four games in five nights.

The league had unveiled its opening-week national TV games and its five-game Christmas schedule last week. Opening night is Oct. 17, the earliest the regular season has started in 37 years.

Cousins will then return to California's capital city to play for the first time since the Kings traded him to New Orleans last February when the Pelicans visit on Oct. 26 as part of a TNT doubleheader.

From there, it's another five months until Hayward plays in Salt Lake City for the first time since joining the Boston Celtics as a free agent in July. The Celtics visit the Jazz on March 28 for an ESPN game.

Other nights of note:

■ George travels back to Indiana on Dec. 13 for the first time since the Pacers surprisingly dealt him to Oklahoma City.

■ Butler, another All-Star who went East to West in the summer, takes the Timberwolves into Chicago on Feb. 9.

■ The NBA's top two picks go head-to-head for the first time Nov. 15 when Markelle Fultz and Philadelphia visit Lonzo Ball and the Lakers.

■ The All-Star Game is Feb. 18 in Los Angeles.

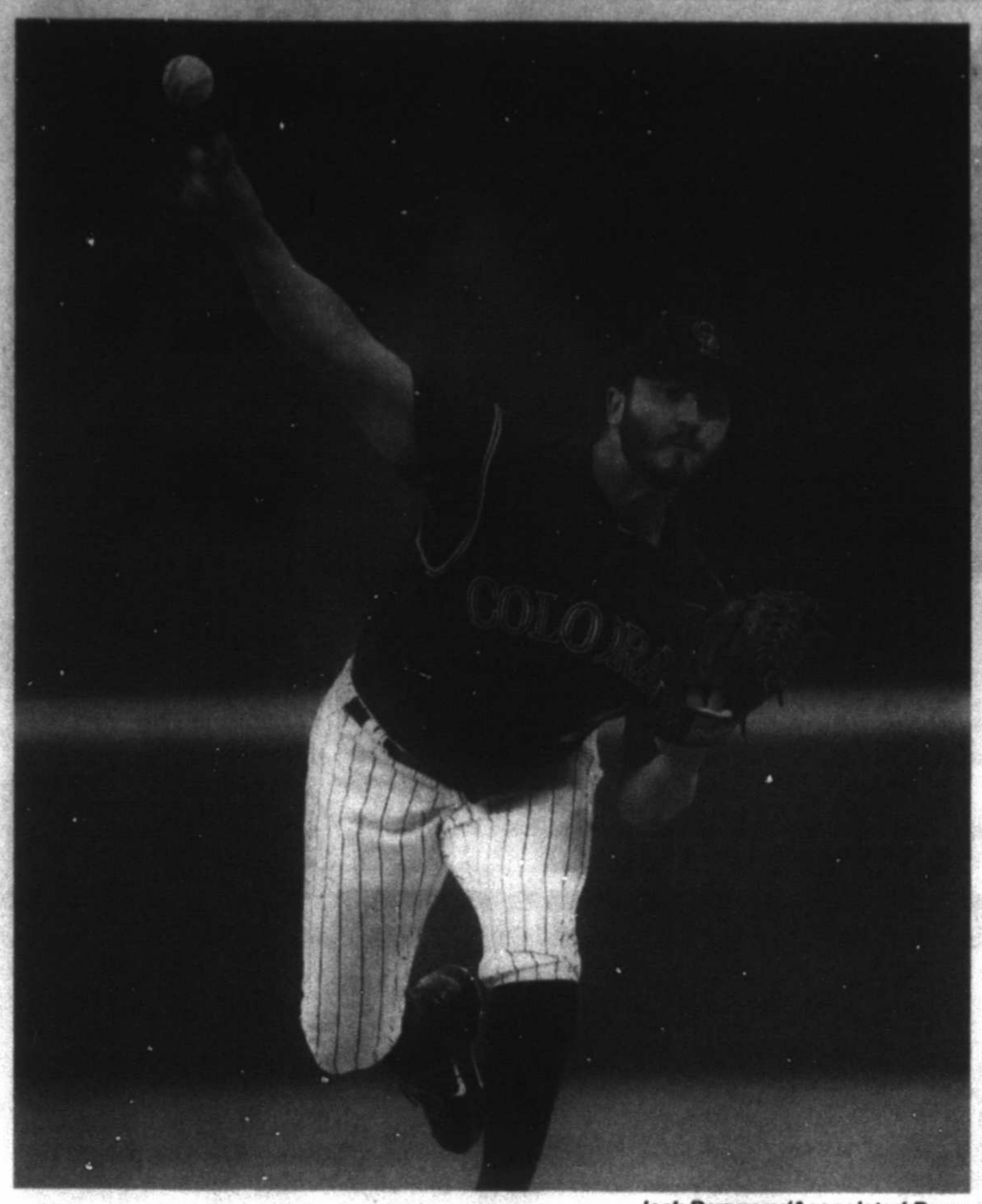
The Christmas schedule, as usual, is headlined by NBA Finals foes Golden State and Cleveland meeting for the first time since the Warriors' five-game victory in June. They will meet again on Jan. 15 on the Cavaliers' home floor.

Later that night, Paul's Houston Rockets play the Clippers at Staples Center for the first time since acquiring the point guard to play alongside James Harden in their backcourt. The opener of the TNT tripleheader features Memphis' return to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day schedule, hosting the Lakers.

The regular season ends April 11.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
8/14 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
8/26 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic (location TBD)
9/07 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
9/16 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Midland's PetSmart
9/23 7th Annual Furr Ball at Petroleum Club of Midland
PLEASE VISIT THE EVENTS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ENHANCED ADOPTION CENTER
is located within Midland's PetSmart Store
ADOPTION HOURS
Monday thru Saturday 12-7 & Sunday 12-6
432.520.3134 ext. 7
AD SPONSORED BY
BROWN'S PERMIAN ELECTRIC CO.
MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
P.O. Box 53213
Midland, TX 79710
midlandhumane.org

Black-eyed Susan is a 2 yo female Calico Domestic Medium Hair who has been the mama kitty to a litter of kittens. She is a sweet, petite little girl looking for a home.



Jack Dempsey/Associated Press

Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Chad Bettis throws to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, on Monday, in Denver.

Rockies RHP Bettis returns after cancer treatment

By Michael Kelly
Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies are thrilled to see Chad Bettis back on the mound after cancer treatment. The prospect of the right-hander helping them in a playoff push, that's a bonus.

Bettis was set to start Monday night at Coors Field in his first major league game since being diagnosed with testicular cancer in November. After undergoing surgery and chemotherapy, he was ready to pitch against Atlanta.

"It's really cool with all the stuff he's been through he's back here and ready to go," teammate Jon Gray said. "I can't wait to see him compete."

The 28-year-old discovered a lump on his testicle last fall and underwent surgery to remove one of his testicles. He passed subsequent follow-up screenings and was healthy enough to report to spring training. But a regular screening on March 10 led to a biopsy being done, which revealed the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes.

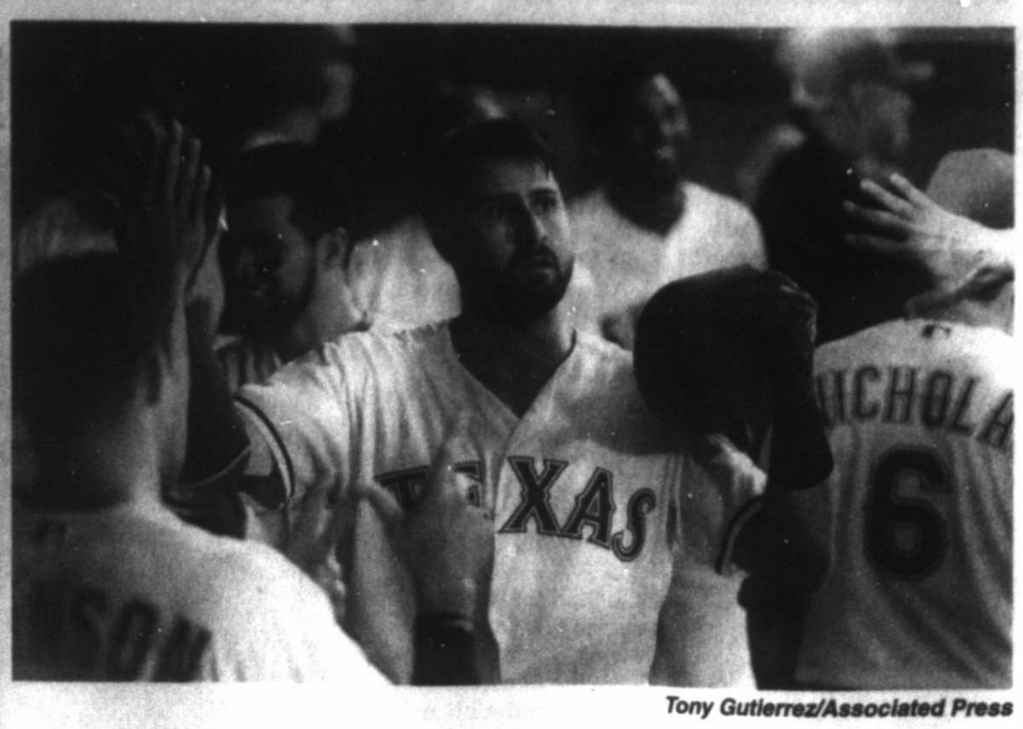
Bettis underwent nine weeks of chemotherapy but kept up his conditioning throughout. He was sent on a minor league rehab assignment July 13 and worked his way back to the rotation, much to the pleasure of his team.

"Everyone loves him," third baseman Nolan Arenado said. "He tries to help. I always see him in the video room trying to help the young guys. He's just a great teammate."

Bettis' return is expected to be emotional but the Rockies are hoping he can boost the staff. He led Colorado in starts (32), wins (14) and innings (186) last season. His best outing was a two-hit shutout against San Francisco on Sept. 5, and he was expected to anchor a young rotation this season before being diagnosed with cancer.

He comes back to a team holding onto the second NL wild card spot. Colorado was 21 games above .500 in June but has gone 18-26 since, so getting Bettis back gives the Rockies a chance to strengthen the rotation.

"This is a pitcher, when he's throwing well, will have an impact on the game every time he takes the mound," manager Bud Black said. "He wants to be a part of this and make a contribution."



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo, center, is congratulated in the dugout after hitting a solo home run in the third inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Monday, in Arlington.

Gallo HR, some small ball for Rangers in 6-2 win over Tigers

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Joey Gallo hit his 33rd home run and the Texas Rangers also played some small ball in a 6-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Martin Perez (7-10) had a second straight solid start for Texas. The lefty made it through six innings without giving up any more runs after trailing 2-0 only three batters into the game.

The Rangers led for good when Delino DeShields had a safety squeeze bunt to make it 3-2 in the second. Rougned Odor scored from third, getting there on a stolen base after catcher James McCann threw behind him trying to pick him off second.

Odor had three hits, including a leadoff double in the fourth, and scored three times. It was Odor's second consecutive multihit game after going 0 for 17 the previous five games.

Gallo's eighth homer in August, a shot to center in the third, was estimated by MLB stats at coming off the bat at 112 mph and going 428 feet.

Detroit led 2-0 after Justin Upton's 23rd homer, a two-run shot to center before a spectacular catch by Drew Robinson ended the top of the first. The center fielder ran a long way before diving, then had his left arm fully extended with his glove only inches off the ground when he caught the ball.

Tigers starter Michael Fulmer (10-10) walked the first two Texas batters he faced. Nomar Mazara then drove in a run with the first of his three singles, and Adrian Beltre had a game-tying sac fly.

Perez had lost four straight starts before going eight innings at the Mets last Wednesday, limiting New York to one run and three hits. He struck out one and walked two against the Tigers while scattering six hits.

Outta here

Tigers 2B Ian Kinsler was ejected from the game during the middle of an at-bat in the fifth after having words with home plate umpire Angel Hernandez about balls and strikes. Manager Brad Ausmus also got tossed when he came out to discuss things.

Trainer's Room

Tigers: 1B Miguel Cabrera missed his second straight game because of back stiffness.

Rangers: Jake Diekman, who hasn't played yet this season after three operations to remove and rebuild his colon, threw 27 pitches during live BP. Manager Jeff Banister said the lefty reliever has been progressing nicely and called it a "very encouraging day."

Up next

Tigers: Justin Verlander (8-7) will try to win his fourth straight start. The right-hander threw eight scoreless innings last Wednesday against Pittsburgh, and has allowed only two runs over 21 innings his last three starts.

Rangers: A.J. Griffin makes his third start since coming off the DL. He has allowed five earned runs over 11 innings in his last two games.

He always hit 'em far; now Stanton is hitting 'em fast

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Given Giancarlo Stanton's recent home run binge, Derek Jeter may decide baseball's biggest contract is a bargain.

Stanton signed a record $325 million, 13-year deal in 2014 with the Miami Marlins, and they still owe him about $300 million — an eye-popping number even to a former All-Star shortstop for the New York Yankees.

Jeter's investment group agreed last week to buy the Marlins from Jeffrey Loria, and given the franchise's history of low revenue and attendance, there's already speculation the incoming regime may deem Stanton unaffordable.

But lately, he looks like a keeper at any price. Stanton's knack for moonshots has long made him the sport's most prodigious slugger, and now he's also the most prolific.

He began the week leading the majors with 42 home runs, including 21 in the past 33 games. He would finish the season with 71 homers if he continues his pace of the past five weeks.

"It has been amazing to watch," manager Don Mattingly said.

"You know you're watching something special," teammate Javy Guerra said. "It's very weird to see a guy come to the plate, and you think he could homer every time. It's a lot of fun to be a fan."

Stanton homered for the fourth game in a row Sunday against the Colorado Rockies to tie Gary Sheffield's franchise record for homers in a season, set in 1996. The home run was the 250th for Stanton in 3,407 at-bats, and by that measure, only four players reached the milestone faster — Harmon Killebrew, Ralph Kiner, Babe Ruth and Ryan Howard. "Crazy," said Stanton, 27. "Those are guys you glorified and put on a pedestal as gods as a kid, and you're right there on the same plane as them now. So it's something special."

This year is special for Stanton because he has remained healthy, missing only two games. It's the first time since 2011 he has avoided an injury that sidelined him for a lengthy stint.

Worst was a season-ending beaning in September 2014. Stanton led the National League in home runs and RBIs when his face was fractured by a fastball from Mike Fiers of the Milwaukee Brewers.

The aftermath left Stanton prone to swings and misses on outside breaking pitches. But lately his timing has been excellent, and he began the week batting .281 with the lowest strikeout rate of his career.

He credits a new closed stance.

"I'm not pulling off the ball, and I've been more on time and ready to go on off-speed pitches, heaters, everything," he said. "I watched film over and over until my eyes hurt to figure it out.

"Every year I've had seven or eight different stances, and it's really because I haven't felt comfortable throughout a whole season to keep one. So it's a constant grind — how do I feel right every day? This was one I hadn't tried yet, and it has been pretty good."

Pretty good? The stance often leads to a home run trot accompanied by a grin. On Sunday, Stanton even threw in a quick dance step rounding third base.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 7
RED SOX 3

BOSTON — Edwin Encarnacion homered twice to help the AL Central-leading Cleveland Indians earn their fourth straight victory, 7-3 over the East-leading Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

In a rematch of last year's ALDS, which Cleveland won in a three-game sweep, Trevor Bauer (11-8) struck out 11 over 6 2/3 innings. He allowed three runs — all on solo homers by Red Sox rookies. Rafael Devers had two and Andrew Benintendi one.

The Indians improved to a season-high five games in front of the second-place Minnesota Twins, who were idle. The Red Sox lost for just the second time in 12 games.

BLUE JAYS 2
RAYS 1

TORONTO — Josh Donaldson homered for the second consecutive game, Nick Tepesch won for the first time in almost three years and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the slumping Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Monday night.

The last-place Blue Jays have won 10 of 14 at home.

Wilson Ramos homered to provide the only run for the offense-starved Rays, who lost their fourth straight. Tampa Bay arrived in Toronto on the heels of a 2-7 homestand in which they totaled 11 runs and were shut out five times during an eight-game span.

Tepesch (1-2) had not won since Sept. 16, 2014, when he beat Oakland while pitching for Texas. The right-hander allowed one run and four hits, giving way to Aaron Loup after the first two batters reached safely in the seventh inning.

Interleague

YANKEES 4
METS 2

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge hit a tying home run in the sixth inning, Aaron Hicks and Gary Sanchez went deep in the eighth and the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Mets 4-2 Monday night in the first of four Subway Series matchups this week.

Curtis Granderson and Yoenis Cespedes homered in the third inning off Luis Cessa to give the Mets a 2-0 lead at Yankee Stadium.

Sanchez started the Yankees' comeback with a sacrifice fly in the fourth against Rafael Montero. Two innings later, Judge hit his AL-leading 36th home run — just his sixth since the All-Star break. The ball was dropped in the right-center field bleachers by a fan wearing a Judge jersey.

Hicks, who returned last week from an oblique injury, homered against Hansel Robles (7-4) leading off the eighth, his career-best 12th homer. Sanchez homered two batters later against Erik Goeddel. With 20 homers, Sanchez matched his total in his rookie season last year.

National League

ROCKIES 3
BRAVES 0

DENVER — Chad Bettis drew a standing ovation when he took the mound for the first time since cancer treatment, then threw seven impressive innings Monday night as the Colorado Rockies beat the Atlanta Braves 3-0.

Bettis scattered six hits, walked none and struck out two. He hadn't pitched in the majors since being diagnosed with testicular cancer in November.

Bettis had surgery for the condition, but tests in March showed the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. He later underwent chemotherapy.

The crowd at Coors Field gave Bettis a big cheer as he went out to pitch the first inning. The Braves' best chance to score against him came when Ender Inciarte led off with a triple, but he was thrown out trying to stretch it to an inside-the-park home run.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	67	51	.568	—
New York	62	55	.530	4½
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	9
Baltimore	58	60	.492	9
Toronto	57	61	.483	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	64	52	.552	—
Minnesota	59	57	.509	5
Kansas City	59	58	.504	5½
Detroit	53	65	.449	12
Chicago	45	70	.391	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	72	45	.615	—
Los Angeles	61	58	.513	12
Seattle	59	60	.496	14
Texas	57	60	.487	15
Oakland	52	66	.441	20½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	70	46	.603	—
Miami	57	60	.487	13½
New York	53	63	.457	17
Atlanta	52	64	.448	18
Philadelphia	43	72	.374	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	62	55	.530	—
St. Louis	61	57	.517	1½
Milwaukee	61	59	.508	2½
Pittsburgh	58	60	.492	4½
Cincinnati	49	70	.412	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	34	.709	—
Colorado	66	52	.559	17½
Arizona	65	52	.556	18
San Diego	51	66	.436	32
San Francisco	47	73	.392	37½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Monday's Scores

Cleveland 7, Boston 3
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1
Texas 6, Detroit 2
Houston at Arizona, late.
Kansas City at Oakland, late.
Baltimore at Seattle, late.

Today's Games

Houston (Peacock 10-1) at Arizona (Banda 1-2), 2:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-2) at Washington (Gonzalez 10-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 13-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-6) at Toronto (Estrada 5-7), 6:07 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 7-10) at Boston (Porcello 6-14), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 8-7) at Texas (Griffin 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 4-5) at Minnesota (Colon 4-9), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 5-9) at Oakland (Smith 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Miley 6-9) at Seattle (Albers 0-0), 9:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 6-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 14-1), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Monday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Miami 8, San Francisco 3
Chicago Cubs 15, Cincinnati 5
Colorado 3, Atlanta 0
Houston at Arizona, late
Philadelphia at San Diego, late.

Today's Games

Houston (Peacock 10-1) at Arizona (Banda 1-2), 2:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-2) at Washington (Gonzalez 10-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 13-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-5) at Miami (Straily 7-8), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 7-10) at Boston (Porcello 6-14), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 10-9) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-1), 6:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 1-7) at Colorado (Freeland 11-7), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 6-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 14-1), 9:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Leiter Jr 1-2) at San Diego (Lamet 6-4), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

RANGERS 6, TIGERS 2

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	2	0	0	0	DSheds dh	2	1	0	1
Mchdo ph-2b	2	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	0
Mahtook cf	4	1	3	0	Mazara rf	4	0	3	1
Upton lf	3	1	1	2	Beltre 3b	3	0	0	1
Collins 3b	4	0	0	0	Gallo lf	3	1	1	1
J.Hicks 1b	4	0	1	0	Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0
V.Mrtin dh	4	0	1	0	Odor 2b	4	3	3	0
J.McCnn c	4	0	2	0	Chirinos c	3	0	2	1
Presley rf	4	0	0	0	Robinson cf	3	0	1	1
J.Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0					
Totals	35	2	9	2	Totals	29	6	11	6

Detroit	200	000	000	—2				
Texas	211	101	00x	—6				

E—Kinsler (6), J.McCann (2). DP—Detroit 3. Texas 1. LOB—Detroit 8, Texas 5. 2B—Odor (15). HR—Upton (23), Gallo (33), SB—Odor 2 (11). SF—Beltre (5). S—DeShields (10), Chirinos (1).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fulmer L, 10-10	5	7	5	5	3	2
Ferrell	1	2	1	1	0	0
VerHagen	2	2	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Perez W,7-10	6	6	2	2	1	2
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Bush	1	0	0	0	1	1
Claudio	1	3	0	0	0	2

WP—Bush.
T–2:56. A–21,041 (48,114).

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 7, RED SOX 3

Cleveland	000	022	000	—7	10	1		
Boston	011	100	000	—3	8	1		

Bauer, Olson (7), Shaw (8), J.Smith (9) and Perez; Fister, Abad (5), Hembree (6), Workman (8) and Vazquez. W—Bauer 11-8. L—Fister 2-6. HRs—Cleveland, Encarnacion 2. Boston, Benintendi, Devers 2.

BLUE JAYS 2, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	010	000	000	—1	4	0		
Toronto	200	000	00x	—2	5	0		

Odorizzi, Romo (7), Boxberger (8), Jennings (8) and Ramos. Tepesch, Loup (7), Osuna (8) and Lopez. W—Tepesch 1-2. L—Odorizzi 6-6. Sv—Osuna (30). HRs—Tampa Bay, Ramos. Toronto, Donaldson.

INTERLEAGUE
YANKEES 4, METS 2

New Mets	002	000	000	—2	6	0		
New York Yankees	000	101	02x	—4	8	0		

Montero, Robles (7), Blevins (8), Goeddel (8) and Rivera. Cessa, Green (5), Dav.Robertson (8), Betances (9) and Sanchez. W—Dav.Robertson 6-2. L—Robles 7-4. Sv—Betances (7). HRs—New York, Cespedes, Granderson; New York, Hicks, Judge, Sanchez.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 8, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	003	000	000	—3	7	0		
Miami	201	210	20x	—8	11	0		

Blach, Crick (7) and Hundley; Conley, Steckenrider (7), McGowan (8), Despaigne (9) and Realmuto. W—Conley 5-5. L—Blach 8-8. HRs—Miami, Ozuna, Stanton.

ROCKIES 3, BRAVES 0

Atlanta	000	000	000	—0	7	0		
Colorado	000	000	03x	—3	7	0		

Teheran, Brothers (8), Motte (8) and K.Suzuki; Bettis, Dunn (8), Holland (9) and Lucroy. W—Dunn 5-1. L—Brothers 2-3. Sv—Holland (35).

BROYLES—

From 1C

raising role with the school's Razorback Foundation until his retirement from that role in 2014.

"For the past 56 years, I have had the privilege or working in the only job I ever wanted — to be the head football coach and then the athletic director of the Razorbacks," Broyles said at the time. "The Razorbacks have always been my passion."

He spent much of his time later in life attending various Arkansas sporting events and raising money for Alzheimer's awareness after the 2004 death of his wife, Barbara, following a battle with the disease.

He started the Frank and Barbara Broyles Foundation CareGivers United, an Alzheimer's education organization, and wrote a book that published more than 800,000 copies and focused on helping those who care for loved ones with Alzheimer's.

"In 50 years, people are going to look back and that's what they are going to remember him for, his second legacy," said Broyles' daughter, Betsy Arnold.

Under Broyles as coach, the Razorbacks won or shared seven Southwest Conference football titles and went to 10 bowl games.

That included a win over Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl following the 1964 regular season, which left the Razorbacks 11-0. Alabama was also undefeated entering the bowl season and was named the national champion by The Associated Press poll, but the Crimson Tide lost its bowl game to Texas — leading to Arkansas being named the champion by the Football Writers Association of America.

The Associated Press poll soon thereafter changed its policy and began naming its champion following the bowl games.

Several prominent football figures were members of the undefeated 1964 football team, including Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, former Miami Hurricanes and Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson and Hatfield.

"He's a life teacher," Jones told The Associated Press in 2014. "He always spoke about football as it related to life ... All things pointed to life's lessons."

One of Broyles' first moves as athletic director was the hiring of Sutton, the coaching great who took over a struggling basketball program and turned it into a national power.

Following Sutton's departure, Broyles once again struck coaching gold with the hiring of Richardson — though the two strong personalities later clashed when Richardson was fired in 2002 and claimed he was a victim of racial discrimination, a lawsuit that was eventually ruled without merit.

At Decatur, Georgia, Broyles was a star in football, basketball and baseball. He won 10 letters in those three sports at Georgia Tech and was the All-SEC quarterback in 1944 and 1946.

He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1947 with an industrial management degree and turned down professional football and baseball offers before he accepted a position on Bob Woodruff's staff at Baylor.

After a year as an assistant at Florida, Broyles returned to Georgia Tech as the offensive backfield coach and the Yellowjackets won 31 straight.

In 1957, Broyles was hired as head coach at Missouri and guided the Tigers to a 5-4-1 record. The following January, Arkansas athletic director John Barnhill offered Broyles the Arkansas job vacated by Jack Mitchell.

Broyles' first team started 0-6 and finished 4-6. Only one other time did the Razorbacks finish below .500 under Broyles.

A couple dozen of Broyles' players or assistants became head coaches, leading to the creation of the annual Broyles Award — giving to the nation's top assistant coach — in his honor.

Broyles had four sons and two daughters with his first wife, Barbara, and later remarried Gen Whitehead in late 2005.

Goodell: Have to understand other side in anthem protests

By Jose M. Romero
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Asked about players who did not stand for the national anthem before preseason games, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday that while the playing of the anthem is a special moment to him, "we also have to understand the other side."

Goodell made the comments at University of Phoenix Stadium during a 45-minute question-and-answer period with Arizona Cardinals club seat holders. One season ticketholder, Bruce Olson, asked the commissioner whether players were going to continue to protest during the anthem and if anything could be done about it. "It's one of those things where I think we have to understand that there are people that have different viewpoints," Goodell said. "The national anthem is a special moment to me. It's a point of pride. But we also have to understand the other side, that people do have rights and we want to respect those." Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett sat on the visiting bench during the anthem before the preseason opener against the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday, a decision he made before weekend protests by white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia. Bennett has said that the aim of his protest is to make people uncomfortable. In the process, he hopes to spur greater communication, understanding and involvement across racial, gender and socio-economic lines.

Oakland Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch sat on a cooler during the anthem Saturday night on the field at University of Phoenix Stadium. Los Angeles Rams defensive end Robert Quinn raised a first before his team's game.

The fact that former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick is still looking for a team to play for after his kneel-down protests last season is also still a hot topic.

Goodell, without mentioning any of the players, said other players are taking the platform they have into local communities to create dialogue toward positive change.

"Protest to progress is what I call it, and we all have to recognize that if we want to see change, let's go out and try to make that change happen in a peaceful and important way," Goodell said.

Olson, who described himself as a season-ticket holder "since Day 1," said the commissioner "beat around the bush" on the issue. He said he'd like Goodell to take a tougher stance.

"The thing is, all he (Lynch) has to do is stand up for two minutes and he can still have whatever beliefs he wants. Go with what looks good for the game and to the people," Olson said. "He (Goodell) makes rules and, 'You do this, you do that,' why can't he just say 'You stand up. You can believe what you want or do what you want. Just stand up like a man.'"

Goodell also addressed other issues:

■ On starting the season with a major star suspended, as is the case with Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott, who is out for six games after the league investigated accusations of domestic violence against him: "You never like to see that happen. That's not something good. Those things are dictated by circumstances. We do everything we can to make sure we're enforcing our policies and holding the standards to the highest level. That's an unfortunate part of that, but that's what you do."

■ On the rule change that will allow players more freedom to celebrate big plays: "They (players) were a driving force behind our changes in the celebration rule. They've been very impactful in the way we think about different aspects of our game and our experience in what we need to do."

■ On concussions, when a fan asked him about safety for his 10-year-old son: "The most important thing is to get the right facts, and we've put all our facts out there. We want a greater awareness. . The reality is nowadays we're so much smarter about the brain and injuries, and we have so much further to go."

Ross D. Franklin/Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell talks with Arizona Cardinals football team season ticket holders at University of Phoenix Stadium, Monday, in Glendale, Ariz.

Seahawks' Bennett plans to sit for anthem, expects backlash

CARSON, California — Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett plans to sit during the national anthem this season to protest social injustice — and expects a backlash over an issue that is "bigger than a sport."

He sat on the visiting bench during "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a preseason opener against the Los Angeles Chargers, a decision he made before weekend protests by white supremacists at the University of Virginia.

The violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, including the death of a young woman struck by a car deliberately driven into a group of counter-protesters Saturday, solidified Bennett's decision.

"With everything that's been going on the last couple of months and especially after the last couple of days, seeing everything in Virginia, seeing what's going on out there earlier today in Seattle, I just wanted to be able to use my platform to be able to continue to speak over injustice," Bennett said.

"First of all, I want people to understand I love the military. My father was in the military. I love hot dogs like any other American. I love football like any other American, but I don't love segregation," he added. "I don't love riots. I don't love oppression. I don't love gender slander. I just want to see people have the equality that they deserve, and I want to be able to use this platform to continuously push the message of that, you know, and keep journeying out and keep finding out how unselfish can we be as a society."

Bennett was at least the third prominent NFL player to protest during the anthem in the first full week of preseason games. Oakland Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch, a former teammate of Bennett's in Seattle, also sat. Los Angeles Rams defensive end Robert Quinn raised his right fist, continuing his approach from last season following then-San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's decision to kneel during the anthem.

Kaepernick is a free agent, and the fallout from his protest has not abated, even as he remains unsigned.

Bennett is willing to deal with similar consequences.

"Of course, I'm going to face backlash," he said. "This is bigger than me. This is bigger than football. This is bigger than anything that we have. This is about people. This is about bringing opportunities to people, giving people equality. This is bigger than a sport."

Bennett said he had spoken with several other NFL players about possible protests, but had not talked with Lynch yet. While he acknowledged the possibility of more widespread and organized protests, Bennett wanted to express himself.

"I think everybody has a time where they feel like they need to be who they are and stand up for what they believe in," Bennett said.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll did not have a response to Bennett's actions, saying he became aware of it only after the game.

Bennett said the aim of his protest is to make people uncomfortable. In the process, he hopes to spur greater communication, understanding and involvement across racial, gender and socio-economic lines.

"Everyone is in their comfort zone right now," Bennett said. "Get out there and become uncomfortable. Go out there and see what it's like out there in society right now."

By Dan Greenspan
Associated Press

Malzahn selects Jarrett Stidham as Auburn's starting Quarterback

By John Zenor
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Jarrett Stidham remembers the date of his last snap in a game, even though it's been awhile.

The former Baylor quarterback won't have to wait much longer for his next one. He has won Auburn's starting job going into the season opener after spending last fall at a junior college that didn't have a football program.

"I haven't played since Nov. 21 of 2015," Stidham said Monday, hours after being told the job was his. "I know exactly when my last snap was, and I'm itching to get back out there."

That will happen Sept. 2 against Georgia Southern, a date that Stidham said has been marked on his calendar since he arrived on campus.

The Tigers are banking on him to help jump-start the passing game and the offense.

Coach Gus Malzahn announced his choice of Stidham in a Twitter post Monday after informing the team. The 6-foot-3, 214-pound sophomore enrolled in January as the nation's top-rated junior college prospect. He beat out Sean White, who has gone 9-7 in starts over the past two seasons despite injury problems.

Malzahn said White is the No. 2 quarterback and "could start for a whole lot of teams in this league."

After the announcement, White Tweeted: "All in!! War Eagle."

Malzahn said Stidham's leadership and ability to win over his teammates and coaches stood out as much as the on-the-field abilities.

"He is a gym rat as far as football goes," Malzahn said. "He's always in the film room trying to get better. He's got an extremely strong arm. He's got a lot of skills that could be a very good quarterback."

The Tigers ranked 112th nationally in passing offense last season and 49th in scoring. Stidham figures to bring more downfield passing, and perhaps more mobility, to the up-tempo offense run by Malzahn and new offensive coordinator Chip Lindsey than Auburn has had since Nick Marshall left after the 2014 season.

"I think he's a lot better athlete than people think," Malzahn said. "He runs a 4.6 (40). He's got a 35-inch vertical. He's pretty athletic." Stidham was the offensive MVP in Auburn's spring game, when White was sidelined while recovering from surgery to repair a broken right forearm sustained in the Sugar Bowl loss to Oklahoma.

Stidham passed for 1,165 yards and 12 touchdowns as a freshman at Baylor in 2015.

TCU

From 1C

Meacham, who had shared the OC role with Cumbie and called the plays before, left for Kansas.

"We just view it as our normal up-tempo offense and just doing what we do," receiver John Diarse said. "Coach Cumbie has been here a while, and he knows this offense. It's just normal to us." Running backs coach Curtis Luper took on the additional role as co-offensive coordinator after Meacham's departure.

One last trill

Hill had some standout games last season in his first season as TCU's quarterback, including 449 yards and five TDs passing against Oklahoma, and 452 yards against SMU. He also had a league-high 13 interceptions. Patterson has said one of the big differences this season will be how the Frogs play at quarterback.

"I'm where I need to be going into this fall," said Hill, the former Texas A&M transfer and now a senior. Hill said he'd give himself a C-plus grade after throwing for 3,208 yards and 17 touchdowns, with another 609 yards and 10 TDs rushing.

Dropping the ball

By one group's count last season, Hill was the NCAA quarterback hurt by the most dropped passes (38).

"As a receiver, you never want to let your quarterback down," Diarse said.

But Hill didn't pin all the blame on the receivers.

"They drop a ball, but then I'll miss a pass. It's the same difference," Hill said. "They saved me so many times. ... They make me look good more times than not." TCU quarterbacks and receivers spent a lot more time on their own this offseason throwing and catching with each other.

Schedule maker

After opening at home against the SWAC team from Mississippi, the first road game for the Frogs is a big test at old foe Arkansas, which won in double overtime in Fort Worth last season. They are then home against SMU, another old Southwest Conference rival, before a difficult Big 12 opener at Oklahoma State. TCU also plays conference road games against Kansas State and Oklahoma.

Broncos defensive end Jared Crick latest camp casualty

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Defensive end Jared Crick is the latest victim of the Denver Broncos' injury outbreak. He was carted off the practice field Monday with apparent back spasms.

Crick is the 10th Denver defender — and the sixth member of the D-line — to get hurt this offseason.

"Hey man, people better pray more at night, man. That's the only thing that's going to help," cornerback Aqib Talib said.

Crick, who played more snaps than any defensive lineman on the team last year, appeared to be favoring his right leg after getting hurt during run drills. Coach Vance Joseph said he didn't know the exact nature of Crick's injury.

"The first thought is it was a back spasm. But we're not sure, to be honest," Joseph said.

Crick's injury came 48 hours after the Broncos lost their other starting defensive end, Derek Wolfe, to a sprained right ankle . Although Wolfe avoided the dreaded high-ankle sprain, he'll be out until the season opener. "We're going to be smart with this thing, so we're not going to rush him back and put him out there at 80 percent. Not during preseason," Joseph said. "So, we're going to make sure he's back 100 percent before he plays again."

The Broncos have been hit hard along their rebuilt D-line this summer, losing end Billy Winn to a torn right ACL in their preseason opener last week and Wolfe over the weekend. Also sidelined until September are nose tackle Kyle Peko (foot) and outside linebackers Shane Ray (wrist) and Shaq Barrett (hip).

"It (stinks) anytime you get someone down," Peko said in what's becoming a familiar refrain. "Wolfe seems like he'll be OK, but I'm not sure what went on with Crick today. But that's the name of the game. It's football. Things happen like that. You never know what's going to be your last play, but we have a good group of guys here to step up."

The depleted Broncos have one more practice in Denver before flying to San Francisco, where they'll work out with the 49ers for two days in advance of their preseason game next weekend.

"It's not going to be like a half-speed practice," Talib said. "It's almost like you get three preseason games in one week. So, it's definitely good work."

That's why "the main thing is keeping everybody healthy," said wide receiver Demaryius Thomas.

Although Denver's quarterbacks will continue splitting snaps during the two practices with the 49ers, Paxton Lynch will start the game after Trevor Siemian started last week against the Bears.

Thomas said his advice for Lynch this week will be not to overthink or dwell on mistakes but realize he has the tools.

Monday's practice brought another example of the clusters of mistakes that have hounded Lynch this summer as he's slipped behind Siemian in the NFL's biggest position battle of the summer .

After Talib left his man and sliced in front of tight end Jeff Heuerman for an interception, Lynch's next pass was batted down at the line of scrimmage and the two that followed were both broken up by DBs.

"Sometimes you see him with his head down, but I've been talking to him, always trying to keep him smiling," Thomas said.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

4	1		6				5	2
			2		3		9	
7					8			3
				6				
3		6				2		9
				2				
1			4					5
	3		5		2			
8	5				9		4	1

8/15/17

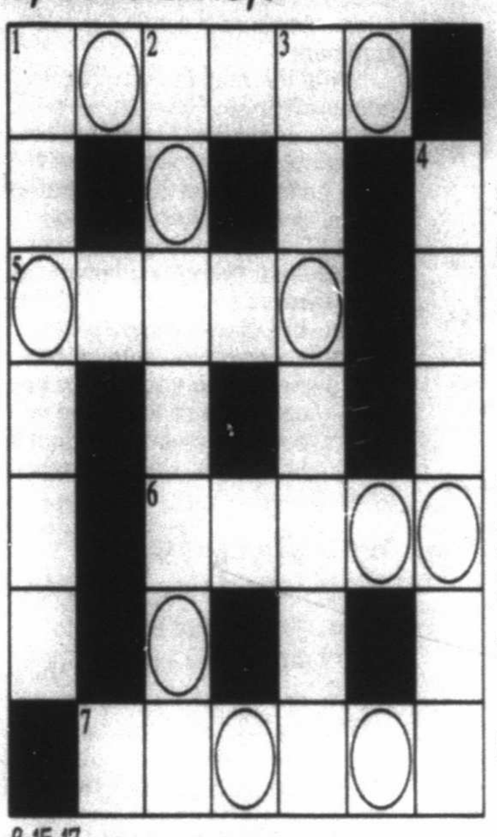
© 2017 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

2	7	1	8	6	3	4	9	5
6	4	9	1	5	2	3	8	7
8	5	3	9	7	4	1	6	2
9	8	7	4	1	5	6	2	3
3	6	4	2	9	8	7	5	1
5	1	2	7	3	6	8	4	9
1	3	5	6	8	9	2	7	4
4	9	6	3	2	7	5	1	8
7	2	8	5	4	1	9	3	6

JUMBLE® CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Improve, embellish	HRIENC
5. ___ up	WOGNR
6. ___ buds	SEATT
7. ___ gun	SEAEGR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Aerie newborn	ELAGTE
2. ___ tail	ROSREOT
3. Type of card game	NTSACAA
4. American ___	SCEEEH

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.

8-15-17 **CLUE:** Archaeologists believe this was constructed from 3000 BC to 2000 BC.

BONUS

©2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC & Hoyt Designs. All Rights Reserved.

ANSWERS: 1A-Enrich 5A-Grown 6A-Tiers 7A-Grease 1D-Eights 2D-Booster 3D-Canasta 4D-Chinese 5-Stomping

Send comments to TCA - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Third Floor, Chicago, Ill. 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

JUMBLE

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

AREOP

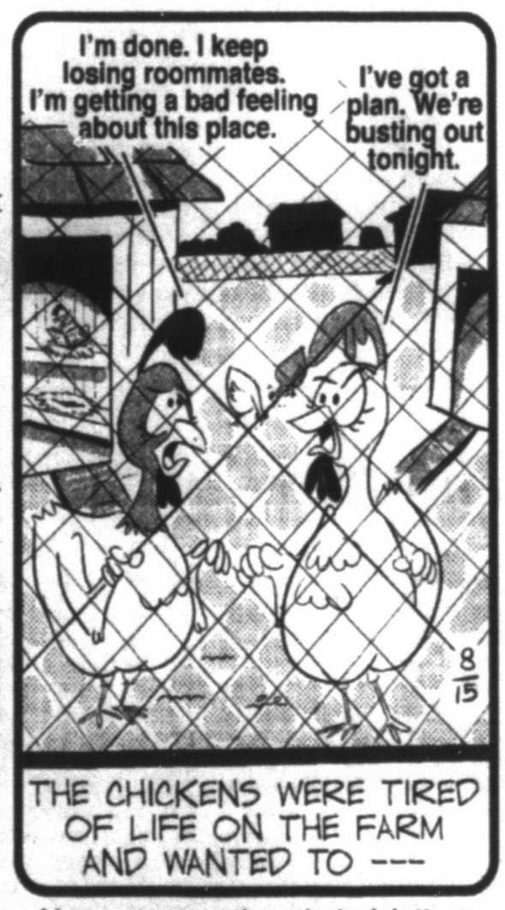
CEFTA

CUGORH

LIMYTE

©2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

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



Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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

Ans. here: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MIGHT FAINT BUCKLE NUMBER
Answer: They drove at 60 MPH, and his annoying passenger was talking a — MILE A MINUTE

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Arizona site of Sun Devil Stadium
6 "I beg your pardon?"
10 College sr.'s test
13 Prettify
14 Post-bath wrap
15 Window box dirt
16 "Baywatch" star
19 "I couldn't agree more!"
20 Dined
21 Coastal raptor
22 Pull-out money holder
26 Entry in a ledger's plus column
29 Horse opera setting
32 On the run
33 "La La Land" Best Actress Stone
35 Flat-bottomed boat
36 College URL ender
37 Frantic rush, and what's literally found in each set of puzzle circles
40 Lowest sudoku number
41 Swindles
43 Funny folks
44 How pastrami is often ordered
46 Secondary wager
48 Silently greet
49 Poker table experts
53 Bit of fish tank growth
54 Mined metal
55 Emerged from slumber
59 Like football linemen
63 Motown genre
64 Website with filmographies
65 Made more tolerable
66 Total up
67 Civil rights activist Parks
68 Unemotional

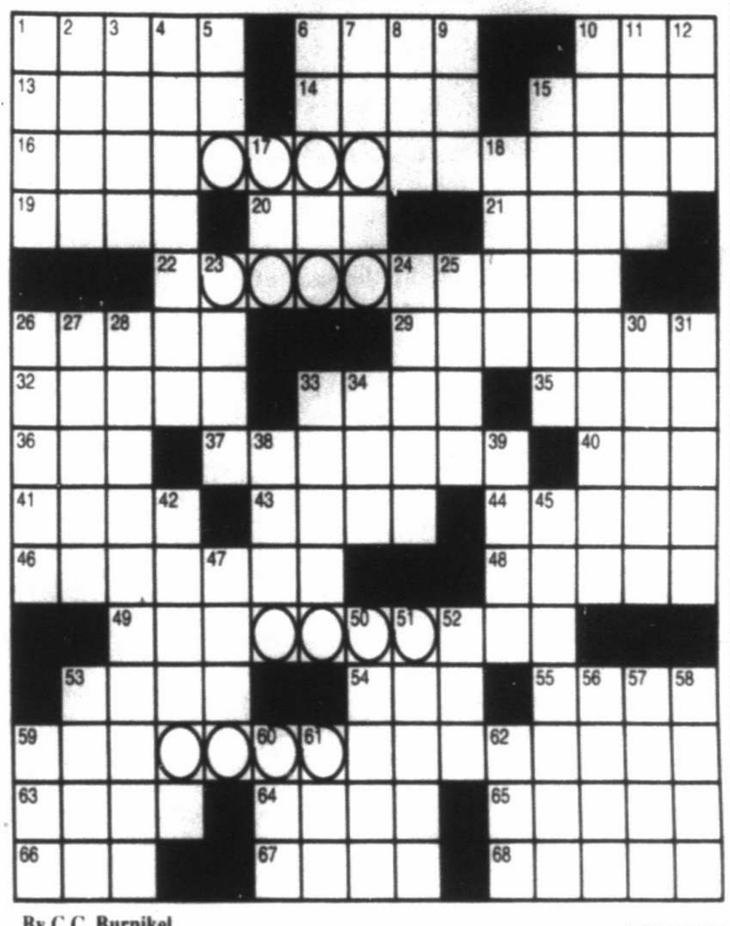
DOWN

1 "I did it!"
2 Wax-coated Dutch cheese
3 Relocate
4 Charles, William and Harry
5 Wrap up
6 Extreme anger
7 Swindled, slangily
8 Core muscles
9 Casual shirt
10 Publicly state one's views
11 Replete (with)
12 Pixie
15 Mole-like mammals
17 Suffers from
18 More than risqué
23 "Up and __!": "Rise and shine!"
24 Oblong tomatoes
25 "Sorry to say ... "
26 Smart __: wiseguys
27 "Same here!"
28 Big name in music streaming
30 "Mortal Kombat" agent __ Blade
31 Short cyber post
33 Touches up, as text
34 Summer hrs. in Billings
38 Wonderstruck
39 Hit the horn
42 Steven of "The Patriot" (1998)
45 "That's easy!"
47 Actor Pitt
50 Parka parts
51 Vacation spot near Curaçao
52 Seminary subj.
53 Former Yankee who was the youngest MLB player to hit 600 home runs
56 Guesstimate words
57 "Peachy-__!"
58 Whirling current
59 Youth org. with merit badges
60 Title of respect
61 Med. care provider
62 __ Moines

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	M	M	O		I	N	C	H		L	I	M	B	O
L	O	A	F		N	O	H	O		O	R	I	O	N
B	O	N	G	O	D	R	U	M		S	A	C	R	E
A	S	I	A	N			R	I	O	T		R	E	P
			B	U	S	I	N	E	S	S	F	O	R	M
W	A	F		S	I	P			S	O	A	P		
E	G	O			B	A	B	A	A	U	R	H	U	M
B	U	N	D	T		N	I	L		L	E	O	N	E
B	A	Z	O	O	K	A	G	U	M			N	I	T
		A	N	E	W			L	O	B		E	T	S
B	U	R	G	L	A	R	A	L	A	R	M			
E	S	E		O	N	O	R			E	A	S	E	D
F	A	L	D	O		B	U	M	A	R	O	U	N	D
O	I	L	U	P		O	B	I	T		R	I	T	A
G	R	I	D	S		T	A	T	E		I	T	S	Y

xwordeditor@aol.com 08/15/17



By C.C. Burnikel
(c)2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
08/15/17

WUZZLES®

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD / TOM

Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

3 WUZZLES BOOKLETS
"The Best of Wuzzles" ($4.00), "More of the Best of Wuzzles" ($4.50), and "Wuzzles for Kids" ($4.25) are available, postpaid, from Wuzzles, Box 1141, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

1.

sH2ORTAGE

2.

90 LOW LOW 90

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

1. Water shortage
2. Lows in the nineties

8-15

Created by Tom Underwood
www.wuzzleking.com

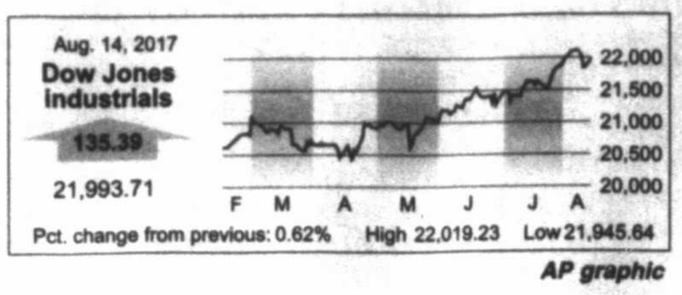
© North America Syndicate, Inc.

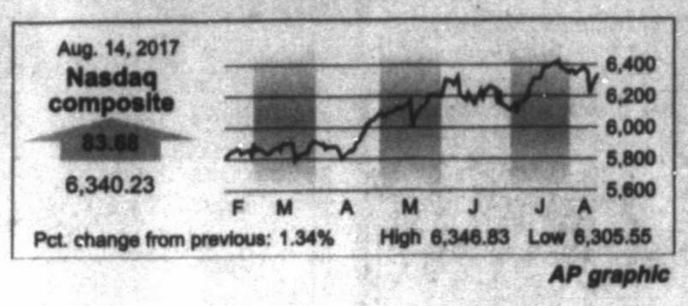
WUZZLES®
Answers
1. Water shortage
2. Lows in the nineties
8-15

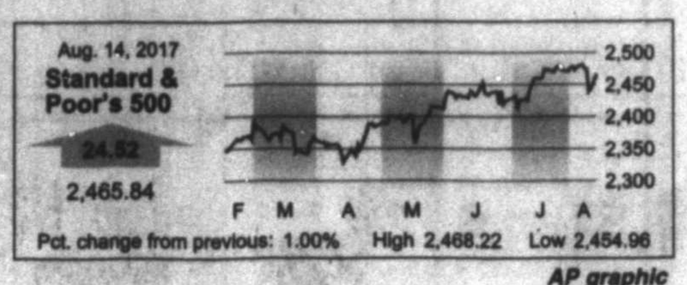
MIDLAND'S FIRST Organic CLEANING SERVICE
pristine organic cleaners
Looking for a healthy alternative to harsh chemicals?
Pristine is your answer!
Pristine uses plant-based hypoallergenic detergent and specially designed machines that "wet clean" all types of garments.
1307 N. Loop 250 W. Suite 108
(In the Red Oak Plaza)
432-704-5630

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET







OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $47.59
Previous: $48.82

POSTED

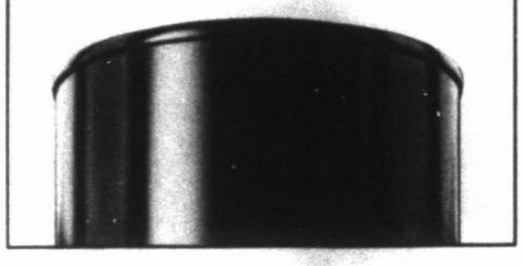
Monday: $44.25
Previous: $45.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $40.75
Previous: $41.75

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.959
Previous: $2.983



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S P PVxST n	23197451	3.29	+1.59
S&P500ETF	10386162	43.76	-3.49
iShEMkts	889674	42.82	-1.04
BkntAm	745073	24.12	-.62
SPDR Fncl	701292	24.83	-.45

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QuorumH n	3.87	+.51	+16.7
Perrigo	76.84	+10.47	+15.8
RyersonH	8.65	+.75	+9.5
PlanetFit n	25.13	+2.09	+9.1
FMajSilv g	6.74	+.52	+8.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B&W Ent n	2.70	-7.05	-72.3
OntrnDSS rs	5.38	-2.03	-27.4
ChicB&I	11.97	-4.36	-26.7
ChinaYuch	17.13	-4.97	-22.5
Masonite g	58.35	-14.40	-19.8

DIARY

Advanced	392
Declined	2,578
Unchanged	58
Total issues	3,028
New Highs	39
New Lows	122
Volume	3,486,886,137

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	69756	3.43	-.02
Newsun g	57131	2.16	-.46
22ndCentry	54830	2.20	-.04
iShIndia bt	49790	32.93	-.97
NovaGld g	40818	3.97	-.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVtrxWk	3.49	+.55	+18.7
IntelligSys	4.15	+.45	+12.2
ErinEn rs	2.45	+.20	+8.9
NovaBay rs	4.60	+.35	+8.2
OrchidsPP	10.25	+.76	+8.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GldFld	4.15	-1.00	-19.4
Newsun g	2.16	-.46	-17.6
RxVtrsInF	25.85	-4.96	-16.1
EnvirnStr	25.55	-2.90	-10.2
AmShrd	3.05	-.30	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	111
Declined	221
Unchanged	30
Total issues	362
New Highs	1
New Lows	14
Volume	111,009,078

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	580930	141.03	-3.09
CSVxSh rs	417724	22.25	+4.70
Apple Inc	384085	155.32	-5.11
Nvidia	265249	164.74	-7.37
MicronT	249461	27.49	-1.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cyanotch h	4.50	+1.01	+28.8
Adomani n	10.49	+2.29	+27.9
CSVxSh rs	22.25	+4.70	+26.8
MyndAn n	4.25	+.75	+21.4
ChefsWhs	17.25	+2.75	+19.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Forterra n	3.51	-4.76	-57.6
Synacor	2.40	-1.15	-32.4
KuraOnc n	6.55	-2.55	-28.0
ApolloEnd rs	4.20	-1.46	-25.8
AquaMetal h	8.31	-2.56	-23.6

DIARY

Advanced	601
Declined	2,301
Unchanged	188
Total issues	3,090
New Highs	30
New Lows	146
Volume	2,121,812,396

First Bancshares of Texas hires Don Cosby as new president

From staff reports

First Bancshares of Texas, the holding company of Midland-based FirstCapital Bank of Texas, announced Don Cosby has been hired as its new president.

Cosby replaces Ken Burgess, who will remain as FirstCapital Bank's chairman.

"Don brings a lifetime of banking experience to FirstCapital and First Bancshares, with a vast and practical knowledge in running complex organizations," Burgess said in a press release. "As the banking industry undergoes unprecedented change at an accelerating pace, Don's wisdom and steady hand will provide the guidance we need to serve our customers. I am excited to welcome him to our team."

Among Cosby's efforts in the banking industry has been overseeing the acquisitions of other banks. At Carlile Bancshares, which he co-founded, Cosby acquired six commercial banks and a mortgage warehouse company. He co-founded State National Bancshares in Lubbock and acquired nine banks.

In June, FirstCapital expanded by acquiring an Independent Bank branch in Marble Falls. The acquisition has a planned completion date of Sept. 1. From 1989 to 1996, Cosby was chief financial officer at Texas Tech University. FirstCapital currently has branches in Midland, Lubbock, Amarillo and Horseshoe Bay.

> *"Don brings a lifetime of banking experience to FirstCapital and First Bancshares, with a vast and practical knowledge in running complex organizations,"*
>
> **Ken Burgess,** FirstCapital Bank's chairman

North Dakota offers to settle with Dakota Access developer

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota regulators offered Monday to settle state allegations that the Texas-based developer of the Dakota Access oil pipeline improperly reported the discovery of American Indian artifacts during construction.

The state Public Service Commission last November proposed a fine of at least $15,000 against Energy Transfer Partners, though the commission has the authority under state law to levy fines of up to $200,000.

The three-member commission unanimously agreed to offer a settlement under which ETP would make a $15,000 "contribution" to the State Historic Preservation Office or another mutually agreed-upon entity. The company would not have to admit fault, and the matter would be dismissed upon payment of the money.

ETP didn't immediately comment on the proposal. The company has 10 days to accept the offer. If it rejects it, the PSC will move forward with the complaint. The next step would be a public hearing.

The complaint arose when the PSC was notified by a third-party inspector that pipeline crews last October had diverted construction of the pipeline around Native American artifacts. The company had obtained the approval of the State Historic Preservation Office but not of the commission, which oversees pipelines. The artifacts weren't disturbed.

ETP has maintained it did nothing intentionally wrong and has been fighting the proposed fine, which pales in comparison to the $3.8 billion cost of the pipeline that last month began moving oil from North Dakota to a distribution point in Illinois.

Commissioners said they decided to make the offer to try to put an end to the dispute. The group in recent weeks has been meeting with its attorneys in meetings closed to the public, but Commissioner Julie Fedorchak said the attorneys did not indicate to regulators that the state would have a tough time proving its case.

"It wasn't a matter of whether the case is strong or weak," she said. "It was really an effort to recognize that it's taking a long time to get to, actually, the heart of the matter, and we're not interested in being tangled up in procedural delays indefinitely, and that seemed to be what was happening from the company's standpoint."

The commission also is looking into whether ETP removed too many trees and improperly handled some removed soil while laying pipe in the state. A public hearing is scheduled Thursday, after which the PSC is to determine whether to proceed with a formal complaint and a possible fine, as it did in the artifacts case.

ETP on Monday asked the PSC to delay the hearing to give company and state attorneys more time to discuss a resolution. The PSC did not immediately decide.

US stocks jump as tensions with North Korea appear to ease

U.S. stocks rallied Monday as technology companies and banks helped companies regain a lot of the ground they lost last week, although the calm that has defined the market this year wasn't quite restored.

Almost 90 percent of the Standard & Poor's 500 index finished higher. Technology stocks outpaced the rest of the market following a strong report on the state of Japan's economy. Last week, rising tensions between the U.S. and North Korea sent stocks to some of their biggest losses in 2017. That eased Monday after officials said fighting is not imminent.

"What the market really reacted negatively to on Thursday was Trump's somewhat incendiary comments about 'fire and fury,'" said Dave Lafferty, chief market strategist of Natixis Global Asset Management. "The administration sort of walked back Trump's comments over the weekend."

But while stocks climbed, investors weren't ready to loosen their grip on some traditionally safe investments. Bond prices slipped only by a small amount and gold finished a little lower, while silver prices rose.

Metal prices mixed

Gold fell $3.60 to $1,290.40 an ounce. Silver added 5 cents to $17.12 an ounce. Copper dipped 1 cent to $2.90 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $113.11 Down 2.30

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.84 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $90.75 Down 2.12

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.34 Up 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.17 Down 0.34

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.95 Up 0.35

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.35 Down 0.14

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.61 Down 0.75

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.21 Down 0.28

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.46 Down 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	5.33	-.04	-47.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.19	-.17	-10.2
Abraxas	...	40	1.61	-.06	-37.4
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.49	-.28	+14.0
AMD	...	...	12.12	-.71	+6.9
Alibaba	...	44	151.77	-5.72	+72.8
Ambev	.06e	6	6.05	-.07	+23.2
Amgen	**4.60**	**15**	**169.11**	**-4.44**	**+15.7**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**43.70**	**-.40**	**-37.3**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**42.61**	**-.97**	**-32.9**
Apple Inc	2.52	18	155.32	-5.11	+34.1
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**42.03**	**-1.78**	**+30.2**
Archrock	.48	...	9.65	-.30	-26.9
ATMOS	**1.80**	**25**	**87.67**	**+.24**	**+18.2**
AutoData	2.28	29	108.90	-.76	+6.0
BP PLC	**2.38**	**26**	**35.47**	**-.69**	**-5.1**
B&W Ent n	...	...	2.70	-7.05	-83.7
BkofAm	.48f	14	24.12	-.62	+9.1
B iPrvST rs	...	...	13.29	+1.59	-47.9
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.71	-.24	+1.5
BasicEnS	...	...	45		
BerkHa A	**...**	**17264601**	**.00-2428.99**		**+8.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**21**	**70.24**	**-.43**	**+14.5**
BlueAprn n	...	...	5.14	-1.10	-45.0
BrMySq	**1.56**	**23**	**56.59**	**-.81**	**-3.2**
BrownFA s	**...**	**30**	**50.83**	**-.28**	**+9.9**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**48.04**	**-.47**	**+6.9**
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.14	-.29	+.3
CallonPet	**...**	**33**	**10.48**	**-.15**	**-31.8**
Caterpillar	3.12	29	113.15	-1.19	+22.0
Celestic g	...	8	11.31	-.09	-4.6
CntryLink	2.16	10	21.68	-.14	-8.8
ChesEng	...	10	4.14	-.23	-41.0
Chevron	**4.32**	**63**	**110.11**	**-.78**	**-6.4**
ChicB&I	.28	...	11.97	-4.36	-62.3
Chicos	.33	11	8.38	-.62	-41.8
Cimarex	.32	31	97.78	-3.08	-28.1
Cisco	1.16	16	31.00	-.62	+2.6
Citigroup	1.28	13	67.22	-1.21	+13.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**45.74**	**+.15**	**+10.3**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**24**	**71.55**	**-.02**	**+9.3**
Comcast s	.63	23	40.73	+.10	+18.0
ConAgra	**.85f**	**19**	**34.06**	**-.33**	**-13.9**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**116.09**	**-2.73**	**-12.5**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**36**	**44.97**	**-.68**	**-10.3**
CrackerB	4.80f	24	151.36	-.14	-9.4
CSVxSh rs	...	...	22.25	+4.70	-76.6
CSVelVST	...	...	78.18	-12.16	+67.2
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	12.66	+1.15	-72.6
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**14.79**	**-.08**	**-17.7**
DCP Mid	3.12	17	31.41	-.54	-18.2
DTE	3.30	23	109.06	+.53	+10.7
Delcath rs	...	...	.09	+.00	-90.0
DevonE	**.24**	**96**	**31.76**	**-.32**	**-30.5**
DrGMBll rs	...	...	17.97	+.82	...
DxSCBear rs	...	...	17.75	+.93	-10.6
Disney	**1.56**	**18**	**101.35**	**-1.48**	**-2.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.11**	**-.39**	**+10.3**
DryShips s	...	1	2.05	+.28	-100.0
eBay s	...	5	34.99	-1.09	+17.9
EOG Rescs	**.67**	**...**	**89.12**	**-1.23**	**-11.8**
Endo Intl	...	5	7.55	-.39	-54.2
Energen	.08	...	48.80	-.89	-15.4
EnPro	**.88**	**48**	**70.94**	**-1.55**	**+5.3**
EntProdPr	1.68f	20	26.08	-.18	-3.6
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.02	-.09	+3.3
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**30**	**78.97**	**-.47**	**-12.5**
Facebook	...	35	167.40	-3.78	+45.5
FordM	.60a	11	10.77	-.15	-11.2
FrptMcM	...	...	14.15	-.44	+7.3
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**61.84**	**-.87**	**+.4**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**9.07**	**-.27**	**+25.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**34.06**	**-.73**	**+9.2**
GenElec	**.96**	**23**	**25.30**	**-.41**	**-19.9**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**31.18**	**-.24**	**+14.0**
HP Inc	.53	12	18.90	-.42	+27.4
Hallibrtn	.72	...	40.51	-.78	-25.1
HertzGl	...	...	18.40	+.83	-14.7
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	8.79	-.25	+29.1
iShGold	...	...	12.36	+.10	+11.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.61	-.73	+12.8
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	41.74	-1.23	+20.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	42.82	-1.04	+22.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.07	-.95	+14.4
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	87.18	-.56	+.7
iShR2K	1.77e	...	136.27	-2.52	+1.1
Intel	**1.09**	**16**	**36.14**	**-.45**	**-.4**
InterDig	1.20	8	69.65	-1.45	-23.8
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	92.19	-1.34	+6.8
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**133.09**	**-.14**	**+15.5**
KimbClk	**3.88**	**20**	**121.07**	**-.54**	**+8.1**
KindMorg	.50	67	19.39	-.36	-6.4
Kohls	2.20	13	39.50	-2.43	-20.0
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.38	-.01	-34.9
LiveNatn	...	...	39.61	+2.11	**+46.9**
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.68**	**-.04**	**-37.4**
Macys	1.51	8	20.67	-2.36	-42.3
MarathnO	.20	...	12.05	-.15	-30.4
McDnlds	3.76	27	156.62	+1.70	**+28.7**
Merck	1.88	16	62.18	-.31	+5.6
MeritMed	**...**	**50**	**39.80**	**-2.05**	**+50.2**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.49	-.01	+9.8
MicronT	...	10	27.49	-1.09	+25.4
Microsoft	1.56	25	71.41	-1.06	+14.9
Mylan NV	...	6	32.29	+.21	-15.4
Nabors	.24	...	6.81	-.17	-58.5
NOVWarco	.20	72	30.35	-.46	-18.9
NSTF3	**.55a**	**...**	**14.77**	**-.14**	**+4.2**
NTXGI	**.65**	**...**	**14.58**	**-.08**	**+6.3**
Nvidia	.56	52	164.74	-7.37	+54.3
OasisPet	...	...	7.95	-.13	-47.5
OcciPet	**3.08f**	**...**	**61.34**	**-.32**	**-13.9**
OfficeDpt	.10	9	4.45	-.08	-1.5
Oracle	.76f	22	48.10	-.96	+25.6
PDC Engy	**...**	**29**	**40.37**	**+.16**	**+44.4**
ParTech	**...**	**23**	**9.33**	**+.22**	**+67.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.25**	**...**	**-51.9**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**16.87**	**-.42**	**-37.3**
Penney	...	15	4.71	-.45	-63.3
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**11.25**	**-.46**	**-40.7**
Pmian	.63e	24	8.68	+.02	+12.6
Petrobras	...	...	8.62	-.23	-14.7
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**33.42**	**-.03**	**+2.9**
PioNtrl	.08	...	135.26	-2.29	-24.9
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**17**	**20.67**	**-.34**	**-36.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	141.03	-3.09	+19.0
Praxair	**3.15**	**23**	**127.82**	**-1.24**	**+8.9**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.15**	**...**	**-10.8**
PUVxST rs	...	...	40.93	+8.63	...
ProShtVx s	...	...	74.93	-11.99	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**91.74**	**-.19**	**+8.1**
PShQQQ rs	...	...	29.79	+1.82	-42.6
RangeRs	.06	18	16.92	+.09	-50.8
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.30	-.38	-.4
RiteAid	...	38	2.25	-.10	-72.7
Rowan	.40	5	9.94	-.24	-47.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	85	56.00	-.77	+3.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	218.60	-1.90	+10.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	243.76	-3.49	+9.1
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.68	-.26	+.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	30.37	-.45	-26.7
SabrR	2.32e	19	40.00	+.65	+13.8
SanderFm	**.96**	**14**	**139.89**	**+1.97**	**+48.4**
Schlmbrg	2.00	58	64.40	-1.09	-23.3
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.50	-.05	+23.6
Smucker	3.12f	16	121.72	-.47	-5.0
Snapinc A n	...	...	13.77	+.21	-43.8
SwstnEngy	...	47	5.22	-.05	-51.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	64.36	-.69	-14.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.83	-.45	+6.8
SP Tech	.78e	...	56.71	-1.14	+17.3
Staples	.48	...	10.17	+.01	+12.4
Starbucks s	1.00	27	53.07	-.67	-4.4
SynrgyPh	...	...	3.07	-.46	-49.6
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**11.10**	**-.25**	**+20.7**
TerraVia	...	...	.04	-.01	-96.5
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	17.19	-.31	-52.6
3M Co	4.70	24	206.23	-.25	+15.5
Torchmark	**.60**	**17**	**78.45**	**-.78**	**+6.4**
Transocn	...	8	8.18	-.14	-44.5
TriContl	**.98e**	**...**	**24.39**	**-.52**	**+10.6**
21stCFoxA	.36	17	27.88	-.02	-.6
Twitter	...	...	15.75	-.39	-3.4
TylerTech	**...**	**53**	**167.74**	**-1.72**	**+17.5**
UBSI	**1.32**	**16**	**32.35**	**-.86**	**-30.1**
US OilFd	...	...	9.91	-.24	-15.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.85	-.19	+29.3
ValeantPh	...	3	13.81	-.26	-4.9
ValeroE	2.80	21	66.20	-.73	-3.1
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.08	+.48	+10.3
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.33	+.51	+5.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	42.28	-1.00	+18.2
Varitiv	...	43	69.30	+2.20	+16.2
VerizonCm	2.31	10	48.02	-.20	-10.0
VulcanM	**1.00**	**36**	**114.71**	**-3.17**	**-8.3**
WEC Engy	2.06	22	64.66	+.71	+10.2
WalgBoots	1.80f	16	79.75	-1.53	-3.6
WastMnmt	...	...	3.95	-.08	-20.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.95	-.84	-5.7
WhitingPet	...	...	4.75	-.05	-60.5
WmsCos	1.20	43	30.05	-.58	-3.5
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**48.64**	**+.37**	**+19.5**
Xerox rs	.25p	11	31.44	-.86	+36.7
Yamana g	.02	...	2.66	+.10	-5.3

Can't find your favorite stocks or mutual funds listed?
Send your favorite to sdoreen@mrt.com or mmcewen@mrt.com.
We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,844.01	-204.69	-.93	+10.53	+17.36
9,783.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,119.74	-115.67	-1.25	+.84	+16.22
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	734.65	+1.76	+.24	+11.39	+6.23
12,019.85	10,261.48	NYSE Composite	11,771.61	-157.86	-1.32	+6.46	+8.63
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,216.87	-135.46	-2.13	+15.49	+18.91
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,438.21	-35.81	-1.45	+8.91	+11.55
1,795.14	1,475.36	S&P Midcap	1,707.83	-28.11	-1.62	+2.85	+9.47
25,848.33	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,251.87	-382.42	-1.49	+7.79	+11.39
1,452.09	1,158.08	Russell 2000	1,372.54	-24.41	-1.75	+1.14	+11.87

TODAY'S COMICS SPONSORED BY

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
432-522-1117
QUALITY, INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!!!

The wiseman built his house on a rock
Then he hired Hartman to roof it!!!
All Types of Roof and Roof repair • Free Estimates
Commercial • Residential
www.HartmanRoofing.com

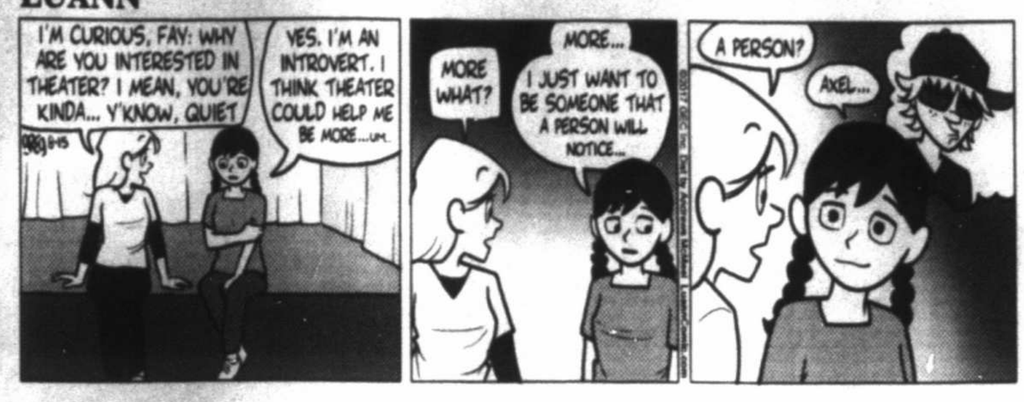
HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
Mention this ad. and receive $300.00 off a full roofing job or $50.00 off any repair of $200.00 or more

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

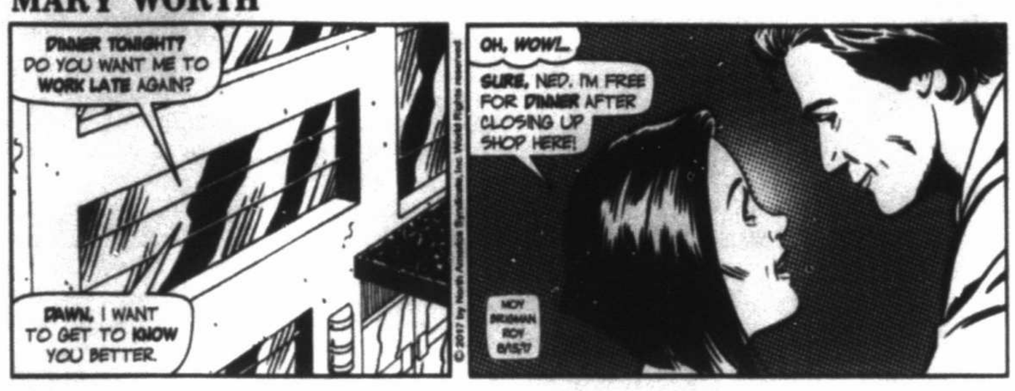
FUNKY WINKERBEAN

LUANN



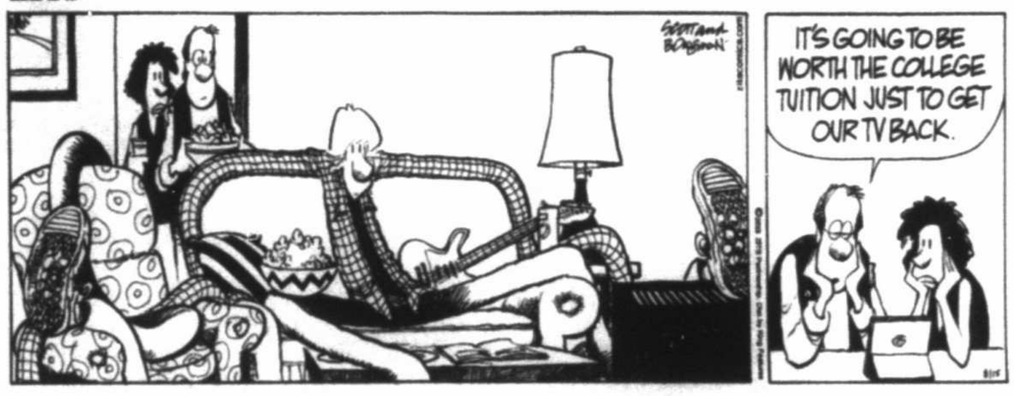
BLONDIE

MARY WORTH



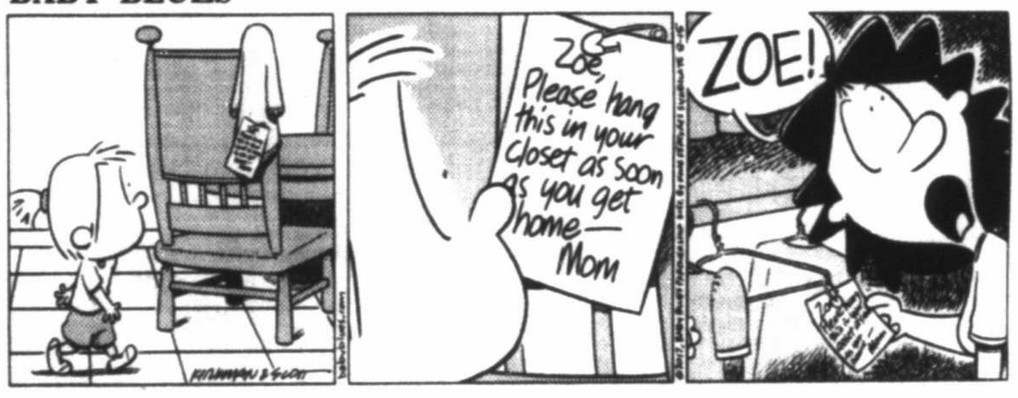
BEETLE BAILEY

ZITS

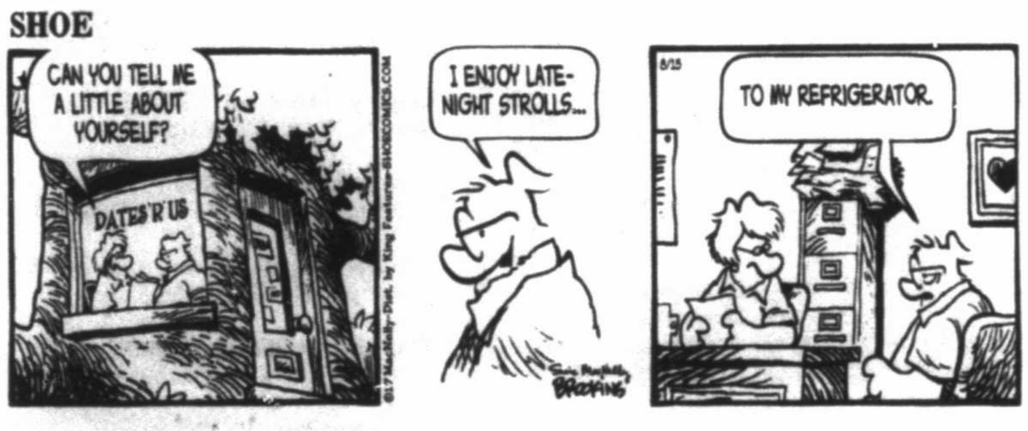


CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES



SHOE



MUTTS

GARFIELD

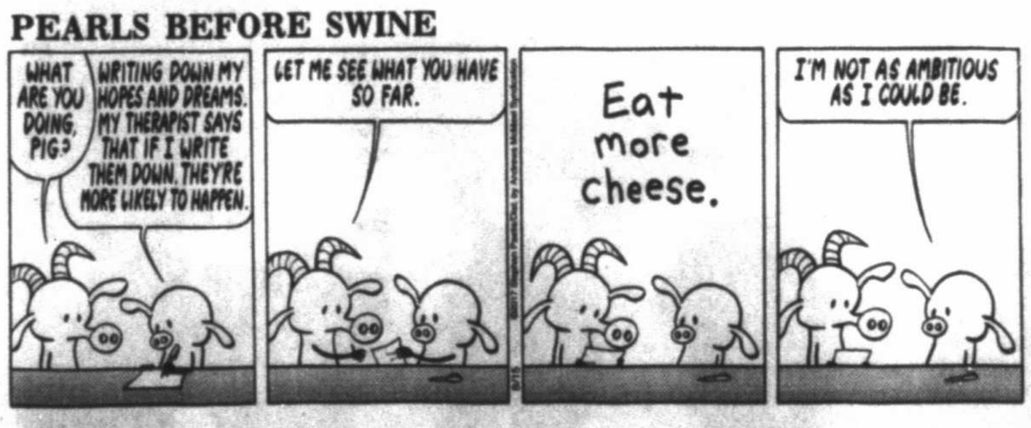
CLOSE TO HOME

Extremely nervous about the senior prom, Howard did his best to prepare.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"SHOULD WE RENEW OUR VOWS?" "HAVE THEY RUN OUT ALREADY?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID

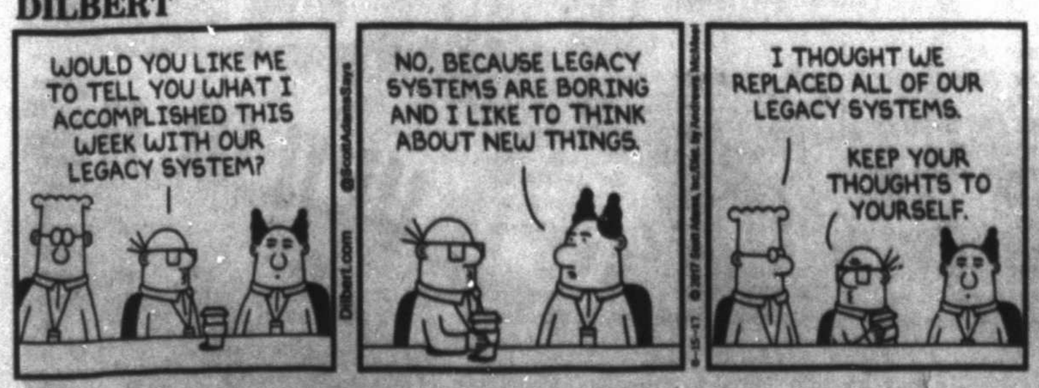
LOCKHORNS

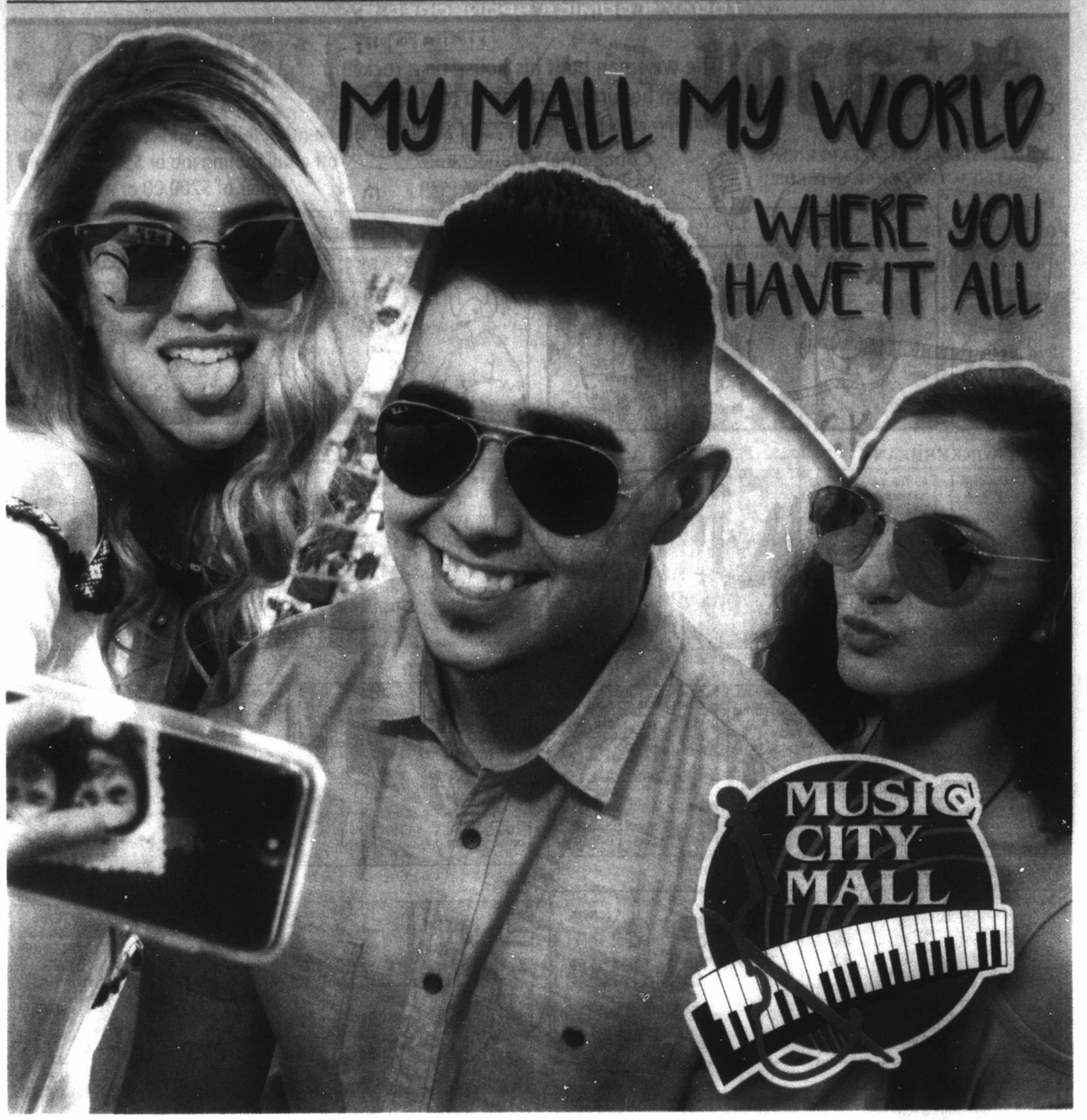
"IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR LEROY TO ADOPT A REST STOP."

FAMILY CIRCUS

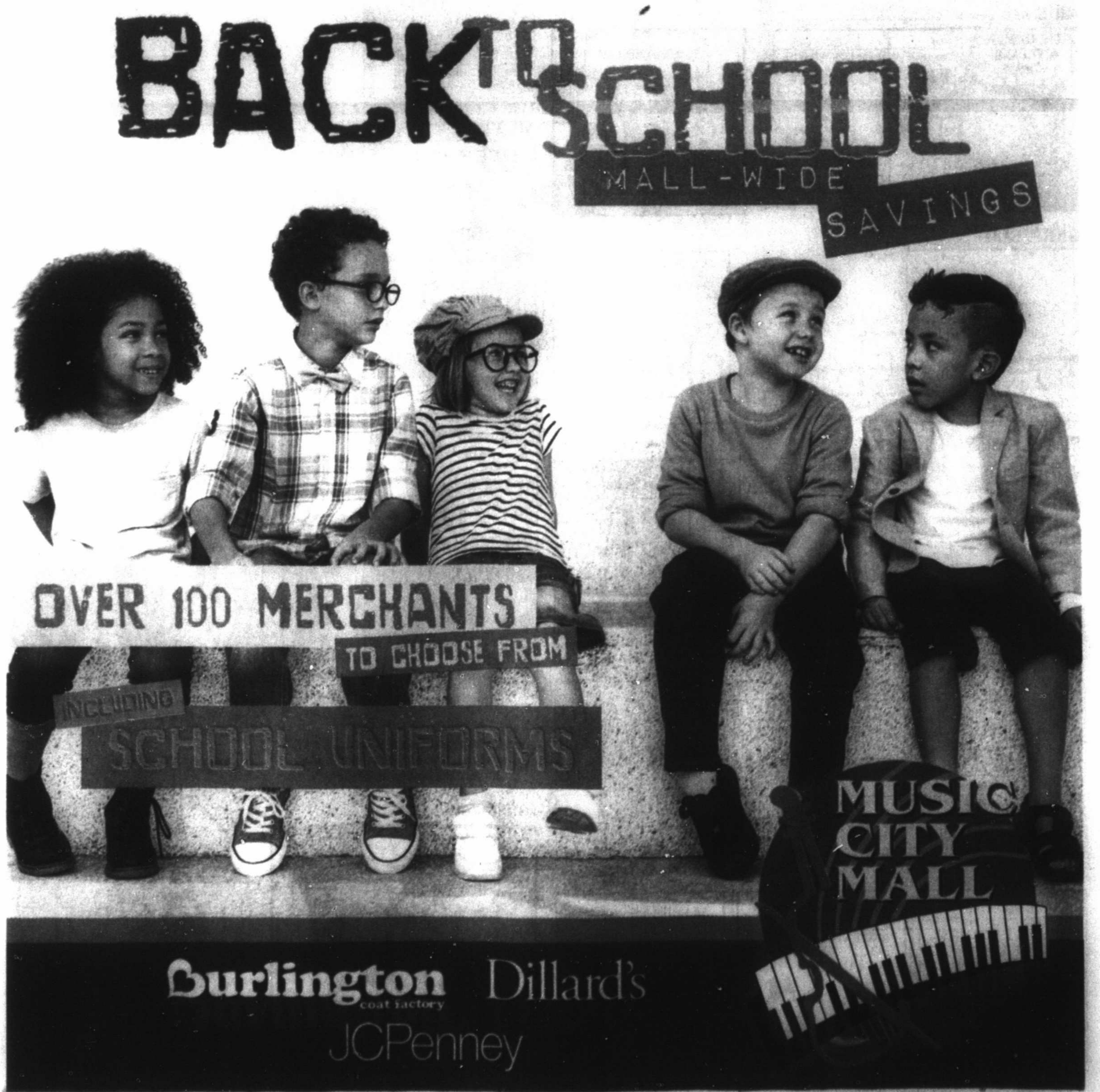
"No, I don't think 'Here goes nothin'!' is a good motto."

DILBERT





An ICA Company For employment opportunities: www.icajobs.net



mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:
432.682.6999
432.682.6222
mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

ACCOUNTING-FINANCE

Financial Accounting Position

Oil & Gas Energy firm in Midland, TX. is looking to fill a Financial Accounting Position. This position will be responsible for all financial reporting, compliance, budgeting and all year-end audit reconciliations. Candidate must have excellent computer and communication skills. College degree in Accounting or Finance required. 401K and cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to: Financial Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Saw Operator/ Materials Handler

Peak Completion Technologies, a Midland based oil tool company, is seeking an experienced **HEM Saw Operator / Material Handler** for our Machine Shop. Job duties include sawing steel for manufacturing operations, operating a forklift, maintaining our steel yard, and record keeping through our computerized tracking system. Peak offers an excellent benefits package and competitive pay in a drug free workplace. This is a full time position, with overtime as required. Pay is based on experience. **Apply in person between 8 AM and 5 PM on weekdays at 7710 W. Hwy 90, Midland. EOE**

PEAK COMPLETIONS

CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES

Inventory Clerk

Must be bilingual Spanish and have good organizational/ computer skills. Background with oilfield fittings a plus. Must pass drug screen and physical. Salary DOE. Contact Gerry at 432.631.3197 for interview.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

CDL Drivers/ Mechanic/Laborer/ Pusher

AFFIRM OILFIELD SERVICES IS HIRING

CDL Driver- 3 years experience. Experienced in operating winch truck and loading/unloading heavy equipment with proper securement.

Heavy Equipment, Diesel and Vehicle Mechanic- 3 years minimum experience. Experience in working on CAT and John Deere equipment. Experience with Cummins and CAT engines. Se able to maintain upkeep of company fleet.

Laborer & Pusher- Oilfield experience is necessary.
Valid driver's license required. Current certifications a plus but not required (PEC/Safeland, H2S, confined space).

Please apply in person at 2323 East CR 123 Midland, TX 79706 or submit resume to HR@Affirmoilfieldservices.com

AFFIRM

Dispatcher

Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) is now hiring a Dispatcher with oilfield dispatching experience located in Midland. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Please send your resume to cyonan@purityoilfieldservices.com or call 432-699-8600 for more information.

HSE Field Supervisor

Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) in Midland, TX is now hiring an experienced HSE Field Supervisor professional to join the team. Bachelors degree (BA/BS) in HSE from four-year college or university preferred. Minimum of 3 years related HSE experience required. Demonstrated knowledge of federal, state and local health and safety, and environmental regulations is essential. Direct experience dealing with regulatory and compliance agencies is strongly preferred. Valid certifications as CSP, CIH, OHST, and/or ASP are preferred. Offering competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please submit a resume to mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com to be considered.

Openings @ West Texas Gas Processing Plant

NE of Big Spring, TX.

Backhoe Operator- Knowledge of applicable Federal, State and Local DOT vehicle ordinances are a must, Skilled in performing heavy equipment maintenance work in a safe, efficient manner; Required one year of related equipment peratios experience.

Field Crew- Knowledge of poly pipeline construction, leak repair, & generai roustabout practices a plus, Knowledge of tools, materials, and methods of pipeline construction to work in a safe, efficient manner.

Line Walker- Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines.

Meter Technician- Looking for a dependable individual with knowledge of computer basics. Experience in oil and gas industry a must.

Must pass pre-employment drug test, criminal history check and motor vehicle records check and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Must be 21 to apply.

Please Send Resume To:
Plant Supervisor
11703 E. FM 846
Coahoma, TX 79511
Or Fax (432)399-4290
Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

HOSPITALITY-TRAVEL

HOUSEKEEPERS

Now hiring for housekeepers. Starting pay is $14/hr. Please apply at www.ihg.com/jobs0455.

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Apartment Manager

Silver Creek Apartments now taking applications for Apartment Manager, experience preferred. Call 432-687-0053 to set up an appointment

OTHER JOBS

Horse Stall Cleaner

Looking for person to work mornings Monday thru Saturday cleaning horse stalls. 3 horses. 2 hours a day 10am-12pm. Wage $10-$12 per hour depending on experience. Good for retiree. Please call 432-413-4682

NOW HIRING MALE RESIDENT MONITORS

We are looking for Male Resident Monitors (Full and Part time) to work at our Residential Re-entry Facility in Midland, TX. Competitive pay with Life, Health, Dental and Vision benefits offered. Must be able to pass a FBI Background Check. Apply online at Dismas.com.

Let Classifieds Work for You! Call
432-682-6222

OTHER JOBS

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in the in the Midland, Odessa and Andrews area.

Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

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

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALL PLEASE

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

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 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.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Director of Food Services

Responsible for the kitchen and food service activities of First Baptist Church of Midland. Applicant must have food service experience and basic computer skills. Management experience and bilingual preferred. Please email ldean@fbc-midland.org.

Restaurant Staff

Murray's Deli needs an assistant Manager and waitstaff. Apply in person from 8am-11am or 2pm-4pm 3211 W Wadley Ave #24, in Midland.

SALES JOBS

Digital Media Sales Associate

Our team in growing and we are looking for a savvy, energetic Digital & Social Media Sales Representative. You will be a key member of a team focused on the execution of innovative digital advertising campaigns that drive revenue.

As a Digital Sales Rep, you will be responsible for selling digital advertising & marketing solutions to business primarily in the West Texas area. This includes local and national targeting as well as social media market strategies.

This us a full-time opportunity for someone interested in a fun, fast-paced and challenging Sales environment with great benefits.

We offer a competitive salary and benefits including:
Health, Life, Vision, Dental Insurance and 401(k)

Send resumes to:
Midland Reporter-Telegram
Attn: Adrianne Hrebicek
201 E. Illinois Ave.
Midland, TX 79701

Or E-mail:
Adrianne Hrebicek, Advertising Director
acramirez@hearstnp.com

HEARST media services
Midland Reporter-Telegram mrt.com
MyWestTexas.com TRUE PRECISION

SKILLED LABOR

Angelina Tank & Manufacturing

FIRST CLASS WELDERS - For Seminole, TX Plant
PLEASE APPLY AT:
www.angelinatank.com or in person
998 US HWY 62/180, SEMINOLE, TX
THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 62/180 & FM 1757

Delivery Driver & Production Technician/Chemical Operator

Sunita Hydrocolloids Inc is searching for an experienced, qualified Delivery Driver and Production Technician/Chemical Operator for our Blending & warehousing facility in Midland. Call 432-276-2220 to schedule an interview.

Experienced Plumber/ Drain Cleaner

All service work - residential and commercial. No new construction. Must have valid drivers license and acceptable driving history. Must be able to work independently and in a team environment. This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and also includes health and dental insurance. Come Randy's Rooter & Plumbing, 309 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Apply between 8am-4pm.

SURVEYING

Surveying Civil Engineer, RPLS,SIT, Experienced Crew Chief, Draftsman and Rodman (will train). Email resume to employment@wpg-us.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Equipment Operators/ Drivers

Looking for a job working for a company offering competitive pay and excellent benefits? Elite Well Services is looking to fill immediate openings for Equipment Operators/Drivers. A CDL is required.
Apply in person at 2702 N Freeman Artesia NM or online at elitewells.com
Elite Well Services is an EOE

Classified CAN 682-6222

mrt classifieds

432.682.6999 432.682.6222 mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Legal and Public Notices

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

KELSEY VALDEZ,

Petitioner,

vs. NO. D-1116-DM-2017-00115

JAMES GARRISON,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

JAMES GARRISON is hereby notified that the Petitioner KELSEY VALDEZ, has filed suit against him in the above entitled cause of action requesting an Order of Paternity, Custody, Visitation and Support. JAMES GARRISON is required to serve upon the Petitioner an answer or motion in response to the Petition within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the answer or motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If JAMES GARRISON fails to file a timely answer or motion, default judgment may be entered against him granting Petitioner an Order of Paternity, Custody, Visitation and Support.

A hearing on the Petition to Establish Paternity, Custody, Visitation and Support shall be set before the Honorable Daylene A. Marsh at 851 Andrea Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401 and unless you personally appear in this cause an order may be entered granting the Petitioner the relief they seek.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah V. Weaver, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
6582 E. Main St.
Farmington, NM 87402
(505) 327-2600
(505) 327-2621 facsimile

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

1988 ACURA TL white 114,410 miles, sun roof $3,000. 432-349-5144. Midland, TX.

Passenger Cars

2008 CADILLAC STS-V Supercharged. 469 hp. clean. excellent maintenance history. $14,500 OBO 432-634-0400.

Passenger Cars

2014 Taurus SHO. 11K miles garaged kept. adult driven. show room clean. $28,000. 432-682-6947.

Passenger Cars

2016 RED MERCEDES-BENZ SLK 350 convertible. 1,000 mi. Paid $69,000. asking $54,000. 325-473-2609. San Angelo, TX.

FORD 2005 Taurus SE, excellent maintenance and tires. A good dependable car. $4,995, cash. Call Royce Howard at 432-699-1607

ORIGINAL PRICE $69,900, now priced $8,995! 1999 Lexus LX470 SUV, black, garage kept, regularly serviced. Call after 5pm 432-682-7736.

FOR Sale 1968 GTX All original Black and Maroon Garaged Excellent Condtion 29,000 offers accepted 817-437-3401

Antique and Vintage

1991 MERCEDES 300 SL Roadster, red, low miles, excellent shape. Cost new $80,000, will take $16,500. 432-661-6095

Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra, white, 4 wd Crew Max, 52 K miles. 432-556-6989

Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra, white, 4 wd Crew Max, 52 K miles. 432-556-6989

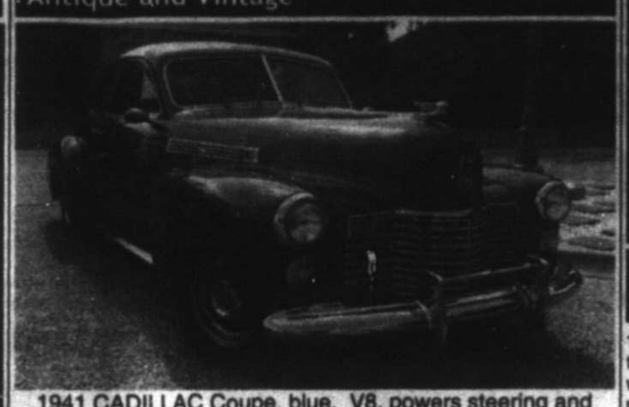
4WD and SUV

2013 FORD EDGE LIMITED, 35,500 miles. See full details, additional pics, & CARFAX report at www.usedcars.com/vehicledetail/detail/70517723 0/overview/. Call or text 832-312-7177.

4WD and SUV

FORD Expedition, 2008. Very clean, no body damage, excellent paint. Leather seats, engine is strong, no mechanical issues. Low miles and very nice car. $10,000 OBO. 432-528-1029.

Antique and Vintage



1941 CADILLAC Coupe, blue, V8, powers steering and brakes, A/C. Classic car in great shape! $28,000. 432-413-1885.

Recreation Vehicles

Recreation Vehicles

2007 DUTCHMAN GRAND JUNCTION 5th Wheel. 36', model 32TCG. Loaded with 3 brand NEW slide outs and all new tires. 5500 Onan Generator (Propane), washer & dryer, electric fireplace, built in vacuum system. This RV with all the amenities "new" cost $55,500.00. Asking $19,000.00 Call Stacy at 432-413-9190

2014 36 FOOT FIBERGLASS Sprinter. 3 slideouts, 2 A/C's, W/D, awning, microwave & Ashley leather furniture. Four Seasons RV, all climate control, much more! $22,900 In Midland. 214-534-4937.

2017 38ft. TRAVEL TRAILER. Self contained, 2 A/Cs, 2 slideout rooms, lrg handicap door, hide-a-bed sofa & chair, electric awning, washer/dryer. Queen bed. $30,700 817-408-0376 806-206-1984.

HARLEY Davidson, 2013 Street Bob. Custom bike. Saddlebags, windshield, Lizard lights, etc. 11,500 Miles. $4,500. Call or text for pictures, 432-352-7470.

LIKE NEW 2008 Yamaha Raptor ATV. Garage kepted, only ridden 4 times. $4,500 432-349-0041.

PALOMINO 2009 travel trailer, bumper pull, 26' with slide, nice inside, fair outside. $7,500. 432-238-1819

Merchandise

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

LAND FOR SALE $8000.00 - OBO. Market value $9580.00. Four Burial Plots, All together. Purchased in 1955 and never used. At Resthaven Memorial Park 4616 North Big Spring St., Midland TX. 79705. Devotion Garden- Lot 314- Spaces 1, 2, 3 & 4. Call Philip at 504-432-7791

Sporting Goods

GUIDED BULL ELK HUNTS in Northern NM. Contact 505-699-4335 for more info.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Mobile-Modular Homes

Mobile Homes Rent

10 FOOT TRAVEL trailer for rent. Greenwood, one person, no pets, furnished. $550/mo. All bills paid. 432-413-6451.

Mobile Homes Sale

4 bedroom 2 bath, 2 living areas in Airline Mobile Home Park # 886. 432-813-4050.

FIX ME or Flip Me trailer for sale, 2 bed, 1 1/2 bath. Refrigerator, stove, sofa, washer, dryer, New water heater. $5,000 OBO. Will consider trade for pickup or RV in good condition for part of payment. 505-804-2147

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

Condo Thome Rent Unfurn

4413 CROCKETT. 2 - 3 bedroom 1.5 bath. No pets. for lease. 2 Story, backyard, aprox. 1,200 sq.ft. $1,200. Call 602-432-0888.

Condo Thome Rent Unfurn

GORGEOUS 3 bedroom 2.5 bath townhome. Large rooms, his & hers walkin closets. Must see $1,900 per month. 432-570-6769

House for Rent-Furn

6201 DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, Single Family Home. 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, triple garage, fenced yard, NS, pets w/ approval. $4,300 + deposit. Credit reports plus credit scores & proof of income required. 432-528-8350.

Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

Classifieds

Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

2 BEDROOM duplex near Midland Memorial. Fenced yard, garage. $800 monthly bills paid. Please call 432- 230-9667.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Residential Sales

OAKLAWN PARK
Centrally Located
Quiet neighborhood
Turn key ready.
Townhouse for sale by owner 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage and storage unit. Call for an appointment 361-550-2112.

Single Family Homes

3 BDRM, 2 bth home for sale, 4405 HUMBLE. New tile, carpet, cabinets. Completely remodeled. 1 car garage, 24 X 24 shop w/ bathroom, water well, new fence, landscaping. Owner Finance, $198,500, $7-$10,000 down. Call Bill at (432) 682-5157

Classified CAN 682-6222

45 ROYAL MANOR DRIVE
GORGEOUS NEWLY constructed home in The Estates of Shiloh gated addition
45 Royal Manor Drive with versatile floor plan
5 Bedrooms plus a Study, living, game room, media room, 2 Dining, 4 Car Garage.
Trade-Ins considered.
Contact Cindy Brown a Texas Real Estate Broker-Associate with Realty Unlimited
Phone or Text: 432.352.3566

Lots and Land

Acreage

21.32 AC. COKE COUNTY, NEAR ROBERT LEE. GOOD ACCESS, BEHIND LOCKED GATE. MESQUITE, CEDAR COVER. WHITE-TAIL, TURKEY, HOGS, QUAIL, DOVE. $2,926 DOWN, $485/MONTH. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

3201 ECR 139; $105K 3 acres, 2 mobiles UP Group 296-1470

Acreage

1.682 AC lot W side of Possum Kingdom Lake. All utilities ready for RV or to build. Water 15' deep end of double deck boat dock. Very private several live oaks. 940-549-5397.

Acreage

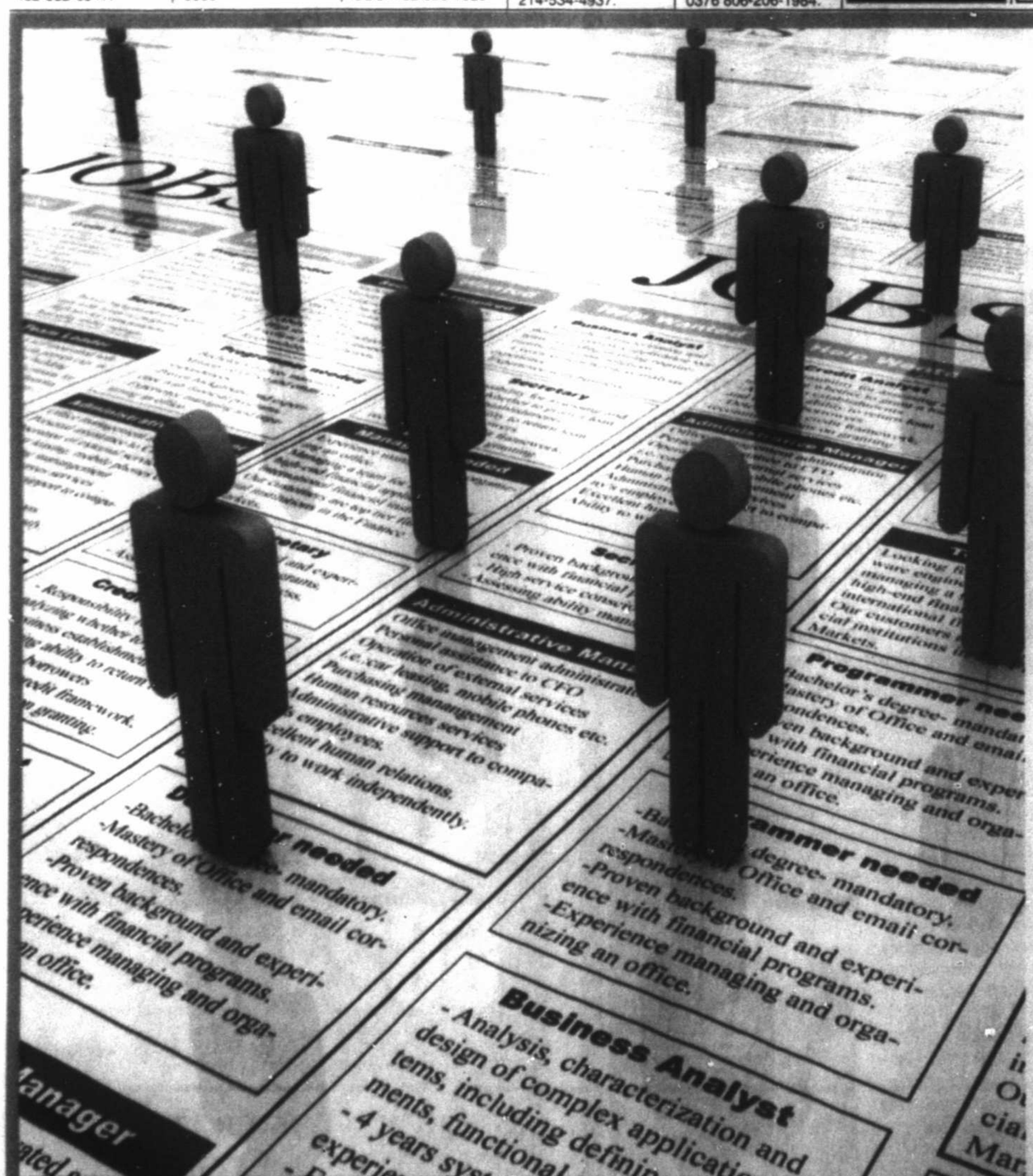
POSSUM KINGDOM Lake, 1.12 acre lot, level and ready to build your dream home on. Walking to Club house, pool & boat slip. $30,000. Please call 432-687-6561

Hunting Leases

DOVE & DEER LEASE in Stiles TX. Call for details, 432-268-3534.

What's Read! Classifieds are. Studies show that more readers turn to Classifieds everyday than almost any other section of the newspaper.

Call Classifieds Today! 432-682-6222



Looking For A New Job?

Log into the classifieds to find a job that suits you better.

Listings are updated daily.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com
201 E. Illinois
(432) 682-6222

Who's Who For Service

You can advertise your business for as little as $47.00 monthly.

Call 682-6222 for details.

Svcs-Professionals

Cleaning Services

Window Cleaning

WINDOWS PLUS + Serving Midlanders since 1994. Residential, Commercial. 432-682-9322.

Computer Services

Repair-Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! ✓Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Hauling

CLEARAWAY FOR all your REMOVAL needs and light construction, trash, & tree limbs; residential & commercial clean-out. Tired of higher prices? Give us a call for affordable prices. 432-235-9999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Brick•Block•Stone

ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair. All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey. 432-853-2659.

BRICK, BLOCK & Stone Work. 45 years experience. References. Max 432-661-8899

Concrete

FOR ALL your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny ● 432-894-0702

Home Services & Home Improvement

Concrete

JS Concrete Slabs, curbs, driveways, patios, Stamp concrete. Free Estimates. Bonded & Insured. Juan Sanchez, owner. 432-413-0924

Contractors-Builders

A.M. PRO CONSTRUCTION providing metal shops, outdoor kitchen additions, kitchen & restroom remodeling, paint texture, electrical & stoneblock work. c:432-214-5793 office:432-262-3138

Electrical

LAING ELECTRIC. 432-413-5880 Licensed and insured. TECL 18544. Always appreciated!

Home Services & Home Improvement

Fences

A1 Fences, Best prices, repair or replace. Serving Midland over 40 yeaers. Free estimates. Cody Cooper 432-613-0143

Fences

AMH FENCING A rating on Angie's List. Residential fence, builder and repair. Reliable, professional, and quick response. Local for 12 years. 432-254-9207

Painting-Wallpaper

DOUBLE TT PAINTING Interior and Exterior Texture, tape & bed also auto paint & body. Low Prices. Work gauranteed. References Available. 432-268-7849 or 352-4633.

Home Services & Home Improvement

Painting-Wallpaper

FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential/commercial very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4643

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

Remodeling-Repair

Bathroom remodeling. Residential & commercial. Call Gene 432-661-2556

Remodeling-Repair

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

Home Services & Home Improvement

Roofing

J&J ROOFING All Types of Roofing & Repairs. Fence Repairs, Metal roofs. 25 years experience. Free Estimates Call Juan, 432-631-6861

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-6163.

Arbor Max Solutions Professional Landscape & TreeCare. Schedule your fall feeding starting in Sept. Taylor Maxwell Degreed Horticulturist Certified Arborist TX3606A 432-528-1737

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

MAJOR SPRINKLER REPAIR SPECIALISTS Professional Lawn Care & wood picket fence repair. Free Estimates, Senior Citizens Discount 432-599-2904 OR 432-250-1705

CLIFF'S TREE SERVICE 22 years experience. Midland/Odessa and surrounding areas. Trim, cut, prune & grind stumps. 432-248-9121

LEYVA LAWN CARE Trees & Lawns. Professional & Efficient 432-250-9470

M & M Landscape 22 years experience. Grass sodding, Xeriscaping, tree & shrub removal. Native Midlander 432-230-3372.

MURPHY'S LAWN CARE Mowing, edging, trimming, Hedge/ shrub trimming, clean-ups. Bill or Maryann. (432)687-2131

RAUL'S LAWN Services. Lawn mowing, edging, shrub trimming. Free estimates. Reasonable. Call Raul @ 432-254-6384.

STRACENER IRRIGATION Sprinkler Systems Repairs & Installations License #4933 Call (432) 561-9525

VILLA'S YARD Service Free Est., Reasonable Rates. Mowing, flower beds, tree trimming & removal. 432-349-3893 Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want. Psalm 23:1

Miscellaneous Services

WATER TREATMENT Culligan of West Texas Residential & Commercial FREE WATER ANALYSIS 563-2690

Cabinetry-Finishing

KITCHEN & BATH CABINETS Bathroom and Kitchen renovation specialists. Native Midlanders' Friday Building Corporation 432-638-7495.

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

WALT MCGUIRE AAA Tree Service Professional, reasonable, full service, dangerous tree trimming, removal specialist. Hundreds of satisfied customers. 432-559-0203

Personal Services

IRMA'S UPHOLSTERY & DRAPERY. 20 yrs exp. 432-352-4633.

Personal Services

WORK WANTED cleaning houses & offices with 15 yrs. experience. Responsible & honest with refrences. Call 432-770-5942.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Lots and Land

Ranches

★ Magnificent 563 acre ranch in the ★ Permian Basin area of Howard County. Call Linda Carter, Ranch Broker 903-236-0636. www.lindasland.com

Lots and Land

RANCH FOR SALE 4,212 Acres near Snyder, Tx. Water, 3 houses, great hunting. Owner Financing $795/ Acre (432) 664-7764

Classified CAN 682-6222

Lots and Land

WEST TEXAS TRANS PECOS AREA, NEAR LAKE AMISTAD. 40 - 65 ACRES. MESQUITE, CEDAR, BRUSH COVER. WHITETAIL, JAVELINA, BLUE QUAIL, TURKEY, DOVE. STARING AT $2,048 DOWN, $339/MO. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 866-286-0199 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Lots and Land

TRAILER SPACE, on half acre, septic, well, electric. $500/mo. Call 719-428-8433.

Commercial

COMMERCIAL SUITES available for lease. Office, Retail or storage. 900 sq. ft. $950 per month. 3306 & 3308 Bedford. 432-570-6769

Commercial

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE 5 ACRES, FENCED 2 AC CALICHED $2350/MONTH JUST EAST OF MIDLAND 432-684-7764

Commercial

NOW LEASING • Office/Warehouses • • Small Office Suites • • Fenced Yards Various locations. Call 432-661-4057

Commercial

OFFICE FOR rent downtown, 213 N. Main St. Midland, all furnished or unfurnished utilities/ cleaning/ internet includcd. Large office with street view and private entrance, 400 sq. ft. w/ three adjacent 200 sq. ft. offices, $3,000/ mo. One non-adjacent 200 also available, $600.00 mo. Call Vi Lea at 432-553-3081

Commercial

OFFICE SPACES available to lease. Ranging from 200 sq. ft. - 2000 sq. ft. $14.50 per sq. ft for 1 year lease. Utilities included. Call 432-685-9158 or 432-770-6859.

Commercial

READY-RANCH RR
WWW.READY-RANCH.COM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.READY-RANCH.COM

• Kent County
*11,155 ac. n. of Snyder, 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn., creek, lake, Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $795/ac
*4,212 ac. Maveric Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
*1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
• Nolan County
*646 ac. over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
*565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
• Howard County
*842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some offfield traffic $750/ac
*150 ac. big canyon, creeks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
• Martin County
*135 ac. Sulphur Springs deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal stor $1,150/ac
SOLD
(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
No Realtors - Buy Direct!!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!!
Owner Financing Available!

Classified CAN 682-6222

CONCHO Presents Jimmy Johnson

September 22, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Midland County Horseshoe Arena & Pavilion

Benefitting
Habitat for Humanity®

The Mark B. Merritt Golden Hammer Award Presented to
The Henry Foundation

For more information call 432-686-8877

Presenting Sponsor
CONCHO

Owner's Box
CNB CommunityNationalBank

Luxury Box
Anadarko

50-Yard Line
Apache
FR. JON & DALE STASNEY
JIMMY & TAMMY ROARK
KLX Energy Services
NAVITAS
octane
WTNB West Texas National Bank
Schlumberger

Media Sponsors
MRT Media Group
Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com
ROCK 97 West Texas Radio Group
CBS7 CBS7 EN ESPAÑOL
LOCAL abc 2 YOUNG TEXAS
LEY Odessa American
WEST TEXAS CW
T20 TELENUNDO
RADIO

For more information on this event, please call 432-686-8877.

NONEWNUKES

Chuck Burton/Associated Press

Unit one of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station near Jenkinsville, S.C., is viewed Sept. 21, 2016, during a media tour of the facility. Proponents of nuclear power are pushing to revive a failed project to build two reactors in South Carolina, arguing that the demise of the $14 billion venture could signal doom for an industry that supplies one-fifth of the nation's electricity. The July 31 suspension of the partly-completed V.C. Summer project near Columbia, S.C., leaves two nuclear reactors under construction in Georgia as the only ones being built in the U.S.

After failure of SC nuke plant, backers seek federal aid

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Proponents of nuclear power are pushing to revive a failed project to build two reactors in South Carolina, arguing that the demise of the $14 billion venture could signal doom for an industry that supplies one-fifth of the nation's electricity.

Even though the nation's 99 commercial nuclear reactors supply about 20 percent of U.S. electricity, no new nuclear plant has been built from scratch in more than 30 years. Supporters were alarmed when two South Carolina utilities halted construction on a pair of reactors that once were projected to usher in a new generation of nuclear power to provide reliable, cost-effective, carbon-free electricity for decades.

Instead, the project was plagued by billions of dollars in cost overruns, stagnant demand for electricity, competition from cheap natural gas and — most importantly — the bankruptcy of Westinghouse Electric, the lead contractor.

The July 31 suspension of the partly completed V.C. Summer project near Columbia, South Carolina, leaves two nuclear reactors under construction in Georgia as the only ones being built in the U.S. The collapse of the nearly decade-old project in South Carolina could cost ratepayers billions of dollars for work that ultimately provides no electricity and could signal that new nuclear plants are impossible to complete in the United States.

"These reactors failing would be the end of a nuclear renaissance before it even started," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Graham and other lawmakers from both parties are urging Congress to extend a production tax credit that would provide billions of dollars to the South Carolina project and the two Georgia reactors. The House approved an extension in June, and Graham is pushing for a Senate vote after Congress returns from its August recess.

"I'm mad as hell that you spend all this money and you can't get it done," Graham said.

The Vogtle plant in Georgia faces similar economic and competitive threats, including the Westinghouse bankruptcy. The plant's operator, Atlanta-based Southern Co., has said it will decide in coming weeks whether to finish the two reactors, which are years behind schedule and billions of dollars above projected costs.

Southern CEO Tom Fanning called Vogtle "the last (nuclear) project standing in America" and said it "goes beyond economics" to affect national security.

"If you want a world safe from nuclear proliferation," construction of nuclear plants "is how we maintain nuclear technology," said Rich Powell, executive director of ClearPath, a conservative-leaning clean energy group.

Besides the production tax credit, nuclear supporters want the extension of an Energy Department loan guarantee program that has helped Vogtle and other energy projects secure funding. Vogtle received an $8.3 billion loan guarantee under the Obama administration — the largest ever issued by the loan program and a deal that some critics say could end up biting taxpayers.

"We've said it for eight years: These massive nuclear reactor projects were doomed from the start, and taxpayer money should not be risked on them," said Ryan Alexander, president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a watchdog group.

The Summer plant did not receive a loan guarantee, but the parent company of South Carolina Electric & Gas, one of the utilities building it, tried to get a federal grant worth up to $3 billion before abandoning the project. SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh said he and other executives had "very direct discussions" with the White House and Energy Department, including Energy Secretary Rick Perry, and "explained the need for support for these projects because of the national security interest."

A spokeswoman for Perry said the project's failure has not dimmed Perry's belief in nuclear power. "Secretary Perry remains optimistic about the future of nuclear energy in America and continues to watch this issue closely," said spokeswoman Shaylyn Hynes.

The Energy Department invited the S.C. utility to apply for a loan guarantee, but "that invitation was ultimately turned down by the project's representatives," Hynes said.

Marsh, speaking at an Aug. 1 hearing before the South Carolina Public Service Commission, said a loan "doesn't help the situation we're in."

The loan guarantees typically serve as long-term incentives for companies to take on major energy projects.

While President Donald Trump backs nuclear energy, the administration eliminated the loan guarantee program in its proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The program was a frequent target of GOP lawmakers during the Obama administration, especially a $535 million loan to the failed solar company Solyndra.

The White House supports extension of the production tax credit, saying it would "fulfill the president's commitment to the continuation of nuclear energy as a major contributor to our nation's energy production and security."

The current credit requires plants to be operational by 2020 — a deadline neither the South Carolina nor Georgia project will come close to meeting.

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., called suspension of the South Carolina project a shame. "I can tell you, wind and solar are not going to provide the kind of power that nuclear energy provides," he said.

More than spectacle: Eclipses create science and so can you

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The sun is about to spill some of its secrets, maybe even reveal a few hidden truths of the cosmos. And you can get in on the act next week if you are in the right place for the best solar eclipse in the U.S. in nearly a century.

Astronomers are going full blast to pry even more science from the mysterious ball of gas that's vital to Earth. They'll look from the ground, using telescopes, cameras, binoculars and whatever else works. They'll look from the International Space Station and a fleet of 11 satellites in space. And in between, they'll fly three planes and launch more than 70 high-altitude balloons .

"We expect a boatload of science from this one," said Jay Pasachoff, a Williams College astronomer who has traveled to 65 eclipses of all kinds.

Scientists will focus on the sun, but they will also examine what happens to Earth's weather, to space weather, and to animals and plants on Earth as the moon totally blocks out the sun. The moon's shadow will sweep along a narrow path, from Oregon to South Carolina.

Between NASA and the National Science Foundation, the federal government is spending about $7.7 million on next Monday's eclipse. One of the NASA projects has students launching the high-altitude balloons to provide "live footage from the edge of space" during the eclipse.

But it's not just the professionals or students. NASA has a list of various experiments everyday people can do.

"Millions of people can walk out on their porch in their slippers and collect world-class data," said Matt Penn, an astronomer at the National Solar Observatory in Tucson, Arizona.

Penn is chief scientist for a National Science Foundation-funded movie project nicknamed Citizen CATE. More than 200 volunteers have been trained and given special small telescopes and tripods to observe the sun at 68 locations in the exact same way. The thousands of images from the citizen-scientists will be combined for a movie of the usually hard-to-see sun's edge.

Mike Conley, a Salem, Oregon, stock trader whose backyard is studded with telescopes, jumped at the chance to be part of the science team.

"Who knows? Maybe a great secret will come of this, the mysteries of the sun will be revealed, because we're doing something that's never been done before and we're getting data that's never been seen before," he said. "A big discovery will come and everybody will say, 'Hey, we were part of that!'"

You don't need to have telescopes to help out. You can use the iNaturalist app via the California Academy of Sciences and note the reaction of animals and plants around you. You can go to a zoo, like the Nashville Zoo, where they are asking people to keep track of what the animals are doing.

Here's a quick list of websites you didn't know you needed

Dear PropellerHeads: I'm on the beach and need something fun and light to browse on the net while I relax. Set me up.

A: I'm flattered that you think of us PropellerHeads while you are relaxing on the beach. Also, a little worried. Maybe a lot worried.

But for you, I will dig deep into my bag of tricks and pull out a quick list of websites you didn't know you needed, but that you will thank me for after knowing about them.

First, a favorite pastime of home ownership is painting. The hardest part, of course, is selecting which color pallet to use. Sure, you could use the brochures they have at your favorite home improvement store to select the colors, but then you'll have same colors as everybody else. I've got a better way for you.

Coincidently, website designers go through the same process of selecting colors for their new site or site redesign. So why not use the tools we do? http://coolors.co and paletton.com are two

ASK THE PropellerHeads™

that I use. Both are pretty robust in their functionality. While Paletton looks more complicated, it is actually easier to use. However, I think Coolors provides a better mix of colors to get you started.

Next up, how often do you tie your shoes? Deeper question, how many different ways do you lace up your shoes? The answer to both is probably the one way that your mom taught you when could barely walk. How quaint.

Check out fieggen.com/shoelace to realize how much in the dark you have been living your entire life! Here you will find 18 (yes, 18!) different ways to tie your shoes and dozens upon dozens of different ways to lace them. Each comes with a description of why you would want to stray from the norm. While on the beach, I recommend you try out the Escher Lacing pattern with the Turquoise Turtle Knot.

I'm sure you are listening to some tunes while digging your feet in the sand. And I'm sure your music service or player recommends similar artists and songs to what you are currently listening too. But I find this far too limiting. Instead I prefer a more visual way to view these relationships.

While you might find music-map.com's UI short on style (maybe they should use Coolors?), you will soon find out how addictive it is to go from Lorde to Adele to Ray Charles to Frank Sinatra to the Stray Cats. Bet you didn't see that one coming. This site is also great for making the ultimate mix tape.

Finally, do you use Amazon? Judging how brick and mortar retail stores like Sears and Macy's are closing up shop faster than Windows 10 updates are issued (bit.ly/2oFe9V3), the answer is yes. Did you know Amazon has coupons? Betcha didn't! amazon.com/coupons, what could be easier?

The caveat here is that most of these coupons are for grocery-type items, but as we are trending to purchasing more and more online, and given how Amazon is growing its Pantry offerings and is in the process of acquiring Whole Foods (http://nyti.ms/2sAu0td), I don't think that will be much of a hindrance. I see current deals on Pampers Splashers, Australian Gold Sun Care, and Gatorade, all of which could come in handy while you dream of us studly PropellerHeads on the beach.

When the PropellerHeads at Data Directions aren't busy with their IT projects, they love to answer questions on business or consumer technology. Email them to questions@asktheropellerheads.com or contact us at Data Directions, Inc. 8510 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Visit our website at www.asktheropellerheads.com.

Chevron

Thank you Chevron for supporting Newspapers in Education